Graduate Student Life at Yale

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Welcome to Yale!

“Yale is at once a tradition, a company of scholars, a society of friends.”

-since 1701-

8,000 Graduate & Prof Students in 12 Schools
5,500 Yale College undergraduates
12,000+ Faculty & Staff
Ongoing Campus & Research Development

• **Yale West Campus** – 7 Institutes & Nursing school, 1,500 grad students & staff

• $80 Million for Faculty & Student Diversity Initiatives

• $1.5 Billion for new science facilities and renovations

• New & renovated grad housing

• Poorvu **Center for Teaching** & **Learning**

• Museums & Libraries Renovated
Life on Campus

Make the most of your life inside and outside of the classroom, library, and lab at Yale
Graduate & Professional Senate & Gryphon

The GPSS represents 8,000 students from all of Yale’s Graduate and Professional Schools, including YSPH. GPSS runs the Gryphon, a Graduate and Professional Student Center at Yale featuring:

- **Gryphon’s Pub** (21+)
- A lounge and ballroom
- Regular social events
Cultural & Ethnic Diversity @ Yale

• 70+ Grad- Prof. Student clubs & groups build community across schools and programs – identity & interest groups

• LGBTQ Resource Center – programs, events, resources

• 4 Cultural Houses on campus with programs & resources – African American, Asian American, LaCasa, Native American

• University Chaplaincy – many faith traditions

• Women’s & Veterans groups

• Title IX & anti-discrimination
  • Resources, policies & processes
International Student & Global Study Resources

International Students at Yale have access to amazing facilities and resources: ~20-40% of G&Ps Intl!

- Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) & International Center – immigration & events
- CLS English & Foreign Language Study Resources
- Research Travel & Language Study funding – MacMillan Center
- Nationality Clubs & Cultural Groups
Writing, Teaching, & Learning Resources

Poorvu Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL)
- Teaching Workshops for TAs
- Grad Writing Lab - Writing Consultants offer 1-on-1 help
  - Peer writing groups
  - Grant and Fellowship writing workshops

Center for Language Study (CLS)
- For Foreign languages & ESL
• **Yale Health** (YH) is your full-service healthcare & mental health facility & care plan
  • FREE primary Yale Health & MH coverage for all FT enrolled students
  • YH Hosp/Specialty/RX coverage $2,450*/yr.
    • Keep it or waive if you have other coverage
    • Enroll spouses & children (fee)
    • 24/7/365 Worldwide YH Emergency coverage
  • YH Coverage Starts: **August 2020** (see YSPH date)
    • Do Immunization & Health forms over summer
  • **Optional coverage**: Dental ($235*/yr) & Vision ($82*/yr) for students
  • **Good Life Center & Student Wellness** programs

*2019-20 fees
Yale Campus Police & Security work to help keep you and your belongings safe and protected

• Well lit campus
• Blue security phones
• Uniformed Officers & Security
• Door-to-Door safe-ride at Night
• On-Call Walking escorts
• Affordable property insurance
Grad Partners & Families

- Yale IDs for Spouses & Civil Union Partners
  - Access to library, gym (fee), audit classes
  - Access to some services for non-married partners
- LGBTQ resource center
- 6 Area Universities & strong local job market
- Yale Health coverage options
- Yale Grad Spouses & Partners Facebook group – events & info
Stay fit & make friends with:

• Free Payne Whitney Gym membership with Yale Student ID
  • pool, fitness center, bball & squash courts; fitness classes (fee)
  • S-P can join for fee (see online)

• Grad & Professional IM Sports:
  • softball, soccer, volleyball, ultimate, and basketball

• Grad & Club sports
  • Rugby, Rowing, Curling, etc.

Free admission to home games

Local parks and recreation
Life in New Haven

“...In short, it’s a city with Boston’s historic charm, Philadelphia’s artistic pleasures... and Buffalo’s beer prices.”

-Washington Post
On Campus Grad Dorms & Apartments

April 9, 11am EST – Webinar - On-Campus Housing & Application
April 20, 9am EST – Begin to Apply online – supply limited

Dorms: Harkness, HHH, Prospect Houses; 272 Elm & Baker
$750+/month, furnished 1BR

Apartments: York, Science Hill, for singles & families
$1450+/month, unfurnished 2BR

*2019-20 Prices
Off-Campus Housing Options in New Haven

**Elm Campus** - Yale Owned, privately managed apts.
Downtown & Science Hill
~$1100+/month, 1-3 BR

Off-campus apts. - Privately Owned & Managed: Downtown, East Rock, Wooster Square, more

[Yale OC Living search site](#), w/Tenants
Rights info, Resources, Room Mates site

$750-1900+/month: studio-3BR
Transit Options - Getting Around New Haven
- **car-free** or with a car

- Free Day & Night Yale Shuttle Bus Service
  - See Routes & Boundaries [Online](#) & App when looking for apts.
  - Door-to-Door service @ Night – Tap-Ride
- Walking: Free & Easy
- Biking: Lots of bike friendly routes
- CT Transit Buses & Trains
- Zipcar: Car sharing with Yale discount
- **Yale Student Parking:** $800- $1,000 per academic year
Getting **To & From New Haven**

- **Airports with Shuttle & Train Service to/from New Haven:**
  - HVN Tweed (5 mi)
  - JFK (80mi/130km)
  - LGA La Guardia (75mi/120km)
  - BDL Bradley/Hartford (50mi/80km)
  - EWR Newark Liberty (90mi)
- **Train: Amtrak & Metro North**
  - New Haven Station served by Yale Shuttle Red Route, local buses
- **Car: I-95/I-91 access to New York, Boston, Hartford, & beyond**
Dine Out in the Elm City – Foodie Haven!

Award Winning Apizza
• Pepe’s, Sally’s, Modern, Bar, Nolo

Global Cafés for Every Taste:
• G Café, Atticus, Koffee, Pitaziki, Dumpling House, Shake Shack

Vegetarian friendly – Claires, Tikkaway, Caribbean Market

Fine Dining: Zinc, Taste of China
• Restaurant Week deals!

Local Breweries & Brewpubs:
• East Rock, 2Roads, New England, Bar
Shop for & Cook Healthy Eats in the Elm City

- Elm City Market downtown
- Local Markets & Delis - Nica’s, Ferraros, Hong Kong, Good Nature
- Edge of the Woods Natural Foods
- Stop & Shop Super Market
  - Pea Pod Delivery
  - On Weekend Yale Shuttle Line
- Cityseed Farmers Markets
- Nearby: Aldis, Trader Joes, Costco, Whole Foods, BJs
New Haven is Connecticut’s Cultural Capitol!

- **New Haven Cultural Events**
  - Recent Shows – The Decemberists, SZA, They Might Be Giants, Wilco
  - Festival of Arts & Ideas - June
  - Long Wharf & Shubert Theatres
  - Galleries and concert halls
- Yale Art Gallery, British Art Center, Peabody Museum of Natural History
- **Yale Rep** ($10 tix!), Yale Cabaret
- Yale Philharmonia, Opera, Camerata, Glee Club; NH Symphony, Chorale
After Hours – **Nightlife** in New Haven

- Amazing Social & Music Scene
  - Breweries, dance clubs, jazz clubs, concert halls, bars, late night dining
- GPSCY & Gryphon’s Pub
  - Monday Night Trivia
  - Monthly “Big Gay Dance Party”
  - Thursday night Grad Student Dance Parties
- McDougal Grad Winter Ball
- Grad Student Group dances & events – Latinx, Chinese students, Salsa club, game nights!
Next Steps!

Handsome Dan can’t wait to meet you!
Prepare for Yale - Spring & Summer 2020

March- April: Start Housing Search
• Apply online (March-April) for Elm Campus Apartments
• Off Campus Living search site & roommate match

April 15: Deadline to Accept Yale’s Offer (online)
• Begin pre-arrival checklist – do health & ID forms by May-June

April 20 - Apply online for Grad Dorms & Apartments (4/9 webinar)

August 24 - Grad Orientations start
Sept. 2 - Most Yale Classes begin
Need More Info?

Student Life Website:
http://studentlife.yale.edu/

New Haven
http://infonewhaven.com

Questions?
The academic tradition and lively community of the School of Public Health at Yale University is waiting for you to join us!