



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– September 27, 2021

Dear Franklinites,

October is upon us. Midterms looming, but also apples to be picked and sliced and baked with cinnamon and sugar. More on them apples to come! Settle into a good rhythm this week, and trust your instincts on balancing work with what isn't work. It doesn't all have to be hard work to make you happy.

Don't forget to schedule a lunch with me and your suite, or come in for office hours.

-Dean Hill

The Infirmament

*An end is always punishment for a beginning.
If you're Catholic, sadness is punishment
for happiness, you become the bug you squash
if you're Hindu, a flinty space opens
in your head after a long night of laughter
and wine. For waking there are dreams,
from French poetry, English poetry,
for light fire although sometimes
fire must be punished by light
which is why psychotherapy had to be invented.
A father may say nothing to a son for years.
A wife may keep something small folded deep
in her underwear drawer. Clouds come in
resembling the terrible things we believe
about ourselves, a rock comes loose
from a ledge, the baby just cries
and cries. Doll in a chair,
windshield wipers, staring off
into the city lights. For years
you may be unable to hear the word monkey
without a stab in the heart because
she called you that the summer she thought
she loved you and you thought you loved
someone else and everyone loved
your salad dressing. And the daffodils
come up in the spring and the snow covers
the road in winter and the water covers
the deep trenches in the sea where all the time
the inner stuff of this earth surges up
which is how the continents are made
and broken.*

-Dean Young

Academic Deadlines

Oct. F 15 Last day of courses offered in the first half of the fall term. Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the fall term.

Oct. F 15 Last day to convert from a letter grade to the Cr/D/F option in a course offered in the first half of the fall term. Applications to study abroad during spring term 2022 are due.

Oct. M 18 Fall second half-term classes begin.

Oct. T 19 October recess begins after last class.

Oct. M 25 Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.

Oct. F 29 Midterm. Last day to withdraw from a fall full-term course without the course appearing on the transcript. Deadline to apply for double credit in a single-credit course.

Oct. F 29 Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-quarter of the term's tuition.

Nov. Th 11 Last day to withdraw from a fall second half-term course without the course appearing on the transcript.

Nov. F 19 November recess begins after last class.

Nov. M 29 Classes resume; 8:20 a.m.

If you wish to convert a Yale College course offered in the first half of the term to Credit/D/Fail, take the following steps. Once you convert your grade mode to Credit/D/Fail it cannot be reversed.

1. Log into [SIS](#).
2. Select the Course Enrollment tab and click "Yale College Change Course from Letter Grade to Credit/D/Fail."
3. Change the drop-down selection from "YC – Letter Grade" to "Credit/D/Fail."
4. Click "Submit Changes" to save the conversion.
5. A confirmation of the change will be sent to your University email account. If you do not receive the confirmation email, your change was not processed. You can confirm all of your course grading modes by viewing your "Course Schedule Details by Term" in SIS.

Note: SIS will remain open to convert full-term Yale College courses to Credit/D/Fail until December 10. Attempts to convert courses offered in the first half of the term to Credit/D/Fail after 5 p.m. on October 15 will not be valid.

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THE ONGOING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) SITUATION

Sponsored travel for Yale College students will be governed by the [Yale College Travel Policy](#), but should public health concerns require, further restrictions may be imposed at any time.

RESOURCES

Yale students have a free subscription to the [Daily Chatter](#), a great resource for keeping up with global news presented from a non-partisan perspective.

Follow CIPE on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep informed

FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING

UPCOMING EVENTS (Eastern Time)

[STEM Fellowship Opportunities](#)

Wednesday, September 29, 5pm - 6pm

[Zoom Link](#)

[Truman Scholarship Information Session](#)

Thursday, October 1, 3pm - 4pm

[Register here](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

September 30, 1pm ET - [Richard U. Light Fellowship Early Fall Competition Deadline](#) | Eligible: Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors & Graduate Students

October 1, 1pm ET - [Churchill Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 5, 11:59pm PT - [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](#) for Spring 2022 National Deadline | Eligible First-Year students, Sophomores & Juniors receiving Pell Grants at time of application

October 6, 1pm PT - [Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 12, 5pm ET - [Fulbright US Student Grants](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 13 - [Gates Cambridge](#) Round 1 National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 18-22 (depending on field), 5pm local time - [National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & First-year Graduate Students

October 18, 1pm ET - [Michel David-Weill Scholarship at Sciences Po](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

October 28, 2pm ET - [The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & Graduate Students

October 29 - [The Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

November 11, 1pm ET - [Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores & Juniors

November 11, 1pm ET - [Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

November 15, 1pm ET - [James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Explore the [Student Grants Database \(SGD\)](#) for Yale funding and for awards requiring Yale's support.

Check out our tips for [Starting a Fellowship Application](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Bloomberg Terminal Demo and Alumni Panel](#), September 28
- [LAUNCH Virtual Interviewing Event – Office of Career Strategy – Yale University](#)
Application deadline: September 29. Interview date: October 15.
- [Grad School 101: What You Need to Know \(MA/MS/PhD\)](#), September 29
- [An Exploration of Opportunities within Nursing](#), September 29
- [2021 Virtual Social Impact Grad School Fair](#), September 30
- [ORISE Virtual Career Fair: Featuring Internships & Fellowships at the EPA](#), September 30
- [2021 Virtual Non-Profit Networking Event – Office of Career Strategy – Yale University](#)
October 1, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Upcoming Events for First Years & Sophomores

- [Thinking About Grad School in STEM](#), October 4
- [FlexMed Info Session with Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai](#), October 15 (**registration required**)
- [Info Session for Yale Scholars Program with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Jefferson University](#), October 26 (**registration required**)

RESOURCES

Customize your OCS Weekly Newsletter to your interest areas and receive new events, jobs, and helpful articles/blogs. Log into the [OCS website](#) (top upper right corner of any webpage), visit any Community, and click the button on the right 'Customize Your OCS Newsletter with Updates from this Community.' There is no limit to how many communities you can choose, and you can change your preferences at any time.

Health Professions, Grad School & STEM

- Curious about Yale Alumni Health Professional School Enrollment? See where recent [Yale College graduates have enrolled in health professions programs](#) in the US and applicant statistics.
- [STEM Connect](#) supports Yale students and postdocs who are interested in a wide range of careers related to [science research](#), [technology](#), [engineering](#), and [data science/statistics](#).

STUDY ABROAD

UPCOMING EVENTS (Eastern Time)

[Info Session: DIS Study Abroad in Scandinavia](#)

Tuesday, September 28, 2pm - 3pm

[Register Here](#)

[Info Session: Planning for Spring 2022 Abroad](#)

Tuesday, September 28, 3pm - 4pm

[Webinar Link](#)

[Info Session: The Swedish Program](#)

Thursday, September 30, 12pm - 1pm

[Webinar Link](#)

[Info Session: SEA Semester](#)

Monday, October 4, 4pm - 5pm

[Register Here](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

[Credit for Spring 2022 Abroad Application Deadline](#) - OCTOBER 15, 2021

RESOURCES

- Learn more about the possibility of spring 2022 study abroad on our [COVID-19 Updates page](#).
- [Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser](#) to explore goals, programs, credit transfer, and more.
- Check the [Study Abroad Calendar](#) for additional events and deadlines throughout the academic year.

YALE SUMMER SESSION

Summer's over. Start thinking about summer! In Yale Summer Session, focus on difficult classes, try out a new subject, or ease your course load in future semesters. With over 200 courses in New Haven, Online, and Abroad from a range of disciplinary fields, every Yale College student can find a course that meets their needs and helps them succeed.

Summer 2022 course offerings will be posted in early 2022. Check out our website and social media for updates. Reach out to summer.session@yale.edu with any questions.

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

Yale Academic Strategies Program

https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/PoorvuAcademicStrategies/club_signup

<https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program>

Our mission is to help all Yale undergraduate be active, empowered learners at Yale. Through peer academic mentoring, interactive workshops, and connections to resources, we hope to provide you with the tools that can propel you towards your goals.

Our team of peer mentors can meet with students individually to talk through their weekly schedules and decide how to prioritize their academic work and other commitments. Students can request individual mentoring by emailing academicstrategies@yale.edu.

Individual Mentoring

Get organized by meeting with an [Academic Strategies Mentor](#). Mentors will help you develop a study schedule, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and help you develop a plan for prepping for those first exams. If you'd like to arrange a meeting, please email us at academicstrategies@yale.edu.

Meet with our Learning Specialist

Have a learning difference or other condition that affects how you accomplish your academic work? We can talk with you about new approaches for meeting Yale's academic challenges. Contact Academic Strategies Learning Specialist Sarah Cussler (sarah.cussler@yale.edu) for an appointment.

Disability Peer Mentorship Program

A collaboration between Academic Strategies and Disability Empowerment at Yale, this program matches students with disabilities with peer mentors who have similar experiences navigating academic life at Yale for individual mentoring. Students can request a mentor via this form: <http://tinyurl.com/2021MentorRequest>. **First-year students can also request mentorship and guidance about Student Accessibility Resources through the [SAS Peer Liaison Program](#).**

Workshops

Our famous workshop sessions will all be online again this academic year. Register via YaleConnect to access Zoom links:

Exam Study Strategies

[Monday, Sept. 27, 4-5 pm](#)

[Thursday, Sept. 30, 7-8 pm](#)

Reduce exam stress by learning new strategies for preparing and studying for midterms and finals. This workshop offers suggestions for preparing for and taking problem-based, short answer, and essay exams

Strategic Planning for Your Senior Project

[Monday, Sept. 27, 7-8 pm](#)

Learn how to plan your writing and research, and how to access support resources for your senior thesis. For full-year and 1-semester senior thesis writers.

Reading Effectively for STEM

[Monday, Sept. 27, 9-10 pm](#)

Learn strategies for reading purposefully and efficiently for STEM courses. Effectively read textbook chapters and scientific articles; navigate jargon, data, and figures; use readings to prep for problem sets and exams.

Get the Most Out of Your Seminars & Lectures

[Tuesday, Sept. 28, 4-5 pm](#)

Learn preparation, participation, note-taking, and review strategies to help you succeed in these two very different learning environments.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Tuesday, Sept. 28, 7-8 pm](#)

This workshop offers strategies for identifying the sources of procrastination and pursuing productive habits that can get you back on track.

So You Don't Feel Like Doing Your Work...

[Tuesday, Sept. 28, 9-10 pm](#)

Have trouble staying focused and on task? Learn how to get motivated and keep engaged with your work while giving yourself the time you need to be healthy and grounded.

Pathways for Sophomores

[Wednesday, Sept. 29, 4-5 pm](#)

Sophomore year offers new challenges: increased course loads, upper-level classes, and identifying a major. This interactive workshop helps students set goals and make long-term plans for the year.

Strategies for Reading Literature

[Wednesday, Sept. 29, 7-8 pm](#)

How do we read deeply and completely without running out of time? This workshop introduces techniques to help you effectively read and respond to literary works.

Reading Analytically for Social Science

[Wednesday, Sept. 29, 9-10 pm](#)

This interactive workshop provides an overview of deep reading to generate effective contributions to class discussion, develop essay topics, and identify strong evidence for essays.

Time Management

[Thursday, Sept. 30, 4-5 pm](#)

Time management is key for lowering stress at Yale. Set priorities and develop a weekly schedule that can lead to an active and balanced academic life.

Managing a Heavy Reading Load

[Thursday, Sept. 30, 9-10 pm](#)

Feeling overwhelmed by piles of reading? Learn some essential strategies to make the most of your limited reading time. Have less stress and create more free time!

October 1st to Apply for Center for Language Study's DILS and Fields Programs

The Yale Center for Language Study is now accepting applications for spring semester study for its Fields Program and its Directed Independent Language Study (DILS) Program. **The deadline for applying to either program for Spring semester study is October 1st at 1:00pm.**

The Directed Independent Language Study (DILS) Program gives students the opportunity to study a language that is not currently taught in a Yale classroom.

The Fields Program gives students the opportunity to pursue advanced-level language study within the context of their academic area of focus (generally in areas other literature if the language is taught at Yale, since advanced coursework in literature would likely be available).

Both are non-credit programs, open to all enrolled Yale students (undergraduate, graduate and professional). In each program, students work with a Language Partner—a native speaker of the target language (not a formal instructor)—in two 1-hour sessions for 12 weeks. The sessions aim to develop linguistic and cultural competence through active conversation and practice of what you are studying independently. With a limited number of slots available, a selection committee reviews all applications for their merit and appropriateness, and notifies students of its decisions within four to six weeks after the application deadline.

Details on each program and how to apply can be found at these links:

Directed Independent Language Study (DILS):

<https://cls.yale.edu/dils>

Fields Program:

<https://cls.yale.edu/fields>

Please note that all applications must be received by the application deadline (this includes applications for continued study from current DILS or Fields students).

Volunteer Opportunity for Students!

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is looking for more volunteers! VITA is a low-commitment opportunity to get more involved in New Haven by providing low-income residents with free tax services. Plus, you'll learn how to prepare taxes which is a valuable life skill. In past years, we have helped anywhere upwards of 1000 families file their tax returns.

VITA is especially in need of intake coordinators and tax preparers (no previous tax knowledge necessary). These commitments are only 2 hours per week. We have weekly training lessons to get you up to speed on tax knowledge if you'd like to be a preparer!

If you are interested in getting involved with VITA this semester, please fill out [THIS](#) form as soon as possible to receive more information about certifying as a volunteer!

Yale Degree Audit

Yale Degree Audit (YDA) is a tool that tracks your progress toward the bachelor's degree. YDA is located on the Academics tab of Student Information System (SIS). YDA displays the Yale College degree requirements that you have already completed and those that are still pending. A "Look Ahead" feature shows you how future course enrollment might apply toward your degree. Yale Degree Audit does not take the place of face-to-face advising, although you may wish to share your audit with your adviser. Instead, it provides an easy-to-read summary of requirements, allowing you and your adviser to spend more time discussing course selection and academic goals.

Do not rely solely on your degree audit when planning your courses; continue to use Yale's standard systems for schedule planning and employ YDA as an additional tool. More features will be added to YDA in the future, including the ability to track progress toward major requirements.

If you have suggestions, general observations, or questions that are not answered by the FAQs, send them to registrar@yale.edu using the subject line "Degree Audit." If you believe that academic information in your degree audit is incorrect, contact our office.