ELI WHITNEY STUDENTS PROGRAM

Since 2008, the Eli Whitney Students Program has offered non-traditional students the opportunity to enroll in Yale College for the completion of the B.A. or B.S. degree. Yale seeks applicants whose academic background, work experience, and community involvement are particularly suited to study at Yale. All candidates must present evidence of high academic potential, maturity, and clear motivation for their proposed course of study.

The program is also designed to meet the needs of students unable to attend college full-time by offering the opportunity to enroll part-time and take a minimum of three courses per year. Eli Whitney students are allowed up to seven years to complete the B.A. or B.S. Current students in the program tend to choose both options—full- or part-time enrollment—and many benefit from the program’s flexibility by taking varying numbers of courses each term.

While affiliated with the residential colleges, Eli Whitney students do not live in the colleges. The current Eli Whitney colleges are Berkeley, Hopper, Ezra Stiles, Silliman, Timothy Dwight, and Trumbull colleges.

Eli Whitney students apply for their status to the appropriate associate director of undergraduate admissions by an established deadline, are admitted after a careful screening process, and pay tuition on a per-course basis. Eli Whitney students are undergraduates in all effects and purposes, and are included on the class lists routinely sent to instructors, often with the letters “DS” (degree, special) or “EW” (Eli Whitney) in the “Class” column.

The Eli Whitney Students Program is also the most common pathway for veterans to enroll in Yale College.

If an Eli Whitney student seems to be having difficulties in a course, he or she should be referred to the dean of the residential college with which he or she is affiliated. Other inquiries may be addressed to the director of the Eli Whitney Students Program, Dean Risa Sodi (risa.sodi@yale.edu), SSS 32 (1 Prospect Street, lower level).

Information about the Eli Whitney Students Program is contained in the Academic Regulations in the YCPS.