Divinity School
2021–2022
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CALENDAR

The following dates are subject to change as the University makes decisions regarding the 2021–2022 academic year. Changes will be posted online on the Divinity School’s website.

FALL 2021

Aug. 26   TH   Online registration begins, 9 a.m.
Aug. 26–27, 30  M   BTFO Orientation
Aug. 31  T   Opening Convocation, 4 p.m.
Sept. 1  W   Fall classes begin, 8:30 a.m.
Sept. 6  M   Labor Day. No classes
Sept. 13  M   Online registration ends, 11:59 p.m.
Sept. 15  W   Last day to change course grade mode to letter grade
Sept. 22  W   Last day to add a course
Oct. 14  TH   Last day to drop a course
             Deadline to request CR/NC grading
Oct. 15  F   Reading period begins, 9 p.m.
Oct. 19  T   Convocation begins
Oct. 22  F   Convocation ends
Oct. 25  M   Reading period ends, 8:20 a.m.
             Classes resume, 8:30 a.m.
Nov. 4   TH   Fall open house for prospective students
Nov. 19  F   Reading period begins, 9 p.m.
Nov. 24  W   Reading period ends, 9 p.m.
             Thanksgiving recess begins, 9 p.m.
Nov. 29  M   Thanksgiving recess ends, 8:20 a.m.
             Classes resume, 8:30 a.m.
Dec. 7   T   Regular classes end, 9 p.m.
Dec. 8   W   Labor Day classes rescheduled
             Reading period begins, 6 p.m.
Dec. 15  W   Reading period ends, 8:20 a.m.
             Final exams begin, 8:30 a.m.
Dec. 21  T   Exams end. Fall term ends, 6 p.m.
             All course work due

SPRING 2022

Jan. 3   M   Grades due for fall 2021
             Last day for faculty to accept late work for fall term
Jan. 18  T   Spring classes begin, 8:30 a.m.
             Online registration begins, 9 a.m.
Jan. 28  F   Online registration ends, 11:59 p.m.
Feb. 1   T   Last day to change grade mode to letter grade
Feb. 8   T   Last day to add a course
Feb. 15  T   Reading period begins, 9 p.m.
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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Yale Divinity School is one of those truly special places in American society—a place where the complex terrain between faith and intellect is enthusiastically embraced and explored. We are a community that not only ventures into the spaces between polar extremes; we thrive on them.

From scholars and researchers to politicians and religious luminaries, we have produced some of the world’s most influential leaders since the School’s inception in 1822 as a distinct unit within Yale University. To date, we have put forward more presidents and deans of colleges, universities, and seminaries, as well as heads of denominations, than any other divinity school or seminary in the United States. Yale Divinity School faculty have been—and continue to be—among the most prominent religion scholars of their time. Our ministers in the pulpit have nurtured and expanded the religious imaginations of the faithful in virtually every corner of the globe.

Just a few steps onto campus are enough to convey a good sense of what we’re about. We are Christian in ethos and tradition, but open to others. We welcome the opportunity to have dialogue with, and to learn from, other faith traditions. And we have accepted the challenge of appropriately and adequately applying biblical principles and theology to critical issues of the day. Our students and faculty regularly engage in conversations around issues such as immigration, climate change, women’s and LGBTQ rights, health care, and racial justice.

The professors push the bounds of student convictions, calling them into a deeper relationship not only with the Word, but also the world. This is an institution where faith and intellectual inquiry go hand in hand, where community is cherished and cultivated, and where the knowledge of God and service to humanity are seen as two sides of a single coin.

Welcome to Yale Divinity School.

Gregory E. Sterling
The Reverend Henry L. Slack Dean, Yale Divinity School
Lillian Claus Professor of New Testament
Yale Divinity School (YDS), a graduate professional school of Yale University, is a robust community of learning and worship offering a wide range of resources for students on varied paths, including careers not only in ministry and academia but in many other professions as well. The school is interdenominational and nonsectarian, with a faculty drawn from the major Christian traditions and also other world religions. Students represent numerous denominations and faith groups, and instruction is provided in the history, doctrines, and polity of all the major church traditions.

Programs of study at YDS lead to the degrees of Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.), and Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.). Interdisciplinary study is encouraged through enrollment in courses elsewhere at Yale or by pursuing joint-degree programs offered in collaboration with other graduate professional schools at the University. Beyond the classroom, students engage in worship opportunities, field placements, research, guest lectures, and denominationally oriented activities.

The richness of student experience and opportunity at Yale Divinity School is enhanced by the presence of several YDS partner institutions that specialize in programs of formation: Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School (ANS), which specializes in the training of ministers within congregationally based polities; Berkeley Divinity School at Yale (BDS), an Episcopal seminary; and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music (ISM), which fosters engagement in the sacred through music, worship, and the arts.

Sterling Divinity Quadrangle—the home of YDS on the Yale campus—is also the site of a number of vital resource and research programs, such as the Yale Center for Faith and Culture, the Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale, the James E. Annand Program for Spiritual Formation, and the Educational Leadership and Ministry Program.

Between 380 and 400 students attend YDS at any given time. Central to life on Sterling Divinity Quadrangle are the daily worship services held in Marquand Chapel, in addition to services organized by Andover Newton Seminary, Berkeley Divinity School, and student denominational groups.

YDS maintains strong ties with the Department of Religious Studies in the University’s Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, which offers the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in multiple fields of study. A number of YDS faculty hold joint appointments in the Department of Religious Studies, and some participate as Ph.D. program faculty. Conversely, Religious Studies faculty frequently teach courses at the Divinity School. YDS professors also hold joint appointments in, or affiliations with, various other Yale departments, including American Studies, Classics, History, History of Art, and Philosophy. Additionally, YDS students can with permission earn Divinity degree credit for Religious Studies courses, and graduate Religious Studies students can with permission take YDS courses for degree credit.

The YDS website can be accessed at http://divinity.yale.edu.
History of the Divinity School

Training for the Christian ministry was a main purpose in the founding of Yale College in 1701. As expressed in its original charter, it was to be a school “wherein Youth may be instructed in the Arts & Sciences who through the blessing of Almighty God may be fitted for Publick employment both in Church & Civil State.” That purpose has always been recognized at Yale, and the history of the University is one of increasing development in the facilities for training for religious service.

During the early years of Yale College, its general curriculum, supplemented in some cases by a year or two of reading under the direction of its instructors, was deemed sufficient for ministerial preparation. But in 1822, in response to petitioning from students of theology who asked to be recognized as a distinct group, a professorship in theology was established, marking the formation of what was later to be known as the Yale Divinity School.

Divinity School classes were first held in rooms above the University chapel, and in 1835–36 Divinity College was constructed on what is now Yale’s Old Campus as the new home of the Divinity School. In 1869, two years after Yale awarded its first Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) degree (changed in 1971 to the M.Div.), the cornerstone was laid for new Divinity facilities at Elm and College streets. The present home of the Divinity School, Sterling Divinity Quadrangle on Prospect Street, opened in 1932, the same year women were admitted for the first time as candidates for the B.D. degree. A $49 million renovation of the Georgian Colonial-style campus, where Marquand Chapel dominates as the central unifying monument, was completed in 2003.

Over the years, YDS has been associated with some of the most prominent figures in American religion, such as faculty members H. Richard Niebuhr, Roland Bainton, Brevard Childs, James Gustafson, Henri Nouwen, Margaret Farley, and Emilie Townes; and alumni/ae including theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, antiwar activist and Yale University Chaplain William Sloane Coffin, Jr., Union Theological Seminary President Serene Jones, Disciples of Christ General Minister and President Sharon Watkins, and Otis Moss III, senior minister at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. Other well-known alumni include International Rescue Committee President and CEO George Rupp, Emory University President and U.S. Ambassador James Laney, and U.S. Senators John Danforth and Chris Coons.

Today, YDS is a thriving ecumenical school inclusive of a wide range of Christian traditions. The School graduates about 150 students every year, including many who enter pulpit ministries and others who embark on careers in chaplaincy, academia, law, medicine, business, social service, and the world of nonprofit agencies.

Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, located at Yale Divinity School for almost five decades, was founded by Bishop John Williams in 1854 in Middletown, Connecticut, to be a mediating seminary during a time of theological division in the Episcopal Church. In 1928 Berkeley moved to New Haven to better fulfill its mission by taking advantage of the resources of an urban center and a great university, a purpose that came to full fruition through its affiliation with Yale Divinity School in 1971.

The Yale Institute of Sacred Music (ISM) has operated in partnership with YDS since it was established at Yale in 1973. The Institute is a successor to the renowned School of
Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. ISM trains musicians for churches, and it supports programs in choral conducting, organ performance, voice, and church music studies (with the Yale School of Music) and in liturgical studies and religion and the arts (both with YDS).

In 2017 Andover Newton Theological School, the oldest graduate theological school in the country, affiliated with YDS as Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School, becoming the third YDS partner institution on the Quad. The focus of Andover Newton is its celebrated tradition of ministerial formation and specialization in the training of ministers within locally governed congregational traditions.

**Yale Divinity School Mission Statement**

Yale Divinity School has an enduring commitment to foster the knowledge and love of God through scholarly engagement with Christian traditions in a global, multifaith context. Participating in the vibrant life of Yale University, the Divinity School is uniquely positioned to train leaders for church and society given its ecumenical and international character, engagement with music and the arts, and commitment to social justice. Rigorous scholarly inquiry, corporate worship and spiritual formation, and practical engagement in a variety of ministries enable students to develop their knowledge and skills in a community that welcomes and affirms human diversity. The Divinity School pursues its mission of training students for service in church and world through three principal activities: (1) it prepares people for lay and ordained Christian ministries; (2) it shares with the Graduate School in educating scholars and teachers for theological schools and departments of religious studies; (3) it equips people preparing for public service or other careers to understand more fully the theological dimensions of their vocations.

*Adopted by the Yale Divinity School faculty, March 1, 2011.*

**Inclusivity at Yale Divinity School**

By history, intention, and design, the Yale Divinity School community embraces a wide range of Christian traditions. Committed to serving church and world, it also welcomes people of various religious and nonreligious traditions, drawing wide the circle to include myriad perspectives.

Seeking to foster the knowledge and love of God through critical engagement with the traditions of the Christian churches, the Divinity School upholds the value of broad inclusivity and diversity in our academic, worship, and communal life.

We celebrate the fullness of race and color; denominational, political, theological, and cultural difference; the range of expressions of sexual and gender identity; and the varied voices that come with age, life experience, national and community service, and socioeconomic status.

In ecumenical conversation and in the space created that crosses traditionally entrenched positions, profound educational value is gained and diverse perspectives are presented.

To this end, we foster inclusivity and diversity through our academic, social, and spiritual practices. At the core of our intention is the deliberate encouragement of
conversation across the lines of difference; attention to offering access to all aspects of our common life; consistent sensitivity to the uniqueness of each person's background; and particular attentiveness to our words in speech, writing, prayer, and praise.

We value the worth and dignity of every member of the Divinity School community, as we build an environment where inclusivity and diversity are central and consistently affirmed.

_Adopted by the Yale Divinity School faculty, May 6, 2010._

The use of inclusive language is a matter of concern to the YDS community. Guidelines for gender-inclusive and racially inclusive language are available to faculty and students.

**Accreditation and Educational Effectiveness**

The School is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools, 10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15275-1110; 412.788.6505. The following degree programs are approved by the Commission on Accrediting: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religion, and Master of Sacred Theology.

Students meet with success in a wide range of pursuits, as documented in surveys conducted over five years following receipt of either an M.Div. or M.A.R. degree. More than half of M.Div. graduates enter ministry, as parish pastors or chaplains in hospitals or academic settings. About a quarter continue with additional graduate education or work in teaching ministries. Others are engaged in the nonprofit sector, the private sector, the arts, politics, or family life. Half of M.A.R. graduates remain in education, either seeking additional degrees or working in schools, while about fifteen percent enter ministry, slightly more than the number who work in the private sector. M.A.R. graduates also pursue careers in nonprofits, the arts, and other ventures.
PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Yale Divinity School offers several programs in professional theological education. Each is designed with a threefold intent: (1) to foster and demand serious consideration by students of the essential historical substance of Christian faith and tradition; (2) to explore ways of thinking sensitively and constructively about theological issues and the practical, moral, social, and ecclesiastical problems of today's world; and (3) to provide training and experience promoting the development of effective leadership in the Christian community for the well-being of the persons and societies it serves. Toward these ends a range of opportunities is made available – through instruction, study and research, worship, community-wide reflection, field placements, and informal contacts – to encourage the personal, intellectual, religious, and vocational maturity of each student.

In its programs of study, YDS takes seriously the diversity of its student body. Differences in preparation for theological education are met by flexible curricular requirements to permit students to work at levels commensurate with their individual achievements and capabilities. Differences in interests are met by the breadth and depth of curricular offerings provided in the School and through other branches of Yale University. Differences in vocational clarity and goals are met by the diversity of curricular options, by exposure to a wide variety of possibilities in field education, and by numerous opportunities to supplement formal programs with noncurricular resources and activities. Furthermore, each of the foundational courses in the M.Div. curriculum attends to questions of diversity, equity, and power in relation to the historical formation of that discipline.

Organization of the Curriculum

The curriculum is divided into five main academic areas, along with the YDS Internship Program, the scope and purposes of which may be described briefly as follows:


**Area II — Theological Studies** Theology, Christian ethics, and liturgical studies.

**Area III — Historical Studies** Studies in the historical substance of Christian faith and tradition.

**Area IV — Ministerial Studies** Studies in the work of the church and the various forms of its ministry in the world.

**Area V — Comparative and Cultural Studies** Studies in religion, philosophy, the arts, personality, and society.

**YDS Internship Program** Field education, together with theological reflection, in church or clinical ministries, and in educational, nonprofit, or social justice-focused settings.
Master of Divinity Degree Requirements

The degree of Master of Divinity (M.Div.) certifies completion of a program of theological studies designed primarily, although not exclusively, to prepare the candidate for ordination to the Christian ministry. The requirements reflect the intention of YDS to provide an education that is theologically informed, professionally competent, academically rigorous, and oriented to the life of the church.

The minimum requirement for the M.Div. degree is the successful completion of seventy-two credit hours and a three-year residency (defined as enrollment in at least one three-credit course that meets on campus on a regular basis throughout the term) with the following caveats:

1. Students with heavy responsibilities outside of school are strongly advised to reduce their course load, but the total program of study for the M.Div. degree shall not be expanded beyond six years. Students will not receive financial aid for course work beyond the requirements.
2. The residency requirement of three years may be reduced when credits, up to a maximum of twenty-four hours, are transferred. In order to receive the M.Div. degree, students who transfer credits must complete at least two years of resident work at YDS, one of which must be the final year.
3. Exceptions to the final-year residency requirement may be made for students on approved exchange or joint-degree study. In all cases a minimum of forty-eight credits must be earned through course work at Yale.

Students are encouraged to elect courses in other schools or departments of the University. Any student who takes more than nine hours in another school or department of the University comes under the regulations for interdepartmental study; see Interdepartmental Studies, in the chapter Other Curricular Considerations. See the chapter Areas and Courses of Study for information about credit for undergraduate courses.

M.Div. students may opt to complete a thesis or project by following the procedures outlined below.

Minimum requirements for graduation include the following distribution of courses in the curriculum:

**Area I** Twelve credit hours distributed between Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and New Testament. Ordinarily, this must include at least three credit hours in Hebrew Bible Interpretation (REL 503/REL 504) and at least three credit hours in New Testament Interpretation (REL 505/REL 506). Elementary Hebrew and Greek do not meet this requirement but are counted toward the total number of hours needed for graduation.

**Area II** Twelve credit hours, including at least one course designated to meet the Theology requirement and one course designated to meet the Ethics requirement. Only explicitly introductory courses taught by Divinity Theology faculty may count in fulfillment of the Theology requirement; this includes Introduction to Theology (REL 600) and Systematic Theology (REL 626). The Ethics requirement is typically met by Introduction to Christian Ethics (REL 615) or Christian Ethics Seminar (REL 631). Courses that are designated as meeting the Ethics requirement introduce
students in a comprehensive way to what it means to live as a Christian; they cannot simply be courses that focus on a particular moral issue, nor can they be courses in philosophical or nontheological social ethics. Only three hours of Denominational Courses may be counted toward the Area II requirement.

**Area III** Nine credit hours in Historical Studies, six of which must be met by any two of the following introductory courses: REL 712, REL 713, REL 714, and REL 715. Only three hours of Denominational Courses may be counted toward the Area III requirement.

**Area IV** Twelve credit hours, including REL 812.

**Area V** Nine credit hours.

**YDS Internship Program** See YDS Internships, in the chapter Other Curricular Considerations.

**Elective** Eighteen credit hours.

**ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS**

Every M.Div. student is required to take one course (three credit hours) in a non-Christian religion or one course in the relationship between Christianity and other religions.

Every M.Div. student is required to take one course (three credit hours) in fulfillment of the diversity requirement. Courses designated as fulfilling the diversity requirement either focus on or integrate in a sustained way material on class, gender/sexuality, race/ethnicity, indigeneity, disability, and/or global/cultural diversity. Courses fulfilling these requirements foster necessary understanding and analytical skills to successfully minister in multicultural, multireligious, multiethnic contexts, with an awareness of processes that marginalize people and produce unequal power relations.

All M.Div. students are additionally required to complete the nine-hour workshop Negotiating Boundaries in Ministerial Relationships (REL 3990). This workshop is a prerequisite for all internships.

No course may be counted toward meeting the requirements simultaneously in more than one area or toward meeting more than one of the distributional requirements within a single area.

For students with special and clear vocational plans, the Professional Studies Committee may approve a course of study that differs from the indicated area minimum requirements.

The first year of study is designed to provide general orientation in the various areas of theological education.

**ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT**

The M.Div. is a professional degree program, and students are expected to grow in their understanding of their own place in the community of faith; to understand the cultural realities and social settings within which religious communities live and carry out their missions; to grow in emotional maturity, personal faith, moral integrity, and social concern; and to gain capacities for growth in the practice of ministry. The faculty
has established learning goals for Religious Heritage, Cultural Context, Personal and Spiritual Formation, and Capacity for Ministry and Public Leadership. It is expected that students engaged in such learning will, during the course of the degree program, gain clarity about their own place in professional ministry—ordained or nonordained—within the church or in the broader society.

In order to measure progress toward these goals, M.Div. students are required to participate in a program assessing their progress. Each student builds a portfolio of work that includes significant academic projects, creative projects, and brief essays reflecting on the goals outlined above. This portfolio is developed with the support of faculty advisers and the associate dean for ministerial and social leadership. In addition to regular conferences with an assigned academic adviser, students are also required to participate in a mid-degree consultation, based on the M.Div. portfolio. That consultation will normally include the faculty adviser, the associate dean for ministerial and social leadership or the director of Anglican studies and formation at Berkeley, and several other professionals acquainted with the student’s work and focus. Each M.Div. student must participate in an End-of-Degree conversation as part of the assessment requirement.

INTERNERSHIP REQUIREMENT

Students who enroll in the M.Div. program must complete four hundred hours of an internship as part of their degree requirements. Students may elect to meet this requirement in several ways. See YDS Internships, in the chapter Other Curricular Considerations, for definitive information about requirements and policies regarding internships.

THESIS AND PROJECT OPTIONS

A thesis or project is an option in the third year of the M.Div. program. Candidates interested in a thesis or project must initiate the process by selecting first and second readers (either of whom may or may not be the academic adviser) appropriate to the topic who are willing and able to work with the student. Readers will ordinarily be Yale faculty members. However, with permission of the associate dean of academic affairs, the first reader can be a part-time or visiting Yale faculty member, and the second reader may be external to Yale. Completed thesis or project proposals must be submitted no later than the end of the first week of the term in which the thesis or project will be initiated. Students are strongly encouraged to submit a proposal form at the end of the term prior to the term in which they hope to begin the thesis or project.

Key elements of the process include (1) a one-page description of the thesis or project; (2) signatures of the first reader, second reader, and academic adviser; (3) in the event the first reader is not a full-time member of the YDS faculty, a statement of support from a person who is a full-time member of the YDS faculty; (4) specification of what must be submitted as evidence of progress achieved by the Monday of the fifth week of classes in which the thesis or project is begun.

The associate dean of academic affairs reviews the completed application and makes a determination on whether or not the proposal is approved. Students who have not obtained approval prior to the start of the term in which the thesis or project will
be initiated are advised to register for another class in the event that approval is not granted.

Theses or projects written for the M.Div. program are eligible for elective credit only. The length of manuscripts for the thesis or project will vary depending on the subject matter, but a one-term thesis or project is typically 30–50 pages long; a two-term thesis or project, typically 60–100 pages. All thesis and project students must register for the M.Div. Thesis or Project course (REL 3799) for one or two terms.

Further details on thesis and project requirements are described in the document “Yale Divinity School Timeline Requirements for M.A.R./M.Div. Theses,” available in the registrar’s office.

Master of Arts in Religion Degree Requirements

The degree of Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.) certifies either completion of a comprehensive program of study in preparation for one of the many forms of ministry or service, or completion of one of the concentrated programs of advanced study described below.

The minimum requirement for the M.A.R. degree is the successful completion of forty-eight credit hours and a two-year residency (defined as enrollment in at least one three-credit course that meets on campus on a regular basis throughout the term) with the following caveats:

1. Students with heavy responsibilities outside of school are strongly advised to reduce their course load, but the total program of study for the M.A.R. degree shall not be expanded beyond four years. Students will not receive financial aid for course work beyond the requirements.

2. The residency requirement of two years may be reduced when credits, up to a maximum of twelve hours, are transferred. In order to receive the M.A.R. degree, students who transfer credits must complete at least three terms of resident work at YDS, one of which must be the final term.

3. Exceptions to the final-term residency requirement may be made for students on approved exchange or joint-degree study. In all cases a minimum of twenty-four credits must be earned through course work at Yale.

Students are encouraged to elect courses in other schools and departments of the University. Any student who takes more than nine hours in another school or department of the University comes under the regulations for interdepartmental study; see Interdepartmental Studies, in the chapter Other Curricular Considerations. See the chapter Areas and Courses of Study for information about credit for undergraduate courses.

Students awarded the M.A.R. degree who continue their studies for the M.Div. degree will not be awarded both degrees for less than four full academic years of study.

M.A.R. students may opt to complete a thesis or project by following the procedures outlined below.
ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT

Students in the M.A.R. degree program are required to participate in a program assessing their progress. Each student builds an online portfolio of work that demonstrates progress toward the degree’s learning goals. Learning goals for students in M.A.R. concentration programs are determined by the faculty in each area; learning goals for students in M.A.R. comprehensive programs are developed, beginning in the second term of study, by the students themselves, in consultation with their academic adviser and with the associate dean for ministerial and social leadership. M.A.R. students will upload work demonstrating fulfillment of their goals, beginning early in the second year of study. Students will post a brief narrative outlining how the goals are being fulfilled. Faculty members in each concentration will meet to discuss the progress of students studying in their area; academic advisers will review the work of advisees in comprehensive programs. Each M.A.R. student must participate in an End-of-Degree conversation as part of the assessment requirement.

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM

Minimum requirements of the comprehensive M.A.R. program include the following distribution of courses in the curriculum:

Area I Six credit hours. Elementary Hebrew and Greek do not meet this requirement but are counted toward the total number of hours needed for graduation.

Area II Six credit hours.

Area III Six credit hours.

Area IV Six credit hours.

Area V Six credit hours.

Elective Eighteen credit hours.

No course may be counted toward meeting the distributional requirements simultaneously in more than one area. The distributional requirements of the M.A.R. degree are sufficiently flexible that students can devote a significant part of the program to specialized interests.

CONCENTRATED PROGRAM

The concentrated M.A.R. program offers the opportunity to pursue advanced work in one of the disciplines of theological study. The faculty limits the number of applicants accepted into the concentrated program and reviews the progress of each upon completion of the first term. If progress is not satisfactory, the student becomes responsible for fulfilling the requirements of the comprehensive program. Concentrations are offered in Asian Religions; Black Religion in the African Diaspora; Ethics; Hebrew Bible; History of Christianity; Latinx and Latin American Christianity; Liturgical Studies; New Testament; Philosophical Theology and Philosophy of Religion; Practical Theology; Religion and Ecology; Religion and the Arts; Second Temple Judaism; Theology; Women's, Gender, and/or Sexuality Studies in Religion; and World Christianity/Missions.
Asian Religions

The concentration in Asian Religions requires twelve credit hours of language study and a minimum of twelve credit hours of study in Asian religions. At least eighteen credit hours of YDS course work is required of all candidates.

Black Religion in the African Diaspora

The concentration in Black Religion in the African Diaspora is an interdisciplinary program based in the YDS curriculum that includes a broad range of courses that illumine the theology, history, philosophy, aesthetics, and practices of black religion. Students are encouraged to take courses pertinent to African American religious studies in other departments or programs of the University (for example, in Anthropology, Religious Studies, History, African Studies, African American Studies, Music, History of Art, and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies). Through the careful study of manuscript, printed, visual, and aural/oral sources, students learn an array of methodologies and approaches to inventively engage black religion and explore current movements and debates on topics such as race, gender, sexuality, popular culture, politics, and media. A minimum of eighteen credit hours must be taken in courses focusing on black religion representing at least four of the five curricular areas. In addition, six credit hours of foundational study are required in Bible and twelve in history and theology. Although not required, up to six hours of credit may be given for a major paper or project.

Ethics

Ethics is concerned with the evaluation of character and action. It examines the sorts of people we ought to be, the ways we should act in relation to others, and the social structures we collectively inhabit, transmit, and transform. The concentration in Ethics is an inherently interdisciplinary course of study that trains students in Christian theological traditions of ethical reflection and in contemporary social-ethical thought. Courses in ethics address questions of the good life, social justice, and the common good, both as these have arisen in the past and as they take shape with reference to pressing concerns of our own historical moment, from immigration to environmental justice. All students are encouraged to pursue work across the theological disciplines as well as in pertinent areas of the University outside of the Divinity School, including the Departments of Religious Studies, Philosophy, and Political Science, the School of the Environment, and the Law School. The Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics offers further resources for interested students. At least eighteen credit hours must be taken in ethics; in addition, six credit hours in the biblical disciplines and twelve in history and theology are ordinarily required. The program trains students for intellectual leadership both inside and outside the academy, with graduates of the program entering top doctoral programs in the field as well as work in the nonprofit sector, advocacy, secondary education, journalism, and law.

Hebrew Bible

The concentration in Hebrew Bible prepares students for the critical study of the Hebrew Bible, its languages, texts, and contexts. The curriculum encompasses: (1) the study of Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic, as well as offerings in relevant ancient languages; (2) a wide range of interpretive courses, both textual and thematic; and
(3) courses in the ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean context and in the history of interpretation. Students frequently make use of the rich resources at Yale in the Departments of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Religious Studies, Classics, Comparative Literature, History of Art, and Anthropology, as well as the holdings of Yale’s many collections. The concentration in Hebrew Bible requires eighteen credit hours of Hebrew and Hebrew-based courses, six credit hours of Greek, the foundation courses in Hebrew Bible and New Testament Interpretation (REL 503, REL 504, REL 505, and REL 506), and six credit hours of exegetical, thematic, or historical courses. Many students in this concentration advance to do doctoral work in Hebrew Bible and related areas.

History of Christianity

The concentration in the History of Christianity trains students in the history of Christianity and in historical methods of analysis for the study of religion. The curriculum includes a wide range of courses, from early Christianity to the Reformation and contemporary America, and is broadened by the opportunity to take courses in other departments and programs of the University (for example, in Religious Studies, History, American Studies, African American Studies, History of Art, and Classics). Students are challenged to engage with the past in ways that treat earlier cultures with integrity, while exploring how those pasts continue to inform our present. Through the rigorous study of manuscript, printed, visual, and oral sources, students learn a range of methodologies and approaches to history as well as enter current debates on topics such as memory, war, race, and gender. Faculty emphasize the historical study of theology and religious thought; the cultural contexts in which ideas were formulated, expressed, and disseminated; and the historical intersections of Christianity with other religious traditions. The concentration requires at least eighteen credit hours in historical studies, and students are encouraged to complete a thesis, especially if their plans include further graduate work.

Latinx and Latin American Christianity

The Latinx and Latin American Christianity concentration is an interdisciplinary program for students who wish to study Latinx and Latin American religious culture, theology, and history. Students can choose to focus their studies on Latinx Christianity in the United States or Christianity in Latin America, or to explore both with an eye toward developing a more hemispheric perspective in relation to these fields and geographic areas (i.e., the United States and Latin America). The concentration requires eighteen credit hours to be taken in Latinx and/or Latin American Studies, twelve of which must be in Latinx and/or Latin American religion courses and six of which can be in other related departments and disciplines. Students are also required to take courses in biblical studies, history, ethics, and theology for the purposes of a well-rounded program of study. Students who do not speak Spanish and/or Portuguese are encouraged to take relevant language courses.

Liturgical Studies

The concentration in Liturgical Studies requires eighteen credit hours of study in the major area, including the introductory core course of the program, REL 682, Foundations of Christian Worship. Students must take nine credit hours of electives
in liturgical studies, three with an historical focus, three with a theological focus, and three with a strong methodological or practical component. The remaining six credits may be taken as electives, but students are strongly encouraged to seek out a course in their own denominational worship tradition. The remaining thirty credits required for the M.A.R. with a concentration in liturgical studies will be taken in the various areas of study of the YDS and Institute of Sacred Music (ISM) curricula, according to a student’s academic interests and professional goals and in consultation with faculty in the area of concentration.

New Testament

The concentration in New Testament trains students in the reading of early Christian texts and the surrounding literature, in the diverse methodologies used to read those texts, and in their ongoing significance. The program trains students in the reading of Greek texts and in one other relevant ancient language (normally Hebrew, but other languages may be substituted). Students are encouraged to explore widely and to take some courses in related departments at Yale that are relevant to their interests. The requirements include fifteen hours of Greek and Greek-based courses (including courses offered by the Classics department), six hours in another relevant language, six hours in relevant thematic or critical theory courses, and the foundational sequences in Hebrew Bible and New Testament Interpretation (REL 503, REL 504, REL 505, and REL 506) or their equivalents. If students have substantial experience in diversely oriented foundational Hebrew Bible and New Testament Interpretation courses, they may, in consultation with the program faculty, waive this requirement. All courses are selected in consultation with an adviser. The purpose of the program is to provide solid grounding in New Testament scholarship broadly understood.

Philosophical Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Individual programs are planned for each of the students concentrating in Philosophical Theology and Philosophy of Religion. Eighteen credit hours are required in biblical and theological studies—the latter including but not limited to moral, historical, liberation, and systematic theology—with at least six in biblical and six in theological studies. At least eighteen hours must be taken in philosophical theology or philosophy of religion. Courses in the social sciences and in historical and philosophical study of religion may be taken in other departments of the University, especially in Religious Studies and Philosophy. Students’ course work must include a course that addresses in a sustained and focused way questions concerning how theological and philosophical discourse is influenced by white supremacy and the privileging of white and male voices.

Practical Theology

The Practical Theology concentration is an interdisciplinary academic program for students engaged in the study of lived religion and theologically grounded research in the practices of persons and communities. Students may focus their work within one of practical theology’s subdisciplines (e.g., homiletics, liturgical studies, pastoral care, religious education, spirituality), or they may design a focus of study across subdisciplines in consultation with practical theology faculty. The concentration requires twenty-four hours to be taken in practical theology courses, six hours of which must include the required practical theology proseminar and the course in research
methods. Also required are nine credit hours in Divinity courses beyond Area IV and fifteen elective credit hours. Students’ course work must include two courses that focus centrally on the study of class, gender/sexuality, race/ethnicity, disability, or global/cultural diversity.

**Religion and Ecology**

The concentration in Religion and Ecology is an interdisciplinary program based in the YDS curriculum and draws on faculty resources in biblical studies, ethics, liturgical studies, pastoral care, spirituality, theology, and world religions and ecology. It spans the study of eco-theology; eco-spirituality; eco-feminism; theologies of embodiment, place, land, race, and indigeneity; environmental ethics; liturgy and creation; and cosmology and ecology. At least fifteen credit hours must be taken in the area of religion and ecology, as well as six credit hours in the Yale School of the Environment. In addition, fifteen credit hours of study in Bible, theology, and/or history are required, with a minimum of three credit hours of each.

**Religion and the Arts**

Students in the Religion and the Arts concentration elect one of three tracks: Literature, Visual Arts, or Music. The emphasis in each track is on history, criticism, and analysis of past and present practice. Each requires twenty-one credits in the area of concentration: in visual arts or music, twelve of these credits must be taken with ISM faculty; in literature, six must be taken with ISM faculty. In addition, at least fifteen credits shall be devoted to general theological studies: six credits in Area I, six credits in Area II, and three credits in Area III. Twelve credits of electives may be taken from anywhere in the University, though the number of electives allowed in studio art, creative writing, or musical performance is at the discretion of the adviser and requires the permission of the instructor. In total, one-half of the student’s course load must consist of YDS credits. An undergraduate major in the field of concentration or its equivalent is required.

**Second Temple Judaism**

The M.A.R. in Second Temple Judaism has a primary focus in the period between the Babylonian Exile (586–539 BCE) and the Jewish revolts against Rome in the period 66–135 CE. Since there are no Ph.D. programs in Second Temple Judaism alone, students also do extensive work either in Hebrew Bible, New Testament, or rabbinic Judaism. Students are expected to acquire high-level competence in Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic. Study of Syriac and Latin is also encouraged. In addition to courses in either Hebrew Bible, New Testament, or both, students are encouraged to take courses in rabbinic Judaism, in the Department of Religious Studies, as well as in Classics and the Archaia interdisciplinary program. The goal of the program is to familiarize students with the history and literature of Judaism between the Hebrew Bible and the Mishnah, and to read at least the literature that is extant in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek in the primary languages. The concentration requires twelve credit hours in advanced Hebrew, twelve in other ancient languages, and twelve in the history and literature of the period, and allows twelve elective credits.
Theology

The program in Theology permits concentration in theological studies with a sequence of courses totaling eighteen credit hours selected for this purpose. Suggested concentrations are systematic, historical, or liberation theology. Ordinarily, six credit hours are required in Bible, and six credit hours in the history of Christian theology. Individual programs are designed utilizing these guidelines.

Women’s, Gender, and/or Sexuality Studies in Religion

The concentration in Women’s, Gender, and/or Sexuality Studies (WGSS) trains students in a number of skills pertinent to gender and sexuality studies, including textual interpretation and analysis, historical thinking, and approaches to visual and material culture, all with a relation to the religious (broadly construed). Students are encouraged to develop their own research agendas, which may be thematic, historical, theological, theoretical, or take a number of other forms, and to make use of resources from other departments and programs in the University, especially American Studies; Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies; and Ethnicity, Race, and Migration. Students typically pursue courses of study that prepare them for further work, whether in a professional or academic context, which is enabled by the flexibility of degree requirements for the WGSS M.A.R. Students work closely with faculty advisers to create a coherent program of study, which might focus on topics like queer art, women’s history and biblical interpretation, gender and liturgy, queer theology, or the effect of religion on gender, sexuality, and health care, to name a few examples from recent years. Faculty interests include biblical interpretation, theology and ethics, preaching and pastoral care, visual and material culture, and liturgy. The concentration requires six credit hours in Bible (or other sacred texts, with the adviser’s permission) and six credit hours in historical or theological study, in addition to eighteen credit hours in the WGSS concentration.

World Christianity/Missions

The concentration in World Christianity/Missions is designed for students who are interested in the historical expansion of Christianity and/or who wish to spend a period of time working with churches and organizations in other countries or who wish to pursue graduate studies in a relevant field. Students are required to take a range of courses dealing with Christianity in its historical, biblical, and theological dimensions as well as Christianity’s interface with culture and with other religions. Students may opt either for Missions or for World Christianity as their emphasis within the concentration. Twelve credit hours are required in the core curriculum of each emphasis. For either emphasis, six credit hours in foundation courses in biblical studies are required, as are six credit hours of work in theology and/or ethics and six credit hours in the history of Christianity. There are six credit hours of electives. Students who opt for the Missions emphasis will take a minimum of six credit hours in one of four geographic area studies programs of the University (Latin American, African, East Asian, or Southeast Asian studies) as well as six credit hours in World Christianity. Relevant courses in the other departments of the University may also be included after consultation with the adviser. For those emphasizing World Christianity within the concentration, six credit hours in Missions are required as well as six credit hours in
world religions. Students may also opt for a major research writing project as part of their course requirement in consultation with their adviser.

**THESIS AND PROJECT OPTIONS**

A thesis or project is an option in the second year of the M.A.R. program. Candidates interested in a thesis or project must initiate the process by selecting first and second readers (either of whom may or may not be the academic adviser) appropriate to the topic who are willing and able to work with the student. Readers will ordinarily be Yale faculty members. However, with permission of the associate dean of academic affairs, the first reader can be a part-time or visiting Yale faculty member, and the second reader may be external to Yale. Completed thesis or project proposals must be submitted no later than the end of the first week of the term in which the thesis or project will be initiated. Students are strongly encouraged to submit a proposal form at the end of the term prior to the term in which they hope to begin the thesis or project.

Key elements of the process include (1) a one-page description of the thesis or project; (2) signatures of the first reader, second reader, and academic adviser; (3) in the event the first reader is not a full-time member of the YDS faculty, a statement of support from a person who is a full-time member of the YDS faculty; (4) specification of what must be submitted as evidence of progress achieved by the Monday of the fifth week of classes in which the thesis or project is begun.

The associate dean of academic affairs reviews the completed application and makes a determination on whether or not the proposal is approved. Students who have not obtained approval prior to the start of the term in which the thesis or project will be initiated are advised to register for another class in the event that approval is not granted.

For M.A.R. concentrated program students, the academic adviser will determine area credit. Theses or projects written for the M.A.R. comprehensive program are eligible for elective credit only. The length of manuscripts for the thesis or project will vary depending on the subject matter, but a one-term thesis or project is typically 30–50 pages long; a two-term thesis or project, typically 60–100. All thesis and project students must register for the M.A.R. Thesis or Project course (REL 3899) for one or two terms.

Further details on thesis and project requirements are described in the document “Yale Divinity School Timeline Requirements for M.A.R./M.Div. Theses,” available in the registrar’s office.

**EXTENDED DEGREE PROGRAM**

An extended degree program is offered for selected students in the concentrated M.A.R. program. This allows students planning to apply for doctoral programs to strengthen their preparation through an additional year of academic study.

Each year, the number of openings available for the extended year is determined in late August/early September. The selection committee can fill no more than this number of openings but may develop a waiting list if warranted. There may be two selection rounds, the first in the fall term and a possible second round in the spring term. If students are not selected in the fall, they may reapply in the spring, if there are spaces
available, along with students who did not submit their applications for the fall-term selection round. Financial aid for the third year will be limited.

Applications in the fall term are due by October 15; notifications are sent by November 15. Students must notify the YDS Admissions Office of their decision by March 20. Applications in the spring term are due by March 1; notifications are sent by March 26. Students must notify the YDS Admissions Office of their decision by April 15. Current ISM M.A.R. students interested in applying for the third year should contact the ISM Office of Admissions for details.

Students must include the following items in their applications: (1) address and email address; (2) area of concentration; (3) whether the student is or is not an ISM student; (4) a completed M.A.R. course plan (blank copies are downloadable online), with current/anticipated fourth-term courses included; (5) a statement explaining why the student wishes to extend the concentrated M.A.R. program, including the planned course of study for the third year (ordinarily, it is expected that students will pursue full-time study during the third year; if a student wishes to study part-time, the application must indicate how many courses will be taken); (6) a description of the doctoral program to which the student will be applying and how it fits into the statement of interest above; and (7) two letters of recommendation from Yale faculty. One of these letters must be from a faculty member in the area of concentration. These letters should be sent directly to the Office of Academic Affairs.

Students accepted into the extended year will need to apply for financial aid, and a new award will be calculated. The new award will not be based on previous scholarship aid received at YDS. Federal loan programs will be available, provided that Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is maintained.

Master of Sacred Theology Degree Requirements

Graduates of theological schools of recognized standing who have obtained the B.D. or M.Div. degree may be admitted to a program of studies leading to the Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) degree. YDS also offers a specialized S.T.M. track, the S.T.M. for Ministry Professionals, described below.

TRADITIONAL S.T.M.

The work for the S.T.M. degree may be regarded as a fourth year of preparation for the Christian ministry. It may be used for advanced training in a specialized form of Christian service such as a college or university ministry; chaplaincy in industry, institutions, or the armed services; urban or inner-city ministry; ecumenical or interfaith leadership; the directing of continuing education; international missions; or ministry with LGBTQ youth, refugees, or the elderly. The S.T.M. program may also be used as a year of specialized work in one of the theological disciplines or as preparation for doctoral studies. The schedule of courses may involve offerings in other schools or departments of the University.

Each candidate is required to plan, submit for approval, and pursue an integrated program designed to serve one of the purposes stated above, and a minimum of three-fourths of the courses taken must be related to a designated field of concentration. However, candidates who use the program as a general preparation for ministry
may request a waiver of the normal requirements that there be a specific area of concentration and that the written project be related to this field.

A candidate for the S.T.M. degree must complete the equivalent of at least twenty-four credit hours of graduate study beyond the B.D., M.Div., or equivalent degree. A thesis, major paper in a regular course, or other acceptable project in the selected field of study is required.

YDS M.Div. students accepted into the S.T.M. degree program and in need of financial aid will need to submit a new financial aid application. A new award will be calculated that is not based on previous scholarship aid received at YDS. Federal loan programs will be available, provided that Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is maintained.

The work for the degree may be undertaken in one year, or distributed over two, three, or four years; it must be completed within four years after matriculation. In the case of students who wish to extend their studies, nine credit hours is the minimum course load that can be regarded as a full-time program of study. Normally no work taken prior to matriculation will be counted toward the degree, nor will credit be transferred from other schools unless approval to count a course to be taken elsewhere has been given in advance. Students will not receive financial aid for course work beyond the requirements. International students are permitted to take three terms to complete their S.T.M. degree.

S.T.M. FOR MINISTRY PROFESSIONALS TRACK

The S.T.M. for Ministry Professionals track is designed for individuals with at least three years of experience in professional ministry. This track, as distinct from the rest of the S.T.M. program, requires only one term in residency. Students begin the degree program with a fall term in residence, accumulating twelve to fifteen credits. The remaining credits toward the degree are completed by way of weeklong, intensive three-credit courses, offered in January, March, and June; one-credit transformational leadership courses (maximum of three courses); and an independent, faculty-advised project, thesis, or extended paper in the candidate’s area of concentration, which is required of all S.T.M. candidates. This track does not offer financial aid. Except as noted, all general S.T.M. policies above are applicable to the S.T.M. for Ministry Professionals track.

THESIS, PROJECT, AND EXTENDED PAPER OPTIONS

An independent thesis, a project in the candidate’s area of concentration, or an extended paper is required for the S.T.M. degree. Candidates who choose to write theses or pursue projects must register for one or two terms of REL 3999, S.T.M. Thesis or Project, three credit hours per term. Projects are restricted to programs focusing on some aspect of ministerial practice. Extended papers are written in conjunction with the regular requirements for courses credited toward the S.T.M. degree. A thesis, project, or extended paper must demonstrate independent research and critical inquiry.

Thesis/Project

Students planning to pursue a thesis or project must first identify two readers, one of whom acts as the thesis/project adviser – normally, though not always, the student’s academic adviser. The readers must be appropriate to the chosen topic and must
be willing and able to work with and guide the student as the process evolves. The first reader is a Yale faculty member, including part-time and visiting faculty with permission of the associate dean of academic affairs. The second reader is usually a Yale faculty member but also can be external to Yale with permission of the associate dean of academic affairs.

The student must submit a completed S.T.M. Thesis/Project Proposal form no later than the end of the first week of the term in which the thesis or project is to be initiated. Students are encouraged to submit the form at the end of the term prior to the term in which they hope to begin the project. The submission must include a one-page proposal describing the thesis or project; the signatures of the first reader, second reader, and the student’s academic adviser if the adviser is not one of the readers; and specification of what must be handed in as evidence of progress by the Monday of week five. If the first reader is not a full-time member of the Divinity faculty, the proposal must also include a statement of support from a full-time member.

The director of S.T.M. studies will review the application and, if there are solid grounds for confidence in the student’s ability to complete the work successfully, will authorize the thesis or project. Students who have not obtained approval prior to the start of the term in which the thesis or project will be initiated are advised to register for another class in the event that their proposal is not approved.

By the Monday of the fifth week of classes in which the thesis/project begins, the agreed-upon evidence of progress (e.g., outline, draft, annotated bibliography, specified number of pages, etc.) must be submitted to the first reader. If the first reader is not able to confirm substantial progress and a solid expectation that the student can be expected to submit satisfactory work by the end of the term, the first reader must indicate this by submitting an Academic Caution Notice to the student, academic dean, and registrar. A student who receives an Academic Caution Notice may drop the course or petition to convert the thesis or project to a reading course. This petition requires support of the first reader and is made by written request to the Professional Studies Committee. Normally, a full draft is due to the first reader some weeks prior to final submission, as agreed upon by both parties.

The thesis is due on the final day of the term as noted on the academic calendar. First and second readers will confer on the grade prior to grade submission by the first reader and will complete and submit to the registrar’s office a reader’s report describing the strengths and weaknesses of the thesis. If both readers judge a thesis or project to be distinguished or of exceptional quality, such distinction will be recorded on the candidate’s transcript.

The length of manuscripts submitted to satisfy the S.T.M. thesis or project requirement will vary, depending on the subject matter. In conceptual fields, a one-term thesis or project report will normally be 50–60 pages long; a two-term thesis or project report, 100–120 pages. In text-based fields, shorter theses may be more appropriate.

After an S.T.M. thesis has been approved by the first and second readers, and prior to 5 p.m., May 12, 2022, a candidate must provide a correct copy to be archived for the Divinity Library. This copy must be provided to the registrar’s office in electronic (pdf) form. It must have a title page, be free of typographical errors, and employ an acceptable literary style, including standard forms for references. (Recommended
manuals include the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*; *The Chicago Manual of Style*; Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*; and *The SBL Handbook of Style for Biblical Studies and Related Disciplines*.)

**Extended Paper**

An extended paper is written in conjunction with regular requirements for a course in which a candidate is currently enrolled or which the candidate has previously completed. The length of an extended paper should normally exceed the usual requirement for a term paper by one-third to one-half. Only the instructor of the course will evaluate the manuscript submitted, and the only grade recorded will be the grade for the course. As a rule, extended papers will not be deposited in the Divinity Library, although an instructor may recommend the submission of a paper of exceptional quality. The final decision on this matter will involve the judgments of a second reader and the director of S.T.M. studies.

**Nondegree Students**

Persons who wish to engage in study or research at YDS not leading to a degree may apply to be nondegree students. In addition to its traditional nondegree program for qualified individuals who intend to enroll in specific courses, YDS has several other nondegree offerings. These include the special Ministers in the Vicinity Program for persons currently engaged in professional ministry; the research program for doctoral students enrolled at other institutions; and a student exchange program with institutions abroad. Information on the admissions process for these programs can be found under Nondegree Students, in the chapter Admission.

**TRADITIONAL**

Students in the traditional nondegree program are normally persons pursuing graduate work at another institution who need to take a specific YDS course or are persons with graduate theological degrees who wish to take a course for professional development. Upon application, students will be given the opportunity to explain how their course of study relates to the nature, purpose, and educational resources of the school. Traditional nondegree students can be admitted to YDS for one academic year, during which they may take up to four courses. Upon request to the associate dean of admissions and financial aid, and with the approval of the associate dean of academic affairs, an individual’s nondegree status may be extended for an additional year. Students are not eligible for reading courses or directed studies programs, and University courses outside YDS are not available to them. A few specified courses at YDS may not be open when the nature or size of the course requires that it be restricted to degree candidates. Traditional nondegree students must adhere to the same policies and regulations of the School as degree students.

Successful completion of a course is noted on the student’s transcript, and transcripts will be mailed to other institutions upon request. If the student desires to enroll for a degree, the regular admission procedure must be followed. After admission as a degree candidate, students may request of the associate dean of academic affairs an evaluation of the work they did as nondegree students. The maximum number of courses that can be accepted from work done as a traditional nondegree student at YDS is eight courses.
toward the M.Div. or the M.A.R. (concentrated or comprehensive) degree requirements and four courses toward the S.T.M. degree.

MINISTERS IN THE VICINITY

The Ministers in the Vicinity Program, a special and distinct nondegree initiative, provides the opportunity for those currently engaged in professional ministry within a fifty-mile radius of New Haven, Connecticut, and who hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution, to enroll for credit in classes at a 50 percent discount from the published per-credit-hour rates (see Tuition and Fees, in the chapter Educational Expenses and Financial Aid). Participants in the program are also eligible to audit courses at usual rates (see Auditing Courses, in the chapter Admission). Once admitted to the program, ministers may enroll in one course per term for academic credit. Upon completion of at least two courses for credit, participants receive a YDS Minister in the Vicinity certificate. Admission to the program is for one year. But upon request to the associate dean of admissions and financial aid, and with the approval of the associate dean of academic affairs, a participant’s status may be extended for an additional year. Students receive full credit for their completed work in the program and may petition the associate dean of academic affairs to have some or all of the credits applied toward a YDS degree program should the individual apply and be admitted. Except as noted, general policies for the Ministers in the Vicinity initiative mirror those of the Traditional program guidelines described above.

RESEARCH

Students enrolled in doctoral programs at other institutions may be granted nondegree status for one term or one academic year in order to conduct research and/or work with a professor in a specific academic area. Course enrollment is not permitted.

EXCHANGE

Yale Divinity School welcomes international exchange students from partner institutions who wish to spend one term or a year studying at YDS. Student exchange partnerships exist with Westcott House Anglican Theological College in Cambridge, England; German universities in Heidelberg, Freiburg, and Tübingen; Singapore’s Trinity Theological College; the Divinity School of Chung Chi College (Chinese University of Hong Kong); and Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Andover Newton Seminary

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Founded in 1806 in Massachusetts, Andover Newton Seminary has long been known as “the school of the church” in denominations whose polity is “congregational,” meaning faith communities that are covenant and together but self-governing. Having formed an affiliation with Yale in 2017, Andover Newton Seminary is now the third YDS partner on the Quad. The seminary’s mission is: “Deeply rooted in Christian faith, and radically open to what God is doing now, Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School educates inspiring leaders for faith communities.”

In some ways a distinct entity focused on preparing leaders for pastoral ministry, and in other ways fully integrated with and open to the whole YDS community, Andover Newton has its own board of trustees/advisory council, programs, affiliate faculty, and
offices on the Quad. It funds scholarships and faculty positions directly related to its mission to educate faith leaders in the traditions of its covenant partners, the United Church of Christ and American Baptist Churches USA. All Andover Newton students are fully enrolled as YDS students.

Based on its congregational heritage of a learned clergy, where pastors are fully part of the community, a key thematic focus for all of Andover Newton’s programs is integration: connecting classroom learning with experiential learning, fostering a keen sense of connectedness within the Andover Newton and YDS communities, and broadening students’ perspectives to include cross-cultural learning and attunement to matters of social justice. Attentive to the leadership requirements of local faith communities, whose self-governance demands organizational management skills from their clergy, Andover Newton connects students with opportunities within Yale and in the wider community to become knowledgeable and effective nonprofit professionals.

Applicants to the Andover Newton Seminary program should submit an application through the YDS Admissions Office. On the YDS application, prospective students specify their intent to enroll through Andover Newton in pursuit of their YDS degrees. Those who wish to learn more can read about Andover Newton Seminary at https://andovernewton.yale.edu or contact Andover Newton Seminary’s administrator at 203.436.9970.

Berkeley Divinity School at Yale

A seminary of the Episcopal Church, Berkeley Divinity School strengthened its longstanding association with Yale Divinity School in 1971, becoming the only Episcopal seminary to be fully affiliated with a major research institution such as Yale University. This collaboration—in which Berkeley students earn Yale degrees while undertaking formation with the Berkeley community—continues to flourish year after year as Berkeley and YDS find creative ways of sharing resources and programs. Berkeley retains its distinctive Anglican identity through an independent board of trustees and administration, its dean, and the Berkeley Center located at 363 St. Ronan Street, even as its students are admitted by and fully enrolled as members of YDS. Episcopal students who are members of Berkeley come under the care of the dean of Berkeley Divinity School for spiritual and vocational formation. As Episcopalians, they are formed by the centrality of daily corporate worship, deliberate attention to the spiritual life, and a concentrated course of study in Anglican history and theology. At the same time, they are incorporated into the rigorous academic program of a divinity school with a world-renowned faculty and library and have access to the full resources of the professional schools, departments, and extracurricular programs of Yale University. Berkeley students are challenged on a daily basis by a lively ecumenical academic life as they engage faculty and colleagues from every variety of the Christian tradition, even as they follow a focused routine of prayer, worship, and hands-on practical pastoral experience. (For more on Episcopal life at Yale, see Denominational Preparation in the chapter Other Curricular Considerations.)

Episcopal students enrolled at YDS through Berkeley earn a Diploma or Certificate in Anglican Studies from Berkeley in addition to their Yale degree. Through YDS,
Berkeley funds certain Episcopal and Anglican faculty and programs and offers scholarship support to students.

Founded in Middletown, Connecticut, in 1854, Berkeley Divinity School takes its name from George Berkeley, bishop of Cloyne, Ireland, philosopher, educator, and missionary, who spent three years in Rhode Island (1728–30) seeking to establish a theological college in the new world. His plans failed, but he became a benefactor of Yale College, establishing graduate scholarships and donating books to the library. Berkeley moved to New Haven in 1928 under the leadership of Dean William Palmer Ladd and has worked closely with Yale University ever since.

All admissions to Berkeley are administered through either YDS or the Institute of Sacred Music. Individuals interested in pursuing the program at Berkeley Divinity School should submit a YDS or ISM application for admission, indicating their desire to enroll in Berkeley. For further information, please contact the Dean's Office, Berkeley Divinity School, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven CT 06511, telephone 203.432.9285, or visit the website at http://berkeleydivinity.yale.edu.

Yale Institute of Sacred Music

The Yale Institute of Sacred Music (ISM), an interdisciplinary graduate center, educates leaders who foster, explore, and study engagement with the sacred through music, worship, and the arts in Christian communities, diverse religious traditions, and public life. Partnering with the Yale School of Music and YDS, as well as other academic and professional units at Yale, ISM prepares its students for careers in church music and other sacred music, pastoral ministry, performance, and scholarship. The Institute's curriculum integrates the study and practice of religion with that of music and the arts. With a core focus on Christian sacred music, ISM builds bridges among disciplines and vocations and makes creative space for scholarship, performance, and practice.

The Institute was established at Yale in 1973 through a gift from the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Foundation of Columbus, Indiana. The chairman of the board of the foundation, Clementine Miller Tangeman, described the Institute as a place where “the function of music and the arts in Christianity will receive new strength through the preparation and training of individual musicians, ministers, and teachers who understand their calling in broad Christian terms and not exclusively within the limits of their disciplines.”

Today ISM is a vibrant community of 120 students, faculty, fellows, and staff collaboratively reenvisioning the intersections of academic, artistic, and spiritual disciplines. Students admitted to ISM are jointly admitted to either Yale Divinity School or Yale School of Music, from which they receive their degrees. ISM students are eligible for a full-tuition scholarship and have the opportunity to compete for additional grants and merit awards. Through their degree programs, ISM Divinity students (pursuing the M.Div., the M.A.R., or the S.T.M.) are equipped to follow careers in ordained ministry, the academy, the arts, or public service. Students pursuing music degrees receive rigorous conservatory training in choral conducting, organ, or voice, and typically go on to careers in church music, public performance, or teaching.

ISM serves to promote understanding of biblical texts as proclaimed in community and the unique sense of identity that the arts provide for worshippers in a variety of
faith traditions. Approximately every two years the Institute sponsors international study tours with the goal of seeing, hearing, and learning firsthand in those particular cultures. In the past decade, the ISM has visited Scandinavia, Mexico, the Balkans, Germany, Greece and Turkey, Italy, the Baltic states, and Spain. As a major arts presenter in New Haven, the Institute sponsors more than one hundred events attended by more than 25,000 people throughout the year, including recitals, concerts, liturgies, lectures, readings, films, symposia, and conferences.

At the heart of the Institute’s program is the weekly Colloquium, a lively interdisciplinary course attended by all ISM faculty and students. Faculty and guest speakers lecture in the fall on topics pertinent to the primary fields represented in ISM—worship, music, and the arts—and in their final year students present a project in collaboration with another ISM student outside their own discipline. In Colloquium, students and faculty explore the ways in which music and the arts function within diverse worshipping communities. (A description of the Colloquium can be found in the chapter Areas and Courses of Study, under Courses without Area Designations.)

Upon graduation, students enrolled in both ISM and YDS or the School of Music earn an ISM certificate in addition to their Yale degree. The certificate signifies that the core curriculum of the chosen degree path has been enriched and deepened through study with the interdisciplinary Institute faculty. For example, divinity students learn to make connections between theological concepts and artistic expression. They look at the historical roots and aesthetic constructions of the art and liturgies they study. Likewise, music students learn about the theological and liturgical roots of the sacred music they perform. They study the historical context and meanings of the texts used, and they learn about the modern contexts in which this repertoire appears, whether in liturgies or on the concert stage.

THE INSTITUTE AND YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Institute students who are also enrolled in YDS pursue the M.A.R., the M.Div., or the S.T.M. degree with particular interest in sacred music, worship, and the arts. More detailed information is online at http://ism.yale.edu or in the ISM Bulletin, also online at https://bulletin.yale.edu.

Applicants must complete a separate ISM application for admission to the Institute of Sacred Music.

Master of Arts in Religion

RELIGION AND THE ARTS

The Institute’s curriculum in religion and the arts consists of courses in literature (poetry, prose, drama, and creative writing), the history of art and architecture, visual and material culture, and the history and theology of music. These courses are meant to help students investigate the rich artistic heritage of the church and the role of the arts in theological study and contemporary ministry. Students may elect to pursue the M.A.R. concentration in Religion and the Arts, choosing as a major focus the visual arts, literature, or music. They are encouraged to explore courses in other areas of the University in these disciplines and to process this work theologically at YDS. From time to time, the Religion and the Arts program sponsors art exhibitions, special symposia, and other events open to the University community.
LITURGICAL STUDIES
The Institute places a strong emphasis on liturgical studies. The appointment of three members of the faculty in this discipline makes Yale one of the outstanding centers of graduate liturgical study in the United States. Courses taught by the liturgy faculty are open to all students, whether or not they are in the Institute. Likewise, all students are free to consider enrolling in the M.A.R. concentration in Liturgical Studies, providing that their academic background has prepared them for this rigorous course of study.

OTHER M.A.R. CONCENTRATIONS
M.A.R. candidates from other concentrations (theology, biblical studies, ethics, religion and ecology, etc.) who seek interdisciplinary study in the arts are encouraged to apply to the ISM and are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Master of Divinity
Pastors are continually called to integrate a wide range of human experience and expression, and nowhere is this more evident than in preparing and leading worship. ISM provides a rich environment for future ministers to develop a comprehensive pastoral vision that interweaves scripture, tradition, music, art, and performance practices in ways that illumine the human condition and enliven communities of faith.

By taking courses in music, liturgy, and the arts, and by learning side by side with musicians and students of literature and art, M.Div. students begin to understand how the arts and theological scholarship enrich each other. As a result, students are prepared more fully for the challenge of leading communities and individuals who hunger to see their fragmented lives redeemed by a more holistic vision of life and faith.

Master of Sacred Theology
The ISM accepts candidates for the S.T.M. degree interested in pursuing research in liturgical studies or religion and the arts. The program—which may be regarded as a fourth year of preparation for the Christian ministry, a year of specialized work in one of the theological disciplines, or as preparation for doctoral studies—consists of 24 credit hours of study, of which 18 must be in the major area. A thesis, major paper in a regular course, or other acceptable project demonstrating independent research in the selected field of study is required.

The ISM provides a maximum of one year or equivalent of financial support to students in this program.

THE INSTITUTE AND YALE SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Students in the Institute whose primary interest is in music performance are enrolled through the School of Music as majors in organ, choral conducting, or vocal performance (early music, oratorio, and chamber ensemble). Their degree programs are the Master of Music, Master of Musical Arts, and Doctor of Musical Arts. Many also elect to undertake secondary study in harpsichord, voice, piano, and other areas. Applicants interested in performance degrees apply only to the ISM and the School of Music. They do not submit applications to YDS.
INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM IN MUSIC AND THE BLACK CHURCH

This new program aims to organize and expand the scholarly attention paid to the music of the Black Church and to this tradition’s extraordinary influence on a host of musical cultures—confessional and commercial, American and global. Drawing on constituencies at Yale, in New Haven, and beyond, Music and the Black Church hosts a concert series, residencies, symposia, and course offerings.

Positioned in the Institute and partnering with YDS and other units at Yale, this program allows students to fuse intellectual inquiry and practice, creating a peerless hub for one of the most significant and most understudied traditions of American music. Directed by Professor Braxton D. Shelley, the program links together faculty in the Department of Music, the School of Music, the ISM, the Divinity School, and the Department of African American Studies. Through its slate of activities, the program draws together practitioners and scholars, students and congregants, neighbors and visitors, pursuing a fuller consideration of this crucial strand of African American life and history.

FELLOWS IN SACRED MUSIC, WORSHIP, AND THE ARTS

The Yale Institute of Sacred Music inaugurated a residential fellows program in 2010–11. Each year, the Institute seeks a group of fellows from around the world to join the ISM community of scholars and practitioners for one academic year. Scholars, religious leaders, and artists whose work is in or is moving to the fields of sacred music, liturgical/ritual studies, or religion and the arts are invited to apply. Scholars in the humanities or the social or natural sciences whose work is directly related to these areas are also encouraged to apply.

Fellows have the opportunity to pursue their scholarly or artistic projects within a vibrant, interdisciplinary community. At the Institute, fellows reflect upon, deepen, and share their work with faculty and students. Fellows also work with each other in weekly meetings, have access to Yale’s extensive collections and facilities, and, in some cases, teach in various departments or professional schools. Fellows are chosen for the quality and significance of their work. There is more information about the fellows program at http://ism.yale.edu/fellows or in the ISM Bulletin.

INCLUSIVITY

The Institute maintains a commitment to living religious communities and diversity of every kind, including by race, gender, worldview, and religion.
The courses listed on the following pages are expected to be offered by Yale Divinity School in 2021–2022. The letter “a” following the course number denotes the fall term, and the letter “b” following the course number denotes the spring term. Normally, courses numbered in the 500s carry Area I credit, with those in the 600s carrying Area II credit, those in the 700s carrying Area III credit, those in the 800s carrying Area IV credit, and those in the 900s carrying Area V credit. Courses with a four-digit number are eligible for elective credit only. Unless otherwise noted, all courses are for three hours of credit each term.

Listed near the end of this chapter, under Courses without Area Designations, are those courses that do not normally count toward fulfillment of the area distribution requirements described in the chapter Programs of Study: elementary biblical languages; denominational colloquia; YDS Internship practica; M.Div., M.A.R., and S.T.M. theses or projects; the ISM colloquium; the ministerial relationships workshop; and the weekend series of courses on leadership for church and society.

In addition to the curricular offerings specified below, students may arrange special reading courses with individual faculty members (see Reading Courses in the chapter Other Curricular Considerations). Courses on special topics of interest to a group of students may also be planned and approved for credit, to run for a period of weeks or for an entire term.

Students are encouraged by the faculty to take courses in other schools and departments of the University. (See also Interdepartmental Studies, under Interdisciplinary Study, in the chapter Other Curricular Considerations.) In each case, prior consent must be received from the instructor. For a complete listing of the offerings, consult the bulletins of the Graduate School and the professional schools, Yale College Programs of Study, or Yale Course Search at https://courses.yale.edu.

Courses with numbers lower than 500 are undergraduate courses. Additional work is normally required in undergraduate courses presented for YDS credit. For credit toward a Divinity degree, the student must secure the permission of the instructor and have the instructor communicate to the Divinity academic dean the graduate-level evaluative measures to which the student will be held. Normally, graduate-level parameters would involve an enhanced research component and/or a term paper significantly longer than the paper required of the undergraduates enrolled in the class.

Area I: Biblical Studies

This area is concerned with the interpretation of the Christian Scriptures in the broadest sense, including the study of the classical biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek), the content of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament, critical methods of interpretation, biblical history, cultural and historical milieu of the Bible, and the theological and pastoral implications of the text.
1. Introductory courses are offered in the critical study of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament. Except for the language courses, all courses in Area I normally have these foundation courses (or their equivalent) as prerequisites.

2. Language courses are offered at the elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels. Generally, elementary biblical languages are eligible for elective credit only.

3. Three types of exegesis courses are offered: those based on the English text; those based on the original text and requiring a working knowledge of the biblical language; and advanced exegesis seminars that require at least an intermediate knowledge of the biblical language. Exegesis courses of each type are offered each term on selected books or topics from the Hebrew Bible and New Testament. It is possible, therefore, during the course of one’s program, to engage in detailed exegesis of representative sections of the biblical text.

4. Thematic courses are offered on a wide range of theological and historical issues raised by the scriptures. These include courses on the cultural and historical milieu of the Bible.

5. Advanced seminars are designed for YDS students with the requisite background and qualifications, and for doctoral students. Permission to enroll in these seminars must be received from the individual instructor.

6. Area I is also concerned with examining the implications of the scriptures for the contemporary church. In addition to doing this in courses offered specifically in Area I, members of the faculty in Area I join with other faculty members in offering courses dealing with the use of the Bible in Christian ministry.

YDS offers intensive courses in elementary Biblical Hebrew and elementary New Testament Greek for six weeks during the summer. Such work earns six hours of academic credit and prepares the student for the course in exegesis. Summer work will satisfy most denominational language requirements.

CRITICAL INTRODUCTIONS

REL 503a, Hebrew Bible Interpretation I  Joel Baden
An introduction to the contents of the Hebrew Bible (Pentateuch and Historical Books) and to the methods of its interpretation. The course focuses on the development of ancient Israelite biblical literature and religion in its historical and cultural context as well as on the theological appropriation of the Hebrew Bible for contemporary communities of faith. The course aims to make students aware of the contents of the Hebrew Bible, the history and development of ancient Israel’s literature and religion, the methods of biblical interpretation, and ways of interpreting the Hebrew Bible for modern communities of faith. Area I.  3 Course cr

REL 504b, Hebrew Bible Interpretation II  Jacqueline Vayntrub
A continuation of REL 503. This course introduces students to critical study of the Prophetic Books and Writings (Psalms, Wisdom) of the Hebrew Bible as well as to exegetical method. Area I. Prerequisite: REL 503.  3 Course cr

REL 505a, New Testament Interpretation I  Michal Beth Dinkler
This course is an introduction to the literature of the New Testament and to the methods and resources useful for interpreting that literature. This term focuses on the Gospels and Acts. (Term two, a separate course, REL 506, focuses on the Pauline letters, pastoral and catholic epistles, and the Apocalypse of John.) The course considers
the process of canonization, questions of genre, and contemporary implications of various modes of New Testament interpretation (e.g., historical-critical, feminist liberation, African American, narratological approaches, etc.). Emphasis is on students’ ability to engage in responsible, nuanced interpretation of the primary texts. Area I. 3 Course cr

**REL 506b, New Testament Interpretation II**  Michal Beth Dinkler  
This course is the second half of a two-term introduction to the literature of the New Testament and to the methods and resources useful for interpreting that literature. This second term focuses on the Pauline letters, pastoral and catholic epistles, and the Apocalypse of John. Students can take this term without having taken the fall course (REL 505). Area I. 3 Course cr

**BIBLICAL LANGUAGES**

*Note:* Elementary biblical languages are listed near the end of this chapter under Courses without Area Designations.

**REL 518a, Intermediate New Testament Greek**  Judith Gundry  
This course is the sequel to Elementary New Testament Greek and consists of a systematic study of New Testament Greek syntax; translation and syntactical analysis of New Testament texts illustrating different genres and literary styles; sight-reading of other early Christian Greek texts, the Septuagint, etc.; vocabulary-building assignments; and review of NT Greek grammar. Area I. Prerequisites: REL 3605 and REL 3606; or GREK 110 and GREK 120; or REL 3609; or equivalent study of Koine or Attic Greek. 3 Course cr

**REL 570a, Historical Grammar of Biblical Hebrew**  Eric Reymond  
The course examines the development of the sounds and forms of Biblical Hebrew, paying particular attention to the following (partially hypothetical) stages of the language and its predecessors: Proto-Semitic, Proto-Hebrew, Hebrew in the Iron Age, and Hebrew in the Second Temple Period. The course begins with an introduction to Hebrew in relation to other Semitic languages and an introduction to the alphabet. It then addresses the phonology of Hebrew as attested in the time of the Masoretic scribes, in the time of early Judaism and Christianity, in the time of the Persian era, and in the time of the Iron Age and earlier periods. Finally, the course addresses specific morphologies of Biblical Hebrew: nouns, adjectives, verbs, and particles. Area I. Prerequisite: at least one year of Biblical Hebrew. 3 Course cr

**REL 574a, Intermediate Biblical Hebrew I**  Eric Reymond  
This course focuses on the reading of biblical texts but also offers a review of the elementary grammar of Biblical Hebrew and the introduction of more complicated grammatical concerns. More specifically, the course focuses on prose texts and reviews the morphology of verbs and nouns as well as basic components of Hebrew syntax. In addition, the form and function of *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* (*BHS*) are introduced. Area I. Prerequisites: REL 3603 and REL 3604 or the equivalent (i.e., one year of an introductory course in Biblical Hebrew). 3 Course cr

**REL 575b, Intermediate Biblical Hebrew II**  Eric Reymond  
The course focuses on the reading of Biblical Hebrew texts but also offers a review of the elementary grammar of Biblical Hebrew and the introduction of more complicated grammatical concerns, especially syntax. The course introduces the student to Biblical
Hebrew poetic texts, including those of Psalms, Proverbs, and the prophetic books. Students learn vocabulary from a textbook and consult an intermediate grammar for the study of syntax. The majority of each class is spent reading aloud a small portion of text, translating it, and studying the most important forms it contains and the elements of its syntax. Area I. Prerequisites: REL 3603, REL 3604, and REL 574; or equivalents. 3 Course cr

EXEGESIS BASED ON THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

REL 564a, Deuteronomy Joel Baden
This course studies selected passages from the Book of Deuteronomy, emphasizing its composition, structure, theology, and literary prehistory. Area I. Prerequisites: REL 503 and REL 504, or their equivalents, and at least one year—preferably two—of Biblical Hebrew. 3 Course cr

REL 573a, Hebrew Exegesis: Ecclesiastes/Qohelet Jacqueline Vayntrub
The course focuses on translation and critical analysis of Ecclesiastes (Qohelet) from Biblical Hebrew, with continuous reference to ancient translations, related biblical and parabiblical texts, and ancient Near Eastern literary texts as relevant. The translation and analysis of primary texts are accompanied by critical evaluation of biblical scholarship. Area I. Prerequisites: REL 503 and REL 504, or their equivalents, and at least one year—preferably two—of Biblical Hebrew. 3 Course cr

GRADUATE SEMINARS IN BIBLICAL AND COGNATE STUDIES

REL 502a, Bounty and Duty: The Hebrew Bible and Creation Gregory Mobley
The course explores ideas about creation and the interconnectedness among the created realms in the Hebrew Bible, then juxtaposes the ancient worldview with the science and ethics of contemporary ecological concerns. Area I. 3 Course cr

REL 528a, Gender, Sexuality, and the Hebrew Bible Jacqueline Vayntrub
This course examines how the Hebrew Bible, as a collection of texts written by multiple authors, with multiple (and conflicting) literary and ideological aims, in multiple historical periods, variously depicts gender, relationships, and social values. Students learn how to read the biblical texts through the lens of the social world of their ancient authors and how to critically evaluate interpretations of biblical texts with respect to gender and sexuality. Area I. Completion of an introductory course in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible or the equivalent is recommended but not required. 3 Course cr

REL 555a, Gnostic Texts in the Nag Hammadi Library Daniel Bohac
In 1945, near the town of Nag Hammadi in Upper Egypt, the sudden discovery of a cache of some fifty ancient books drastically questioned our understanding of Christianity’s origins. Did another gospel exist before the canonical four? Were the “heresies” decried by Bishop Irenaeus in fact competing orthodoxies? This course introduces students to these discovered texts, along with their historical context (both ancient and modern). No knowledge of ancient languages is required. Area I and Area III. REL 505, REL 506, REL 712, or similar course work is recommended. 3 Course cr

REL 560b, Death, Memorial, and Immortality in the Hebrew Bible and Its World Jacqueline Vayntrub
This course considers the development of biblical and ancient Near Eastern concepts of death and life-after-death. Among the topics covered are the depiction of human mortality and divine immortality in literature, dying as a social process,
the development of the notion of an afterlife and the concept of the “soul,” and communication with the dead. The course examines the history of how ancient texts have shaped inherited ideas of the immortality of the soul, human suffering, and divine justice. A central aim of the course is to foster an awareness of the ancient historical and cultural context in which these texts were written, and to deepen an understanding of modern views of mortality brought to bear on ancient literary traditions. Area I. Prerequisite: REL 503 or REL 504 or equivalent. 3 Course cr

**REL 589b, Early Biblical Interpretation**  Joel Baden and Andrew McGowan
The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the wide variety of interpretive trends and methods in early Judaism and Christianity. Beginning with interpretation of biblical texts within the Bible itself, and moving through both time and text, the course explores the intellectual and theological motivations behind interpretive choices and approaches, and illuminates both the capaciousness and limitations of biblical interpretation. How can different interpretations be productively compared? Why do we privilege one approach over another? What are the contexts from which interpretations we now take as standard developed? Area I. Prerequisite: at least one term of both REL 503 or REL 504 and REL 505 or REL 506. 3 Course cr

**REL 594b, Judaism in the Roman Empire: Philo of Alexandria and Jewish Apologetics**  Greg E. Sterling
This course is intended to introduce students to some of the ways in which Jews (and Christians) interacted with the larger Roman world in the first century CE. We explore Philo’s fragmentary work known as the Hypothetica but use it as a lens to the larger issues it addresses. These issues comprise a wide range of topics including authenticity of fragmentary remains, historical origins of people, violence and nation formation, ethical codes and moral formation, the Essenes and the role of moral exemplars, Christianity’s indebtedness to Judaism, and the role of minority groups to empires. Area I. Prerequisite: reading knowledge of Greek. 3 Course cr

**REL 597b, Readings in Recent Biblical Scholarship**  Joel Baden
This course, intended primarily for M.A.R. Hebrew Bible students, provides an overview of the latest developments in the field of Hebrew Bible, and the critical tools to evaluate and engage with them, including learning how to respond responsibly to others’ ideas both orally and in writing. Each week students read all or part of a recent scholarly work in the field of Hebrew Bible (approximately 200 pages per week). The works to be read are chosen in consultation with the instructor over the course of the term, in line with the academic interests of students enrolled in the course. Students are asked to critically evaluate those works in class; prepare an oral response as if on a conference panel; and write book reviews. The course operates as a workshop, with all student contributions heard, read, and critiqued by their peers as well as by the instructor. Area I. Prerequisites: REL 503 and REL 504, or their equivalents, and at least one year—preferably two—of Biblical Hebrew. 3 Course cr

**Area II: Theological Studies**

The work of this area includes analysis of the development, thought, and institutional life of the Christian community in various periods and contexts, and training in the substance and forms of theological positions and argumentation.
1. The comprehensive purpose of the courses designated Theological Studies is to foster an understanding of the classical theological tradition of Christianity, acquaint students with contemporary theological thought, and develop the skills necessary to engage effectively in critical analysis and constructive argument.

2. The comprehensive purpose of the courses designated Christian Ethics is to foster an understanding of the classical theological tradition of Christian moral thought, acquaint students with contemporary Christian moral reasoning, and develop the skills necessary to engage effectively in critical analysis and constructive argument.

3. Liturgical Studies is intended to foster a serious and scholarly engagement with the origins and historical evolution of inherited patterns of worship, and to prepare students to lead the worship of contemporary Christian communities with competence and sensitivity.

4. The Denominational Courses are offered primarily, although not exclusively, for the constituencies of particular denominations. Distributional credit in Area II will be granted for only one denominational course.

THEOLOGY

REL 600a, Introduction to Theology  Willie Jennings
The aim of this course is to introduce students to Christian theology, or better, Christian theologies. Through short readings and varied writing assignments, students develop the theological literacy needed to take part in cultural contestations over religion, to engage in church debates, and/or to inform their own decisions about faith and practice. The course makes use of historical and contemporary theological texts, art, and other resources to think about questions of doctrine, meaning, suffering, history, race, materiality, and transcendence. No particular faith commitment or background is assumed. Area II.  3 Course cr

REL 602a, Work, Debt, and Christian Witness  Kathryn Tanner
The course examines the changing nature of work and the growing role of debt within the U.S. economy. A variety of theoretical resources for understanding these changes is explored, along with theological perspectives on them. Area II. Prerequisite: REL 600 or REL 626 or the equivalent.  3 Course cr

REL 612b, Christ and Being Human  Drew Collins
This course explores the ways in which Christ—as a character in the gospel narratives, an object of Christian theological reflection, and a living presence in the life of the Church— informs Christian visions and practice of (individual, communal, and cosmic) flourishing. Students engage a thematic reading of the Gospel of Luke, organized around the Gospel’s core themes and touch-points with key concrete phenomena of human experience. The guiding questions are: What does it mean for Christ to be the key to human existence and flourishing? And what does flourishing look like if Jesus Christ is taken to be the key? Area II and Area V.  3 Course cr

REL 616b, Introduction to East Asian Theologies  Chloë Starr
This course introduces a range of theological themes and key thinkers in twentieth- and twenty-first century Japan, Taiwan, and Korea. It surveys different theological movements within these countries (such as “homeland theology,” Minjung theology, the “no-church” movement, etc.) and encourages a critical response to the challenges that these theologies raise for Christians in Asia and elsewhere. The course considers
contextualization and inculturation debates in each of these societies, as well as regional responses to Christianity. We read primary texts in English, with background reading for context, and students are encouraged to develop their own responses to the authors and their thought (e.g., students may submit theological reflections to count toward their grade). Area II and Area V. 3 Course cr

**REL 617b, Worship, Culture, and Technology**  
Melanie Ross  
The Christian community has long debated the most appropriate ways for faith and worship to relate to cultural surroundings. The first half of this course focuses on theories and definitions of culture. The second half gives special attention to issues of liturgical inculturation in North America. Students are invited to explore their own questions about technology in worship through a final presentation and research project on a topic of their choosing. Area II. 3 Course cr

**REL 623b, Theologies of Religious Pluralism**  
Mark Heim  
This course explores the primary theological perspectives through which Christians interpret the fact of religious pluralism and the substance of diverse religious traditions. It also introduces students to the area of comparative theology. The primary aim is to allow students to develop a constructive theology of religious pluralism to support leadership for religious communities in pluralistic societies, participation in interreligious dialogue, and engagement with the reality of multiple religious practices and belonging. Area II and Area V. Prerequisite: at least one term of study of theology. 3 Course cr

**REL 626b, Systematic Theology**  
Miroslav Volf  
The aims of this course are (1) to learn the craft of doing theology by close reading of five theologians from ecumenically and socially diverse perspectives and significant trends in contemporary theology; and (2) to reflect critically on the task of theology. We pay special attention to how these theologians’ visions of flourishing life are rooted in the life and person of Jesus Christ; set in the larger story of God’s relation to the world; and informed by Scripture as the primary source for doing theology. Area II. 3 Course cr

**REL 629a, Theology and Medicine**  
Mark Heim and Benjamin Doolittle  
Team-taught with a member of the Yale School of Medicine faculty, this course explores the challenges of contemporary medicine from a theological perspective. It considers theological resources relevant for the practice of medicine and examines the practice of medicine as a resource for deepening theological reflection. Topics of traditional interest in both fields—suffering, illness, healing, and well-being—are addressed in interdisciplinary terms. The focus is not on chaplaincy ministry but on a conversation among those who reflect on the application of physiological science and religious wisdom to human need. Key to this conversation is recognition that doctors and theologians share a need for the healing and spiritual health they hope to nurture in others. There are several field trips to and class meetings at Yale New Haven Hospital. Students attend rounds with medical teams, explore laboratory settings, and meet with faculty who practice in settings where the spirit and body intersect, through cooperation with the Program for Medicine, Spirituality, and Religion at Yale School of Medicine. Area II. Prerequisite: one term of graduate-level study of theology is assumed. 3 Course cr
REL 643a, Music and Theology in the Sixteenth Century  Markus Rathey
The Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century was a “media event.” The
invention of letterpress printing, the partisanship of famous artists like Dürer and
Cranach, and—not least—the support by many musicians and composers were
responsible for the spreading of the thoughts of Reformation. But while Luther
gave an important place to music, Zwingli and Calvin were much more skeptical.
Music, especially sacred music, constituted a problem because it was tightly connected
with Catholic liturgical and aesthetic traditions. Reformers had to think about the place
music could have in worship and about the function of music in secular life. Area II and
Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 645b, Asian American Theologies  Chloë Starr
This course examines the development of Asian American theologies and their key
themes: migration, intercultural theology, autobiographical narratives, political
activism. The course looks at marginality and intergenerational conflicts, Asian
American biblical hermeneutics, and Asian American feminist scholarship. Students
are encouraged to undertake a fieldwork project of their own choosing on an aspect
of Asian American Christianity. This course is aimed at all students: the topics and
methodologies are highly relevant to anyone doing theology in contemporary society
and promote a greater awareness of the need for inter-multicultural theologies in
today’s America. Area II and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 647b, Scientific Thought and Christian Theology  Mark Heim
This course does not attempt a comprehensive survey of the history of relations
between science and theology, the areas of scientific research that raise religious
issues, or theological doctrines that can be reconsidered in dialogue with science. The
course provides a brief overview of major issues arising from physics (cosmology and
quantum phenomena), biology (evolution and biogenetic processes), and cognitive
science (neurological function) in relation to divine action, incarnation, theological
anthropology, salvation, and eschatology. Each year the course focuses extensively
on some selected topics. This year the focus is theological interaction with scientific
explanations of religion itself, stemming from the cognitive science of religion on one
hand (“What is religion doing in our brain?”) and evolutionary biological analyses of
religion (“What is religion doing in our evolutionary history?”) on the other hand. Area
II. Prerequisite: a background in theology at least equivalent to REL 600. 3 Course cr

REL 649a, Christ and the Bodhisattva: Comparative Theology and Buddhist Wisdom
Mark Heim
This course provides a brief introduction to the general field of comparative theology, a
basic orientation to Mahayana Buddhist teaching and practice (with a particular focus
on the case of the bodhisattva through the lens of Shantideva’s classic The Way of the
Bodhisattva), and an exploration of Christian comparative reflection on these sources.
The class engages several prominent theologians working in the Buddhist-Christian
theological conversation and explores the ways in which Christian thought and practice
can be informed by comparative learning from Buddhist sources. Area II and Area V.
Prerequisite: one term of graduate-level study of theology or equivalent. 3 Course cr

REL 657b, Catholic Moral Theology  Adam Eitel
This course offers a critical introduction to the fundamental principles of moral
theology in the Roman Catholic tradition: human nature and teleology; the nature of
human action, passion, virtue, and vice; the vicissitudes of sin; the revelation of divine
commands; the substance of the natural law; and the necessity of grace. Special focus is given to contemporary disputes over the role of conscience in relation to involuntary and indirect cooperation with evil. Area II.  3 Course cr

REL 658b, Sacraments and Sacramentality  Mark Roosien
What is a sacrament? How might material reality be a sign and bearer of the sacred? What are the logics that govern this possibility? This class explores sacraments within ecclesial structures and notions of sacramentality more broadly as a mode of access to divine presence. The first half of the course examines the history of sacramental theology from the early church to the present, before pivoting to contemporary theologies of sacraments and sacramentality. Special attention is given to the natural world and human bodies as sites of sacramentality. Area II.  3 Course cr

REL 664a, The Sabbath: The History and Theology of Rest from Antiquity to the Present  Marie-Ange Rakotoniaina
Keeping the Sabbath goes beyond taking a moment of leisure or a refreshing parenthesis in a world obsessed with time, performance, and productivity. This course traces the history of the Sabbath rest from Genesis to the present, while unveiling its theological significance in Jewish and Christian traditions. Keeping the Sabbath involves new possibilities of dwelling in time, of inhabiting the cosmos, of redefining our sense of labor and (re)imagining our economics, of outlining the boundaries of one’s social and religious communities. Thus, the following questions are explored: What are the representations and practices of the Sabbath (both ancient and modern)? How do the discourses surrounding Sabbath practice open new possibilities of being a community of worship and of living in the society at large? How does rest depend upon one’s conceptions of time and one’s place in the cosmos? From exploration of biblical texts to contemporary theological reflections on rest, this course is an invitation to tackle the history of the Sabbath in theory and practice. In other words, students will grasp how keeping the Sabbath informs our way(s) of being in the world, of living time, of creating communities, of relating to God and creation. Area II.  3 Course cr

REL 665b, Martin Luther, His Life and Work  William Rusch
This course consists of lectures, readings in English translation of selected works of Martin Luther, readings in secondary literature on Luther’s life and thought, and class discussion. The course presupposes a basic knowledge of church history and European history, especially medieval and sixteenth-century history in the West. Area II.  3 Course cr

REL 671a, Incarnations: Body, Theology, and Performativity  Eboni Marshall Turman
This interdisciplinary seminar considers the interrelationship and the fundamental political transactions among theology, embodiment, and performance. Building on the presupposition of the body as a primary source for constructive theological inquiry, the course interrogates questions of beauty and representation, violence and punishment, discipline and shame, affect, and performance as transformative redress for social constructions of bodily dis/respectability. Intersectional analysis of race, gender, class, sexuality, and ability guides classroom interactions with a range of theories, texts, and methodologies; emphasis is placed on the intersection of Christian theologies with contemporary theo-ethical concerns that emerge from embodied aesthetic considerations. In addition to regular reading and written assignments, the overarching
foci of the course require students to perform theological vision and witness beyond the
proscriptions of normative intellectual paradigms. Area II. 3 Course cr

REL 683b, Marx and Nietzsche on Religion  Kathryn Tanner and Miroslav Volf
Karl Marx and Friedrich Nietzsche have, each in his own way, shaped major trajectories
of modern thought, and for each a critical engagement with religion was a central
concern. In this course we explore their stances toward religion in the context of their
overall philosophical vision. Toward the end of the course, we try to bring the two
thinkers into conversation with each other. A major goal is to discern the import Marx’s
and Nietzsche’s critique of religion might have on the way we practice faith and imagine
our being in the world. Area II. Prerequisite: one basic course in either theology or
philosophy. 3 Course cr

REL 686a, Gratitude  Ryan McAnnally-Linz
Gratitude has been having a moment. Philosophers and theologians have devoted more
focused attention to it. Positive psychologists have extolled its many apparent benefits.
Media personalities have taught us how to harness its power. Whether it is understood
as an emotion, a virtue, a social practice, or some combination of the three, gratitude,
we are commonly told, is an ingredient in a good life—maybe even in the good life.
This course explores both historical Christian theological reflection on gratitude and
contemporary treatments of the subject in theology (Christian and Jewish, philosophy,
and psychology. Area II. 3 Course cr

REL 698b, Religious Eros  Kathryn Tanner
This course concerns Christian interpretations of human desire, dissatisfaction, and the
search for human happiness: the desire for God as the ground and goal of all human
thought and action. Area II. Prerequisite: REL 600 or REL 626 or the equivalent.
3 Course cr

CHRISTIAN ETHICS

REL 615b, Introduction to Christian Ethics  Eboni Marshall Turman
This course introduces students to standard debates in Christian moral discourse,
with a special focus on norms, practices, and ideals. Drawing from a range of historical
and contemporary sources, it examines the role of competing Christian visions in
moral and political assessments related but not limited to the ends that persons and
groups endorse, the actions they require, and the character traits they esteem. The
course begins with recent work on the moral vision of the New Testament canon. It
then examines the ethics and politics of war, economy, race, vulnerability, and gender.
Central themes include probing the demands of loving God, self, and neighbor;
thinking through the challenges posed by complicity, tragedy, and historicity; and
devising strategies for naming and resisting social and economic injustices. Area II and
Area V. 3 Course cr

This course grapples with some of the basic (and also some of the most deeply
contested ideas by which Christian moral discourse is governed. Students examine
theological accounts of what it means to live well, focusing mainly on classical and
contemporary works of relevance to central problems in Christian moral thought
and in modern religious thought more generally: the relations between divine
excellence and human flourishing, the sources of human action, the conditions of moral
transformation, competing standards of moral assessment, the significance of divine
commands, and rival conceptions of sacred value, virtue, tradition, and vocation. Area II and Area V. Prerequisite: REL 615. Students with a demonstrated background in theological and/or philosophical disciplines may be admitted with instructor approval.

3 Course cr

REL 636b, The Ethics of Thomas Aquinas  Adam Eitel
This seminar examines the ethics of Thomas Aquinas. Although chiefly focused on the second part of the Summa Theologiae, the course devotes considerable attention to Aquinas’s biblical commentaries and Scriptum on the Sentences, his commentary on the work of twelfth-century theologian Peter Lombard. Students consider Aquinas’s account of several interlocking topics: the nature of human flourishing; the dynamics of human action; the passions and their role in the moral life; the theological substance of law, grace, virtues, and gifts; the reality of sin; and the promise of redemption. Area II. Prerequisite: at least one graduate seminar in theology, ethics, or philosophy.

3 Course cr

LITURGICAL STUDIES

REL 608b, Christian Initiation in Late Antiquity  Mark Roosien
This course explores the texts and practices of Christian initiation, including baptism, anointing, fasting, confession, etc., in the first five hundred years of the Common Era. The class balances three aspects of early Christian initiation set within their historical and cultural contexts: the evolution of rites and texts, the relationship between initiation and soteriology, and the artistic and architectural settings for ritual performance. Area II. 3 Course cr

REL 611b, Understanding American Evangelical Worship  Melanie Ross
This course draws upon ethnographic studies to introduce students to historical and theological developments in American evangelical worship over the past seventy years. Topics to be covered include liturgical innovations in American megachurches, evangelical patterns and practices of prayer, trends and controversies in contemporary worship music, Pentecostal contributions to evangelical worship, and the role of race in shaping worship identity. Area II. 3 Course cr

REL 655a, Liturgy and Life  Melanie Ross
Vatican II denounced the “split between the faith which many profess and their daily lives,” characterizing it as “among the more serious errors of our age” (Gaudium et Spes, no. 43). How does our experience in the Sunday liturgy relate to the way we live our lives in the “real world”? Is such a distinction between sacred and secular valid? What about the problematic fact that worship is often used to reinforce political and ethical status quo? This course investigates how several contemporary thinkers have addressed these concerns through their liturgical and sacramental theologies. Area II. 3 Course cr

REL 656a, James Cone  Eboni Marshall Turman
“If God is not Black, kill God!” James H. Cone is one of the most important systematic theologians of the twentieth century. The father of black liberation theology, Cone was the foremost systematizer of black God-talk in the modern world and trained more than four generations of black theologians and pastors. More than fifty years ago, amidst the twentieth-century iteration of the movement for black freedom, he dared to contend that black lives matter to God by thinking about God and interpreting the Gospel from the perspectives of poor black people. In the face of anti-black racism
and its concomitant violence, he contended for an opaque biblical hermeneutic that indisputably reveals that God is black and black is beautiful. Challenging the veracity of white theology and its malevolent commitments to preserving and propelling anti-black racism, Cone’s scholarship and witness almost single-handedly transformed the intellectual landscape of the modern theological project. This seminar attends to the specificity of James Cone’s treatment of race and the interpretation of the Christian faith. Through intensive primary source engagement, it invites students into an advanced understanding of the full spectrum of Cone’s intellectual contributions toward social transformation in church, academy, and society. In a state-sponsored neo-lynching age of insurrection, this seminar positions Cone’s corpus as a Christian testimony against pernicious white theology and as a map toward the liberation of the oppressed. Special attention is given to Cone’s origins in Jim Crow Arkansas, his vision, method, blues aesthetic, and diasporan global concern for black life and flourishing.

Area II. 3 Course cr

REL 682a, Foundations of Christian Worship  Melanie Ross
This is the core course in Liturgical Studies. The course focuses on theological and historical approaches to the study of Christian worship, with appropriate attention to cultural context and contemporary issues. The first part of the course seeks to familiarize students with the foundations of communal, public prayer in the Christian tradition (such as its roots in Hebrew Scripture and the New Testament; its Trinitarian source and direction; its ways of figuring time, space, and human embodiment; its use of language, music, the visual arts, etc.). The second part offers a sketch of historical developments, from earliest Christian communities to present times. In addition, select class sessions focus on questions of overall importance for liturgical life, such as the relationship between gender differences and worship life, and the contemporary migration of liturgical practices into cyberspace. Area II. 3 Course cr

REL 687a, Books of Common Prayer: Anglican Liturgy in History, Theology, and Practice  Andrew McGowan
This course traces the development of Anglican liturgy from the time of Henry VIII through the English prayer books of 1549–1662, and then the books and practices of the Episcopal Church and the wider Anglican Communion to the present day. Attention is given to the Reformation, the first American liturgies, the aftermath of the Oxford Movement, and the twentieth-century Liturgical Movement. Theologies and practices in present Anglican worship, including sacramental theology and issues of enculturation, are also addressed. Area II and Area III. Prerequisite: M.Div. students should normally have taken REL 682. 3 Course cr

REL 688a, Catholic Liturgy  Teresa Berger
This course offers an introduction to Roman Catholic liturgical traditions and practices. Given the breadth of the subject matter (2,000 years of history; complex dogmatic developments; numerous rites, rituals, and rhythms; contemporary tensions), the course seeks to range broadly, yet has to do so quite selectively. One focus is on key liturgical documents of the past hundred years or so. And throughout the course, attention is paid to the broader cultural realities that always influence practices of worship, e.g., ethnic identities, and, more recently, media developments (for example, the migration of Catholic liturgical practices into digital social space). Area II. Prerequisites: REL 682, concurrent or completed, will be an asset, as will a course in liturgical studies and/or Catholic theology. 3 Course cr
REL 693a, Gender and Liturgy  Teresa Berger
The basic questions pursued in this course are: How have gender differences shaped liturgical practices, and how does gender continue to inflect Christian worship? The category “gender” will be understood to attend to all gendered identities and sexualities, and thus go beyond binary femininity and masculinity to include all gendered particularities (e.g., eunuchs in Byzantium, or people with intersex conditions in North America today, as well as men and women). This course, then, investigates how liturgical history was profoundly shaped by, and continues to shape, gendered lives and symbolic meanings associated with gender identities. Given the breadth of the subject matter, the course attends to a spectrum of themes related to gender and liturgy, yet has to do so quite selectively. Overall, the course seeks to create space for a nuanced reflection on gender-specific themes in the liturgical past as both backdrop and resource for contemporary gender-based concerns in the worship life of Christian communities. Area II. Prerequisite: completion of REL 682 is desirable.  3 Course cr

REL 697a, The Eucharist: Communion and Community  Mark Roosien
The eucharist is a meeting point of the divine and the created, the spiritual and the social, the transcendental and the everyday. This class explores the theological, liturgical, and sociocultural dimensions of the eucharist from its origins to the present. It addresses, in particular, the following questions: How did eucharistic rites and texts evolve over time? What are the main theologies of the eucharist historically, and what has been at stake in debates about them? How should we understand the eucharist as both an inclusive and exclusive mode of Christian praxis? Area II.  3 Course cr

DENOMINATIONAL COURSES

Note: Denominational colloquia are listed near the end of this chapter under Courses without Area Designations.

REL 662b, The Anglican Way I  Justin Crisp
This course explores the origins and development of the Anglican way of being Christian, focusing its attention on two case studies: the Church of England and the Episcopal Church, from the English Reformation (sixteenth century) through “The Colenso Affair” (nineteenth century). The course is a companion to REL 663, making a two-term study of the historical evolution and theological traditions of the Anglican way of being Christian. The primary aim of the course is to analyze and make a constructive theological assessment of early Anglican traditions and to explore these as a pastoral and spiritual resource for Christian life and ministry. We do this by engaging in the study of both well-known and lesser-studied texts and figures. In addition to lectures, each week we discuss the respective texts, interrogating them with respect to the distribution of power, questions arising from colonialism, and issues relevant to the formation of the global Anglican Communion. We ask the questions: What does it mean to be Christian in the Anglican Way, and how do we do Anglican theology? How do we approach the study of the Anglican story in light of the dialectic between the Catholic and contextual, secular and Church, universal and particular, the global and the local? To what extent is the Anglican Way an exercise in depolarization? Area II and Area III.  3 Course cr

REL 663a, The Anglican Way II: Continuing Depolarization  Justin Crisp
This course explores the continued development of the Anglican way of being Christian in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, giving particular attention to the continued
evolution of the Episcopal Church and emergence of the Anglican Communion, as well as the controversies that face Anglicans in their postcolonial situation. It is a companion to REL 662, making a two-term study of the historical evolution and theological traditions of the Anglican way of being Christian. The primary aim of the course is to analyze and make a constructive theological assessment of modern Anglican traditions and to explore these as a pastoral and spiritual resource for Christian life and ministry. We do this by engaging in the study of both well-known and lesser-studied texts and figures. In addition to lectures, each week we discuss the respective texts, interrogating them with respect to the distribution of power, questions arising from colonialism, and issues relevant to the formation of the global Anglican Communion. These questions guide us: What does it mean to be Christian in the Anglican Way, and how do we do Anglican theology? How do we approach the study of the Anglican story in light of the dialectic between the Catholic and contextual, secular and Church, universal and particular, the global and the local? To what extent is the Anglican Way an exercise in depolarization? Area II and Area III. Prerequisite: REL 662. 3 Course cr

REL 691a, Ecclesiology, Ministry, and Polity  Staff
Lectures on comparative ecclesiology, doctrines of the ministry, and patterns of church polity in Western Christianity. Sections are arranged to enable students to study the history, doctrine, worship, and polity of their own denominations. The 2021–2022 sections are Lutheran and UCC. Other sections offered, most in alternate years, include Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, A.M.E. Zion, Unitarian Universalist, and Roman Catholic. Area II. 3 Course cr

Area III: Historical Studies

The intent of Historical Studies is to foster and demand serious consideration by students of the essential historical substance of Christian faith and tradition. Two aspects of inquiry merge in this area of the curriculum: (1) the development of analytic capacities for the understanding of religious thought and practice in their cultural context, and (2) special studies in the cultural context itself that are deemed essential to competent ministry. Work in this area includes social and cultural analysis often focusing on issues that arise at the intersection of established disciplines. Area III thus includes subjects falling outside the domain of explicitly Christian thought.

REL 703a, Methods and Sources of Religious History  Erika Helgen
This course introduces students to the historiography of religious history; to the history of methods, approaches, and problems in the field; and to techniques for using and citing primary and secondary sources in the study of religion. Seminars include lectures, common readings, writing exercises, and presentations by students and visiting scholars. Students develop research proposals related to their specific areas of interest. Area III. 3 Course cr

REL 712a, History of Early Christianity: Origins and Growth  Staff
This course introduces students to early Christianity from apostolic times through the eighth century. It examines the social, political, and religious context of early Christianity; its expansion and Imperial adoption; the character of its life, worship, and mission; the formation of the Christian scriptures; the articulation and defense of a central body of doctrine; church councils and creeds; the monastic movement; and early Christian art. In conversation with influential theologians of the period, we
ask questions about ways in which early Christian identities are formed and explore how power is used and distributed in this process. Students are exposed to a range of primary sources and modes of historical study. This course serves as essential preparation for the study of Christian history and theology in later historical periods. Area III. 3 Course cr

**REL 713b, History of Medieval Christianity: Learning, Faith, and Conflict**  
Volker Leppin  
The Middle Ages have been defined by European culture as the period between 500 CE and 1500 CE. It is an age that witnessed the transformation of European Christianity into a Latin-speaking religious community under the pope. The Latin Church became increasingly separate from the developments in the East and Asia. For too long this epoch has served in legitimating discourses of confessions, nations, and ethnic groups, such as with the nationalistic construction of the Germanic tribes. The course aims to draw a new image of these thousand years in terms of time, geography, ethnicity, gender, and culture. Medieval Christianity offers multiple possibilities for understanding both the perils and the development of Christianity in an age of rapid change. Area III. 3 Course cr

**REL 714a, History of Early Modern Christianity: Reformation to Enlightenment**  
Bruce Gordon  
This course introduces students to the rapidly changing world of early modern Christianity, a period that ranges from the Reformation to the Enlightenment and the transatlantic worlds of the eighteenth century. This age saw the dramatic expansion of Christianity beyond Europe to Africa, Asia, and the Americas, and the course explores the global nature of the early modern world. Themes such as colonization, slavery, and the diversities of religious experience are examined. Students are exposed to a range of primary sources and historical methods to examine rival interpretations and perspectives. The course focuses on the reading of a wide variety of primary sources from the period. Above all, it challenges students to consider the past both on its own terms and how it continues to shape our present. Area III. 3 Course cr

**REL 715b, History of Modern Christianity: American Encounters, Postmodern Transformations**  
Erika Helgen  
This class focuses on critical encounters among peoples who have contributed to the development of modern Christian cultures in the Americas from the eighteenth century to the present. It does not aim to provide an exhaustive history of religion (or even of Christianity) in North America and Latin America, but rather highlights key topics such as race, class, gender, and sexuality and the dynamics of imperialism, modernity, and postmodernity in religious history. Students are challenged to consider various methods for interpreting the past, to develop their own skills of historical interpretation, and to locate their own communities as products of the histories we consider. Area III. 3 Course cr

**REL 717a, Witchcraft and Witch-hunting in Early Modern Europe and America**  
Kenneth Minkema  
This seminar examines witchcraft and witch-hunting in Europe and America from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century through reading and discussion of primary documents and classic and recent studies in the field—including social, cultural, and intellectual history, gender and women’s studies, anthropology, psychology, sociology, and town and environmental studies. Students learn about the interaction of religious beliefs relating to witchcraft and the occult with social and cultural conditions and
shifts, the history of the interpretation of witchcraft and witch-hunting, and the continuing relevance of witchcraft studies as a laboratory for new approaches and methods. Area III. 3 Course cr

REL 723b, The Liberation Theology Movement in Latin America: History and Sources  Erika Helgen
This course explores the history of liberation theology and liberationist Christian movements in Latin America, paying particular attention to the political, economic, social, and cultural ramifications of the emergence of the “Church(es) of the People.” The majority of assigned readings are primary sources that document a wide variety of liberationist experiences and actors. Students read about activists in peasant leagues, priests resisting authoritarian regimes, bishops coming together to outline new paths for the Latin American Catholic Church, women promoting feminist liberation theologies, laypeople leading ecclesial base communities, and more. The seminar examines and discusses a number of questions, including: How did the liberation theology movement change over time? What was the relationship between religion and politics in Latin America during times of war and dictatorship? How did the liberation theology movement subvert traditional notions of political and religious authority? What does it mean to build a “Church of the People,” and how did the liberation theology movement succeed and/or fail to build such a church? Area III and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 731a, Origins of Christian Art in Late Antiquity  Felicity Harley
This course examines the origins and development of Christian art in the visual culture of Roman late antiquity, ca. 200–ca. 500 CE. Its aim is to introduce students to key developments in the history of Christian art through the close study of images preserved on a range of objects in different media (including frescoes, glassware, sculpture, coins, textiles, mosaic made for a variety of purposes. The course involves visits to the Yale Art Gallery and focuses on the importance of situating objects within their larger social and cultural context through the analysis of primary source evidence, which may include archaeological, iconographic, epigraphic, and textual sources (Jewish, early Christian, and other contemporary Roman texts. Topics include the literary and archaeological evidence for early Christian attitudes to visual representation; contexts of manufacture; the social and economic basis of patronage; Roman political influence on Christian iconography; development of new genres of imagery; and the role of imperial patronage in the transformation of civic spaces. Area III and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 732b, Women in African Christianity: Stories, Ministries, Theologies, Renewal  Michèle Sigg
In African Christianity, women play crucial roles as pioneers (first converts), keepers of the faith, prophets, healers, teachers, theologians, leaders, and innovators both in the church and in society. This course is a study of the lives, ministries, theologies, and influence of women in historical and contemporary expressions of African Christianity across all major traditions of the church. Major themes explore ancient African Christianity; women’s movements; issues of gender, power, and leadership; healing; women’s written and oral theology; Christology; narrative theology; indigenous Christian movements; mission and evangelism; African Christian art and music; ecofeminism and environmentalism; and African women in the public square. In addition to traditional academic sources, the course uses biography to explore the
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lives and ministries of notable Christian figures from anthropological, theological, ethnographic, aesthetic, and cultural perspectives. Units invite reflection on the lives of particular African Christian women and explore questions related to ministry, theology, mission, and social impact. Area III and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 747b, Islamic Art and Architecture in the Mediterranean  Orgu Dalgic
This course surveys the history of Islamic cultures through their rich material expressions beginning from the time of the Prophet Muhammed in the seventh century to the present and extending across the Mediterranean from Spain to Syria. The course aims to familiarize students with the major periods, regions, monuments, and media of the Islamic cultures around the Mediterranean; and with basic principles of Islam as they pertain to the visual arts, and in particular their interactions with the Christian world. We discuss architecture (mosques, madrasas, mausolea, etc.) as well as works of art in various media (calligraphy, illuminated manuscripts, textiles, ceramics, etc.) within both the Islamic and the larger, universal, and cross-cultural contexts. Area III and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 749a, Global Catholicism  Erika Helgen
In 1979 Karl Rahner declared that the Second Vatican Council had initiated an entirely new epoch in Catholic history: it was the moment when the Church ceased to be identified solely with European culture and came to be known as a “world church.” What did Rahner mean by this statement, and what are its implications for how we view the past, present, and future of the Catholic Church? This course examines the history of the Catholic Church’s global growth, paying close attention to how diverse actors, cultures, and events both shaped and were shaped by Catholic institutions and lived expressions of Catholic faith. Area III and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 755b, An Introduction to Byzantine Monasticism  Vasileios Marinis
Monastics and monasteries constituted a quintessential element of Byzantine society. This seminar investigates Byzantine monasticism in its historical, theological, and social contexts from its origins in the third century to the codification of Hesychastic practice in the fourteenth. The course aims to familiarize students with the foundational texts of this tradition; inquire into lives of monastic saints as both rhetorical constructs and historical sources; analyze foundation documents that regulated liturgical and everyday life in Byzantine monasteries; explore the architecture of and artistic production in Byzantine monasteries; and understand the ways and means by which cults of saints were developed and cultivated in a monastic context. Area III and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 758a, Constantinople/Istanbul  Orgu Dalgic
This seminar explores issues related to the urban development, monuments, and built environment of the city of Constantinople/Istanbul from Late Antiquity to modern times. The course focuses on three periods: Byzantine Constantinople (fourth to fifteenth century), when the city, famed for its riches and beauty, became the stage for Christian imperial and religious ritual; Ottoman Istanbul (fifteenth century to 1923), during which it constituted the center of a multiethnic and multireligious empire with Islam as the dominant religion; and “secular” Istanbul from the establishment of the Turkish nation-state in 1923 until today. Through a series of case studies, we examine the continuity and change of the city’s history through demographics, religious practices, architectural patronage, and the use of urban spaces for social and commercial
activities, as well as for ceremonies and political mobilization. Area III and Area V.
3 Course cr

REL 762b, History of Early Christian Liturgy  Marie-Ange Rakotoniaina
This course offers a journey through the sources of early Christian liturgy. We interrogate the texts (and other types of sources including architecture and iconography) and the evolving methods for the study of early Christian worship and sacrament from the New Testament into the late patristic period. Topics include the development of eucharistic prayers, the rites of initiation, the liturgical year, and prayer. Students engage with an array of sources for the delicate exercise of historical reconstruction (including liturgical texts from various genres—doctrinal treatises, hymns, laws, poetry—and material sources). They analyze this variety of sources to draw historical, theological, and liturgical conclusions. Primary sources are our guides through close reading and critical reflection. Personal interaction with the textual and material sources is crucial for us to understand the practice of early Christian liturgy. Area III and Area II.  3 Course cr

REL 765a, Death and Aafterlife in Eastern Christian Traditions  Maria Doerfler and Vasileios Marinis
Death, for ancient Christians as in the present era, sat at the intersection of a wide range of discourses. Doctors and intercessors sought to avert it, jurists to mitigate its impact on families and the flow of capital, philosophers and theologians to prescribe approaches to it, and bishops and other religious professionals to create rituals by which to assist the departed’s transition into the afterlife and to channel the grief of surviving loved ones. This seminar aims to introduce students to the pluriformity of material, the literary customs, and the liturgical practices surrounding death in early and Byzantine Christianity, from the fourth through the fifteenth century CE. After an initial foray into the sources, both biblical and philosophical, from which Christians constructed ideas about death and the afterlife, the seminar moves to exploring strategies of commemorating the departed; competing notions about the fate of the soul after death; and the anticipated final judgment, including the loci—heaven and hell—to which Christians expected it to assign all humanity. Area III and Area V.  3 Course cr

REL 769b, Biography and Religion  Bruce Gordon
Biographies have always had a contested place within the scholarly disciplines of history and religious studies. Although they are the most popular form of history, both in print and on screen, lingering suspicions remain that they lack methodological and theoretical rigor and too often stray toward hagiography or become hatchet jobs. This course examines the particular challenges of writing about religious lives and considers how authors seek to distill the inner spiritual world and outward acts of men and women from early Christianity to our time. Biographies offer unique ways of thinking about the complicated entanglement of religious convictions in human lives. They also demonstrate the power of religion as a catalyst for individual and communal action. We discuss biography as a genre for conveying the diversity of the numinous; and further, how lived experiences of religion as well as more abstract thinking can be placed within narrative forms employed by biographers. Area III. Prerequisite: one of REL 712, REL 713, REL 714, or REL 715, or relevant background from previous studies; or permission of the instructor.  3 Course cr
REL 770a, Introduction to Syriac Christianity  Maria Doerfler
This seminar aims to introduce students to the literary, historical, and theological tradition of Syriac Christianity and the developing field of Syriac Christian studies. In this vein, students encounter a number of the tradition’s key authors; learn to locate the tradition’s development in the context of different imperial cultures and religious interlocutors, including Judaism and Islam; and explore topics at the vanguard of current scholarship, including distinctive approaches to asceticism, ritual, and historiography. In addition to weekly meetings, the seminar requires attendance at three special sessions: a visit to the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library and its considerable Syriac manuscript holdings; a visit to the Yale Art Gallery and its collection of relevant artifacts and coins; and an introduction to the use of digital humanities in Syriac studies through the Yale Digital Dura-Europos Archive (YDEA). Area III and Area I. 3 Course cr

REL 771b, Francis and Clare of Assisi  Volker Leppin
In the early thirteenth century, the question of poverty came to the fore in medieval Christianity. Many people rebelled against the structures of the vastly profitable world of trade and asked if it could still be reconciled with Christian values. The most influential figures of this movement were two young people from Assisi in central Italy: Francis and Clare, both later canonized by the Catholic Church. In them we find sincere efforts to live true Christian discipleship according to the rules of the Sermon on the Mount. In this course we explore their biographies and thought. The sources we read were written both by themselves and by their hagiographers. We seek to determine the extent to which this material is reliable or not and, in addition, aim to construct a historical and theological image of Francis and Clare as we examine enduring and unresolved questions about them. Area III. Prerequisites: one of REL 712, REL 713, REL 714, or REL 715, and a course in theology; or sufficient background from previous studies; or permission of the instructor. 3 Course cr

REL 773a, Core Texts of Thomas Aquinas and William of Ockham  Volker Leppin
Scholasticism is somewhat like hard-core training for the brain: scholars of the High Middle Ages used Aristotelian philosophy to express Christian belief. Despite later generations mocking the allegedly widespread inflexibility of scholasticism, a closer examination of the doctrines reveals the diversity of theological approaches. In this course, we follow the works of two extraordinary thinkers: Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican in the thirteenth century, and William of Ockham, a Franciscan of the fourteenth century. While Aquinas trusted in the possibilities of reason to resolve most theological problems, the latter questioned whether reason was able to grasp faith. Together, we closely read texts from both authors, seeking to explore their presuppositions, arguments, and conflicts. This approach both helps us to understand a foreign world and presents challenges for our contemporary thought. Area III. Prerequisites: one of REL 712, REL 713, REL 714, or REL 715, and a course in theology; or sufficient background from previous studies; or permission of the instructor. 3 Course cr

REL 776a, Mysticism in the West 1100–1700  Bruce Gordon and Volker Leppin
As in Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, mystical experiences—intellective and bodily—are integral to Christianity, beginning with accounts of divine encounters and visions in the Bible. Mysticism, however, is by no means a uniform set of beliefs or practices. It has always occupied a contested place in the western churches, ranging
from sanctity worthy of canonization to heresy, censure, and persecution. Indeed, the nature of mysticism within the realm of religious experiences remains hotly debated, especially in the recent work of historians, theologians, anthropologists, and scholars of gender and sexualities. Mystical experiences knew no institutional, doctrinal, societal, or gender boundaries. Those who have left accounts of their experiences—textual, visual, or musical—include theologians and laity, women and men, elites and common folk. We examine a broad range of textual sources, including tracts, devotional works, sermons, and vernacular literature, as well as art and music. Authors and movements are studied in their historical and social contexts, focusing on themes such as sacraments, hierarchies of knowing and sensing, the role of the symbolic, gender, and narratives of the body. The course draws on a wide range of disciplinary perspectives to broaden the range of questions investigated. Area III. Prerequisites: REL 712, REL 713, REL 714, or REL 715, and an introductory course in theology; or permission of the instructors. 3 Course cr

Area IV: Ministerial Studies

The biblical and theological heritage of Christianity finds focus in engagement with persons and structures of the church and culture. The revelations of the Bible and theology, by their very nature, require ever-renewed lodging and expression in the ongoing life of both the church and the world. The church and the world, by their natures, require ever-renewed rooting and direction in the Christian heritage. It is a lifetime vocation to learn to discern and guide the processes of this reciprocal engagement. Area IV aspires to find guidelines and impetus for this vocation. All courses in Area IV presuppose some personal experience with the occasions of ministry.

PASTORAL THEOLOGY AND CARE

REL 807a or b, Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Care  Staff
As an introduction to pastoral theology and care, this course explores the history, theory, and methods of the care of souls tradition, concentrating on the narrative, communal-contextual model. The course invites learners into the practice of particular pastoral care skills such as listening and responding in pastoral conversations; supporting families through life transitions; “reading” and engaging cultural contexts and systems of injustice in which care takes place; and the intentional uses of the self in spiritual care. The course introduces at a basic level key theoretical frameworks including narrative, intercultural/interreligious care; family systems; and grief and trauma theory. Teaching and learning methods include lecture, discussion, case studies, role plays, theological reflection, genograms, and visits to local ministry sites. Area IV. 3 Course cr

REL 810b, My Neighbor’s Faith: Building Interreligious Community  Ian Oliver
As communities across the country and around the world engage religious diversity in a way they never have before, this seminar seeks to explore theoretical and practical issues in interreligious community building. The course surveys stories and research on the development of religious identity, examines how interreligious relationships and communities are formed, and considers theological and practical reasons to do interfaith work. Within traditions, we explore problems of representation and diversity. Between religious traditions, we examine white Christian privilege in America and sources of religious discrimination and conflict. The class defines the qualities of
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REL 818a, Caring for Justice and Joy  Mary Moschella
This seminar explores justice and joy in the ministry and in life. The readings examine the narratives of notable figures involved in diverse kinds of religious or humanitarian leadership—including pastoral, spiritual, and educational leadership—and in fields such as medical and community-based care or legal antiracist reform. The class explores the joyful practices of compassion, connection, freedom, and justice in the context of diverse religious vocations and situations. Students cultivate perspectives that are deep enough to hold human suffering and spacious enough to recognize divine goodness and love. The class practices narrative conversations as a means of challenging injustice and supporting human flourishing at personal, communal, and societal levels. Area IV. 3 Course cr

REL 820b, Conflict Transformation: Pastoral Care with Congregations and Communities  Joyce Mercer
This is a course on the theory and practice of faith-based conflict transformation in congregations and communities, in response to the growing prevalence of destructive conflict in the churches and in the world. Students learn basic skills for engaging, analyzing, and transforming conflict as a critically important form of pastoral care with congregations and other communities. Using texts, case studies, role plays, and other resources, students compare and practice various models of defining and dealing with conflict in congregations; assess and work with differing personal styles and comfort levels in conflict situations; and consider theological understandings of conflict and its transformation. Area IV. Prerequisite: REL 807. 3 Course cr

REL 824a, Ministry and the Disinherited  Frederick Streets
There is a serious and vigorous public debate about the influence of religious values upon society. What ought to be our social responsibilities, particularly to those who are most vulnerable and in need of support, is a contested issue. The COVID-19 pandemic intensively and sharply reveals the public health crisis before us as well as some of the social and systemic inequities that structure our society and how those inequities impact the lives of people. This course has as its focus the effort to theologically reflect on, and discern from, an interdisciplinary approach to defining "the disinherited." Students explore aspects of the Christian dimensions of social and political reform movements; the contours of faith-based social services; the influence of religious values on individual behavior; and ideas about the role of the church and government in meeting human needs. Through the interests and research of students, the course addresses topics such as poverty; health care disparities; sexual orientation; ethnic, gender, and racial discrimination; hunger; immigration; homelessness; public education; and the welfare of children. Students are expected to develop an interdisciplinary approach from perspectives found in biblical scriptures, sacred texts, theological/religious beliefs and values, social work, sociology of religion, law, psychology of religion, political science, and social welfare theories. In that setting, students contextualize a theological understanding of the disinherited and what might constitute a ministry that addresses the needs of these groups. The learning journey of the course intentionally engages students on three overlapping themes or levels:
theological frameworks, personal identity/sense of vocation, and practical tools one uses in living out one’s ministry and/or sense of self in the world. Area IV and Area II.

3 Course cr

**REL 833a, Research Methods in Practical Theology**  Mary Moschella

Qualitative research methods provide a way to study theology-in-practice, faith on the ground. What is actually happening when people practice their faith? How do race, culture, and social capital figure into gatherings and ministries? How can researchers interpret a religious tradition that they also inhabit? Students learn answers to these and other questions while conducting their own research projects throughout the term. As their research progresses and students consult with the class, a research community forms. Ethnography, congregational studies, and participatory action research are among the key approaches covered. Topics include the art and ethics of research design, relationships with participants, reflexivity, analysis, representation, writing, and more. Area IV.  3 Course cr

**REL 856b, Pastoral Wisdom inside Prison: Fiction, Memoir, and Drama**  Mary Moschella

This course explores pastoral themes and insights that emerge through reading particular works of fiction, memoir, poetry, and drama, and the practice of “writing back” to them. It is taught as an Inside-Out Prison Exchange course, bringing YDS students and incarcerated women together in the classroom. Through interactive exercises involving conversation, writing, and various forms of artistic expression, the class reflects theologically on the situations, emotions, beliefs, values, and practices prompted by this literature. Writing for the development of voice is emphasized. Area IV. Prerequisite: interview with and permission of the instructor.  3 Course cr

**PREACHING MINISTRY**

**REL 812a or b, Principles and Practices of Preaching**  Donyelle McCray

This is the introductory course in theologies and practices of preaching. Students explore a range of approaches to preaching, learn skills for exegeting listening communities, develop a personal theology of preaching, and more. Attention is given to biblical exposition, the appropriate use of experience, development of a homiletical imagination, the preacher’s spirituality, and ways to engage all of the preacher’s gifts for communication. The course includes plenary instruction and preaching sections in which students prepare and deliver sermons. This one-term course is taught twice each year. Area IV.  3 Course cr

**REL 819b, The Hebrew Scriptures and Christian Preaching: The Writings**  Carolyn Sharp

Since ancient times, the Hebrew Scriptures have constituted a vitally important set of theological resources for Christian homiletics. The ministry and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth and the New Testament traditions that grew up around him cannot be understood apart from the narratives, legal material, poetry, sapiential traditions, and theological ideation of the Hebrew Scriptures. The exquisite artfulness of ancient Hebrew narrative can engage the Christian imagination on many levels. A preacher might draw congregations into the characterization of Daniel, Ruth, Esther, or Nehemiah, or explore dramatic conflicts and resolutions emplotted in those books. The formation of believers in wisdom is a foundational concern of Ecclesiastes and Proverbs, which trace knowledge of the Lord and its antitheses in ways that fascinate
many in contemporary communities of faith. Job and Lamentations wrestle with issues of suffering and justice in compelling poetry that can be explored powerfully from the pulpit. For centuries, the Psalms have been central to spiritual teaching, devotional practices, liturgical forms, and artistic refractions of lament, trust, and praise. This course invites students into critical reflection on the Writings as a rich resource for Christian proclamation. Students engage homiletical theory, study sermons from expert preachers, and design and preach sermons on texts from the Writings. Area IV. 3 Course cr

REL 830b, Radical Lives of Proclamation  Donyelle McCray
This course provides a window into the spiritual lives of six visionaries: Thea Bowman, Óscar Romero, Yuri Kochiyama, Richard Twiss, Fred Ho, and Bayard Rustin. Considerable attention has been directed to their lives as social activists and teachers, but this course focuses on their lives as preachers and/or public witnesses. The course examines each person’s understanding of the divine, the human person, and community, and contrasts each individual’s public and private spirituality. Ultimately, these visionaries provide approaches to responding to demanding historical moments through sermons, speeches, artwork, and activism. Area IV. Prerequisite: REL 503, REL 504, REL 505, REL 506, or the equivalent. 3 Course cr

REL 865b, Preaching on the Gospel of Luke  Carolyn Sharp
Since the earliest decades of the Christian movement, the stirring Gospel of Luke has been cherished as an authoritative witness to the purposes of God revealed in the birth, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Luke offers much of value for the preacher: narratives and poems that frame the Incarnation within God’s deliverance of the marginalized in the covenantal history of Israel; storytelling that underscores the power of the Messiah over imperial oppressors and spiritual forces of harm; ironic reversals that dismantle hearers’ assumptions about social and economic status; and a robust view of the disciples’ ongoing formation for proclamation and mission. We read rich exegetical and literary studies of Luke by New Testament scholars, and we learn from expert preachers who bring fresh angles from homiletical theory to their engagements with Luke. Students design and preach sermons and micro-homilies that explore the power of the Gospel of Luke for Christian communities of conviction. Area IV. Prerequisite: one term of biblical studies at the master’s level. 3 Course cr

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

REL 801a or b, Marquand Chapel Choir  Alfred Gumbs
1 credit per term.

REL 802a or b, Marquand Gospel and Inspirational Choir  Mark Miller
0.5 credit per term. ½ Course cr

REL 808b, Black Religion and Radical Education  Almeda Wright
Can religion and education support black liberation and freedom struggles? Have they always done so? In this course, we carefully interrogate the historical connections between religion (primarily Christianity, education, and struggles for freedom within African American communities and what I have come to describe as radical black religious education during the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Students explore the ways that scholars have theorized about the radical or progressive dimensions of African American religion, as well as the different definitions and visions of social flourishing at various points throughout the twentieth century. At times, we challenge
what has been included in the religious educational tradition of African Americans and what is considered radical. In part, this includes reframing dominant understandings of the contributions of great educators and intellectuals, underscoring the tension between valuing the work of black male intellectuals while recognizing the ongoing silencing and obscuring of black women’s social and intellectual work. The course begins with an emphasis on early black religious educators and missionaries, such as Daniel Alexander Payne and Amanda Smith, whose work in the nineteenth century set the stage for the evolution of radical religious education in the twentieth. It continues by focusing on the work of scholars such as Anna Julia Cooper, W.E.B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells, Nannie Helen Burroughs, and Carter G. Woodson, as well as the mid-twentieth-century religiously inspired social activism and the education that undergirded much of the civil rights movement. The course concludes by investigating the corresponding changes in black churches and religious academies that resulted from articulations of black power and black freedom and by acknowledging the ongoing significance of questions regarding the interconnection of race, religion, and radical education in contemporary social change movements. Area IV. 3 Course cr

REL 811a, Models and Methods of College and University Chaplaincy  Sharon Kugler
This course explores various approaches to college and university chaplaincy found in the United States in the twenty-first century. Drawing on a historical framework for the role of chaplaincy in the college setting from the middle of the twentieth century (when secularism became a heavier influence), and exploring the issues that confront the vocation in a pluralistic context of the twenty-first century, the course provides an overview of strategies needed to offer a creative, current, and engaging chaplaincy in higher education. Through a series of lectures, open discussions, site visits, short chaplaincy narratives, and guest speakers, the class encounters numerous perspectives and approaches to ministry in higher education. Area IV and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 815a, Radical Pedagogy  Almeda Wright
This course studies and employs radical pedagogy as a lens through which to explore the intersections of religious education and community transformation. In essence, the class explores the ways that education, particularly religious education, is powerful, political, transformative, and even radical. This course also pushes students to address questions about the goals of education. Many proponents of radical pedagogy embrace ideals of radical equality or democracy. To explore these issues, the class wrestles with contemporary questions about educational reform in public schools and considers what role religious education can play in addressing social justice concerns within communities. The foundational theorists and conversation partners in the course include public and religious educators, critical theorists, and community organizers. While this course directly draws upon experiences as persons of faith and experiences within religious communities, the cases and readings draw heavily on what might be called “secular” theorists and educators who focus on public educational arenas. Area IV. 3 Course cr

REL 828b, Theory and Practice of Faith Development  Almeda Wright
Can we develop faith? Does faith grow and mature in the same ways that we develop biologically and psychosocially as we age? How do we define faith? In this seminar, we explore these questions through the seminal work and conversation started by James W. Fowler. In the 1980s, Fowler wrote Stages of Faith: The Psychology of Human Development and the Quest for Meaning. This work offers a stage-based theory of faith
development, which builds upon the stage theories of Erik Erikson, Jean Piaget, Lawrence Kohlberg, and others. In addition to exploring Fowler’s work, we explore the work of others who have been in conversation with Fowler. These conversation partners have challenged some of his starting assumptions; have helped us to reflect more on the ways that gender, race, and power interplay with faith development; and have carried on the conversation of how faith develops in individuals, communities, and public life.

Area IV. 3 Course cr

REL 848a, Leadership Ministry in Schools  Jere Wells
This course prepares students of all denominations for leadership positions in schools. It begins with an analysis of where young people are today and, in particular, the existential/spiritual questions they often ask, even without realizing they are asking them. Teaching about religion in secular schools—public and independent— is briefly considered. Then the course turns its attention to schools with some sort of religious orientation. After studying the heritage and tradition of such schools, students consider the issues involved in leading schools today. The roles of school head, chaplain (lay or ordained, the religion teacher, and the student are considered. Many aspects of school life are explored, including the pedagogical, pastoral, and liturgical. The difficulties and delights of educational ministry and leadership are identified and discussed. Naturally, issues of race, class, gender, and sexuality arise. Through required field trips, the course considers the particular problems and opportunities in inner-city schools and parish day schools. Area IV and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 875b, Advanced Topics in Leadership Ministry in Schools and Colleges
Jere Wells
This seminar is designed to allow students to pursue, in depth, themes raised in the introductory courses. The course’s overall consideration is how an educational leader trained at YDS can effectively “minister” to students, colleagues, and other members of school communities. Readings and discussions cover a range of topics including the tradition of faith-based education, school mission, pedagogy, worship, service programs, and ethical leadership in the “business” of schools (admissions, budgets, fundraising. The seminar also makes extensive use of case studies and simulations. For the major research project, each student pursues a topic of particular interest related to schools and educational leadership. Research includes direct experience, fieldwork/campus visits, and review of scholarship. Issues of race, class, gender, and sexuality arise in connection with topics considered in this seminar. Area IV and Area V. 3 Course cr

SPIRITUALITY AND MINISTRY

REL 868b, Spirituality and Disability  Melody Escobar
Spirituality is described as a commitment to living one’s values, conscious life integration and transformation, the response of love and service for the “common good,” and the quest for meaning. This seminar examines the intersection of spirituality and disability and how both offer a lens for exploring essential aspects of human existence, the sacred, and social engagement. It links theological, practical, and pastoral issues related to diverse experiences of spirituality and disability in the church and society. Pervasive forms of ableism are juxtaposed with the practice of radical hospitality as a prism for contemplating “life in the Spirit,” the universal body of Christ, and inclusion of persons missing from congregational life. The framework includes critical discourse of classic Christian spiritual traditions and historical and contemporary
constructs of disability. It considers the spiritual autobiography and marginalization of fifteenth-century mystic Teresa de Cartagena, a female author of Jewish origin who was deaf, in addition to memoirs, films, and ethnographic research. Students are invited to immerse themselves in meaningful reflection on connectedness and its integral relationship to spiritual praxes of justice and compassion in the world. Area IV.

### Area V: Comparative and Cultural Studies

Courses in this area are grouped as follows. **Comparative Studies:** The exploration of non-Christian traditions with special emphasis on comparative religious questions. **Philosophy of Religion:** The study of conceptual issues that bear upon method in theology and ethics, the philosophical clarification of religious concepts and categories, and the examination of philosophical worldviews that are alternatives to traditional Christian perspectives. **Religion and the Arts:** Studies concerning the nature of human imagination in visual, literary, and musical forms that have shaped the religious life and its cultural expression, both within and outside the Christian church. The inquiry is normally undertaken within the context of ministry. **Study of Society:** The employment of normative and social-scientific tools to comprehend and bring under ethical and theological scrutiny societal institutions (including religious ones) and ideational patterns.

#### COMPARATIVE STUDIES

**REL 914a, Islam and Christian-Muslim Encounters: Historical and Theological Dimensions**  
John Azumah

This course examines the historical and theological interactions and encounters between Muslims and Christians since the inception of Islam in the seventh century to the post-9/11 times. It analyzes case studies, key texts, views of notable figures, and events that shaped the relations between Christians and Muslims, and the cumulative impact on contemporary relations between the two faith communities. Students are given the opportunity to examine their own perceptions of the Islamic world and how these affect interreligious relations. Particular historical, theological, and ecclesiastical approaches are examined, and guidelines for models of practical engagement are discussed. This course also allows students to discover a variety of models and principles of Muslim-Christian dialogue, with attention paid to Global North and Global South contexts. Area V. 3 Course cr

**REL 917b, Asian Religions and Ecology**  
Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim

This course introduces students to Asian religious traditions and their intersection with ecology. The first half of the course explores the South Asian religious traditions of Hinduism, Jainism, and Buddhism. The second half examines the East Asian religious traditions of Confucianism, Daoism, and East Asian Buddhism. These traditions are studied in the context of the emerging field of religion and ecology. The course identifies developments in religious traditions that highlight their ecological implications for the contemporary period. In particular, it relates religious concepts, textual analysis, ritual activities, and institutional formations to engaged, on-the-ground environmental projects. It investigates the symbolic and lived expressions in religious ethics and practices that can be defined as religious ecologies. Similarly, it identifies narratives in South Asian religious traditions and in East Asian religious
traditions that orient humans to the cosmos, namely, religious cosmologies. This interrelationship of narratives and religious environmentalism provides pathways into the study of religion and ecology. At present the rapid modernization in South Asia and East Asia is causing extreme environmental problems, and we investigate Asian religions in relation to this ecological crisis. Both the problems and promise of religions are acknowledged. Religions are now widely seen as significant social, intellectual, and spiritual forces that both shape and are shaped by cultural worldviews. Moreover, the symbolic language of religions often evokes nature's processes and reflects nature's rhythms. The multiform roles of religions, then, provide historical sources for reflection upon human behavior guided by values embedded in individuals and social bodies, projected onto ecosystems, and molded into cosmological narratives.

Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 919b, The Passion in the Eighteenth Century  Markus Rathey
The Passion of Christ is a seminal text not only for the Christian faith; the story has also inspired countless composers to set the words to music. Especially during the eighteenth century, at a time when sacred music had adopted stylistic devices from the operatic stage to express human emotions, the tradition of passion composition reaches its dramatic peak. The course surveys the multitude of ways in which eighteenth-century composers and musicians responded to the passion narrative. The topics range from liturgical chanting of the passion in different Christian traditions to Bach’s settings for the Lutheran liturgy, and from dramatic settings based on a text by opera librettist Metastasio to the function of music in Mexican passion plays in Nahuatl. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 930a, Introduction to American Judaism: Religion, People, Culture  James Ponet
This course enables students of all religions and backgrounds to gain basic knowledge and insight into the various forms of present-day American Judaism, its religious as well as secular expressions. The course explores theological and atheological forms of Jewish commitment—such as Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Cultural, Zionist, and Renewal—and searches for traits shared by these traditions. The course is of particular interest to Christians who seek to develop their own sense of living relationship with Jews and Judaism. Questions with a place in class discussion include: Is there a shared Jewish-Christian narrative? Can Christianity be meaningfully understood as a form of Judaism? How might a Christian live with, and in response to, the history of Christian anti-Judaism? Area V. 3 Course cr

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

REL 921b, Metaphysics and Epistemic Self-Trust  John Pittard
A consideration of arguments that purport to show that some worldview or metaphysical outlook is rationally incompatible with epistemic self-trust (either in general, or in some important domain like morality). Possible topics include skeptical worries posed by contemporary cosmological theories, by causal determinism, by atheistic and theistic multiverse theories, by materialist accounts of mind, by Darwinian evolution, and by theistic responses to the problem of evil. We also consider whether God might face irresolvable skeptical worries. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 922b, Theological Predication and Divine Attributes  John Pittard
An exploration of philosophical debates concerning the nature of theological language and the nature of God. Topics include theories of analogical predication, divine
simplicity, God’s relation to time, divine impassibility, the nature of God’s love, divine freedom, the compatibility of foreknowledge and human freedom, and theories of providence. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 958a, Science and Religion  John Pittard
A philosophical exploration of the relationship between science and religion. Questions to be treated may include the following: Does religion answer questions better left to science? Is the apparent “fine-tuning” of the physical constants evidence for a designer? Can a universe that is not designed have a purpose? Does science challenge religious perspectives on the mind, soul, and will? Is contemporary evolutionary theory compatible with the view that human beings are created in God’s image? Does the cognitive science of religion supply reasons for doubting the rationality of religious belief? Does religion inhibit effective responses to climate change and global catastrophic risks? Can the hopes and longings that animate religion be fulfilled through technological advancement? Area V. 3 Course cr

RELIGION AND THE ARTS

REL 920b, Continuing Bonds with the Dead through Art  David Mahan and Tanya Walker
From the “Lynching Memorial” to memorial tattoos, art has “remembered” the dead’s relationship to the living. But does it do more? Do artworks attest only to the dead’s absence, or do they also foster the dead’s presence? Can art enable the living to maintain an ongoing relationship with the dead, and if so, how? And what about those who never knew the dead? Can art establish new relationships between them? In the wake of a pandemic that has deprived so many of the opportunity to be with loved ones at the time of their deaths, such questions have become even more pressing. Through an examination of primarily contemporary works of art, this course explores these questions through the lens of the “continuing bonds” model of bereavement. We traverse a wide array of visual, literary, liturgical, and digital artistic practices in order to explore both the potential and limitations of art to enable the living to maintain relational bonds with those who are deceased. Our exploration considers various religious and philosophical frameworks that underlie our understandings of death and the continuing “existence” of the dead, and thus influence our reception and interpretation of what these works can and actually do. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 923a, Herbert and Hopkins in the Twenty-First Century  Christian Wiman
George Herbert and Gerard Manley Hopkins are two of the most powerful and durable devotional poets in the English language. They were both priests, both torn between religious and artistic intensities, both possessed of rapturous and sometimes scalding visions. They are also, as poets, utterly unlike each other. This course closely examines the work of these two poet-priests and also traces their influence into the work of four very diverse contemporary poets. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 925b, Letters to God: Simone Weil, Etty Hillesum, Edith Stein  Christian Wiman
Though Simone Weil, Etty Hillesum, and Edith Stein never met each other, their lives and works seem provocatively and inevitably linked together. All were born Jewish and had their lives defined by the Second World War. All were deeply affected by the teachings of Christ (only Stein actually converted. All died young, two in the same concentration camp. All lived intense and idiosyncratic spiritual lives and forged forms of writing that expressed this spirituality. This course closely examines the writings
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of Weil, Hillesum, and Stein to glean essential connections—and the equally essential differences—among them. It also examines some more recent works that owe clear debts to these earlier writers. Area V. 3 Course cr

**REL 933b, Poetry and Faith**  Christian Wiman
This course is designed to look at issues of faith through the lens of poetry. With some notable exceptions, the course concentrates on modern poetry—that is, poetry written between 1850 and 213. Inevitably, the course also looks at poetry through the lens of faith, but a working assumption of the course is that a poem is, for a reader (it’s more complicated for a writer), art first and faith second. “Faith” in this course generally means Christianity, and that is the primary context for reading the poems. But the course also engages with poems from other faith traditions, as well as with poems that are wholly secular and even adamantly anti-religious. Area V. 3 Course cr

**REL 935a, Theologizing Immigration: Latinxs and the Catholic Tradition**  Francisco Lozado
National politics and the COVID-19 pandemic have led to policies and rhetoric that limit human mobility to the United States and impose significant harms on migration at the U.S. southern border. What do migration experts and Latinx theologians say about the current moment? How do Latinx biblical and theological scholars engage critically and imaginatively the issues of human mobility, through biblical and theological reflection on current immigration realities? This seminar presents various perspectives on human mobility of migrants from Latin America to the United States and the reception these migrants receive upon arrival to the United States. We read leading immigration experts and Latinx theologians (including biblical scholars) and study how they respond to the most pressing issues of the day—including deterrence policies, the pandemic, xenophobia, gender, racialization, child migration, human trafficking, queer migrations, and forced migrations, to name a few. The course also examines the Catholic Church’s pastoral writings on migrants and immigration. Area V. 3 Course cr

**REL 943a, Gospel, Rap, and Social Justice: Prison and the Arts**  Ronald Jenkins
Students in this course collaborate with formerly incarcerated musicians and other survivors of prison to create performances inspired by their collective reading of Dante’s *Divine Comedy*, Michelle Alexander’s *The New Jim Crow*, and a variety of texts documenting the impact of the carceral state on communities of color. Students learn how to apply the arts to community service and activism as they learn about the American criminal justice system and its relevance to Dante’s poem from a social justice perspective. Area V. 3 Course cr

**REL 945a / MDVL 663a, From House Churches to Medieval Cathedrals: Christian Art and Architecture to the End of Gothic**  Vasileios Marinis
This course examines the art associated with, or related to, Christianity from its origins to the end of Gothic. It analyzes major artistic monuments and movements in a variety of regions, paying particular attention to how art shapes and is shaped by the social and historical circumstances of the period and culture. The class considers art in diverse media, focusing on painting, sculpture, architecture, and decorative arts. Trips to the Yale Art Gallery and the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library are included. The course aims to familiarize students with key monuments of Christian architecture, sculpture, painting, and related arts, analyzing each within its particular sociocultural and theological perspective. The course stresses the importance of looking at works of art closely and in context and encourages students to develop skills of close observation.
and critical visual analysis. Additionally, students are encouraged to examine the ways parallel developments in Christian theology, dogma, and liturgy are influenced by art. Area V and Area III. Prerequisites: basic knowledge of Christian history and familiarity with the Bible. 3 Course cr

REL 946b, God’s Trombones: Contemporary Black Women Preachers in Literature and Music Melanie Hill

Using James Weldon Johnson’s 1927 text as a foundation, this course centers the figures of contemporary black women preachers as artists of oration who use their sermonic pens to assert political and social freedom in African American literature and sound. Amalgamating sermon and song, this course examines twentieth- and twenty-first-century literary representations of black women preachers in the oeuvres of Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Ann Allen Shockley, Zora Neale Hurston, Alice Walker, the Rev. Dr. Katie G. Cannon, and other writers who efficaciously mark the voices of black women preachers in African American literature. This course is also designed to show how these texts take an interdisciplinary path in literature, music, and religious studies. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 953a, Reading Poetry Theologically David Mahan

This course explores poetry and the study of poetry as forms of theological discourse. Through close readings of individual poems and poetic sequences, students consider how the form as well as the subject matter of the poetry opens up new horizons for illuminating and articulating theological themes. With selections from twentieth- and twenty-first-century poets, the course examines how modern and late-modern poets have created fresh embodiments of faith perspectives and have contributed to both the expressive and reflective tasks of theology. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 955b, The Cult of Saints in Early Christianity and the Middle Ages Vasileios Marinis and Felicity Harley

For all its reputed (and professed) disdain of the corporeal and earthly, Christianity lavished considerable attention and wealth on the material dimension of sainthood and the “holy” during its formative periods in late antiquity and the Middle Ages. Already in the second century Christian communities accorded special status to a select few “friends of God,” primarily martyrs put to death during Roman persecutions. Subsequently the public and private veneration of saints and their earthly remains proliferated, intensified, and became an intrinsic aspect of Christian spirituality and life in both East and West until the Reformation. To do so, it had to gradually develop a theology to accommodate everything from fingers of saints to controversial and miracle-working images. This course investigates the theology, origins, and development of the cult of saints in early Christianity and the Middle Ages with special attention to its material manifestations. The class combines the examination of thematic issues, such as pilgrimage and the use and function of reliquaries (both portable and architectural), with a focus on such specific cases as the evolution of the cult of the Virgin Mary. Area V and Area III. 3 Course cr

REL 964b, Imagining the Apocalypse: Scripture to Modern Fiction David Mahan

This course explores the literary-theological and sociological facets of the apocalyptic, primarily through modern works of the imagination. Sessions begin with an introduction to various definitions and ideas of the apocalyptic, with special reference to biblical literature in the Hebrew Scriptures as well as the New Testament. From these distinctively theological/religious visions, in which God is the primary actor and God’s
people figure as the main subjects, the course explores how that framework for the apocalyptic has undergone significant transformations in the literary imagination of late-modern, particularly Western, societies. Through such prose works as *A Canticle for Leibowitz* by Walter Miller, *Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood, and Cormac McCarthy's *The Road*, the course considers how literary portrayals of apocalypse contemplate themes that resonate with significant theological concerns. Area V.

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**REL 906Hb, Environmental History and Values**  Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim
This course provides an overview of the intellectual developments, leading figures, and major concerns of the environmental movement. The course explores environmental issues as distinct historical strands with diverse ethical and ethnic concerns regarding land, forests, rivers, law, and people. The course identifies past challenges and present transformations in topics such as conservation and preservation, pollution and inequity, and ecojustice and governance. The beginning of the course focuses on the historical roots of American environmentalism such as the roles of Thoreau and Muir as early American voices in the discourse on “nature”; the historic place of Gifford Pinchot and Aldo Leopold as early leaders of the environmental movement, key figures in the YSE lineage, and now as subjects of critical intellectual inquiry; and Native American worldviews on land, biodiversity, relationality, and community. The course’s middle section examines global topics in environmental history, including urban ecology and city planning, history of the environmental movement, toxicity and the impact of Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring*, environmental justice, and environmentalism in China. Finally, new efforts to widen interdisciplinary approaches to environmental issues are introduced, namely: environmental humanities, and religion and ecology. Area V and Area III.  3 Course cr

**REL 984a, Theological Bioethics: Ecumenical Christian Perspectives**  Stephen Meawad
This course engages a wide breadth of contemporary bioethical issues, including ethical theories and approaches, early life issues, genomics, pharmaceutics, research, organ transplantation, and end of life. Students are not required to agree with any certain perspectives on these issues, but an ecumenical Christian theological perspective is engaged seriously in this course. Students are encouraged to engage any variety of perspectives on these issues for the purposes of comparing and contrasting with Christian perspectives, especially those of Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christians, expounded by the authors in the selected readings. With developments in technology and media, one is always learning, adapting, and engaging timely moral issues all while questioning the presuppositions that inform ethical systems and approaches. Students are encouraged to refer to their own experiences, majors, and fields throughout the course while reflecting critically on each week’s topic(s). Area V and Area II.  3 Course cr

**Courses without Area Designations**

Courses listed below do not normally count toward fulfillment of the area distribution requirements described in the chapter Programs of Study.
REL 3602b, From Biblical to Modern Hebrew  Dina Roginsky
Instruction in the linguistic needs of students who have reading knowledge of Biblical Hebrew but cannot read or converse in Modern Hebrew. Concentration on reading comprehension of Modern Hebrew for research purposes, particularly scholarly texts tailored to students’ areas of interest. Prerequisite: two years of Biblical or Modern Hebrew studies, or permission of the instructor.  3 Course cr

REL 3603a, Elementary Biblical Hebrew I  Eric Reymond
An introduction to the language of the Hebrew Scriptures—Biblical Hebrew. Students work through the grammar book, doing exercises and practicing paradigms. Among these exercises is the reading of specific biblical texts. By the end of the year, students should have a basic grasp of this ancient language’s grammar and some experience reading Hebrew.  3 Course cr

REL 3604b, Elementary Biblical Hebrew II  Eric Reymond
A continuation of REL 3603. An introduction to the language of the Hebrew Scriptures—Biblical Hebrew. Students work through the grammar book, doing exercises and practicing paradigms. Among these exercises is the reading of specific biblical texts. By the end of the year, students should have a basic grasp of this ancient language’s grammar and some experience reading Hebrew.  3 Course cr

REL 3606a or b, Elementary New Testament Greek II  Timothy Gannett
Second term of a two-term introduction to the ancient Greek language of the New Testament for those with little or no knowledge of ancient Greek. The second term focuses on improving reading and translation skills and on developing working knowledge of the critical scholarly tools used in New Testament interpretation. Prerequisite: REL 3605 or equivalent.  3 Course cr

REL 3613a, Medieval Latin: Medieval Mystics from Bernard of Clairvaux to Thomas à Kempis  John Dillon
This reading course in Medieval Latin is intended to help students improve their command of Latin through working directly with medieval texts. We read selections from major mystics of the Middle Ages, including works by Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153), Hildegard of Bingen’s Scivias (ca. 1151/1152), the thirteenth-century Latin translation of Mechthild of Magdeburg’s Das fließende Licht der Gottheit (Lux divinitatis fluens, ca. 1250–80), and Thomas à Kempis’s Imitatio Christi (Imitation of Christ, ca. 1418–27). Prerequisite: one year of formal study of Latin, equivalent to LATN 110 and LATN 120 or LATN 125.  3 Course cr

REL 3614b, Financing Churches and Nonprofits  James Elrod
This six-week seminar examines some of the significant financial challenges faced by churches, schools, cultural institutions, and social services organizations. Utilizing a case study-based curriculum, we explore financial issues that help determine (or undermine) any nonprofit entity’s ability to realize its mission. Topics include mission alignment, governance, management’s agency in the creation of financial information, financial statement analysis, budgeting, fundraising, and financial sustainability.  1½ Course cr

REL 3615b, Managing Crisis in Churches and Nonprofits  James Elrod
Financial crisis has become the normative state for many churches and nonprofit enterprises. In 2018, prior to the global pandemic, the consulting firm Oliver Wyman estimated that more than half of nonprofit organizations had less than one month’s
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operating reserves. This six-week seminar explores the unique challenges nonprofit leaders encounter when their organization enters financial crisis. Utilizing a case study-based curriculum, we explore strategies that promote stabilization, turnaround, and long-term recovery. Prerequisite: successful completion of REL 3614 or permission of the instructor. 1½ Course cr

REL 3699a or b, Reading Course  Staff
Reading courses may be arranged on materials, subjects, and concerns not included in the courses being offered, or may have a narrower focus than those courses. Reading courses may count toward distributional requirements across areas of the curriculum but may not be counted as fulfilling particular requirements within an area. Only full-time faculty at Yale University may offer reading courses. 3 Course cr

REL 3792a and REL 3793a and REL 3794b, Colloquium on Ministry Formation/
Anglican  Staff
The overall purpose of the Colloquium series in the Anglican Studies curriculum is to supplement the curriculum with topics of importance in preparing for service to God in and through the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. The Colloquium offers Episcopal and Anglican students an opportunity to engage in reflection and discernment on their experience of formation for religious leadership, lay and ordained, providing an opportunity to integrate varied theological disciplines. While leadership skills and capabilities can in some measure be taught abstractly, they are most effectively integrated into one’s formation through exposure to seasoned leaders in various institutional contexts. Students explore a wide variety of leadership skills and styles in the presentations at the Colloquium and the assigned readings. Students practice leadership skills through role-playing, improvisation, and case studies. The intention is to set a leadership context in which students can practice leadership lessons that can be adapted to a ministry environment. Each term of the Colloquium focuses on different leadership skills. Over the course of their participation in Colloquium, Berkeley students are exposed to, and given an opportunity to practice, valuable leadership skills for ministry. These colloquia are required of all Berkeley Divinity School students wishing to qualify for the Diploma in Anglican Studies. 0 Course cr per term

REL 3797a, Andover Newton Colloquium I: Ministry in the Making  Mark Heim
This one-hour weekly colloquium for ministerial formation, running over both fall (REL 3797) and spring (REL 3798) terms, deals with mentoring, theological reflection, and free church ecclesiology. Required of all M.Div. students enrolled in the Andover Newton program at Yale. 0 Course cr

REL 3798b, Andover Newton Colloquium II: Ministry in the Making  Mark Heim
This one-hour weekly colloquium for ministerial formation, running over both fall (REL 3797) and spring (REL 3798) terms, deals with mentoring, theological reflection, and free church ecclesiology. Required of all M.Div. students enrolled in the Andover Newton program at Yale. 0 Course cr

REL 3799a or b, M.Div. Thesis  Staff
A thesis or project is an option in the third year of the M.Div. program. Theses or projects written for the M.Div. program are eligible for elective credit only. 3 Course cr

REL 3805a, Roman Catholic Lay Ministry Colloquium  Ryan Lerner
This course explores topics that Roman Catholic students identify as essential to round out their experience at YDS as well as to support their ongoing discernment
of, and formation for, a possible vocation for lay ministry and leadership in the Catholic Church. The goal is to provide students with an understanding of the role and opportunities for lay leadership in multiple dimensions in the contemporary Catholic Church. The course examines the theological grounding and historical development of the role of the lay minister into its present form, as well as the various transformations that have led to a deeper awareness of the essentiality of lay collaboration with ordained and religious in areas of ministry, administration, and leadership. Students also garner the necessary tools for ongoing discernment and faith formation, as well as a basic understanding of certain aspects of canon law and an appreciation of ecclesiology.

REL 3899a or b, M.A.R. Thesis or Project  Staff
A project or thesis is an option for both the concentrated and comprehensive M.A.R. programs. Students may elect to write a thesis in the second year of their program. Candidates who choose to write theses or pursue projects enroll for one or two terms, three credit hours per term. For M.A.R. concentrated program students, the academic adviser determines area credit. Theses or projects written for the M.A.R. comprehensive program are eligible for elective credit only. 3 Course cr

REL 3901a, Andover Newton Colloquium III: Reading the Bible in Community  Gregory Mobley
The Andover Newton Colloquium series supplements the curriculum with topics of importance in preparation for service to God in and through the Free Church traditions, such as the ecclesiastical families in the “congregationalist” wing of Christendom, e.g., the United Church of Christ, the various expressions of the Baptist communion, and Unitarian Universalists. This colloquium on Reading the Bible in Community offers students an opportunity to engage in preparation, leadership, and reflection on the study of Scripture in group contexts from a confessional perspective. It supports the weekly Bible study offered at the Emmaus worship service sponsored by Andover Newton Seminary at YDS. 0 Course cr

REL 3902a, Andover Newton Colloquium IV: Designing and Leading Worship in a Time of Crisis  Mark Miller and JaQuan Beachem
This is a practical course in worship for our present-day pandemic. Students are required to engage both in theological reflection and praxis of liturgy design and leadership. This is accomplished through reading, active participation in class discussions, attending/experiencing worship, hands-on liturgy planning and leading, and evaluation of best practices. Creativity features prominently in the course through the student’s original artistic media presentations. 0 Course cr

REL 3903b, Clinical Pastoral Education Preparation  Joanne Jennings
Clinical Pastoral Education immerses ministry students in settings where they practice pastoral care under peer and professional supervision. Students who think deeply about what they need to learn in CPE, and how they might open themselves up to self-reflection, have more meaningful and effective CPE ministries. This 1.5-credit seminar prepares students for the intense internal and external work of CPE. Students must have submitted applications for CPE to begin immediately after the seminar in order to enroll. This seminar meets once a week for the last five weeks of the term. 1½ Course cr
REL 3905b, Andover Newton Colloquium V: Mentored Vocational Discernment
Sarah Drummond

“Mentoring” and “discernment” are two dimensions of ministerial formation that are nearly universally understood to be important. This colloquium provides students with a setting for intentional work in both areas. That setting serves as a holding environment for integration, where students consider how their YDS and Andover Newton education is shaping their identities and visions for their futures. Prerequisites: REL 3797 and REL 3798. 0 Course cr

REL 3910a or b, ISM Colloquium  Martin Jean

The Institute of Sacred Music Colloquium is central to the purpose of the Institute and to the faculty’s involvement in, and personal attention to, how ISM students are trained. Colloquium is the meeting ground for all Institute students and faculty, the place where we study together, grapple with major issues, and share our work as students of sacred music, worship, and the arts. Taken for .5 credits per term, Colloquium meets every Wednesday from 3:30 until 5 p.m., with informal discussion from 5 to 5:30 p.m. ISM students from the two partner schools of Music and Divinity collaborate on a presentation to be given in their final year. The course is divided into two term-long parts, with responsibility for the fall term resting primarily with the faculty and outside presenters, and for the spring term primarily with the students. ½ Course cr

REL 3986a, Part-time Ministry Internship with Practicum I  Jennifer Davis

This internship is taken for two consecutive terms starting in September (REL 3986 and REL 3987). Internship sites are ministry-related and may include churches, schools, college campuses, and other institutions. The internship, under the mentorship of a trained supervisor, is combined with a peer reflection group (practicum) taught by a practitioner, for a total of four hundred hours over the two terms. The internship is guided by a learning covenant developed by the student in collaboration with the supervisor. In some cases where a site does not have a theologically trained supervisor, the student may also receive supervision from a theological mentor assigned by the director. The Part-time Ministry Internship with Practicum carries three credits each term. Both terms must be completed to meet the degree requirement. Placements are selected during the preceding spring term. Prerequisite: REL 3990 must be taken by the beginning of the term. 3 Course cr

REL 3987b, Part-time Ministry Internship with Practicum II  Jennifer Davis

This internship is taken for two consecutive terms starting in September (REL 3986 and REL 3987). Internship sites are ministry-related and may include churches, schools, college campuses, and other institutions. The internship, under the mentorship of a trained supervisor, is combined with a peer reflection group (practicum) taught by a practitioner, for a total of four hundred hours over the two terms. The internship is guided by a learning covenant developed by the student in collaboration with the supervisor. In some cases where a site does not have a theologically trained supervisor, the student may also receive supervision from a theological mentor assigned by the director. The Part-time Ministry Internship with Practicum carries three credits each term. Both terms must be completed to meet the degree requirement. Placements are selected during the preceding spring term. Prerequisite: REL 3986. 3 Course cr
REL 3990a or b, Negotiating Boundaries in Ministerial Relationships  Jennifer Davis and Kate Ott
This nine-hour workshop helps students develop critically reflective understandings of professional ethics as it applies to maintaining boundaries in the practice of Christian ministry. This subject is explored through the analysis of aspects of spiritual care and ministerial behavior, including sexuality, power, boundaries, and the personhood or character of the minister. The workshop, required of all M.Div. students, is a prerequisite for any supervised ministry. The workshop does not receive academic credit but does appear on the student’s transcript. 0 Course cr

REL 3991a, Nonprofit Immersion I  Alison Cunningham
Vocational discernment takes place in the classroom as well as in the field, where students can express their faith in action, testing the waters of identity as minister, theologian, social activist. YDS offers a few different internships through which a student may explore their role in the church and the world. This course offers the opportunity to examine possibilities for work in the world through an immersive yearlong experience in a nonprofit setting. Students are assigned to boards of nonprofits in the Greater New Haven region, where they attend board meetings, participate on a board committee of their choice, and engage with the board on a special project. Through a twice-monthly seminar spanning both fall and spring terms, students explore nonprofit leadership, organizational structure and governance, and the larger context of community. Agency mentors and the seminar groups help guide the student’s learning. This nonprofit immersion requires just under 100 hours in a combination of agency meetings, special project work, and seminar sessions. Students must register for the course in each term, fall and spring. Students are introduced to participating nonprofits at the beginning of the term and are assigned by Sept. 21. Participating agencies may include those focused on community development, housing and homelessness, food insecurity, health care, prison reentry/prison education, environmental justice, immigration, the arts, and others. Prerequisite: REL 3990 or equivalent. 1½ Course cr

REL 3992b, Nonprofit Immersion II  Alison Cunningham
Vocational discernment takes place in the classroom as well as in the field, where students can express their faith in action, testing the waters of identity as minister, theologian, social activist. YDS offers a few different internships through which a student may explore their role in the church and the world. This course offers the opportunity to examine possibilities for work in the world through an immersive yearlong experience in a nonprofit setting. Students are assigned to boards of nonprofits in the Greater New Haven region, where they attend board meetings, participate on a board committee of their choice, and engage with the board on a special project. Through a twice-monthly seminar spanning both fall and spring terms, students explore nonprofit leadership, organizational structure and governance, and the larger context of community. Agency mentors and the seminar groups help guide the student’s learning. This nonprofit immersion requires just under 100 hours in a combination of agency meetings, special project work, and seminar sessions. Students must register for the course in each term, fall and spring. Students are introduced to participating nonprofits at the beginning of the term and are assigned by Sept. 21. Participating agencies may include those focused on community development, housing and homelessness, food insecurity, health care, prison reentry/prison education,
environmental justice, immigration, the arts, and others. Prerequisites: REL 3990 or equivalent, and REL 3991. 1½ Course cr

**REL 3993a, Part-time Nonprofit Internship with Practicum I**  
Alison Cunningham  
Within the Divinity School curriculum, the internship experience is uniquely situated at the intersection of academic study and the practices of justice work, preparing degree candidates for leadership in the world by engaging them in student-centered experiential learning and theological reflection on the nature, practice, and context of work and service. The Nonprofit Internship Program requires students to work at the site of their own choosing, commit to weekly meetings with their assigned on-site supervisor, engage in regular theological reflection with a trained mentor, and participate each week with their practicum group. In all of these ways, the Internship Program offers students the opportunity to explore their calling to justice work in the world. This course is open to M.A.R. and M.Div. candidates in their second or third year. Both terms must be completed to meet the M.Div. degree requirement. Prerequisite: REL 3990. 3 Course cr

**REL 3994b, Part-time Nonprofit Internship with Practicum II**  
Alison Cunningham  
Within the Divinity School curriculum, the internship experience is uniquely situated at the intersection of academic study and the practices of justice work, preparing degree candidates for leadership in the world by engaging them in student-centered experiential learning and theological reflection on the nature, practice, and context of work and service. The Nonprofit Internship Program requires students to work at the site of their own choosing, commit to weekly meetings with their assigned on-site supervisor, engage in regular theological reflection with a trained mentor, and participate each week with their practicum group. In all of these ways, the Internship Program offers students the opportunity to explore their calling to justice work in the world. Both terms must be completed to meet the M.Div. degree requirement. Prerequisite: REL 3993. 3 Course cr

**REL 3997a, Part-time Internship with Advanced Practicum I**  
Jennifer Davis  
This program is open to students returning for a second internship, either in ministry or nonprofit settings. The internship can be arranged as a second year at the same site or at a different site to provide another type of contextual experience. Like the first internship, the second, under the mentorship of a trained supervisor, is combined with a peer reflection group (practicum) facilitated by a practitioner, for a total of four hundred hours over the two terms. The internship is guided by a learning covenant developed by the student in collaboration with the supervisor. In some cases where a site does not have a theologically trained supervisor, the student may also receive supervision from a theological mentor assigned by the director. In addition to performing typical internship responsibilities, each intern creates a unique major project that involves substantive research and is presented to other students in the advanced practicum. The Part-time Internship with Advanced Practicum carries three credits each term. Completion of both terms is required before Supervised Ministry credit is granted. Prerequisites: REL 3986 and REL 3987 or REL 3993 and REL 3994. 3 Course cr

**REL 3998b, Part-time Internship with Advanced Practicum II**  
Jennifer Davis  
This program is open to students returning for a second internship, either in ministry or nonprofit settings. The internship can be arranged as a second year at the same site or at a different site to provide another type of contextual experience. Like the first
The internship, the second, under the mentorship of a trained supervisor, is combined with a peer reflection group (practicum) facilitated by a practitioner, for a total of four hundred hours over the two terms. The internship is guided by a learning covenant developed by the student in collaboration with the supervisor. In some cases where a site does not have a theologically trained supervisor, the student may also receive supervision from a theological mentor assigned by the director. In addition to performing typical internship responsibilities, each intern creates a unique major project that involves substantive research and is presented to other students in the advanced practicum. The Part-time Internship with Advanced Practicum carries three credits each term. Completion of both terms is required before Supervised Ministry credit is granted. Prerequisites: REL 3986 and REL 3987 or REL 3993 and REL 3994. 3 Course cr

**REL 3999a or b, S.T.M. Thesis or Project**  Staff
An extended paper, an independent thesis, or a project in the candidate's area of concentration is required for the S.T.M. degree. Extended papers are written in conjunction with the regular requirements for courses credited toward the S.T.M. degree. Candidates who choose to write theses or pursue projects enroll for one or two terms, three credit hours per term. 3 Course cr

### Additional Courses Offered

#### AREA I

- Advanced Biblical Hebrew Prose
- Ancient Hebrew Inscriptions
- Archaeology of the Roman Empire for the Study of New Testament and Early Christianity
- Authors, Editors, and Scribes: The Making of the Hebrew Bible
- Biblical Prophecy
- Book of Job and Contemporary Religious Life
- Book of Judges and Contemporary Religious Life
- Book of Lamentations
- Composition of the Pentateuch
- English Exegesis: First Corinthians
- English Exegesis: Gospel of Matthew
- English Exegesis: Mark
- English Exegesis: Philippians
- English Exegesis: Romans
- Exodus through the Ages
- Gnostic Texts in Coptic
- Greek Exegesis: Acts of the Apostles
- Greek Exegesis: Ephesians and the Pauline Tradition
- Greek Exegesis: Galatians
- Greek Exegesis: Mark
- Greek Exegesis: Matthew
- Greek Exegesis: Paul's Letter to the Romans
- Grief and Emotions: Ancient Philosophy and Theology, Modern Conversations
- Hebrew Exegesis: The Book of Proverbs
- Hebrew Exegesis: Exodus
Hebrew Exegesis: Leviticus
History and Methods of Old Testament Interpretation I
History and Methods of the Discipline of New Testament Studies
History and Methods II: Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures in Late Modernity and Beyond
History of Biblical Interpretation
The Letters of Paul
Literary Criticism and the New Testament
Past Tense: Classical Biblical Prophecy
Pauline Theology
Philo of Alexandria and the Allegorical Interpretation of Scripture
Post-Biblical Hebrew
“Race” and the New Testament
Revelation and Imagination
Women and Gender in Early Christianity

AREA II
Agency, Character, and Complicity
Augustine's City of God
Baptism and Eucharist in Ecumenical Dialogue
Black Theology
Body and Land
Catholic Social Teaching
Christ and Confrontation: The Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Christian Identity and the Formation of the Racial World
Christianity and Social Power
Contemporary Black Theologies and the Early Church
Contemporary Theological Anthropology
Daily Prayer
Devotion and Practice in Early Christianity
Digital Media, Liturgy, and Theology
Doctrine of Creation
Eschatology, Apocalypse, Utopia
Free Church Ecclesiology
Friedrich Schleiermacher's Christian Faith
History of American Evangelical Worship
Imagining Theological Method: De-colonial and Indigenous Possibilities
In the Face of Death: Worship, Music, Art
Introduction to Womanist Theology and Ethics
Karl Barth
Liberation Theologies in the United States
Liturgical Movements of the Twentieth Century
Liturgical Theology
Lives of Christ
Love, Prophecy, and Social Criticism
Medieval Latin for Saints and Sinners
Medieval Theology Survey
Natural Law and Christian Ethics
Natural Theology and Animism
Passion and Atonement
Paul Tillich
Political Theology
Queer Theology
Reel Presence: Explorations in Liturgy and Film
Ritual Theory for Liturgical Studies
Sacrifice: Gift, Ritual, and Violence in Early Christianity
Slavery and Obedience
Social Practices and Ethical Formation
Some of Us Are Brave: Black Feminist Theory, Black Womanist Ethics
Theological Themes in the Reformed Creeds and Confessions
Theology, Race, and the Built Environment
Theology of Martin Luther
Theology of the Lutheran Confessions
Theology of Vatican II
Theology through Music
United Methodist History
Virtue and Christian Ethics
Virtue and Hypocrisy: Moral Thought
War and Violence in Christian Ethics
What Is a Sacrament?
Worship, Cosmos, Creation and Evangelism
Worship and Evangelism

AREA III

American Religion in the Archives
The Bible in English
Byzantine Art and Architecture
Calvin and Calvinism
Christianities in the Colonized Americas
The Cult of Mary: Early Christian and Byzantine Art
Death and Remembrance: The Black Death to World War I
Death and the Dead
Encountering the Bible: From Antiquity to Reformation
Encountering the Bible: From Reformation to Contemporary Society
The German Mystical Tradition in Theology, Piety, and Music
God and Self: Spiritual Autobiographies in Context
Interpreting Medieval Religion
Jews, Christians, and Renaissance Bibles
Jonathan Edwards and American Puritanism
Land, Ecology, and Religion in U.S. History
Living the Reformation
Martin Luther and the Reformation
Martyrdom and Sainthood in the Early Modern World
Native Americans and Christianity
Pentecostalism
Reading Calvin’s Institutes
Reformation Europe
Reformed Christianity
Religion, Art, and Resistance to Empire
Religion, Literature, and Politics in Early Modern Britain
Religion and Rebellion in Latin America
Religion and the Cold War
Religion and U.S. Empire
Religion in Latin America
Religions and Societies in Colonized North America
Religious Freedom in U.S. History
U.S. Catholic History Remapped

AREA IV

African American Preaching
Body and Soul: Ministry for Sexuality and Justice
Envisioning Shalom: Preaching for Creation
Feminist and Womanist Perspectives on Pastoral Theology and Care
The Gospel in Lament: Preaching for a Suffering World
Howard Thurman: Mysticism and Prophetic Witness
Intentional Leadership
Interrogating Whiteness
Introduction to Religious Education
Is It a Sermon?
Leadership and Change
Ministry and Addictions
Ministry with Youth
Music Skills and Vocal Development for Ministry
Narrative Pastoral Care
Pastoral Perspectives on Death and Dying
Pauli Murray In and Out of the Pulpit
Practical Theology Seminar
Preaching for Creation
Preaching on Ephesians
Preaching on the Gospel of Mark
Psychology of Religion
Psychopathology and Pastoral Care
Trauma, Moral Injury, and Crisis Ministry
Women's Ways of Knowing

AREA V

Accidental Theologies
African American Religious and Political Thought
China Mission
Chinese and Japanese Christian Literature
Chinese Theologians
Christian Art and Architecture from the Renaissance to the Present
Christian Pilgrimage
Christianity and Ecology
Covenant, Federalism, and Public Ethics
Critical Moments in the History of Christian Art
Disagreement, Fallibility, and Faith
Divine Command Theory
Ecological Ethics and Environmental Justice
Ethics, Imagination, and the Art of Living
Faith, Doubt, and Redemption in Twentieth- and Twenty-First-Century Fiction
Faith and the Will
Faith-[In]forming: Christian Poetics for the Twenty-First Century
Imagining the Apocalypse: Scripture, Fiction, Film
Indigenous Traditions and the Environment
Interfaith Learning through an Exploration of Life-Cycle Rituals
Kant's Philosophy of Religion
Kierkegaard's Philosophy of Religion
Literary Appropriations: Writers and Philosophers in Conversation
Literature of Trauma
Mary in the Middle Ages
Modern Faith
Pandemic Ethics
Philosophy of Religion
Pilgrimage and Religious Tourism
Poetry for Ministry
Psalms in Scripture, Literature, and Music
Rationality and Christian Belief
Recent Work in Analytic Philosophy of Religion
Religious Pilgrimage in China and Tibet
Religious Tourism
Resources for the Study of Religion
Sacred Music: Unity and Diversity
Sensational Materialities: Sensory Cultures in History, Theory, and Method
South and Southeast Asian Christianities
Spiritual Topographies in Modern Poetry and Fiction
Theological Aesthetics
Travel Seminar
Virtue, Vice, and Epistemic Injustice
Visual Controversies: Religion and the Politics of Vision
Witnessing, Remembrance, Commemoration
OTHER CURRICULAR CONSIDERATIONS

YDS Internships

The Internship Program helps students gain professional competencies in the art and practice of ministry and nonprofit leadership, build frameworks for addressing practical theological issues, acquire comprehensive and contextualized views of ministry in the church and the world, discern and develop professional ministerial identities, and establish a foundation for pursuing lifelong learning individually and among peers. One internship is required for the M.Div. program; internships are also available to students in the M.A.R. degree program. The nine-hour Negotiating Boundaries in Ministerial Relationships workshop (REL 3990), required of all M.Div. students, is a prerequisite for an internship. It is typically offered three times during the academic year. A description of REL 3990 can be found in the chapter Areas and Courses of Study, under Courses without Area Designations. For more information about requirements and policies regarding internships, please consult the Office of Vocation and Leadership website.

Students may participate in one or more of the following programs. Completion of one is required for the M.Div. degree, although REL 3991/REL 3992 does not fulfill this requirement. These programs carry elective credits that do not apply toward Area IV. Only fifteen internship credits (including CPE) may be applied toward the M.Div. degree.

Eligible students receive a stipend for their first internship through the Office of Finance and Administration.

PROGRAMS OFFERED BY YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Yale Divinity School offers internships in ministry and nonprofit settings under the Part-time Ministry Internship with Practicum (REL 3986 and REL 3987) and the Part-time Nonprofit Internship with Practicum (REL 3993 and REL 3994), each carrying 3 credits per term in the fall and spring. Also offered are the Summer Intensive Ministry Internship with Practicum (REL 3989) and the Summer Intensive Nonprofit Internship with Practicum (REL 3995), each carrying 6 credits during the summer.

YDS offers two specialized internships: Part-time Internship with Advanced Practicum (REL 3997 and REL 3998), designed for students returning for a second internship, 6 credits total for the academic year; and Nonprofit Immersion (REL 3991 and REL 3992), a hands-on nonprofit experience, 3 credits total for the academic year.

Fuller descriptions of these internships can be found in the chapter Areas and Courses of Study, under Courses without Area Designations.

PROGRAMS OFFERED BY OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS–TRANSFER CREDIT

Students may transfer internship credit from other educational institutions as approved by the program directors and in accordance with the Transfer of Credit guidelines in
the Standards and Requirements chapter. Qualifying programs, such as the ongoing Clinical Pastoral Education Program described below, must include the following:

1. Supervision by a qualified mentor with an M.Div. or equivalent;
2. A minimum of four hundred hours of work;
3. A peer reflection group.

**Clinical Pastoral Education (6 credits)** CPE is offered by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). One unit of CPE, which can be taken during a summer or an academic year, fulfills the internship requirement. CPE taken for credit at Yale provides the unique experience of the Interprofessional Workshop on Palliative Care at Yale School of Medicine that brings together students from several disciplines—medicine, social work, nursing, and divinity—to explore how professionals work together in end-of-life care. CPE sites are accredited by the ACPE and include hospitals, hospices, geriatric care facilities, community organizations, prisons, and occasionally churches. CPE brings students into supervised encounters with persons in crisis. It provides an in-depth pastoral experience with individual and group supervision by certified teaching chaplains. Each program has its own application procedure, schedule, and policies. Students preparing for ministry are strongly encouraged to take CPE. Eligible students may receive a stipend through the Office of Finance and Administration.

**INTERN YEAR**

YDS does not offer credit for an intern year as required by some denominations for ordination, unless that year of study is formally supervised and credited by another seminary and is approved by the director prior to the internship. However, students who wish to maintain their student status at Yale while participating in an intern year may do so by making an application to the Professional Studies Committee, explaining how the intern year fits into their educational goals. If the committee approves the intern year, then students will be allowed to complete a technical registration that will allow them to continue their current student status at Yale and to continue to use Yale email. Because the student status continues, the individual will not need to start repaying student loans and will not have to reapply for admission to YDS at the end of the intern year. Upon completion of the intern year, students are expected to supply the Professional Studies Committee with a brief written evaluation of the intern year.

**Vocation and Leadership**

YDS enables students to prepare for the lay or ordained ministries of Christian churches. As part of that preparation, YDS offers an integrated program in vocation and leadership to every Master of Divinity degree student. The program accommodates the student’s needs and expectations for the degree, and Yale’s requirements. Support for this integrated focus within the context of the degree includes the help of academic advisers, the associate dean for ministerial and social leadership, and the director of professional formation and/or the director of supervised ministries.

The M.Div. is a professional degree, required by many Christian denominations for ordained ministry. Utilizing the YDS faculty and student body as well as the resources of the broader Yale University academic community, M.Div. students engage in a three-year program of intellectual discovery and personal formation. The M.Div.
degree prepares students for their denominational ordination process in a program that is theologically informed, professionally competent, academically rigorous, and oriented to the life of the church. Yale provides all of the course work required for most denominational ordination requirements and also offers the context and broad system of support for this journey of the mind and spirit. The degree also prepares students who are not ordination-bound for a wide range of careers in professional ministry, justice work, and the work of nonprofit service. Assessment of progress is offered throughout the academic program so that students in the M.Div. program can move forward, with broad institutional support, into the work that is most appropriate for their interests, their gifts, and their hopes.

In addition to academic work, ministry studies include possibilities for regular worship with the YDS community at Marquand Chapel, at Berkeley Center, at Andover Newton at Yale, and in a wide range of denominational and other settings. The Annand Program for Spiritual Formation, sponsored by Berkeley Divinity School and open to all students, encourages learning the fundamentals of prayer and Christian discipleship from seasoned clergy and lay teachers. The YDS Internship Program offers rich opportunities for professional growth within congregational ministry and nonprofit settings.

In all aspects of formation for vocation and leadership, consideration of issues of race, class, gender, sexuality, and the broad scope of social justice concerns is of central importance.

The Annand Program for Spiritual Formation

Sponsored by Berkeley Divinity School for all students in the YDS community, this endowed program prepares students for lay and ordained ministry through the integration of spiritual and intellectual life. Annand programs are intended to foster personal spiritual formation, provide experience with a variety of spiritual disciplines, and offer students a broad view on trends in spiritual expression. First-year students are invited to participate in small groups designed specially to support spiritual growth while making the transition to Divinity School life. The Annand Program also offers individual and group spiritual direction, quiet days, workshops, and a variety of small group programs. Open to all YDS students, the Annand Program can be an especially helpful resource for M.Div. students in fulfilling spiritual growth and formation expectations for their portfolio. For more information, please call Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, 203.432.9285, or email annand@yale.edu.

Educational Leadership and Ministry (ELM) Program

This program seeks to prepare students of all denominations for leadership and ministry in schools and colleges.

Sponsored by Berkeley Divinity School, ELM focuses on equipping leaders to serve as ordained and lay chaplains, administrators, and teachers of religion in a variety of schools. It addresses some of the factors involved in the spiritual and moral formation of primary and secondary school students. It provides insight into the roles and responsibilities of those who hold other leadership positions in schools. The program
also seeks to help future leaders understand and prepare for various types of chaplaincy at universities and colleges.

The ELM Program can lead to the granting of a Certificate in Educational Leadership and Ministry by Berkeley Divinity School. To receive the certificate, students must successfully complete at least two of the program’s three core courses—REL 811, Models and Methods of College and University Chaplaincy; REL 848, Leadership Ministry in Schools; and REL 875, Advanced Topics in Leadership Ministry in Schools and Colleges—plus two additional electives in related fields (one elective if all three core courses are taken) approved by the director of the ELM Program. Students also take Supervised Ministry or an internship in an educational setting. In addition, M.Div. students must successfully complete REL 812, Principles and Practices of Preaching.

Denominational Preparation

Instruction in denominational history and polity is offered in Area II of the curriculum and as an integral part of the work in a variety of courses. During their time at YDS, students are urged to consult with the proper denominational authorities with regard to particular denominational requirements for ordination. Students should be aware that most denominations require specific courses in history and polity.

BLACK CHURCH STUDIES AT YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Black Church Studies (BCS) at Yale Divinity School supports interdenominational inquiry and engagement with the history, thought, and practices of African American churches and other Christian communities of African descent. To promote and cultivate such inquiry and engagement, BCS at YDS offers opportunities for critical reflection and practice among emerging and existing leaders in the Black Church and the broader community.

Through colloquia, special lectures, and other culturally relevant events, BCS at YDS endeavors to create space for innovative and interdisciplinary thinking that responds to the evolving Black Church. BCS at YDS offers a Certificate in Black Church Studies for interested students who intend to serve in historically Black congregations and/or who are inspired by the rich traditions of the Black Church.

In consultation with their academic adviser and the director of BCS at YDS, students are required to complete a range of relevant course work consisting of at least twelve credit hours. In addition, students must attend at least one colloquium per term and complete an internship in a BCS-designated site.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Most Episcopal students who come to Yale to prepare for vocations in lay and ordained ministries are enrolled in both Yale Divinity School and Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. As a seminary of the Episcopal Church, Berkeley is characterized by its unique setting within YDS, commitment to academic excellence, and vibrant community life. Berkeley continues its historic tradition of being open to the spectrum of perspectives within Anglicanism. In the Yale setting, divinity students enter one of the world’s premier centers for theological learning.

Berkeley students undertake, in addition to their Yale degree, a Diploma (M.Div. students) or Certificate (M.A.R. or S.T.M. students) in Anglican Studies. The Diploma
in Anglican Studies includes courses in the canonical areas mandated by the Episcopal Church, a three-year colloquium series on leadership, participation in the Annand Program for Spiritual Formation, and regular attendance at chapel services. Additional seminars, workshops, and class retreats focus on the acquisition of skills for the practice of ministry. Study for the Certificate in Anglican Studies includes completion of at least three courses directly related to Anglicanism. Requirements for the diploma and certificate are listed in the Berkeley Divinity School Advising Customary. In addition, the Berkeley Rule of Life outlines expectations for students’ spiritual formation, participation in community life, and personal integrity.

All M.Div. students must complete a year of internship in a parish, school, or other approved setting, or a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. Berkeley students typically undertake both a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education and one or two years of supervised parish or other internship.

Daily worship in the Anglican tradition is held in St. Luke’s Chapel, and on Wednesday evenings the Holy Eucharist is celebrated in Marquand Chapel. These services are open to all.

The Berkeley Center functions as a focal point of hospitality and community. It is located one block from the YDS campus and includes St. Luke’s Chapel, student accommodations, and the deanery.

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

The Lutheran Studies Program provides vocational formation through course work, communal life and prayer, and the colloquia. Courses include REL 609 (Theology of the Lutheran Confessions), REL 646 (Theology of Martin Luther), and REL 691 (Ecclesiology, Ministry, and Polity [Lutheran section]). Weekly prayer is held in Nouwen Chapel. The series of colloquia offers ELCA-specific content related to the practice of ministry. The Diploma in Lutheran Studies is awarded to M.Div. students who fulfill Lutheran-specific requirements, complete two of the three academic courses in Lutheran theology, and participate in the life of the community. The Certificate in Lutheran Studies is awarded to any degreed student who completes REL 609 and participates in the life of the community.

Those in candidacy for ordination as pastors or deacons in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America must hold membership in an ELCA congregation and register with their synod’s candidacy committee. The process for rostering in the ELCA includes these three markers: entrance, endorsement, and approval. Candidates are expected to affiliate with a Lutheran seminary and to plan a yearlong, full-time internship. A unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is also required. While part-time fieldwork placements are made through the Office of Vocation and Leadership, full-time internships are arranged through the Lutheran seminary with which the candidate is affiliated.

Candidates for ordination enrolled at non-Lutheran seminaries such as YDS are expected to fulfill expectations for Lutheran learning and formation and may be granted a waiver from Lutheran seminary affiliation through an ELCA Theological Review Panel. See the ELCA Candidacy Manual for a complete overview of the process.
Lutheran Studies is supported by the YDS faculty’s Oversight Committee. For more information, contact Tim Keyl, director of the Lutheran Studies Program.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

United Methodists should keep in mind the ruling of the General Conference that candidates for both deacon and elder orders in an Annual Conference must include in their graduate theological studies the areas of Old Testament, New Testament, theology, church history, mission of the church in the world, evangelism, worship/liturgy, and United Methodist doctrine, polity, and history. The specific requirement for United Methodist doctrine, polity, and history is the equivalent of two credit hours in each of the fields. This requirement may be met by successful completion of REL 691 (Ecclesiology, Ministry, and Polity) and REL 696 (United Methodist History) when taken in sequence. Annual Conferences may have additional requirements for ordination beyond those specified in The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. Many Annual Conferences require both a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education and one or two years of internship. Students should be in touch early in their seminary career with their Board of Ordained Ministry to determine specific requirements.

Candidates for ordination are reminded that they should contact their district superintendent and District Committee on Ordained Ministry to begin the candidacy process as described in The Book of Discipline. It is advisable to begin this process early in the seminary experience. Courtesy mentoring for candidates is sometimes possible through the Connecticut District of the New York Annual Conference.

METHODIST STUDIES CERTIFICATE

YDS offers a Certificate Program in Methodist Studies. The objectives of this program are to create a Methodist ethos in which students can receive the courses and formation needed to prepare for ministry, to provide academic inquiry into the Wesleyan tradition with special attention to United Methodist as well as pan-Methodist identities, and to create a community of students on campus who identify with the Methodist tradition. Students in the M.Div. program interested in the Methodist Studies Program are primarily those seeking ordination as deacons or elders in denominations rooted in the Wesleyan tradition such as the United Methodist, the Korean Methodist, the African Methodist Episcopal (AME), and African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AME Zion). Other degree students are also welcome. Requirements for certification include completion of courses necessary for ordination, one colloquy each term, and active participation in the Methodist Society at YDS.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

The M.Div. program provides the course work needed to fulfill most requirements for ordination in the PCUSA. Presbyterian students need to be a member of a PCUSA congregation for at least six months before proceeding with plans for ordained ministry. Students should contact their Presbytery’s Committee on Preparation for Ministry to enroll as an inquirer, which begins with a conversation with the Session of the congregation where the student holds membership. The Book of Order of the PCUSA explains the process and the requirements for ordination, which include receiving an M.Div. degree, an internship, and in most cases a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. Students should take the Presbyterian polity course offered in the fall before scheduling their ordination exams in polity and worship and sacraments. At least one course in
Reformed theology should be taken before the ordination examination in theology. Ordination-bound students are required to take Greek and Hebrew languages and exegesis. The biblical exegesis exam requires basic competency in Biblical Hebrew and Koine Greek. Presbyterian students who wish to receive a Certificate in Reformed Studies must also complete the requirements for that program.

REFORMED STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Students may complete a Certificate in Reformed Studies at YDS. Drawing on the considerable resources of those faculty members who identify themselves with the tradition, and the students from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ, Reformed Church in America, Presbyterian Church in America, Christian Reformed Church, and Disciples of Christ, YDS has formed a broad-based community of people committed to exploring the historical and contemporary issues facing the Reformed churches. The purpose of the certificate is to demonstrate to presbyteries and other denominational bodies that, while at YDS, students in the Reformed tradition are offered the courses and formation needed for ministerial preparation; are provided a knowledge and awareness of what it is to be a part of that Reformed tradition; and have access to communities that identify as Reformed. In addition to the courses required for completion of the certificate—which include courses in Reformed theology, history, worship, preaching, and polity—as well as required attendance at colloquium gatherings, there are specific denominational requirements that students should be aware of, including, for instance, the requirements in biblical languages of the PCUSA. Students interested in enrolling in the certificate program should contact Professor Bruce Gordon or Maria LaSala, coordinator of the Reformed Studies Program.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Since the Second Vatican Council (1961–65), Roman Catholic faculty, staff, and students have played an important role at YDS. In addition to the available course offerings in Roman Catholic theology, Catholic students have also availed themselves of the variety of courses in other Christian traditions, many of which are directly relevant to studies in Roman Catholicism. Many students in the Master of Divinity program prepare for service in the Roman Catholic Church as lay ministers. And students enrolled in the Master of Arts in Religion or Master of Sacred Theology programs often prepare for service in educational institutions or social services.

The YDS Catholic community, an informal body of students, staff, and faculty, provides opportunities for spiritual and human formation through prayer, fellowship, discussion, and lectures throughout the academic year. The Catholic community also gathers for Mass, which is celebrated regularly on the YDS campus and is often followed by a social gathering with refreshments. As emphasized in *Lumen Gentium: Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life,” and indeed all ministries, and all the other sacraments, are bound up with and flow from the Eucharist.

Given YDS’s proximity to the wider New Haven community, there are numerous opportunities to engage in student-initiated volunteer ministries or social outreach in partnership with community organizations. Opportunities for worship, internship, and formation experience are also available through the Saint Thomas More Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University, https://stm.yale.edu. As YDS welcomes students
from a diversity of religious traditions and denominations, students have the unique opportunity to engage in ecumenical dialogue and worship. Liturgies at Marquand Chapel offer a chance to engage in ecumenical worship, and the Annand Program of Berkeley Divinity School provides occasions for spiritual direction. Each of the programs in which the Catholic community engages is intended to deepen student awareness of the ways they can serve the Church through education, parish ministry, and pastoral care, while also cultivating friendships and support among themselves and the broader YDS community.

A Catholic Lay Ministerial Studies Certificate is available to both M.Div. and M.A.R. students through participation in the Catholic Lay Ministerial Studies Program at Yale Divinity School. The program provides Catholic students with an integrated approach to theological education and preparation for lay ministry in the Catholic Church, encompassing both their program of study and their spiritual formation for ministry. The former is addressed by a compulsory curriculum with distribution requirements similar to those of Catholic seminaries. The latter is addressed by a program of formation for ministry that includes retreats, spiritual direction, community formation, an ongoing colloquium on the practice of ministry in the Catholic tradition, and opportunities for worship and social interaction. This program is informed by the principles outlined in *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord: A Resource for Guiding the Development of Lay Ecclesial Ministry*, a 2005 publication of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The director of the program is Fr. Ryan Lerner, chaplain of Yale’s Saint Thomas More Center.

A series of colloquia focused on formation for lay ministry is offered to participants in the Catholic Lay Ministerial Studies Program. The specific topics covered vary from year to year, depending on the interests of the leader of the colloquium, but include Catholic church governance, canon law, Catholic social teaching, recent encyclicals, catechetical tools and instruction, church finance systems, and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Those chosen as leaders of the colloquium are familiar with lay Catholic ministry and include persons actively engaged in various forms of lay and ordained Catholic ministry. Participants are also expected to take part in ongoing spiritual direction, coordinated by the director of Catholic Lay Ministerial Studies.

All students seeking to earn the Catholic Lay Ministerial Studies Certificate are expected to participate in the ongoing sacramental and community life of a Catholic worship community, whether at YDS, Saint Thomas More Catholic Chapel & Center, Saint Mary’s Parish in New Haven, or one of the other local Catholic parishes. More information can be found at https://divinity.yale.edu/academics/vocation-and-leadership/denominational-programs/roman-catholic-church.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AND AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA**

The presence of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School is the result of an affiliation initiated in 2016 between Yale Divinity School and the former Andover Newton Theological School. The shared purpose of this partnership is the support of ministerial preparation in historically congregational churches, in keeping with Andover Newton’s mission: “Deeply rooted in Christian faith, and radically open to what God is doing now, Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School educates inspiring leaders for faith communities.” At YDS, Andover Newton carries out that
mission by guiding students exploring a sense of call to ministry in congregations through a series of integrative educational experiences that help them craft a ministerial identity and set of competencies for effective service to God, church, and community.

Andover Newton offers a nondegree diploma to students who wish to prepare for ministry in locally governed faith communities. The seminary’s key partners are the United Church of Christ and the American Baptist Churches USA, two denominations with particularly strong traditions of congregationally based polities. However, students from all mainline and progressive Baptist denominations and all U.S.-based congregational traditions are also welcome. Students who intend to enroll in the Andover Newton program are invited to express their interest when they apply for admission to the YDS Master of Divinity program, although M.A.R. students with a previous M.Div. equivalency and S.T.M. students are also invited to apply. The Andover Newton application process involves a personal reflection and interview with a member of Andover Newton’s administration or affiliate faculty. The Andover Newton initiative interweaves seamlessly with Yale Divinity School’s M.Div. program.

The components of Andover Newton’s program include a two-term colloquium focused on ministerial competencies of integration, community-building, compassion and justice, perspicacity, leadership, and spirituality; two further colloquia on Bible study and worship as a means of community-building; a local or travel seminar addressing social justice from a cross-cultural position; instruction in denominational polity; an expectation that students take an introductory course in pastoral care and counseling; Clinical Pastoral Education and a pre-CPE seminar for the sake of preparation and integration; internship in a congregation among one of Andover Newton’s signature sites; and 4.5 credit hours in organizational management, at least partly to be fulfilled at the Yale School of Management. More information is available to students at https://andovernewton.yale.edu.

In addition to its diploma program, Andover Newton welcomes all members of the YDS community to become involved in its courses and activities. Except for Colloquia I–V (REL 3797, REL 3798, REL 3901, REL 3902, and REL 3905), all YDS students are invited to participate in any of Andover Newton’s educational programs. Weekly worship, Emmaus, is open to the entire Yale community as well as neighborhood friends.

Interdisciplinary Study

Interdisciplinary study may be undertaken by YDS students in two ways: by pursuing, concurrent with an M.Div. or M.A.R. degree from YDS, a program leading to a joint degree, granted by Yale or another university; or by taking courses in other Yale schools or departments to be credited to a single YDS degree.

JOINT-DEGREE PROGRAMS

YDS encourages its students to pursue concurrent degree programs that lead to the receipt of more than one degree when such programs constitute a coherent and well-defined preparation for ministry. Students may work simultaneously toward a YDS degree and a degree in certain other Yale schools or other approved graduate programs. (See following list of approved joint-degree programs.) Additionally, students may earn
joint degrees in partnership with two outside institutions: the schools of social work of
the University of Connecticut and Yeshiva University.

In most cases, the period of study required to complete two degrees is less (usually
by one year) than would be required to complete those degrees if they were pursued
independently. Applicants are encouraged to consult an admissions officer to determine
whether the reduced period of study applies to the specific program(s) of interest to the
applicant.

The administrative officers of the schools concerned arrange assessment of tuition and
other fees. Students interested in pursuing one of the joint degrees should consult with
each school prior to matriculating at either school. In all cases where concurrent degrees
are sought, admission to the school must be obtained through the normal admissions
processes established by each school.

YDS has established the following policies for joint-degree programs:

1. Each YDS student who undertakes joint-degree work must secure a faculty adviser
   in YDS who will supervise such work.
2. The student will submit to the faculty adviser and to the director of studies a
   program draft containing the following information:
   a. The student’s reasons for undertaking joint-degree work.
   b. A description of how the student’s expectations are to be met in the other
      program.
   c. A designation of someone in the other program who may serve as a contact for
      the YDS adviser.
3. The faculty adviser will review the student’s progress periodically through contact
   both with the student and with the designated person in the other program.

Students interested in enrolling in a joint-degree program should notify the registrar
and consult the associate dean of academic affairs for further information.

Joint-Degree Programs within Yale

Currently, YDS has agreements for joint-degree programs with the Yale schools of the
Environment, Law, Management, Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health. Students
interested in pursuing any of these programs can obtain further information from the
associate dean of academic affairs. Students generally alternate terms or years in each
school. The normal pattern for joint-degree candidates in programs totaling three years
of study is to spend the entire first year almost exclusively in one school and the entire
second year almost exclusively in the other, combining courses from both schools and
completing requirements for both degrees during the third year.

Religion and Ecology The Yale School of the Environment (YSE) and Yale Divinity
School offer a joint master’s degree program in Religion and Ecology. It is aimed
at students who wish to integrate the study of environmental issues and religious
communities in their professional careers and at students who wish to study the cultural
and ethical dimensions of environmental problems. The joint degree is supported by
faculty who teach courses in both schools and by the Forum on Religion and Ecology at
Yale.
Students work concurrently on either a Master of Environmental Management or Master of Environmental Science at YSE and either a Master of Divinity or a Master of Arts in Religion at YDS. Within these schools, they are encouraged to take courses in environmental ethics and religion and ecology.

In consultation with the registrars and academic deans at both schools, students develop a study plan for meeting all requirements. This joint degree in religion and ecology is the first program of its kind in North America.

**Religion and Law** Students interested in the intersection of religion, politics, ethics, and public policy are invited to pursue a joint-degree program offered by Yale Divinity School and Yale Law School. As religion in public life and issues of social justice based on religious beliefs become more and more central to our common life, the integration of studies in both law and religion provides a unique background in both disciplines.

Students work toward both a Juris Doctor at the Law School and either a Master of Divinity or a Master of Arts in Religion at YDS. As religion in public life and issues of social justice based on religious beliefs become more and more central to our common life, the integration of studies in both law and religion provides a unique background in both disciplines.

Joint-degree candidates who plan to pursue ordination with the intention of serving a faith community are advised to undertake the M.Div. degree, while those seeking to combine law and religion in a profession that does not require ordination may choose the M.A.R. degree.

Accepted students must submit a joint-degree proposal to a Law School committee after matriculating at the Law School and before completion of the Divinity School curriculum. Although students often begin their course of study at the Law School, they may choose to begin at either school. However, courses taken prior to matriculation at the Law School cannot be credited toward the J.D. degree.

**Religion and Management** The integration of courses in business and religion leading to a joint-degree program offered by the Yale School of Management and Yale Divinity School equips students for careers in the nonprofit sector as well as in church administration. Students preparing for ordination and parish ministry are advised to pursue the Master of Divinity/Master of Business Administration joint-degree program, while those seeking to use their business acumen in faith-based initiatives and not-for-profit social agencies usually enroll in the Master of Arts in Religion/Master of Business Administration joint-degree program.

**Religion and Medicine** Caring for the body and caring for the spirit need not be the domains of separate practitioners. To this end, Yale Divinity School and the Yale School of Medicine offer a joint-degree program leading to the Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in Religion and Doctor of Medicine degrees.

Due to the complexities of coordinating a Doctor of Medicine degree with a Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in Religion degree, each student’s schedule is determined on a case-by-case basis with the academic dean’s office.

**Religion and Nursing** In recognition of the relationship between nursing and ministry/spirituality/religion, Yale Divinity School and the Yale School of Nursing (YSN) offer a joint-degree program to individuals who seek to combine careers in advanced nursing practice, planning and policy making, and religious ministry in a variety of health care systems. Students work toward both a Master of Science in Nursing at YSN and either a Master of Divinity or a Master of Arts in Religion at YDS.
This joint-degree program is not open to YSN students enrolled in or applying to the Midwifery/Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner specialty. For the Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Arts in Religion joint degree, students register in the third year for one term in each school and complete both programs by the end of that year. Candidates for the Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Divinity joint degree register in the third and fourth years for one term in each school and complete both programs by the end of the fourth year.

**Religion and Public Health** Those who wish to improve the spiritual health and physical well-being of populations should consider the joint-degree program offered by Yale Divinity School and the Yale School of Public Health. In this program students have the opportunity to do cutting-edge research on many of today’s most pressing public health questions in conjunction with their investigations into the theological dimensions of ancient and modern thought. Doing so affords students the ability to engage with complex public health problems, be they present in a nation or congregation, while cultivating an awareness of the spiritual realities of the world and its people. Depending on the character of their vocations, students may choose to apply for joint-degree programs in either Master of Divinity/Master of Public Health or Master of Arts in Religion/Master of Public Health.

**Joint Master of Social Work Degree**

YDS students may apply for a joint M.S.W. degree through the University of Connecticut’s School of Social Work or the Wurzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University. Candidates for the joint-degree program may be eligible to count up to the equivalent of one term’s credit hours at the other school to satisfy course work in each program. In most cases, the period of study required to complete the two degrees is less (usually by one year) than would be required to complete those degrees if they were pursued independently. It is sometimes possible to coordinate field education/supervised ministry between the two programs. Students interested in pursuing a joint M.Div./M.S.W. are encouraged to apply to both programs at the start of the application period in the fall. For more information on the joint program, please contact the YDS Admissions Office and visit our partners’ websites at [http://ssw.uconn.edu](http://ssw.uconn.edu) or [www.yu.edu/wurzweiler](http://www.yu.edu/wurzweiler).

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL STUDIES**

YDS offers opportunities for study in other schools and departments of Yale University. Divinity students are eligible to enroll in graduate or professional school courses, within the context of their degree program, and are encouraged to do so, as long as they meet the general prerequisites for the course as prescribed by its instructor and with the instructor’s written permission. At the time of registration for a fourth course in the same school or department, the student’s program of study comes under review by the Professional Studies Committee.

Work taken elsewhere at the graduate or professional school level may be credited toward YDS degrees as long as the student meets the normal distributional requirements. These courses are governed by the regulations for the transfer of credit (see Transfer of Credit, in the chapter Standards and Requirements).
In every case, at least half of each term’s work must be taken at YDS, and the courses taken outside YDS must be clearly relevant to the student’s professional or vocational goals.

**International Student Exchange**

Students in the M.Div. and M.A.R. programs who wish to study abroad are eligible to participate in YDS’s International Student Exchange Programs. One-term and yearlong exchange options for M.Div. and M.A.R. students have been initiated between YDS and Westcott House Anglican Theological College in Cambridge, England, and with German universities in Heidelberg, Freiburg, and Tübingen. There are also one-term and yearlong exchanges with Singapore’s Trinity Theological College, the Divinity School of Chung Chi College (Chinese University of Hong Kong), and Hebrew University in Jerusalem. At the German universities, summer research grants are available. Credits earned through exchange study are governed by YDS policy on transfer credits (see the chapter Standards and Requirements).

Students interested in participating in an exchange program for all or part of their last year at YDS should first review their degree progress with the registrar. Information sessions on the international exchange programs are usually offered during the first half of the fall term. For questions, please contact Jan Hagens, director of International Student Exchange Programs (jan.hagens@yale.edu) or Antonio Bravo, assistant director of International Student Exchange Programs (antonio.bravo@yale.edu).

**Studies for Hartford Seminary Students**

Students who are enrolled in the Master of Arts in Interreligious Studies (MAIRS) program at Hartford Seminary are eligible to apply for the M.Div. program at Yale as part of a cooperative agreement between the schools.

Students admitted through this program may transfer up to half of their M.Div. requirements (thirty-six hours) from Hartford Seminary.

Applicants must have a recommendation from the MAIRS director or from the academic dean and be admitted to YDS through the YDS Admissions Committee. Once admitted and enrolled, students must coordinate their Yale course schedules under the guidance of the associate dean of academic affairs.

Interested Hartford students should contact the director of the MAIRS program at Hartford Seminary.

**Hispanic Summer Program**

The Hispanic Summer Program (HSP) is an ecumenical program in theology and religion geared toward master’s-level Latinx seminarians and graduate students. Each year it offers two-week summer sessions at a different ATS-accredited site in the United States or Puerto Rico. It is administered by a consortium of sponsoring institutions, including YDS. The program is open to both Hispanic and non-Hispanic students interested in Hispanic ministries. Courses in the HSP cover a wide range of subjects within the theological curriculum and are always taught with the Latinx church in mind. Registration generally begins in late December through the HSP website at
http://hispanicsummerprogram.org. Courses taken by YDS students through the HSP carry three graduate-level credits. Transcripts are issued by the host institution. For more information visit the website or speak with the YDS registrar.

Foreign Language Study

For M.Div. and M.A.R. students, degree credit may be received for any foreign language study beyond the elementary level. Degree credit may be received for elementary-level language study only if:

1. The language is necessary for reading original texts of the Judeo-Christian tradition, or
2. The language study is required for the degree (as in the case of several concentrated M.A.R. degrees), or
3. In consultation with the student’s adviser and the associate dean of academic affairs, the language is deemed necessary to the pursuit of a specified course of ministerial or other professional development.

For students in the comprehensive M.A.R. program or the M.Div. program, elementary-level language study can receive elective credit only. For students in a concentrated M.A.R. program, distribution will be determined in consultation with the student’s adviser. Normally, the limit for elementary-level languages will be twelve hours, and further credit will be given only for intermediate-level languages. The courses French for Reading, Spanish for Reading, and German for Reading are not eligible for elective credit.

Normally, elementary-level foreign language study will not be credited toward S.T.M. degree requirements. Such courses can, however, be recorded on student transcripts.

Reading Courses

Reading courses may be arranged on materials, subjects, and concerns not included in the courses being offered, or may have a narrower focus than those courses. Reading courses require at least as much work as other courses. They may not normally be taken during a student’s first year in YDS. Exceptions are made for S.T.M. students and may be made for M.A.R. students who have done exceptional work in their first term. Only one reading course may be taken in any term or (for part-time students) any block of four consecutive courses. Reading courses may count toward distributional requirements across areas of the curriculum but may not be counted as fulfilling particular requirements within the area. Only full-time faculty at Yale University may offer reading courses.

A student desiring to work with a faculty member on a reading course will submit to the instructor a written proposal on a form provided by the registrar’s office that includes the following: a brief description of the topic or area of interest, a tentative bibliography, an indication of the way in which the work will be evaluated, and a suggested schedule of meetings with the instructor. After the instructor approves the proposal, it will be submitted to the academic dean for review prior to course registration. No reading course may be approved for any course currently available in the YDS curriculum.
Students on probation or otherwise in academic difficulty may not take reading courses. Reading courses will normally not be approved after the date specified in the academic calendar.

Students with Disabilities

The faculty and staff of YDS make every reasonable effort to facilitate the learning of students capable of graduate-level seminary work. Any student who has a condition that may prevent full demonstration of the student’s abilities should contact Student Accessibility Services to request disability-related accommodation or service. Students should also contact their teachers to discuss learning needs and accommodations to ensure the students’ full participation and evaluation in their courses.
STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

Registration

All students register online, using the Online Course Selection system, during the period stated in the academic calendar. Failure to submit the electronic schedule worksheet to the faculty adviser by the due date will result in a $100 late registration fee. There will be no charge for course changes made prior to the end of online registration, as stated in the academic calendar, but there will be a $25 fee for each course change made after online registration has ended.

The student’s program is subject to review by the Professional Studies Committee, with particular attention to the distribution of the courses among fields in the curriculum and to the relevance of the individual’s program for vocational objectives.

A student may not enter a course later than the final date of online registration as specified in the academic calendar without the permission of the faculty adviser and the instructor involved. Under no circumstances will students be enrolled in a course after the third week of classes. A student may not drop/withdraw from a course later than the “last day to drop a course” as specified in the academic calendar.

Duly enrolled students who expect to continue their studies at Yale Divinity School during the next year are required to record that intention at the registrar’s office before April 1, in order to reserve a place in the School. Failure to do so will result in a fee of $50.

Schedule of Study

The schedule of study at YDS normally consists of twelve credit hours each term. Students in their first term are strongly discouraged from registering for more than fourteen credit hours of study. A minimum enrollment of three credit hours per term is required; students considering part-time study should be aware of policies regarding the pace of study for international students, eligibility for Yale Health coverage, living in Graduate Housing, and applying for or receiving federal student loans.

A student must take at least one-half of each term’s work with members of the YDS faculty. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with and consider relevant courses offered elsewhere in the University. Graduate- or professional-level courses given by other departments and schools of the University may be taken with approval of the faculty adviser, and with the permission of the instructor of the course. Additional work is normally required in undergraduate courses presented for YDS credit. (For regulations governing interdepartmental study, see Interdepartmental Studies, under Interdisciplinary Study in the chapter Other Curricular Considerations.)

Daytime Yale Shuttle service is provided every fifteen minutes from YDS through the central campus to the School of Medicine. There is also a shuttle connecting Yale West Campus to both the central campus and the School of Medicine.

Each course in YDS normally carries three hours of credit unless otherwise stated. It is sometimes possible to arrange to take courses for more or fewer credit hours. This
flexible system of credit permits students to concentrate their efforts or pursue special concerns when advantageous or advisable. Alteration of the announced number of credit hours requires permission of both the instructor and the faculty adviser.

**Transfer of Credit**

Applications for transfer of credit for work completed at Yale or another school may be made after a full term's work at YDS. Credits are transferred upon authorization by the associate dean of academic affairs, acting for the Professional Studies Committee. Normally transfer credit will be recorded as electives. After six credits have been transferred as electives, however, a maximum of six additional credits for the M.A.R. degree and eighteen additional credits for the M.Div. degree may become eligible for transfer to the appropriate areas. Except in the case of students on approved exchange study, these credits will be included in the total hours required for an area but not counted as fulfilling particular requirements within the area. In the case of students on approved exchange study, once course work has been preapproved, students may request a waiver of the policy restricting the first six transfer credits to electives and/or of the policy prohibiting transfer credits from fulfilling particular requirements within a curricular area. Matriculated M.A.R. and M.Div. students must secure approval in advance for courses they wish to take elsewhere if transfer credit is desired. No more than six hours of credit can be earned each year through study during the summer.

Normally, no work taken prior to matriculation for the S.T.M. degree will be counted toward the degree, nor will credit be transferred from other schools unless approval to count a course to be taken elsewhere has been given in advance.

All course work accepted for transfer credit is posted to the YDS transcript with the grade of “CR” (credit). Titles of courses accepted for transfer credit are maintained in the student's file but are not listed on the transcript.

To be eligible for transfer toward a Yale Divinity School degree, a course completed at Yale or another school must meet the following requirements:

1. The course must have been taken at an accredited institution.
2. The course must have been taken at the graduate or professional level.
3. The student must have completed a baccalaureate degree before taking the course.
4. The course should be clearly relevant to the student's program at the Divinity School.
5. Normally, the course must have been taken within the seven years prior to matriculation at the Divinity School.
6. Courses credited toward another graduate degree, either received or anticipated, may not be transferred. Exceptions may be made for students who have received the M.A.R. or M.Div. degrees from Yale Divinity School.\(^1\)
7. No more than twelve hours will be transferred from a nontheological graduate program. If twelve hours are to be transferred, the student will be required to demonstrate to the Professional Studies Committee how the work previously completed is integral to the program of study pursued at Yale Divinity School.
8. Normally, courses taken online cannot be transferred for Divinity School credit. Petitions for exceptions must be made to the Professional Studies Committee. In
all cases students are required to inform the academic dean if courses proposed for
transfer credit were taken online.

9. Intensive courses lasting less than two weeks cannot be transferred for Divinity
School credit.

10. The minimum grade accepted for transfer credit is B- (HP-) or its equivalent.

Individuals who were awarded the M.A.R. degree from Yale Divinity School are
eligible to apply up to twenty-four credits toward study for the M.Div. degree, provided
that the M.A.R. study was pursued within seven years of matriculation for the M.Div.
Individuals who have been awarded the M.Div. degree from Yale Divinity School are
eligible to apply up to twelve credits toward study for the M.A.R. degree, provided that
the M.Div. study was pursued within seven years of matriculation for the M.A.R.

Academic Integrity: YDS’s Commitment to
Honest Scholarship

Academic integrity is a core value of the Yale Divinity School community. It includes
honesty and fairness in our scholarship and research, respect for each other, and
responsibility for our conduct. These are commitments that govern us as a community
of learning. Excellent scholarship rests on honest originality, and this honesty takes
many forms. It means, among other things, truth in presentation, diligence and
precision in citing works and ideas we have used, and acknowledging our collaborations
with others.

As history of religions scholar Bruce Lincoln writes, “Those who enter a field that
constitutes itself as one of rigorous, disciplined inquiry do so in good faith. They pledge
that their labor is honest, in token of which they ‘show their work’ or ‘cite their sources.’
Second, they go beyond offering their results to an audience of consumers. They also
display the processes through which they arrived at those results for an audience of
would-be critics, whom they accept as peers and superiors consistent with their control
over the knowledge and principles that constitute the field. Third, they agree that if any
challenges are forthcoming to their data, methods, or results, they will consider them
thoroughly, defending or revising their positions as necessary, learning and/or teaching
in the process.”

Plagiarism, whether deliberate or through negligence or ignorance, is a serious violation
of conduct at Yale Divinity School. Plagiarism is defined as “the use of another’s work,
words, or ideas without attribution.” Because cultural norms vary, it is important for all
students to understand that plagiarism is considered a form of academic dishonesty and
a serious violation of academic integrity.

Other forms of academic dishonesty include the following:

- unauthorized collaboration
- falsifying data
- submitting the same or a similar paper for multiple classes without explicit
  permission from all of the instructors involved
- submitting for a course material previously published (electronically or in print)
- quoting from a paper you have written for another context
• copying from another student on exams or assignments
• the use of unauthorized materials during examinations.4

The prohibition on plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty applies to all kinds of academic and scholarly work, such as:

• short classroom assignments
• papers
• exams
• class presentations
• conference presentations
• publications, whether print or online.

Failing to acknowledge sources and credit influence is considered a form of theft. Material drawn from the Internet is no different than material drawn from other sources and must also be cited appropriately. Most faculty at the Divinity School prefer that students follow the citation guidelines of The Chicago Manual of Style. Extensive resources for citing appropriately and avoiding plagiarism are available from the Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning: https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/writing/using-sources.

Scholarly work often involves collaboration. However, collaboration on an assignment is appropriate only if explicitly authorized by the instructor of the course. The fact that an instructor has authorized collaboration of a specific kind on a specific assignment does not mean that other forms of collaboration, or collaboration on other assignments, is also authorized. If students are uncertain about whether collaboration is permissible, and of what sort, they should consult with the course instructor.

Further information on avoiding plagiarism and appropriate citation is available from the Poorvu Center: https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/writing/using-sources/understanding-and-avoiding-plagiarism.

Suspected cases of academic dishonesty are referred to the Professional Studies Committee. All requests to drop or otherwise change enrollment in a course while a charge of academic misconduct is pending shall be subject to approval by the committee. The committee reserves the right to record a failing grade for the course on a transcript even if the student has dropped or otherwise modified the course enrollment.

1 Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, “Conduct, Professional Ethics, and Reporting Misconduct,” https://gsas.yale.edu/resources-students/conduct-professional-ethics-reporting-misconduct.


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PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING SUSPECTED CASES OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

An instructor who suspects academic dishonesty should refer the case to the Professional Studies Committee. It is a good practice for the instructor to interview the student or students who appear to be guilty of academic dishonesty before referring the matter to the Professional Studies Committee, in order to make absolutely certain that an allegation of academic dishonesty is warranted. Instructors may wish to consult with the associate dean of academic affairs in making this determination. If an allegation of academic dishonesty is warranted, the instructor should forward the materials supporting the charge, accompanied by a cover letter assessing the nature, extent, and gravity of the offense, to the chair of the Professional Studies Committee. In cases of alleged plagiarism, for example, the committee needs a thorough identification of the improperly used sources, keyed to the passages in which they appear in the student’s essay, from the instructor. Except in unusual circumstances, an instructor who has alleged dishonesty on the part of a student is not required to attend the student’s interview with the committee, since the documents in the case are almost always sufficient for the committee’s deliberations.

For the sake of consistency, impartiality, fairness, and due process in treating cases of academic dishonesty, it is essential that all such cases be referred to the Professional Studies Committee rather than being settled privately between instructor and student.

Upon receiving an allegation of academic dishonesty, the chair of the Professional Studies Committee will contact the student or students to advise them of the allegations and inform them of the procedures. The student will be offered the opportunity to respond to the charges in a written statement to the committee. The committee will make every effort to consider the case at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The committee reviews the allegations, evidence, and student statement, and makes a determination of guilt. If the student is found guilty of academic dishonesty, the committee assigns a penalty. Whether the offense was intentional is not taken into account in determining guilt but is considered when assigning a penalty. Penalties vary in proportion to the severity of the offense and range from the requirement to redo the assignment or submit an additional assignment; to failure of the assignment; to academic probation; to failure of the course; to suspension for a term or year; to expulsion from the School. The decision to suspend or expel a student is made by the General Faculty upon recommendation by the Professional Studies Committee. If the committee is considering one of these serious penalties, the student shall have the right to appear in person before the committee and may bring one individual with them to offer support: a faculty adviser, Student Affairs staff person, friend, or other member of the YDS community.
Rights and Representation

GOVERNANCE

The work of YDS is carried on through the Governing Board (tenured faculty), the General Faculty, and the Standing Committees of the Faculty: Admissions and Financial Aid, Community Life, Curriculum, Ministerial Studies, Professional Studies, and Spiritual Formation. Each committee has an equal number of faculty and students. Faculty members of the committees are appointed by the dean and confirmed by the General Faculty; student members are elected by the entire student body, with the exception of student members of the Standing Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid, who are chosen by the associate dean of admissions and financial aid.

GENERAL CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Seeking to foster the knowledge and love of God through critical engagement with the traditions of the Christian churches, Yale Divinity School upholds the value of broad inclusivity and diversity in our academic, worship, and communal life. Its members freely associate themselves with the University and in doing so affirm their commitment to a philosophy of tolerance and respect for all members of the community. They pledge to help sustain the intellectual integrity of Yale University and to uphold its standards of honesty, free expression, and inquiry.

Students of Yale Divinity School are expected to abide by the regulations of the University. Students are also expected to obey local, state, and federal laws, and violations of these laws may be cause for discipline by Yale Divinity School as well as subject students to legal action. Students are required to report within fourteen days misdemeanor and felony charges to the associate dean of student affairs.

Yale Divinity School specifically prohibits the following forms of behavior by its students:

1. Cheating on examinations, quizzes, and any other form of test.

2. Plagiarism, that is, the failure in a thesis, essay, or other written exercise to acknowledge ideas, research, or language taken from others.

3. Multiple submission of substantially the same work without obtaining explicit written permission from the instructors involved before the material is submitted.

4. Misuse of the materials or facilities of University libraries.

5. Unauthorized use of University services, equipment, or facilities, such as telephones and photocopying equipment.

6. Violation of University rules for using information technology services and facilities, including computers, the University network, and electronic mail. (See Information Technology Appropriate Use Policy, https://your.yale.edu/policies-procedures/policies/1607-information-technology-appropriate-use-policy).

7. Assault on, or coercion, harassment, or intimidation of, any member of the University community, including harassment on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, age, disability, status as a protected veteran, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression; or the use of a leadership position to harass or intimidate another student.
8. Actions in violation of the University’s “Policy on Teacher-Student Consensual Relations” or the YDS “Statement on Consensual Relations.”

9. Disruption of a legitimate function or activity of the University community, which might include disrupting classes and meetings, blocking entrances and exits to University buildings, and unauthorized occupation of any space on the Yale campus, in such a way as to interfere substantially with the educational mission of the School, or prevent the free expression or dissemination of ideas. (See Freedom of Expression, below.)

10. Refusal to comply with the direction of University police officers or other University officials acting in the performance of their duties.

11. Misuse, alteration, or fabrication of University credentials or documents, such as an identification card or a transcript or grade list, including grade lists submitted by teaching fellows.

12. Misrepresentation or lying during a formal inquiry by University officials.

13. Misrepresentation in applying for admission or financial aid.

14. Theft, misuse of funds, or willful damage of University property. Off-campus misconduct may result in disciplinary action if such conduct imperils the integrity and values of the University community. Off-campus violations committed in the course of a Yale-sponsored program anywhere in the world could also be subject to disciplinary charges.

15. Trespassing on University property to which access is prohibited.

16. Possession or use of explosives, incendiary devices, or weapons on or about the campus.

17. Interference with the proper operation of safety or security devices, including fire alarms, electronic gates, and sprinkler systems.

18. Unlawful manufacture, possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol on University property or as part of any University activity.

Violations of any of the above regulations (with the exceptions noted below) will be referred to the YDS Disciplinary Committee, which shall be appointed by the dean and shall be comprised of three faculty members (one junior faculty member, if possible), three students, and the associate dean of student affairs ex officio. Violations involving academic dishonesty will be referred to the Professional Studies Committee. Violations of regulations pertaining to sexual misconduct or the University’s Consensual Relations policy will be referred to a Title IX coordinator and, in some cases, to the University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct. Students found guilty of such violations will be subject to one or more of the following disciplinary penalties:

- Reprimand
- Probation
- Fines
- Restitution
- Removal from campus housing
- Restriction
- Suspension
- Dismissal
Penalties of suspension or dismissal will be noted on the student’s transcript. The decision to dismiss a student is made by the General Faculty on recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee, Professional Studies Committee, or University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct. Pending disciplinary charges will be noted on a student’s transcript if the student withdraws from Yale Divinity School after being formally charged but before such charges have been resolved. A student will not receive a degree while charges are pending or while serving a suspension. A student dismissed for misconduct will not receive a degree from Yale Divinity School regardless of requirements fulfilled before the infraction occurred. Yale Divinity School reserves the right to impose fines as appropriate, in addition to requiring payment for costs resulting from or associated with the offenses. In addition to imposing these penalties for offenses subject to disciplinary action, Yale Divinity School may refer students for prosecution, and students found guilty of unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol on University property or as part of any University activity may be required to complete an appropriate rehabilitation program.

A copy of the procedures is sent automatically to any student who is charged with a violation of Yale Divinity School’s regulations.

DISMISSAL

A student may be dismissed from YDS for the following reasons:

1. Failure to maintain a satisfactory academic record.
2. Lack of aptitude or personal fitness for the ministry.
3. Behavior that violates generally acknowledged canons and standards of scholarship or professional practice.
4. Behavior that is disruptive to the educational process.
5. Violation of the regulations detailed in the YDS policy concerning General Conduct and Discipline (above).

Disciplinary actions are initiated by the Professional Studies Committee or the Disciplinary Committee. The student concerned has the right to appear before the initiating committee. The decision to terminate the relationship of a student with YDS is made by the General Faculty on recommendation of one of these committees. The committees may also impose lesser penalties such as reprimand or probation.

The faculty reserves the right to withhold a degree from a candidate where there is compelling evidence of serious moral misconduct, or while disciplinary actions or criminal proceedings are pending.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

The Yale Divinity School is committed to the protection of free inquiry and expression in the classroom and throughout the school community. In this, the School reflects the University’s commitment to and policy on freedom of expression as eloquently stated in the Woodward Report (Report of the Committee on Freedom of Expression at Yale, 1974). See https://studentlife.yale.edu/guidance-regarding-free-expression-and-peaceable-assembly-students-yale.
STATEMENT ON CONSENSUAL RELATIONS
The Yale Divinity School is a community in which members of the faculty mentor students to help them achieve their full academic, professional, and personal potential. Students rely on the other-centered character of faculty concern for them and approach the relationship in a spirit of trust. For these reasons, members of the YDS faculty shall not have amorous or sexual relations with a YDS student, defined as anyone taking a course at YDS, even when these relationships are ostensibly consensual. This principle is supported by the School’s pedagogy with regard to relationships between a member of the congregation and a minister, priest, or lay professional who has a role of pastoral leadership. Just as we teach that such sexual relations are harmful to the congregant and to the ethos of the congregation as a whole, we take the same position with regard to faculty and master’s-level students regardless of whether the faculty member in question has or might reasonably expect to have pedagogical or direct supervisory responsibilities over the student in question. The YDS policy does not pertain to relationships established before the student’s or the faculty member’s affiliation with YDS. In the case of these relationships, the University Policy on Teacher-Student Consensual Relations does pertain: that is, the faculty members in question may not have direct pedagogical or supervisory responsibilities over the student in question. The YDS policy does not pertain to relationships established before the student’s or the faculty member’s affiliation with YDS. In the case of these relationships, the University Policy on Teacher-Student Consensual Relations does pertain: that is, the faculty members in question may not have direct pedagogical or supervisory responsibilities over the student in question. The YDS and Yale University policies apply to all YDS faculty, including visiting faculty, adjunct faculty, and lecturers. Yale graduate students serving in a teaching capacity are subject only to the University Policy on Teacher-Student Consensual Relations. Violations of the YDS or the University Policy by an instructor will normally lead to appropriate disciplinary action.

Adopted by the Yale Divinity School faculty, May 4, 2010, and revised March 5, 2019.

THE ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS (ATS) GRIEVANCE POLICY
The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) maintains accreditation standards for its member institutions. Yale Divinity School (YDS) is a member institution of ATS. Student complaints regarding violations of ATS accreditation standards in YDS should be directed to the associate dean of academic affairs, who maintains a record of formal student complaints for review by the ATS Board of Directors. The ATS accreditation standards may be found at https://www.ats.edu/accrediting/standards.

Grading System
The Divinity School uses the following grading system:

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Standards and Requirements

No Credit (NC)
Withdrew (W)

If the YDS grading system were to be translated into a traditional grading system on the graduate level, Honors would represent a strong A and A+; Honors minus, A–; High Pass plus, B+; High Pass, B; High Pass minus, B–; Low Pass, C.

There is also a Credit/No Credit system. The Credit/No Credit option for a course may be chosen by the instructor, in which case the entire class will be graded thus, unless individual students in such a course obtain the instructor’s approval to take the course on the regular grading system. Conversely, a student taking a course graded on the regular grading system may request the instructor’s approval to be graded Credit/No Credit. The grade of CR in the Credit/No Credit system requires achievement at the level of HP– or better. Requests for departures from the grading systems under which courses are taught must be made on a form supplied by the registrar’s office. In Credit/No Credit courses, a student may request to take a course on the regular grading system only during the first two weeks of the term. In courses graded on the regular system, the request to receive a Credit/No Credit grade must be made during the first six weeks of the term. Once these deadlines have passed, no such requests can be rescinded.

In both grading systems, the W is to be used only under extraordinary circumstances by permission of the associate dean of academic affairs in consultation with the Professional Studies Committee. Students who receive one or more LP, F, or NC grades in a given term are subject to being placed on academic warning or academic probation (see section on Academic Deficiencies below). YDS does not calculate GPA or class rank.

GRADE CHANGES
Once submitted, a grade may not be changed by the instructor except:

1. In the event of a computational or clerical error, or
2. After a reevaluation of a student’s work in consultation with the associate dean of academic affairs.

Academic Deficiencies

ACADEMIC WARNING
The Professional Studies Committee will review the academic performances of students and place them on warning if their record in any term shows a significant decline or reason for concern about the quality of their work, e.g., a course graded Low Pass (LP), Fail (F), or No Credit (NC). Students placed on warning will be reviewed by the committee following the end of the term, and either removed from warning, continued on warning, or placed on probation. The warning notation will not be placed on students’ transcripts. Both the student and the faculty adviser will be notified in writing of the warning.

ACADEMIC PROBATION
The Professional Studies Committee will place on probation students whose academic work is unsatisfactory. In every case the committee will take into account the personal
situation of the student; but the following record, accumulated during the course of any one term, will normally result in probation:

1. two courses graded Low Pass, or
2. two Incompletes, or
3. two Fs or NCs, or
4. any combination of inadequate or incomplete work in two or more courses.

In addition, students may be placed on probation if their records show a pattern of academic warnings in multiple terms.

Students are responsible for knowing at the end of a term whether or not they have completed each course satisfactorily. As information becomes available to the Professional Studies Committee, written notice of probation will be given both to the student and to the faculty adviser, and the notation will be placed on the transcript. The student must meet with the academic dean to develop a plan for a return to good academic standing. Failure to successfully complete this academic plan can result in the loss of federal financial aid eligibility. For more information about Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and financial aid eligibility, see below.

Students on academic probation must observe the following conditions when they register for courses:

1. during the term in which students are on academic probation they may not take more than twelve hours of course work;
2. they may not take any reading courses;
3. they may not register to begin a thesis.

Students will be removed from probation when they have completed four courses (twelve credits) under the following conditions:

1. all work for each course must be completed by the end of its term, without extensions;
2. all incomplete work from previous terms must be completed;
3. the grade received in each course must be HP– or better.

DISMISSAL FOR ACADEMIC REASONS

Any student who is placed on academic probation and whose probation is not lifted at the conclusion of the probationary term may be recommended to the faculty for dismissal from YDS.

A student who receives a grade of Fail/No Credit in nine or more credits attempted in a given term, or, for part-time students, nine credits attempted over consecutive terms, shall be dismissed from the Divinity School. A student who is dismissed for this reason may appeal in writing to the Professional Studies Committee within five days of the notice of dismissal, presenting information concerning relevant extenuating circumstances; the Professional Studies Committee then issues a final decision concerning dismissal. The outcome of the appeal will be determined prior to the day on which online registration ends for the term.
SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

All degree-seeking students are required to meet standards regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). SAP refers to the student’s success in meeting the minimum standards deemed acceptable for the program of study. Failure to maintain SAP jeopardizes a student’s eligibility to receive University or federal financial aid (subsequently referred to as “financial assistance”). Federal regulations require institutions to monitor each student’s “pace,” which is the progress that a student is making toward earning a degree. Monitoring pace ensures that the student will graduate within the maximum time frame permitted for the student’s degree or course of study. (For a description of the maximum length of time permitted in each program, see the chapter Programs of Study.) SAP standards apply to all degree-seeking students regardless of their financial aid status. The Divinity School has established a set of standards below which a student will be placed on academic probation (see section on Academic Deficiencies, above). Failure to maintain these standards, and/or failure to progress through the program at the pace necessary to complete the degree in the time permitted, means that the student has failed to maintain SAP.

In addition to the qualitative standards referenced in the Academic Deficiencies section, YDS has established the following set of quantitative standards:

- Students must successfully complete 67 percent of credits attempted.
- Courses graded W, F, or NC will be considered credits attempted but not completed.
- For part-time students, the pace calculation will be made after the equivalent of each full-time term.
- If a student fails a course and retakes it, the first enrollment will be considered an uncompleted attempt, and any future enrollment in the course will be considered a separate course attempted.
- Transfer credits accepted from other institutions are not included in pace calculations.

Student grades are reviewed each term to determine whether each student is meeting SAP. The registrar will provide the Office of Financial Aid with a list of students who are failing to meet SAP and have been placed on academic probation. Such students will be placed on one term of financial aid warning. A student on financial aid warning may continue to receive financial assistance for that term. After a term on financial aid warning, students who are still failing to meet SAP may continue to receive financial assistance for the next term only if they are placed on financial aid probation. In order to be placed on financial aid probation, students must (1) successfully appeal the determination that they are not making SAP and (2) meet with the academic dean to create an academic plan for return to good academic standing. Students may appeal the determination that they are not making SAP by submitting a written petition to the academic dean, who will review the appeal and notify the student of the outcome. The student’s written petition to the academic dean should include information about why the student failed to make SAP and what has changed in the student’s situation that will allow the student to demonstrate SAP at the next evaluation. Once a student is on financial aid probation, the student must follow the academic plan and meet...
its benchmarks on time, or meet SAP by the end of the term, in order to continue to receive financial assistance.

Special Examinations and Extensions

Special examinations, at hours other than those regularly scheduled, will be given only under extraordinary circumstances. Except in the case of unforeseen emergencies, the request for a special examination must be submitted two weeks before the date of the regular examination. At the discretion of the instructor, students who are non-native speakers of English may be granted additional time, to a maximum of time-and-a-half, to complete written examinations.

All work for the first term is due by the end of the term, unless the instructor specifies an earlier date. In exceptional circumstances, such as illness or family crisis, the instructor may grant a “faculty extension” up to the day on which grades from the first term are due, but no later. No work from the first term can be accepted by a faculty member after that date. However, a student may appeal to the associate dean of academic affairs for a “dean’s extension.” Such an appeal must be made in writing by the day that grades from the first term are due, on a form provided by the registrar’s office. Extensions will be considered by the academic dean only in exceptional circumstances, such as those indicated above. An Incomplete grade will automatically be recorded as Fail (F) or No Credit (NC), unless a petition for a dean’s extension is filed by the designated date.

All work for the second term is due by the end of the term, unless the instructor specifies an earlier date. In exceptional circumstances, such as illness or family crisis, the instructor may grant a “faculty extension” up to the day on which grades from the second term are due, but no later. No work from the second term can be accepted by a faculty member after that date. However, a student may appeal to the associate dean of academic affairs for a “dean’s extension.” Such an appeal must be made in writing by the day that grades from the second term are due, on a form provided by the registrar’s office. Extensions will be considered by the academic dean only in exceptional circumstances, such as those indicated above. An Incomplete grade will automatically be recorded as Fail (F) or No Credit (NC), unless a petition for a dean’s extension is filed by the designated date.

All work for summer courses is due by the end of the course, unless the instructor specifies a different date. In exceptional circumstances, such as illness or family crisis, the instructor may grant a “faculty extension” up to, but not beyond, the first day of the fall term. No work from the summer can be accepted by a faculty member after that date. However, a student may appeal to the associate dean of academic affairs for a “dean’s extension.” Such an appeal must be made in writing by the first day of the fall term, on a form provided by the registrar’s office. Extensions will be considered by the academic dean only in exceptional circumstances, such as those indicated above. An Incomplete grade will automatically be recorded as Fail (F) or No Credit (NC), unless a petition for a dean’s extension is filed by the first day of the fall term. Unless otherwise noted, the following deadlines apply to summer courses: the last day to add a summer course is the first day of the second quarter of the course; the last day to drop a summer course is the first day of the second half of the course.
Leave of Absence

Students who wish or need to interrupt their study temporarily may request a leave of absence. There are three types of leave—personal, medical, and parental—each of which is described below. In all cases, students living in University housing units are encouraged to review their housing contracts and the related policies of the Yale Housing Office before applying to YDS for a leave of absence. The general policies that apply to all types of leave are:

1. Leave of absence application forms may be obtained by contacting the registrar’s office at YDS.
2. All leaves of absence must be approved by the associate dean of academic affairs. Medical leaves also require the written recommendation of a chief physician or designee on the staff of Yale Health, as described below.
3. A student may be granted a leave of absence for one, two, or three terms. Students may not normally be granted more than three terms of leave total during their study at YDS, but under extraordinary circumstances the academic dean may grant a student a fourth term of leave.
4. A student is not normally granted a leave of absence to take on a professional commitment.
5. International students who apply for a leave of absence must consult with OISS regarding their visa status.
6. A student on leave of absence may complete outstanding work in any course for which the student has been granted extensions. The student may not, however, fulfill any other degree requirements during the time on leave.
7. A student on leave of absence is ineligible for financial aid, including loans; in most cases, student loans are not deferred during periods of nonenrollment.
8. A student on leave of absence is ineligible for the use of any University facilities normally available to enrolled students.
9. A student on leave of absence may continue to be enrolled in Yale Health by purchasing coverage through the Student Affiliate Coverage plan. In order to secure continuous coverage from Yale Health, enrollment in this plan must be requested prior to the beginning of the term in which the student will be on leave or, if the leave commences during the term, within thirty days of the date of determination. Coverage is not automatic; enrollment forms are available from the Member Services department of Yale Health, 203.432.0246.
10. Students on leave of absence do not have to file a formal application for readmission. However, no later than July 30 for a fall-term return or December 15 for a spring-term return, they must notify the registrar and obtain approval to return from the associate dean of academic affairs using a form provided by the registrar’s office. In addition, returning students who wish to be considered for financial aid must submit appropriate financial aid applications to YDS’s Office of Financial Aid to determine eligibility.
11. A student on leave of absence who does not return at the end of the approved leave, and does not request and receive an extension, is automatically dismissed from YDS.

12. Leaves of absence shall not be granted retroactively after a term has ended.

**PERSONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A student who wishes or needs to interrupt study temporarily because of personal exigencies may request a personal leave of absence with the approval of the associate dean of academic affairs. The general policies governing all leaves of absence are described above. Students who are current with their degree requirements are eligible for a personal leave after satisfactory completion of at least one term of study. Personal leaves cannot be granted retroactively and normally will not be approved after the tenth day of a term.

To request a personal leave of absence, the student must complete the form available in the registrar’s office before the beginning of the term for which the leave is requested, explaining the reasons for the proposed leave and stating both the proposed start and end dates of the leave, and the address (both physical and electronic) at which the student can be reached during the period of the leave. If the associate dean of academic affairs approves, the leave is granted. In any case, the student will be informed in writing of the action taken. A student who does not apply for a personal leave of absence, or whose application for a leave is denied, and who does not register for any term, will be considered to have withdrawn from YDS.

**MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A student who must interrupt study temporarily because of illness or injury may be granted a medical leave of absence with the approval of the associate dean of academic affairs, on the written recommendation of a chief physician or designee on the staff of Yale Health. The general policies governing all leaves of absence are described above. Students who are making satisfactory progress toward their degree requirements are eligible for a medical leave any time after matriculation. The final decision concerning a request for a medical leave of absence will be communicated in writing by the associate dean of academic affairs.

YDS reserves the right to place a student on a mandatory medical leave of absence when, on recommendation of the director of Yale Health or the chief of the Mental Health and Counseling department, the dean of the School determines that, because of a medical condition, the student is a danger to self or others, the student has seriously disrupted others in the student’s residential or academic communities, or the student has refused to cooperate with efforts deemed necessary by Yale Health and the dean to make such determinations. Each case will be assessed individually based on all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the level of risk presented and the availability of reasonable modifications. Reasonable modifications do not include fundamental alterations to the student’s academic, residential, or other relevant communities or programs; in addition, reasonable modifications do not include those that unduly burden University resources.

An appeal of such a leave must be made in writing to the dean of the School no later than seven days from the effective date of the leave.
An incident that gives rise to voluntary or mandatory leave of absence may also result in subsequent disciplinary action.

Students who are placed on medical leave during any term will have their tuition adjusted according to the same schedule used for withdrawals (see Tuition Rebate and Refund Policy under Tuition and Fees). Before re-registering, a student on medical leave must secure written permission to return from a Yale Health physician.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

A student who wishes or needs to interrupt study temporarily for reasons of pregnancy, maternity care, or paternity care may be granted a leave of absence for parental responsibilities. The general policies governing all leaves of absence are described above. Students who are making satisfactory progress toward their degree requirements are eligible for parental leave of absence any time after matriculation.

To request a leave of absence for parental responsibilities, a student must complete the form available in the registrar’s office before the beginning of the term for which the leave is requested, explaining the reasons for the proposed leave and stating both the proposed start and end dates of the leave, and the address (both physical and electronic) at which the student can be reached during the period of the leave. If the associate dean of academic affairs approves, the leave is granted. In any case, the student will be informed in writing of the action taken.

**Withdrawal and Readmission**

Students who wish to terminate their program of study should confer with the associate dean of academic affairs regarding withdrawal. The associate dean of academic affairs will determine the effective date of the withdrawal. The University identification card must be submitted with the approved withdrawal form in order for withdrawal in good standing to be recorded. Withdrawal forms are available in the registrar’s office. Students who do not register for any fall or spring term, and for whom a leave of absence has not been approved by the associate dean, or who do not return from or ask for and receive an extension of an approved leave, are considered to have withdrawn from YDS.

Students who discontinue their program of study during the academic year without submitting an approved withdrawal form and the University identification card will be liable for the tuition charge for the term in which the withdrawal occurs. Tuition charges for students who withdraw in good standing will be adjusted as described in the Tuition Rebate and Refund Policy (under Tuition and Fees).

A student who has withdrawn from YDS in good standing and who wishes to resume study at a later date must apply for readmission. Neither readmission nor financial aid is guaranteed to students who withdraw. The deadline for making application for readmission is February 1 of the year in which the student wishes to return to YDS. The student’s application will be considered by the Admissions Office.

**U.S. Military Leave Readmissions Policy**

Students who wish or need to interrupt their studies to perform U.S. military service are subject to a separate U.S. military leave readmissions policy. In the event a student
withdraws or takes a leave of absence from YDS to serve in the U.S. military, the student will be entitled to guaranteed readmission under the following conditions:

1. The student must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces for a period of more than thirty consecutive days.

2. The student must give advance written or verbal notice of such service to the associate dean of academic affairs. In providing the advance notice the student does not need to indicate an intent to return. This advance notice need not come directly from the student, but rather, can be made by an appropriate officer of the U.S. Armed Forces or official of the U.S. Department of Defense. Notice is not required if precluded by military necessity. In all cases, this notice requirement can be fulfilled at the time the student seeks readmission, by submitting an attestation that the student performed the service.

3. The student must not be away from YDS to perform U.S. military service for a period exceeding five years (this includes all previous absences to perform U.S. military service but does not include any initial period of obligated service). If a student’s time away from YDS to perform U.S. military service exceeds five years because the student is unable to obtain release orders through no fault of the student or the student was ordered to or retained on active duty, the student should contact the associate dean of academic affairs to determine if the student remains eligible for guaranteed readmission.

4. The student must notify YDS (the registrar, and/or the associate dean of academic affairs, or the associate dean of admissions and financial aid) within three years of the end of U.S. military service of the student’s intention to return. However, a student who is hospitalized or recovering from an illness or injury incurred in or aggravated during the U.S. military service has up until two years after recovering from the illness or injury to notify YDS of the intent to return.

5. The student cannot have received a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge or have been sentenced in a court-martial.

A student who meets all of these conditions will be readmitted for the next term, unless the student requests a later date of readmission. Any student who fails to meet one of these requirements may still be readmitted under the general readmission policy but is not guaranteed readmission.

Upon returning to YDS, students will resume their education without repeating completed course work for courses interrupted by U.S. military service. The student will have the same enrolled status last held and with the same academic standing. For the first academic year in which the student returns, the student will be charged the tuition and fees that would have been assessed for the academic year in which the student left the institution. Yale may charge up to the amount of tuition and fees other students are assessed, however, if veteran’s education benefits will cover the difference between the amounts currently charged other students and the amount charged for the academic year in which the student left.

In the case of students who are not prepared to resume their studies with the same academic status at the same point where they left off or who will not be able to complete the program of study, YDS will undertake reasonable efforts to help the student become prepared. If after reasonable efforts YDS determines that the student remains
unprepared or will be unable to complete the program, or after YDS determines that there are no reasonable efforts it can take, YDS may deny the student readmission.

**Commencement**

All candidates on whom degrees are to be conferred must be present at the Commencement exercises of the University, unless excused for urgent reasons by the dean's office.
Yale’s libraries have developed over a period of three centuries. Throughout its history, the University has devoted a significant proportion of its resources to building collections matched by few other universities in the world.

Yale University Library is comprised of collections, spaces, technology, and people. The collections contain fifteen million print and electronic volumes in more than a dozen libraries and locations, including Sterling Memorial Library, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Marx Science and Social Science Library, and the Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Library. Yale Library’s resources also include more than a billion licensed e-resources and special collections that represent the diversity of the human experience in forms ranging from ancient papyri to early printed books, rare film and music recordings, and a growing body of born-digital materials. More than five hundred staff members facilitate teaching, research, and practice, offering deep subject-area knowledge as well as expertise in digital humanities, geographic information systems, and the use and management of research data. Yale Library’s preservation and conservation specialists develop and apply leading-edge technology to maintain collections, providing critical support for increased access to collections, an expanding exhibition program, and Yale’s emphasis on teaching with primary sources. For more information, visit https://library.yale.edu.

Collections

The Yale Divinity Library is one of the world’s great theological libraries. It is responsible for building Yale’s research collections in most areas related to the study of Christianity. The Divinity Library has strengths in the history of Christianity, biblical studies, and Christian theology as well as a growing collection of materials in practical theology. Its collections now total more than 600,000 bound volumes, more than 270,000 pieces of microform, and significant electronic holdings. In addition, the Divinity Library’s special collections hold more than 5,500 linear feet of manuscript and archival materials as well as many antiquarian and rare books and pamphlets. Holdings in the areas of the history of Christian mission, student volunteer movements, and New England clergy and theology are particularly strong. The Divinity Library collections were recently expanded by the acquisition of books and manuscripts from Andover Newton Theological School.

The Divinity Library traces its origins to the construction of the Sterling Divinity Quadrangle in 1932. At that time, three collections were moved to the School’s new location at 409 Prospect Street: the Day Missions Library, the Trowbridge Reference Library, and the Sneath Library of Religious Education.

The Day Missions Library is the most distinctive and strongest collection of its kind. It was established in 1891 by George Edward Day, a professor of Hebrew language and literature, and his wife, Olivia Hotchkiss Day. In 1932 the collection included more than 20,000 volumes—about two thirds of the Divinity Library’s original collection. The Day collection has continued to grow over the years, with support from the Day endowment and, since 1981, with income from a fund established by Kenneth Scott Latourette, a professor of missions. The Day Missions Collection today makes up a
healthy percentage of the Divinity Library’s volumes and constitutes the bulk of its manuscript and archival collections. Its scope has expanded from a narrow focus on the history of Christian mission to the degree that the Day Missions Collection is now one of the preeminent collections documenting the thought, history, and practice of world Christianity. The Day Missions Room—one of the most recognizable spaces in the Divinity Quadrangle—is home to a selection of the library’s holdings in the history of Christian mission.

The Divinity Library also creates and maintains extensive and growing collections of digital photographs, annual reports, periodicals, manuscripts, and pamphlets mostly related to the history of Christian missions and world Christianity.

Resources found elsewhere at Yale bearing upon the work of YDS include approximately 100,000 volumes classed as religion in Sterling Memorial Library, with another 100,000 in the Library Shelving Facility. The wider collections contain a wealth of scholarly periodicals and publications of learned societies, including source material on the Protestant Reformation, Byzantine and Orthodox literature, Judaica, and early Americana. The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library includes prime collections such as the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts and Letters and extensive collections on Mormonism, Cardinal John Henry Newman, and the Tractarian Movement. The Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library has resources on Christian art, and the Yale University Art Gallery contains examples of some of the earliest known Christian art. The Music Library features the Lowell Mason Collection of Hymnology. Special collections within Sterling Memorial Library also include archaeological resources bearing on biblical studies and Christian origins and the ancient Near East in general. Resources to support various area programs at Yale—East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Slavic and East European—are invaluable for the study of missions, non-Christian religions and culture, and world Christianity. Yale students have access to all Yale Library collections as well as circulating materials, which can be transported to any Yale library to be checked out and returned.

Access to Resources

The Divinity Library provides online access to specialized software, databases, and electronic texts for the study of religion, including the Atla Religion Database with AtlaSerials PLUS, Old Testament Abstracts, New Testament Abstracts, and Religious and Theological Abstracts. In addition to traditional reference and research support, every student enrolled in the Divinity School is assigned a personal librarian who is ready to assist with any research–related question, problem, or skill. Students are encouraged to take advantage of tours offered by the library and to contact their personal librarian whenever they need assistance using the library.

The Divinity Library offers a full range of reference and instruction, technology support, and spaces for individual and group study. Scanning and printing services are located in the library. A campus delivery service for books (Eli Express) and articles and chapters (Scan and Deliver) allows eligible library users to receive materials from other Yale libraries usually within twenty-four to forty-eight hours. Through the Borrow Direct service, the Yale community also has expedited access to the holdings of a consortium of large university libraries. For additional and current information,
including general library hours and Special Collections hours, please consult the library's website, http://web.library.yale.edu/divinity.
ADMISSION

Degree Students

STANDARDS OF SELECTION

Yale Divinity School welcomes applications from graduates of accredited national and international colleges or universities. Applicants are selected on the basis of academic ability and potential; leadership qualities; spiritual maturity; emotional stability; interpersonal communication skills; seriousness of purpose; personal initiative; and creativity. All completed applications are read, discussed, and evaluated by an Admissions Committee made up of faculty members, graduating students, and administrators. The Admissions Committee makes its determination based on each applicant’s completed application, any supplemental materials submitted by the applicant, and (if applicable) prior conversations or interviews with a member of the admissions staff or a representative. Admissions decisions are made without regard to, or knowledge of, the applicant’s financial circumstances.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

A liberal arts degree with work in the humanities and social sciences provides the best preparation for theological study. Some previous work in the field of religion is appropriate, but not mandatory; broad experience in other fields is beneficial. Candidates who have degrees in areas other than liberal arts must demonstrate their readiness to evaluate literary texts, to marshal cogent evidence for a line of reasoning and argumentation, and to write clear research papers and expository essays.

It is recommended that undergraduates who expect to begin theological study include among their college courses some basic work in each of the following fields: English composition and literature, one or more foreign languages (German, French, Latin, Greek, Hebrew), history, philosophy, psychology, and the social sciences (economics, sociology, government, social psychology, education).

Applicants who anticipate specializing in biblical studies are urged to obtain a working knowledge of Greek and Hebrew during their undergraduate years. Students who anticipate working toward another degree with language requirements are advised to begin their preparation in those languages while in college.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The YDS admissions application is an online process and can be accessed through the School’s website at http://divinity.yale.edu. The application and all accompanying documents including letters of recommendation and transcripts must be submitted electronically. Admitted students are also required to submit hard copies of official transcripts prior to matriculation.

YDS is a graduate and professional school that works in partnership with Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.
Andover Newton specializes in the training of ministers within congregationally based polities; Berkeley is an Episcopal seminary affiliated with YDS; and the Institute of Sacred Music (ISM) is an interdisciplinary graduate center dedicated to the study and practice of sacred music, worship, and the arts.

YDS students who participate in the Andover Newton, Berkeley, or ISM programs receive their degrees from Yale Divinity School. In addition to their Yale degree, students affiliated with Andover Newton will receive a nondegree diploma from Andover Newton; Berkeley-affiliated students may earn the Diploma (paired with the M.Div. degree) or Certificate (paired with the M.A.R. or S.T.M. degree) in Anglican Studies from Berkeley; and Institute students receive a certificate from the ISM.

All applications are submitted through the YDS Admissions Office. Applicants who are interested in participating in the Andover or Berkeley programs must indicate their interest in those specific programs on the YDS application. Applicants who wish to study at both YDS and ISM must complete and submit separate applications to each. Additionally, candidates wishing to pursue joint studies through the ISM and Berkeley or the ISM and Andover Newton must indicate in their YDS application their interest in either Berkeley or Andover Newton. The ISM application can be found online at https://ism.yale.edu/admission-graduate-study. ISM students are chosen from a highly competitive pool so that there is a balance within the Institute of those pursuing studies in liturgics, religion and the arts, and ministry (approximately one-third in each area). Consult the ISM Bulletin for detailed information on admission procedures and curricular requirements for the Institute, or visit http://ism.yale.edu.

YDS students may also enroll in joint-degree programs with certain other Yale schools or in approved joint-degree programs in the schools of social work at the University of Connecticut and Yeshiva University. In all cases, admission decisions are made independently by YDS and each of the partner schools or universities. Within Yale, YDS currently has agreements for joint-degree programs with the schools of the Environment, Law, Management, Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health. Depending upon the program, students may either be required to apply to the schools simultaneously in the same year or have the option of applying sequentially in different years. Students interested in pursuing joint degrees through the schools of social work at the University of Connecticut or Yeshiva University are encouraged to apply to YDS and either of those schools at the start of the application period in the fall. More information on joint degrees is available under Interdisciplinary Study, in the chapter Other Curricular Considerations.

Persons interested in doctoral studies in religion may apply through the Office of Graduate Admissions of the Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, PO Box 208323, New Haven CT 06520-8323 (graduate.admissions@yale.edu). The Department of Religious Studies serves as the Admissions Committee for doctoral applicants in the following fields of study: American Religious History, Asian Religions, Early Mediterranean and West Asian Religions, Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Islamic Studies, Medieval and Modern Judaism, Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Modernity, Religious Ethics, and Theology.
Application Instructions

Applicants to YDS must adhere to the following guidelines for submission of materials and processing of applications.

1. Applications submitted by the priority deadline, January 15, will include a nonrefundable fee of $50 (U.S.), payable by credit card. Applications submitted without payment of the application fee will not be processed. Applications submitted after the priority deadline require a nonrefundable fee of $75 (U.S.).

2. Applicants must submit a personal statement (maximum two pages, 12 point double-spaced), apprising the Admissions Committee of reasons for considering theological education, of formative influences in making this decision, of vocational objectives, and of ways in which the Divinity School’s resources can prepare applicants to meet their stated objectives.

3. An academic writing sample is required (maximum five pages, 12 point double-spaced), that illustrates the applicant’s ability to analyze and argue on a particular subject.

4. Unofficial copies of transcripts must be uploaded electronically as part of the application. In addition, for admitted students, official transcripts from each college or university attended must be mailed in sealed and signed envelopes, from the registrar or designated school records official, to the Admissions Office, Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven CT 06511-2167.

5. Three letters of recommendation are required. Recommendation letters must be current and address the applicant’s potential for the degree program to which application is being made. Letters from Career Service dossiers will not be accepted.

6. Yale Divinity School requires the IELTS scores for all applicants for whom English is not the primary or native language, and who did not complete their baccalaureate degree at an institution where the sole language of instruction is English. IELTS Band scores must be a minimum 7.0 in each area. Such applicants should register for the IELTS examination at the earliest opportunity, as scoring and processing take considerable time. Results must be received before January 15 for priority applications or February 1 for standard applications. IELTS scores may be submitted electronically. Scores from the TOEFL are not accepted.

7. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required for application to any of the degree programs.

8. A current résumé or curriculum vitae must be submitted.

9. Students applying for financial aid (need-based scholarships and loans) should download the financial aid application at http://divinity.yale.edu. The application deadline is March 1. Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a funds-available basis.

10. The Admissions Committee strongly encourages, but does not require, personal interviews. Visits to YDS when classes are in session are recommended.

ADMISSION DEADLINES

The priority application deadline is January 15. All online applications submitted on or before the priority filing deadline must include a $50 application fee payable online by credit card at the time of submission. All applications completed (including transcripts,
letters of recommendation, essays, and IELTS scores, if applicable) by January 15 will be forwarded to the Admissions Committee for immediate review.

The non-priority application deadline is February 1. Non-priority applications must be accompanied by a $75 application fee. The file must be completed (including transcripts, letters of recommendation, essays, and IELTS scores, if applicable) before it can be considered by the Admissions Committee.

Notification of the Admissions Committee’s decisions will be posted to the applicant’s online application account on March 15. The Admissions Committee may consider files that are completed after March 1 on a space-available basis. A request must be sent to the associate dean of admissions and financial aid for any such consideration.

A candidate who is admitted to YDS will have thirty days from the date of the acceptance letter to reply in writing. A nonrefundable matriculation deposit of $200 must accompany the acceptance of admission form. This fee is applied to the regular first-term bill if the student matriculates; there will be no refund of this deposit if the student does not matriculate. Deferral of admission may, in rare cases, be granted upon approval of the associate dean of admissions and financial aid. The request should be made in writing, accompanied by the nonrefundable $200 matriculation deposit. If approved, a $500 nonrefundable tuition deposit will also be required. Please note that scholarships cannot be deferred.

Unsuccessful applicants must wait two full years before reapplying. In such cases, it is expected that the applicant will have pursued additional graduate-level course work for the committee to consider.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All applicants who are not citizens of the United States and who are not native speakers of English must show evidence of proficiency in the English language either by attaining a satisfactory score (Band scores must be a minimum 7.0 in each area) on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination or by having received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college where English is the sole language of instruction. For information about IELTS test dates and locations, contact IELTS USA, 825 Colorado Boulevard, Suite 221, Los Angeles CA 90041; telephone 323.255.2771; fax 323.704.3444; e-mail ielts@ieltsusa.org; website www.ielts.org.

In addition to the IELTS test, all non-native speakers of English will be required to take an examination in oral and written English in August and may be required to register for a supplemental English class that will be provided and paid for by YDS. This yearlong course will focus on English speaking, writing, and comprehension and will be incorporated into the student’s program.

In order to receive a visa to study in the United States, an international student will need to show proof of funds sufficient to cover living expenses, travel expenses, tuition, and health fees for the duration of the student’s academic program. While international applicants are eligible for scholarship assistance from YDS, that assistance by itself is seldom, if ever, sufficient to secure an I-20. An international student must be admitted by the Admissions Committee and must have accepted admission before the application process for an I-20 can begin. Once all financial documents are received, the appropriate
forms will be filled out and forwarded to Yale’s Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS), which will generate the I-20. The Office of Financial Aid will forward the I-20 to the student by Federal Express, usually in May for a student to begin study in the fall term. More information about the process of applying for an I-20 and the necessary forms required may be obtained by exploring the OISS website at http://oiss.yale.edu.

The Office of International Students and Scholars is located at 421 Temple Street, New Haven CT 06511; telephone 203.432.2305; e-mail oiss@yale.edu.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

When it seems advisable for a student to transfer from another school before receiving a degree from that school, the same application process is followed. However, credit for work done at a prior school is not determined until at least one term of residence at Yale Divinity School has been completed successfully. (See the regulations under Transfer of Credit, in the chapter Standards and Requirements.)

Nondegree Students

Yale Divinity School offers a limited number of students the opportunity to enroll as nondegree students (for program details see Nondegree Students, in the chapter Programs of Study). Nondegree students are restricted to enrollment in YDS courses only, are not eligible for financial aid, and may not enroll in field education placements. Applicants should understand that admission as a nondegree student is not an indicator of future admission to degree programs at YDS.

TRADITIONAL

The requirements for admission and the application procedure for the Traditional nondegree program are the same as those for degree applicants. Traditional nondegree students receive full credit for work completed and may transfer these credits elsewhere, or petition the associate dean of academic affairs to have some or all of the work applied toward a YDS degree program.

MINISTERS IN THE VICINITY

Applications to the Ministers in the Vicinity program are received twice a year, with deadlines of April 1 (for the fall term) and December 1 (for the spring term). There is a one-time application fee of $30. Students in the Ministers in the Vicinity program are admitted to classes based on availability and permission of the instructor. Admission to the program is for one year but, with permission, may be extended for an additional year. Students in the program may petition to have Ministers in the Vicinity course credit applied toward a YDS degree. Upon completion of at least two courses for credit, students receive a YDS Minister in the Vicinity certificate. Unless otherwise stated, regulations governing the Ministers in the Vicinity program and the Traditional nondegree program are identical.

RESEARCH

A separate application is available for students enrolled in doctoral programs at other institutions who wish to conduct research and/or work at YDS with a professor in a
specific academic area, for either one term or one academic year. The fee is $1,500 per term. To apply, please contact the Admissions Office.

EXCHANGE

International students enrolled at educational institutions partnering in the YDS exchange program who wish to spend one term or a year studying at YDS should contact the appropriate administrators at their respective schools.

Visiting Fellows

Each year YDS appoints as visiting fellows a limited number of distinguished professors, clergy and others in ministry, government officials, journalists and other writers, or otherwise qualified persons of advanced professional status. These scholars will have clearly articulated research projects that necessitate their presence on campus, usually to work with the Divinity Library’s special holdings or to collaborate with a YDS faculty member. The aim of the program is to give established researchers a regular and significant presence at YDS for the mutual benefit of the fellows and the University.

Appointment at this rank requires review by the University’s Office for Postdoctoral Affairs and approval of the YDS dean as well as the Yale provost. Appointment may be for up to twelve months; in rare cases, reappointment for a second year is possible. Visiting fellows have access to the libraries of the University and may audit classes with permission of the instructor. They are not candidates for degrees and receive no academic credit. A nonrefundable application fee of $50 is required. There is a registration fee of $750 per six-month period. Visiting fellows are not eligible for financial aid from the School, and no stipends are available.

Recent Ph.D.s are not eligible for visiting fellowships but may apply for a postdoctoral fellowship. The funding and visa requirements for visiting and postdoctoral fellows are outlined at https://postdocs.yale.edu/administrators/titles-eligibility.

Inquiries about appointment should be addressed to Jan Hagens, Director of the Visiting Fellows Program, Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven CT 06511-2167, or jan.hagens@yale.edu.

Auditing Courses

Individuals in the categories listed below may audit courses at the Divinity School without charge. In all cases permission of the instructor is required. Auditing is permitted only during the regular academic year.

1. Students enrolled in degree programs at Yale University.
3. Members of the Yale faculty, emeritus/emerita faculty, and World Fellows.
4. Supervisors of Yale Divinity School students engaged in an internship or supervised ministry.
5. Spouses or domestic partners of regularly enrolled students at Yale University.
6. Spouses or partners of full-time or emeritus/emerita Yale faculty members.
7. Employees of the University and their spouses or partners, in accordance with applicable personnel policies.


9. Individuals currently serving as Annand Program mentors through Berkeley Divinity School.

Formal auditing by individuals not in any of the above categories is possible after securing the permission of the instructor, submission of the Audit Form, and payment of the $250 audit fee through the Admissions Office. The registrar’s office does not keep a record of courses audited. It is not possible, therefore, for a student’s transcript to show that a course has been audited, or for a transcript to be issued that records the auditing of a course. Nor is it possible for an audited course to be applied to degree study should the auditor be admitted to a degree program.

It is the usual expectation that an auditor does not take tests or examinations or write papers for a course for evaluation by the instructor. Occasionally, however, an auditor may wish to do such work and may request the instructor to evaluate it. If the instructor wishes to cooperate with the auditor in this way, the instructor does so on a voluntary basis and not as an obligation.
EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL AID

Tuition and Fees

The tuition charge for the 2021–2022 academic year is $26,472 for a student enrolled in eight courses in the M.Div., M.A.R., or S.T.M. degree programs. Students who are enrolled in these degree programs for fewer than eight courses at Yale Divinity School will be charged at the rate of $3,309 per course. Nondegree students are charged $3,309 per course. Ph.D. students who are accepted as nondegree researchers will be billed $1,500 per term.

It is expected that students in the M.Div. program will pay tuition for twenty-four courses in order to receive their degree; students in the M.A.R. program will pay tuition for sixteen courses to receive their degree; students in the S.T.M. program will pay tuition for eight courses to receive their degree. Except in cases of students who are in a joint-degree program, or whose credits have been accepted for transfer, each student must pay at least the full tuition for a degree regardless of the number of terms in which the student is enrolled. Students who transfer credit toward a degree and students who are on the expanded plan will be charged according to the number of credits taken during each term. Students will be charged for all work taken in YDS or the University that is used toward fulfilling the requirements for a degree.

Also, the University expects all students enrolled at least half-time to have adequate hospital insurance coverage. As a result, it automatically enrolls such students in Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage. The annual cost for such coverage is $2,650 for a single student (see Health Services, in the chapter Yale University Resources and Services). Students with adequate outside coverage may waive Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage.

In addition to the health fee, all degree students are assessed a $520 comprehensive fee. M.A.R. and M.Div. students are charged a board fee of $1,250 to use as a declining balance per year for purchasing food in the Divinity School refectory. The declining balance charge for students enrolled half-time or less (those taking two courses or fewer per term) is $312.50 per term.

CHANGE OF DEGREE FEE

There will be a $75 fee imposed on students who change their degree program.

TUITION REBATE AND REFUND POLICY

On the basis of the federal regulations governing the return of federal student aid (Title IV) funds for withdrawn students, the rebate and refund of tuition is subject to the following policy.

1. For purposes of determining the refund of Title IV funds, any student who withdraws from the Divinity School for any reason during the first 60 percent of the term will be subject to a pro rata schedule that will be used to determine the amount of Title IV funds a student has earned at the time of withdrawal. A student
who withdraws after the 60 percent point has earned 100 percent of the Title IV funds. In 2021–2022, the last days for refunding Title IV funds will be November 6, 2021, in the fall term and April 1, 2022, in the spring term.

2. For purposes of determining the refund of institutional aid funds and for students who have not received financial aid:
   a. 100 percent of tuition will be rebated for withdrawals that occur on or before the end of the first 10 percent of the term (September 11, 2021, in the fall term and January 27, 2022, in the spring term).
   b. A rebate of one-half (50 percent) of tuition will be granted for withdrawals that occur after the first 10 percent but on or before the last day of the first quarter of the term (September 28, 2021, in the fall term and February 10, 2022, in the spring term).
   c. A rebate of one-quarter (25 percent) of tuition will be granted for withdrawals that occur after the first quarter of a term but on or before the day of midterm (October 26, 2021, in the fall term and March 7, 2022, in the spring term).
   d. Students who withdraw for any reason after midterm will not receive a rebate of any portion of tuition.

3. The death of a student shall cancel charges for tuition as of the date of death, and the bursar will adjust the tuition on a pro rata basis.

4. If the student has received student loans or other forms of financial aid, funds will be returned in the order prescribed by federal regulations; namely, first to Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans, if any; then to Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans; next to any other federal, state, private, or institutional scholarships and loans; and, finally, any remaining balance to the student.

5. Recipients of federal and/or institutional loans who withdraw are required to have an exit interview before leaving Yale. Students leaving Yale receive instructions on completing this process from Yale Student Financial Services.

Financial Aid Policies

The goal of the financial aid program at YDS is to enable students enrolled in its degree programs to manage and meet their institutional and living expenses without diverting undue energy or attention from their educational responsibilities. Most financial aid is awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need—the difference between the cost of attending YDS and the personal or non-YDS resources available to the student during that academic year.

In order to determine financial need, YDS requires students to submit a YDS Financial Aid Application and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Within the parameters of need and its own resources, the School takes into consideration merit and diversity in making its awards. The financial aid award will normally contain a YDS scholarship, the offer of a William D. Ford Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and, when necessary, the Grad PLUS Loan, and the expectation of earnings from a student job. Ten to fifteen hours of work per week are recommended during the academic year. The application deadline for financial aid is March 1 for admissions applicants and April 1 for continuing students.
Financial aid recipients need to apply for financial aid each academic year. Unless an applicant’s financial circumstances have improved significantly, an applicant may count on the same standard of support in subsequent years. If during the academic year a student’s tuition charge changes, the student’s scholarship will be changed by the same proportion as the tuition change.

Whenever a financial aid student receives additional resources unaccounted for in the award letter, the Office of Financial Aid will use those resources to eliminate any unmet need and then reduce educational indebtedness before considering the reduction of a YDS scholarship.

The same policies involving financial aid for citizens of the United States apply to international students. However, because international students without a permanent resident designation are not eligible for federal loans, they need to submit the YDS Financial Aid Application and the International Student Supplemental Application 2021–22 with supporting documentation.

**SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)**

In order to continue to receive financial aid, a student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). The parameters of SAP are discussed under Academic Deficiencies, in the chapter Standards and Requirements.

**Housing Expenses**

Yale Housing operates the three apartment buildings located on Divinity School property, with priority given to YDS students. These buildings contain eighty-four units total, consisting of junior one-bedroom, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom apartments. Two-bedroom units are assigned to residents with dependent children or to single students who wish to reside with a roommate.

Apartments are unfurnished, and each has a living room, kitchenette (refrigerator and stove included), and bathroom. All students are expected to supply their own linens, flatware, dishes, cooking utensils, pillows, blankets, and other housekeeping equipment. Each building has laundry facilities in the basement.

Rental fees are charged monthly to students’ accounts and include heat, hot water, electricity, and wireless Ethernet. Parking is also provided to students possessing proof of vehicle ownership. Housing licenses for incoming students run from August 1 to June 30 and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Contracts for renewing students are twelve months, beginning July 1 and expiring June 30. Rental fees for summer housing are not covered in students’ financial aid packages for the academic year.

Rental rates and online requests for housing are available at https://housing.yale.edu.

Students receive notification of available housing, based on their application criteria, via email. See University Housing Services, in the chapter Yale University Resources and Services.
On-Campus Dining

Breakfast and lunch, priced à la carte, are served Monday through Friday in the Divinity School refectory. All full-time M.Div. and M.A.R. students are automatically billed $1,250 per year for food to be purchased in the refectory on a “declining balance” basis. Students enrolled half-time or less are billed $625 per year for declining balance food purchases. S.T.M. students, nondegree students, and visiting fellows wishing to participate in the declining balance program may do so by contacting the registrar.

Total Expenses

For a single student attending YDS during the 2021–2022 academic year, the total expenses are estimated to be:

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Sources of Support

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Admissions Committee designates several merit scholarships each year. There is no separate application for merit scholarships. The Admissions Committee each year designates the top three applicants to the M.Div. program and the top three to the M.A.R. program as Marquand Scholars. The criteria used in making these selections include exceptional academic achievement, demonstrated leadership ability, and spiritual maturity. Marquand Scholars will receive full tuition and a living allowance, renewable annually.

The William Sloane Coffin Scholars, recommended by the Admissions Committee, are selected among incoming applicants who demonstrate some of the attributes of William Coffin's prophetic leadership, his passion for social justice, and his critical theological interpretations of the contemporary social and political scene. William Sloane Coffin Scholars receive a full-tuition scholarship and a living allowance; the award is renewable.

The St. Luke's Scholarship is a merit scholarship for an entering Episcopal M.Div. student with exceptional academics and demonstrated leadership ability. The scholarship provides full tuition and a living allowance and is renewable.

Institute of Sacred Music students are eligible for full-tuition scholarships and may compete for ISM merit awards.

For more information, visit http://divinity.yale.edu.
NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS
All YDS scholarship awards are administered through the Office of Financial Aid. A scholarship award is a gift without any expectation of repayment and is renewable. Named scholarship funds provide an important portion of the YDS scholarship budget but are not administered separately from this budget and do not require a separate application.

The scholarship awarded a student has a direct relationship to the amount of tuition billed on the student's account. If the tuition decreases or increases, the scholarship will be decreased or increased by the same proportion. If the student decides to enroll for only three courses rather than four courses in the fall term, the tuition charge is reduced by one-fourth, and that student's scholarship is reduced by one-fourth. Students should consult with the Office of Financial Aid first to be sure that all adjustments were made before a refund is taken from their account.

VETERANS BENEFITS
For information about eligibility and application for educational benefits for veterans, visit the United States Department of Veterans Affairs website at http://benefits.va.gov/gibill. To have your enrollment certified to the Veterans Administration, contact the Divinity School registrar.

LOANS
YDS utilizes the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (unsubsidized) and the Grad PLUS Loan Program. A student must be enrolled at least half-time in a degree program and have demonstrated financial need to be eligible to receive federal funds.

EMPLOYMENT
Students receiving financial aid are expected to contribute to their expenses by earning $4,000 during the academic year. By working ten to fifteen hours per week on campus or off campus, it will not be difficult to earn that amount. The resources of the University's Student Employment Office are available to all YDS students (www.yalestudentjobs.org).

Likewise, students may be eligible to receive federal Work-Study funds to help secure jobs on campus or with nonprofit agencies off campus. These funds are applied for at the Office of Financial Aid after a student has obtained a job.

Students in YDS occasionally have the opportunity to serve as a teaching fellow in courses in Yale College. Such opportunities normally arise only when the student has an unusually strong background in the subject of the course. The associate dean of academic affairs must approve all plans to serve as a teaching fellow before negotiations are concluded with the department offering the course and before the course actually begins to meet.

Student Accounts and Billing
Student accounts, billing, and related services are administered through the Office of Student Financial Services, which is located at 246 Church Street. The office's website is https://student-accounts.yale.edu.
STUDENT ACCOUNT
The Student Account is a record of all the direct charges for a student’s Yale education such as tuition, room, board, fees, and other academically related items assessed by offices throughout the University. It is also a record of all payments, financial aid, and other credits applied toward these charges.

Students and student-designated proxies can view all activity posted to their Student Account in real time through the University’s online billing and payment system, YalePay (https://student-accounts.yale.edu/yalepay). At the beginning of each month, email reminders to log in to YalePay to review the Student Account activity are sent to all students at their official Yale email address and to all student-designated YalePay proxies. Payment is due by 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the first of the following month.

Yale does not mail paper bills or generate monthly statements. Students and their authorized proxies can generate their own account statements in YalePay in pdf form to print or save. The statements can be generated by term or for a date range and can be submitted to employers, 401K plans, 529/College Savings Plans, scholarship agencies, or other organizations for documentation of the charges.

Students can grant others proxy access to YalePay to view student account activity, set up payment plans, and make online payments. For more information, see Proxy Access and Authorization (https://sfas.yale.edu/proxy-access-and-authorization).

The Office of Student Financial Services will impose late fees of $125 per month (up to a total of $375 per term) if any part of the term bill, less Yale-administered loans and scholarships that have been applied for on a timely basis, is not paid when due. Students who have not paid their student account term charges by the due date will also be placed on Financial Hold. The hold will remain until the term charges have been paid in full. While on Financial Hold, the University will not fulfill requests for transcripts or provide diplomas and reserves the right to withhold registration or withdraw the student for financial reasons.

PAYMENT OPTIONS
There are a variety of options offered for making payments toward a student’s Student Account. Please note:

• All bills must be paid in U.S. currency.
• Yale does not accept credit or debit cards for Student Account payments.
• Payments should not be made to a Student Account that are in excess of the balance due (net of pending financial aid credits). Yale reserves the right to return any overpayments.

Online Payments through YalePay
Yale’s recommended method of payment is online through YalePay (https://student-accounts.yale.edu/yalepay). Online payments are easy and convenient and can be made by anyone with a U.S. checking or savings account. There is no charge to use this service. Bank information is password-protected and secure, and there is a printable confirmation receipt. Payments are immediately posted to the Student Account, which
allows students to make payments 365/24/7 up to 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date of the bill, from any location, and avoid late fees.

For those who choose to pay by check, a remittance advice and mailing instructions are available on YalePay. Checks should be made payable to Yale University, in U.S. dollars, and drawn on a U.S. bank. To avoid late fees, please allow for adequate mailing time to ensure that payment is received by 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Cash and check payments are also accepted at the Student Financial Services Cashier’s Office, located at 246 Church Street. The Cashier’s Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Yale University partners with Flywire, a leading provider of international payment solutions, to provide a fast and secure way to make international payments to a Student Account within YalePay. Students and authorized proxies can initiate international payments from the Make Payment tab in YalePay by selecting “International Payment via Flywire” as the payment method, and then selecting the country from which payment will be made to see available payment methods. International payment via Flywire allows students and authorized proxies to save on bank fees and exchange rates, track the payment online from start to finish, and have access to 24/7 multilingual customer support. For more information on making international payments via Flywire, see International Payments Made Easy at https://student-accounts.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/Yale%20International%20Payments%20-%20YalePay.pdf.

A processing charge of $25 will be assessed for payments rejected for any reason by the bank on which they were drawn. In addition, the following penalties may apply if a payment is rejected:

1. If the payment was for a term bill, late fees of $125 per month will be charged for the period the bill was unpaid, as noted above.
2. If the payment was for a term bill to permit registration, the student’s registration may be revoked.
3. If the payment was given to settle an unpaid balance in order to receive a diploma, the University may refer the account to an attorney for collection.

YALE PAYMENT PLAN

A Yale Payment Plan provides parents and students with the option to pay education expenses monthly. It is designed to relieve the pressure of lump-sum payments by allowing families to spread payments over a period of months without incurring any interest charges. Participation is optional and elected on a term basis. The cost to sign up is $50 per term.

Depending on the date of enrollment, students may be eligible for up to five installments for the fall and spring terms. Payment Plan installments will be automatically deducted on the 5th of each month from the bank account specified when enrolling in the plan. For enrollment deadlines and additional details concerning the Yale Payment Plan, see https://student-accounts.yale.edu/ypp.

BILL PAYMENT AND PENDING MILITARY BENEFITS

Yale will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other facilities, or the requirement that a student
borrow additional funds, on any student because of the student’s inability to meet their financial obligations to the institution, when the delay is due to the delayed disbursement of funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.

Yale will permit a student to attend or participate in their course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the student provides to Yale a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 31 or 33 and ending on the earlier of the following dates: (1) the date on which payment from VA is made to Yale; (2) ninety days after the date Yale certifies tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

**Interruption or Temporary Suspension of University Services or Programs**

Certain events that are beyond the University’s control may cause or require the interruption or temporary suspension of some or all services and programs customarily furnished by the University. These events include, but are not limited to, epidemics or other public health emergencies; storms, floods, earthquakes, or other natural disasters; war, terrorism, rioting, or other acts of violence; loss of power, water, or other utility services; and strikes, work stoppages, or job actions. In the face of such events, the University may, at its sole discretion, provide substitute services and programs or appropriate refunds. The decision to suspend services and programs shall be made at the sole discretion of the University.
COMMUNITY LIFE AND SERVICES

Worship

Every day that classes are in session, there is a community hour when no classes or meetings are held that provides an opportunity for community Christian worship, and for daily community fellowship, which is central to our purpose. This community hour reflects the commitment of YDS to the recognition that theological education encompasses far more than gaining qualifications alone.

Services are held in Marquand Chapel at 11:30 a.m. and last thirty minutes, except on Fridays, when the community takes forty-five minutes to celebrate Eucharist, Holy Communion, or the Lord’s Supper.

Daily worship in Marquand Chapel draws on the many Christian traditions represented at YDS as well as engaging from time to time with the voices of other faiths. The worship planning is highly collaborative and varied, and students, faculty, staff, and visitors are regularly invited to join the team to plan and lead worship. Community singing is central to our worship, supported by student choirs and regular visiting musicians. Sermons are given by faculty, staff, guests, and students, and many other liturgical arts are employed—from dance, to painting, to theater, to poetry.

The Marquand Chapel program is led by the dean of chapel and a team of professional staff. Each year the chapel team also includes a number of student chapel ministers, musicians, and choir directors. Opportunities to join the team are posted each term. An advisory committee with faculty and student representatives provides a forum for robust discussion of the chapel experience.

There are other opportunities for worship at YDS—in the Henri Nouwen Chapel on the lower level of the library, and at St. Luke’s Chapel at the Berkeley Center. Services in these chapels are organized by various denominational groups. Daily and weekly worship services offered by Andover Newton Seminary and Berkeley Divinity School are open to all YDS students.

A rich variety of worship is offered by many religious traditions throughout the University. Yale’s historic University Church at Battell Chapel offers ecumenical Christian Sunday morning worship. The Chaplain’s Office, directed by Yale University Chaplain Sharon M.K. Kugler, offers or coordinates programs of worship and spiritual reflection throughout campus and is a point of contact for connections with all major religious faiths within Yale and throughout New Haven. Resources are listed at http://chaplain.yale.edu.

YDS Students and Their Passions

Yale Divinity School attracts students with a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. Most are recent college graduates, but a sizeable number are second-career students; many aim to enter the ordained or lay ministries, while others are interested in the life of the academy, the world of nonprofits, or the arts and communications; a majority are associated with mainline Protestantism; many are Roman Catholic, some are
Jewish, some are evangelical, and others have no formal affiliation. The student body is increasingly characterized by diverse ethnicities and racial identities, and the LGBTQ community is an integral part of campus life. Mirroring this is a diverse array of activities through which YDS students pursue their passions, creating a palpable energy that permeates the campus on many levels. Activities include those that are linked to the Community Life Committee or Yale Divinity Student Government (see Student Groups and Activities, below) and also those pursued in less formal ways. A few recent examples of student endeavors, past and present: extraordinary student art on display in YDS’s Sarah Smith Gallery such as exhibits on the history and contributions of Black churches and on the LGBTQ community at the Divinity School; a student-run community garden on campus, focused on organic and sustainable growing methods that encourage a theological appreciation for creation; travel abroad to participate in globally significant religious dialogues, such as an International Women’s Day panel at the Vatican on the topic of women’s leadership in Catholicism; small church gatherings in apartments or other informal settings as venues for creative, egalitarian, and progressive worship with communion at the center; DivOut, a fellowship of students, faculty, and staff of all sexual orientations dedicated to the full and equal participation of homosexual, bisexual, transgender, and queer people in church and society; the annual student-run Graduate Conference in Religion and Ecology, a unique academic venue showcasing graduate and professional research on the intersections of environmental ethics and moral worldviews; writing about faith, such as poetry enabled under a Ruth Lilly Fellowship, awarded to five young poets nationwide each year; a student-driven podcast series featuring interviews with faculty on questions related to the intersection of faith and public life.

Office of Vocation and Leadership

The Office of Vocation and Leadership works with students as they find a focus for their vocation and work lives. Formal internship experiences, in church, school, and nonprofit settings in either the academic year or summer, are a primary way of developing skills for work in the professional world. Support for vocational discernment is offered by the associate dean for ministerial and social leadership, the director of supervised ministries, and the director of professional formation.

The office’s online jobs bank offers a sampling of the kinds of work opportunities that exist in church, schools, and nonprofit agencies, as well as some academic year and summer job opportunities. This list is not exhaustive, and students are encouraged to look broadly at denominational opportunities and the larger online employment lists, like https://www.idealist.org and https://www.workforgood.org. In addition, spring-term résumé workshops and follow-up individual résumé assistance are offered. More guidance and information is available from office staff.

YDS Bookstore

The YDS Bookstore has been serving the needs of the Divinity School and the wider Yale community for more than eighty years. Faculty publications, school supplies, and licensed YDS merchandise are among the items available for purchase.
Mail

YDS is not able to assume responsibility for receiving or sending personal mail and packages. All members of the community should use their home address (their apartment address if living on campus) for all personal mail and package deliveries.

Student Groups and Activities

YDS students enjoy a rich community life in both the School itself and the larger University. On the YDS campus, life outside the classroom centers on two student-led organizations, the Yale Divinity Student Government (YDSG) and the Community Life Committee (CLC), both of which provide programming to enrich community life among students, faculty, and staff of YDS.

The YDSG leadership is elected each spring term. Through the YDSG, students have an active voice alongside faculty and administration in making decisions affecting the academic and community life of YDS. In addition, the YDSG, in conjunction with the CLC, addresses the needs of the community as they arise each year.

The CLC, under the direction of student coordinators and a committee of students, faculty, and staff, oversees the work and ministry of student groups on campus. In addition, the CLC sponsors annual events such as the Advent Party and Spring Fling, as well as a series of monthly community events during the academic year to provide an opportunity for socializing and the sharing of community concerns.

The student groups and activities all make community life at YDS rich in opportunities for learning, socializing, serving, and leadership. In addition, as members of the Yale University graduate and professional student population, YDS students are invited to participate in various student organizations and activities. YDS students enjoy the social life of the Gryphon, a graduate and professional student center located at 204 York Street near the central University campus. The Schwarzman Center at Yale University also fosters collaboration, wellness, and belonging at Yale through dining and the arts. Students are involved in leadership of graduate student activities and programs through the Graduate and Professional Student Senate. These venues for socializing and programming enable YDS students to meet and work alongside students from Yale’s other graduate and professional schools.

Choirs

The Marquand Chapel Choir and the Marquand Gospel and Inspirational Choir (MaGIC) are active student organizations under the supervision of faculty members of YDS and the Institute of Sacred Music. The choirs offer anthems and support congregational singing at weekly services. Members of the Chapel Choir, led by Director of Chapel Music Nathaniel Gumbs, are selected in early September, with auditions for voice placement. The Gospel Choir is led by Mark Miller, lecturer in the Institute of Sacred Music; this choir requires no audition. Both choirs may be taken for credit (REL 801 and REL 802).
Lectureships

The Roland Bainton Lectureship, inaugurated in 1988, represents the two foci of Professor Bainton’s life and work: church history and the church's witness to peace and justice.

The Bartlett Lectureship was created in 1986 with a gift from the Reverend Robert M. Bartlett, B.D. 1924, and his wife, Sue Bartlett. The lectureship serves a twofold purpose. The first is to foster knowledge and appreciation of the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony and their contribution to the religious, intellectual, and political life of America. The second is to encourage understanding of the history and culture of modern China. These two areas, which have commanded interest and attention over many decades, are treated on a rotating basis. In 1992 the Bartletts added to their gift and broadened the scope to include “Democracy, Human Rights, and World Peace.”

The Bauer-Broholm Lectureship was established in 2020 by Bradley Bauer, D.Min. 2016 (Andover Newton Theological School), for the benefit of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School. The lectureship sponsors lectures on the topic of the intersection of lay ministry and applied theology, meaning the practices of faith at work, while also shining light on the ways in which churches produce leaders who make ethical contributions to society.

The Lyman Beecher Lectureship was founded in 1871 by a gift from Henry W. Sage of Brooklyn, New York, as a memorial to the great divine whose name it bears, to sponsor an annual series of lectures on a topic appropriate to the work of the ministry.

The Francis X. Cheney Lectureship in Pastoral Theology was established by students and friends to encourage a minister’s proper focus in pastoral care. The lectureship is open to scholars in all disciplines who seek to bring their expertise to bear on this subject. This lecture is given every second year at Berkeley Divinity School, alternating with the Louis Wetherbee Pitt Lectureship.

The Loring Sabin Ensign Lectureship in Contemporary Interpretation of Religious Issues was founded in 1994 by church members and other friends to honor Loring S. Ensign, M.Div. 1951, for his twenty-five years of service as pastor of the Southport Congregational Church (Connecticut).

The Hoskins Visitorship was established in 1967 in memory of Fred Hoskins, B.D. 1932, by gifts from the churches that he served and individual friends. The Hoskins Visitor is a Christian leader invited to the School to deal particularly with issues that relate to the reform and renewal of the church. This visitorship is given every second year, alternating with the Luccock Visitorship.

The Kavanagh Lecture, presented by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, is named for the late Professor Emeritus of Liturgics Aidan J. Kavanagh O.S.B., and often given in conjunction with Convocation Week at YDS.

The Luccock Visitorship was established in 1963 in memory of Halford E. Luccock, who served as professor in the School from 1928 to 1953, by gifts from alumni and other friends. The Luccock Visitor, usually a parish minister, is invited to spend several
days at YDS. This visitorship is given every second year, alternating with the Hoskins Visitorship.

The *Parks-King Lectureship* commemorates two civil rights activists, Mrs. Rosa Parks and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It was established in 1983 through the efforts of the Yale Black Seminarians. The lecture brings the contributions of African American scholars, social theorists, pastors, and social activists to YDS and to the larger New Haven community.

The *Louis Wetherbee Pitt Lectureship* was established as a memorial to the Rev. Dr. Pitt and his wife, Blanche Parmelee Pitt, by his family to provide for lectures by distinguished preachers and world Christians. This lecture is given every second year at Berkeley Divinity School, alternating with the Francis X. Cheney Lectureship.

The *Shaffer Lectureship* was established in 1929 by a gift from John C. Shaffer of Chicago, Illinois, as a memorial to his son, Kent Shaffer, Ph.D. 1907, to sponsor lectures on the life, character, and teachings of Jesus. This series is given every second year, alternating with the Nathaniel W. Taylor lecture series.

The *Margaret Lindquist Sorensen Lectureship* was established in 1978 by a gift from her son, Andrew A. Sorensen, B.D. 1962, to provide an annual lecture on politics and ethics.

The *Nathaniel W. Taylor Lectureship in Theology* was created in 1902 by a gift from Rebecca Taylor Hatch of Brooklyn, New York, in memory of her father, who was Dwight Professor of Didactic Theology from 1822 to 1858. A series of lectures on some theme in theology is given every second year, alternating with the Shaffer lecture series.

The *Dwight H. Terry Lectureship* was established in 1905 by a gift from Dwight H. Terry of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and in 1923 inaugurated lectures on “Religion in the Light of Science and Philosophy.” It is administered by the Yale Office of the Secretary.
FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Graduate fellowships are awarded by the faculty each year to those members of the graduating class who have acquired such proficiency in theological studies as best to qualify them for the further work made possible by these grants.

The Day Fellowship was established in 1910 by a bequest from Olivia Hotchkiss Day in memory of her husband, George Edward Day, B.A. 1833.

The S. Ellsworth and Carol S. Grumman Endowed Fellowship Fund was established in 1980 by Helen Burr Grumman. The income from this fund is awarded to needy students whose interest and course of study include the field of Christian social ethics and whose commitment to ministry emphasizes the renewal, clarification, and practical application of Christian ethics and moral values.

The Hooker-Dwight Fellowship was established in 1878 and 1885 by gifts from President Timothy Dwight, B.A. 1849, in memory of his sister, Aurelia D. Hooker, and his mother, Susan B. Dwight. Students hold these fellowships for one year after graduation and are expected to pursue courses of theological or other appropriate study under the direction of the faculty, either at Yale, at other universities in this country, or in Great Britain, Europe, or Israel.

The Jarvis Alumni Fellowships of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale were established by a trust fund created in 1910 by Samuel Fermor Jarvis, D.D. Class of 1854. The fund was received by the Berkeley Divinity School in 1956. One-sixth of the annual income is to be used for two alumni fellowships for graduate study in ecclesiastical law and church history.

The Abraham Johannes Malherbe Fellowship was endowed to support doctoral study in New Testament and Early Church History. Awarded solely on the basis of academic excellence, the fellowship is awarded annually to that M.A.R. or M.Div. graduate of YDS who has the most outstanding preparation in Greek and/or Latin and has been admitted to a doctoral program in New Testament or Early Church History at Yale or another university. The fellowship is intended not to be a contribution toward the tuition of the doctoral program but to enrich the student’s educational experience. Stipulations are available from the associate dean of academic affairs.

The Two Brothers Fellowship, founded in 1926 by Caroline Hazard in memory of her brothers, Rowland Gibson Hazard and Frederick Rowland Hazard, is awarded annually by the faculty of YDS to a student or students to pursue biblical study, in Jerusalem when possible.

The John Henry Watson Fellowship of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale was founded in 1916 by Mrs. Susan M. Watson in memory of her husband, John Henry Watson, a graduate of the Berkeley Divinity School in the Class of 1871. The faculty may appoint to the fellowship some member of the graduating class, or of one of the five preceding classes, whose work they consider worthy of the recognition and who intends to pursue an approved course of graduate study during the ensuing year at an American or foreign institution of learning. The fellowship may be held by the same graduate for
consecutive years or may be withheld in any year. The title may be held without the income or with only a part thereof.

PRIZES

The Bradford E. Ableson Prize for Ecclesiastical Leadership honors two decades of distinguished leadership in ministry by Bradford E. Ableson, M.Div. 1985, an Episcopal priest and captain in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps. The prize, with a preference for Episcopal or Anglican students, is awarded annually to the student who possesses the most outstanding qualities of judgment and character for the future exercise of ecclesiastical leadership.

The Julia A. Archibald High Scholarship Prize, founded in 1921 by the Reverend Andrew W. Archibald, B.D. 1876, in memory of his wife, is awarded each year to that member of the graduating class who ranks highest in scholarship, the members of the faculty being judges.

The Frederick Buechner Prize in Writing, founded in 2014 by the Frederick Buechner Center, is awarded each year to a student who has submitted a sample of theological or religious writing that, in the minds of the faculty, represents the highest standard of writing by Yale students, following in the traditions of Frederick Buechner.

The Wolcott Calkins Prize, founded in 1938 by bequest from Charlotte W. Calkins in memory of her husband, Wolcott Calkins, B.A. 1856, is awarded each year for excellence in clear and vigorous pulpit speaking. It is open to all students in the first-, second-, and senior-year classes.

The Martin B. Copenhaver Preaching Prize was established in 2019 in honor of the retirement of Martin B. Copenhaver, M.Div. 1980, and in recognition of his great preaching legacy. This prize is awarded to a student in the Andover Newton Seminary program for exceptional achievement in, and promise for, outstanding preaching.

The Oliver Ellsworth Daggett Scholarship Prize, founded in 1931 by bequest from Susan E. Daggett in memory of her father, Oliver E. Daggett, B.A. 1828, is awarded each year to that student who, at the end of the second year of study in the School, is in need of financial assistance and who is judged by the faculty to be most worthy in point of ability, diligence, Christian character, and promise of usefulness as a preacher.

The Downes Prizes, founded in 1896 by a gift from William E. Downes, B.A. 1845, are awarded annually to those students who shall attain the highest proficiency in the public reading of the scriptures and of hymns.

The Harriet Jackson Ely Prize was founded in 1995 by a gift from Harriet Jackson Ely. The prize is awarded each year to a second-year Master of Divinity student for excellence and promise in theology.

The R. Lansing Hicks Prize was established in honor of Professor Emeritus of Old Testament R. Lansing Hicks by the Berkeley Divinity School Graduate Society in 1989. This prize is awarded to the graduating senior who has done most to benefit the Berkeley community during the student’s years in New Haven.

The Koinonia Award Fund Prize was transferred from Andover Newton Theological Seminary in 2019. The prize is awarded to students with extraordinary achievement
in subject areas of the Andover Newton Seminary faculty’s choosing that are complementary to existing Yale Divinity School prizes.

The William Palmer Ladd Prize was established by the Berkeley Divinity School Graduate Society in 1996 in memory of the dean of Berkeley who brought the school from Middletown to New Haven and presided over its life for a quarter of a century. This prize is awarded to a rising senior who has achieved academic distinction during the first two years of study.

The Linda LeSourd Lader Prize, established in 2012 by Linda LeSourd Lader, M.Div. 2008, is awarded annually to one or more students from the Reformed tradition pursuing ordained ministry who show outstanding promise for leadership.

The Eleanor Lee McGee Prize was established by the Berkeley Divinity School Graduate Society in 1999 to honor the ministry through the church of the first woman to serve as a member of the Berkeley/YDS faculty. This prize is presented to a rising middler who has achieved academic distinction during the first year of study.

The Mersick Prizes, founded in 1906 by a gift from Mrs. Frederick T. Bradley of New Haven in memory of her father, Charles S. Mersick, Esq., are designed to promote effective public address, especially in preaching.

The E. William Muehl Prize in Preaching was established in 1989 by the Berkeley Divinity School Graduate Society in honor of E. William Muehl, Stephen Merrell Clement Professor Emeritus of Christian Methods. This prize is awarded to a graduating senior who is the most eloquent preacher in the senior class.

The Jess H. and Hugo A. Norenberg Prize, established in 1984 by a gift from Don R. Norenberg in memory of his father, B.D. 1923, and uncle, B.D. 1926, is awarded each year to a student who excels in preaching and/or the conduct of corporate worship.

The Thomas Philips Memorial Award was established through donations in memory of Thomas Philips, M.Div. 1989, a Berkeley graduate who died in 1996. This prize is presented to a graduating senior who shows exceptional achievement and further promise in the study and practice of Anglican liturgy.

The Marvin H. Pope Prize in Biblical Hebrew, established in 1988, honors the career of Marvin H. Pope, a member of the Yale faculty from 1949 to 1986. The prize is awarded on the basis of outstanding achievement in Biblical Hebrew.

The St. Luke’s Award was established in 1998 to honor that person (or persons) who has made an outstanding contribution to the worship life of Berkeley Divinity School through devoted service to St. Luke’s Chapel.

The Tew Prizes, established in 1929 by bequest from Willis Tew of the Class of 1866, Yale College, for the purchase of books, are awarded to those students in YDS and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences who have shown exceptional ability in philosophy, literature, ethics, or history during their first year of study. A list of the books to be purchased must be approved by the dean of YDS or the dean of the Graduate School and must include the works and journals of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Half of the prizes are given to students in YDS and half to students in the Graduate School.
The *Henry Hallam Tweedy Prize* was established in 1991 by a gift from Mrs. Mary J. Tweedy and her daughters in memory of Mrs. Tweedy’s father-in-law, Henry H. Tweedy, professor of practical theology at YDS from 1909 to 1937. The prize is awarded to a graduating Master of Divinity student with exceptional promise for pastoral leadership.

The *John A. Wade Prize*, founded in 1934 by bequest from John A. Wade, B.A. 1899, B.D. 1901, is awarded each year to that student in the first-, second-, or senior-year class who has shown the greatest originality in expository preaching.

In addition to the prizes described above, the Academy of American Poets Prize, the Albert Stanburrough Cook Prize in poetry, the Jacob Cooper Prize in Greek philosophy, the George Washington Egleston Prize in American History, the Theron Rockwell Field Prize, the James S. Metcalfe Prize, and the John Addison Porter Prize are open to students of YDS, as well as to the students of other schools of the University.
SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPECIAL FUNDS

An asterisk (*) indicates a scholarship or special fund that was transferred by Andover Newton Theological School (now Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School) in 2019.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Bradford E. Ableson Scholarship was established in 2008 by Julia Ableson to honor her husband, the Rev. Dr. Bradford Edward Ableson, M.Div. 1985. The scholarship is awarded annually with a preference for students who are postulants or candidates for Holy Orders of the Episcopal Church and demonstrate superior promise for pastoral ministry.

The Harry Baker Adams Scholarship was created in 1993 by a gift from Frank P. Wendt, charter member and chairman emeritus of the Yale Divinity School Board of Advisors. The scholarship has since been augmented by numerous gifts from other friends, students, and admirers of Professor Harry B. Adams, B.A. 1947, B.D. 1951, who has touched the lives of so many who have attended the School. The purpose of the scholarship is to attract “the brightest and the best.”


*The Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins Scholarship is awarded with a preference toward United Church of Christ students and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church Scholarship was established in 2007 by Bishop Frederick Hilborn Talbot, M.Div. 1957, and his friends and family to honor him for receiving the YDS “Lux et Veritas” Alumni Award. This scholarship is awarded annually to students preparing for ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal Church or for students from Guyana.

The Henry W. Allis Scholarship was established in 1890 by Mrs. Emily W. Colton of New Haven as a memorial to her son, Henry W. Allis, of the Yale College Class of 1844, who died in 1841. The income from the fund is to be used to assist needy theological students.

*The Fred W. Anderson ’67 Scholarship is awarded with a preference toward United Church of Christ students and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Andover Newton Seminary General Scholarship is awarded with a preference toward students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Sadaichi and Shizue Marian Asai Scholarship is awarded with a preference toward students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Harold and Jan Attridge Scholarship is awarded annually to students at YDS from any denomination or religious background who display exceptional promise of serving...
the church either in pastoral ministry or in the academic study of the theological disciplines.

The Charles Atwater Scholarship Fund was established in 1864 by Mr. Charles Atwater, Jr., B.A. 1834, to benefit deserving YDS students.

The Edward E. Atwater Scholarship Fund was established in 1867 by the Rev. Edward E. Atwater, B.A. 1836, to benefit deserving YDS students.

The James Averill, Class of 1840, Divinity Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2019 by Kenneth L. Jacobs, S.T.M. 1976, and Elizabeth H. Jacobs, to benefit one or more YDS students and honor military chaplains and other veterans who attended YDS. The fund is named in memory of James Averill (Divinity Class of 1840), who served as a U.S. Army chaplain during the Civil War.

The Margaret Bamiduro and the Rev. Keith A. King Scholarship was established in 2014 by Ademuyiwa Bamiduro, Esq., M.Div. 2013. The scholarship honors his mother, Margaret Bamiduro, and his teacher and mentor, the Rev. Keith A. King. Preference for this scholarship is given to students from the Baptist tradition, particularly African American students and students from other underrepresented ethnic groups.

*The Baptist Scholarship Fund is awarded with a preference for Baptist students and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Elizabeth Hunt Barney Scholarship Fund was established in 1963 in memory of Elizabeth Hunt Barney, former registrar of the Divinity School, by her family and friends. The scholarship is to benefit deserving YDS students.

The David L. Bartlett Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by friends and former students to honor the life and work of Professor David L. Bartlett, B.D. 1967, M.Phil. 1969, Ph.D. 1972. David Bartlett is the J. Edward and Ruth Cox Lantz Professor Emeritus of Christian Communication and the former dean of academic affairs at the Divinity School. Preference for this scholarship is given to promising M.Div. students preparing for ordination to the Christian ministry.

The Elisha Bates Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established by the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bates Johnson '84 M.Div., in memory of her ancestor Elisha Bates (b. 1781, Virginia; d. 1861, Ohio), who was a prominent Quaker minister and social justice advocate in Ohio during the mid-1800s. The fund has a preference for M.Div. women students who self-identify as United Church of Christ or another mainline U.S. Protestant denomination. Eligible students must have demonstrated leadership in social justice issues and exhibit promise for exceptional leadership in ministry focused on social justice education and outreach.

The George and Carol Bauer Scholarship was established by George Bauer in 2011. The scholarship is to benefit one or more deserving students with demonstrated financial need.

The BDS General Scholarships were established in 2005 for the Berkeley Divinity School with no further restriction.
The Joseph B. Beadle Scholarship was established in 1869 by a gift from Joseph Blakslee Beadle in honor of his son, John Beadle, a member of the Yale College Class of 1886. The fund is to be used for scholarship in YDS without restrictions.

*The Ruth Frances Caravalho Beals Scholarship is awarded with a preference toward American Baptist students preparing for ordained ministry and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Howard C. Benson Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by a bequest from the estate of the Rev. Howard C. Benson, S.T.M. 1953. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Thomas and Charlene Berardino Family Fund was established in 2019 by Thomas and Charlene Berardino to provide a stipend for an outstanding student affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

The Berkeley Class of 2018 Scholarship was established in 2018 on the occasion of the class’s graduation for the benefit of deserving students in Berkeley Divinity School.

*The John M. Billinsky Scholarship is awarded with a preference toward students interested in counseling or psychology and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Birmingham-Drummond Scholarship was established in 2019 by Jacqueline J. Birmingham to benefit one or more deserving students, with a preference toward students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Bonita and Oliver Black Scholarship is awarded with a preference toward United Church of Christ students preparing for ordained ministry and students in the Andover Newton Seminary Program.

The Reverend and Mrs. Allen C. Blume Scholarship in support of outstanding YDS students in need of financial aid was created in 1992 by Allen C. Blume, B.D. 1959, and his wife, Phyllis, as part of the effort of the Classes of the ’50s to raise new scholarship endowments. Members of the United Church of Christ receive preference for this scholarship.

The William and Diane Elliott Blunt Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 by the Rev. Elizabeth E. Blunt, M.Div. 2014, for the benefit of one or more students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

*The John D. and Donna Beth Blythe Scholarship is awarded with a preference for American Baptist students and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Rev. Stephen M. Bolle Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 by the Rev. Canon Stephen M. Bolle, S.T.B. 1967, for the benefit of one or more students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

The Rev. Bobby Ray Bonds ’56 and Elsie Clapp Bonds Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 by Bobby and Elsie Bonds to benefit one or more deserving students, with a preference toward M.Div. students pursuing a career in parish ministry.
The Richard Borden Fund was established in 1863 by Col. Richard Borden, father of M.C.D. Borden, a member of the Yale College Class of 1864. The scholarship is to benefit deserving YDS students.

The Charles Minor Boswell Memorial Fund was established in 1883 to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Franklin A. Bower Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Edward W. Bradley Memorial Scholarship is awarded with a preference for second-career students or those with young families, and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Reverend Frederic L. Bradley Endowment Fund (Class of 1924) was established in 1993 in his memory by his widow, Martha Bradley. The income is to assist students studying for the Episcopal priesthood.

The Clifton Hartwell Brewer Fund was created in 1949 by Maud Dorman Brewer in memory of her husband. It is to be used for general scholarship purposes at YDS.

*The Henry C. Brooks Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The William Roy Brown and Dora Margaret Wade Brown Scholarship was established in 1997 by a gift from Helena C. Brown, M.A.R. 1970, in memory of her parents. The scholarship is open to all students regardless of race, color, creed, or denominational status.

*The John and Hilda Brush Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students interested in the history of the Christian church and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Edward Bull Fund was established by Mrs. Eliza Ann Bull in memory of her husband, the Rev. Edward Bull, a member of the Yale College Class of 1816. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Alice K. and William J. Burger Scholarship Fund was established in 1985 by the Rev. William Burger, B.D. 1938, and his wife to aid needy students who enter YDS before age thirty.

*The James H. Burns Memorial Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The George A. Bushee Memorial Fund was established in 1962 by Mrs. Florence E. Bushee in memory of her husband, George Aldrich Bushee, B.D. 1896. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The John and Alice Byers Scholarship was begun in 1990 by John and Alice Byers, B.D. 1949. The scholarship is for students who are preparing for the parish ministry, with preference given to members of the United Church of Christ.

*The Reverend Raymond Calkins Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.
The Canaday Scholarship was established by Wilbur D. Canaday, Jr., B.D. 1945, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation from YDS. Its purpose is to provide financial assistance to needy students who show great promise.

The William R. Cannon, Jr., Scholarship was established in 1981 to honor Bishop Cannon, M.Div. 1940, for his distinguished service to World Methodism as well as his concern for ecumenical ministry. The scholarship is given by preference to ministerial candidates from any of the World Methodist churches from the United States and from abroad—United Methodist, A.M.E., A.M.E.Z., C.M.E., True Methodists, and Wesleyan.

The J. Fuller and Pansy B. Carroll Scholarship Fund was established in 2009. The scholarship is awarded with a preference for Episcopalians.


*The Central Baptist Society of Thompson, CT Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Central Congregational Church Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Paul Wesley Chalfant Scholarship was created in 1989 by Paul Chalfant, B.D. 1947. The donor was the author of God in Seven Persons—Blessed Multiplicity.

The Mary Lockwood Brewster Chapman Scholarship Fund was established in 2019 by Alison Acker Gruske, Ph.D., M.A.R. 2007, for the benefit of one or more deserving women students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

*The Edwin O. Childs Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Robert H. Christenson Memorial Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Jack L. Clark Endowment was established in 2005 to benefit one or more deserving students.

The Susan C. Clarke Scholarship was established in 1896 by a bequest of Susan C. Clarke of Middletown, Connecticut. The income from this fund is to be used for general scholarship.

The Class of 1950 Scholarship was established in 1993 by members of the YDS Class of 1950, led by class agents George and Doris Younger, in response to the “Classes of the ’50s” Endowment Drive of 1991–93 and as a lasting memorial of their gratitude to the School. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student needing financial assistance to complete the student’s YDS education.

The Class of 1951 YAF Scholarship was established by members of the Class of 1951. The scholarship is awarded annually to students needing general financial assistance.
The Class of 1952 Scholarship was founded with gifts from the Class of 1952 on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of their graduation from YDS and in response to a challenge from their class secretary, Richard C. Stazesky. Class agent Richard M. Mapes coordinated the fundraising effort. The scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding student pursuing a Master of Divinity degree.

The Class of 1952 International Student Scholarship was established in 2002 on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Class of 1952 to attract and prepare the best and brightest international students. Preference is given to students from Asia, South America, and Africa.

The Class of 1953 Scholarship was endowed between the years 1991 and 1994 as part of the YDS Capital Campaign. Led by successive class agents Henry K. Yordon and Frank Snow, members of the Class of 1953 created this fund as part of the “Classes of the ’50s” Endowment Drive. The scholarship is to be awarded to students who show both financial need and a special aptitude for theological study.

The Class of 1954 Scholarship was completed on the occasion of the fortieth reunion year of the class, partly through memorial gifts in honor of the late Clarence Edward Egan, Jr., the class’s longtime class agent, who died during the final year of the effort. Frederic Guile and Rodney G. Snedeker were responsible for the final phases of fundraising. The scholarship is to be awarded with an eye toward assisting those who might encounter special obstacles in their ministries because of their gender, race, or sexual orientation.

The Class of 1956 Scholarship was established in 1992 through the Alumni Fund contributions of the members of the YDS Class of 1956 in the academic years 1991–93. Class of 1956 class agent Frank A. Mullen was responsible for bringing together the class’s gifts to create a fund to support a needy student at the School. More than 50 percent of the class participated in this venture.

The Class of 1957 Scholarship was established as an endowed fund in 2007 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion in thanksgiving for the education YDS gave to the class members. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student needing financial assistance to complete the student’s YDS education.

The Class of 1958 Scholarship was created at the time of that class’s thirty-fifth reunion and was their response to the YDS “Classes of the ’50s” scholarship endowment drive. Class agent James D. Hammerlee was assisted by classmate James K. Donnell in achieving the class’s goal. The interest from the endowment is to be used to support a needy student, with preference given to one intending to enter the ordained ministry.

The Class of 1959 Global Opportunities Fund was created in 2009 by the YDS Class of 1959 on the occasion of its fiftieth reunion. Preference for this fund is given to YDS students studying abroad or to international students studying at YDS.

The Class of 1959 YAF Scholarship was established by members of the YDS Class of 1959. The scholarship is awarded annually to students needing general financial assistance.

The Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund was created in 2011 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion to provide financial aid to YDS students.
The Class of 1962 Scholarship was established by members of the Class of 1962 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion in 2012. The scholarship is awarded annually to one or more students with a demonstrated financial need.

The Class of 1963 Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion for the benefit of one or more deserving students.

The Class of 1964 Scholarship Fund was established in 2014 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion for the benefit of one or more students.

The Class of 1966 Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion for the benefit of one or more students.

The Class of 1967 Divinity Scholarship was established in 2017 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion for the benefit of deserving students.

The Class of 1968 Scholarship Fund was established in 2018 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion for the benefit of deserving students.

The Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund was established in 2019 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion for the benefit of deserving students.

The Class of 1970 Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion for the benefit of deserving students.

The Class of 1976 Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 on the occasion of the class’s fortieth reunion for the benefit of deserving students.

The Lillian Claus Scholarship was established in 1981 by Miss Lillian Claus of Ridgewood, Queens, New York. Miss Claus, who in 1985 also gave the Claus Chair in New Testament, contributed the scholarship “so that the learned and learning ministry might continue at the Yale Divinity School.” The proceeds from the fund are awarded to needy students planning to enter the parish ministry.

The William Sloane Coffin, Jr. Scholarship was founded in 2005 by former students who were deeply influenced by Coffin’s ministry at Yale. During his tenure as University Chaplain from 1958 to 1975, Coffin emerged as an eloquent and forceful national leader on issues ranging from poverty in Africa to the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War. One of the School’s merit scholarships, it is awarded annually to outstanding students who show some of the attributes of the legendary pastor’s prophetic leadership, passion for justice, and critical theological interpretations of the contemporary social and political scene.

The Dr. George A. Comstock Fund was established in 1968 through a bequest of George A. Comstock of Ansonia, Connecticut. The income of this bequest to Berkeley Divinity School is used annually to provide financial aid for students of limited means who are preparing to serve as clergy of the Episcopal Church. The conditions of awarding such financial aid are determined by the Trustees of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.
*The Congregational Church of Interlaken Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students from Massachusetts and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Muriel M. and Horace C. Conlan Endowed Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Gordon L. Corbett Financial Aid Fund* was established in 2016 to provide financial aid to YDS students without restriction. The fund was formerly known as the *Reverends George Henry Hubbard, Warren W. Pickett, and Gordon L. Corbett Scholarship Fund*, which was established in 1986 by Gordon L. Corbett to honor three YDS graduates: the Rev. George Henry Hubbard, B.D. 1884; his son-in-law the Rev. Warren W. Pickett, B.D. 1920; and his son-in-law the Rev. Gordon L. Corbett, B.D. 1948.

*The William H. Coston Fund* was established in 1938 by the Rev. William H. Coston, B.D. 1886. Preference for this scholarship is given to graduates of A.M.E. high schools.

*The Davida Foy Crabtree Scholarship Fund* was established in 2019 by Davida Foy Crabtree, ANS M.Div. 1972, to benefit one or more deserving students, with a preference toward students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Z. Marshall Crane Scholarship Fund* was established in 1936 by a bequest of Z. Marshall Crane of Dalton, Massachusetts, who received a B.A. from Yale College in 1900.

*The Bette Anne and Joshua L. Crowell Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward United Church of Christ and American Baptist students, and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The William R. Cunitz Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students interested in church administration and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The William Alexander Cutting and Arolyn Caverly Cutting Scholarship* is awarded to students interested in health care professions and to support supervised ministry opportunities.

*The George Darrow Scholarship Fund* was established in 1931 by a bequest from the estate of George Darrow. Preference for this scholarship is given to YDS students studying for the ministry.

*The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation Scholarship*, established in 2006, benefits a student in need of financial aid. The Foundation was created by Arthur Vining Davis, a former president of Alcoa and the son of a Congregational minister.

*The Dean's Scholarship Fund* was established in 2013 by Professor Gregory E. and Adrian O. Sterling. Preference for this scholarship is given to YDS students from Churches of Christ and then to Roman Catholic students.

*The John DeForest Scholarship Fund* was established in 1866 by John DeForest, B.A. 1826, M.D. 1829. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The V. Eugene and Rosalie DeFreitas Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students preparing for ministry in the field of international mission and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.
*The Elizabeth Anne Dewey Scholarship Fund* is awarded with a preference toward women preparing for ministry in the American Baptist Churches and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The David M. Diener Scholarship* was created in 1991 by Mrs. T. Diener Allen, B.D. 1935. Mrs. Allen, a gifted writer from Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, gave the scholarship in memory of her father. It will be used for general scholarship.

*The James Dittes Scholarship* was established in 1996, with a generous gift from an admiring alumnus, to celebrate the career of Professor Dittes, who began teaching at Yale in 1955. The scholarship is open to all students.

*The Divinity Scholarships* were established in 2000 through the generosity of various donors to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Divinity YAF Scholarship Fund* was established in 2003 through the generosity of various donors to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Edward Payson Drew Scholarship* was established in 1952 by a bequest of Julia N. Drew as a memorial to her husband, Edward Payson Drew, B.A. Yale College 1891. Annual awards are made to students preparing for full-time Christian service who demonstrate both need and ability.

*The George E. Dunham Fund* was established in 1860 by Austin Dunham and Austin C. Dunham, B.A. 1854, in memory of George E. Dunham, a member of the Yale College Class of 1858, who drowned in his senior year. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Jessie Ball duPont Scholarship Fund* was established in 1984 by a gift from the Jessie Ball duPont Religious Charitable and Educational Fund of Jacksonville, Florida. The endowed fund provides scholarship assistance.

*The William H. Dyas Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The William S. Eakin Fund* was established in 1881 by Mrs. Mary E. Eakin in memory of her husband, William S. Eakin, a member of the Yale College Class of 1846. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Alfred S. Edwards and Alice B. Edwards Memorial Fund* was established in 1968 for scholarships for students training for the clergy.

*The Egner/Scalise Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward international students and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Eight Decades of Women Endowment Fund* was established in 2011 at a reunion celebrating eight decades of women at Yale Divinity School. The YDS Alumni Board led the effort to raise the funds, and the scholarship has a preference for women students with demonstrated financial need.

*The Henry L. Ellsworth Scholarship Fund* was established in 1860 to support students “needing such assistance and having the settled and avowed purpose of entering the Gospel ministry...who by their proficiency in study give decided promise of future success and usefulness in the ministry.”
*The Natalie E. Emery Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Charles H. Evans Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward United Church of Christ or American Baptist students, and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Ronald and Janet Evans Scholarship* was established in 2007 by the First Congregational Church of Darien, Connecticut. The scholarship is to honor Rev. Evans’s (B.D. 1970) twenty-two years of ministry as senior pastor of the congregation and will be awarded annually with a preference for students preparing for service in parish ministry.

*The Samuel J. Evers Scholarship* was established to contribute to Christian theological education by the Board of Missions and Benevolences of the Union Memorial Church, Stamford, Connecticut, to honor their first pastor, the Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Evers, B.D. 1895, and to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church he helped to found.

*The Facciani Family Fund for Native Americans and Christianity* was established in 2017 by Gerald Facciani, M.A.R. 2013, for the benefit of one student at Yale Divinity School. The fund also supports Native American initiatives through programs and a conference, which is held every five years.

*The Dr. Stanley L. Fawley, Jr., ’72 M.Div., ’74 S.T.M. and Linda Prize-Fawley Scholarship* was established in 2019 by the Rev. Dr. Stanley L. Fawley, Jr. and Linda Prize-Fawley for the benefit of one or more deserving students at Yale Divinity School.

*The Fiers-Cook Scholarship Fund,* established in 1981, celebrates the lives of two YDS alumni, A. Dale Fiers, B.D. 1935, and Gaines A. Cook, B.D. 1925. The fund serves also as a memorial to the former Southside Christian Church of Toledo, Ohio. Scholarship awards are made to deserving students who are members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

*The Eleazar T. Fitch Fund* was established in 1893 by a bequest from the estate of Mrs. Mary C.L. Fitch in memory of her husband, Eleazar T. Fitch. Eleazar Fitch served as the Livingston Professor of Yale Divinity School (1817–52), a position he filled after it was vacated by the death of Yale College President Timothy Dwight IV. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Edmund and Winnie Fitzgerald Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students from Virginia and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The William H. Fogg Scholarship* was established in 1892 by a bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Fogg as a memorial to her husband. It is to be awarded to students whom the faculty recommend as evidencing notable character, ability, and scholarship.

*The Charles W. Forman Scholarship* was established in 1987, the year of Professor Forman’s retirement from YDS, to honor his thirty-four years of service to the School. Preference is given to a needy student from overseas.

*The Joan Bates Forsberg Scholarship* was established in 1993 through the gifts of more than four hundred YDS graduates and other admirers of Joan Bates Forsberg, B.D.
1953, on the occasion of her retirement after more than twenty years of service to
the School as an advocate for women and as registrar, assistant dean and director of
admissions, and associate dean for students and lecturer in practical theology, and in
honor of her distinguished career in social and pastoral ministry. The scholarship is
awarded to a student intending to pursue a creative pastoral ministry in a setting other
than the parish.

The Orin Fowler Fund was established in 1863 by Mrs. Mary B. Young in memory
of Orin Fowler, a member of the Yale College Class of 1815. The fund provides
scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Elizabeth Hart and Donald Hart Frazier Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 by
the Rev. Elizabeth Frazier, M.Div. 1940, through planned gifts for the scholarships.

The Frazier-Young Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 by retired Coast
Guard Reserve Captain Albert D. Young, Jr., and his wife, Bonnie Frazier Young. It is
awarded to YDS students of any denomination who are, or who are training to become,
chaplains in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard. The scholarship
honors the Rev. Elizabeth Frazier, M.Div. 1940, and her husband, the Rev. Donald
Frazier, M.Div. 1938.

The Thomas F. Freeman Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 by Andover
Newton Theological School to benefit one or more deserving students within Andover
Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School.

The Don W. and Louise E. Frogge Scholarship Fund was established in 2008. Preference is
to be given to students who are planning to enter the pastoral ministry and who come
from the Middle West.

*The Edward J. Frost Memorial Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in
the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Mary Eileen Fuget-Hayes Scholarship was established by friends of Mary Fuget
(Class of 1956) to honor her memory. One of the first black women to attend YDS, she
devoted her efforts to the YWCA and social work. Bernice Cosey Pulley, B.D. 1955, was
instrumental in securing the original funds for this award.

The George Gabriel Fund was established in 1872 by George Gabriel of New Haven,
Connecticut, for “needy and meritorious students of the Divinity School who give
promise of usefulness.”

The Raymond and Marjorie Gibbons Scholarship was established in 2002 by Raymond
Gibbons as an unrestricted scholarship in appreciation for what YDS has meant to their
children, David, Paul, and Jane.

The Samuel Templeman Gladding Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 by Samuel
T. Gladding, M.A.R. 1970. The fund has a preference for students who are Baptist and
from the Southeastern United States.

The Thomas E. Golden, Jr. Endowed Scholarship was established in 2013 by a bequest from
the estate of Thomas E. Golden, Jr., a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1951. The
fund has a preference for students who self-identify as Catholic.
The Goodman Scholarship was established by Mrs. Mary Ann Goodman in 1872 to assist “people of my own color” in preparing for the Christian ministry. This was the first gift in the history of Yale University by an African American.

The J. Luke Goodwin Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 by the First Presbyterian Church of Aiken, South Carolina, as a tribute to their pastor of twenty-three years, Rev. Goodwin, B.D. 1948. Preference is shown for a southern student seeking ordination who demonstrates both financial need and an ability to succeed in the ministry.

The Rev. Dr. John Ogden Gordon and Family Scholarship Fund was established through the gift in 1986 of an ancestral home in Rensselaerville, New York, by Mrs. Katherine Edwards Gordon Ridgway. The scholarships memorialize not only her grandparents, John Ogden Gordon, M.A. Yale University 1901, and his wife, Emma Ward Bacon Gordon, but also Mrs. Ridgway’s uncle, Alexander Gordon, B.A. Yale College 1904, and her father, John Hamlin Gordon, B.A. Yale College 1913. This assistance is for students who demonstrate both financial need and a clear intent to enter the Christian ministry.

*The Hartley Grandin Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Grant Me the Wisdom Global Women’s Scholarship was established in 2011 by Debbie McLeod Sears, M.Div. 2009, for the benefit of women from developing countries who are seeking ordained ministry and plan to focus on the needs of the poor.

*The Deborah Webster Greeley Scholarship is awarded with a preference toward students interested in faith, health, and spirituality, and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Robert W. Greene Scholarship was created in 1988 to honor the thirty-year pastorate of the Rev. Robert W. Greene, B.D. 1946, by the Northfield Congregational Church in Weston, Connecticut.

*The Greenwich Merit Scholarship is a merit scholarship awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Rev. Rowan A. Greer Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 by F. Lane Heard III, Esq. for the benefit of one or more deserving students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

*The Benjamin Griffin Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students beyond the New England area and students in the Andover Newton Seminary Program.

The Roger G. Gustafson Scholarship was established in 2001 with an anonymous gift as an unrestricted scholarship.

The Rev. Alfred Theodore Halsted, Jr. ’56 Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 by Rev. Halsted. Preference for the fund is given to YDS students with financial need who self-identify as United Methodist.

*The Hancock UCC Scholarship is awarded with a preference toward United Church of Christ students preparing for ordained ministry and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.
The Joel Hawes Fund was established in 1860 by William W. House and Calvin Day, B.A. 1857. The fund honors the Rev. Joel Hawes (1789–1867), pastor of the First Church in Hartford for forty-four years and a longtime member of the Yale Corporation (1846–67). The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The William Haynsworth Scholarship Fund was established in 2003 by a bequest from the estate of the Rev. William McCall Haynsworth III, B.D. 1953 from the Berkeley Divinity School. Rev. Haynsworth was a World War II naval veteran and longtime Episcopal priest and chaplain in New York. Preference for this scholarship is given to YDS students seeking advanced or additional graduate degrees.

*The William Randolph Hearst Scholarship is awarded with a preference toward Asian American, Pacific Islander, Native American, African, and Hispanic students, and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Reverend Jacob Hemingway Scholarship was established in 1936 by a bequest of Arthur F. Hemingway of New Haven as a memorial to the Rev. Jacob Hemingway, B.A. 1704, the first student in Yale College and for more than fifty years the pastor of the Congregational Church of East Haven, Connecticut.

The Jerry W. Henry ’80 M.Div. Scholarship Fund was established in 2014 by Jerry W. Henry, M.Div. 1980. Henry was president of the Divinity School Alumni Board and served on the Dean’s Advisory Council and the Board of Governors of the Association of Yale Alumni.

The James Hillhouse Scholarship was established in 1859 by Miss Mary L. Hillhouse. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Albert Hobron Fund was established in 1902 by a bequest from the estate of Albert Hobron, M.D., of New London, Connecticut. Preference for this scholarship is given to YDS students studying for the ministry.

The Eva F. ‘61 M.A.T. and Peter C. Hodgson ’59 B.D., ’63 Ph.D. Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2019 to benefit one or more deserving students.


The Paul L. Holmer Scholarship Fund was established by friends and former students of Professor Holmer, Ph.D. 1946, in 1987, the last of his twenty-seven years of distinguished service on the faculty.

*The Holt Family Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students interested in pastoral and/or educational ministry and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Mary Wooster Hotchkiss Fund was established in 1895 by the Female Education Society, an organization formed for the purpose of assisting young people studying for the ministry. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.
*The Edith Crary Howe Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students interested in interreligious dialogue and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Hsu-Tan Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward students from East Asia and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Reverend Mark Hummell ’02 M.Div. and Mr. Peter Christensen Endowed Scholarship Fund* was established in 2018 to benefit one or more deserving students, with a preference toward M.Div. students enrolled in the Berkeley Divinity School program.

*The Interfaith Leaders Scholarship Fund* was established in 2018 by Katherine Schubart to benefit one or more deserving YDS students, with a preference toward students participating in international and/or interfaith programs.

*The G.D. Jackson Memorial Scholarship and Loan Fund* was established in 1963 by Maurice H. Givens, Ph.B. 1909, Ph.D. 1917, in memory of his father-in-law for the benefit of deserving YDS students.

*The Nora McLean Jackson Scholarship* was established in 2007 with an anonymous gift. It honors the life and spirit of Mrs. Jackson and the School’s commitment to a diverse student population. The scholarship is awarded with a preference for African American students.

*The Kenneth L. and Elizabeth H. Jacobs Scholarship* was established in 2009 by Kenneth L. Jacobs, S.T.M. 1976. The scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate financial need. Preference is given to those preparing for pastoral ministry and who are members of either a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Lutheran, Presbyterian, Reformed Church in America, or United Church of Christ church.

*The Amal Jadou Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward students interested in interreligious dialogue and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Catherine W. Jarman Fund* was established in 1899 by a bequest from the estate of Catherine W. Jarman, whose son Francis T. Jarman was a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1848. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Jarvis Trust Fund* was established in 2005 by a bequest from the estate of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Farmar Jarvis, a member of the Yale College Class of 1805, and priest and rector of St. Paul’s Church in Boston, Massachusetts. This scholarship is awarded to graduates of Berkeley Divinity School, for the study of ecclesiastical law or ecclesiastical history, and to students of Berkeley Divinity School.

*The David L. Jenks Memorial Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.


*The Judson/DeFreitas Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Ralph C. Kauffman Scholarship* was established in 2006 by the estate of Ralph C. Kauffman, B.D. 1940. The purpose of the gift is general scholarship for Divinity School students in need.
The Leander E. Keck Scholarship was established in 2008 to honor the former Winkley Professor of Biblical Theology and dean of Yale Divinity School.

*The Anna Canada Swain–Minnie Emmett Kelley Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The David H. Kelsey and Julie V. Kelsey Scholarship was established by their family and friends in 2008 and is awarded annually to an M.Div. student intending to embark on a career in Christian ministry. David Kelsey, the Luther A. Weigle Professor Emeritus of Theology at YDS, retired in 2005.

The Bishop Benjamin Tibbetts Kemerer Scholarship honors the former Episcopal bishop of Duluth, who worked with local Native American Episcopalians in the 1930s. Established in 2006, the scholarship is awarded to students who will receive a Berkeley Divinity School Diploma or Certificate in Anglican Studies, with a preference for Native American students.

The Clinton Kew Unitrust was established in 2012 by a bequest from the estate of the Rev. Dr. Clinton Jeremiah Kew, who graduated with a B.D. in 1900 from Berkeley Divinity School and was an Episcopal minister. Preference for this scholarship is given to BDS students without further restriction.

The Reverend Anne B. and Richard A. Kimball Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 by the Rev. Anne B. Kimball, M.Div. 1986, for the benefit of one or more students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

The Bonnie Pedrotti Kittel Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 by the Rev. Paula B. Nordhem in memory of Bonnie Pedrotti Kittel, a professor of Biblical Hebrew at YDS and an ordained Presbyterian minister. The fund has a preference for YDS students who show a special interest and aptitude in Hebrew or biblical theology.

The Forrest Knapp Scholarship was created in 1977 by bequest of Forrest, B.D. 1924, and Helen Knapp. The purpose of the gift is general scholarship.

The James B. Kurtz Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by a Charitable Gift Annuity from James B. Kurtz, a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1950. Preference for this scholarship is given to Protestant students from west of the Mississippi River.

The James LaForce and Stephen G. Henderson ’87 M.A.R. Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 by Stephen Henderson, M.A.R. 1987, and James LaForce to encourage diversity and acceptance within the YDS student body. The award has a preference for students enrolled in the M.A.R. program who self-identify as lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, or queer.

The Sam S. and Ima Lou Langley Scholarship was established in 2005 by Sam S. Langley, M.Div. 1952, to memorialize his wife, Ima Lou, and honor his own many years of ministry. This annual scholarship goes to YDS students, preferably those preparing for ministry either in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) or in the United Church of Christ.

*The Veronica Lanier Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.
The W. Douglas, Ruth Hester, and Bernadine Regnell Larson Fund was established in 2011 by Mrs. W. Douglas Larson. The scholarship is intended to support students associated with the institutions that nurtured or were served by W. Douglas, Ruth Hester, and Bernadine Regnell Larson. Preference is given to women or students considered to be members of a disadvantaged minority.


The Rev. Priscilla A. Lawrence and Patrick J. McLampy Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 by the Rev. Priscilla A. Lawrence, M.Div. 1990, and Patrick J. McLampy. The scholarship is to benefit students who wish to integrate the study of environmental issues and faith in their professional lives and those who wish to study the cultural and ethical dimensions of environmental problems.

The William Leffingwell Fund was established in 1859 by Mrs. Caroline M. Street in memory of her father, William Leffingwell, a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1786. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Marjorie Peace Lenn and D. Jeffrey Lenn Scholarship was established in 2011 by D. Jeffrey Lenn, S.T.M. 1969, and Rebecca Peace Lenn, M.A.R. 2010, in honor of wife/mother Marjorie Peace Lenn. Rebecca Peace Lenn added her father’s name to the scholarship when he passed away in 2017. The fund has a preference for students in the M.A.R. program, especially those committed to a career in public service in the United States or abroad.

The Lepke Scholarship was established in 1993 through the gift from John Lepke, B.D. 1945, in anticipation of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation from the School. The qualifications for this scholarship include financial need and exhibition of integrity and achievement not necessarily reflected in grade point average.

The James M. and Kathleen E. Linton Trust was established in 1964 for scholarships for students at Berkeley Divinity School preparing for the ordained ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. These students are to be determined by the dean of Berkeley Divinity School.

The Ruth Lister Scholarship Fund was established in 2004 by the Ruth Lister Family Trust. The scholarship is to fund students, with preference given to women studying at the Divinity School, especially those having an interest in Christian education and mission.

The Reverend Samuel T. Lloyd III Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 by Silvia M. Gosnell, M.A.R. 2018, for the benefit of one or more students with demonstrated financial need affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

The Harold Long Scholarship was established in 2006 to provide financial aid for students, with preference given to African American students.

The Sidney Lovett Scholarship was established in 2007 with an anonymous gift. It honors Rev. Lovett’s service to YDS and to Yale University, where he served as chaplain from 1932 to 1958.
*The Clayton R. Lund Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students from the First Congregational Church (Ridgefield, Connecticut), the Evangelical Congregational Church (Hingham, Massachusetts), the Fairfield West Association, and the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Leopold and Sigrid Lussier Scholarship Fund* was established in 2016 by Alan Sorem, M.Div. 1966, in honor of his grandchildren. The fund preference is for M.Div. students preparing for the Christian ministry.

*The Robert W. Lynn '52 B.D. and Katharine W. Lynn '48 M.N. Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund* was established in 2019 by family and friends in memory of Robert and Katharine Lynn. The scholarship is to benefit deserving YDS students.

*The Abraham J. Malherbe Scholarship* was established in 1999 to honor Professor Malherbe, who served on the faculty from 1970 to 1994. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving YDS student, with preference given to those from the Churches of Christ.

*The George W. Mallory Fund* was established in 1915 by a bequest from the estate of George W. Mallory. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Aaron Manderbach Scholarship Fund* was established in 1982 by the parishioners and friends of Saint Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Ridgefield, Connecticut, to honor their retired rector of twenty-five years. The fund provides scholarship aid for needy students training for the ordained Episcopal ministry.

*The Roger and Elizabeth Manners Endowed Scholarship Fund* was created in 2019 in memory of the Rev. Roger E. Manners, M.Div. 1945, S.T.M. 1974, and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Manners to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Robert C. Mansfield Memorial Fund* was established in 1931 by a bequest from the estate of Robert C. Mansfield, a member of the YDS Class of 1926. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Maple Street Congregational Church Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward United Church of Christ students from New England preparing for ordained ministry as a second career and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Mather Scholarship Fund* was established in 1860 by Roland Mather, a trustee of the Watkinson Library at Trinity College and the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, both located in Hartford, Connecticut. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Rev. Jamie Maury and Dan Snyder Scholarship Fund* was established in 2020 by the Rev. Dr. Jamie Maury, Ph.D, M.Div. 2014, and Dan Snyder for the benefit of one or more deserving students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

*The Allan Morrill McCurdy Memorial Scholarship Fund* was established in 1993 by Elsie G. McCurdy in memory of her husband. The income of the trust is to be used for tuition, books, and other expenses for a graduate of Dartmouth College, a student from New Hampshire, or a student chosen by the Trustees of Berkeley Divinity School.
The Robert McEwen Fund was established in 1884 by Mrs. Betsy P. McEwen. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The McFadden Family Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden, M.Div. 2017, and Patrick McFadden for the benefit of one or more students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

The Andrew B. McGowan and Felicity Harley-McGowan Fund was established in 2020 by Frances and Steve Rowland and Amy and Jim Elrod, M.A.R. 2017, to provide scholarships for students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. The fund is intended to recognize and honor the extraordinary service of Andrew B. McGowan and Felicity Harley-McGowan to the life and growth of the Berkeley Divinity School, Yale Divinity School, and Yale communities.

The David McKinnis ’87 B.S. Divinity Scholarship Fund was established to benefit one or more deserving YDS students, with a preference toward students participating in international programs or members of the United Church of Christ.

The Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 by a bequest from the estate of Mr. William L. Adams, B.D. 1944, and Mrs. Grace Adams. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Samuel Merwin Fund was established in 1908 by Elizabeth M. Wickham in memory of her father, the Rev. Samuel Merwin, a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1802. Rev. Merwin was the pastor of North Church in New Haven, Connecticut, for nearly thirty years. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Katsuso Miho Fund for Scholarship in Peace-Making was created in 1992 by gifts from Fumiye Miho, B.D. 1953, and others, especially her friends in Japan, as a memorial to her late brother, Paul Katsuso Miho, B.D. 1943, who was a prominent crusader for peace and justice among nations and persons. The proceeds from this fund are to be awarded to a student in the entering class at YDS who has shown lasting dedication to the Christian pacifist principles practiced by former professors Bainton, Calhoun, Latourette, Luccock, Morris, and Nelson.


The Charles E. Minneman Scholarship was established in 2009 through a bequest of Charles E. Minneman, S.T.M. 1957. The scholarship is awarded annually to students based on financial need.

The Michael Penn Moore ’72 M.Div., ’74 S.T.M. Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 by Mrs. Cathy Moore in memory of her husband. The fund shall have a preference for students who self-identify as United Church of Christ.

The John (’55) and Lydia (’58) Morrow Scholarship was created by Lydia Morrow in memory of her husband and in recognition of their many years of ministry together. The annual scholarship may be awarded to defray YDS tuition or the cost of taking
part in the Supervised Ministries program in an urban ministry. Preference is given to Protestant students preparing for pastoral ministry.

*The Frank A. and Ruth C. Mullen Scholarship* was established in 1998 by friends and admirers to honor the Rev. Frank Mullen, M.Div. 1956, who was the director of development at YDS for thirteen years until his retirement in 1997. The scholarship is intended for entering students, with priority given to those who have applied for admission to YDS within three years of their graduation from college.

*The Pauli Murray Scholarship* was established in 2020 by John Boger, M.Div. 1971, and Jennifer Boger, M.A.R. 1971, for the benefit of one or more deserving students at Yale Divinity School.

*The Joseph Hardy Neesima Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Charles Nichols Fund* was established in 1871 by the Rev. Charles Nichols, M.A. (Hon.) 1871, minister of the Gilead Congregational Church in Hebron, Connecticut. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Lucille Nickerson Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward Congregational or United Church of Christ students preparing for ministry and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The William and Lucille Nickerson Scholarship Fund* was established in 1982 to help nurture liberal theology and is one of the Divinity School's major merit scholarships. Awards are made to full-time students selected on the basis of merit and need. The Admissions Committee selects M.Div. candidates who plan to pursue an ordained ministry. Preference is given to those in the Congregational Church or the United Church of Christ.

*The North Congregational Church of Amherst Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward United Church of Christ students from Western Massachusetts and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The North Congregational Church of Newton Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Henri Nouwen Scholarship* was established in 2010 to honor Professor Nouwen, who served on the faculty from 1971 to 1981. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving YDS student, with preference given to Roman Catholics.

*The Gaylord B. Noyce Scholarship* was established in 1996 to honor Professor Noyce, who served on the faculty from 1960 to 1994. Many students and alumni contributed to this scholarship, which is earmarked for entering students.

*The Joseph O’Donnell Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Ellis ’49 and Helen O’Neal Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Oak Family Scholarship* was established in 2008 by Jeffrey Oak, M.Div. 1985, and Carol Oak, M.Div. 1985. The scholarship is awarded to provide financial assistance
to students with a preference for those preparing for ordained parish ministry in the Episcopal Church.

*The Marylouise Oates Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund* was established in 2016 by Marylouise Oates, M.Div. 1973. Preference for this scholarship is given to M.Div. women students who are returning to school after other careers.

*The Offwell Scholarships* were given by Richard Copleston in thanksgiving for his family’s service to the Anglican Communion. Two scholarships were established with the same name. One scholarship was given to YDS for students preparing for service in the Episcopal Church. The other was a gift to Berkeley Divinity School for the same purpose. Members of the Copleston family served for 163 years as vicars of the Church of England parish in the village of Offwell in the County of Devon.

*The Raymond E. Oliver Scholarship* was established in 2009 with a gift from the Raymond E. Oliver and Frances Sutton Oliver Charitable Trust. The gift was made in recognition of Raymond E. Oliver, M.Div. 1952, and his many years of ministry, also in honor of his 55th YDS Reunion, and in memory of the deceased members of the YDS Class of 1952. Preference for this scholarship is given first to YDS students preparing for ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) who come from West Virginia or Virginia; and then to students from other Protestant denominations.

*The Ronald B. Packnett Scholarship Fund* was established in 2003 in loving memory by African American alumni, friends, and admirers to benefit promising African American students who feel called to ministerial service in African American churches.

*The Pardee Trust* was established in 2012 by a bequest from the estate of Ms. Sarah Norton Pardee to benefit students of Berkeley Divinity School.

*The F. van Gorder Parker Scholarship Fund* was established in 1988 to honor the twenty-year pastorate of Rev. Parker, B.D. 1954, by the Windsor, Connecticut, First Church (United Church of Christ). Preference is given to UCC students.

*The Reverend Ralph W. Parks, Jr. Scholarship* was established in 2004 by his children to honor the Reverend Ralph W. Parks, Jr., M.Div. 1941, S.T.M. 1994, for his commitment to education as a lifelong process.

*The Frank T. Parrish, Jr. Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward North American minority students and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Rev. Bob Paulen Scholarship* was established in 2013 by Rev. Paulen, B.D. 1967. The scholarship is awarded annually with preference for deserving students studying in the Middle East or for Middle Eastern students attending Yale Divinity School.

*The Jane Cary Chapman Peck Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward minorities and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The James W.C. Pennington Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund* was established in 2016 by F. Lane Heard III, B.A. 1973, J.D. 1978, and Margaret A. Bauer, B.A. 1986, M.F.A. 1991. The fund is in memory of James W.C. Pennington, the first person of color to sit in a classroom at Yale. Preference for this scholarship is given to M.Div. students who are preparing for ordination and studying the African American experience.
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*The Percy Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Reverend Anthony V. Perrotta Scholarship Fund* was established in 1985 by the proceeds from the sale of the property of the St. John the Divine Baptist Church in New Haven. Rev. Perrotta, B.D. 1920, was the founder and pastor of the church. Income from the fund is to be used to provide scholarships for two students, with preference given to persons preparing for the ministry in the Baptist Church.

*The Rev. J. Delton Pickering ’60 Divinity Endowed Scholarship Fund* was established in 2019 by a bequest from the estate of James Delton Pickering to benefit one or more deserving students.

*The Pidcock Family Scholarship* was established in 2012 by J. Scott Pidcock, M.A.R. 1982, to benefit students with demonstrated financial need.

*The Frank A. and Alison J. Pitman Scholarship Fund* was established in 2007 by Alison J. Pitman in memory of her husband, Frank Pitman, B.A. 1937, B.D. 1940. Preference for this scholarship is given to YDS students from the State of Maine.

*The Plymouth Union-Prince Fund* was established in 1978 by members of the Plymouth Union Corporation, Providence, Rhode Island. When the inner-city church had to sell its property, the funds were transferred to YDS to be used for the training of new clergy.

*The Clark Vandersall Poling Memorial Scholarship* was established in 1945 by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, and his wife, Elizabeth Jung Poling, as a memorial to Chaplain Clark Vandersall Poling, Class of 1936, who was one of the four chaplains of the United States Army who gave their lives for others when a troop transport was sunk by enemy action in the Atlantic Ocean on the night of February 3, 1943. Chaplain Poling received posthumously the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross.

*The Marvin H. Pope Scholarship*, to be awarded on the basis of financial need, was established in 1988 to honor the career of Marvin H. Pope, a member of the Yale faculty from 1949 to 1986.

*The H. Boone and Violet Porter Fund* was established in 2011 by the Rev. Canon Nicholas T. Porter, B.A. 1986, M.Div. 1994, in memory of his parents. Preference for this scholarship is given to Berkeley Divinity School students enrolled in the joint program with the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

*The Noah Porter Fund* was established in 1860 by Edward Lucas Hart, B.A. 1836, deacon of the Farmington Church, and A.H. Thomson, both of Farmington, Connecticut. The fund honors the Rev. Noah Thomas Porter III, President of Yale College from 1871 to 1886. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Willis Hubert and Frances Bowen Porter Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Randle Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward married United Church of Christ students and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The James Irving Raymond Scholarship* was established in 2005 in honor of James Irving Raymond, B.A. 1928, an architect known for designing classical houses using
contemporary materials. The scholarship is awarded to YDS students in need of financial assistance.

*The Edward Reighard Fund* was established in 1980 by Edward Reighard, B.D. 1929, in appreciation for the excellent training he received at YDS. The fund was substantially increased in 1991 from the estate of Mr. Reighard.

*The Jason Richardson Memorial Scholarship* was established in 2005 by friends to honor the life of Jason Richardson, M.Div. 2003. Jason Richardson, a gifted preacher and church musician, served as a co-pastor of the Black Church at Yale and as a Marquand Chapel minister. The scholarship is awarded with a preference for African American students.

*The Samuel H. Rickard Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward students interested in international mission work in the Far East or Africa and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Alexander M. Rodger Scholarship Fund*, established in 1975 by the Rev. Alexander M. Rodger, B.D. 1939, is an endowed fund to award scholarship aid to a student or students preparing for the Christian parish ministry.

*The David Root Scholarship* was established in 1864 by a gift from the Rev. David Root of New Haven, Connecticut, to assist students in acquiring an education for the gospel ministry.

*The Therese Rosenwald-Hojel Scholarship Fund for International Students* awards a restricted scholarship to international students with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Marcelle Todd Runyan Memorial Scholarship* was set up by the Rev. Theodore Runyan, B.D. 1942, in honor of his late wife. Both Mr. and Mrs. Runyan had parents who were Methodist ministers. The scholarship recipient is to be a student who shows promise of future effective Christian service, with preference given to a United Methodist.

*The Harvey R. Russell Scholarship* was established in 2007 by a bequest from the estate of Harvey R. Russell in memory of Katherine Hauschild and Harvey R. Russell, B.A. 1934, M.S. 1936. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Edward E. Salisbury Fund* was established in 1863 by a gift from alumnus Edward Elbridge Salisbury, B.A. 1832, who was the first professor of Arabic and Sanskrit languages and literature at Yale and in the Americas. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

*The Hugh Wiedman Sanborn Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward North American minority students and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Christopher J. Sargent Scholarship* was established in 1947 by George Paull Torrence Sargent, B.A. 1905, B.D. 1908 (Berkeley Divinity School). The fund is in memory of his son Christopher J. Sargent, who died at age thirty-five on Christmas Eve, 1946. The fund provides scholarships to BDS students without restriction.
The School of Divinity Unrestricted Scholarship Endowment was established in 1936 to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The School of Divinity Unrestricted Scholarship UFFE was established in 1976 to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Dr. Jack Alan Scott ’62 B.D. and Mrs. Lacreta Isbell Scott Endowed Divinity Scholarship was established in 2018 to benefit one or more deserving YDS students.

The Seabury-Walmsley Scholarship Fund, established in honor of Samuel Seabury and Arthur Walmsley (both former bishops of the Diocese of Connecticut), provides support at Berkeley Divinity School to an ordained Anglican student from Africa, other than a bishop, who is a diocesan leader.

The Sengel Scholarships were established in 1985 by the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, Virginia, in honor of William Sengel’s twenty-five-year pastorate. The scholarship is awarded to students from developing countries who plan to return to their native lands to continue their ministries.

The Robert E. Seymour Scholarship was created in 1982 by his son, Robert E. Seymour, Jr., B.D. 1948, to assist a needy student. Preference is given to a Baptist student from the southern United States.

The Walter W. Seymour Fund was established by a gift of Walter Welles Seymour, B.A. 1832. Proceeds from the fund go to students based on financial need.

The Rabbi Morris Shapiro Scholarship was established in 2017 by a bequest from the estate of Morris Shapiro ’44 B.A. The fund shall have a preference for students in Jewish Studies or Hebrew Bible.

*The Edward R. Sherblom Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students with an interest in interreligious dialogue and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Ping Teh Sie Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 by a bequest from Mr. Ping Teh Sie, S.T.M. 1952. Preference is given to Chinese American students, as well as students from mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

*The David W. Skinner Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Normand Smith Fund was established in 1861 by Thomas Smith of Hartford, Connecticut, in memory of his son Normand Smith, B.A. 1858. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Richard K. Smith and Harriet Van Riper Smith Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 by the Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith, M.Div. 1979, and Laura Smith for the benefit of one or more deserving students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

The Professor Yolanda Y. Smith Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 by friends of Professor Yolanda Smith (1957–2016). Rev. Dr. Smith was a scholar and teacher in the field of Christian education and an ordained Baptist minister. Her work focused on African American religious traditions, including African American spirituals in the heritage of the Black churches, issues in women’s spirituality, pastoral responses
to those affected by HIV/AIDS, and public theology for social justice. Preference for this scholarship is given to students with a demonstrated interest in and commitment to African American religious traditions.

*The Mary Elizabeth Walton Snow Scholarship Fund* was established in 2000 by a bequest from Frank Snow in memory of his mother to be awarded to a YDS student at the discretion of and according to the policies of the School.

*The Society of the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy Endowed Scholarship Fund* was established in 2019 to benefit one or more deserving YDS students.

*The Elizabeth B. Sorem Scholarship Fund* was established in 2016 by Alan Sorem, M.Div. 1966, in honor of his daughter. Preference for this scholarship is given to M.Div. students preparing for ordination.

*The St. James’ Church Scholarship* was established at the Berkeley Divinity School in 2001 with the intention that two $5,000 scholarships be awarded each year for students preparing for ministry in the Episcopal Church.

*The A. Knighton Stanley Scholarship* was established by the Rev. Dr. Stanley, B.D. 1962, friends, and family on the occasion of his retirement from Peoples Congregational Church in Washington, D.C. The scholarship is awarded with a preference for African American women pursuing an M.Div. and preparing to serve in minority communities, economically deprived areas, or the developing world.

*The Richard C. Stazesky, Sr. Scholarship* was created in 1991 by Richard Stazesky, Jr., who was for many years the 1952 class agent and afterward served as chair of the School’s Alumni Fund for several years. His pledge challenged many other major donors to follow suit. Methodist students receive preference for this scholarship.

*The Steelman/Gulnac Scholarship Fund* awards a comprehensive scholarship with a preference toward United Church of Christ students and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Stegelmann Family Scholarship Fund* was established in 2020 by the Rev. Dawn Stegelmann, M.Div. 2008, and her family members for the benefit of one or more deserving students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

*The Brenda J. Stiers Scholarship,* with a preference for United Church of Christ students at YDS, was established by Brenda J. Stiers, M.Div. 1983. Ms. Stiers was a UCC pastor, served as an adjunct member of the YDS faculty, and was a member of the YDS Board of Advisors.

*The Strypemonde Foundation Scholarship,* established in 2008, supports YDS students in need of financial aid. It was funded with a gift from the family foundation of Paul E. Francis, who received his undergraduate degree from Yale in 1977.

*The Katherine Blakeslee Stuart and Burton Baldwin Stuart Scholarship Fund* awards a comprehensive scholarship with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Harriet Amanda Howard Sullivan and William Wallace Sullivan Scholarship Fund* was created in 1985 by a gift from the Second Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut, to honor forty years of service to the congregation by the Rev. William Wallace Sullivan,
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B.D. 1938, and his wife. Preference is shown to a financially needy Baptist student specializing in sacred music and theology.

*The Jesse Fox Taintor Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Nancy S. Taylor Endowed Divinity Scholarship was established in 2016 by the Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Taylor, the senior minister and chief executive officer of Old South Church in Boston, Massachusetts. Preference is given to M.Div. students preparing for ordination who are Protestant and of the Reformed tradition.

The Charles Snow Thayer Scholarship Fund was established in 1945 by a bequest from the estate of Charles Snow Thayer, B.D. 1895. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Michael Norman Thompson Memorial Scholarship, created in 2009 with a gift from M. Myers Mermel, is awarded annually to a student or students in the M.A.R. program focusing on the study of the Old Testament and subjects closely related to it. The scholarship is awarded based on financial need and demonstrated classroom writing skills.

The Samuel Arthur Todd Scholarship was established in 2005 to honor the well-liked student who disappeared from a New York City street in 1984, the year he was due to graduate from YDS. The annual scholarship is awarded to YDS students, especially those from Asia or Africa, who exemplify Todd's spirit by showing a deep interest in ministries committed to social justice, empowerment, and peace.

*The Gordon M. Torgerson Scholarship is awarded with a preference toward Baptist students preparing for ordained ministry and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Winston and Lois E. Trever Scholarship Fund was established in 1985 by the Rev. Winston Trever, B.D. 1937, a class agent of long standing, specifically to aid a needy student preparing for ordination. Since 1985 the fund has grown considerably because of additional gifts from the Trever family.

*The Tripp Friendship Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students affiliated with the United Congregational Church of Middletown, Rhode Island, or the United Parish of Fall River, Massachusetts, or Rhode Island United Church of Christ conferences, and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Ezekiel H. Trowbridge Scholarship was established in 1894 by a bequest of Ezekiel H. Trowbridge of New Haven, Connecticut.

The Thomas R. Trowbridge Fund was established in 1863 to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Dale E. Turner Scholarship was established in 1993 to honor the long and distinguished ministry of Dale E. Turner, B.D. 1943. The scholarship is intended to encourage students from the Northwest and, in particular, from the greater Seattle area to attend YDS.

The Henry Hallam Tweedy Scholarship was established in 1991 by a gift from Mrs. Mary J. Tweedy and her daughters in honor of Mrs. Tweedy's father-in-law, Henry H.
Tweedy, professor of practical theology at YDS from 1909 to 1937. The scholarship is awarded with a preference for Master of Divinity students with exceptional academic records and unusual promise for outstanding pastoral leadership.

*The UCC Scholarship* is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The United Congregational Church of Tolland Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward United Church of Christ students pursuing ordained ministry and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Félix Varela Scholarship and Internship was established in 2015 by an anonymous donor to attract Latino/a students to YDS and support them once enrolled. It is named in honor of Félix Varela, a Cuban-born priest who was active in the Cuban independence movement in the nineteenth century. Preference for the award is for Roman Catholic students from Latin America or who are North Americans of Latin descent. The scholarship also includes a paid internship at the Saint Thomas More Center at Yale.

The Janice Vogt Scholarship was established in 2013 by the Rev. Janice Ann Vogt, M.Div. 1990, to provide scholarships for students with demonstrated need.

*The Joseph A.C. Wadsworth Scholarship* is awarded with a preference toward students in field education and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The James L. Waits International Scholarship was established in 2000 by James L. and Fentress B. Waits to support the most promising students from developing regions of the world in master's programs.

The Edward Ashley Walker Scholarship Prize, founded in 1951 by bequest from Frances E. Walker in memory of her brother, the Reverend Edward Ashley Walker, B.A. 1856, is awarded at the end of each year to that member of the first-year class who in the opinion of the instructors shall have made the most satisfactory progress in studies during the year.

The Ralph R. and Ros Warren Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 by the Rev. Ralph R. Warren, S.T.B. 1965, and Ros Warren for the benefit of one or more students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

The Robert A. Watson Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by his wife, Charlotte Watson, and friends in 1980 for financial aid for midlife students. It is granted by the dean of Berkeley Divinity School.

The Lawrence G. Wee Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by Lawrence G. Wee, a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1991. Preference for this scholarship is given to evangelical M.Div. students preparing for ordination and/or students working with the Rivendell Institute at Yale.

The Claude R. Welch Scholarship honors the former dean of Graduate Theological Union, a 1945 graduate of YDS. Rev. Welch, an ordained Methodist minister and prolific author, also taught at YDS, Princeton University, and the University of Pennsylvania.
**The Cassius Welles Scholarship Fund** was established in 1882. Preference is given to YDS students preparing for the Christian ministry.

**The John S. Welles Scholarship** was established in 1903 by a bequest of John S. Welles of Hartford, Connecticut. Its purpose is to support deserving students who show both financial need and clear intention of entering Christian ministry.

**The Frank and Barbara Wendt Scholarship** was established in April 1995 by friends and associates to honor Mr. Wendt for his many years as a charter member, chair, and chair emeritus of the YDS Board of Advisors. The scholarship will give preference to students who enter YDS within three years after graduation from college.

**The Rev. Evelyn Wheeler ’11 Scholarship Fund** was established in 2020 by the Rev. Evelyn Wheeler, M.Div. 2011, for the benefit of one or more deserving students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

**The Joseph Dresser Wickham Fund** was established in 1908 by Mrs. Elizabeth M. Wickham in memory of her husband, the Rev. Joseph Dresser Wickham, a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1815. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

**The Charles V. and Isobel Wiggen Memorial Fund** was established in trust in 2000, the net income to be used for students enrolled in Berkeley Divinity School who are working toward a degree and who otherwise would not likely be able to attend.

*The Howard Cole–John Wilber Scholarship is awarded with a preference for students interested in counseling, campus ministry, psychology of religion, interfaith relationships, or peace and justice, and students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.*

**The S. Wells Williams Fund** was established in 1885 by a bequest from the estate of the eminent missionary and Chinese scholar Professor Samuel Wells Williams, M.A. (Hon.) 1877. He was appointed the first professor of Chinese language and literature at Yale College in 1877. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

**The William H. Willimon ’71 M.Div. and Patricia Parker Willimon Scholarship Fund** was established in 2015 by United Methodist Bishop William H. Willimon, M.Div. 1971, and Patricia Parker Willimon. Considered one of the top preachers in the world and the author of more than sixty books, William Willimon was the longtime chaplain of Duke University and professor at Duke Divinity School. The fund’s purpose is to encourage United Methodist students from Willimon’s undergraduate alma mater, Wofford College, to consider attending Yale Divinity School to foster interdenominational and regional discussion. Willimon served as a trustee of Wofford College and as a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council of YDS.

**The William C. Wilson Scholarship** was established in 1964 in memory of William C. Wilson, a member of the Divinity Class of 1957, by members of his family. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student or students preparing for the Christian ministry.

**The Barry and Jean Wood Divinity Endowed Scholarship Fund** was established in 2017 by a gift from Mrs. Jean McCaughey Wood, M.A.R. 1964, in “gratitude for her
extraordinary education” at YDS. Preference for this scholarship is given to women students.

The Raymond Lee Wood and Margaret Shiplett Wood Scholarship was established at YDS by friends and admirers of Ray and Margaret. Ray, for almost a third of a century, was the director of administration at YDS. Preference for this scholarship is given to Methodist or Baptist students from North Carolina.

The William D. Wood Scholarship Fund was established in 2019 to benefit one or more deserving students in the Berkeley Divinity School program.

The William G. Wurtenberg Scholarship was established in 1958 by a bequest of Dr. Wurtenberg, Ph.D. 1889, M.D. 1893. It is to be awarded to a member of the senior class who demonstrates character, leadership qualities, and promise of future usefulness.

The Rev. Ben F. Wyland Scholarship Fund was established in 1982 to celebrate the ministry of Ben F. Wyland, B.D. 1908, a champion of the rights of the poor, the elderly, and the disenfranchised. Its purpose is to train young ministers to carry forward the principles of righteousness and service evidenced in his life.

A scholarship that has yet to be named was established in 2017 by Donald Kilpatrick, B.A. 1977, and Karen Lavine, B.A. 1977. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

SPECIAL FUNDS

*The Samuel Abbot Professorship Fund supports the Samuel Abbot Professorship.

*The Andover Newton Seminary Unrestricted Endowment Fund supports the Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Class of 1959 Global Opportunities Fund was established in 2009 by members of the YDS Class of 1959. The scholarship is awarded to assist students who wish to study abroad or for international students to study at YDS.

*The Gabriel Fackre ANS Dean’s Discretionary Fund supports the Andover Newton Seminary program at the discretion of the Andover Newton Seminary dean.

*The Wayne R. Frigard Memorial Fund for Continuing Education supports continuing education in the areas of social justice and peace, human and gay rights, economic justice, and ecology and environmental justice, with a priority for environmental justice.

The Hall Kieschnick Family Internship Fund was created in 2011 by the Rev. Frances Hall Kieschnick, a member of the Yale College Class of 1975 and a former member of the YDS Dean’s Advisory Council. The fund supports students in internship experiences in not-for-profit organizations or in parishes with a deep commitment to social justice ministries.

*The Koinonia Award Fund Prize supports Jonathan Edwards Prizes, which are awarded to new inductees of the Jonathan Edwards Society, Andover Newton’s honors association.

The McDonald Agape Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity Fund was established in 2019 and supports the professorship at YDS. The purpose of the
professorship is to assure and maintain YDS as the premier place for the study of New 
Testament and Early Christianity.

*The Eleanor Lee McGee and Gaylord Brewster Noyce Endowment in Pastoral Studies Fund 
was established in 1994. The fund supports field-based learning under trained pastoral 
supervisors for divinity students who are directly engaged in the churches’ ministries.

*The William E. Nutting Memorial Fund supports the promotion of interfaith/ 
multicultural dialogue and programming through seminars, lectures, and symposia.

*The Ellis E. O’Neal, Jr. Library Fund supports the purchase of books and periodicals for 
the Andover Newton Seminary program.

*The Oscar W. Olsen Memorial Library Fund supports collections materials for the 
Andover Newton Seminary program.

The Letty M. Russell Travel Seminar Fund, established in 2007, honors the late YDS 
professor, feminist theologian, and ecumenist. The fund provides support for YDS 
students taking part in the international travel seminar program launched by Rev. 
Russell at the School in 1981.


*The Telfer Sinclair Field Education Endowment Fund supports programs and activities 
related to field education.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel N. Slie Internship Fund, established in 1995, supports a YDS student 
who is seeking ordination in the United Church of Christ and is interning at New 
Haven’s Battell Chapel. The gift honors the distinguished career of the Rev. Dr. Sam 

The Nelle Martin Tuggle Memorial Fund was established in 2009 by Clyde C. Tuggle, 
M.Div. 1988, in honor of his mother, Nelle Martin Tuggle. The fund is intended to 
assist Muslim women scholars or graduate students enrolled at a university in one of 
the Arab states to study or conduct research at YDS, or for a visiting faculty member.

The Yale Divinity School Travel Fellowship Fund, created in 2009, supports YDS students 
wishing to travel as they pursue study, work, travel, or research opportunities. 
Preference is given to students traveling to the Middle East, Palestine, or Israel.
Yale Divinity School is part of a research university committed to transmitting and producing knowledge in ways that serve both students and alumni. At YDS, with its emphasis on having an impact on the larger world, these functions continue to play a critical role not only at Yale but far beyond the campus as well.

Archaia

Archaia, the Yale Program for the Study of Ancient and Premodern Cultures and Societies (https://archaia.yale.edu), is a collaborative forum that brings together one of the largest groups of scholars in the world working on early civilizations. Scholars in the humanities and social sciences join with those working in Yale Divinity School, the collections, and the university libraries. The initiative encourages traditional modes of work and traditional fields of scholarship but seeks to build a new interdisciplinary framework that redefines old disciplinary boundaries. This collaboration brings together in sustained dialogue literary scholars and archaeologists, art historians and cuneiformists, legal historians and anthropologists, papyrologists and numismatists. Via description, analysis, and comparison, the Archaia collaboration allows for broader exposure to new ideas and methods that will stimulate new research agendas across disciplines encompassing the whole of the premodern world. Students are exposed early in their careers to a wider intellectual world and learn to understand in new ways the value of antiquity—from the Mediterranean to Japan—and its rich cultural heritage for our own world. Students can receive training and certification through Archaia (https://archaia.yale.edu/training), adding to the relevance and breadth of their existing degree programs.

Center for Continuing Education at Yale Divinity School

Founded in 2019, the Center for Continuing Education at Yale Divinity School provides opportunities and resources for churches, clergy, and laity to foster the knowledge and love of God in their communities. Under the leadership of Joel Baden, director, and Kelly Morrissey, managing director, the center makes available the theological resources of YDS—events, lectures, programs, instructional resources, publications, and more—to enable and enrich ministry and lay learning. There are currently three primary programs offered through the center: Yale Bible Study, Yale Youth Ministry Institute, and Summer Study at Yale Divinity School. Additionally, Yale Divinity School offers introductory and public lectures online. Information about those lectures, as well as information on Yale University Open Courses and Coursera courses, can be found in the Learning Beyond the Walls section of the center’s website at https://divinity.yale.edu/continuing-education.

YALE BIBLE STUDY

The Yale Bible Study is a rich and comprehensive program that encourages biblical scholarship, engaged discussion, and theological reflection, tailored especially for small group Bible study. Prominent Yale faculty help make the scriptures come alive, and
detailed study guides provide in-depth content to spark and deepen discussion. Created in 2007 in partnership with the Congregational Church of New Canaan, the Yale Bible Study program has produced online resources for twenty-six Bible study groups and now offers live online studies with faculty.

**YALE YOUTH MINISTRY INSTITUTE**

The Yale Youth Ministry Institute’s mission is to promote adolescent faith and flourishing in a diverse and changing world by conducting scholarship, equipping leaders, and resourcing youth ministries in and beyond Christian churches. Created in 2013 as part of the Adolescent Faith and Flourishing program at the Yale Center for Faith and Culture, YMI has undertaken numerous projects including a monthly lecture series; a weeklong summer symposium; development of over fifty essays, monographs, and companion curricula by YDS professors and scholars from around the world; and development of online training materials, curricula, and other resources for those working with youth.

**SUMMER STUDY AT YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL**

Each June, people from around the country and the globe come to New Haven or gather online for Summer Study at Yale Divinity School. At Summer Study, distinguished faculty teach laypersons and clergy. Classes are one week long and small in size, on varied topics in religion, designed to enlighten and enrich. While courses do not carry academic credit, Summer Study work can be submitted by clergy participants for denominational continuing education credit.

**Yale Center for Faith and Culture**

Founded in 2003 by its present director, Miroslav Volf, the Yale Center for Faith and Culture (YCFC) endeavors to help people envision and pursue lives worthy of our humanity—through discerning, articulating, and commending visions of flourishing in light of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and by fostering truth-seeking conversations among the contending visions in our world today.

The center is widely known for its legacy programs addressing joy and the good life, reconciliation with Islam, faith and globalization, and ethics and spirituality in the workplace. Current initiatives include the following:

*For the Life of the World* ([https://faith.yale.edu/podcast-overview](https://faith.yale.edu/podcast-overview)) is a YCFC podcast, featuring new episodes every Saturday that address the questions: What is a life worthy of our humanity? How can we live it?

The *Christ and Flourishing* initiative ([https://faith.yale.edu/initiatives/christ-flourishing](https://faith.yale.edu/initiatives/christ-flourishing)) is dedicated to cultivating and resourcing a new theological movement grounded in the conviction that Jesus Christ is the key to human flourishing. To bring deep reflection on the shape of human lives to the heart of Christian formation and education, the program incorporates interdisciplinary and collaborative primary research; a signature course, Christ and Being Human (REL 612), taught regularly at YDS; and partnerships with churches and institutions of Christian higher education.

The *Life Worth Living* initiative ([https://faith.yale.edu/initiatives/life-worth-living](https://faith.yale.edu/initiatives/life-worth-living)) is an effort to revive critical discussion in universities and the broader culture about the most important question of our lives: What is a life worth living? Through its
undergraduate course, student fellows program, and campus events, the program facilitates conversation across important and enduring lines of difference on questions of meaning and purpose.

More information about the center’s purpose, mission, vision, and values—as well as its staff, initiatives, projects, and other resources—is available at https://faith.yale.edu/about. Among the resources is an email subscription list that provides updates on YCFC opportunities.

Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology

The objective of the Forum on Religion and Ecology (http://fore.yale.edu) is to create a new academic field of study that has implications for the development of religion and ecology as a discipline, for environmental humanities, and for environmental policy. To this end, the forum has organized some twenty-five conferences, published books and articles, developed hybrid (online and classroom) courses, and created a comprehensive website on world religions and ecology. The largest international multireligious project of its kind, the forum recognizes that religions need to be in dialogue with other disciplines (e.g., science, economics, education, public policy). This is especially significant in understanding ways in which religious traditions have framed human-Earth interactions and in seeking comprehensive solutions to both global and local environmental problems. To this end, the forum works closely with students in the joint master’s degree program in religion and ecology between the Yale School of the Environment and the Divinity School, and with those in the M.A.R. program on Religion and Ecology at YDS. In addition, four open online classes on Journey of the Universe and Thomas Berry are available through Coursera at www.coursera.org/yale.

In 2011 the forum released a highly acclaimed film, Journey of the Universe (http://journeyoftheuniverse.com), that narrates the epic story of universe, Earth, and human evolution. The film won an Emmy and has been shown widely on PBS and Amazon Prime Video. Accompanying the film is a book from Yale University Press and a series of twenty conversations on DVD with scientists and environmentalists. The directors of the forum are Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim.

The Jonathan Edwards Center and Online Archive

Jonathan Edwards (1703–1758), Yale graduate, pastor, revivalist, philosopher, missionary, and college president, is the subject of intense interest because of his significance as a historical figure and the profound legacy he left not only on America’s, but the world’s, religious and intellectual landscapes. The Jonathan Edwards Online Archive provides a comprehensive database of Edwards's writings (http://edwards.yale.edu) that serves the needs of researchers and readers. The Edwards Online Archive is housed within the Jonathan Edwards Center at YDS, the most prestigious center for scholarship on Jonathan Edwards and related topics. Staff members assist numerous scholars of Edwards and American religion every year and provide adaptable, authoritative resources and reference works to the many scholars, secondary school and college-level teachers, seminarians, pastors, churches, and interested members of the general public who approach Edwards from many different
perspectives. The center also encourages research and dialogue through its international affiliates on four continents, publications, fellowships, lectures, workshops, and conferences.

The staff of the Jonathan Edwards Center consists of Harry S. Stout and Kenneth P. Minkema, assisted by a team of student editorial assistants. The office can be contacted by telephone, 203.432.5341, or email, edwards@yale.edu.
YALE UNIVERSITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A Global University

Global engagement is core to Yale's mission as one of the world's great universities. Yale aspires to:

- Be the university that best prepares students for global citizenship and leadership
- Be a worldwide research leader on matters of global import
- Be the university with the most effective global networks

Yale’s engagement beyond the United States dates from its earliest years. The University remains committed to attracting the best and brightest from around the world by offering generous international financial aid packages, conducting programs that introduce and acclimate international students to Yale, and fostering a vibrant campus community.

Yale’s globalization is guided by the vice president for global strategy, who is responsible for ensuring that Yale’s broader global initiatives serve its academic goals and priorities, and for enhancing Yale's international presence as a leader in liberal arts education and as a world-class research institution. The vice president works closely with academic colleagues in all of the University’s schools and provides support and strategic guidance to the many international programs and activities undertaken by Yale faculty, students, and staff.

Teaching and research at Yale benefit from the many collaborations underway with the University’s international partners and the global networks forged by Yale across the globe. International activities across all Yale schools include curricular initiatives that enrich classroom experiences from in-depth study of a particular country to broader comparative studies; faculty research and practice on matters of international importance; the development of online courses and expansion of distance learning; and the many fellowships, internships, and opportunities for international collaborative research projects on campus and abroad. Together these efforts serve to enhance Yale's global educational impact and are encompassed in the University's global strategy.

The Office of International Affairs (https://world.yale.edu/oia) provides administrative support for the international activities of all schools, departments, centers, and organizations at Yale; promotes Yale and its faculty to international audiences; and works to increase the visibility of Yale's international activities around the globe.

The Office of International Students and Scholars (https://oiss.yale.edu) hosts orientation programs and social activities for the University’s international community and is a resource for international students and scholars on immigration matters and other aspects of acclimating to life at Yale.
The Yale Alumni Association (https://alumni.yale.edu) provides a channel for communication between the alumni and the University and supports alumni organizations and programs around the world.

Additional information may be found on the “Yale and the World” website (https://world.yale.edu), including resources for those conducting international activities abroad and links to international initiatives across the University.

Cultural and Social Resources

Keep up to date about campus news and events by subscribing to the Yale Today and/or Yale Best of the Week e-newsletters (https://news.yale.edu/subscribe-ensw), which feature stories, videos, and photos from YaleNews (http://news.yale.edu) and other campus websites. Also visit the Yale Calendar of Events (http://calendar.yale.edu) and the University’s Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube channels.

The Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, founded in 1866, houses more than fourteen million specimens and objects in ten curatorial divisions: Anthropology, Botany, Entomology, History of Science and Technology, Invertebrate Paleontology, Invertebrate Zoology, Mineralogy and Meteoritics, Paleobotany, Vertebrate Paleontology, and Vertebrate Zoology. The renowned collections continue to enrich teaching and learning and to inform groundbreaking new research. The museum’s galleries are currently under renovation and will reopen in 2024 to display thousands of objects, including the first Brontosaurus, Stegosaurus, and Triceratops specimens ever discovered.

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 nearly 300,000 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 museum that houses the largest collection of British art outside the United Kingdom, encompassing works in a range of media from the fifteenth century to the present. Opened to the public in 1977, the center’s core collection and landmark building—designed by architect Louis I. Kahn—were a gift to Yale University from the collector and philanthropist Paul Mellon. The museum offers a vibrant program of exhibitions and events both in person and online. 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 degree 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 Morris Steinert Collection of Musical Instruments. The Institute of Sacred Music presents Great Organ Music at Yale, the Yale Camerata, the Yale Schola Cantorum, and many other special events. The Norfolk Chamber Music Festival/Yale Summer School of Music presents a six-week Chamber Music Session, along with the New Music Workshop and the Chamber Choir and Choral Conducting Workshop. 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.

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.

Graduate-Professional Student Senate (GPSS)

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) 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 Gryphon, a graduate and professional student center, located at 204 York Street. The center provides office and event space for GPSS and other student organization activities, funds student groups, and houses Gryphon's Pub, open nightly. For more information, please visit https://gpsenate.yale.edu.

Athletic Facilities

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.

Health Services

The Yale Health Center is located on campus at 55 Lock Street. The center is home to Yale Health, a not-for-profit, physician-led health coverage option that offers a wide
A variety of health care services for students and other members of the Yale community. Services include student health, gynecology, mental health, pediatrics, pharmacy, blood draw, radiology, a seventeen-bed inpatient care unit, a round-the-clock acute care clinic, and specialty services such as allergy, dermatology, orthopedics, and a travel clinic. Yale Health coordinates and provides payment for the services provided at the Yale Health Center, as well as for emergency treatment, off-site specialty services, inpatient hospital care, and other ancillary services. Yale Health’s services are detailed in the Yale Health Student Handbook, available through the Yale Health Member Services Department, 203.432.0246, or online at https://yalehealth.yale.edu/coverage/student-coverage.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES

All full-time Yale degree-candidate students who are paying at least half tuition are enrolled automatically for Yale Health Basic Coverage. Yale Health Basic Coverage is offered at no charge and includes preventive health and medical services in the departments of Student Health, Gynecology, Student Wellness, and Mental Health & Counseling. In addition, treatment for urgent medical problems can be obtained twenty-four hours a day through Acute Care.

Students on leave of absence or on extended study and paying less than half tuition are not eligible for Yale Health Basic Coverage but may enroll in Yale Health Student Affiliate Coverage. Students enrolled in the Division of Special Registration as nondegree special students or visiting scholars are not eligible for Yale Health Basic Coverage but may enroll in the Yale Health Billed Associates Plan and pay a monthly fee. Associates must register for a minimum of one term within the first thirty days of affiliation with the University.

Students not eligible for Yale Health Basic Coverage may also use the services on a fee-for-service basis. Students who wish to be seen fee-for-service must register with the Member Services Department. Enrollment applications for the Yale Health Student Affiliate Coverage, Billed Associates Plan, or Fee-for-Service Program are available from the Member Services Department.

All students who purchase Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage (see below) are welcome to use specialty and ancillary services at Yale Health Center. Upon referral, Yale Health will cover the cost of specialty and ancillary services for these students. Students with an alternate insurance plan should seek specialty services from a provider who accepts their alternate insurance.

HEALTH COVERAGE ENROLLMENT

The University also requires all students eligible for Yale Health Basic Coverage to have adequate hospital insurance coverage. Students may choose Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage or elect to waive the plan if they have other hospitalization coverage, such as coverage through a spouse or parent. The waiver must be renewed annually, and it is the student’s responsibility to confirm receipt of the waiver by the University’s deadlines noted below.
Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage

For a detailed explanation of this plan, which includes coverage for prescriptions, see the Yale Health Student Handbook, available online at https://yalehealth.yale.edu/coverage/student-coverage.

Students are automatically enrolled and charged a fee each term on their Student Financial Services bill for Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage. Students with no break in coverage who are enrolled during both the fall and spring terms are billed each term and are covered from August 1 through July 31. For students entering Yale for the first time, readmitted students, and students returning from a leave of absence who have not been covered during their leave, Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage begins on the day the dormitories officially open. A student who is enrolled for the fall term only is covered for services through January 31; a student enrolled for the spring term only is covered for services through July 31.

Waiving Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage Students are permitted to waive Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage by completing an online waiver form at https://yhpstudentwaiver.yale.edu that demonstrates proof of alternate coverage. It is the student’s responsibility to report any changes in alternate insurance coverage to the Member Services Department within thirty days. Students are encouraged to review their present coverage and compare its benefits to those available under Yale Health. The waiver form must be filed annually and must be received by September 15 for the full year or fall term or by January 31 for the spring term only.

Revoking the waiver Students who waive Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage but later wish to be covered must complete and send a form voiding their waiver to the Member Services Department by September 15 for the full year or fall term, or by January 31 for the spring term only. Students who wish to revoke their waiver during the term may do so, provided they show proof of loss of the alternate insurance plan and enroll within thirty days of the loss of this coverage. Yale Health fees will not be prorated.

Yale Health Student Dependent Plans

A student may enroll the student’s lawfully married spouse or civil union partner and/or legally dependent child(ren) under the age of twenty-six in one of three student dependent plans: Student + Spouse, Student + Child/Children, or Student Family Plan. These plans include services described in both Yale Health Basic Coverage and Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage. Coverage is not automatic, and enrollment is by application. Applications are available from the Member Services Department or can be downloaded from the website (https://yalehealth.yale.edu/resources/forms) and must be renewed annually. Applications must be received by September 15 for full-year or fall-term coverage, or by January 31 for spring-term coverage only.

Yale Health Student Affiliate Coverage

Students on leave of absence or extended study, students paying less than half tuition, students enrolled in the EMBA program, students enrolled in the PA Online program, and students enrolled in the EMPH program may enroll in Yale Health Student
Affiliate Coverage, which includes services described in both Yale Health Basic and Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage. Applications are available from the Member Services Department or can be downloaded from the website (https://yalehealth.yale.edu/resources/forms) and must be received by September 15 for full-year or fall-term coverage, or by January 31 for spring-term coverage only.

ELIGIBILITY CHANGES

Withdrawal A student who withdraws from the University during the first fifteen days of the term will be refunded the fee paid for Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage. The student will not be eligible for any Yale Health benefits, and the student’s Yale Health membership will be terminated retroactive to the beginning of the term. The medical record will be reviewed, and any services rendered and/or claims paid will be billed to the student on a fee-for-service basis. Assistance with identifying and locating alternative sources of medical care may be available from the Care Management Department at Yale Health. At all other times, a student who withdraws from the University will be covered by Yale Health for thirty days following the date of withdrawal. Fees will not be prorated or refunded. Students who withdraw are not eligible to enroll in Yale Health Student Affiliate Coverage. Regardless of enrollment in Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage, students who withdraw will have access to services available under Yale Health Basic Coverage (including Student Health, Athletic Medicine, Mental Health & Counseling, and Care Management) during these thirty days to the extent necessary for a coordinated transition of care.

Leaves of absence Students who are granted a leave of absence are eligible to purchase Yale Health Student Affiliate Coverage for the term(s) of the leave. If the leave occurs on or before the first day of classes, Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage will end retroactive to the start of the coverage period for the term. If the leave occurs anytime after the first day of classes, Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage will end on the day the registrar is notified of the leave. In either case, students may enroll in Yale Health Student Affiliate Coverage. Students must enroll in Affiliate Coverage prior to the beginning of the term unless the registrar is notified after the first day of classes, in which case, the coverage must be purchased within thirty days of the date the registrar was notified. Fees paid for Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage will be applied toward the cost of Affiliate Coverage. Coverage is not automatic, and enrollment forms are available at the Member Services Department or can be downloaded from the website (https://yalehealth.yale.edu/resources/forms). Fees will not be prorated or refunded.

Extended study or reduced tuition Students who are granted extended study status or pay less than half tuition are not eligible for Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage. They may purchase Yale Health Student Affiliate Coverage during the term(s) of extended study. This plan includes services described in both Yale Health Basic and Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage. Coverage is not automatic, and enrollment forms are available at the Member Services Department or can be downloaded from the website (https://yalehealth.yale.edu/resources/forms). Students must complete an enrollment application for the plan prior to September 15 for the full year or fall term, or by January 31 for the spring term only.
For a full description of the services and benefits provided by Yale Health, please refer to the Yale Health Student Handbook, available from the Member Services Department, 203.432.0246, 55 Lock Street, PO Box 208237, New Haven CT 06520-8237.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

Proof of vaccination is a pre-entrance requirement determined by the Connecticut State Department of Public Health. Students who are not compliant with this state regulation will not be permitted to register for classes or move into the dormitories for the fall term, 2021. Please access the Incoming Student Vaccination Record form for graduate and professional students at https://yalehealth.yale.edu/new-graduate-and-professional-student-forms. Connecticut state regulation requires that this form be completed and signed, for each student, by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician’s assistant. The form must be completed, independent of any and all health insurance elections or coverage chosen. Once the form has been completed, the information must be entered into the Yale Vaccine Portal (available after June 20), and all supporting documents must be uploaded to http://yale.medicatconnect.com. The final deadline is August 1.

COVID-19 Effective April 2021, all students are required to provide proof of completed immunization against COVID-19. Antibody titers or evidence of previous infection are not accepted as proof of immunity. Currently approved vaccines include Pfizer-BioNTech (two doses), Moderna (two doses), and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (one dose). International vaccines that are authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization will also be accepted by Yale as meeting the COVID-19 vaccination requirement. Yale Health’s website will be updated as new vaccines are reviewed (https://yalehealth.yale.edu/covid-19-vaccination-faq-international-students-and-scholars). Students who encounter insurmountable difficulties in being vaccinated at home, or live internationally and do not have access to an accepted vaccine, will be provided with free vaccine on campus by special arrangement. Students who are not compliant with this vaccine requirement will not be permitted to register for classes or move into the dormitories for the fall term, 2021.

Influenza All students are required to have flu vaccination in the fall term when it is made available to them by Yale Health.

Measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella All students are required to provide proof of immunization against measles (rubeola), mumps, German measles (rubella), and varicella. Connecticut state regulation requires two doses of measles vaccine, two doses of mumps vaccine, two doses of rubella vaccine, and two doses of varicella vaccine. The first dose must have been given after the student’s first birthday; the second dose must have been given at least twenty-eight (28) days after the first dose. If dates of vaccination are not available, titer results (blood test) demonstrating immunity may be substituted for proof of vaccination. The cost for all vaccinations and/or titers rests with the student, as these vaccinations are considered to be a pre-entrance requirement by the Connecticut State Department of Public Health. Students who are not compliant with this state regulation will not be permitted to register for classes or move into the dormitories for the fall term, 2021.

Quadrivalent meningitis All students living in on-campus dormitory facilities must be vaccinated against meningitis. The only vaccines that will be accepted in satisfaction of
the meningitis vaccination requirement are ACWY Vax, Menveo, Nimenrix, Menactra, Mencevax, and Menomune. The vaccine must have been given within five years of the first day of classes at Yale. Students who are not compliant with this state regulation will not be permitted to register for classes or move into the dormitories for the fall term, 2021. The cost for all vaccinations and/or titers rests with the student, as these vaccinations are considered to be a pre-entrance requirement by the Connecticut State Department of Public Health. Please note that the State of Connecticut does not require this vaccine for students who intend to reside on campus and are over the age of twenty-nine.

**TB screening** The University requires tuberculosis screening for all incoming students who have lived or traveled outside of the United States within the past year.

**Hepatitis B series** The University recommends that incoming students receive a series of three Hepatitis B vaccinations. Students may consult their health care provider for further information.

**Student Accessibility Services**

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) facilitates reasonable accommodations for all Yale students with disabilities who choose to register with the office. Registration with SAS is kept private. SAS helps arrange academic, transportation, dietary, and housing accommodations across campus. To qualify as a student with a disability, supporting documentation must be provided. The required first step for a student with a disability is completion of the registration form, which will initiate the process of obtaining disability-related accommodations; see https://yale-accommodate.symplicity.com/public_accommodation.

SAS works with students with sporadic and temporary disabilities as well. At any time during a term, students with a newly diagnosed disability requiring accommodations should register following the above instructions. More information can be found at https://sas.yale.edu, including instructions for requesting or renewing accommodations and the guidelines for supporting documentation. You can also reach us at sas@yale.edu or by phone at 203.432.2324.

**University Housing Services**

The Yale Housing Office has dormitory and apartment units available for graduate and professional students. Dormitories are single-occupancy and two-bedroom units of varying sizes and prices. They are located across the campus, from Edward S. Harkness Memorial Hall, serving the medical campus, to Helen Hadley Hall and the newly built 272 Elm Street, serving the central/science campus. Unfurnished apartments consisting of efficiencies and one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments for singles and families are also available. Family housing is available in Whitehall and Esplanade Apartments. The Housing website (https://housing.yale.edu) is the venue for graduate housing information and includes dates, procedures, facility descriptions, floor plans, and rates. Applications for the new academic year are available beginning April 20 and can be submitted directly from the website with a Yale NetID.

The Yale Housing Office also manages the Off Campus Living listing service (http://offcampusliving.yale.edu; 203.436.9756), which is the exclusive Yale service for
providing off-campus rental and sales listings from New Haven landlords. This secure system allows members of the Yale community to search rental listings, review landlord/property ratings, and search for a roommate in the New Haven area. On-campus housing is limited, and members of the community should consider off-campus options. Yale University discourages the use of Craigslist and other third-party nonsecure websites for off-campus housing searches.

The Yale Housing Office is located in Helen Hadley Hall (HHH) at 420 Temple Street and is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; 203.432.2167.

Office of International Students and Scholars

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) coordinates services and support for Yale’s nearly 6,000 international students, faculty, staff, and their dependents. OISS staff assist with issues related to employment, immigration, and personal and cultural adjustment, as well as serve as a source of general information about living at Yale and in New Haven. As Yale University’s representative for immigration concerns, OISS helps students, faculty, and staff obtain and maintain legal nonimmigrant status in the United States. All international students and scholars must register with OISS as soon as they arrive at Yale.

OISS programs, like daily English conversation groups, U.S. culture workshops and discussions, bus trips, and social events, provide an opportunity to meet members of Yale’s international community and become acquainted with the many resources of Yale University and New Haven. Spouses and partners of Yale students and scholars will want to get involved with the International Spouses and Partners at Yale (ISPY), which organizes a variety of programs.

The OISS website (http://oiss.yale.edu) provides useful information to students and scholars prior to and upon arrival in New Haven, as well as throughout their stay at Yale. International students, scholars, and their families and partners can connect with OISS and the Yale international community virtually through Facebook.

OISS is housed in the International Center for Yale Students and Scholars, which serves as a welcoming venue for students and scholars who want to peruse resource materials, check their email, grab a cup of coffee, and meet up with a friend or colleague. Open until 9 p.m. on weekdays during the academic year, the center—located at 421 Temple Street, across the street from Helen Hadley Hall—also provides meeting space for student groups and a venue for events organized by both student groups and University departments. For more information about reserving space at the center, go to http://oiss.yale.edu/about/the-international-center/international-center-room-reservations. For information about the center, visit http://oiss.yale.edu/about/international-center.

Resources on Sexual Misconduct

Yale University is committed to maintaining and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment founded on mutual respect. Sexual misconduct is antithetical to the standards and ideals of our community, and it is a violation of Yale policy and the disciplinary regulations of Yale College and the graduate and professional schools.
Sexual misconduct incorporates a range of behaviors including sexual assault, sexual harassment, intimate partner violence, stalking, voyeurism, and any other conduct of a sexual nature that is nonconsensual, or has the purpose or effect of threatening, intimidating, or coercing a person. Violations of Yale’s Policy on Teacher-Student Consensual Relations also constitute sexual misconduct. Sexual activity requires affirmative consent, which is defined as positive, unambiguous, and voluntary agreement to engage in specific sexual activity throughout a sexual encounter.

Yale aims to eradicate sexual misconduct through education, training, clear policies, and serious consequences for violations of these policies. In addition to being subject to University disciplinary action, many forms of sexual misconduct are prohibited by Connecticut and federal law and may lead to civil liability or criminal prosecution. Yale provides a range of services and resources for victims of sexual misconduct. Information on options for reporting an incident, accommodations and other supportive measures, and policies and definitions may be found at https://smr.yale.edu.

SHARE: INFORMATION, ADVOCACY, AND SUPPORT

55 Lock Street, Lower Level
Appointments and drop-in hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., M–F
24/7 hotline: 203.432.2000
https://sharecenter.yale.edu

SHARE, the Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Education Center, has trained counselors available 24/7 via direct hotline, as well as for drop-in hours on weekdays during regular business hours. SHARE is available to members of the Yale community who wish to discuss any current or past experience of sexual misconduct involving themselves or someone they care about. SHARE services are confidential and can be anonymous if desired. SHARE can provide professional help with medical and health issues (including accompanying individuals to the hospital or the police), as well as ongoing counseling and support. SHARE works closely with the University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct, the Title IX coordinators, the Yale Police Department, and other campus resources and can provide assistance with initiating a formal or informal complaint.

If you wish to make use of SHARE’s services, you can call the SHARE number (203.432.2000) at any time for a phone consultation or to set up an in-person appointment. You may also drop in on weekdays during regular business hours. Some legal and medical options are time-sensitive, so if you have experienced an assault, we encourage you to call SHARE and/or the Yale Police as soon as possible. Counselors can talk with you over the telephone or meet you in person at Acute Care in the Yale Health Center or at the Yale New Haven Emergency Room. If it is not an acute situation and you would like to contact the SHARE staff during regular business hours, you can contact Jennifer Czincz, the director of SHARE (203.432.0310, jennifer.czincz@yale.edu), Anna Seidner (203.436.8217, anna.seidner@yale.edu), Cristy Cantú (203.432.2610, cristina.cantu@yale.edu), or Freda Grant (freda.grant@yale.edu).

TITLE IX COORDINATORS

203.432.6854
Office hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., M–F
https://provost.yale.edu/title-ix
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects people from sex discrimination in educational programs and activities at institutions that receive federal financial assistance. Sex discrimination includes sexual harassment, sexual assault, and other forms of sexual misconduct. The University is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sex or gender.

Yale College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the professional schools have each designated a deputy Title IX coordinator, reporting to Stephanie Spangler, Vice Provost for Health Affairs and Academic Integrity and the University Title IX Coordinator. Coordinators respond to and address specific complaints, provide information on and coordinate with the available resources, track and monitor incidents to identify patterns or systemic issues, deliver prevention and educational programming, and address issues relating to gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct within their respective schools. Coordinators are knowledgeable about, and will provide information on, all options for complaint resolution, and can initiate institutional action when necessary. Discussions with a Title IX coordinator are confidential. In the case of imminent threat to an individual or the community, the coordinator may need to consult with other administrators or take action in the interest of safety. The coordinators also work closely with the SHARE Center, the University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct, and the Yale Police Department.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

203.432.4449
Office hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., M–F
https://uwc.yale.edu

The University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct (UWC) is an internal disciplinary board for complaints of sexual misconduct available to students, faculty, and staff across the University, as described in the committee's procedures. The UWC provides an accessible, representative, and trained body to fairly and expeditiously address formal complaints of sexual misconduct. UWC members can answer inquiries about procedures and the University sexual misconduct policy. The UWC is comprised of faculty, senior administrators, and graduate and professional students drawn from throughout the University. UWC members are trained in the protocols for maintaining confidentiality and observe strict confidentiality with respect to all information they receive about a case.

YALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

101 Ashmun Street
24/7 hotline: 203.432.4400
https://your.yale.edu/community/public-safety/yale-police-department

The Yale Police Department (YPD) operates 24/7 and is comprised of highly trained, professional officers. The YPD can provide information on available victims' assistance services and also has the capacity to perform full criminal investigations. If you wish to speak with Sergeant Kristina Reech, the Sensitive Crimes & Support coordinator, she can be reached at 203.432.9547 during business hours or via email at kristina.reech@yale.edu. Informational sessions are available with the Sensitive Crimes
& Support coordinator to discuss safety planning, available options, etc. The YPD works closely with the New Haven State's Attorney, the SHARE Center, the University’s Title IX coordinators, and various other departments within the University. Talking to the YPD does not commit you to submitting evidence or pressing charges; with few exceptions, all decisions about how to proceed are up to you.
ENROLLMENT

INSTITUTIONS AND FAITH AFFILIATIONS REPRESENTED, 2020–2021

A wide range of faith traditions characterizes the YDS student body, and the ecumenical nature of YDS—coupled with diverse racial, cultural, and social associations on campus—nurture students in their own faiths while enhancing their understanding of the many other traditions represented on campus. Students also hail from a variety of prior educational affiliations representing colleges and universities across the United States and abroad. In 2020–21, students identified with thirty-three different faith traditions including many of the largest mainline U.S. denominations such as the Episcopal Church and United Methodist Church; the Roman Catholic Church; evangelical denominations such as the Southern Baptist Convention; and historic black churches including the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Alumni/ae of 314 colleges and universities were represented, ranging from Ivy League institutions including Yale and Harvard; to small liberal arts institutions such as Williams College; to large state universities including the University of Michigan; to HBCUs such as North Carolina Central University; to Christian colleges such as Calvin College.

GENERAL SUMMARY

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GRADUATING CLASS

DEGREES AWARDED JUNE 4, 2021

Master of Divinity
JaQuan Keiandre Bechem
Matthew B. Blake
Nia Danielle Campinha-Bacote
Jami L. Carlacio
Jessica Rae Church
Benjamin D. Crosby
Joseph Lawrence Cundiff IV
Mary Davenport Davis
Emmanuel David de Leon
Geronimo De Ocampo Desumala III
Charles C. Eaton II
Essence Lorel Ellis
Amy Endres
Caryne Alyssa Eskridge
Paige Ashley Foreman-Smith
Sophia Driscoll Gamber
Basya Miriam Gartenstein
Anna Grace Glaize
Matthew Payne Graff
Mecca Griffith
Chengyuan Guo
Jessica Harmon
Charles Alexander Heeley
Susan Kay Jackson
Dawn Nicole Jefferson
Phoebe Noelle Jones
Josiah Jamie Jordan
Ryan Patrick Joslin
Ann Kadlecek
Skyler Jay Keiter-Massefski
Ana K. Kelsey-Powell
Gabriel Kepler
Shevalle Turner Kimber
Polly Alice Korbel
Ali Marie Kralovec-Kirchherr
Dae Won Ku
Taylor Ray Lindquist
Ethan Gabriel Loewi
Zachary Lewis Ludwig
John Daniel Mahoney, Jr.
Jathan Martin
Louis Jett McAlister
Ross Miller
October M. Mohr
Quavon Z. Newton
Omar Neville Nicholson
Andrew Wingham Ogletree
William Augustine Parker
Elizabeth Louise Preysner
Linford Ranck
Alicen Marie Roberts
Matthew James Roberts
Amina Assata Sarah Shumake
Victoria Lynn Slabinski
Trevor Austin Smith
Sonja Francesca Spain
Mary Greer Travers
James Theodore Venable
Brendan Carl Voss
Ansley Elizabeth Walker
Carl L. Washington III
Grace Isabel Woodward
Sarah Stephanie Yang
Alexander Aquarius Zane

Master of Arts in Religion
Erica Afua Adarkwa
Sarah Anne Ambrose
Franz Gilbert Hetroza Biantan
Rebecca Galen Wilson Bland
Matthew Branum
Andrea Louise Brunken
Jethro Andrew Eli Amor Calacday
Nicole Carroll
Bobby Noel Casiano
James David Keane Clark
Josiah Cox
Phillip Donald Davis
Robert Deckert
Sarah Rodeo Dzialo
Dan Matei Epure
Stephen Richard Erich
Mark Elliott Florig
Spencer Clark French
Ingrid Elisabeth Goetz
Phoenix Catherine Gonzalez
Christopher Spencer Gurley, Jr.
Collin P. Harris
Khaleelah Imani-Leslie Harris
Lindsey Allison Helms
M. David Hoch
Jeffrey Hubbard
Tyler Jarvis
Tianruo Jiang
Andrew Joseph Juchno
Hoonjung Kang
Isabel Marguerite Kazan
Daniel Kim
Seongsoo Kim
Jonathan Lawrence Kleist
Victor Henry Knight IV
Virginia Strehle Korpman
Leonard Leslie Stewart Lamina
Revel Lubin
Liren Ma
Margaret Anne Martien
Abigail Zoe Mason
Kaitlyn Grace Morris
David Han Mourlam
Skyler Joseph Neberman
Dalton Michael Neu
Andrew Scott Newitt, Jr.
Thi An Hoa Nguyen
Sarah Elizabeth Niermann
Frances Kelly Norris
Jazmine Alexandria Porter
Kathryn Mae Post
Moriah Kathryn Reichert
Taylor Wyatt Reynolds
David Anthony Rivera
Sean Kalanimoku Isao Rodan
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Russo
Fiona Phoebe Santolucito
Christopher Glenn Sawyer, Jr.
Sarah Ann Schork
Leah Silvieux
Luke Smithers
Leah Nicole Snavely
Laura Snell
Will Bowman Tarnasky
Dorothy Ann Trowbridge
Tyler Seth Trudeau
Ariadne Tsoulouhas
Jericha B. Tumblin
Emily P. Turner
Zachary Joel Watters
Symone Williams
Jessica Yu

Master of Sacred Theology
Stephen Davey Glazier
Youjeong Jeon
Richard Lucas III
Martin Joseph O’Connor
Joseph William Salem
John Schneider
Young Wan Son
Bin Xia

DEGREES AWARDED DECEMBER 5, 2020

Master of Arts in Religion
Jack Harrison Dewey
Grace Sacote Nono
Hairuo Wang

Master of Sacred Theology
Charles Smith Hill, Jr.
Jin Hwa Lee
Wonhee Lim
The work of Yale University is carried on in the following schools:

**Yale College** Est. 1701. Courses in humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, mathematical and computer sciences, and engineering. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.).

For additional information, please visit [https://admissions.yale.edu](https://admissions.yale.edu), email student.questions@yale.edu, or call 203.432.9300. Postal correspondence should be directed to Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Yale University, PO Box 208234, New Haven CT 06520-8234.

**Graduate School of Arts and Sciences** Est. 1847. Courses for college graduates. Master of Advanced Study (M.A.S.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

For additional information, please visit [https://gsas.yale.edu](https://gsas.yale.edu), email graduate.admissions@yale.edu, or call the Office of Graduate Admissions at 203.432.2771. Postal correspondence should be directed to Office of Graduate Admissions, Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, PO Box 208236, New Haven CT 06520-8236.

**School of Medicine** Est. 1810. Courses for college graduates and students who have completed requisite training in approved institutions. Doctor of Medicine (M.D.). Postgraduate study in the basic sciences and clinical subjects. Five-year combined program leading to Doctor of Medicine and Master of Health Science (M.D./M.H.S.). Combined program with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences leading to Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (M.D./Ph.D.). Master of Medical Science (M.M.Sc.) from the Physician Associate Program and the Physician Assistant Online Program.

For additional information, please visit [https://medicine.yale.edu/education/admissions](https://medicine.yale.edu/education/admissions), email medical.admissions@yale.edu, or call the Office of Admissions at 203.785.2643. Postal correspondence should be directed to Office of Admissions, Yale School of Medicine, 367 Cedar Street, New Haven CT 06510.

**Divinity School** Est. 1822. Courses for college graduates. Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.). Individuals with an M.Div. degree may apply for the program leading to the degree of Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.).

For additional information, please visit [https://divinity.yale.edu](https://divinity.yale.edu), email div.admissions@yale.edu, or call the Admissions Office at 203.432.5360. Postal correspondence should be directed to Admissions Office, Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven CT 06511.

**Law School** Est. 1824. Courses for college graduates. Juris Doctor (J.D.). For additional information, please visit [https://law.yale.edu](https://law.yale.edu), email admissions.law@yale.edu, or call the Admissions Office at 203.432.4995. Postal correspondence should be directed to Admissions Office, Yale Law School, PO Box 208215, New Haven CT 06520-8215.
Graduate Programs: Master of Laws (LL.M.), Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.), Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) awarded by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. For additional information, please visit https://law.yale.edu, email gradpro.law@yale.edu, or call the Graduate Programs Office at 203.432.1696. Postal correspondence should be directed to Graduate Programs, Yale Law School, PO Box 208215, New Haven CT 06520-8215.

**School of Engineering & Applied Science** Est. 1852. Courses for college graduates. Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) awarded by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

For additional information, please visit https://seas.yale.edu, email grad.engineering@yale.edu, or call 203.432.4252. Postal correspondence should be directed to Office of Graduate Studies, Yale School of Engineering & Applied Science, PO Box 208292, New Haven CT 06520-8292.

**School of Art** Est. 1869. Professional courses for college and art school graduates. Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.).

For additional information, please visit http://art.yale.edu, email artschool.info@yale.edu, or call the Office of Academic Administration at 203.432.2600. Postal correspondence should be directed to Office of Academic Administration, Yale School of Art, PO Box 208339, New Haven CT 06520-8339.

**School of Music** Est. 1894. Graduate professional studies in performance and composition. Certificate in Performance (CERT), Master of Music (M.M.), Master of Musical Arts (M.M.A.), Artist Diploma (A.D.), Doctor of Musical Arts (D.M.A.). Five-year combined program with Yale College leading to Bachelor of Arts and Master of Music (B.A./M.M.).

For additional information, please visit https://music.yale.edu, email gradmusic.admissions@yale.edu, or call the Office of Admissions at 203.432.4155. Postal correspondence should be directed to Yale School of Music, PO Box 208246, New Haven CT 06520-8246.

**School of the Environment** Est. 1900. Courses for college graduates. Master of Forestry (M.F.), Master of Forest Science (M.F.S.), Master of Environmental Science (M.E.Sc.), Master of Environmental Management (M.E.M.). Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) awarded by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

For additional information, please visit https://environment.yale.edu, email admissions.yse@yale.edu, or call the Office of Admissions at 800.825.0330. Postal correspondence should be directed to Office of Admissions, Yale School of the Environment, 300 Prospect Street, New Haven CT 06511.

**School of Public Health** Est. 1915. Courses for college graduates. Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) awarded by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

For additional information, please visit https://publichealth.yale.edu, email ysph.admissions@yale.edu, or call the Admissions Office at 203.785.2844.
School of Architecture  Est. 1916. Courses for college graduates. Professional and post-professional degree: Master of Architecture (M.Arch.); nonprofessional degree: Master of Environmental Design (M.E.D.). Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) awarded by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

For additional information, please visit https://www.architecture.yale.edu, email gradarch.admissions@yale.edu, or call 203.432.2296. Postal correspondence should be directed to the Yale School of Architecture, PO Box 208242, New Haven CT 06520-8242.

School of Nursing  Est. 1923. Courses for college graduates. Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.), Post Master's Certificate (P.M.C.), Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.). Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) awarded by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

For additional information, please visit https://nursing.yale.edu or call 203.785.2389. Postal correspondence should be directed to Yale School of Nursing, Yale University West Campus, PO Box 27399, West Haven CT 06516-7399.


For additional information, please visit https://drama.yale.edu, email ysd.admissions@yale.edu, or call the Registrar/Admissions Office at 203.432.1507. Postal correspondence should be directed to Yale School of Drama, PO Box 208325, New Haven CT 06520-8325.

School of Management  Est. 1976. Courses for college graduates. Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Advanced Management (M.A.M.), Master of Management Studies (M.M.S.). Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) awarded by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

For additional information, please visit https://som.yale.edu. Postal correspondence should be directed to Yale School of Management, PO Box 208200, New Haven CT 06520-8200.
TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

BY AIR
To reach the Divinity School from Tweed–New Haven Airport, use M7 taxi (203.777.7777) or take a Connecticut Transit bus (www.cttransit.com) to downtown New Haven, then transfer to any 234-line (Winchester Avenue) bus, which stops near the Divinity School at 409 Prospect Street. Go Airport Shuttle (www.2theairport.com) provides pickup and drop-off shuttle service between the Divinity School and Kennedy and LaGuardia airports as well as door-to-door limousine or private van service between YDS and Kennedy, LaGuardia, Bradley, Newark, and White Plains airports. Uber (https://www.uber.com) also offers service between YDS and each of the airports.

BY TRAIN
Take Amtrak or Metro-North to New Haven. From the New Haven train station take a taxi to 409 Prospect Street. Or take a Connecticut Transit bus to downtown New Haven and transfer to any 234-line (Winchester Avenue) bus, which stops near the Divinity School.

BY CAR
Interstate 95 (from north/east or south/west) At New Haven take I-91 North to Exit 3, Trumbull Street. Continue to the fifth traffic light, where Trumbull Street ends. Then turn right onto Prospect Street and proceed one mile up the hill to 409 Prospect Street, which is on the right. Visitor parking is available along the driveway just beyond the Yale Divinity School/Sterling Divinity Quadrangle sign.

Interstate 91 (from north) At New Haven take Exit 6, Willow Street. At the end of the ramp turn right onto Willow. Continue to the end of Willow, then turn right onto Whitney Avenue. Drive one block and turn left onto Canner Street. At the end of Canner, turn left onto Prospect Street. Just after the first traffic light, look for Yale Divinity School/Sterling Divinity Quadrangle, 409 Prospect Street, on the left. Visitor parking is available along the driveway on the near side of the Quadrangle.
The University is committed to basing judgments concerning the admission, education, and employment of individuals upon their qualifications and abilities and affirmatively seeks to attract to its faculty, staff, and student body qualified persons of diverse backgrounds. In accordance with this policy and as delineated by federal and Connecticut law, Yale does not discriminate in admissions, educational programs, or employment against any individual on account of that individual’s sex, race, color, religion, age, disability, status as a protected veteran, or national or ethnic origin; nor does Yale discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

University policy is committed to affirmative action under law in employment of women, minority group members, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans.

Inquiries concerning these policies may be referred to Valarie Stanley, Senior Director of the Office of Institutional Equity and Access, 203.432.0849. For additional information, see https://oiea.yale.edu.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects people from sex discrimination in educational programs and activities at institutions that receive federal financial assistance. Questions regarding Title IX may be referred to the University’s Title IX Coordinator, Stephanie Spangler, at 203.432.4446 or at titleix@yale.edu, or to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 8th Floor, 5 Post Office Square, Boston MA 02109-3921; tel. 617.289.0111, fax 617.289.0350, TDD 800.877.8339, or ocr.boston@ed.gov.

In accordance with federal and state law, the University maintains information on security policies and procedures and prepares an annual campus security and fire safety report containing three years’ worth of campus crime statistics and security policy statements, fire safety information, and a description of where students, faculty, and staff should go to report crimes. The fire safety section of the annual report contains information on current fire safety practices and any fires that occurred within on-campus student housing facilities. Upon request to the Yale Police Department at 203.432.4400, the University will provide this information to any applicant for admission, or to prospective students and employees. The report is also posted on Yale’s Public Safety website; please visit http://publicsafety.yale.edu.

In accordance with federal law, the University prepares an annual report on participation rates, financial support, and other information regarding men’s and women’s intercollegiate athletic programs. Upon request to the Director of Athletics, PO Box 208216, New Haven CT 06520-8216, 203.432.4414, the University will provide its annual report to any student or prospective student. The Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) report is also available online at http://ope.ed.gov/athletics.

For all other matters related to admission to the Divinity School, please telephone the Office of Admissions, 203.432.5360.