

Benjamin Franklin College

Dean's Notes -November 18, 2019

Dear Franklinites,

One week of burrow and push and max accountability, and then some repose and repast! Do your best at discipline right now. If that very idea fills you with dread try *performing* discipline, as if you're playing a character who really has their routine down (aka their s--- together). You may find you start to embody their habits of mind and study as your own...

And if I may, a few questions I encourage us all to ask of ourselves at this time of year:

- 1. Is my portfolio of commitments serving me and others well?
- 2. Am I so overextended that I become flaky and flighty (which is annoying)?
- 3. Am I performing busyness or am I occupying my time with mission-driven choices? Your mission could be artistic, intellectual, spiritual, athletic, entrepreneurial, or political. But is it something *purposeful*?

There are several kinds of love. One is a selfish, mean, grasping, egotistical thing which uses love for self-importance. This is the ugly and crippling kind. The other is an outpouring of everything good in you — of kindness and consideration and respect — not only the social respect of manners but the greater respect which is recognition of another person as unique and valuable. The first kind can make you sick and small and weak but the second can release in you strength, and courage and goodness and even wisdom you didn't know you had.

-John Steinbeck

-Dean Hill

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Nov 23: November recess begins, 9 p. m.

Nov 30: Last day to relinquish on-campus housing for the spring term without charge. See *Undergraduate Regulations*.

Dec 6: Classes end, 5:30 p.m. reading period begins. Last day to withdraw from a fall full-term course offered in the second half of the fall term. See <u>Withdrawal from Courses</u> and <u>Grades</u>.

Dec 12: Reading period ends, 5 p.m., Final examinations begin, 7 p. m. Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects. The deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Dec 15: Applications for 2020 Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad, Non-Yale Summer Abroad, Fall 2020 Term Abroad, and 2020 – 2021 Year Abroad open.

Dec 18: Examinations end, 5:30 p.m.; winter recess begins. Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only be a Temporary Incomplete authorized by the student's residential college dean.

Dec 19: Residences close, 12 noon.

Tutoring in BF!

Resident Writing Tutor

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn. Her office is in Room 24, LL near Stairwell/Entry A. Hours are Mondays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Tuesdays 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Wednesdays 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. (BF students only), and Fridays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. To sign up for an appointment go to www.yalewco.com or email lesley.finn@yale.edu.

Resident QR Tutor

Nicholas E. Smith, a graduate in Chemistry – Room 19, Entryway A, LL. Hours are Wednesday 8-9:30 p.m.

Yale Tutoring Resources:

Writing Center/Tutors/Partners:

https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/writing/undergraduatewriting

Sc/QR Tutoring: https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/tutoring/quantitative-reasoning-sciencestem-fields

Language Tutoring: http://cls.yale.edu/foreign-language-tutoring

Academic Strategies: https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program

Advising Resources: http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/

Yale Academic Strategies Program

https://orgsync.com/162209/

https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategiesprogram

Our mission is to help all Yale undergraduate be active, empowered learners at Yale. Though peer academic mentoring, interactive workshops, and connections to resources, we provide you with the tools that can propel you towards your goals.

Workshops

Most workshops are held in the Poorvu Center (the new name for the CTL). Room M104A is located on the Poorvu Center's Writing Center mezzanine, just up the stairs near the 301 York St. entrance to Sterling Library. You are encouraged to RSVP via Yale OrgSync (https://orgsync.com/162209/).

Planning Research and Independent Projects Monday, November 18, 4:00 PM, Poorvu Center 120 A

Planning to apply for a fellowship for an independent project this summer? Learn about the information you need to gather and the questions you need to answer as your shape your application. Create a timeline for contacting faculty, research institutions, and/or community partners, creating a project outline, and thinking about scope, time, and budgeting. Sponsored by CIPE and Academic Strategies.

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations Monday, November 18, 6:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A

Initiate conversations, ask for assistance, request recommendations, and build mentoring relationships with Yale faculty, teaching fellows and staff.

Time Management

<u>Tuesday, November 19, 4:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A</u>

Set priorities and develop a weekly schedule that can lead to an active and balanced academic life.

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.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

Tuesday, November 19, 6:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A

We all procrastinate. When your procrastination habits get in the way of your goals, however, it's time for a change. This workshop offers strategies for identifying the sources of procrastination and pursuing productive habits that can get you back on track.

Public Speaking for Undergraduates

Wednesday, November 20, 4:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A

Professors are increasingly asking students to engage in public speaking, from leading class discussion to more formal presentations. This workshop suggests preparation and performance strategies to help you do your best.

Exam Study Strategies

Wednesday, November 20, 6:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A

Reduce exam stress by learning new strategies for preparing and studying for midterms and finals. This workshop offers suggestions for preparing for and taking problem-based, short answer, and essay exams.

1-1 Mentoring

Meet with an <u>Academic Strategies Mentor</u>! They will help you develop a weekly study routine, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and help you develop a plan for getting through to the end of the semester. Have questions? Please email us at <u>academicstrategies@yale.edu</u>.

Academic Strategies Web Guides

Midterms thrown you off? Get back on track with our <u>Academic Strategies web guides</u>, including <u>Academic Resources</u>, our guide to finding the resources you need to support your academic work.

Yale College Writing Center

- Residential College Writing Tutors available: https://www.yalewco.com/index.php
- Peer Writing Partners available daily, Poorvu CTL tutoring mezzanine
- Writing Study Halls (Sundays 2-5 pm, Wednesdays 7-10 pm).

See https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/undergraduates/writing-tutoring-and-programs for more detailed information.

<u>The Community Initiative</u>: Empowering first-generation and low-income students at Yale A partnership between the Yale College Dean's Office and the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning: https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu

1st Gen Yale Alumni Group Mixer Dinner

Friday, Nov. 22, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Afro-American Cultural Center

Meet first-gen alumni from across the professions in an informal networking event. Enjoy dinner and casual conversation with peers and first-gen alumni allies.

Meet with an FGLI Ambassador

Do you have specific questions about some of the initiatives or resources we offer? Do you have any questions about your professor's office hours? Are you from the West Coast and want to know more about Winter in New Haven? Then visit our team of ambassadors during their office hours! We are located at the front desk of 55 Whitney Avenue, 2nd floor.

Career Clothes Closet

In partnership with the Asian American Cultural Center, the Community Initiative has developed the Career Closet, a source of professional clothing for students that need professional attire for interviews, receptions, and all other formal events. Students can check out multiple items of clothing for 2 weeks, all free of charge. https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu/financial-resources/deans-office-services/career-closet

STEM Opportunities

Summer STEM Fellowship Information Sessions

Wednesday, December 4 - meet Dean Sandy Chang in the Stiles Dining Hall (table on the stage) from 5:00-6:30pm

Guide to STEM at Yale

For <u>Dean Sandy Chang's Guide to STEM at Yale</u> and other useful information for STEM-interested students, please visit: https://science.yalecollege.yale.edu.

Yale Library Resources

StatLab workshops: Using a new stats program? Get help from StatLab! Visit their website for workshops on LaTex, R, Stata, and other common programs: http://statlab.yale.edu/workshops/

CIPE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Planning Research and Independent Projects

Monday, November 18, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St, Rm 120A

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Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St, Rm 104A

MacMillan Center: Informational Session for Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional Students

Wednesday, November 20, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Luce Hall Auditorium, Rm 101

Fellowships x A Leg Even (ALE) Information Session

Thursday, November 21, 5:00pm - 6:00pm LC 209

<u>Richard U. Light Information Session 8 of 9</u> (Second to last session!)

Thursday, November 21, 6:00pm - 7:00pm CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Rm 369

Richard U. Light Information Session 9 of 9 (LAST session!)

Friday, November 22, 1:00pm - 2:00pm CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Rm 369

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

November 19, 8:00pm EST - <u>Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program</u> National Deadline | Eligible: First-Years, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

November 21, 1:00pm EST - <u>Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

December 1 - <u>Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarships</u>; Contact the <u>New Haven Rotary Foundation Chair</u> with application questions | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

December 6, Noon Beijing Time - <u>The Yenching Academy of Peking University Scholarship</u> National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Recent Graduates

December 13, 1:00pm EST - <u>Richard U. Light Fellowship</u> Late Fall Competition Deadline to start an application in the <u>Student Grants Database (SGDB)</u> | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students (**Note: Attending an info session is required**)

January 3, 4:00pm EST - <u>SALAM 2020: Summer Arabic Language and Media Program</u> National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, and Juniors

January 8, 1:00pm EST - <u>Richard U. Light Fellowship</u> Late Fall Competition Deadline to submit recommendation requests

January 13, 1:00pm EST - <u>National Institute of Standards and Technology Summer Undergraduate</u>

<u>Research Fellowship - NIST SURF</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores,
Juniors & Seniors

January 15, 1:00pm EST - <u>Boren Undergraduate Scholarship for Language Study</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, and Juniors

January 15, 1:00pm EST - <u>Davis Projects for Peace</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

January 15, 1:00pm EST - <u>Beinecke Scholarship Program</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

January 24, 1:00pm EST - <u>Mortimer Hays-Brandeis Traveling Fellowship Program</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

January 31 - <u>Mount Vernon Leadership Fellows Program</u> National Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores

RESOURCES

Visit the <u>Fellowships Calendar</u> for a full list of upcoming events and deadlines. Search for Yale funding and campus information for external awards which require application through Yale on the <u>Yale Student Grants Database (SGDB)</u>

Make an appointment directly from the website to discuss these and a host of other opportunities Fellowship Drop-In Hours will be held on Friday, November 15, 2:00pm – 4:00pm | 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor

OCS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Health Professions Applicant Preparation Meeting in person and by Zoom

Monday, November 18, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Office of Career Strategy or by Zoom Sign up to attend!

If you plan to enter medical school or another health professions program in Summer/Fall 2020, please attend one Applicant Preparation Meeting which will cover the application process, letters of recommendation procedure, and much more. There will be ample time for questions.

Visit <u>Application Timelines</u> and <u>Health Professions Application</u> for additional information.

U.S. Army Suture Clinic

Tuesday, November 19, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Office of Career Strategy, Sign up to attend!

A unique opportunity awaits those who wish to learn hands-on Suturing training this semester. Participants will learn multiple types of sutures from an Army Healthcare Representative, including when and where to use specific sutures. It is sure to be fun and informative.

RESOURCES

Apply to the OCS Employer Relations Student Advisory Committee: OCS is seeking student applicants to represent various student organizations on the Employer Relations Student Advisory Committee (ERSAC). For additional details and to apply: OCS Employer Relations Student Advisory Committee.

November Recess Hours. Drop-ins are available only when classes are in session and will resume, Monday, December 2. The Office of Career Strategy will close Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 and will reopen Monday, December 2 at 8:30am.

OCS Drop Ins: Drop-ins are available when classes are in session, Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm. 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 RSVP.

YALE SUMMER SESSION

Become a web developer this summer. Seriously.

Yale Summer Session is partnering with the Flatiron School to run a Web Development Bootcamp this summer. The <u>Yale x Flatiron School Web Development Bootcamp</u> is offering CPSCS115 "Introduction to Full-Stack Web Development," which will give you a deep dive into the intellectual enterprises of computer science and teach you to think, and build, like a software engineer. **Best of all: You don't need any prior computer science experience to take the course**. All you need is the passion to learn!

Why attend Yale x Flatiron School?

- Earn 2 Yale College credits and QR
- Learn Ruby and JavaScript--and apply your knowledge to other software languages
- Gain experience in front-end and back-end programming
- Discover how your unique perspective can contribute to a web development team
- Apply your knowledge in other courses, a job, or in graduate school

<u>summer.yale.edu</u>
@YaleSummerSession

STUDY ABROAD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Siena Summer Program 2020 Information Session

Monday, November 18, 4:00pm - 5:00pm Romance Languages Lounge, 82-90 Wall Street, 3rd Floor

German Summer Program 2020 Information Session

Monday, November 18, 5:00pm - 6:00pm WLH 117

The Summer Institute of Hispanic Studies (SIHS) Information Session

Friday, November 22, 1:00pm - 2:00pm CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305

RESOURCES

<u>Study Abroad Drop-In Hours</u> will be held on Friday, November 22 | 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor. <u>Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser</u> – Schedule an appointment directly from our website. Search the <u>Study Abroad Calendar</u> for information sessions and other study abroad events throughout the academic year.



SOPHOMORES, APPLY TO BE A

CHAPLAINCY FELLOW

TO FORM A MORE VIBRANT COMMUNITY



All sophomores are welcome to apply Includes an all-expense paid Spring Break trip to DC! If interested, email: inwoo.kim@yale.edu

