



Welcome back, Ben Frank!

We missed you in the college (well, at first we kind of didn't, but very quickly it felt like "The Shining" around here and we did!). I really hope everyone had a restorative break, sprinkled with adventure, fellowship and perhaps some romance. Have you seen "Stranger Things" yet? I binged it over break while visiting friends out in Portland, and now I need to re-watch without hiding behind my hands. Buttery screening?

On the academic front: As you plan out your spring course schedule, please be sure to review [Yale Degree Audit](#) to see how many course credits you've earned, how many more you'll need, and which distributional requirements you need to fulfill for promotion.

Shop widely and boldly,

Dean Hill

Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles.

Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances.

Courage breeds creativity; Cowardice represses fear and is mastered by it.

Cowardice asks the question, is it safe?

Expediency ask the question, is it politic?

Vanity asks the question, is it popular?

But, conscience ask the question, is it right? And there comes a time when we must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because it is right.

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dean's drop-in hours this week:



Thursday, January 18th

10 AM – 12 PM

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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.

FroCo Info Session - Save the Date!



Prospective 2018-2019 First-year Counselors!

Come to an info session on **Tuesday, Jan. 23 @ 9:00 pm** in the Common Room
We'll be talking about the perks, responsibilities and logistics of being a FroCo.

We'll also have a Q&A with the current FroCo team.

Being a FroCo is a great way to serve and make a positive impact on our burgeoning community. And work closely with the Dean!
Come hear about how you can guide the college's future by shaping the new generation of Franklinites.

Prospective FroCos must complete the [application](#) and submit their resume by Wednesday, Jan 31.

The Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship seeks outstanding Yale undergraduate, graduate and professional students not in their final year of study to work with organizations that promote economic growth, human development, and neighborhood vitality in New Haven.

Fellowship awards range from **\$4,950** to **\$7,800** based on experience, degree pending and weeks worked.

- Fellowship placements range from 8-11 weeks from the end of May through August.
- All students may apply for placements proposed by local non-profit and public sector organizations that are posted on the PPSF website.

For more information and application materials, log on to the PPSF website or contact Karen King (karen.king@yale.edu).

Application Deadline: Friday, January 19, 2018

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

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

Jan. 19: Friday classes do not meet; Monday classes meet instead

Jan. 24: Class of 2021 schedules due

Jan 25: Class of 2019 and 2020 schedules due

Jan 26: Class of 2018 schedules due; Last day for students in the Class of 2018 to petition for permission to compete the requirements of two majors.

Jan 30: Last day to apply for a spring term leave of absence

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.

Important Reminders

Schedules are handed in to the Dean's Office. The deadlines are strictly enforced. A late schedule incurs a fine of \$50.

A late schedule cannot elect any courses CR/D/Fail. Clerical Error on schedule: \$50.

A schedule of 3 or 3.5 course credits and a schedule of 6 or 6.5 course credits needs my permission **before** the schedule is handed in. Schedule an appointment to see me.

I remind you that (1) the program does not check for conflicts in class meeting times (that is the student's responsibility – see "overlapping meeting times" above) and that (2) once you print your final schedule, you cannot reenter the program to make changes and print a different final schedule. **Including or removing a course (after meeting with your adviser, for instance) must be hand written on the printed final schedule itself (in the Include and Remove Sections),** and each change must be initialed by your adviser or me **before** the deadline for handing in your schedule.

Overlapping Class Meeting Times: Class meeting times *may not overlap by more than 15 minutes once a week.* Required are a conversation with me before the Course Enrollment deadline, compelling academic reasons for the overlap, and with my assistance a petition to the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing.

A schedule with a course in The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (and also *not* listed in the Blue Book) or a professional school requires an additional form, which is available in the Dean's Office and at www.yale.edu/sfas/registrar/blue_form.pdf. [Note: **SOM courses cannot be added to your schedule through OCS; they must be written by hand in the "include" section on your schedule.** The form (above) for those SOM courses must be handed in to my office in the first week of shopping period, well before the deadline for your course schedule, because SOM determines its class enrollments before your schedule is due.

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 Graduate or 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 graduate school courses (syllabus attached) and the registrar's office determines the course credits for that course after that.

Yale Academic Strategies Program

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

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

Is changing your study habits one of your New Year's resolutions? Meet 1-1 with an Academic Strategies mentor to discuss new approaches, set goals, and make a plan for success. To set up an appointment, email us directly at academicstrategies@yale.edu.

Academic Strategies Workshops:

Academic Strategies for Shopping Period

[Wednesday, January 17, 7:30 PM, Branford Common Room](#)

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Monday, January 22, 6:00 PM, Room 16, Pauli Murray College](#)

Academic Success on a Budget

[Monday, January 22, 7:30 PM, Silliman Seminar Room 415, Byers Hall, Silliman College](#)

Fresh Start: [New Strategies for a New Semester](#)

[Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 PM, Branford Common Room](#)

[Thursday, January 25, 6:00 PM, Room M104A \(mezzanine\), Center for Teaching and Learning, Sterling Library, 301 York St.](#)

Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Thesis

[Thursday, January 25, 7:30 PM, JE Seminar Room L23](#)

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/ORTutoring](#)

[Language Tutoring](#)

REUNION HEAD CLERKS

Head Clerks process reunion registrations, assist with alumni outreach, and later head up a team of their peers during the reunion weekends in May and June. The position requires a high degree of organization and responsibility, as well as significant contact with staff and with alumni of all ages. There will be two Information Sessions at the Rose Alumni, 232 York St., on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 25 at 4 p.m.

13 Head Clerks will be hired, with work starting after Spring Break and lasting during reunion weekends May 23 – 27 and May 30 - June 3. The application (Job #1981) is open now on the yale.edu/seo website and will close at the end of the month.

[OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY](#)

General Drop-in Advising

Available when classes are in session Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm at 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor

[Common Good Career Fair](#)

Friday, January 26, 2:00pm-4:00pm, Q Club

[RSVP](#)

Yale-coordinated Internships: Drop-in Hours

The Office of Career Strategy has added supplementary drop-in hours with Julia Bourque and Janelle Lewis to answer any questions relating to international or domestic Yale-coordinated Internships. Mondays 10:00am-1:00pm and Thursdays 1:00-4:00pm.

Summer 2018 Yale-coordinated Internship Opportunities

Yale-coordinated Domestic and International Internship opportunities for summer 2018 are available in [Yale Career Link](#). These programs offer internships in a variety of locations and fields. Please note: a) students have 5 (five) business days to accept an offer once it is extended (unless otherwise set by the employer), and b) applications are due Friday, January 26. Check listings each week as more opportunities are posted.

[Designing Your Career @ Yale](#)

Friday, February 16, 12:00pm-5:00pm, Office of Career Strategy

Contact [Stephanie Waite](#) or [Janelle Lewis](#) with questions.

[Apply](#)

Deadline: January 26

[Future Global Leaders Fellowship](#)

Deadline: January 31

[Director Positions: Yale Summer Events 2018 in NY, DC, and San Francisco](#)

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.

Deadline: January 26

Yale Club of London: Mentorship Program

Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up. For questions, contact: mentors.yale.uk@gmail.com

Mentee signups due January 30

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.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

CIPE SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS COMMON APPLICATION IS OPEN!

The CIPE Yale College Summer Fellowships are a collection of fellowships supporting summer activities that share a common application form and application process.

More information about each individual fellowship may be found on the [Student Grants Database](#).

Deadline to apply: 1:00pm, February 14, 2018

DROP-IN HOURS RESUME JANUARY 19

- Friday, January 19, 2pm – 4pm
- CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor

The entire fellowships team is on hand to answer quick questions. No appointment is necessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Q&A: Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships

- Friday, January 19, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305

Address your questions or concerns before the final application deadline of **January 31, 2017** at 1:00 pm.

Proposal Writing Workshop

- Monday, January 22, 3:30pm – 4:30pm AND Wednesday January 24, 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- CIPE, 55 Whitney Ave., 3rd floor, room 305

What do committees look for when evaluating fellowship proposals? Hear what can turn a 'decent' fellowship proposal into a 'great' one.

Summer STEM fellowships-Domestic and Abroad: How to Write a Proposal

- Wednesday January 24, 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- Ezra Stiles Dining Hall

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)

January 31 - [The Germain Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\)](#) (application deadline)

January 31 - [Mount Vernon Leadership Fellows Program](#) (application deadline)

February 2 - [Henry Fellowship](#) (campus deadline)

February 9 - [Paul Mellon Fellowship](#) (campus deadline)

NEWSLETTER

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

STUDY ABROAD

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER 2018 ABROAD

- February 1 – Application for [International Summer Award](#) opens
- February 15 – Deadline to submit application for Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad
- March 1 – Deadline to submit application for credit for Non-Yale Summer Abroad
- May 1 – Deadline to submit application for the International Summer Award

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019 OR FALL 2018 ABROAD

- January 16 – Applications for credit for Fall and Academic Year Abroad opens
- March 5 – Deadline to submit application for credit for Fall and Academic Year Abroad

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Yale in London Information Session

- Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- The Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel Street

Learn about the courses taught by Yale and British faculty in the cultural capital of the world.

With weekly visits to museums and theaters, as well as behind the scenes opportunities at some of the greatest institutions in the world.

Refreshments will be served!

DROP-IN HOURS

Advisers are available to answer questions during drop-in hours which are held every **Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. when classes are in session.**

Students are seen on a first-come, first-served basis for a maximum of 15 minutes each.

Yale Summer Session

When life gives you summer, make plans! Applications for [Yale Summer Session](#) 2018 will open on January 16. Courses are offered in New Haven, online, and abroad – financial assistance is available! Browse your [course options](#) and find the perfect match today.

Program of the Week: Global Summer Program

The [Global Summer Program \(GSP\)](#) brings together students from eleven of the world's top research universities to discuss critical issues in a global perspective and to collaborate on multidisciplinary approaches to these problems. The [application is open](#) and the deadline to apply is March 16, 2018.

Still unsure about your summer plans? Check out our [short video](#) and discover the benefits of Yale Summer Session.

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)