

Benjamin Franklin College

Dean's Notes - March 25, 2019

Welcome back Franklinites!

It's going to be 65 degrees (someday), a number worthy of aspiration more as a temperature than a grade, I might add. I think we can all agree.

Subject that's top of mind for many is housing, so here's the rundown of what you need to know and do:

Draws start TONIGHT! The Housing Committee has been in full gear over the break to support the process.

Monday 3/25

9:00 Senior Draw and Room Choice

9:30 Junior Draw only

Tuesday 3/26

9:00 Junior Room Choice

9:30 Sophomore Draw only

Wednesday 3/27

9:00 Sophomore Room Choice

Housing in Benjamin Franklin is a democratic value we should all share – one roof over all, a comfortable room for each and every one. In other words, please check your entitlement at the door.

Finally, if you haven't been in lately to chat (or EVER), we're officially in the back half of the term. Make a time, would love to get to know you better.

Great players are willing to give up their own personal achievement for the achievement of the group. It enhances everybody.

- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

-Dean Hill

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 Tuesdays 11am-3pm and Wednesdays 12:30pm-4:30pm. 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 p.m.

Yale Tutoring Resources:

Writing

Center/Tutors/Partners: http://ctl.yale.edu/writing;;http://writing.yalecollege.yale.edu/writing;

Sc/QR Tutoring: http://ctl.yale.edu/tutoring/quantitative-reasoning-science

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

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

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.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- Mar 25: Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.
- **Apr 1**: Deadline to apply for a fall 2019 Term Abroad or a 2019-2020 Year Abroad.
- **Apr 5:** Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the second 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 second half of the spring term. See <u>Grades</u>.

Apr 26: Classes end, 5:30 p.m.; reading period begins. Last day to withdraw from a spring full-term course or a course offered in the second half of the spring term. See <u>Withdrawal from Courses</u> and <u>Grades</u>.

May 1: Applications for fall-term Leave of Absence due. See <u>Leave of Absence</u>, <u>Withdrawal</u>, and <u>Reinstatement</u>.

May 2: Reading period ends, 5 p.m. Final examinations begin, 7 p.m. Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by the student's residential college dean.

May 8: Examinations end, 5:30 p.m.; Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Yale Academic Strategies Program

https://academicstrategies.ctl.yale.edu academicstrategies@yale.edu

Academic Strategies Workshops

All 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.

Fresh Start: Midterm edition

Tuesday, March 26, 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.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 PM, CTL 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.

Time Management

Wednesday, March 27, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A

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

Planning and Research Strategies for Undergraduate Term Papers (w/Kelly Blanchat) Friday, March 29, 1:00 PM, CTL 120A

Have an assignment that requires research? Want to extend your research skills beyond Google Scholar and JSTOR? This workshop offers guidance on approaching research topics, developing a work timeline, and using Yale libraries and other resources to create strong research-based projects.

Meet 1-1 with our Academic Strategies Mentors

Students can sign up for an appointment via our online scheduler. During your 1-1 session, you can:

- Create a weekly schedule to help manage your time and get things done
- Set academic and professional goals and identify ways to meet them
- Identify challenges and develop strategies to enhance your approach to your academic work

51% of Yale College students use Poorvu Center academic resources. For advice on the resources available and how to take advantage of them, check out our Academic Strategies online guide:

<u>Getting It Done: A Guide to Academic Resources at Yale.</u>

<u>First-Generation/Low-Income Community Initiative</u>

Being a Minority in STEM

Tuesday, March 26 @ 4 pm, Good Life Center, Silliman College

The First-Generation, Low-Income Community Initiative would like to create a space to talk about diversity (or the lack thereof) in STEM fields through a conversation between students, faculty, and alumni in our community. The conversation will hopefully give people a space to talk about the difficulties but also share ways to make space in the field. We invite individuals of all identities (this is not an exclusive event for first-generation, low-income students) to discuss how this affects them and how they deal with it to give people a space to express themselves, share their experiences, and learn from each other. Light refreshments will be provided. Please fill out this very short form if you plan on attending (https://goo.gl/forms/ImfBRXCx9WpJMCjY2). Feel free to share this event and we hope to see you there!

FGLI Community Initiative Study Hall: Need a quiet, supportive place to study? Join the FGLI Ambassadors for snacks and encouragement at the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, Room 121 on Mondays staring at 6 pm.

Yale College Dean's Office Resources: Check out the resources available for students on significant financial aid, including the Loaner Laptop program, the Career Closet, and the Winter Clothing Grant: https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu/financial-resources/deans-office-services. For emergencies or unexpected expenses, talk to your RC Dean or HOC and check out our SafetyNet system.

STEM Opportunities

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/

Looking for STEM Research Opportunities? Check out the information provided by labs during a Science & QR research matchmaking session in January 2019:

- For more information on research conducted by the Biological Sciences faculty click <u>here</u>.
- For information on research conducted by the Physical Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science and Engineering faculty click here.
- These lists are not exhaustive: contact other labs directly for other research opportunities.

Preparing a summer STEM research proposal? Check out these resources from Yale College's Science and Quantitative Reasoning website:

- Choosing a Faculty Mentor, https://science.yalecollege.yale.edu/choosing-faculty-mentor
- How to Write a Proposal, https://science.yalecollege.yale.edu/yale-science-engineering-research/how-write-proposal

Yale Libraries

LEVEL UP your research papers! Sign up to meet with a librarian for 30-minutes to learn how to organize, annotate, & cite items in your writing more efficiently. Whether you are just starting out and want to find resources, or if you just need to keep track of them – we can help. Sign up for a session here: bit.ly/yullEVELUP

Reading Resilience Project: The Reading Resilience Project is an initiative to amplify underrepresented voices in library collections. Yale students are encouraged to recommend works by and about people of color, the result of which is an ever-growing crowd-sourced list of books. RRP books will be put on display in Bass Library for the month of February, and you can preview the full book list at: https://guides.library.yale.edu/Reading-Resilience. To submit a book (or other creative work), use this form: bit.ly/rrpyale.

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://ctl.yale.edu/tutoring/undergraduate-writing-tutoring for more detailed information.

Summer Planning Resources

It's still not too late to find opportunities that fit your interests. See the <u>Center for International and Professional Experience's Weekly Digest</u> for full information about workshops, events, and opportunities.

CIPE Drop-ins at 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor:

- Fellowships and Study Abroad: Fridays, 2-4 pm
- OCS: Monday Friday, 10 am 4 pm

May 1 (students are encouraged to submit their application earlier)- <u>Domestic Summer Award</u> (DSA) Fellowship to Support Experiences with the Arts, Sciences, Government, and Non-Profit <u>Organizations</u> | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

Visit the <u>DSA webpage</u> for detailed eligibility requirements.

Access the application: Yale Career Link Homepage (under 'Yale College Summer Experiences'), or Yale Career Link (My Account, Professional Experiences)

CIPE

International Summer Award (ISA) Information Sessions (Last one!)

Friday, April 26, 4:00-5:00PM CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305

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STUDY ABROAD

CONSIDERING A SEMESTER ABROAD?

Don't miss the deadline to apply for credit for the Fall 2019 or Academic Year 2019-2020!

<u>Credit for Fall Term Abroad</u> | Application Deadline: **April 1** <u>Credit for Academic Year Abroad</u> | Application Deadline: **April 1**

WHY STUDY ABROAD?

- Earn transfer credit
- Use your financial aid
- Enhance language skills and <u>cultural competence</u>
- Develop <u>connections</u> with a global community
- Gain skills that will translate to career and postgraduate opportunities

UPCOMING EVENTS

Global Governance Debate

Friday, March 29, 9:00am-1:30pm

Luce Hall, Room 203

Sponsored by <u>Yale MacMillan Center's Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies</u> and the Yale International Relations Association, the Global Governance Debate, about the right to universal health care, will feature students from Yale University and Universidad Católica de Valencia in Spain.

<u>Study Abroad Drop-In Hours</u>: Available every **Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** when classes are in session.

Drop-ins will resume on Friday, March 29.

Drop-in Hours will *not* be held on Friday, **April 19**, as the office will be closed in observance of Good Friday.

Check the Study Abroad Calendar for events throughout the academic year.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>UK Fellowships - Rhodes & Beyond: Information Session (2 of 5)</u>

Tuesday, March 26, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305

Fulbright Information Session (1 of 4)

Friday, March 29, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305

Drop-in Hours with IRB Partners

Friday, March 29, 2:00pm – 4:00pm CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

March 29, 1PM - MacMillan Center Summer Fellowships for Language Study Campus Deadline

| Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, & Graduate Students

March 29, 1PM - Global Health: Yale Collaborative Action Project (Y-CAP) Campus Deadline

| Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors & Graduate Students [Contact Alyssa Parpia (lyssa.parpia@yale.edu) for details]

March 29, 1PM - Innovative Health Yale: Internships in Social Entrepreneurship Award Campus

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

March 29 - <u>The European Forum Alpbach (EFA) Fellowship</u> National Deadline | *Eligible: First-Year*

Students, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors & Graduate Students

March 31 - Blossom Hill Foundation Fellowship National Deadline

April 5, 5PM - <u>Freeman Asia Summer 2019</u> National Deadline | *Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores* & *Juniors*

April 5, 4PM - <u>President's Public Service Fellowship</u> Deadline | *Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores* & *Juniors*

May 1, 1PM - MacMillan Center Academic Year Fellowships for Language Study Campus

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

May 31 - Rotary Peace Fellowship District Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

May/June - Gotoco China National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

Visit the <u>Calendar of Events</u> for a full list of upcoming events and deadlines.

<u>Contact Fellowships</u> with questions or comments.

<u>Fellowship Drop-In Hours</u> are every Friday from 2:00pm – 4:00pm while classes are in session.

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<u>OCS</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS

U.S. Career Forum in New York

Saturday, March 30

A new type of career event for Japanese-English bilinguals

3-Minute Thesis Competition 2019

Friday, April 5, 5:00-7:00pm, Sudler Hall

Open to the Yale Community. Refreshments served. Entertainment by The Citations

Campus to Careers: End of Semester Video Chat Career Fair

Thursday, April 18, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Register

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

Open March 22: A survey on Yale Career Link enabling students to connect with Yale Alumni over summer 2019. You may list multiple locations even if you will only be there part of the summer, and you can add or change locations at any time up to May 3.

Yale in D.C. Summer Events Director summer position. Deadline March 29

<u>Recognize Yalies for Public Service</u>: <u>Nominate</u> a fellow Yale student or alum (or self-nominate) for a prestigious individual public service award. Nominations due March 31 at 11:59pm

RESOURCES

OCS Drop Ins: Drop-ins are available when classes are in session, Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm. Reserve Space at 55 Whitney for a Virtual/Remote Interview

Visit the <u>Calendar of Events</u> for a full list of upcoming events. Log in to <u>Yale Career Link</u>, powered by Symplicity under Events/Employer Information Sessions to RSVP.

YALE SUMMER SESSION

Yalies know how to make the summer count. Let Yale Summer Session help you stay on top of your coursework, boost your GPA, and (of course) take some time to recharge.

Yale Summer Session offers two 5-week sessions, which means you can customize your summer to your needs. You can attend class in the morning and then clock in some hours at the lab after lunch. Or maybe you want to travel the world by day and take a class in the evening with Yale Summer Online.

And did we mention the perfect weather and crowd-free campus?

Check out the summer 2019 course list.

Financial assistance is available.

Summer Session A: May 27 - June 28, 2019 **Summer Session B:** July 1 - August 2, 2019

summer.yale.edu @YaleSummerSession

Hiring Student Affairs Fellows

The Yale College Dean's Office is hiring Student Affairs Fellows: recent graduates who spend two or three years working in the Office of Gender & Campus Culture, which houses the CCEs, and also the Alcohol and Other Drugs Harm Reduction Initiative (AODHRI). The SAFs have significant, wideranging responsibilities, with many opportunities for professional development and leadership. They collaborate with students and colleagues from across the university, train hundreds of people, present at conferences, design research studies, and closely mentor students. Former SAFs have drawn on these skills and experiences to excel in graduate study and employment in a diverse array of fields. Prior experience with sexual misconduct prevention or AOD harm reduction is helpful but not required. More important are communication skills, creativity, strategic optimism, and the capacity to engage both broadly and deeply with the Yale community. For more details and to apply, see the position listing in STARS. If you have any questions, please contact yonas.takale@yale.edu, one of the current SAFs.