

*Wreath made by Julie Averbach, BF 21*

Dear Franklinites,

As our first semester together in Ben Frank draws to a close, I'm sending you laser beams of focus for your last week of classes and pre-exam tasks. Bon Courage, as they say in France, which means courage. What did you think it meant?

Look for a separate note from the Dean's Office about all things end-of term. The boilerplate from Yale College is in today's dean's notes.

Finally, remember the Holiday Dinner is Friday night after classes end. First-years will go to Yale-on-York for the traditional amazing class dinner. Ask your FroCos about it. A true Yale classic. Everyone else enjoys a holiday dinner here in BF from 5-7. **\*\*Speaking of which, I'm looking for volunteer singers for something I'm cooking up. If you can sing, for real, and want to join, get in touch with me ASAP!**

Dean Hill

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**Dec. 8:** Classes end, 5:30pm.; reading period begins. Last day to withdraw from a full-term course or a course offered in the second half of the term.

**Dec. 14:** Reading period ends, 5 p.m. Final examinations begin, 7 p.m. Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

**Dec. 15:** Application for 2018 Yale Faculty-led Programs Abroad opens.

**Dec. 20:** Examinations end, 5:30 p.m.; winter recess begins. Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

**Dec. 21:** Residences close, 12 noon.

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### Tutoring in BF!

#### \*Resident Writing Tutor\*

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn. Her office is in Room 24, LL. Hours are Tuesdays 12-2:30 p.m. (BF only!), Wednesdays 1-5 p.m. and Thursdays 7-8:30 p.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\*

Xiaochuan Xing, graduate student in Economics - Room 19, Entryway A, LL. Hours are Sundays 7-9 p.m.

#### Yale Tutoring Resources:

[Writing Tutors](#)

[Writing Partners](#)

[Sc/QR Tutoring](#)

[Language Tutoring](#)

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Dean's drop-in hours  
this week:  
Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
1pm – 3pm

# END-OF-TERM ACADEMIC RULES

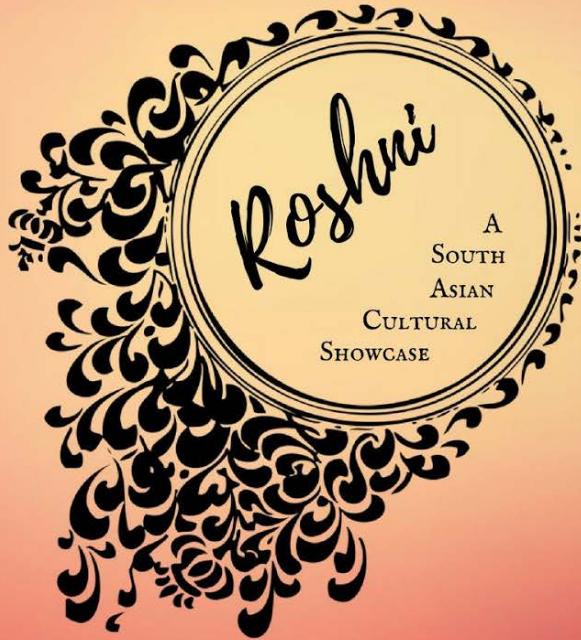
The Reading Period. Term papers and term projects may be due as late as the last day of the final examination period. All other course assignments must be due by the end of the Reading Period. No final examination, including a take-home final examination, may be administered during the Reading Period (see <http://catalog.yale.edu/ycps/academic-regulations/reading-period-final-examination-period/> ).

Date of Administering Final Examinations. A final examination must be given at the time and place appointed. If an instructor sets an alternative date for a final examination, that alternative date must fall within the final examination period; the examination must also be given at the regularly-scheduled time; two distinct and different examinations must be offered; and no student may be required to obtain special permission to take the alternative exam. (<http://catalog.yale.edu/ycps/academic-regulations/reading-period-final-examination-period/> )

Take-Home Final Examinations. These must be due in the Final Examination Period. See <http://catalog.yale.edu/ycps/academic-regulations/reading-period-final-examination-period/> for other stipulations concerning the due date of take-home final examinations.

Work Incomplete at the End of Term and Postponement of Final Examinations. *Only Dean Hill has authority to give permission to a student to submit work in a course after the end of term (that is, after the last day of the Final Examination Period for term papers and term projects; after the Reading Period for all other course assignments).* Instructors do not have the authority to give permission to extend beyond the end of the term the deadline for submission of course work (<http://catalog.yale.edu/ycps/academic-regulations/completion-of-course-work/> ).

In cases of incapacitating illness, family emergency, NCAA competition, or religious observance, Dean Hill may authorize postponement of a final examination. For other special situations in which Dean Hill may authorize the postponement of a final examination, please see <http://catalog.yale.edu/ycps/academic-regulations/completion-of-course-work/> of the YCPS. Permission to postpone a final examination does not also carry authorization for a student to submit other work late in that course.



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

WOOLSEY HALL

FOOD RECEPTION: 6 PM

DOORS OPEN: 6:45 PM

## *Yale Degree Audit*

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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.

## **Bookmark for the Break: Your CIPE Checklist for Winter Break**

Use the Winter Break to plan for an international and/or professional experience. Whether you are interested in doing an internship, studying abroad or in New Haven, or finding a fellowship to support research or a practicum, this [CIPE Checklist for Winter Break](#) will give you plenty to do and think about as you prepare for your next adventure!

### [Yale Summer Session](#)

[Yale Summer Session](#) New Haven offers more than [200 courses in the humanities, social sciences, STEM, and the arts](#) for full Yale credit. Not going to be in New Haven? Take an [online course for credit](#). Lighten your term time load or explore something new by taking a summer course! [Financial Assistance available](#).

### **Dates:**

- Session A (May 28 to June 29, 2018)
- Session B (July 2 to August 3, 2018)

### **Yale Summer Session**

**New Haven • Online • Abroad**

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

### [STUDY ABROAD](#)

#### **Schedule an Advising Meeting**

Appointments are scheduled for 30 minutes and take place during designated office hours. While each adviser specializes in specific locations, it is okay to schedule a meeting with any adviser if you have not yet identified where you would like to go. For more information about the advisers, visit [Get to Know Our Staff](#).

#### **Drop-In Hours**

Advisers are available to answer quick questions during drop-in hours which are held every **Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. when classes are in session**. No appointment is necessary. Students are seen on a first-come, first-served basis for a maximum of 15 minutes each.

#### **Newsletter**

Sign up for the [Yale Study Abroad Newsletter](#) to receive updates twice per month about upcoming application deadlines, information sessions by region or program, social events, and more.

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

### **Information Session: Fellowships 101**

Monday, December 4, 2-3pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Ave., 3rd floor, room 305

Come learn about fellowships to support research, independent projects, and purposeful summer activities.

### **Information Session: International Summer Award (ISA)**

Monday, December 4, 4-5pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Ave., 3rd floor, room 305

Staff from CIPE and Student Financial Services will be on hand to answer questions about the ISA.

### **Cultivating Faculty Mentorship / Requesting Recommendations**

Monday, December 4, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Learn how to approach faculty members and ask for their guidance to pursue your interests and goals.

### **Information Session: Fellowships for Juniors**

Tuesday, December 5, 12-1pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Ave., 3rd floor, room 305

### **Information Session: Summer STEM fellowships – Identifying Mentors**

Wednesday, December 6, 5pm

Ezra Stiles Dining Hall - table on the back stage

Summer fellowships to support STEM activities, both domestic and abroad. Tips to identify mentors.

### **Information Session: Fellowships for Seniors and after graduation**

Thursday, December 7, 4-5pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Ave., 3rd floor, room 305

Join us as we discuss postgraduate opportunities with special attention on Yale College year-long fellowships.

### **Light Fellowship Information Session (#8)**

Thursday, December 7, 6-7pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Ave, Room 369

### **Light Fellowship Information Session (#9)**

Friday, December 8, 1-2pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Ave, Room 369

### **Fellowship Programs, Drop-in Hours**

Friday, December 8, 2pm – 4pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor

## **Information Session: Summer STEM Fellowships (domestic and abroad) – How to Write a Proposal**

Friday, December 8, 3pm – 4pm  
LC 210

### **Connect with the World Fellows**

If you are thinking of carrying out an independent project or research, make the most of the insights offered by the [World Fellows](#).

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

### **Approaching Deadlines**

January 17 – [Davis Project for Peace](#) (campus deadline)

January 22 - [National Security Education Program NSEP David L Boren Undergraduate Scholarship](#)  
(campus deadline)

## **OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY**

### **Office of Career Strategy Winter Break Hours**

Drop-in hours will end on Friday, December 8 but individual appointments are available during winter break through [Yale Career Link](#). Drop-in hours will resume on Tuesday, January 16.

### **Summer 2018 Yale-coordinated Internship Opportunities are LIVE**

Visit the [Yale Career Link](#) to view a broad variety of internships in the US and abroad. Note: a) students have 5 (five) business days to accept an extended offer (unless otherwise set by the employer), and b) the first application deadline is Friday, January 26, 2018.

### **New ISA-eligible International Internships**

Students who secure international internships independently may apply to receive International Summer Award (ISA) funding. Learn more on the [Office of Career Strategy website](#).

### **Resource of the Week**

Career decision-making is an ongoing process that you will be doing throughout your career. Review [OCS resources](#) on this process to assist you with making informed decisions on the direction that is best for you.

Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events. Log in to [Yale Career Link](#), powered by Symplicity under Events/Employer Information Sessions to RSVP.

## **Yale Academic Strategies Program**

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

<http://ctl.yale.edu/AcademicStrategiesProgram>

Need help strategizing for the challenges the end of the semester brings? From making study plans to offering tips for exams, our Academic Strategies mentors can help you navigate the end of the semester chaos. Our mentors will be available for 1-1 consultations through Wednesday, December 13. Click here to make an appointment: <https://ctl.yale.edu/ASP-IndividualConsults>.

Questions? Contact [academicstrategies@yale.edu](mailto:academicstrategies@yale.edu).

## **Academic Strategies Workshops**

Planning Your Summer Research Project Proposal (co-sponsored by CIPE)

[Monday, December 4, 4:00 PM Center for Teaching and Learning, SML, 301 York St. RM 120A  
\(Across the street from Toad's Place\)](#)

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Monday, December 4, 7:30 PM, Silliman Seminar Room 415, Byers Hall, Silliman College](#)

## **Extra Tutors at the Writing Center**

To help you with your final papers, [the Writing Center](#) has added an extra Writing Partner to every shift through the beginning of finals.

Visit us on the mezzanine level of the Center for Teaching and Learning (take the stairs near the York St. entrance of Sterling Library). We're available 3-5 and 7-9 Sunday through Thursday and 3-5 on Fridays.

## **Writing Study Halls**

Working on a final paper? The Writing Center's [Writing Study Halls](#) can help you get work done and produce great papers. Study Halls offer: 1) a quiet space to write, 2) tutoring support available, and 3) snacks to fuel your work.

Study Halls are offered Wednesdays 7-10pm and Sundays 2-5pm in SML 120A (near the York St. entrance to Sterling Library).



## TedX Yale Student Speaker Competition

Have you ever dreamed of speaking on a global stage? Do you have a design for the future? An untold story just waiting to be heard? An idea worth spreading? We've heard from social entrepreneurs, microeconomists, museum curators, and environmental activists, and we want to hear from you.

The TEDxYale 2018 Flagship Conference will be held on March 3, 2018 and we invite students to join our growing roster of speakers. Apply, take the stage, and share your idea!

The application for the Student Speaker Competition closes at 11:59 PM on December 10, 2017.

Further details about the competition can be found in the application below.

Apply at: <https://goo.gl/forms/CIRJCJlqn14NCkOr1>



It's that time again!

NSCI is accepting applications for new majors. Students who are interested in the NSCI major may submit their applications by the deadline Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Please be sure to review the requirements of the major before beginning your application. <http://neuroscience.yale.edu/requirements>. Please note: it is mandatory that the following courses be completed, or be on track to complete the semester you apply: BIOL 101-104, and Statistics: PSYC 200, S&DS 103, S&DS 105 or higher. There will also be an application process during the spring semester, 2018.

Application materials include a cover letter, transcript and completed worksheet (resume optional). Complete instructions can be found on our website at

<http://neuroscience.yale.edu/requirements/apply>.

Please email all questions and applications to: [Neuroscience.DUS@yale.edu](mailto:Neuroscience.DUS@yale.edu).

# ***New research course:*** **Virus Discovery & Evolution, EEB175L**

**Not your typical lab—  
hybrid course between  
classwork and  
mentored research.**

***Who is this course for?***

All students, especially freshmen and sophomores, who want an introduction to research or are curious about phages.  
**(\*Course will be offered Spring 2018.)**

***Why are phages important?***

Phages are viruses that infect bacteria. Many kill bacteria, and they are leveraged in industry, medicine, and evolutionary biology.

***What will we do?***

- Collect and search environmental samples for new phages.
- Characterize these new phages using techniques from microbiology and evolution.
- Design experiments and present findings, as well as collect and analyze results.

*Phage  
biology  
includes...*



Making better  
cheese

Killing  
pathogenic  
bacteria



Monitoring  
water quality



Studying genetic  
change and  
natural selection



***Questions?***

Contact the course instructor: Dr. Alita Burmeister, Ph.D. ([alita.burmeister@yale.edu](mailto:alita.burmeister@yale.edu))

## HUMS 411: LIFE WORTH LIVING COURSE

### HUMS 411: Life Worth Living

This has been a popular course with undergraduates who have taken it, and it is consistently highly rated. Due to this demand, there is an application process for the course to ensure that there is a thoughtful and diverse mix of students in the seminar sections. That application link is here:

[https://yalesurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6yPu4MvScPdVTRX?Q](https://yalesurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6yPu4MvScPdVTRX?Q)



## Institution for Social and Policy Studies

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The Institution for Social and Policy Studies at Yale (ISPS) is pleased to announce that applications are open for the Director's Fellows program. The fellowship is open to Yale sophomores and juniors who are committed to working in U.S. domestic politics and policymaking. Selected Fellows will join ISPS as members of the Domestic Policy Group starting in January 2018, and over the course of one calendar year, will receive sophisticated policy training from ISPS faculty and affiliates, integrate into ISPS research activities, and test their development through real world application and feedback.

ISPS Director's Fellows will have the opportunity to attend biweekly workshops, some featuring prominent Yale faculty and guests working on policy-relevant issues and others providing training in skills such as op-ed and policy memo writing, media appearances, and blogging.

The Fellowship is open to Yale College sophomores and juniors and can be completed online. To apply, please visit [our webpage](#) and click on "Application Form" at the bottom of page.

Deadline for applying is **December 20, 2017** at 11:59pm. Accepted fellows will be notified mid-January 2018.