YALE POORVU CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning provides many kinds of tutoring and learning support, focusing especially on writing, quantitative reasoning, and sciences.

WRITING CENTER

The Yale College Writing Center, part of the Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, oversees several programs that can help students improve their writing. The center provides a writing tutor in each residential college to help with individual essays. Residential college writing tutors work with students on any type of writing—from course papers to senior essays to fellowship applications—and at any stage of development, from initial notes to a near-finished draft. Each tutor is available for approximately ten hours a week and usually meets with students by appointment on a one-to-one basis.

Another program, called the Writing Partners, offers drop-in help with writing at the Poorvu Center itself, in Sterling Library. Writing partners are graduate students and advanced undergraduates selected both for their writing skills and for their ability to talk about writing. They can give feedback at any point in the writing process, from brainstorming to final revision. Both the residential college writing tutors and the writing partners help with writing in all disciplines, and provide tutoring for students who are writing in English as a second language.

For more information about the Writing Center and its programs, visit the Writing Center website. The website also offers information on how to use sources effectively and avoid plagiarism.

SCIENCE AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING TUTORING

The Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning offers tutoring in quantitative reasoning and science, including in all areas of math, science, and economics.

The Residential College Math and Science Tutoring program offers tutoring at scheduled times in the residential colleges and at the Poorvu Center. The tutors are advanced graduate students chosen for their teaching ability and their expertise. Tutoring in math, science, and economics is available to all Yale College students on a walk-in basis. You can find tutor hours and which subjects they cover on the Residential College Math and Science Tutoring website. For further questions, contact Kailasnath Purushothaman (kailasnath.purushothaman@yale.edu).

Students in a QR or Sc course who need additional help—as confirmed by the professor—may apply for small-group tutoring to supplement their visits to teaching-fellow and instructor office hours through the Course-Based Peer Tutor program and Residential College Math and Science Tutoring program. Applications to request a tutor may be downloaded from the program's website. For more detailed information, visit the Science & Quantitative Reasoning Tutoring website or contact the program coordinator, Kailasnath Purushothaman (kailasnath.purushothaman@yale.edu).

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Students in an Hu or So course who need additional help—as confirmed by the professor—may apply for small-group or individual tutoring to supplement their visits to teaching-fellow and faculty office hours. For more detailed information, see the Poorvu website. Note that economics is covered by the math and science tutoring programs described above.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Students who seek help with foreign languages will find information on foreign language tutoring on the Center for Language Study website.