GENERAL RESOURCES

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The Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, founded in 1866, houses more than thirteen million specimens and objects in ten curatorial divisions: anthropology, botany, entomology, historical scientific instruments, invertebrate paleontology, invertebrate zoology, mineralogy and meteoritics, paleobotany, vertebrate paleontology, and vertebrate zoology. The renowned collections provide crucial keys to the history of Earth and its life-forms, and in some cases are the only remaining traces of animals, plants, and cultures that have disappeared. About 4,000 objects are on public display, including the original “type” specimens — first of its kind — of Brontosaurus, Stegosaurus, and Triceratops.

The Yale University Art Gallery was founded in 1832 as an art museum for Yale and the community. Today it is one of the largest museums in the country, holding more than 250,000 objects and welcoming visitors from around the world. The museum’s encyclopedic collection can engage every interest. Galleries showcase artworks from ancient times to the present, including vessels from Tang-dynasty China, early Italian paintings, textiles from Borneo, treasures of American art, masks from Western Africa, modern and contemporary art, ancient sculptures, masterworks by Degas, van Gogh, and Picasso, and more. Spanning one and a half city blocks, the museum features more than 4,000 works on display, multiple classrooms, a rooftop terrace, a sculpture garden, and dramatic views of New Haven and the Yale campus. The gallery’s mission is to encourage an understanding of art and its role in society through direct engagement with original works of art. Programs include exhibition tours, lectures, and performances, all free and open to the public. For more information, please visit https://artgallery.yale.edu.

The Yale Center for British Art is a public art museum and research institute that houses the largest collection of British art outside the United Kingdom. Presented to the University by Paul Mellon (Yale College, Class of 1929), the collection reflects the development of British art and culture from the Elizabethan period to the present day. Free and open to all, offers exhibitions and programs, including lectures, concerts, films, symposia, tours, and family events. For more information, please visit https://britishart.yale.edu.

There are more than eighty endowed lecture series held at Yale each year on subjects ranging from anatomy to theology, and including virtually all disciplines.

More than five hundred musical events take place at the University during the academic year. In addition to recitals by graduate students, the School of Music presents the Ellington Jazz Series, Faculty Artist Series, Horowitz Piano Series, New Music New Haven, Oneppo Chamber Music Series, and Yale in New York, as well as performances by the Yale Opera, Yale Philharmonia, Yale Choral Artists, and various YSM ensembles, along with concerts at the Yale Collection of Musical Instruments. The Norfolk Chamber Music Festival/ Yale Summer School of Music presents the New Music Workshop and the Chamber Choir and Choral Conducting Workshop, in addition to the six-week Chamber Music Session. Many of these concerts stream live on the School’s website (https://music.yale.edu). Additionally, the School presents the Iseman Broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera Live in HD free to members of the Yale community. Undergraduate organizations include the Yale Bands, Yale Glee Club, Yale Symphony Orchestra, and numerous other singing and instrumental groups. The Department of Music sponsors the Yale Collegium, Yale Baroque Opera Project, productions of new music and opera, and undergraduate recitals. The Institute of Sacred Music presents Great Organ Music at Yale, the Yale Camerata, the Yale Schola Cantorum, and many other special events.

For theatergoers, Yale and New Haven offer a wide range of dramatic productions at such venues as the University Theatre, Yale Repertory Theatre, Yale Cabaret, Yale Residential College Theaters, Off Broadway Theater, Iseman Theater, Whitney Humanities Center, Collective Consciousness Theatre, A Broken Umbrella Theatre, Elm Shakespeare Company, International Festival of Arts and Ideas, Long Wharf Theatre, and Shubert Performing Arts Center.

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS or “Yale G&P Senate”) is composed of student-elected representatives from each of the thirteen graduate and professional schools at Yale. Any student enrolled in these schools is eligible to run for a senate seat during fall elections. As a governing body, the GPSS advocates for student concerns and advancement within Yale, represents all graduate and professional students to the outside world, and facilitates interaction and collaboration among the schools through social gatherings, academic or professional events, and community service. GPSS meetings occur on alternating Thursdays and are open to the entire graduate and professional school community, as well as representatives from the Yale administration. GPSS also oversees the management of the Graduate and Professional Student Center, located at 204 York Street. The center provides office and event space for GPSS and other student organizations and houses Gryphon’s Pub. For more information, please visit https://gpsenate.yale.edu.

The religious and spiritual resources of the University serve all students, faculty, and staff of all faiths. These resources are coordinated and/or supported through the Chaplaincy (located on the lower level of Bingham Hall on Old Campus); the University Church in Yale in Battell Chapel, an open and affirming ecumenical Christian congregation; and Yale Religious Ministries, the on-campus association of professionals representing numerous faith traditions. This association includes the Saint Thomas More Catholic Chapel and Center at Yale and the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale, and it supports Buddhist, Hindu, and Muslim life professionals; several
Protestant denominational and nondenominational ministries; and student religious groups such as the Baha’i Association, the Yale Hindu Student Council, the Muslim Student Association, the Sikh Student Association, and many others. Hours for the Chaplain’s Office during the academic term are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday evenings from 5 to 11. Additional information is available at http://chaplain.yale.edu.

The Payne Whitney Gymnasium is one of the most elaborate and extensive indoor athletic facilities in the world. This complex includes the 3,100-seat John J. Lee Amphitheater, the site for varsity basketball, volleyball, and gymnastics competitions; the Robert J.H. Kiphuth Exhibition Pool; the Brady Squash Center, a world-class facility with fifteen international-style courts; the Adrian C. Israel Fitness Center, a state-of-the-art exercise and weight-training complex; the Brooks-Dwyer Varsity Strength and Conditioning Center; the Colonel William K. Lanman, Jr. Center, a 30,000-square-foot space for recreational/intramural play and varsity team practice; the Greenberg Brothers Track, an eighth-mile indoor jogging track; the David Paterson Golf Technology Center; and other rooms devoted to fencing, gymnastics, rowing, wrestling, martial arts, general exercise, and dance. Numerous group exercise classes in dance, martial arts, zumba, yoga, pilates, spinning, HIIT and cardio, and sport skills are offered throughout the year. Yale undergraduates and graduate and professional school students may use the gym at no charge throughout the year. Memberships at reasonable fees are available for faculty, employees, postdocs, visiting associates, alumni, and members of the New Haven community. Memberships are also available for spouses and children of all members. Additional information is available at https://sportsandrecreation.yale.edu.

During the year, various recreational opportunities are available at the David S. Ingalls Rink, the McNay Family Sailing Center in Branford, the Yale Outdoor Education Center in East Lyme, the Yale Tennis Complex, and the Yale Golf Course. All members of the Yale community and their guests may participate at each of these venues for a modest fee. Up-to-date information on programs, hours, and specific costs is available at https://sportsandrecreation.yale.edu.

Approximately fifty club sports are offered at Yale, organized by the Office of Club Sports and Outdoor Education. Most of the teams are for undergraduates, but a few are available to graduate and professional school students. Yale students, faculty, staff, and alumni may use the Yale Outdoor Education Center (OEC), which consists of 1,500 acres surrounding a mile-long lake in East Lyme, Connecticut. The facility includes overnight cabins and campsites, a pavilion and dining hall available for group rental, and a waterfront area with supervised swimming, rowboats, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, and kayaks. Adjacent to the lake, a shaded picnic grove and gazebo are available to visitors. In a more remote area of the facility, hiking trails loop the north end of the property; trail maps and directions are available on-site at the field office. The OEC runs seven days a week from the third week of June through Labor Day. For more information, including mid-September weekend availability, call 203.432.2492 or visit https://sportsandrecreation.yale.edu.

Throughout the year, Yale graduate and professional school students have the opportunity to participate in numerous intramural sports activities, including volleyball, soccer, and softball in the fall; basketball and volleyball in the winter; softball, soccer, ultimate, and volleyball in the spring; and softball in the summer. With few exceptions, all academic-year graduate-professional student sports activities are scheduled on weekends, and most sports activities are open to competitive, recreational, and coeducational teams. More information is available from the Intramurals Office in Payne Whitney Gymnasium, 203.432.2487, or online at https://sportsandrecreation.yale.edu.