COURSE ENROLLMENT

EARLY REGISTRATION
Course enrollment occurs late in the term prior to the term for which students are enrolling; in April for the fall term and in November for the spring term. First-year and returning students register for the fall term a few days before classes begin, not in April.

During the early registration period, students enroll in courses via Yale Course Search by entering courses onto their registration worksheet. Students are encouraged to edit their schedules during early registration by removing courses in which they are no longer interested and adding courses they are actively considering. For both fall and spring terms, all students must enroll in at least three course credits before the deadline listed on the Registration Resources website. Students may enroll in a maximum of 5.5 course credits.

Some courses require permission of the instructor to enroll. It is the responsibility of the student to secure the appropriate permission before enrolling in a course. Courses that do not require permission for enrollment may nevertheless be limited in their enrollment (i.e., “capped”), depending upon, for example, the number of teaching assistants available, the size of the appropriate meeting space, or other instructional needs. The registration system indicates when a course has reached the maximum enrollment.

PREFERENCE SELECTION FOR MULTI-SECTION COURSES AND DISCUSSION/LAB SECTIONS
Before the start of term, in mid-August, Preference Selection opens for multi-section courses and discussion/lab sections. Refer to the Preference Selection page on University Registrar’s website for up-to-date information and links to the Preference Selection system.

ADD/DROP PERIOD
During the opening days of each term there is an add/drop period during which students may make changes to their schedules. The registration system opens, typically on the first day of classes, for all students to adjust their course enrollment and select discussion section pairings for lecture courses and lab sections (for those not done during mid-August preference selection). Final course selections and adjustments must be completed by the published deadline listed on the Registration website. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain all necessary permissions before the deadline.

Course Demand Statistics will reflect how many students have placed a course on their schedule, and shows daily enrollment trends. For more information and a guide to how the registration system works see the Yale University Registrar’s website.