



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– September 29, 2020

Tutoring

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn.

Her hours are Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Thursdays 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. (with 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays reserved for Benjamin Franklin students only) and by appointment. To sign up for an appointment go to www.yalewco.com or email lesley.finn@yale.edu.

Yale Tutoring Resources:

Writing Center/Tutors/Partners:

<https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/writing/undergraduate-writing>

Sc/QR Tutoring: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/undergraduates/stem-tutoring-programs/small-group-and-1-1-tutoring>

Language Tutoring: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/LanguageTutoring>

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

Advising Resources: <http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/>

Important Academic Deadlines

- **Tuesday, October 13 by 5:00 p.m.** – withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the term
- **Tuesday, October 13 by 5:00 p.m.** – deadline to change the grade mode to Credit/D/Fail for a Yale College course offered in the first half of the term

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. Log into [SIS](#).

1. Select the Course Enrollment tab and click “Yale College Change Course from Letter Grade to Credit/D/Fail.”
2. Change the drop-down selection from “YC – Letter Grade” to “Credit/D/Fail.”
3. Click “Submit Changes” to save the conversion.
4. 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 4. Attempts to convert courses offered in the first half of the term to Credit/D/Fail after 5 p.m. on October 13 will not be valid.

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.

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THE ONGOING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) SITUATION

Sponsored outbound international travel from the United States, including study abroad and fellowships, is suspended for Yale College students for the duration of the fall 2020 term. This decision is final for the fall term and will not change even if circumstances should change in the destination country.

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

[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 2021 course offerings will be posted in early 2021. [Sign up for email updates](#) from Yale Summer Session so you hear first when classes are posted. Reach out to summer.session@yale.edu with any questions.

summer.yale.edu
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[OCS](#)

EVENTS

Designing Your Career @ Yale

Learn to apply design thinking tools and ideas to: explore your possible career futures, take proactive steps to test your career interests, moving from contemplation to action, and become a part of a growing community of life designers. Design thinking can help you create a life that is both meaningful and fulfilling, regardless of background and identity, or what your interests might be. Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Unlock the Power of Brainstorming, Wednesday, October 7, 3-5pm. Learn more about the "Unlock the Power of Brainstorming" module and [apply in Yale Career Link by Friday, September 25 at 12pm.](#)

Select OCS Workshops

- [Behavioral Interviewing Workshop](#), Tuesday, September 29, 12-1pm
- [Job & Internship Search Strategies](#), Thursday, November 12, 4-5pm

[Virtual Industry-Specific Career Fairs/Networking Events during Fall 2020:](#) For the list of employers attending and to sign up, visit [Yale Career Link](#) (under Events-Career Fairs/Networking Events). A video with a quick tour of what to expect when you attend a virtual networking event can be found with each event listing. Steps for how to successfully navigate these events can be found under the Career Library, Resources tab of [Yale Career Link](#)., powered by Symplicity. **For easier access don't forget to download the Symplicity App now called "Symplicity Jobs and Careers"!**

RESOURCES

[Fall 2020 OCS FAQs:](#) Throughout Fall 2020 the Office of Career Strategy is open and completely operational; however all staff will be working remotely.

Virtual Advising Available - Until further notice, all career advising appointments will be held by phone or video (Zoom or Skype). Please request appointments through Yale Career Link and select one of the remote location options.

Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events. Log in to [Yale Career Link](#), powered by Symplicity under Events/Employer Events to sign up. For easier access don't forget to download the Symplicity App now called "Symplicity Jobs and Careers"!

[STUDY ABROAD](#)

Visit our [Study Abroad COVID-19 Updates Page](#)* for guidance if considering a study abroad experience.

* We will continue to update this page as new information becomes available for spring 2021 and summer 2021 abroad.

RESOURCES

[Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser](#) - Schedule a remote appointment directly from our website!

Search the [Study Abroad Calendar](#) for information sessions and other study abroad events throughout the academic year.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

EVENTS

[Truman Scholarship Information Session and Q&A with Previous Winners](#)

Tuesday, September 29, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/99032409475>

[Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations Information Session](#)

Tuesday, September 29, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Register here](#)

[Summer STEM Fellowship Opportunities Information Session with Dean Sandy Chang](#)

Wednesday, September 30, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/7633610477>

[Summer STEM Fellowship Opportunities Information Session with Dr. Alexia Belperron](#)

Friday, October 2, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/7633610477>

[Information Session - Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships \(2 of 4\)](#)

Tuesday, October 6, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/96686997939>

[Barry Goldwater Scholarship: Hear from Recent Winners](#)

Wednesday, October 7, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/98198216598?from=msft>

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

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

October 2, 1pm ET - [Churchill Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 13, 5pm ET - [Fulbright US Student Grants National Deadline](#) | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 14 - [Gates Cambridge](#) Round 1 National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 14, 1pm PT - [Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 14, 11:59pm ET - [Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 19-22 (depending on field), 5pm local time - [National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & First-year Graduate Students

October 21, 11:59pm ET - [Pickering Graduate Fellowship Program](#) National Deadline
| Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 21, 1:00pm ET - [Michel David-Weill Scholarship at Sciences Po](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

October 23 - [The Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

October 29, 2:00pm ET - [The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & Graduate Students

November 11, 1:00pm ET - [James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

November 11, 1:00pm ET - [Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores & Juniors

November 12, 1:00pm ET - [Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

November 15 - [Public Policy & International Affairs \(PPIA\) Junior Summer Institute Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

November 15, 11:59pm CST - [Project Horseshoe Farm](#) National Deadline (Fall) | Eligible: Seniors & recent graduates

November 17, 8:00pm ET - [Critical Language Scholarship \(CLS\)](#) National Deadline

RESOURCES

Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events and deadlines.

Review recently recorded workshops and information sessions in our [Webinar Series](#).

Search for Yale funding and campus information for external awards on the [Yale Student Grants Database \(SGDB\)](#).

Learn more about fellowships on the [Fellowships and Funding FAQ](#) webpage.

[Contact Fellowships and Funding](#) with questions or comments.

[Make an appointment](#) with an adviser or [Schedule a Drop-in Session](#) directly from the fellowships website.

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.

Individual Consultations: Sundays through Thursdays, 7-9 pm ET and by request

Our Academic Strategies Mentors will help you develop a weekly study routine, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and plan for your midterms. Make an appointment to meet 1-1 with a peer mentor through our [online scheduler](#). Students residing in Asia or Europe may find our Friday 5 am ET time slot helpful. Can't meet at these times? You can also request a mentor by emailing us at academicstrategies@yale.edu.

Meet with our Learning Specialist

Do you have a learning difference or other condition that affects how you approach your learning? Meet with our Learning Specialist, Sarah Cussler (sarah.cussler@yale.edu), to discuss strategies for adapting to the challenges of learning online and the different demands of college-level academic work. [And learn more about the resources available to students via Sarah's welcome video.](#)

Workshops

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

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Tuesday, Sept. 29 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Initiate conversations, ask for assistance, request recommendations, and build mentoring relationships with Yale faculty, teaching fellows and staff.

Time Management

[Tuesday, Sept. 29 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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.

Strategies for Intro Econ: Problem Sets & Exams

[Tuesday, Sept. 29 @ 9 pm ET](#)

Learn strategies for efficiently working on intro econ problem sets and key strategies for studying for exams.

Essentials for STEM: Reading Effectively for STEM

[Wednesday, Sept. 30 @ 4 pm ET](#)

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.

Pathways for First-Years

[Wednesday, Sept. 30 @ 7 pm ET](#)

[Monday, Oct. 5 @ 4 pm ET](#)

What do you really want to get out of your first year? This interactive workshop helps students identify goals and sources of satisfaction while avoiding common first year pitfalls.

Get the Most Out of Your Language Classes

[Wednesday, Sept. 30 @ 9 pm ET](#)

Learn the daily habits and mindsets that can help you succeed in learning a language at Yale.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Thursday, Oct. 1 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Identify the sources of procrastination and pursue productive habits that can get you back on track.

Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Project

[Thursday, Oct. 1 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Learn how to plan your writing and research, and how to access support resources for your senior thesis.

Writing Emails, Presentations, and Reports: Academic & Professional Communication for Undergrads

[Thursday, Oct. 1 @ 9 pm ET](#)

Need to write to faculty or employers about recommendations and summer opportunities? Need to present your ideas effectively to different kinds of audiences? This workshop helps you identify how to tailor your writing to your audience and communicate with confidence.

Essentials for First-Years: Get the Most Out of Your Reading

[Friday, Oct. 2 @ 12 pm ET](#)

Learn general strategies for effectively reading texts for any Yale class. Learn how to preview a text, effectively interact with the text while reading, and review your reading for class, essays, and exams.

Strategies for Reading Literature

[Monday, October 5 @ 7 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.

Writing Center Resources:

Working on a midterm paper? These resources can help!

[Residential College Writing Tutors](#): Professional writers, editors and teachers connected with your residential college.

[Peer Writing Partners](#): Single sessions with undergraduate and graduate students trained to offer feedback and positive support for your writing.

[10-Session Writing Tutoring](#): Meet up to ten times with the same Writing Partner over the course of the semester. [Sign up here](#) or email ryan.wepler@yale.edu with questions.

[And check out our online library of writing handouts, model papers, and senior project resources!](#)

Deadline: 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 fall 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).



APPLY TO BRADY-JOHNSON PROGRAM IN GRAND STRATEGY

Year-Long Seminar

January 2021 through December 2021

- Seminar focused on politics, social change, and geopolitics
- Team taught by Yale faculty and practitioners from diverse backgrounds
- Summer fellowship for all admitted students
- Private dinners with special guests hosted by the program
- Admission into the course is competitive*

Admission for undergraduates is currently limited to Yale juniors and first-semester seniors as of Spring 2021

Course information and the application link are available at:

<https://grandstrategy.yale.edu/apply>

APPLICATIONS DUE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2020
