ONLINE SYLLABI

FOR STUDENTS

The course syllabus informs students about the scope, procedures, bibliography, and examination or paper requirements of a course. It often features a grading rubric. The syllabus should also convey the instructor’s expectations about academic integrity. The Poorvu Center recently launched a Syllabus Writing Guide and the University Registrar’s Office will launch a syllabus template by the end of the fall term for syllabus updates. Suggestions for appropriate plagiarism warnings are available through the Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism section of the Poorvu website. If the instructor plans to limit enrollment, the syllabus should indicate the enrollment process. It is crucial that instructors post provisional syllabi by the start of early registration to help students choose their courses properly.

FOR THE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE

A provisional syllabus is extremely helpful during the course review process. The committee understands that instructors are often updating and improving their course syllabi close to the start of term, however even a provisional syllabus provides the committee a more complete look at the academic scope and the expected workload of the course.

Prior to registration, Yale offers students the option of viewing online syllabi through Yale Course Search (YCS) with links to Canvas @ Yale. A syllabus, even if provisional, should be posted to Canvas @ Yale well in advance of the course selection period.

Canvas @ Yale automatically creates sites for all courses listed in Yale Course Search. Faculty and students logon to Canvas @ Yale with their Yale NetID and password. For assistance, consult Canvas @ Yale online help or email canvas@yale.edu.