



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes – September 8, 2020

Dear Franklinites,

As you lean fully into your second week of classes, many of our newest Yalies will venture out of the gates of the college and through the campus and New Haven communities. I want to say to you, whether you're a first-year striking out, or a member of the off-campus community waiting to greet and receive, that dress rehearsal is officially over. Quarantines are by definition finite periods. They end and then we have choices to make. I'm not writing to you this morning to list out the disciplinary measures that will follow bad behavior. You've got them already. I want instead to say something about this college, the newest at Yale, just four years old. It's comprised of students who consciously co-create a place and a spirit. The proportional impact you have on this young place and its identity is huge. How we treat it and each other gets sealed into institutional memory in these early years. Benjamin Franklin? That college is so tight. Cult-like. They have each other's backs. They ain't messing.

This college counts among its ranks first and foremost you students, but also facilities and dining staff – the ones who are starting to greet you by name and know what kind of sauce you like on your rice. Living among us are children and elderly relatives. Please think of them, and of each other, as you chart your course this week, in a fragile time in the world. Enjoy your freedom, but don't mess.

With you,

Dean Hill

I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university.

— Albert Einstein

The price of privilege is the moral duty to act when one sees another person treated unfairly. And the least that a person in the dominant caste can do is not make the pain any worse.

— Isabel Wilkerson, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*

Add – Drop

During the the add/drop period, an online Course Change Notice form will be available on the [University Registrar’s Office website](#) for you to request course withdrawals and late additions. Due to the extenuating circumstances of the term, through September 11, the University Registrar’s Office will waive the \$20 administrative fee for course withdrawals and late additions. After September 11, the normal \$20 administrative fee will apply to all course withdrawals and late additions.

Leave of Absence

If you are considering taking a leave of absence you can read more about leaves in the Yale College Programs of Study [here](#) and Fall 2020 decisions that apply in the Yale college FAQs [here](#).

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.

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/>

From your BF Writing Tutor!

Hello Franklinites!

Congrats on the start of what I hope will be an excellent semester. As your schedules begin to settle, I encourage you to visit www.yalewco.com so that you can book time with me, your residential writing tutor, to discuss your assignments and projects.

I'm a professional writer who has worked in publishing and taught a range of introductory and advanced writing courses. You can meet with me at any stage in the writing process: to brainstorm, to receive my unflinching but compassionate feedback on a draft, to polish before submitting. I will give you my endless curiosity about what you are reading, what you are assigned, and what you are thinking. I will ask questions to help you dig deeper. I will help you harness the power of the semi-colon. And most importantly, I will help you improve your writing cognition: your awareness of why you make the choices you make when putting words on the page.

We can discuss any piece of coursework-related or independent writing you wish to share, in any field. I also help students with application essays, personal statements, and cover letters.

For the 2020 Fall Semester all tutoring sessions will be conducted via Zoom. You'll need to sign up in advance for an appointment online at www.yalewco.com. My hours, all EST, are Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., with 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays reserved for Benjamin Franklin students only. If these time slots don't work for your schedule, please email me directly at lesley.finn@yale.edu so that we can make other arrangements.

I look forward to working with you!

Best,

Lesley

Academic Strategies Peer Mentorship Groups for BF students

Our [Academic Strategies Peer Mentorships Groups](#) are open to all Yale College students and may be particularly helpful for students who are enrolled but not in residence.

These bi-weekly online groups are organized by class year and area of academic interest. Each group of up to five students is led by an experienced Academic Strategies Peer Mentor. The purpose of the groups is to help students stay motivated, engaged, and on track with their goals for the semester.

To request placement in a group, students can fill out the following form: [ASP Peer Mentorship Group request](#). Students who register by Thursday, September 10 will be able to meet.

Links to individual mentoring, workshops, and other programming can be found on our website's home page: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program>.

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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 us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)!

[OCS](#)

EVENTS

Designing Your Career @ Yale Programs: 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.

- **Acceptance and Life Vision Creation, Wednesday, September 25, 10:30am-12:30pm.** Learn more about the “Acceptance and Life Vision Creation” module and apply in [Yale Career Link by Wednesday, September 16, 11:59pm.](#)
- **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 Wednesday, September 16 at 11:59pm.](#)

• **[Eight 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”!**

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

Check out [Preferred Yale Partners](#) positions in Yale Career Link. These opportunities include full-time positions and internships posted by Yale alumni and other affiliates.

[Micro-internships through Parker Dewey:](#) Micro-internships allow you to work on paid, short-term, professional projects offered by employers around the country that can be completed remotely. These experiences can help you develop professional skills, connect with employers across a variety of industries, and explore career paths. *International students must receive work authorization to complete a project through Parker Dewey; see [OISS](#).*

[Yale Babysitting and Tutoring Website:](#) Looking for a part-time job during the term or while on LOA? Check out this new resource connecting Yale student babysitters and tutors to the Yale community who require assistance with childcare and tutoring (in person and virtual opportunities are available).

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

While Yale Study Abroad's physical office space will remain closed during the fall 2020 semester, advising appointments and events will continue to be available and conducted via Zoom.

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

October 15 – [Credit for Spring 2021 Term Abroad](#) Application Deadline*

* Students' health and safety abroad is our top priority, and we aim to partner with students to make well-informed decisions about studying abroad. At this time, we cannot guarantee that spring study abroad will be possible, but we are allowing students to move forward with the application process. Students considering a Spring 2021 abroad option should visit our [Study Abroad COVID-19 Updates Page](#) for guidance.

RESOURCES

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

Browse the [website](#), explore possible [program options](#), and [get to know our staff](#).

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

During the fall 2020 semester advising appointments and events will continue to be available and conducted via Zoom.

EVENTS

[Light Fellowship Information Session 1 of 6](#)

Friday, September 11, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/96661729382>

[Light Fellowships Information Session 2 of 6](#)

Wednesday, September 16, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/98856695470>

[Oxford/Cambridge Funding Information Session](#)

Thursday, September 17, 12:30pm- 1:30pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/92859587382>

[Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships Information Session 1 of 4](#)

Thursday, September 17, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/93629042308>

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

September 8, 1pm ET- [Fulbright US Student Grants](#) Preliminary Campus Deadline

| Eligible: Seniors (**Please note the Fulbright national deadline below)

****October 13, 5pm ET - [Fulbright US Student Grants National Deadline](#)** | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni
September 22, 1pm ET - [Luce Scholars Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & Graduate Students
September 22, 11:59pm ET - [Schwarzman Scholars Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni
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 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, 2020 at 1:00 PM 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

RESOURCES

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

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

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

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

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

[Make an appointment](#) with an adviser directly from the fellowships website.

[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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The Yale Effective Altruism Fellowship

Do you care about others and improving the world? We are excited to announce that applications for the Yale Effective Altruism Fellowship are now open!

Join the 100+ Yale students who have already completed this intensive and rewarding interdisciplinary semester-long program, where students deeply engage with ideas & strategies for effectively improving the world. Fellows will combine the head and the heart, as they apply rigour & rationality to questions regarding morality & altruism. Over the course of the semester, fellows meet for discussions, attend workshops and talks, and get together for social events with their cohort. Topics covered in the fellowship include global health, animal welfare, and existential risks. This semester the Fellowship will be entirely virtual.

The Yale EA Fellowship is open to members of the Yale Community, including the College and various graduate and professional schools as well as students currently on leave of absence.

Apply at <https://yaleea.com/fellowship/> by 11.59pm ET, Saturday, September 12th.

You can join our [Alum Talk and Info Session](#) on September 8th