

From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office



Dear Franklinites,

I'm sure that each of you are looking forward to the quickly approaching spring break! Your break is a time to unwind, recharge, and enjoy the freedom away from academic responsibilities. So, whether you're traveling to new destinations, spending quality time with family and friends, or simply indulging in some much-needed relaxation, embrace these moments with joy and enthusiasm. Enjoy every bit of your spring break and return with renewed energy to finish this term!

I am also delighted to know that so many of you answered the question from my last dean's note correctly! While I don't have a question and a prize for you this week (another may be coming soon...), I encourage you to continue to read the rest of the newsletter because it contains so much useful information from others around campus.

Warmest,

Dean Rencher

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Mar. 4 T	Applications for 2025 Non-Yale Summer Abroad close, 11:59 p.m.
Mar. 7 F	Midterm. Spring recess begins after last academic obligation. Last day to withdraw from a spring full-term course without the course appearing on the transcript. Deadline to apply for double credit in a single-credit course. Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-quarter of the term's tuition (Undergraduate Regulations). Final ABX exam grades are due.
Mar. 24 M	Classes resume.
Apr. 1 T	Applications for fall 2025 Term Abroad or 2025–2026 Year Abroad close, 11:59 p.m.
Apr. 3 Th	Last day to withdraw from a spring second-half course without the course appearing on the transcript.
Apr. 11 F	Fall term registration opens for Graduate School students, 8:00 a.m.
Apr. 15 T	Fall term registration opens for Class of 2026, 8:00 a.m.
Apr. 16 W	Fall term registration opens for Class of 2027, visiting students, and Eli Whitney students (without a class year) 8:00 a.m.
Apr. 17 Th	Fall term registration opens for Class of 2028, 8:00 a.m.
Apr. 25 F	Classes end; reading period begins. Last day to convert from a letter grade to Cr/D/F option for a full-term course and/or a course offered in the second half of the spring term. Last day to withdraw from a full-term course and/or a course offered in the second half of the spring term.
May 1 Th	Applications for fall-term Leaves of Absence due. Reading period ends, 5:00 p.m. Final examinations begin, 7:00 p.m. Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete (TI) authorized by Dean Rencher.
May 7 W	Examinations end, 5:30 p.m. Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete (TI) authorized by Dean Rencher.
May 8 Th	Residences close for non-seniors, 3 p.m.

Resident Writing Tutor

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn. Her office is in Room 24, LL near Stairwell/Entry A. Hours are:

Tuesdays

10 am – 12 pm

4 pm – 5:30 pm

Wednesdays

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Thursdays

12 pm – 2 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday hours on Zoom only.

To sign up for an appointment go to <https://www.yalewco.com> or email lesley.finn@yale.edu.

Yale Tutoring Resources:

Writing Center/Tutors/Partners: [Writing Tutoring and Programs | Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning \(yale.edu\)](#)

Sc/QR Tutoring: [Small-Group and 1-1 Tutoring | Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning \(yale.edu\)](#)

Language Tutoring: [Center for Language Study | Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning \(yale.edu\)](#)

Academic Strategies: [Academic Strategies Program | Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning \(yale.edu\)](#)

Advising Resources: [Welcome | Advising Resources \(yale.edu\)](#)

Fall 2025 Yale College & Graduate School Registration Dates

Preference Selection for Yale College Students

March 31, 8:00 a.m.	Preference Selection sites open for Yale College students to rank their choice of multi-section courses
April 2, 5:00 p.m.	Preference Selection sites close for Yale College students
April 9, 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for departments to push Preference Selection results to student registration worksheets

Fall Term Registration

April 11, 8:00 a.m.	Fall 2025 registration opens for Graduate School students
April 15, 8:00 a.m.	Fall 2025 registration opens for Yale College students in the Class of 2026
April 16, 8:00 a.m.	Fall 2025 registration opens for Yale College students in the Class of 2027, visiting students, and Eli Whitney students (without a class year)
April 17, 8:00 a.m.	Fall 2025 registration opens for Yale College students in the Class of 2028
April 25	Classes end after last academic obligation; reading period begins
May 16, 5:00 p.m.	Registration closes for all Yale College and Graduate School students

Additional messages will be sent closer to the start of registration.

Refer to the [registration website](#) for all dates, instruction, and FAQs.

Cap and Gown Orders

It's time to [order your caps and gowns](#)! The cap and gown order form is open. Orders must be placed by 4:00 p.m. on March 28. Any orders made between 4:00 p.m. on March 28 and 4:00 p.m. on April 9 will incur a \$10.00 late fee. There will be no orders after 4:00 p.m. April 9.

More information about [regalia](#) can be found on the Commencement website. A reminder email with pick-up information will be sent in early May.

The Richard Maxwell Prize for Translation and Translation Studies

A \$500 prize, open to any undergraduate student in Yale College, shall be awarded annually to the best Literary Translation or to the best essay in Translation Studies. "Literary Translation" encompasses all genres, so long as the chosen work is substantial, while "Translation Studies" is understood to include theoretical and historical questions involving language, culture, and medium. Submissions that combine actual translation and reflections on issues raised or exemplified by the process are welcome. Submissions must include: (1) a cover letter with basic information about the student's studies/major and about the context in which the essay/translation was written; (2) a translator's introduction describing the intellectual and historical context of the translated text, along with some consideration of its technical features; (3) a copy of the translated text(s) in the original language, as an appendix to your translation; (4) annotation, as deemed relevant, for literary translations. Please submit three hard copies of work to the Comparative Literature Department office by **May 1, 2025, 12 noon**. **The prize will be presented along with other Comparative Literature prizes at the department's Spring reception in early May.**

The Richard Maxwell prize for Translation and Translation Studies commemorates the scholarly and pedagogical legacy of Richard Maxwell (1948-2010), an exceptionally wide-ranging undergraduate teacher, scholar and critic. He was an historian of the novel, of visual culture, and of urban life, and a critic of poetry and film. During his final illness he dictated an experimental novel about architectural, literary, and film life in 1950s Los Angeles. Richard Maxwell believed deeply in the discipline of Comparative Literature and the ideal of world literature, and he championed his Yale students as aspiring translators, critics, and writers.

Credit/D/Fail & Withdrawal Deadlines for Full-term and Half-term Courses

First Half-Term Courses:

- **Tuesday, February 4 by 5:00 p.m.** – withdraw without a W appearing on your transcript
- **Wednesday, February 26 by 5:00 p.m.** – deadline to change the grade mode to Credit/D/Fail
- **Wednesday, February 26 by 5:00 p.m.** – withdraw with W appearing on your transcript

Second Half-term Courses:

- **Thursday, April 3 by 5:00 p.m.** – withdraw without a W appearing on your transcript
- **Friday, April 25 by 5:00 p.m.** – change the grade mode to Credit/D/Fail
- **Friday, April 25 by 5:00 p.m.** – withdraw with a W appearing on your transcript

Full-term Courses:

- **Friday, March 7 by 5:00 p.m.** – withdraw without a W appearing on your transcript
- **Friday, April 25 by 5:00 p.m.** – change the grade mode to Credit/D/Fail
- **Friday, April 25 by 5:00 p.m.** – withdraw with a W appearing on your transcript

Yale Hub will remain open to convert full-term and second half-term Yale College courses to Credit/D/Fail until April 25. Attempts to convert courses offered in the first half of the term to Credit/D/Fail after 5 p.m. on February 26 will not be valid.

The Yale College Online Course Change Notice form is available on the [University Registrar's Office website](#) for students to request course withdrawals. This also includes late professional school course requests. The normal \$5 administrative fee will apply to all course withdrawals and late additions, including late adds due to instructor permission granted after add/drop period has closed.

If you wish to convert a Yale College course to Credit/D/Fail, take the following steps. Once you convert your grade mode to Credit/D/Fail it cannot be reversed.

1. Log into [Yale Hub](#).
2. Select the Course Enrollment tab and click "Yale College Change Course from Letter Grade to Credit/D/Fail."
3. Change the drop-down selection from "YC – Letter Grade" to "Credit/D/Fail."
4. Click "Submit Changes" to save the conversion.
5. A confirmation of the change will be sent to your University email account. If you do not receive the confirmation email, your change was not processed. You can confirm all of your course grading modes by viewing your "Course Schedule Details by Term" in Yale Hub.

Insights On Conference

Yale Center for Customer Insights

May 9-10, 2025
Yale School
of Management
New Haven, CT



Joel Rankema
GLOBAL HEAD OF
INSIGHTS
Inter IKEA



Denise Moreno
VICE PRESIDENT, CONSUMER
MARKETING AND GROWTH
Meta



Teresa Yoo
VICE PRESIDENT, BRAND &
CONTENT STRATEGY
IBM



Mark Abraham
MANAGING DIRECTOR &
SENIOR PARTNER
Boston Consulting Group



Lance Hill
GLOBAL HEAD OF INSIGHTS,
ANALYTICS & MEASUREMENT
HP



Laurie Santos
PROFESSOR OF
PSYCHOLOGY
Yale University



Kristin Patrick
CHIEF MARKETING
OFFICER, HEAD OF DIGITAL
LVMH: Marc Jacobs



Brad Jakeman
SENIOR ADVISOR
Boston Consulting Group

Fireside Chat



Executive Panel



Devika Bulchandani
GLOBAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER
Ogilvy



Leslie Berland
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
& CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER
Verizon



Seth Farbman
STRATEGIC ADVISOR,
INTERIM CMO
Back Market



Jennie Liu
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YCCI
& LECTURER
Yale School of Management



Vanessa Vachon
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
TRANSFORMATION
Pfizer



Kate Schardt
VP, GLOBAL INSIGHTS
CAPABILITIES & PARTNERSHIPS
PepsiCo

Insights Panel



[Register Here](#)

Use code
Early_Student for
\$125 tickets!

—TOPICS—

Leveraging Technology: AI & Omni-Channel Integration

Marketing Transformation

Driving Brand Growth Through Insights

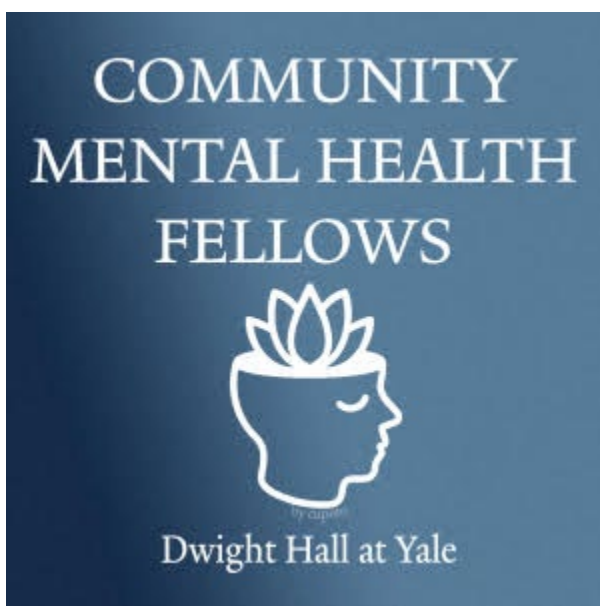
Interactive Session: Why Happiness Matters for Leaders & Customers
And more!

25-26 Dwight Hall Community Mental Health Fellowship Applications are opening soon!

The Community Mental Health Fellowship (CMHF) is a Dwight Hall program that partners with the Connecticut Mental Health Center (CMHC) to address mental health advocacy throughout New Haven. Students interested in conducting service projects and/or psychiatry-related lab research are encouraged to apply, regardless of prior lab experience. Fellows are matched with a mentor within a project placement that is either research-focused (e.g., wet lab, clinical) or service-focused (e.g., community forensic services, psychiatric street outreach, psychosis clinic, city hall). This is a paid, two-semester position. To learn more, visit <https://dwiththall.org/community-mental-health-fellows/>.

There will be an **information session on Mar 4, 2025** at 6pm in Dwight Hall Common Room. Dinner from House of Naan will be provided and you will get to meet current leaders and fellows and hear about their experiences in different placements. **Applications close on March 27.** Interviews will be happening in early April.

Apply here: https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2bCdJ6slRmDGowS



For questions, please reach out to 2024-2025 Student Leaders:

Research Track | Karen Ayoub '25 (karen.ayoub@yale.edu), Nicole Campbell '25 (nicole.campbell@yale.edu)

Service Track | Goeun Lee '25 (goeun.g.lee@yale.edu), Jessica Na '25 (jessica.na@yale.edu)

Library Workshops and Events for the week of March 3, 2025

LATTE WITH A LIBRARIAN | Bass Library

Wednesday, March 5 from 1 – 2:30 pm | More info: <https://schedule.yale.edu/event/14094666>

Meet with a librarian for a drop-in research consultation. Any student who asks a library or research-related question will receive a FREE Yale Library mug.

HIDDEN TREASURES IN STERLING LIBRARY | Sterling Memorial Library

Thursday, March 6 at 3:30pm | Register: <https://schedule.yale.edu/event/14130296>

Join a fellow Yale student to learn tips & tricks and find hidden 'gems' inside the 16-story Sterling Library stack tower!

...and there's more! BROWSE ALL UPCOMING LIBRARY WORKSHOPS at <https://schedule.yale.edu/calendar/instruction>.

MARCH

Library Workshops & Events



CITATION MANAGEMENT

First Steps with Zotero

Monday, March 24 at 8pm

Monday, March 31 at 8pm

Next Steps with Zotero

Wednesday, March 26 at 8pm

TOURS & EVENTS

Hidden Treasures | Sterling Library

Thursday, March 6 at 3:30pm

Friday, March 28 at 4pm

Latte with a Librarian | Bass Library

Wednesday, March 5 at 1pm

RESEARCH SKILLS

How to Find Scholarly Articles

Monday, March 24 at 7pm

Thursday, March 27 at 7pm

Monday, March 31 at 7pm

Advanced Search Techniques

Sunday, March 2 at 1:30pm

Tuesday, March 25 at 7pm

Sunday, March 30 at 1:30pm

See the full schedule & register:



**Poorvu Center
Office of Educational Opportunity
Disability Peer Mentor Program**

ADHD Discussion Group



WEDS, JANUARY 22ND @ 5PM

THURS, FEBRUARY 6TH @ 5PM

WEDS, FEBRUARY 19TH @ 5PM

THURS, MARCH 6TH @ 5PM

WEDS, APRIL 2ND @ 5PM

THURS, APRIL 17TH @ 5PM



**Share strategies and support with peers
who understand your experience. This is
open to both undergraduates and
graduate students.**

**POORVU CENTER
OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
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AUTISM DISCUSSION GROUP

**THURS, JANUARY 30TH @ 5PM
WEDS, FEBRUARY 12TH @ 5PM
THURS, FEBRUARY 27TH @ 5PM
WEDS, MARCH 26TH @ 5PM
THURS, APRIL 10TH @ 5PM
WEDS, APRIL 23TH @ 5PM**

**JOIN OUR AUTISM DISCUSSION
GROUP, A SUPPORTIVE SPACE WHERE
YOU CAN SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES,
CHALLENGES, AND TRIUMPHS WITH
FELLOW STUDENTS WHO UNDERSTAND.
CONNECT, LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER,
AND BUILD A COMMUNITY THAT
CELEBRATES NEURODIVERSITY.**



Chronic Illness Discussion Group

THURS, JANUARY 23RD @ 5PM

WEDS, FEBRUARY 5TH @ 5PM

THURS, FEBRUARY 20TH @ 5PM

WEDS, MARCH 5TH @ 5PM

THURS, APRIL 3RD @ 5PM

WEDS, APRIL 16TH @ 5PM

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EXPLORE YOUR OPTION

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Specialist
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Office: WLH #105

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Clinician
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Yale HEALTH

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Meet your **Student Health Care Navigator:**



Camilla Luker, MPH

My name is Camilla Luker and I am your Student Health Care Navigator at Yale Health! Whether you are a new student on campus or continuing your studies, I am here to help you navigate your Yale Health healthcare and services. I recognize that insurance and healthcare can be tricky, but I want to help you access the care you need while in the Yale community. You can reach out or schedule a time to meet with me whenever you have questions!

Contact Camilla at yhstudentnavigator@yale.edu or scan the QR code to schedule a meeting:



Yale Degree Audit

Yale Degree Audit is a web-based tool that calculates and displays how an individual student's courses may count toward the requirements for the bachelor's degree. The degree audit enables students to monitor their own progress toward the completion of degree requirements. It also helps students, and their advisers discuss course selection for current and future terms more meaningfully by clarifying what requirements the student still needs to complete. Log into [Yale Hub](#) to pull up your audit.

Unlike a transcript, your degree audit is an unofficial document provided for your information and convenience. The audit serves as a tool to provide you with helpful and timely information when you are planning your course schedule, discussing your schedule with your adviser, and reviewing your progress toward completing the requirements for the bachelor's degree. Your degree audit is **not** an official academic transcript.

Yale Degree Audit will help you:

- Determine what requirements you need to fulfill in order to complete your bachelor's degree.
- View a list of all courses in which you have enrolled and the distributional designations each course carries.
- View individual course grades and cumulative grade-point average (GPA)