THE FIRST-YEAR STUDENT WEBSITE

The First-Year Student Website provides incoming students with useful resources for their first year at Yale. The site includes practical advice about moving to campus, an introduction to undergraduate education at Yale, an overview of academic and advising resources available to students, information on special first-year programs, placement, and preregistration, and descriptions of academic departments and programs that offer courses in Yale College. The DUS has responsibility for gathering and submitting updates each year for his or her program’s page on the First-Year Student Website. Department and program information is published on the site in early June.

Prior to the beginning of the spring term, you will receive an e-mail request to review your department’s material on the First-Year Student Website. Updates are due to the editor via e-mail in early February. 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 Student Website in April.

You are encouraged to keep your material for the First-Year Student Website brief and general, and to refer students to the YCPS where appropriate. Bear in mind that students will have access to full program information in the online YCPS in early July. Specifics about placement tests, departmental meetings, and other first-year orientation events do not appear in the First-Year Student Website’s descriptions of academic programs. Such information is published in the Calendar for the Opening Days of College, which is available to students online in mid-July.

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