Transfer Students and Reinstated Students

Transfer Students
Each year, Yale College accepts a small number of transfer students from other colleges and universities. They arrive at different stages of their academic careers, but all transfer students must complete a minimum of eighteen course credits in four terms of enrollment at Yale. Those entering as juniors and those entering as sophomores planning to major in the sciences are instructed to consult immediately with the DUSes of their intended majors.

The Yale College Dean’s Office will have determined the credits already earned by each transfer student that can be counted toward the bachelor’s degree. The DUS must determine which specific courses of the student’s previous work may or may not be counted toward the requirements of the major. You may decline to give major credit for courses that have been included in the credit awarded by the Dean’s Office, but clearly it is important to be as accommodating as possible to transfer students. Particularly for students taking science courses and for those entering Yale in January, the DUSes in relevant departments should attempt to match Yale’s courses with those of the previous school so as to minimize wasted or duplicated effort.

Because transfer students are at first naturally unfamiliar with the Yale curriculum, please offer them special help in enrolling in courses that will give them a good start at a new place. Questions about transfer students or the credits awarded to them by the Dean’s Office should be addressed to Dean Risa Sodi (risa.sodi@yale.edu), 432-8427.

Reinstated Students
Students who have withdrawn from Yale College or who have been required to withdraw may ordinarily in due course apply for reinstatement according to the procedures administered by the Committee on Reinstatement of the Yale College Dean’s Office. Candidates for reinstatement are occasionally referred by the chair of the committee to their directors of undergraduate studies to discuss the courses they will take after their return or the courses that they should take while withdrawn in order to prepare for reinstatement.

In order to control the enrollment of Yale College, the University may in some years or terms place a restriction on the number of students who may be reinstated to a particular term, and the Committee on Reinstatement may specify that a student requiring an odd number of terms for the completion of his or her undergraduate program may be reinstated only to a spring term. This restriction on the term to which a student may be reinstated will sometimes require a discussion between a candidate for reinstatement and the DUS about the most appropriate time, in terms of the sequence of courses the student must take, for reinstatement. The chair of the Committee on Reinstatement is Dean Pamela George (pamela.george@yale.edu), 432-2914.