Dean’s Corner

Greeting Berkeleyites,

I hope you had a wonderful weekend. For those who went on the ski trip, I hope you had a great time and created some everlasting BK memories!

As spring nears there is so much to look forward to and so many wonderful programs, conferences, events, speakers, student productions, etc. to attend. I do hope you find the time to attend some of these great events. You will find that it provides you an even greater sense of appreciation of Yale and all it has to offer. This has certainly been my experience!

P.S. As I mentioned last week, we still have a few remaining spots on the housing committee, send me an email as soon as possible expressing your interest.

Have a wonderful and productive week,
Dean Miller
**IMPORTANT**
**CHECK YOUR ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS ONLINE!**

Please note that YOU are responsible for keeping track of your distributional requirements and enrolling for courses appropriately.

Yale Degree Audit is a system that can help and is located on the Academics tab of Student Information System (SIS). If you have questions after reviewing this information for yourself, please be in touch with me.

The Academic Regulations about distributional requirements can be found [here](#).

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**EMAILS/APPOINTMENTS**

**Important Note:**
The Berkeley College Office closes at 5pm and is not open on the weekends, therefore please expect that emails received after 5pm will be responded to the next business day unless it is of a more urgent nature.

When making appointments with me, it is much faster to call or email Damaris with your availability when making the initial request, it will make the process easier and more efficient. Similarly, if you have a routine question that you wish to send by email, please send it to both Damaris and me, and whoever can answer it first, will. Please remember that Damaris is at lunch from noon to 1pm every day. So please plan accordingly, especially when calling/emailing to schedule appointments.

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**DROP-IN HOURS THIS WEEK**

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Monday (appts. only), Tuesday (appts. or 3-4pm), Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (appts. only).

**APPOINTMENTS**

If you would like an appointment with me, please contact Damaris (Damaris.Cardona@yale.edu; 203-432-0502), and she will schedule you appropriately.

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“People often say that motivation doesn’t last. Well. Neither does bathing - that’s why we recommend it daily.”

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YALE SUMMER SESSION

Yale Summer Session

Did you know you can take courses online for Yale credit in the summer? When you go online, you get the same Veritas, with a bit more Lux.

**Here are the top 10 reasons to go online this summer.**

1. All of our online courses offer Yale College credit.
2. The courses are developed and taught by Yale faculty.
3. Several courses are offered in the evening time, making it easy for you to earn a credit while working, completing an internship, or traveling.
4. Virtual classroom technology allows students to come together live--and "face-to-face"--each week to discuss course topics.
5. Small class sizes = More interaction with your professor and peers.
6. Summer online is a great way to lighten your course load in an upcoming semester.
7. You can earn credit in just five weeks.
8. Completion of an online course looks great on a resume (i.e. technical skills).
9. There are 23 course options to choose from between Sessions A and B.
10. Courses are offered in a variety of subjects, distributional requirements, and class times to fit your academic needs.

Find a class that works for you and your summer plans. [Click here](#) to view the list of online course offerings.

Ready to apply? [Start your application today](#).

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**FOR SENIOR ESSAY WRITERS**

*Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Essay — An Academic Strategies workshop*

Wednesday, February 14, 6:00 PM, Room 120A, Center for Teaching and Learning, Sterling Library, 301 York St.

*Writing Study Halls*

Wednesdays 7-10pm and Sundays 2-5 pm

Room 120A, Yale Center for Teaching and Learning (SML, 301 York St. entrance)

The Yale College Writing Center’s [Writing Study Halls](#) can help you make steady progress on your senior essay. Study Halls offer: 1) a quiet space to write, 2) tutoring support available, and 3) snacks to fuel your work.

*Residential College Writing Tutors*

Many senior thesis writers find it helpful to meet on a regular basis with a Residential College tutor, from the early research and drafting stage through the final draft. Make an appointment with any of our 14 tutors by clicking here: [Residential College Writing Tutors](#).

*Academic Strategies 1-1 consultations*

Create a personalized weekly schedule to help you integrate your senior thesis work with other senior year activities: searching for jobs, finishing coursework, enjoying time with friends. Schedule an appointment with an [Academic Strategies Mentor](#).
RESOURCES AROUND CAMPUS

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **International Summer Award Info Session**: Monday, February 12, 4:00pm – 5:00pm, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305

What is an ISA, how does it work, who is eligible, what does it cover, the application process, the eligibility requirements, calculating the ISA amount, ISA report requirements, and more are covered during these sessions.

- **Drop-in Hours**: Friday, February 16, 2pm – 4pm, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor

Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events and deadlines.

APPROACHING DEADLINES

February 12 - [Udall Scholarship](#) (campus deadline)
February 14 - [CIPE Summer Fellowships Common Application](#) (application deadline)
February 15 - [Fox International Fellowship](#) (application deadline)
February 23 - [Henry Hart Rice](#) (application deadline)
February 22 - [Class of 1960 John Heinz Government Service Fellowship](#) (application deadline)
February 27 - [South Asian Language Fellowship](#) (application deadline)
February 28 - Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) (application deadline)
  - [FLAS African Studies Summer](#)
  - [FLAS European Studies Summer](#)
  - [FLAS Middle East Studies Summer](#)
February 28 - [CIPE Summer Research Fellowship Common Application](#) (application deadline)
March 6 - [Chinese Cultural (Young Wing) Scholarship](#) (application deadline)
March 16 - [Oxford Pershing Square Graduate Scholarship](#)

CIPE SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS DEADLINES APPROACHING

Some things to consider:

- Submit your fellowship application well in advance of the deadlines. Check the [Student Grants Database](#) for exact dates and times.

- Inform yourself about, and begin, if appropriate, the IRB review process for research involving human subjects. See the [Human Research Protection Program](#) website and click on “Student Projects” for more information.
The International Summer Award (ISA) provides a stipend for one summer experience abroad for eligible undergraduate students receiving financial aid. Students must also be participating in ISA-eligible programs. Please visit the ISA website for more information and contact MyCIPE@yale.edu with any questions.

Deadline to apply: May 1, 2018.

ISA-eligible Research opportunities in Mexico
The Tecnológico de Monterrey is offering Yale undergraduates the opportunity to participate in research projects at any of their research centers. Academic areas include: Health, Information Technologies, Biotechnology, Education, Business, Public Policy, and more!

Learn more about research opportunities in Mexico...

Apply for the ISA

Deadline to apply: Friday, February 16, 2018. Contact luis.zuniga@itesm.mx with questions.

Yale Career Panels: A Candid View of Start-ups Webinar: Tuesday, February 27, 4:30pm-5:30pm, Register

Bender Virtual Career Fair: Wednesday, March 14. Online recruiting for job seekers with Disabilities

Upcoming Notable Events:

1. Yale Career Panels: A Candid View of Start-ups Webinar: Tuesday, February 27, 4:30pm-5:30pm, Register

2. Curious about a career in academic administration?

Friday, February 16, 12:00pm-1:30pm, HGS 119, Register

3. Visit the Calendar of Events for a full list of upcoming events. Log in to Yale Career Link, powered by Symplicity under Events/Employer Information Sessions to RSVP.
SEEN AROUND BERKELEY COLLEGE

BK Ski Trip to Mt. Snow!
Thanks to our amazing BK staff (Sarah and Naomi) and Graduate Fellow Karin Shedd, as well as our incredible BK College Aides and student leaders who made this trip one for the record books!

Go BK, Go BK, Go!
RESOURCES AROUND CAMPUS

YALE ACADEMIC STRATEGIES PROGRAM (website here)

**1-1 Meetings with Mentors**
Develop a weekly schedule and get advice for approaching your academic work. Sign up for sessions through this link or email us directly at academicstrategies@yale.edu.

**Academic Strategies Workshops**

Managing a Heavy Reading Load
Monday, February 12, 6:00 PM, Jonathan Edwards College Common Room

Avoiding Procrastination: How to Start Writing Your Essay
Monday, February 12, 7:30 PM, Room M104A (mezzanine), Center for Teaching and Learning, Sterling Library, 301 York St.

Time Management
Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 PM, Ezra Stiles Fellows Lounge

Tackling Problem Sets – Econ
Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 PM, Room M104A (mezzanine), Center for Teaching and Learning, Sterling Library, 301 York St.

Exam Study Strategies
Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 PM, Branford Trumbull Room

Strategies for Reading Literature
Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 PM, Trumbull College Seminar Room

Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Thesis
Wednesday, February 14, 6:00 PM, Room 120A, Center for Teaching and Learning, Sterling Library, 301 York St.

Managing a Heavy Reading Load
Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 PM, Room 120B, Center for Teaching and Learning, Sterling Library, 301 York St.

Research Strategies
Thursday, February 15, 6:00 PM, Room M104A (mezzanine) Center for Teaching and Learning, Sterling Library, 301 York St.

Pathways for Sophomores
Thursday, February 15, 7:30 PM, Room 120C, Center for Teaching and Learning, Sterling Library, 301 York St.
STUDY ABROAD

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR SUMMER 2018 ABROAD

February 15 – Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad application deadline
February 15 – Yale in London application deadline
March 1 – Credit for Non-Yale Summer Abroad application deadline
March 16 – Global Summer Program application deadline
May 1 – The International Summer Award application deadline

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR FALL 2018 & ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019 ABROAD

March 5 – Credit for Fall and Academic Year Abroad application deadline

Visit the Apply Page on the Study Abroad Website to learn more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Balliol College, Oxford University: Junior Year Abroad Program for Yale English Majors Info Session: Monday, February 12, 12:00pm – 1:00pm, LC 103. Come to this session to hear from past participants as well as representatives from the English Department and Study Abroad Office.

Yale Summer Session in Germany Information Session: Monday, February 12, 4:00pm, at WLH 309
Join instructors from the German Department to learn more about the Yale Summer Session in Jena & Berlin: Intermediate German I & II. The application deadline for this summer is February 15.

International Summer Award Info Session: Monday, February 12, 4:00pm – 5:00pm, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305
What is an ISA, how does it work, who is eligible, what does it cover, the application process, the eligibility requirements, calculating the ISA amount, ISA report requirements, and more are covered during these sessions.

Financial Aid Info Session for Fall 2018 and Full Year 2018-19 Abroad: Tuesday, February 13, 4:00pm – 5:00pm, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305. Learn more about the financial aid transfer process for semester study abroad students.

Visit the Calendar of Events for a full list of upcoming events.

DROP-IN HOURS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Advisers are available to answer questions during drop-in hours which are held every Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. when classes are in session. Students are seen on a first-come, first-served basis for a maximum of 15 minutes each.
BK Housing Update:
Once the transfer process is complete, we have official BK housing numbers, and the housing committee has been trained on the new software. I will be sending out detailed information regarding important housing dates and the entire process. Stay tuned and please be patient!

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Feb. 15th: Deadline for applications for Yale Faculty-led Programs Abroad.

Feb. 23rd: Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the term. See Withdrawal from Courses and Grades.

Feb. 28th: Classes begin for courses offered in the second half of the term.

March 5th: Deadline to apply for a fall-term 2018 Term Abroad or a 2018–2019 Year Abroad. See Special Arrangements.

March 9th: Midterm - Spring recess begins, 5:30 p.m.
- Last day to withdraw from a full-term course without the course appearing on the transcript. See Withdrawal from Courses and Grades.
- Deadline to apply for double credit in a single-credit course. See Special Arrangements.
- Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-quarter of the term’s tuition. See Undergraduate Regulations.

March 26th: Classes Resume, 8:20am

April 6th: Last day to convert from the Credit/D/Fail option in a full-term course to a letter grade. See Grades.
Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the second half of the term without the course appearing on the transcript. See Withdrawal from Courses and Grades.

April 20th: Last day to convert from the Credit/D/Fail option to a letter grade in a course offered in the second half of the term. See Grades.

April 27th: Classes end, 5:30pm; reading period begins. Last day to withdraw from a full-term course or a course offered in the second half of the term. See Withdrawal from Courses and Grades.