Placement, Preregistration, and Applications for Special Programs

This section is devoted to placement, preregistration, and special program application procedures that take place before the fall term begins. Some departments and programs have placement examinations or a preregistration process that takes place during First-Year Orientation. Others have special application procedures with deadlines during the summer or in the fall before classes start.

Please refer to Preregistration Applications and Preference Selection for August deadlines. Additional details are available through the links below; additional information is published in the Calendar for the Opening Days of College.

Before deciding to apply to one of the departments or programs requiring an application listed below, read the material on this site about advising, Yale’s academic philosophy, and the distributional requirements. By considering matters in a broader context, you will be better prepared to decide whether applying for any of these programs makes good sense for you.

Departments and Programs with Placement Exams

- General
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Foreign Languages
- Mathematics
- Music

Departments and Programs with Placement Procedures

- Economics
- English
- Physics

Special Programs that Require an Application

- Directed Studies
- First-Year Seminar Program
- Residential College Seminars