



Benjamin Franklin College

Dean's Notes – December 11, 2017

Dear Franklinites:

We're coming down to the moment of truth, of a particular (read: narrow) kind anyway. The exam period can stir self-doubt—even for seasoned seniors and certainly for newbies—about being able to hack it at Yale. Let me remind you that you belong here. You will be fine. You are made of tough mettle. Exams are a test of your knowledge and preparation, but not a test of your personal worth. It's also a finite period of time, meaning you can do this for another two weeks.

And, perhaps most importantly, you are not alone! Wellness Week continues in Ben Frank. Don't miss Head Charles flipping pancakes at Breakfast at Midnight (well, 11 pm) TONIGHT in the dining hall. Carb loading is wellness for the *soul* and *spirit*. Then you can tighten up those *core muscles* in Pilates on Wednesday at 1:00 pm. **Sign-ups in the Dean's Office with Michelle – going fast!** Never done Pilates? It's like yoga but more core, less "om," good stuff.

Best wishes during our final weeks together this term.

-Dean Hill



DEAN'S DROP-IN HOURS - WEDNESDAY, 12/13

10 - 11 A.M.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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.

Spring Term 2018

Jan. 10: Residences open, 9a.m.

Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Jr Day; classes do not meet. Required registration meetings for first-year students, 9 p.m. Applications for 2018 New Haven and online Summer Session courses opens.

Jan. 16: Spring-term classes begin, 8:20 a.m. Required upperclassmen Registration is by 5 p.m. in the Benjamin Franklin Dean's Office.

Mandatory Registration for Spring Term:

Spring-term registration To register for the spring term, freshmen are required to attend a registration meeting in their residential college on the day before classes begin, as specified in the [Yale College Calendar with Pertinent Deadlines](#). Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are required to register on the first day of classes, as specified in the [Yale College Calendar with Pertinent Deadlines](#).

Late registration A student who, for reasons other than incapacitating illness, the death of a family member, or a comparable emergency, fails to follow the registration procedures above may register for the term only by exceptional action of the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing and will be liable for a fine of \$50.

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.

JUNIORS: FIRST-YEAR COUNSELOR (FROCO) APPLICATIONS

You can find the FroCo application online. Learn more [here](#).

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 or email 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](#)

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!

[OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY](#)

Office of Career Strategy Winter Break Hours

Closed all day Monday, December 11 for staff training

Fall drop-ins end Friday, December 8 but individual appointments are available during winter break through [Yale Career Link](#). The Office will be closed Friday, December 22-Monday, January 1. Drop-in hours will resume on Tuesday, January 16.

Summer 2018 Yale-coordinated Internship Opportunities: Yale-coordinated Domestic and International Internship opportunities available now in [Yale Career Link](#).

New ISA-eligible International Internships: Are you seeking an international internship independently? You may be eligible for the International Summer Award. [Learn more here](#).

Resources for Students/Alums with Disabilities: U.S. Business Leadership Network's [Rising Leaders Mentoring Program](#), [Rising Leadership Academy](#) (Deadline: December 18)

Open Director Positions for Yale Summer Events 2018 in NY, DC, and San Francisco: Application Deadline January 26

Collaborate with alumni, employers, and students to manage activities and plan events for students living and working in these cities during summer 2018. Search for "Yale Summer Events" (use quotation marks) in [Yale Career Link](#) to apply. Contact [Stephanie Waite](#) with questions.

Designing Your Career @ Yale: Friday, February 16, 12:00pm-5:00pm, Office of Career Strategy (55 Whitney, 3rd Floor), Lunch and snacks provided

Which career paths make sense for you? Using Stanford University's innovative approach, you'll learn how to apply design thinking tools and ideas to (1) explore careers, (2) take proactive steps to test your interests, and (3) become a part of a community of life designers. [Apply](#) (Deadline: January 26)

[Get Hired Insurance & Financial Services Career Fair](#): Thursday, January 4, 3:00pm-6:00pm, Hartford Marriott Downtown

[San Francisco Careerforum](#): Saturday, February 17 & Sunday, February 18, San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront.

Resource of the Week: Visit our customized [14 short animated videos](#) (2-3 minutes each) to learn top tips on how to get started on the job/internship search, prepare your application materials, and access Yale-specific resources.

[Yale Summer Session](#)

Check out the [Yale Summer Session website!](#)

- [The 2018 Yale Summer Session application for courses in New Haven and online will open January 16th](#)
- Learn about the [programs](#) Yale Summer Session offers
- [Browse the list of available summer session courses \(available Dec. 15\).](#)
- [The Global Summer Program application for courses taught abroad will open Dec. 11.](#) Deadline March 16, 2018. 10 GSP scholarships available regardless of financial aid status.
- [Financial Assistance](#) available for all summer session programs for students on financial aid.

Yale Summer Session

New Haven • Online • Abroad

summer.yale.edu

[STUDY ABROAD](#)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER 2018 ABROAD

- December 15 - Application/Petition for [Credit for Non-Yale Summer Programs Abroad](#) Opens
- December 15 – Application for [Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad](#) Opens
- February 1 – Application for [International Summer Award](#) Opens
- February 15 – Deadline to submit Application for Yale Summer Session Programs
- March 1 – Deadline to submit Application/Petition for Credit
- May 1 – Deadline to submit Application for the International summer Award

Visit the [Apply Page](#) on the Study Abroad Website to learn more

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 12, 8 pm– 9 pm

LC 102

Interested in studying abroad this summer? Take a break from writing term papers with the Study Abroad Student Outreach Coordinators and have some FREE CIDER AND INSOMNIA COOKIES on Tuesday, December 12th from 8-9 pm in LC 102!! Come learn about the different types of programs Yale offers, the application process and tips, funding strategies, and what it's like to study abroad for the summer!

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.**

Drop-Ins resume on Friday, January 19, 2018.

We wish you all the very best during finals and hope you have a wonderful winter break!

[FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Proposal Writing Workshop

Tuesday, December 12, 1-2pm AND Wednesday December 13, 3pm – 4pm

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

In this workshop, we will discuss the things committees look for when evaluating fellowship proposals. We will go over what can turn a 'decent' proposal into a 'great' one, how to approach creating a budget and we will review resources you can use to construct a successful application.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS DROP-IN HOURS

Friday, December 15, 2pm – 4pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor

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

APPROACHING DEADLINES

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

January 19 - [Beinecke Scholarship Program](#) (campus deadline)

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

January 22 - [National Institute of Standards and Technology Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship \(NIST SURF\)](#) (campus deadline)

January 26 - [Mortimer Hays Brandeis](#) (campus deadline)

January 31 - [The CIPE Yale College Post Graduate Fellowships](#) (application deadline)

NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to the [Fellowships Newsletter](#) for your class year and get timely reminders, tips, and updates.

Yale Academic Strategies Program

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

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

academicstrategies@yale.edu

Need help strategizing for finals? 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>.

Imagining Your Summer: Planning and Paying for Summer Opportunities (co-sponsored by CIPE)

[Tuesday, December 12, 4:00 PM Room 120A, Yale Center for Teaching and Learning, Sterling Library, 301 York St. \(across from Toad's\)](#)

Yale College Writing Center **Special Events******

<https://ctl.yale.edu/writing>

Visit us on the mezzanine level of the Center for Teaching and Learning (take the stairs near the York St. entrance of Sterling Library).

Personal Statement Tutoring

Working on a personal statement for your grad school application? On Tuesday, December 12 from 1-3pm [the Writing Center](#) is offering drop-in tutoring for personal statement writers. Come get feedback on your statement from a Yale graduate student with experience writing graduate school personal statements.

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: 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 Room 120A (near the York St. entrance to Sterling Library).

Yale Library Reading Week Events

De-stress during Reading Week at Yale Library with therapy dogs, the Long Night Against Procrastination, Zumba, (Almost) Midnight Breakfast, pizza, donuts, coffee, and more! View the full list of events at library locations throughout campus: <https://ask.library.yale.edu/faq/212369>

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.

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.

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)

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



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.