



Benjamin Franklin College

Dean's Notes – September 3, 2019

Dear Franklinites,

Hope you got off campus this weekend, talked to someone new, ran a race, pet a dog, read some chapters, solved some puzzles and/or slept a lot!

Shopping period continues in earnest today. As a reminder of what I exhorted you to do at our registration meetings, try to craft schedules that help you manage your deadlines (papers, tests, finals, etc.) wisely. Ask not only if you like the professor and syllabus but if adding this class will balance well with the whole enterprise. And does it add something to the mystery?

*The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. He to whom the emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand wrapped in awe, is as good as dead —his eyes are closed. The insight into the mystery of life, coupled though it be with fear, has also given rise to religion. To know what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty, which our dull faculties can comprehend only in their most primitive forms — this knowledge, this feeling is at the center of true religiousness.*

— Albert Einstein, *Living Philosophies*

-Dean Hill

P.S. Interesting fact for the week: Did you know you have a [personal librarian](#)?

### Benjamin Franklin Dean's Office

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**DEAN'S  
DROP -IN HOURS  
THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>  
9:30AM – 11:30AM**

# Tutoring in BF!

## **\*Resident Writing Tutor\***

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn. Her office is in Room 24, LL near Stairwell/Entry A. Hours are Mondays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Tuesdays 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Wednesdays 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. (BF students only), and Fridays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. To sign up for an appointment go to [www.yalewco.com](http://www.yalewco.com) or email [lesley.finn@yale.edu](mailto:lesley.finn@yale.edu)

## **\*Resident QR Tutor\***

Nicholas E. Smith, a graduate in Chemistry – Room 19, Entryway A, LL. Hours are Wednesday 8-9:30 p.m.

## **Yale Tutoring Resources:**

Writing Center/Tutors/Partners: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/writing/undergraduate-writing>

Sc/QR Tutoring: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/tutoring/quantitative-reasoning-science-stem-fields>

Language Tutoring: <http://cls.yale.edu/foreign-language-tutoring>

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

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

## **CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

**Sept 9:** Final course schedules due for the Class of 2023.

**Sept 10:** Final course schedules due for the Class of 2021 and 2022.

**Sept 11:** Final course schedules due for the Class of 2020. All students planning to complete degree requirements at the end of the fall term must file a petition by this date. Final deadline to apply for a fall-term Leave of Absence. See Leave of Absence, Withdrawal, and Reinstatement. Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a full rebate of fall-term tuition. See *Undergraduate Regulations*.

**Sept 19:** Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the fall term without the course appearing on the transcript. See Withdrawal from Courses and Grades. Last day to convert from a letter grade to the Credit/D/Fail option in a course offered in the first half of the fall term.

**Sept 21:** Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-half of fall-term tuition. See *Undergraduate Regulations*.

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## Academic Information

Course Schedule Deadlines:

Class of 2023 Monday, September 9, 5:00 pm

Class of 2022 Tuesday, September 10, 5:00 pm

Class of 2021 Tuesday, September 10, 5:00 pm

Class of 2020 Wednesday, September 11, 5:00 pm

Schedules are handed in to Michelle in the BF Dean's Office.

The deadline is strictly enforced. A late schedule incurs a fine of \$50. (Clerical error on schedule is \$50)

A schedule of 3.0 course credits or a schedule of 6.0 or 6.5 course credits needs Dean Hill's permission before the schedule is handed in.

Overlapping Class Meeting Times: Requires a conversation with Dean Hill before the Course Enrollment deadline, compelling academic reasons for the overlap, and with Dean Hill's assistance, a petition to the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing.

A schedule with a course in a professional school requires an additional form, which is available in the BF Dean's Office. Hand in the completed form with the syllabus attached by the deadline for your course schedule. [Note: SOM courses cannot be added to your schedule through OCS; they must be written by hand in the "include" section on your schedule.

Only four professional school credits can be offered toward the 36 credit requirement; however, students may enroll in more than four credits understanding that all courses will remain on the academic record and be included in the GPA even if not offered toward the 36 credit requirement.

Blue forms are not required for graduate school course enrollment. Most graduate school courses can be added to the OCS worksheet for 1 Yale College course credit. Exceptions to this are independent study/research courses and courses that have historically been approved for a Yale College course credit value other than 1. A list of exceptions is provided on the [University Registrar's Office website](#).

Courses at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and at a professional school cannot elect the CR/D/Fail option.

Credit for these courses on your transcript: When you put a Professional School course on your schedule, zero (0) course credits are recorded for the course until you hand in to my office the form for the courses (syllabus attached) and the Registrar's Office determines the course credits for that course after that. Some courses earn 1 course credit in Yale College and some earn 0.5 course credits (most commonly in SOM and EPH). Some do not earn credit.

Independent Studies (Directed Reading, Directed Research, etc. as listed by most departments). There are limits on the number that a student can enroll in during a given year and over four years.

Enrolling in an independent study requires the additional permission of a Director of Undergraduate Studies.

## Yale Academic Strategies Program

<https://orgsync.com/162209/>

<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.

### 1-1 Mentoring

Meet with a junior or senior [Academic Strategies Mentor](#) to help get organized for the semester. They will help you develop a weekly study routine, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and help you develop a plan for prepping for those first exams.

Our online mentoring schedule goes live Monday, Sept. 16. If you'd like to schedule a meeting before then, please email us at [academicstrategies@yale.edu](mailto:academicstrategies@yale.edu).

### Starting Smart

Want to get the semester off to a good start? Check out our [Academic Strategies web guides](#), including [Starting Smart: How to Focus Your Academic Efforts from the Very First Class](#).

### Workshops

Most workshops are held in the Poorvu Center (the new name for the CTL). Room M104A is located on the Poorvu Center's Writing Center mezzanine, just up the stairs near the 301 York St. entrance to Sterling Library. You are encouraged to RSVP vis Yale OrgSync (<https://orgsync.com/162209/>)

### Fresh Start

[Monday, September 9, 2019, 6:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A](#)

Want to refresh your approaches to your academic work? Our mentors will lead you through a series of activities to help you identify your current strengths and develop new strategies for meeting the new challenges presented by your current semester's courses.

### Reading Effectively for STEM

[Monday, September 9, 2019, 7:30 PM, Poorvu Center M104A](#)

Learn strategies for reading purposefully and efficiently for STEM courses. Topics of discussion include how to effectively read textbook chapters and scientific articles, how to navigate jargon, data, and figures, and how to use readings to prep for problem sets and exams.

### Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Project

[Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 4:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A](#)

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, and juniors planning for the following year.)

## **Time Management**

[Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A](#)

[Monday, September 16, 2019, 6:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A](#)

Set priorities and develop a weekly schedule that can lead to an active and balanced academic life.

## **Succeeding in Seminars & Lectures**

[Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 7:30 PM, Poorvu Center M104A](#)

Seminars and lectures make different demands on students. Learn preparation, participation, note-taking, and review strategies to help you succeed.

## **Pathways for First-Years**

[Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 4:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A](#)

First years get a lot of advice from a wide variety of sources. But what do you really want to get out of your first year? This interactive workshop helps students identify goals and sources of satisfaction and offers strategies for avoiding common pitfalls like overextension and burn out.

## **Managing a Heavy Reading Load**

[Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 6:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A](#)

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!

## **Strategies for Language Classes**

[Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 7:30 PM, Poorvu Center M104A](#)

Learn the daily habits and mindsets that can help you succeed in learning a language at Yale. This workshop offers an overview of how we acquire new languages and provides suggestions for study strategies and approaches that support this process.

## **Reading Analytically for Social Science**

[Thursday, September 12, 2019, 4:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A](#)

This workshop provides an overview of deep reading to generate effective contributions to class discussion, develop essay topics, and identify strong evidence for essays. Participants will get practice with these strategies in our interactive session.

## **Strategies for Reading Literature**

[Thursday, September 12, 2019, 7:30 PM, Poorvu Center M104A](#)

Reading literature presents special challenges. How do we read deeply without running out of time to complete the reading? This workshop introduces techniques to help you effectively read and respond to literary works.

**The Community Initiative:** Empowering first-generation and low-income students at Yale

A partnership between the Yale College Dean's Office and the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning: <https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu>

## **Invitation to our Fall Community Dinner**

Celebrate the start of our school year and learn more about being FGLI at Yale. Attend our Fall Community Dinner at St. Thomas More, 268 Park St., on Tuesday, September 3 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please sign up for the dinner via this [Google form](#). All are welcome!

## **STEM Opportunities**

### [STARS I: Application Deadline Monday, September 9, 11:30 pm](#)

The STARS I Program is designed for students who have historically been underrepresented in the sciences. Receive mentorship, information, and resources about pursuing academic and professional opportunities in STEM at Yale.

For [Dean Sandy Chang's Guide to STEM at Yale](#) and other useful information for STEM-interested students, please visit: <https://science.yalecollege.yale.edu>.

## [CIPE](#)

### [2020 CIPE Calendar Photo Contest](#)

Each year since 2007, CIPE has sought the best photos taken by students who participated in CIPE sponsored programs internationally and domestically for the CIPE calendar. The calendar is distributed to offices around Yale's campus, and the first place winner receives their photo professionally framed. We want YOUR amazing photos to feature! [See the contest website](#) for more details and to submit your photos. The deadline to enter is October 6th.

Please note that the Center for International and Professional Experience will be **closed** on Monday, September 2nd, in observance of Labor Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, September 3.

## [STUDY ABROAD](#)

### **APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES**

**October 15** – [Credit for Spring 2020 Term Abroad](#) Application Deadline

[Study Abroad Drop-In Hours](#) will be held on Friday, September 6, from 2-4PM.

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

Browse the [website](#), meet [the team](#), or explore possible [program options](#).

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### [Light Fellowship Information Session 1](#)

Friday, September 6, 4:00pm – 5:00pm  
CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 369

#### [Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans Info Session with Director Craig Harwood](#)

Wednesday, September 11, 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
Dow 100, 370 Temple Street

### APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

**September 24, 11:59pm** - [Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program](#) National Deadline  
| Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**September 17, 1:00pm** - [Richard U. Light Fellowship](#) Early Fall Preliminary Deadline | Eligible:  
Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors & Graduate Students

**September 17** - [Pickering Graduate Fellowship Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors &  
Alumni

**September 24, 1:00pm** - [Luce Scholars Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni &  
Graduate Students

**September 26, 11:59pm EDT** - [Schwarzman Scholars Program](#) (U.S and Global applicants) National  
Deadline | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

**October 3, 1:00pm** - [Churchill Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**October 7, 1:00pm** - [Keasbey Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

**October 9** - [Gates Cambridge](#) Round 1 National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**October 10** - [Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**October 23, 1:00pm** - [Michel David-Weill](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

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

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

Explore the brand new filterable list of [External Awards for Yale Students](#)

[Fellowship Drop-In Hours](#) will be held on Friday, September 6, from 2-4PM.

## OCS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### [OCS Industry-Specific Recruiting Events/Career Fairs](#)

The Office of Career Strategy is hosting [9 industry-specific networking events/career fairs this fall](#). For details, list of employers attending and to sign up: [Yale Career Link](#) (under Events-Career Fairs/Networking Events). Business casual dress for all events. Prior to attending, submit your resume for review in PDF format to [ocs.resumereview@yale.edu](mailto:ocs.resumereview@yale.edu).

## [Yale Career Fireside Chats- How to Ace Your Interview Webinar](#)

Tuesday, September 10, 11:00AM-12:00PM

[Register](#)

### RESOURCES

**Office Closure:** The Office of Career Strategy will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 2. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, September 3.

**Welcome to OCS Video:** New to OCS? Check out this 3-minute video on how we can help at every stage of your career or graduate school search process.

**OCS Drop Ins:** Drop-ins are available when classes are in session, Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm.

**Student Organization Workshop Requests:** OCS invites Yale Student Organizations to request career development workshops for their members. All student organizations in Yale College are welcome to request a workshop (this includes the cultural centers, athletic teams, Greek-letter organizations, performance, political, cultural, etc.).

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 RSVP.

### [YALE SUMMER SESSION](#)

Don't forget to think about summer as you plan your 2019-2020 academic course load. Yale Summer Session offers two 5-week sessions and over [200 courses](#) to choose from—on campus and online. Use your summer to get ahead with the help of Yale Summer Session.

Check out the [Yale Summer Session website](#) to learn more about what summer at Yale is all about and incorporate summer into your academic plans. Course offerings for Summer 2020 will be available in December.

[summer.yale.edu](http://summer.yale.edu)

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

## 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](mailto: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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### Help create the new student services hub

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The University Registrar's Office invites you to join a project advisory committee and provide input on a newly designed hub for student services. By attending three design workshops on the evenings of 9/17, 9/18, 9/25, where dinner will be provided, you will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card and entry into a raffle for a chance to win a pair of Apple AirPods. You are also invited to attend a small number of advisory committee meetings throughout the academic year.

Sign up here

<https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fusability.yale.edu%2Fbe-heard&data=02%7C01%7Cmichelle.tracey%40yale.edu%7Ce5bd622faa994fd5f89e08d727eff041%7Cdd8cbabb21394df8b4114e3e87abeb5c%7C0%7C0%7C637021783785237131&sdata=ajibYJLHk5hH7KjA15xRsNVGedptdssbULrb%2FQsSS6w%3D&reserved=0>

## Yale University Library

The Library's annual **Open House for New Students** (Class of 2023, Transfer, Eli Whitney and Y-VISP students) will be on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 4-5:30pm at the Beinecke Library. Students will meet their Personal Librarians, along with curators, archivists and others. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP at <https://schedule.yale.edu/calendar/instruction/PL2023>

**Tours of Sterling Memorial Library** for students begin September 30<sup>th</sup> and continue through mid-October. Tours are an hour-long overview, designed especially for undergraduates, of Sterling Memorial Library, with special focus on the arrangement of collections, where and how to get research help, and the intellectual rewards of browsing. All students are welcome. Registration is required: <https://bit.ly/SMLstacks>

Calling all officers and members of student organizations! Help Yale students of the future understand and study your organization's role in college life. The Library is hosting a workshop on **Archiving Your Student Organization's Records**. The workshop will give an overview on best practices in selecting and preserving records of enduring historical value, and will cover steps for preparing materials for potential transfer and storage with University Archives. Enrollment is limited to 20 students per session.

Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 5-6pm, SML Lecture Hall

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 5-6pm, SML Lecture Hall

Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 5-6pm SML Lecture Hall

RSVP for one of these dates at <https://forms.gle/hjAfCZ2iCZb2M8gQA>



## University's Secretary's Advisory Groups

### **[Apply to join](#) the Secretary's Student Advisory Committee and Student Advisory Group on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Students from Yale College, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the professional schools are invited to apply to join two advisory bodies that meet four times each year: the [Secretary's Student Advisory Committee](#) and [Student Advisory Group on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#).

Each is a "brain trust" with students from across the university sharing experiences and offering insight on important campus issues.

Joining the Secretary's Student Advisory Committee is an opportunity to develop insight into the functioning and management of the whole university and to convey your vision to university leaders. In 2019–20, topics include the Schwarzman Center, AAU Sexual Misconduct survey, Jackson School, and 320 York Street (the new humanities hub).

Members of the Student Advisory Group on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion provide feedback to Secretary Kimberly Goff-Crews and other university leaders on ongoing and proposed initiatives to create a more welcoming and inclusive campus community. In 2019–20, the group will focus on topics that include intersectional and socioeconomic issues, accessibility, and supporting student conversations on pressing topics across a range of opinions and perspectives.

Applications to join this group are now being taken, the deadline to apply is **September 9**.

### **CITY's Fall Accelerator Application is NOW OPEN**

The [2019 Fall Accelerator application is open!](#) For those unfamiliar, CITY's Accelerator, which runs every fall and spring semester, guides students and teams with innovative ideas through the process of building effective organizations, projects, and ventures through workshops, mentorship, and funding. At the end of the Accelerator, participating teams will receive a grant to continue their work.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Accelerator and to apply to the Accelerator program.

Dear Students,

Shopping for that course that will energize your semester and expand your horizons? Thinking ahead to a summer experience that will change your life? Remember, all roads lead to Rome!



The Humanities Program and Yale Summer Sessions offers a two-credit summer program in the most amazing city in the world. **To be assured of your eligibility, you will want to enroll now in the "City of Rome" (HUMS 444).** This course studies Rome from its legendary origins to its dynamic role in post-war Europe through a study of mythology, history, art, architecture, theology, literature, and politics.

**Please note that HUMS 444 is now offered in the Fall semester rather than the Spring. Class meets T Th 2:30 - 3:45.**

For a syllabus and more details, visit the HUMS 444 page on Canvas: <https://yale.instructure.com/courses/50201>

Information about the summer program can be found here:  
<https://humanities.yale.edu/yale-humanities-rome-summer-program>

Make sure you check out the rave reports of students who have been to Rome:  
<https://humanities.yale.edu/courselab/summer-rome/yale-humanities-rome-testimonials>

Though Rome is the Eternal City, this may be the last time this course is offered!

Virginia Jewiss

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