

Yale College Course Selection handout – Spring 2021 edition

How to use this handout: Take a few minutes to quickly and informally write down answers to the questions on this worksheet. Don't take too much time—these are questions just to get you thinking about what interests you so that you have some starting points for your Spring 2021 course selection process. Then review the answers to make a plan for researching your options via Yale Course Search and the resources listed on the next page.

Step 1: Reflect on the fall semester

What topics and assignments were most engaging to you this fall and why?

What kinds of work were least engaging to you and why?

What activities outside of class sparked your interests?

What didn't you get to study in the fall semester that you'd like to explore in the spring?

What subjects are you now considering as potential majors and why?

How have your professional or personal goals changed over the fall semester?

Step 2: Plan your search

Review your answers to the above questions, and then write down some key words and topics to explore

Possible majors to explore via the Introduction to Majors in Yale College, Yale College Programs of Study, and Yale Course Search:

Possible key words to use in Yale Course Search:

Interests that intersect with distributional requirements (languages/QR/writing; subject areas)

New interests to explore (including first-year seminars):

Online Course Selection Resources:

With the freedom of choosing your own courses comes the responsibility of educating yourself about your options. There are several key sources of information that can help guide you. You may want to set aside some time to familiarize yourself with them before beginning your course search.

Yale Course Search:

<https://courses.yale.edu>

Yale College First-Year Course Selection Page:

<https://yalecollege.yale.edu/registration-course-selection/first-year-course-selection>

Yale College Programs of Study:

<http://catalog.yale.edu/ycps/>

Advising Resources Website, especially “Courses and Majors”

<https://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/>; <https://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/courses-and-majors-0>

An Introduction to Majors in Yale College:

<https://yalecollege.yale.edu/registration-course-selection/first-year-course-selection/introduction-majors-yale-college>

Major Roadmaps:

<https://registrar.yale.edu/students/major-roadmaps>

Distributional requirements:

Overview: <http://catalog.yale.edu/ycps/yale-college/distributional-requirements/>

More detailed description and progressive deadlines for completion:

<http://catalog.yale.edu/ycps/academic-regulations/requirements-for-ba-bs-degree/index.html#distributionalrequirements>

First-Year Seminars:

<https://yalecollege.yale.edu/academics/special-academic-programs/first-year-seminars>

Applications for first-year seminars and limited enrollment courses:

<https://registrar.yale.edu/students/preference-selection-and-preregistration-applications#Other>

Science and Quantitative Reasoning website (w/Dean Chang’s STEM @ Yale guide):

<https://science.yalecollege.yale.edu>

Health Professions advising website:

<https://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/preparing-health-care-professions>

Academic Strategies also provides academic resources for all Yale students. Check out our resources at our website: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program> or contact us at academicstrategies@yale.edu.