

# Pre-Arrival Guide *for* International Students



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# Welcome *to* Yale!



**C**ongratulations on your acceptance to study at Yale this summer. We look forward to welcoming you to New Haven and our campus, and have compiled this guide to assist you in preparing for your summer experience. Please take the time to read the entire guide, and be sure to bring it with you when you travel to the U.S. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact the staff listed on page 17 and we will be pleased to help you. Wishing you safe travels, and we look forward to seeing you at Yale very soon!





# Before *you* leave

**W**hether or not this is your first stay in the U.S., you certainly have a lot of things on your mind as you try to get organized. It is a very busy and exciting time as you say your goodbyes to your friends and family and, in the midst of it, you don't want to forget anything important. To help soothe your pre-departure worries, we have put together some traveling information and considerations that you may find useful. If you need more information or have any questions that are not covered here, please contact us.



## Immigration *and* Visas

Once you have been admitted to your summer program, you should begin work on obtaining your visa document, your U.S. embassy visa stamp, and getting your travel plans to the U.S. confirmed.

If you are not a U.S. citizen or a U.S. permanent resident, you will need to obtain F-1 student status to study in this full-time program.

You must apply for your visa well in advance of your arrival, as it can, in some instances take several weeks, and occasionally longer, to obtain the student visa.

**To apply for a U.S. visa, you will need to present the following documents at the U.S. embassy or consulate nearest to you:**

- Your Form I-20
- The SEVIS Fee receipt
- A copy of your financial support documents, i.e. evidence that you have sufficient funds to meet the expenses of studying at Yale, e.g. bank statement.

**In addition, the application for a U.S. visa requires you to present:**

- A valid passport
- Passport-size photographs
- Completed visa applications forms (Visa application forms are available on individual consular Web sites.)

An application fee and an interview will also be required.

**Note:** If the U.S. Consulate has any questions regarding your studies at Yale, please contact OISS.

Find out more:

<http://www.yale.edu/oiss/immigration/common/fistudents/index.html>





## Booking *Your* Flight

When shopping around for the best price for a round-trip flight to the U.S., you should keep in mind that there are several airports convenient to New Haven and Yale:

Airport/City	Code	Miles from Yale
<b>John F. Kennedy</b> /New York, New York	JFK	80 miles
<b>LaGuardia</b> /New York, New York	LAG	73 miles
<b>Newark</b> /Newark, New Jersey	EWB	93 miles
<b>Bradley</b> /Windsor Locks, CT	BDL	52 miles
<b>Tweed</b> /New Haven, CT	HVN	5 miles
<b>Logan</b> /Boston, MA	BOS	140 miles
<b>Theodore Green</b> /Warwick, RI	PVD	96 miles

Transportation options from these airports to Yale and New Haven is available on the University's "Getting to Yale" Web site:  
<http://www.yale.edu/transportationoptions/alternatives/airports.html>

Don't forget to confirm your flight 72 hours in advance of your departure, and arrive at the airport early!



## Insurance

Students living on campus who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents will need hospitalization insurance coverage through a U.S. carrier. Yale Summer Session will arrange this coverage for you, and the corresponding fee will be placed on your University bill. Please see the Tuition & Fees portion of your program's web site to view the amount of this fee.



## Health Services

**Yale Health Center** provides limited services to Summer Session students living on campus.

Coverage includes use of the Acute Care department and the Inpatient Care department, a fully licensed, 17-bed inpatient unit located on the fourth floor of the Yale Health Center at 55 Lock Street. The Acute Care department, open 24 hours a day, is located on the first floor of the Yale Health Center and is staffed by physicians, physician associates, and nurse practitioners trained to evaluate and treat most minor, acute medical problems as well as minor trauma such as orthopedic injuries and lacerations.

If needed, routine primary care and specialty services are available on-site; however, these services are not covered, even if referred by a Yale Health Center clinician. This coverage does not replace hospitalization insurance, which all students must maintain. A mandatory health services fee is charged to all non-Yale residential students, which is included in the total residential program cost.





## Departure Checklist

**Carry these items with you in your carry-on luggage:**

- ☐ Valid Passport
- ☐ Valid U.S. visa stamp
- ☐ Certificate of eligibility (I-20)
- ☐ Proof of financial support
- ☐ Sufficient funds to cover expenses (a credit card and some cash in U.S. dollars)
- ☐ Medical records including record of immunizations (in English); evidence of adequate insurance coverage.
- ☐ Valid foreign driver's license and International Driver's Permit and/or certified English translation. (If you plan to drive.)
- ☐ Transportation arrangements from the airport to New Haven.
- ☐ The street address of where you will be going in New Haven when you arrive. You may need it to give to the taxi driver.
- ☐ Medications you use regularly
- ☐ This guide

## What to Pack

### Clothing & Weather

July and August are generally hot, humid months. June is a bit cooler. 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 informal or sports clothes with a sweater or light coat for an occasional cool evening. Be sure to bring an umbrella or raincoat as well.

Some formal attire for interviews or other formal occasions may also be helpful. 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.



## Accommodations

Students residing on campus will be housed in four of Yale's twelve undergraduate residential colleges. Each has its own courtyard, dining hall, common room, library, laundry facility, and computer cluster. Room assignments are made upon check-in at the residential colleges.

The rooms in Yale's residential colleges are simply furnished. **Each room contains:**

- a twin bed
- mattress
- pillow
- blanket
- bureau
- desk
- chair
- small desk lamp
- waste basket
- recycling bin.

### You should bring:

- sheets (twin extra-long)
- towels

You may also find furniture belonging to previous and returning occupants, which must not be removed or damaged.

Yale rooms are not centrally air-conditioned and portable air conditioners are not permitted. You may purchase a fan when you arrive in New Haven.

You may bring sports equipment such as tennis rackets or golf equipment; radios; cameras, or cassette recorders (computers are available in the residential colleges, the Computer Center, and the Yale library). You may also wish to bring photos of your country, or musical instruments.

American electrical voltage is 110 volt/60 hertz and electrical outlets can have two- or three-pin plugs, which are probably not compatible with your home country. Please make sure you bring plug adapters and/or voltage converters (if necessary) for your electronic equipment.



## Computers *and* Facilities

### Email

Yale does not provide email accounts to summer students. You may check your web based email on any Yale computer. If you do not currently have a web-based email account, you may wish to sign up for free, web-based email such as Yahoo or Gmail.

### Computing Facilities

You can connect to Yale's network with your personal computer from your dorm room with an Ethernet connection or on Yale's wireless network. For a wired connection you may need to bring an Ethernet cable with you. You may also purchase one from the Yale bookstore.

There are a number of computing "clusters" that offer Windows and Macintosh computers with a variety of software and full Internet access.

### Telephones

Telephone service is not provided in the residential colleges. Students are advised to please bring a cell phone with them or purchase one upon arrival in New Haven.

### Mail Service

Yale Station is a U.S. Post Office located on the corner of Elm and High Streets. The full-service customer counter (203-773-3454) is open Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Students living on campus who wish to receive mail during their stay should use the following addresses:

**NOTE: PLEASE SEND TO THE P.O. BOX FOR QUICKEST DELIVERY.** ANY PARCELS OR LETTERS SENT VIA U.S. POSTAL SERVICE TO THE STREET ADDRESS (FOR PRIVATE CARRIERS ONLY) WILL NOT BE DELIVERED FOR AT LEAST 4 TO 6 WEEKS.

### Letters & parcels sent via U.S. Postal Service or international mail:

Student name  
Yale Summer Session  
P.O. Box 205289  
New Haven, CT 06520-5289  
USA



## Meals

Students living on campus are required to have a full 21-meal per week contract, which provides breakfast, lunch (or brunch) and dinner seven days a week.

Students must present ID cards to the Dining Hall desk attendant at each meal. A student who loses his ID will be issued a temporary 3-day meal card in order to receive meals while making arrangements for the ID to be replaced.

## Special Dietary Needs

Yale Dining Services can accommodate a wide variety of special dietary needs. Vegetarian and vegan dining options are available at every meal. Please contact the Dining Services Office at 203-432-0400 to discuss any food allergies or special dietary requirements.

## Eating out in New Haven

New Haven has over 120 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, Eritrean, French, Greek, Indian, Irish, Italian, Jamaican, Japanese, Korean, Nuevo Latino, Malaysian, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

### Meal Hours

#### Monday – Friday

**Breakfast** 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Lunch** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Dinner** 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

#### Saturday and Sunday

**Continental Breakfast** 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Brunch** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Dinner** 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.







## Money *and* Finances

### **Billing and Payment Timelines**

University bills are sent via U.S. mail to visiting students at the beginning of each month and are due by the end of that month.

All Summer Session charges must be paid in full two weeks before the start of classes, including tuition, room and board.

A space in campus housing will not be held for anyone with unpaid balances.

Students with outstanding financial obligations, whether for Yale Summer Session or previous terms at Yale, will not be permitted to register. Financial aid loan checks must also be received in the Office of Student Financial Services by the deadlines above.

# Arriving *in the* U.S



## Welcome *to the* United States! You are almost here!

**M**any first-time visitors to the U.S. are slightly concerned about how to go through customs, immigration and find local transportation from the airport to New Haven. Everything is new and exciting, yet the language and systems may also be totally different.







## Hotels

Hotels convenient to Yale are:

- The Study at Yale, 1157 Chapel St., 203-503-3900 ([www.studyhotels.com](http://www.studyhotels.com))
- Courtyard by Marriott, 30 Whalley Ave., 203-777-6221 ([www.marriott.com/courtyard](http://www.marriott.com/courtyard))
- Omni New Haven, 155 Temple St., 203-772-6664 ([www.omnihotels.com](http://www.omnihotels.com))

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## Immigration

**When you arrive in the U.S. you will go through immigration inspection. You will need to present the following items to a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) official:**

- a valid passport
- a visa document (for example an I-20 for F-1 status)
- if you are an F or J visa holder you will need a receipt from the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee
- a valid U.S. visa stamp. (Canadian students do not need a visa stamp. However, you will need evidence of funding.)

## Form I-94

You will have completed an I-94 card while on the airplane and will present this document, with the others listed above, to the immigration inspector. The inspector will stamp your I-94 (see sample below) and will return the card to you along with your passport, and I-20 form. You should keep this card securely in your passport during your stay. This very important document is your proof of legal entry into the U.S. It will indicate the visa classification you are given upon entry into the U.S. and the length of time you are allowed to stay. The expiration date for persons in F or J status will be noted as "D/S" meaning duration of status.



## Getting to New Haven

If you plan to arrive at John F. Kennedy International (JFK) or LaGuardia Airports (LGA) in New York City (NYC), or Newark Liberty Airport (EWR) in Newark, New Jersey, the easiest transportation to the Yale University campus is via GO Airport Shuttle or Connecticut Limousine.

## Transportation

### Worldtek Travel Yale

Can assist with airline or car rental needs.  
203-772-0470, Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EST.

### Airports

There is limited service on US Airways directly to New Haven via Tweed-New Haven Regional Airport ([www.tweednewhavenairport.com](http://www.tweednewhavenairport.com)); the most common airports used are John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia in New York, Newark International Airport in New Jersey, and Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, CT ([www.bradleyairport.com](http://www.bradleyairport.com)).

### Airport Shuttles

#### Connecticut Limousine

1-800-472-5466 (472-LIMO)  
Terminal at Sports Haven, 600 Long Wharf Drive. Serves JFK, LaGuardia, Newark and Bradley. [www.ctlimo.com](http://www.ctlimo.com)

#### Go Airport Shuttle

1-866-284-3247  
Door to door service to campus gate  
Serves JFK and LaGuardia  
[www.2theairport.com](http://www.2theairport.com)

### Buses

Greyhound ([www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com), 800-231-2222 or 1-214-849-8100 (international) and Peter Pan Bus Lines ([www.peterpanbus.com](http://www.peterpanbus.com), 800-343-9999) service New Haven at Union Station. Local Bus Service is provided by Connecticut Transit ([www.cttransit.com](http://www.cttransit.com), 800-522-8101).

### Train

Amtrak daily service from Boston and Washington, D.C. via Penn Station in New York ([www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com), 1-800-USA-RAIL); also services Newark airport. Metro-North

Railroad offers frequent service from Grand Central Station in New York ([www.mta.nyc.ny.us/mnr/index.html](http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/mnr/index.html)).

### Taxicabs

Taxis meet all trains at Union Station in New Haven and cost approx. \$7 to campus.

Metro Taxi, 203-777-7777;  
Yellow Cab, 203-666-6666;  
New Haven Taxicab Co., 203-877-0000;  
Easy One Taxi, 203-933-3333

**Note:** *Tip for taxi drivers should average 15% of the total fare depending on the amount of luggage and additional services.*

### Yale Shuttle Bus

Every weekday, from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., two free shuttle buses operate on a designated campus route. Schedules are available at 221 Whitney Avenue. There is no shuttle service on the 4th of July. A Yale ID is required for free transportation. Complete information is available at [www.yale.edu/transportationoptions/shuttle/index.html](http://www.yale.edu/transportationoptions/shuttle/index.html).



# *When You* **Arrive**



## **Welcome** *to* **Yale University!**

**N**ow that you are here, take a deep breath and get settled. You will need to check into housing, register with the Office of International Students and Scholars, and register for your courses.

**Then, enjoy exploring our beautiful campus!**

# You *are* here! Welcome to Yale University!

When you arrive in New Haven, you will need to register for classes and check into housing. Please refer to your admissions materials for details. Your accommodations will be assigned to you when you arrive at the Housing Office. Summer assistants and counselors will be available to help you with check-in.

## Registration

**All students must attend registration in person.**

All students must return a completed Consent & Waiver Agreement and Emergency Contact Card to the Summer Session office prior to registration.

Students living on campus must also complete and return a Health Care/Medical Release Form.

### 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 tuition and/or fees for the second session are required to register again at the start of the second session.
- No student may register or check into campus housing unless tuition and fees have been paid in advance, including any outstanding balances from previous terms.
- Students must notify Yale Summer Session in writing if they cannot attend the scheduled registration, and a late registration fee will apply. Attendance at a class does not constitute registration or enrollment.

**Please see your program's web site for details on specific registration dates and times.**

## *The Office of* **International Students and Scholars (OISS)**

**You are required to check in with OISS when you arrive on campus.**

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) coordinates services and support to Yale's international students, faculty, staff, and their dependents.

OISS staff can provide assistance with immigration, personal and cultural adjustment, and family and financial matters. In addition, as Yale University's representative for immigration concerns, OISS provides information and assistance to students, staff, and faculty on how to obtain and maintain legal status in the United States.

Please visit [www.oiss.yale.edu](http://www.oiss.yale.edu) for more information for students and scholars prior to and upon arrival in New Haven.



## Security *and* Emergency

**EMERGENCY:** dial 911

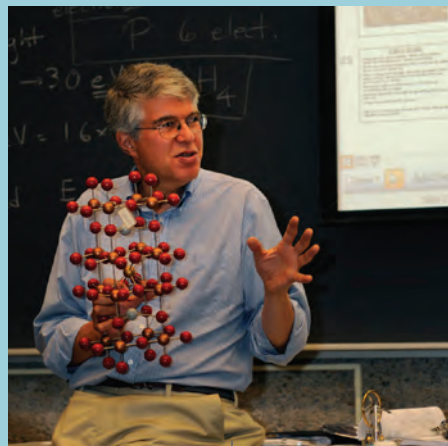
**ROUTINE:** 203-432-4400

The Yale Police patrol all campus areas with a primary concern for the personal safety of Yale students, faculty, and staff. As a professional, full-service police department, the YPD deals with the same issues that any municipal police department handles.

Yale Security offers rides or escorted walks for students at night if they are not comfortable walking somewhere. This is a free service.

## Security Blue Phones

Approximately 250 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 red emergency buttons for direct connection to the University Police for police, fire, or medical emergencies and a keypad for dialing any campus number. To dial a campus number, dial the last 5 digits of the phone number. For example, the Yale Summer Session phone number is: 203-432-2430. From any campus phone, dial 2-2430.



## Health Services

### Yale Health Center

Limited health services are available at the Yale Health Center for students registered in Summer Session and living on campus. Services include care for minor, unexpected illness and injury in Student Health or Acute Care and brief stays in the Inpatient Care facility. The Acute Care department is open 24 hours a day and is located on the first floor of the Yale Health Center at 55 Lock Street.

**Students with special medical needs are urged to contact Student Health before arriving on campus. We will assist you in locating the services you need while in New Haven.**

Non-Yale students enrolled in Yale Summer Session and living off-campus may use the Acute Care department or Student Health at the Yale Health Center on a fee-for-service basis for treatment of minor, unexpected illness or injury. You may be directed to a local Emergency Department for more serious problems.

# Contacts



## **Yale Summer Session**

55 Whitney Avenue, 4th Floor  
New Haven, CT 06511  
[summer.yale.edu](http://summer.yale.edu)  
[summer.session@yale.edu](mailto:summer.session@yale.edu)  
Phone: 203 432-2430

## **English Language Institute**

55 Whitney Avenue, 4th Floor  
New Haven, CT 06511  
[summer-eli.yale.edu](http://summer-eli.yale.edu)  
[eli2@yale.edu](mailto:eli2@yale.edu)  
Phone: 203 432-2430

## **Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)**

International Center  
421 Temple Street  
New Haven, CT 06511  
[www.yale.edu/oiss](http://www.yale.edu/oiss)  
Phone: (203) 432-2305

## **Public Safety**

**EMERGENCIES:** 911

**Police:** 203-432-4400

**Security:** 203-785-5555

**Security Safe Rides:** 203-432-9255;  
203-432-6330

Rose Center, 101 Ashmun Street

**Substation:** 258 Park Street.

## **Yale Health Center**

55 Lock Street  
New Haven, CT 06511-3603  
(203) 432-0123  
<http://yalehealth.yale.edu/>

## **Yale Resource Office on Disabilities**

Web: [www.yale.edu/rod](http://www.yale.edu/rod)  
E-mail: [judith.york@yale.edu](mailto:judith.york@yale.edu)  
Telephone: 203-432-2325  
Campus Address: 35 Broadway (Rear  
Entrance), Room 222





## Yale

### Summer Session & Special Programs

55 Whitney Avenue, 4th Floor

New Haven, CT 06510

(203)432-2430

[summer.yale.edu](http://summer.yale.edu)

[summer.session@yale.edu](mailto:summer.session@yale.edu)

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