Pre-Arrival Guide for International Students

Experience a unique way of learning language and culture that will expand your world, your thinking, and your confidence. Experience students who share your focus and intensity. Experience the energy of a campus powered by the pursuit of knowledge.

experience Yale.
Welcome to Yale!

Congratulations on your acceptance to study at Yale this summer. We look forward to welcoming you to our campus, and hope this guide will assist you in preparing for your summer experience. Please take the time to read it, and be sure to bring it along when you travel to the United States.
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There are several steps to complete before your trip. It is an exciting and busy time and you don’t want to forget anything important. To help answer your predeparture questions, we have put together some considerations that you may find useful.
Immigration and Visas

You will need to obtain F-1 student visa status to study in this full-time program unless you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen or a U.S. permanent resident.

Once you have been admitted to your summer program and receive your Form I-20 from our office, you should begin work on obtaining your visa and getting your travel plans confirmed.

Please apply for your visa as soon as you receive your Form I-20, as it can take several weeks, and sometimes longer, to obtain your visa, especially in the summer months.

To apply for the U.S. visa, you will need to go to and follow the instructions on the U.S. State Department website, submit additional materials, go to an interview, and pay additional fees. The most accurate application information can be found on their website.

http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html

Please note: If the U.S. Embassy or Consulate has any questions regarding your studies at Yale, please contact the Office of International Students and Scholars at oiss.yale.edu.

Paying Your University Bill

University bills are sent to international students via U.S. mail at the beginning of each month. Payments are due two weeks before the session begins. Please pay your bill before you arrive. You will not be allowed to register for classes until your bill is paid in full. Information about how to pay is located on the Summer Session website. If you have questions concerning your bill, you can contact the Summer Session Business Manager.
Booking Your Flight

Yale University is located in New Haven, Connecticut (CT). Once you know you will be able to obtain your visa, begin shopping around for flights.

When booking your flight, please check your program check-in and check-out dates to make sure you will arrive in time for registration and leave when the session is completed. Students may not arrive late for their classes or leave before the last day of classes.

As you look for the best price for a round-trip flight to the U.S., keep in mind that there are several airports convenient to Yale:

Travel times to and from New Haven vary and may take longer due to traffic, especially from the New York area. Please take this into consideration when booking your flights. You should plan to arrive to New Haven during the day time as housing check-in is not available 24 hours.

Transportation options from these airports to Yale University are available on the University's website at http://to.yale.edu/fly

Don’t forget to bring a copy of your itinerary with you and confirm your flight 24 hours in advance of your departure. Arrive at the airport early!

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What to Pack & Departure Checklist

Don’t forget these important items!

- Valid Passport
- Copy of the name page of your passport
- Valid U.S. visa
- Your Form I-20
- Proof of financial support
- Spending money (a credit/debit card and a small amount of U.S. currency)
- Transportation arrangements from the airport to New Haven
- A copy of your flight itinerary
- The street address of where you are going in New Haven
- Medications you use regularly
- Sheets (twin extra-long)
- Towels
- Plug adapters/voltage converters
- Charging devices for your electronics
- Umbrella/raincoat
- This guide

Clothing & Weather

June is a warm month, but cooler than July and August, which tend to be hot and humid. Although most of our classrooms are air-conditioned, Yale’s residential colleges are not; therefore, you will want to bring suitable clothing. Also plan to include casual or sports clothes with a sweater or light coat for an occasional cool evening.

Some formal attire may also be helpful if you plan to go out with friends. If you have a distinctive national dress, we encourage you to bring it to wear at one of our final parties if you would like to do so.
When you arrive in New Haven, you will need to register for classes and check into housing if living on campus. Please refer to your admissions materials for details. Summer Session staff and residential staff will be available to help with the process.
Registration

All students must attend registration in person. During the registration process, you will register for your classes, receive your ID card and other important materials, and check into housing to receive your room assignment.

Please note:

- A student enrolled in more than one session that has paid all summer tuition and fees may register only once, at the earliest session attended.
- Students who owe any tuition or fees for the second session are required to register again at the start of the second session.
- A student’s balance must be paid in full in order to register for classes.

Please refer to the Yale Summer Session website and your admission materials for specific details regarding the dates and times for registration.

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)

All visiting international students are required to check in with OISS once you arrive to campus. Dates and times to do this will be given to you at registration.

The OISS coordinates services and support for international students attending programs on Yale’s campus. OISS staff can provide assistance with immigration, personal and cultural adjustment, and other topics you may need assistance with. OISS is Yale’s primary location for questions about immigration concerns. Visit oiss.yale.edu for more information.
Yale’s residential college system is perhaps the most distinctive feature of Yale College. As a summer session student living on campus, you’ll get to experience this living and learning community. The summer residential staff, including Yale student counselors, are responsible for the well-being of the summer residents.
Accommodations

Students living on campus will be residing in one of the residential colleges. High school students will live in a separate entryway from the college-aged students. Each college has its own courtyard, dining hall, common room, library, laundry facilities, and computer cluster. During the summer, we will tell you which dining halls will be open. You will receive your room assignments upon check-in at registration.

The rooms in Yale’s residential colleges are simply furnished.

Each room contains a:

- twin bed
- mattress
- pillow
- blanket
- desk
- chair
- waste basket
- recycling bin
- bureau

The residential colleges are not air-conditioned. Fans and other small household items can be purchased at the Yale Bookstore.

Summer Life Website

The Summer Life website will have all information regarding residential life, or as we like to think of it, the fun stuff for students living on campus!

All the latest updates on events and trips for residential students will be posted here, as well as general information about facilities and offices open to you during your stay at Yale. Your counselors will be diligently updating the event calendars at the base of your entryways, but during the summer, check the website throughout the week for the most up-to-date information.

http://summerlife.yale.edu
Meals

Students living on campus are required to have a 21-meal plan, which provides breakfast, lunch (or brunch), and dinner seven days a week. Vegetarian and vegan options are available at every meal. Yale Dining Services can accommodate a wide variety of special dietary needs. Please contact the Dining Services Office to discuss any food allergies or special dietary restrictions. Check the Dining Services website for their summer hours and menus. http://www.yale.edu/dining

Students must present their ID card to the Dining Hall desk attendant at each meal. A student who loses his ID will be allowed to eat one meal, but must obtain a replacement photo ID card immediately.

Eating Out in New Haven

New Haven has many international and award-winning restaurants. From historic pizza and hamburger eateries to modern and cutting edge restaurants, New Haven has something for every taste and price range. Enjoy a number of international cuisines including American, Chinese, Cuban, Ethiopian, French, Greek, Indian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, Thai, Turkish and Vietnamese, to name a few.
**Insurance**

Students of Yale Summer Session living on campus will be enrolled automatically in the health insurance plan and will be charged a fee, which will appear on their bill. All international students living on campus are required to have health insurance provided by a U.S. based insurance company. If you do have to visit the Yale Health Center, we can help you with questions about how to work with the insurance company, if necessary.

**Yale Health Center**

Located on Yale’s campus, the Yale Health Center provides coverage to students registered in Summer Session and who have purchased the insurance through our office. Please be sure to bring your insurance card and present it to the receptionist during your visit. For more information about the Yale Health Center, visit: http://yalehealth.yale.edu

**Computing Facilities**

You can connect to the internet with your personal computer or other device from your dorm room using Yale’s wireless connection, or using an Ethernet cable (which you can bring with you). There are a number of computing clusters that offer Windows and Mac computers with a variety of software and internet access. Wi-Fi is 100% available in campus buildings.

**Email**

You may check your web-based email on any Yale computer. If you do not have a web-based email account, you may wish to sign up for free using either Google or Yahoo. We don’t recommend Hotmail, as it tends to block Yale’s emails. Yale does not provide email accounts to summer students.
Telephones
We advise students to bring a cell phone with them or purchase one upon arrival in New Haven. Contact your cell phone provider for information about using your phone in the U.S.A. Telephone service is not provided in the residential colleges.

Mail Service
Yale Station is a U.S. Post Office located on the corner of Elm and High Streets. The full-service customer counter is open during regular business hours Monday-Friday, and has limited morning hours on Saturday.

Students living on campus who wish to receive mail during their stay should check the Summer Session website for information on how mail may be received and for the correct mailing addresses.

Please note that students living off campus may not have packages delivered to the campus housing office. Any packages received for nonresident students will be returned to sender.
Yale Shuttle Service

The Yale University Shuttle provides transportation around the University and to the New Haven train stations for students with a Yale ID. This FREE service runs year-round with the exception of the following summer holidays: Memorial Day (the last Monday in May) and Independence Day (July 4).

There is an app you can download to your smartphone to view in real time where the shuttle buses are located on their routes. For more information go to: http://to.yale.edu/shuttle

Yale Campus Police

Emergency Phone Number: 911

Non-emergencies: 203-432-4400

The Yale Police Department is a full service, professional police department who patrols all campus areas with a primary concern for the personal safety of students on campus.
Campus Blue Phones

Approximately 500 exterior phones are strategically located throughout the campus and are readily identified at night by blue lights located above or near them. The phones are equipped with a red emergency button for direct connection to the University Police Station for police, fire, or medical emergencies. The black button with keypad can be used for dialing any campus number using the last 5 digits of the phone number. For example, to call Yale Summer Session from the blue phone, press the black button and dial 2-2430.

Nighttime Shuttle
Safe Rides & Walking Escort Service

Between the hours of 6 pm and 6 am, seven days a week, students can call 203-432-6330 or 203-432-WALK to request a University Security safe ride within campus boundaries. A University shuttle or Security Vehicle will be dispatched to your location and will drop you to your final on-campus destination. It is advisable to request the service at least 30 minutes prior to the intended departure time and even earlier during high-demand hours such as late nights or weekends. They will ask for your NET ID (for example: lz32) when you call to request a safe ride and the address of where you are and where you would like to go.

Yale also has a Nighttime Shuttle Service that runs from 6 pm to 1 am, seven nights a week. This service runs on a scheduled route around the campus and does off-route drop offs.
In Conclusion

Now that you have read this guide, you should have a good idea of some things you need to take care of before arriving and the services available to you when you are here. Wishing you safe travels, and we look forward to seeing you at Yale very soon! For additional summer session inquiries, please visit our website at: summer.yale.edu
experience Yale.