

Benjamin Franklin College

Dean's Notes – January 21, 2020

Academic Information

Academic Information Course Schedule Deadlines:

Class of 2023 Wednesday, January 22, 5:00 pm

Class of 2022 Thursday, January 23, 5:00 pm

Class of 2021 Thursday, January 23, 5:00 pm

Class of 2020 Friday, January 24, 5:00 pm

Schedules are handed in to Michelle in the BF Dean's Office.

The deadline is strictly enforced. A late schedule incurs a fine of \$50. (Clerical error on schedule is \$50)

A schedule of 3.0 course credits or a schedule of 6.0 or 6.5 course credits needs Dean Hill's permission before the schedule is handed in.

Overlapping Class Meeting Times: Requires a conversation with Dean Hill before the Course Enrollment deadline, compelling academic reasons for the overlap, and with Dean Hill's assistance, a petition to the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing.

A schedule with a course in a professional school requires a fillable PDF version of the <u>blue form</u>. Email completed form with the syllabus attached by the deadline to <u>michelle.tracey@yale.edu</u>. [Note: SOM courses cannot be added to your schedule through OCS; they must be written by hand in the "include" section on your schedule. Only four professional school credits can be offered toward the 36-credit requirement; however, students may enroll in more than four credits understanding that all courses will remain on the academic record and be included in the GPA even if not offered toward the 36 credit requirement.

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 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 the courses (syllabus attached) and the Registrar's Office determines the course credits for that course after that. Some courses earn 1 course credit in Yale College and some earn 0.5 course credits (most commonly in SOM and EPH). Some do not earn credit.

Independent Studies (Directed Reading, Directed Research, etc. as listed by most departments). There are limits on the number that a student can enroll in during a given year and over four years. Enrolling in an independent study requires the additional permission of a Director of Undergraduate Studies.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- Jan 22: Final course schedules due for the Class of 2023.
- Jan 23: Final course schedules due for the Classes of 2021 and 2022.
- **Jan 24:** Final course schedules due for the Class of 2020. Last day for students in the Class of 2020 to petition for permission to complete the requirements of two majors.
- Jan 27: Final deadline to apply for a spring-term Leave of Absence. See <u>Leave of Absence</u>, <u>Withdrawal</u>, and <u>Reinstatement</u>. Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a full rebate of spring-term tuition. See *Undergraduate Regulations*.
- **Feb 4:** Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the spring term without the course appearing on the transcript. See <u>Withdrawal from Courses</u> and <u>Grades</u>. Last day to convert from a letter grade to the Credit/D/Fail option in a course offered in the first half of the spring term. See <u>Grades</u>.

Feb 6: Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-half of spring-term tuition. See *Undergraduate Regulations*.

First-Year Counselor Applications Open

First-year counselor applications for the 2020-2021 year is now open. We will be accepting applications through January 31st at 11:59 p.m. EST. You can read more about the program and apply <u>HERE</u>.

Applicants must be seniors in good academic standing during both terms of the academic year 2020-2021, and plan to graduate in the spring of 2021. Counselors are expected to be responsible students who can draw upon their own experiences and the training they receive to respond appropriately to the wide range of questions and issues that first-year college students encounter. Prospective applicants should therefore be able to demonstrate maturity, a commitment to serving others, strong interpersonal skills, and a solid academic record.



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 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. (BF students only), and Fridays 10 a.m. – 12 p.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/

CIPE

RESOURCES

Yale students have a free subscription to the <u>Daily</u> <u>Chatter</u>, a great resource for keeping up with global news presented from a non-partisan perspective.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

YALE SUMMER SESSION

The Yale Summer Session application for 2020 is open!

Apply here!

Applications for Residential Life staff are open until February 7!

<u>Apply here!</u>

Come learn about the <u>Yale x Flatiron School Web</u> <u>Development Bootcamp</u> (CPSC S115) in the CEID from 3-4pm on Friday, January 24. Pizza and refreshments will be served! Facebook event!

summer.yale.edu
@YaleSummerSession

STUDY ABROAD

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>International Summer Award (ISA) Info Session - Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad & Yale in London (YIL)</u>

Tuesday, January 21, 4:00pm – 5:00pm CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Rm 305

International Summer Award Drop-in Hours

Friday, January 24, 2:00pm – 4:00pm CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Rm 309A

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.

IMPORTANT APPLICATION DATES

- <u>Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad</u> | Application Deadline: February 15
- <u>Credit for Non-Yale Summer Abroad</u> | Application Deadline: March 1
- Credit for Fall Term Abroad | Application Deadline: April 1
- Credit for Academic Year Abroad | Application Deadline: April 1

RESOURCES

Study Abroad Drop-In Hours: Will be held on Friday, January 24, 2pm - 4pm at 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.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

International Summer Award (ISA) Info Session - YSS Abroad & Yale in London (YIL)

Tuesday, January 21, 4:00pm – 5:00pm CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Rm 305

Summer STEM Fellowships: How to Write a Research Proposal

Wednesday, January 22, 5:00pm - 6:30pm Ezra Stiles Dining Hall (table on the stage)

Summer Fellowships and Funding Information Session

Friday, January 24, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St.

International Summer Award Drop-in Hours

Friday, January 24, 2:00pm – 4:00pm CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Rm 309A

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

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

January 31 - Mount Vernon Leadership Fellows Program National Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores

February 3 - National Institute of Standards and Technology Summer Undergraduate Research
Fellowship - NIST SURF National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

February 5, 1:00pm EST - <u>Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors & Seniors

February 7, 1:00pm EST - <u>Henry/Mellon/Kings Fellowships Common Application</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

February 11 - <u>Hertog Foundation Fellowships</u> National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and recent Graduates

February 12, 1:00pm EST - CIPE Summer Fellowships Common Application Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

February 13, 1:00pm EST - <u>Udall Scholarship</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores, Juniors **February 13, 1:00pm EST -** <u>Fox International Fellowship</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Graduate Students

February 14, 5:00pm EST - <u>Woodbridge Fellowship</u> Campus Deadline | *Eligible: Seniors* **February 15, 11:59pm EST** - <u>FAO Schwarz Fellowship</u> National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, recent

Graduates

February 18, 1:00pm EST - Yung Wing Scholarship Campus Deadline Eligible: Juniors, Seniors, Alumni & Graduate Students

February 19, 1:00pm EST - CIPE Summer Research Fellowship Common Application Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

February 19, 1:00pm EST - MacMillan Center Summer Fellowships for Language Study Campus

Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students

February 26, 1:00pm EST - South Asian Language Fellowship Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors & Graduate Students

RESOURCES

Visit the Fellowships Calendar 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 Yale Student Grants Database (SGDB)

<u>Make an appointment</u> directly from the website to discuss these and a host of other opportunities. Remote appointments are available.

<u>Fellowship Drop-In Hours</u> will be held on Friday, January 24, from 2pm - 4pm, at 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor

OCS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Israel Travel Fund Information Session

Monday, February 3, 6:00pm-7:00pm, Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life Learn about Yalies in Israel and the Alec Ellison and Tamar Sadeh Israel Travel Fund. Pizza and beverages will be provided. <u>Sign up to attend.</u>

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

Independent ISA-eligible International Internships

Students who secure international internships may apply to receive <u>International Summer Award</u> (<u>ISA</u>) <u>funding</u>. This is a new initiative to support students in a wider range of international opportunities with both ISA funding and professional development support from the Office of Career Strategy. <u>Visit the OCS website for requirements, deadlines, and more information.</u>

Domestic Summer Award (DSA)

Eligible students include Yale College first-years, sophomores, and juniors on Yale financial aid seeking an unpaid or underfunded (\$1,500 or less) U.S. summer opportunity with one of the following: a 501(c)(3) nonprofit including non-profit Universities; a government entity including public Universities; a non-governmental organization (NGO); an Arts Apprenticeship; or a Science, Laboratory, or Other Research Opportunity. Learn more about eligibility and how to apply here.

RESOURCES

Office Closure: The Office of Career Strategy will be closed Monday, January 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

<u>Welcome to OCS Video</u>: New to OCS? Check out this 3-minute video on how we can help at every stage of your career or graduate school search process.

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 Academic Strategies Program

https://orgsync.com/162209/

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

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 (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/).

Fresh Start

Tuesday, January 21, 4:00 PM, CTL M104A Wednesday, January 29, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A

Want to refresh your approaches to your academic work? Our mentors will lead you through a series of activities to help you identify your current strengths and develop new strategies for meeting the new challenges presented by your current semester's courses.

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

Tuesday, January 21, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A

Thursday, January 23, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A

Monday, January 27, 4:00 PM, CTL M104A

Wednesday, January 29, 6:00 PM, CTL 120C

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

Time Management

Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 PM, CTL M104A

Thursday, January 23, 7:30 PM, CTL M104A

Wednesday, January 29, 4:00 PM, CTL 120C

Thursday, January 30, 7:30 PM, CTL M104A

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

Supercharging Your Seminars and Lectures: Prep, Participation, Notetaking, Review

Wednesday, January 22, 4:00 PM, CTL M104A

Monday, January 27, 7:30 PM, CTL M104A

Learn strategies for effective note-taking, classroom engagement, and exam and assignment preparation for lectures.

Managing a Heavy Reading Load

Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A Tuesday, January 28, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A

Feeling overwhelmed by piles of reading? Learn some essential strategies to make the most of your limited reading time. Have less stress and create more free time!

Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Thesis

Wednesday, January 22, 7:30 PM, CTL M104A

Tuesday, January 28, 4:00 PM, CTL M104A

Learn how to plan your writing and research, and how to access support resources for your senior project.

Reading Effectively for STEM

Thursday, January 23, 4:00 PM, CTL M104A Tuesday, January 28, 7:30 PM, CTL M104A

Learn strategies for reading purposefully and efficiently for STEM courses. Topics of discussion include how to effectively read textbook chapters and scientific articles, how to navigate jargon, data, and figures, and how to use readings to prep for problem sets and exams.

Summer Funding and Fellowships (ASP/CIPE)

Friday, January 24, 1:00 PM, CTL 120C

Come learn about undergraduate fellowships to support research, independent projects, and purposeful activities next summer and beyond. Find out what you need to start thinking about and acting upon now, what kind of questions you should be asking, what resources are available, and how you can make the most of them to prepare for a fellowship application.

Pathways for Sophomores

Monday, January 27, 6:00 PM, CTL 120C

Sophomore year offers new challenges, including increased course loads, upper-level classes, and identifying a major. This interactive workshop helps students set goals and make long-term plans for the year.

Strategies for Intro Math: Problem Sets & Exams

Monday, January 27, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A

Learn strategies for efficiently working on intro math problem sets and key strategies for studying for exams.

Strategies for Reading Literature

Wednesday, January 29, 7:30 PM, CTL M104A

Reading literature presents special challenges. How do we read deeply without running out of time to complete the reading? This workshop introduces techniques to help you effectively read and respond to literary works.

Exam Study Strategies

Thursday, January 30, 4:00 PM, CTL 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.

Reading Analytically for Social Science

Thursday, January 30, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A

This workshop provides an overview of deep reading to generate effective contributions to class discussion, develop essay topics, and identify strong evidence for essays. Participants will get practice with these strategies in our interactive session.

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

Check out our <u>Academic Strategies web guides</u>, including <u>Surviving Shopping Period</u> and <u>Staring Smart: How to focus your academic efforts from the very first class</u>.

Yale College Writing Center

- Residential College Writing Tutors available starting Jan 13: https://www.yalewco.com/index.php
- Peer Writing Partners available daily starting Jan. 22, 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.

The Community Initiative: 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

FGLI Spring Semester Dinner

NEW date/time: Tuesday, January 21, 6-7:30 pm, Poorvu Center Room 121

Apologies for the last-minute date switch to accommodate the Angela Davis talk last Thursday.

Join us for good food, companionship, and information about upcoming FGLI events in the spring semester.

FGLI Career Pathways event

Friday, January 31, 11:30 am – 1pm (lunch provided!), Poorvu Center Room 120A

Join the Community Initiative for a lunch conversation with three Morgan Stanley Representatives, including two Yale FGLI alums, Iliana Bouzali and Melinda Delis. Learn more about Director Bouzali's and Delis' experiences as FGLI students and their career pathways through a moderated Q&A followed by an informal networking session. Students can RSVP and submit questions for the event via this <u>Google Form</u>. (And be on the lookout for our next FGLI Career Pathways event later this spring, featuring alumni from the non-profit sector!)

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 Fellowships: How to Write a Research Proposal

- **Wednesday, January 22** meet Dean Sandy Chang in the Stiles Dining Hall (table on the stage) from 5:00-6:30pm
- **Wednesday, February 5** 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

Request a Textbook from Yale University Library

Save on books! Students can request textbooks to be placed on reserve at any of the following library locations: Bass Library, The Center for Science and Social Science Information, or Divinity Library. Learn how to request a textbook from the library

at: https://guides.library.yale.edu/reserves/textbookrequest

Library Tours for Undergraduates

All undergraduate students are encouraged to take a tour of Sterling Memorial Library. Tours include a visit to the stack tower, study spaces and unique collections. Students will learn about the history and architecture of the building, along with practical information about borrowing privileges, support for research, library jobs, exhibit curation opportunities and more. **Tours run from 1/22 to 2/5.** Register at: bit.ly/SMLtour

I am a librarian at Yale University Library. Ask Me Anything!

Friday, January 24 from 2 PM - 4 PM

Librarians from Bass Library will be available in-person and online to answer any and all of your pressing questions about the library and anything else (that can be answered using library resources). More information can be found at: https://schedule.yale.edu/event/6300661.

Undergraduate research support librarians in Bass Library, Emily Horning (emily.horning@yale.edu) and Kelly Blanchat (kelly.blanchat@yale.edu), are available for research consultations and instruction for individual students as well as classes. Please feel free to contact them any time.

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/

2020-21 Woodbridge Fellowships - Applications Open! (Close February 14.)

Yale College seniors are invited to apply for 2020–21 Woodbridge Fellowships. Application is through Yale Connect, https://orgsync.com/172098/chapter.

The Woodbridge Fellowship is a full-time paid position in the offices of university leader, offering an introduction to the work and administration of Yale. It provides valuable professional experience, particularly for students belonging to minority communities currently underrepresented in university administration.

Applications close on February 14, 2020 at 5 p.m. Current Woodbridge Fellows will host an information session on February 7 from 12-1:30 in SSS 410.

Participating offices are: Chaplain's Office, Office of International Affairs (Africa), Office of International Affairs (Communications and Research), Office of Public Affairs and Communications, Office of the Secretary and Vice President for University, Schwarzman Center, and Office of Sustainability.

If you have questions about the fellowship or application process, please email Andrew Forsyth, <u>andrew.forsyth@yale.edu</u>, coordinator of the fellowship, or Valentina Guerrero, <u>valentina.guerrero@yale.edu</u>, current Woodbridge Fellow.

Yale Summer Session, Residential Counselor position

Applicants should be mature students who enjoy working with others and who feel committed to the intellectual and social values of residential college life. The job also requires resourcefulness, integrity, good judgment, and energy.

Both the job description and our application may be found on our web site: https://apply.summer.yale.edu/register/reslife2020.

We also have several other residential-life staff positions which are detailed here: https://summer.yale.edu/summer-2020-residential-staff-job-descriptions. Applications for all positions must be submitted by February 7th at 4pm.

Transfer College Affiliation 2020-2021

To request a transfer from your assigned residential college to another college, you must submit an application that can be accessed via this link.

https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 8ddhiM2D7XkoYTP

Here are a few things you should know before requesting a transfer of residential college:

- 1) Transfer requests are not guaranteed, and you are strongly encouraged to have a housing option within your own college should your transfer be declined.
- 2) In order to transfer to another residential college, you will need to have a current student in that residential college sponsor your transfer and agree to live with you for the next academic year. Please note that any single student may sponsor no more than two candidates to transfer into their college in an academic year.
- 3) If your transfer is approved it is a binding decision, so please consider your request carefully before submitting your application.
- 4) <u>If your transfer is approved and you later change your mind about the housing arrangement you had committed to on your form, your transfer may be revoked.</u> You may also be subject to the policies and penalties of the applicable residential college housing rules.
- 5) Each residential college will decide whether or not they wish to interview potential transfer candidates, and if they do interview them, how and when they might do so. It is your responsibility to check with the staff of the residential college you wish to transfer to.
- 6) As a reminder, students who wish to apply for a housing accommodation should submit accommodation requests along with supporting documentation (please refer students to SAS <u>Documentation Guidelines</u>) to Student Accessibility Services by March 1st. Time is of the essence as requests need to be reviewed by the Accommodations Committee. SAS will notify Deans as requests are received and as decisions are determined.
- 7) Only completed applications may be submitted and the deadline is Friday, February 7, 2020, at 11:59 pm EST. Students will be notified of the transfer decisions by the end of February.