NONDEGREE STUDENTS

TRADITIONAL
YDS offers a limited number of students the opportunity to enroll as nondegree students (see Nondegree Students, in the chapter Programs of Study). Nondegree students are limited to enrollment in YDS courses only, are not eligible for financial aid, and may not enroll in field education placements. The requirements for admission as a nondegree student and the application procedure are the same as those for degree applicants.

Students receive full credit for work completed as nondegree students and may transfer these credits elsewhere, or petition the senior associate dean of academic affairs to have some or all of the work applied toward a YDS degree program. Applicants should understand that admission as a nondegree student is not an indicator of future admission to degree programs at YDS.

RESEARCH
Students enrolled in doctoral programs at other institutions may apply for nondegree status for one term or one academic year in order to conduct research and/or work with a professor in a specific academic area. A separate application is available for this program. The fee is $1,500 per term. Please contact the Admissions Office.

EXCHANGE
One-term and yearlong exchange programs have been initiated between YDS and Westcott House Anglican Theological College in Cambridge, England, and with German universities in Heidelberg, Freiburg, and Tübingen. There are also one-term and yearlong exchanges with Singapore’s Trinity Theological College, the Divinity School of Chung Chi College (Chinese University of Hong Kong), and Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The exchange programs are limited to M.Div. and M.A.R. students only. Credits earned through exchange study are governed by YDS policy on transfer credits (see the chapter Standards and Requirements). Students interested in participating in an exchange program for all or part of their last year at YDS should first review their degree progress with the registrar.

For more information on the international exchange programs, please contact Jan Hagens, director of International Student Exchange Programs (jan.hagens@yale.edu).