The rules governing the use of acceleration credits, explained in the Academic Regulations section of the Yale College Programs of Study, are complex, and exceptions are not allowed. If you are considering acceleration, you should make a point of reading the full text of the subsection Acceleration Policies. A summary of some of the important rules regarding acceleration follows.

• You may not use acceleration credit toward the 36-course-credit requirement for the bachelor’s degree, unless you enroll in fewer than eight terms at Yale.
• You may not use acceleration credit to reduce the number of courses you take, if you enroll for eight terms.
• You may not count acceleration credits toward any of the distributional requirements at Yale, including the foreign language requirement.
• In a yearlong course sequence (e.g., PHYS 260 and PHYS 261), if your first-term grade is a B– or below, you will not receive acceleration credit for the sequence, regardless of your second-term grade.
• To acquire a six- or seven-term degree at Yale, your final term of enrollment must be a spring term.

Acceleration credits earned as a result of courses you took during your first year, AP scores, or scores on comparable examinations are automatically added to your academic record before your sophomore year. All other scores must be reported to the University Registrar’s Office and will be entered on an as-requested basis.