



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes- May 3, 2021

Dear Franklinites,

This is your final week of classes in what I can say with a high degree of accuracy is the most challenging Yale semester you have faced, or will face. Your best must be good enough in these last days of coursework, and it will be. For us all there is an asterisk over the last year's "results" and I hope that gives you permission to exhale. But I also hope for you in these last classes of Zoom School that you allow yourself to do more than slog through. Maybe you laugh extra long at a funny comment your classmate makes, or compliment an instructor on an insight they helped you reach. Or just look up from your keyboard at the faces on your screen and take them in, one by one, noticing something new about their humanity and tenacity. It's nice to be noticed.

Friday, May 7 is the last day to convert a letter grade to Cr/D/F for a full term class, and the last day to withdraw from a class that isn't working out. I'm available for consult.

Bon courage. Your best is enough.

Dean Hill

### **Daisy Time**

See, the grass is full of stars,  
Fallen in their brightness;  
Hearts they have of shining gold,  
Rays of shining whiteness.

Buttercups have honeyed hearts,  
Bees they love the clover,  
But I love the daisies' dance  
All the meadow over.

Blow, O blow, you happy winds,  
Singing summer's praises,  
Up the field and down the field  
A-dancing with the daisies.

- Marjorie Pickthall

## Important deadlines

- **Friday, May 7 by 5:00 p.m. (EST)** – Classes end; reading period begins. Last day to convert from a letter grade to the Credit/D/Fail option for a spring full-term course or a course offered in the second half of the spring term. Last day to withdraw from a spring full-term course or a course offered in the second half of the spring term.
- **Thursday, May 13** – Reading period ends, 5 p.m.; Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects, 5:00 p.m. (EST). This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.
- **Thursday, May 13** – Final Examinations begin, 7:00 p.m. (EST)
- **Wednesday, May 19** – Examinations end, 5:30 p.m. (EST)
- **Wednesday, May 19** – Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Note: Professional school courses cannot be changed to Credit/D/Fail.

If you wish to convert a course offered in the first half of the term 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 [SIS](#).
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 SIS.

Note: SIS will remain open to convert full-term courses to Credit/D/Fail until May 7. Attempts to convert courses offered in the first half of the term to Credit/D/Fail after 5 p.m. on May 7 will not be valid.

To request changes to your schedule (such as dropping a course, or changing a section) please complete a Course Change Notice form, available on the Registrar’s website here:

<https://registrar.yale.edu/forms-petitions>      [Course Change Notice](#)

## Early Registration for Fall 2021 Classes

- **May 3:** Early Registration opens
- **May 28:** Early Registration closes
- **August date TBD:** Registration reopens to allow add-drop.

### **IMPORTANT: Changes for Fall 2021 Yale College Course Enrollment**

The [2021-2022 Yale College Programs of Study](#) will publish on April 1 and [Yale Course Search](#) will open that same day with Fall 2021 courses. Preference Selection and instructor and department run applications will open April 6 and remain open for two weeks. Refer to the departmental website for department run course enrollment information. Refer to the course description in YCS or on the course Canvas site for instructor guidelines for a course that requires instructor permission. A full chart of dates, student activities, and department activities is provided at the end of this message and on the [Registration website](#).

Refer to the [Registration website](#) for current information, FAQs, and a growing library of registration system tutorials and instructional documentation. Keep an eye out for additional communications from the University Registrar's Office and the Yale College Dean's Office.

## CIPE THE ONGOING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) SITUATION

Sponsored outbound international travel from the United States, including study abroad and fellowships, is suspended for Yale College students for the duration of the spring 2021 term. This decision is final and will not change even if circumstances should change in the destination country. Starting with summer 2021, sponsored travel for Yale College students will be governed by the [Yale College Travel Policy](#), but should public health concerns require, further restrictions may be imposed at any time.

### RESOURCES

Yale students have a free subscription to the [Daily Chatter](#), a great resource for keeping up with global news presented from a non-partisan perspective.

Follow CIPE on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep informed

### OCS

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

##### **Summer Experience Award** (formerly known as the Domestic Summer Award)

Enhancements have been made to the former DSA. Review the changes on the Office of Career Strategy [website](#) and check out the [Frequently Asked Questions](#). The application for the Summer Experience Award (SEA) is in Yale Career Link and the deadline to apply is May 1, 2021. Important updates include:

- Eligible students may use the SEA for their choice of an internship, research experience or [arts apprenticeship](#) in the U.S. or abroad.
- If the experience is in the U.S., the award will be \$4,000. If the experience is outside the U.S., the award will be \$6,000.
- The SEA is the former DSA, therefore students who have previously used their DSA are not eligible.
- Inquiries can be sent to [sea@yale.edu](mailto:sea@yale.edu)

#### EVENTS

##### **How To Pivot When You Don't Get That Offer**

Tuesday, May 4, 7:00pm-8:00pm ET

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/91870326012>

Chances are everyone will apply for many more opportunities than one will receive throughout a career, but it's still hard to receive a rejection. Join a panel of Yale College peers who will share their insight and reflections from their own application experiences and how they persevered.

### RESOURCES

**Class of 2020 Class List & Summer 2020 Peer List Now Available**: Search and contact thousands of recent Yale graduates and current Yale students who have volunteered to discuss their post-graduate roles and summer employment experiences! Prior Class Lists and Summer Peer Lists are also available. Search by major, employer name, city, state, country, and more.

## STUDY ABROAD

### RESOURCES

Advising appointments continue to be available virtually. [Schedule an appointment with a study abroad adviser](#) to learn more about study abroad opportunities, discuss your interests, and plan for the future.

Review [Yale Study Abroad's COVID-19 Updates page](#) for detailed information and guidance on study abroad and related resources.

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

EVENTS (*All event times are listed in Eastern Time*)

### [How to pivot when you don't get that offer](#)

Tuesday, May 4, 7:00pm - 8:00pm ET

[Zoom Link](#)

### [Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program Information Session](#)

Friday, May 7, 12:30pm – 1:30pm ET

[Zoom Link](#)

### [Fulbright Information Session \(5 of 5\)](#)

Tuesday, May 11, 3:30pm - 4:30pm ET

[Zoom Link](#)

### [Info Session for UK Fellowships - Rhodes and Beyond: postgrad study in UK/Ireland \(7 of 7\)](#)

Thursday, May 13, 3:00pm - 4:00pm ET

[Zoom Link](#)

Find future events on the [Fellowships and Funding Calendar](#)

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

**May 15 - [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#)** District Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

**May 15 - [Einstein Fellowship](#)** National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Graduates aged under 35

**May 28, midnight GMT - [Scotland's Saltire Scholarships](#)** National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Graduates who are citizens of Canada, India, Japan, USA, Pakistan, or China

**June 1, 1:00pm ET - [Women in Government: Advanced Policy Internship 2021](#)** Campus Deadline / Eligible: Sophomores and Juniors who previously received a WIG Fellowship

**June 11, 1:00pm ET - [Global Rhodes Scholarship](#)** Campus Deadline | Eligible: International Seniors & Recent Graduates who are not citizens of existing Rhodes Regions

**August 16, 1pm ET - [Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Common Application](#)** Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Recent Graduates 9 (NOTE: Preliminary deadline: August 2, 1PM)

**September 3, 1pm ET - [Fulbright US Student Grants](#)** for Graduating Seniors Campus Deadline | Eligible: Class of 2022 are strongly encouraged to participate in campus review process; Class of 2021 and alumni although eligible to apply, will not participate in campus review process

**September 21, 11:59pm ET - [Schwarzman Scholars Program](#)** for U.S. And Global applicants | Eligible: Juniors, Seniors, and recent graduates

## RESOURCES

Search for Yale funding and information for external awards requiring application through Yale on the [Yale Student Grants Database \(SGDB\)](#).

[View Archived Webinar Information Sessions](#) and hear from advisers as well as current and recent winners of multiple fellowship opportunities.

Review funding options that are outside Yale on an [External Fellowship Database](#).

[Schedule a virtual appointment](#) with a [Fellowship Adviser](#) directly from our website.

## YALE SUMMER SESSION

Interested in receiving credit for research this summer? Check out IDRS S300, Independent Research in the Summer! Be sure to read the [program requirements](#) as the program requires a faculty adviser and the application process is different than other Summer Session courses. The Session A deadline is May 4 and the Session B deadline is June 8.

[summer.yale.edu](http://summer.yale.edu)  
[@YaleSummerSession](#)

## **Yale Academic Strategies Program**

[https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/PoorvuAcademicStrategies/club\\_signup](https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/PoorvuAcademicStrategies/club_signup)

<https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/undergraduates/academic-strategies-program>

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

### **Individual Consultations: Sign up online!**

Our Academic Strategies Mentors will help you develop a weekly study routine, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and planning for the semester. Find a mentor by registering and signing up at [Academic Strategies Spring 2021 Mentor Schedule](#). Consultations also can be arranged by emailing us directly at [academicstrategies@yale.edu](mailto:academicstrategies@yale.edu).

### **Meet with our Learning Specialist**

Do you have a learning difference or other condition that affects how you approach your learning? Are you wondering if your academic challenges might be connected to an undiagnosed learning difference? Meet with our Learning Specialist, Sarah Cussler ([sarah.cussler@yale.edu](mailto:sarah.cussler@yale.edu)), to discuss strategies for adapting to the challenges of learning online and the different demands of college-level academic work. Learn more about the resources available on our [Learning Challenges at Yale](#) page on our Academic Strategies website.

Looking for additional support for students with disabilities? Check out Disability Empowerment for Yale's [Disability @ Yale Survival Guide](#) and consider signing up for their [peer mentoring program](#).

## **Workshops**

Our workshop sessions will all be online this academic year. Register via YaleConnect to access Zoom links—**you can register up to the start of the workshop if you want to come last minute!**

### **Understanding Your Upcoming Senior Thesis: For Juniors**

[Tuesday, May 4, 7-8 pm ET](#)

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

### **Public Speaking for Undergraduates**

[Wednesday, May 5, 9-10 pm ET](#)

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.

### **Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations**

[Thursday, May 6, 7-8 pm ET](#)

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



ACADEMIC STRATEGIES PROGRAM

## WORKSHOPS FOR MAY:

- **Understanding Your Upcoming Senior Thesis, 5/4 @ 7pm**
- **Public Speaking Online, 5/5 @ 9pm**
- **Cultivating Faculty Mentors, 5/6 @ 7pm**
- **Exam Study Strategies, 5/10 @ 4pm**
- **Time Management, 5/11 @ 4pm**
- **Procrastination, 5/12 @ 4pm**
- **Exam Study Strategies, 5/17 @ 4pm**
- **Cultivating Faculty Mentors, 5/18 @ 4pm**
- **Understanding Your Upcoming Senior Thesis, 5/19 @ 4pm**

Sign up at CampusGroups @  
Poorvu Center:  
Academic Strategies Program

**WILLIAMS PRIZE COMPETITION IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES**

This is the formal announcement of the Williams Prize Competition in East Asian Studies. The prize is awarded to an undergraduate senior in any department at Yale University for an outstanding paper completed during the current academic year on a Chinese, Japanese, or Korean subject.

Papers will be judged on use of primary sources, quality of writing, and depth and originality of scholarship. It is expected that essays nominated for the Williams Prize will make substantial use of materials in East Asian language(s) in any medium, including transcriptions of interviews. Essays that focus exclusively on Asian American topics normally will not be considered eligible for consideration. Course papers may be submitted. Please note that you are REQUIRED to have a written endorsement of your submission. This endorsement need not be from the advisor for whom you originally wrote the paper or senior essay, but it must be made by **a faculty member of the Council on East Asian Studies**. In either case, please allow time for the faculty to submit their written endorsement to the Council on East Asian Studies before the deadline.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO [nicholas.disantis@yale.edu](mailto:nicholas.disantis@yale.edu) NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM,  
**Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>:**

1. ONE ELECTRONIC COPY OF YOUR PAPER
2. WRITTEN ENDORSEMENT FROM A FACULTY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON EAST ASIAN STUDIES  
(The endorsement must be sent directly from the faculty member to  
[nicholas.disantis@yale.edu](mailto:nicholas.disantis@yale.edu))
3. A [COVER PAGE](#) THAT LISTS
  - a. your complete legal name;
  - b. current campus mailing address and telephone/cell number;
  - c. Yale College affiliation;
  - d. UPI number
  - e. Student Identification (SID) number
  - f. other prizes or awards that your paper is being considered for at Yale

Best regards and good luck!  
The Council on East Asian Studies

## *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](mailto:registrar@yale.edu) using the subject line "Degree Audit." If you believe that academic information in your degree audit is incorrect, contact our office.

