STUDENT LIFE

Campus Culture

Student Organizations
The richness of life at Yale extends far beyond the classroom walls. There are more than 575 active organizations on campus, ranging from the Yale Undergraduate Mathematics Society to the Yale College Anime Society. Among our student organizations are over 100 performance groups, 100 academic groups, and 75 cultural associations. We feel confident that you will find a few (or perhaps a few dozen!) groups and activities that pique your interests.

You will learn more about our student groups during the Extracurricular Bazaar in late August, but why wait? You can start learning about Yale College’s vibrant extracurricular universe right now. Visit the Yale College Dean’s Office website for a list of all registered student organizations, and check out their portals on Yale Connect.

First-Year Counselors
The First-Year Counselor Program was established in 1938 and has been ever since an intrinsic and essential component of Yale’s advising system for first-years. The program has evolved in many ways over the years, but the general purpose of the program has remained the same: to help ease the transition of incoming first-years to the academic, social, and cultural life of Yale College. First-years will be notified about their counselor when they receive their residential college assignment on June 27, 2018.

Peer Liaisons
Peer liaisons are upperclassmen who help connect first-year students to the wealth of support and programming initiatives based in the LGBTQ Resource Center, the University Chaplain’s Office, the Office of International Students and Scholars, the Afro-American Cultural Center, the Asian American Cultural Center, the La Casa Latino Cultural Center, and the Native American Cultural Center.

This program will rely on the resources available at each center, and the peer liaisons will serve as a resource for first-year students and guide them to the services they need.

• Request a Peer Liaison - Peer Liaison Request Form

Communication and Consent Educators
The Communication and Consent Educators (CCEs) are a large, diverse group of undergraduates working together to foster a more positive sexual and social climate on campus. We aim to end sexual violence by transforming our corner of contemporary culture into one where respect, mutuality, and mindfulness are the norms. A safe campus is critically important, but we want even more – we want Yale to be a place where everyone can thrive.

Through workshops, trainings, and conversations, we help students identify troubled dynamics and develop skills for effective interventions; even better, we work on strategies for avoiding problems altogether. CCE teams also work (usually in collaboration with other student groups) to change the campus environment itself, reimagining traditional events and practices to maximize the opportunities for ideals to flourish.

• For the full list of Yale’s resources for responding to sexual misconduct, see smr.yale.edu

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Harm Reduction Initiative (“Audrey”)
The Alcohol and Other Drugs Harm Reduction Initiative is a branch of the Yale College Dean’s Office dedicated to reducing the various harms - physical, psychological, academic, and social - of drug and alcohol use among Yale undergraduates. We work with students, administrators, health services, police and security, and faculty to make sure students have the information and skill set they need to make smart choices regarding alcohol and drugs, and to create an environment that is conducive to those choices. This work takes many forms. A few of them include education programs, collaboration with other institutions, policy evaluation, social activity organizing, and data collection and analysis.

• You can contact AODHRI anytime at aodhri@yale.edu.