The First-Year Student Website and YCPS

The First-Year Student Website provides incoming students with useful resources for their first year at Yale. The website includes practical advice about moving to campus, an introduction to undergraduate education at Yale, an overview of academic and advising resources available to students, and information on special first-year programs, placement, and preregistration.

The First Year tab, found on your department’s home page of the online YCPS, provides a brief and general introduction to your department’s program.

The DUS has responsibility for gathering and submitting updates each year. Prior to the beginning of the spring term, you will receive an email request to review your department’s material on the First Year tab. Updates are due to the editor via email in early March. If your department has proposed or will propose substantial changes to your major or to your first-year programs for the coming year, please note this when you submit your updates. If the Course of Study Committee or Committee on Majors approves the changes, you may be able to submit additional updates for the First-Year tab in April.

You are encouraged to keep your material for the First Year tab brief and general, and to refer students to the comprehensive program overview where appropriate. Specifics about placement tests, departmental meetings, and other first-year orientation events is published in the Calendar for the Opening Days of College, which is available to students online in mid-July.

Questions regarding the First-Year Student Website and First Year tab may be addressed to Beth Baumgartel (beth.baumgartel@yale.edu), University Registrar's Office, 246 Church Street.