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CALENDAR

FALL 2026

The following dates are subject to change as the university makes decisions regarding the 2026–2027 academic year. Changes will be posted on the YDS website.

Aug. 24	M	International Student Orientation
Aug. 25–28	Tu–F	Mandatory New Student Orientation (BTFO)
Aug. 28	F	Faculty advising
Aug. 31	M	Online registration for new students and add/drop for continuing students begin, 9 a.m.
Sept. 2	W	Fall-term classes begin, 8:20 a.m.
Sept. 4	F	Fall and full-year thesis proposals due
Sept. 7	M	Labor Day. No classes
Sept. 11	F	Last day to change grade mode to letter grading, 10 p.m.
Sept. 14	M	Online registration ends, 11:59 p.m. Last day for downtown class Last day to add without a fee Last day for tuition rebate for dropped courses
Sept. 21	M	First “evidence of progress” to thesis director due
Sept. 23	W	Last day to add a course (with fee)
Sept. 30	W	Last day to drop a course (with fee) Last day to request CR/NC grading
Oct. 5–7	M–W	Fall Convocation
Oct. 16	F	Reading period begins, 10 p.m.
Oct. 26	M	Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.
Oct. 30	F	Advising period for spring 2027 begins
Nov. 9	M	Online registration for spring 2027 begins Last day to withdraw from a fall course
Nov. 20	F	Reading period begins, 10 p.m.
Nov. 25	W	Reading period ends, 9 p.m. Thanksgiving recess begins
Nov. 30	M	Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.
Dec. 8	Tu	Regular classes end, 10 p.m.
Dec. 9	W	Labor Day classes rescheduled Reading period begins, 10 p.m.
Dec. 11	F	Advising period ends Online registration for spring 2027 ends
Dec. 15	Tu	Reading period ends, 8:20 a.m. Final exams begin, 9 a.m.
Dec. 22	Tu	Final exams end Semester ends, 6 p.m.
Dec. 23	W	Last day for faculty to accept late work for fall semester Last day to request dean’s extension

SPRING 2027

Jan. 4	M	Grades due for fall term Online registration for new students and add/drop for continuing students begins, 9 a.m.
Jan. 18	M	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No classes
Jan. 19	Tu	Spring-term classes begin, 8:20 a.m.
Jan. 22	F	Spring thesis proposals due
Jan. 29	F	Online registration ends, 11:59 p.m. Last day for downtown class Last day to add without a fee Last day for tuition rebate for dropped courses
Feb. 1	M	First "evidence of progress" to thesis director due
Feb. 5	F	Last day to add a course (with fee), 11:59 p.m.
Feb. 12	F	Last day to drop a course (with fee) Last day to change grade mode to CR/NC grading
Feb. 17	W	Reading period begins, 10 p.m.
Feb. 22	M	Reading period ends Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.
Mar. 5	F	Spring recess begins, 9 p.m.
Mar. 22	M	Spring recess ends Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.
Mar. 23	Tu	Advising period for fall 2027 begins
Mar. 26	F	Good Friday. No classes
Mar. 30	Th	Admitted Students' Day
Mar. 31	W	Online registration for fall 2027 begins, 9 p.m. Last day to withdraw from a spring course
Apr. 13	Tu	Advising period ends MAR worksheets due for 2027 graduates
Apr. 15	Th	Fall/spring internship plan completion deadline
Apr. 20	Tu	Tuesday classes do not meet; Friday classes meet instead
Apr. 30	F	Spring-term classes end Reading period begins, 10:00 p.m.
May 5	W	Reading period ends, 8:20 a.m. Final exams begin, 9 a.m.
May 11	Tu	Final exams end Online registration ends Semester ends, 6:00 p.m.
May 13	Th	Senior grades due
May 20	Th	Last day for faculty to accept late work for spring semester Last day to request dean's extension
May 24	M	University and YDS Commencement
May 28	F	Grades due for continuing students
May 31	M	Last day to drop summer language courses

May 25– Tu–Th Summer language courses

July 8

June 1– Tu–F Summer internship practicum sessions

Aug. 27

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Yale Divinity School is unique. We are the most selective divinity school in the world. We are one of the only theological institutions to provide full-tuition scholarships to all students with demonstrated need. We have opened the largest living-building residence hall at any university campus, a bold statement of our commitment to the biblical imperative to live in harmony with nature. We emphasize the arts like no other.

We are also unusual in our commitment to remain strictly residential for those pursuing degrees. We emphasize residential education because we value community, and we form people who will lead and shape communities as they venture forth from Yale.

These are important areas of distinctiveness, some longstanding, some reflecting recent developments. But our core mission remains the same as it was at our founding more than two hundred years ago: formation of people for ministry—broadly understood—and preparing students in a rigorous academic setting for subsequent graduate studies. We address the most pressing issues facing humanity through scholarship of the highest caliber and through the cultivation of faith.

I believe it is this potent, unique combination—faith and intellect—that keeps our school powerfully relevant and ideally positioned to take on the challenges of the future. At YDS, we fully embrace the academic enterprise but recognize that intellect alone will not solve the world's problems; it is our faith that motivates us, our faith that moves us to act.

We are an ecumenical Christian community that welcomes all, including those of different faiths and those who claim no particular faith. We are deeply committed to being a welcoming community where all can find a home. We are committed to justice. Our students and faculty regularly engage in conversations around major issues in our world—conversations that compel many of our students to act while at YDS and in their lives and careers after graduation.

From scholars and researchers to politicians, ministers, and religious luminaries, Yale Divinity School has produced some of the world's most influential leaders. Since its inception in 1822 as a distinct school within Yale University, YDS has been a leader among theological institutions in putting forward presidents and deans of colleges, universities, and seminaries, as well as heads of denominations. 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.

As much as I celebrate all YDS has accomplished over its two hundred years, I am most excited about what lies before us. We have grown our ecotheology scholarship and teaching to the point where we now offer three academic programs in the field while providing fifty students per year the opportunity to reside in our new living-building residence hall. We are preparing to launch a Ph.D. program in 2029. We have deepened our commitment to the arts in our curriculum and through exhibitions (including student exhibitions) in our two galleries.

As our continued growth and evolution demonstrate, the first two centuries are but a prelude to the third.

Gregory E. Sterling

The Reverend Henry L. Slack Dean, Yale Divinity School

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NATURE OF THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

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 vocational paths, including careers not only in ministry and academia but in nonprofit leadership and many other professions. The school is interdenominational and nonsectarian, with a faculty drawn from the major Christian traditions and other world religions. Students represent numerous denominations and faith groups, and instruction is provided in the history, doctrines, and polity of most of 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 and other universities in the region. Beyond the classroom, students engage in worship opportunities, supervised ministry, field placements and other internships, 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 of 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, including the Yale Center for Faith and Culture, the Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale, the James E. Annand Program for Spiritual Formation, the Educational Leadership and Ministry Program, the Center for Continuing Education at Yale Divinity School, and the Center for Public Theology and Public Policy.

Between 280 and 300 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. Some YDS faculty can hold joint appointments in the Department of Religious Studies or participate as Ph.D. program faculty. Conversely, Religious Studies faculty can teach courses at the Divinity School. YDS professors occasionally maintain joint appointments in, or affiliations with, various other Yale departments, such as American Studies, Classics, History, History of Art, and Philosophy. Additionally, YDS students can, with instructor permission, earn Divinity

degree credit for Religious Studies courses, and graduate Religious Studies students can, with instructor 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 of 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 1835–1836, 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, Letty Russell, Emilie Townes, and moral movement leader William J. Barber II; 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 130 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

The mission of the Divinity School is to foster the knowledge and love of God through rigorous scholarly inquiry, the preparation of students for lives of transformative service, the promotion of broad inclusivity and diversity in our communal life, encounter with the sacred through music and the arts, and the advancement of the sustainability of the earth. Traditionally and primarily Christian in character, the school welcomes persons of all faiths and those of no faith.

A professional school within Yale University, the Divinity School is uniquely positioned to prepare leaders who will address the major issues confronting the global community. Yale Divinity School prepares students through rigorous scholarly inquiry, corporate worship and spiritual formation, and engagement in a variety of practicing ministries for three major venues: lay and ordained Christian ministries; the initial stage of graduate preparation for the academy and other professional guilds; and for public service or other careers. In all cases the school seeks to help students understand the theological dimensions of their vocations.

Inclusivity at Yale Divinity School

Yale Divinity School fosters knowledge and love of God through engagement with Christian traditions and by learning alongside people from diverse histories, cultures, and callings. Our academic, worship, and communal life is shaped by careful listening, thoughtful speech, and charitable exchange.

We celebrate human difference—denominational, political, theological, and cultural—as well as varied expressions of personal and social identity and perspectives shaped by different generations, experiences, and economic circumstances. This breadth deepens understanding, refines judgment, and prepares leaders for service in a complex world.

Because meaningful learning often emerges through honest disagreement, Yale Divinity School encourages thoughtful conversation across convictions. We cultivate careful listening, intellectual humility, and reasoned dialogue, believing inquiry is strengthened

when ideas are tested together. Through ecumenical conversation, participants encounter diverse viewpoints, reconsider assumptions, and grow in wisdom together.

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 Christian communities 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, internships, 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 internship possibilities, 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 are described briefly as follows:

Area I—Biblical Studies Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, New Testament, and cognate studies.

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—Practical Theology Studies Studies in lived spiritual and religious practice including various forms of ministry, service, and leadership in the world.

Area V—Comparative and Cultural Studies Studies in religion, philosophy, the arts, 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 for students who began their course of study in the fall of 2024 or earlier:

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 5503/REL 5504) and at least three credit hours in New Testament Interpretation (REL 5505/REL 5506). 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 6600) and Systematic Theology (REL 6626). The ethics requirement is typically met by Introduction to Christian Ethics (REL 6615) or Christian Ethics Seminar

(REL 6631). 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 7712, REL 7713, REL 7714, and REL 7715. Only three hours of denominational courses may be counted toward the Area III requirement.

Area IV Twelve credit hours, including REL 8812 or REL 8849.

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 the necessary understanding and analytical skills to minister successfully in multicultural, multireligious, multiethnic contexts, with an awareness of processes that marginalize people and produce unequal power relations.

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.

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

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.

M.Div. students beginning their course of study in the fall of 2025 and thereafter will be guided by the following requirements for graduation.

First Year, Fall Term

REL 3710	M.Div. Integrative Seminar I	1
REL 5503	Hebrew Bible Interpretation I	3
REL 6682	Foundations of Christian Worship	3

and two additional courses, either electives or distribution requirements

First Year, Spring Term

REL 3711	M.Div. Integrative Seminar II	1
REL 5516	New Testament Interpretation	0
REL 7718	History of Christianity: An Introduction	3

and two additional courses, either electives or distribution requirements

Second Year, Fall Term

REL 3713	Integrative Seminar	1.5
REL 6626	Introduction to Systematic Theology	0
REL 8807	Practicing Care: Intro to Pastoral Theology for a Complex World	3

and two additional courses, either electives or distribution requirements

Second Year, Spring Term

REL 6615	Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
REL 8800	Introduction to Public Theology, Public Policy, and Moral Fusion Movements in America	3

and two additional courses, either electives or distribution requirements

M.Div. students will complete an additional course in each of the following: the Bible; theology, ethics, or philosophy; history; global Christianity; lived religion beyond Christianity; preaching or public address; religion and the arts; leadership or religious education; and a six-credit internship, (see YDS Internships). The M.Div. degree also requires fifteen credit hours of elective coursework.

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 that are posted in student e-portfolios. 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 spiritual formation. 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 spiritual formation or the director of Anglican studies and formation at Berkeley, and several other professionals acquainted with the student's work and vocational focus. Each M.Div. student must participate in an end-of-degree conversation as part of the assessment requirement.

INTERNSHIP 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 M.Div. degree director, the first reader can be a part-time or visiting Yale faculty member, and the second reader may be external to Yale. Students must submit their thesis proposal form by the last day of classes in the semester prior to the term in which they hope to begin the 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; and (4) specification of what must be submitted as evidence of progress achieved by the Monday of the end of the open add/drop period in the semester in which the project or thesis is begun.

The M.Div. degree director reviews the completed application and makes a determination regarding 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 thirty to fifty pages long; a two-term thesis or project, typically sixty to one hundred pages. All thesis and project students must register for the M.Div. Thesis or Project course (REL 3799) for one or two terms.

In order to fulfill the Divinity Library's mission to collect, describe, and preserve intellectual content created by and within the school, M.Div. students have the option to supply a PDF copy of their thesis, along with a thesis abstract of fewer than 300 words, to the registrar for archiving by the library. Students who wish this option must also complete a form with regard to authorship and access. The thesis copy must have a title page, be free of typographical errors, and employ an acceptable literary style, including standard forms for references.

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 coursework 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 coursework 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 spiritual formation. 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; Latine and Latin American Christianity; Liturgical Studies; New Testament; Philosophical Theology or 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 coursework 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 inventively to 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 twelve credit hours in exegetical and text-based courses, twelve credit hours in theoretical or methodological courses, twelve credit hours in language student (first- and second-year Hebrew do not count toward this), and twelve hours of electives. It is expected that entering students will have successfully completed at least one year of Biblical Hebrew, so that they may immediately begin taking courses that require Hebrew, such as exegesis courses. Admitted students who have not yet taken Biblical Hebrew are required to successfully complete an intensive online summer language course in Biblical Hebrew the summer before enrolling. This course is offered without charge to all YDS students, including incoming students, and counts for six course credits. 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 and medieval Christianity to the Reformation and the contemporary world, and is enriched by many other departments and programs across the university (including 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, gender, and sexuality. The program aims to reverse the historiographical exclusions of a field that for too long privileged European men as the only makers of history and to think both critically and comparatively about how various societies have managed human difference. Faculty emphasize the historical study of theology and religious thought; the diverse cultural contexts in which religious ideas and practices were formulated, expressed, and disseminated; the varied roles of Christianity in making social and political change; and the historical intersections of Christianity with other religious traditions around the world. The concentration requires at least eighteen credit hours in historical studies and, in the second year, the completion of either an academic or professional thesis.

Latine and Latin American Christianity

The Latine and Latin American Christianity concentration is an interdisciplinary program for students who wish to study Latine and Latin American religious culture, theology, and history. Students can choose to focus their studies on Latine 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 Latine and/or Latin American Studies, twelve of which must be in Latine 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 6682, Foundations of Christian Worship. Students must take nine credit hours of electives in liturgical studies, three with a 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 each 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 eighteen credit hours in Greek and Greek-based courses (including courses offered by the Classics department), six hours in Hebrew or another relevant language, nine hours in exegetical, historical, or thematic courses, and six hours in the foundational sequences in Hebrew Bible and New Testament interpretation (REL 5503 and REL 5516) 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. It is expected that entering students will have successfully completed at least one year of Ancient Greek, so that they may immediately begin taking courses that require Greek, such as exegesis courses. Admitted students who have not yet taken Ancient Greek are required to successfully complete an intensive online summer language course in Koine Greek the summer before enrolling. This course is offered without charge to all YDS students, including incoming students, and counts for six course credits. 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' coursework 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 anticipating Ph.D. studies in the field of practical theology as well as for others who wish to engage in theologically grounded study of the lived religious 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 credit 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 in practical theology. Also required are nine credit hours in Divinity courses beyond Area IV and fifteen elective credit hours. Students' coursework 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 are required from among the five curricular areas at YDS (Biblical Studies, Theological Studies, Historical Studies, Practical Theology Studies, and Comparative and Cultural Studies), with at least three credit hours in three different curricular areas.

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. The rich literature of Second Temple Judaism includes many of the books of the Hebrew Bible and many New Testament texts, as well as a wide variety of texts not included in the later Jewish and Christian canons. Coursework therefore includes extensive work in Hebrew Bible and/or New Testament in addition to courses on other Second Temple literature. Students are expected to acquire high-level competence in Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic. Study of Syriac and Latin is also encouraged. Students are also encouraged to take courses in rabbinic Judaism, in the Department of Religious Studies, and in Classics and the Archaia interdisciplinary program. The goal of the

program is to familiarize students with the history and literature of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman periods 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. It is expected that entering students will have successfully completed at least one year of Biblical Hebrew or Ancient Greek, so that they may immediately begin taking courses that require these languages. Admitted students who have not yet taken either of these languages are required to successfully complete an intensive online summer language course in either Biblical Hebrew or Koine Greek the summer before enrolling. (Those students who have already taken one of these two languages are encouraged to use the summer course to begin work on the other.) This online course is offered without charge to all YDS students, including incoming students, and counts for six course 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 biblical studies and six credit hours in the history of Christian theology. Individual programs are designed utilizing these guidelines.

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in Religion

The concentration in Women's, Gender, and 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 may 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 such as 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 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 requirements in consultation with their adviser.

THESIS AND PROJECT OPTIONS

A thesis or project in the second year is required of students enrolled in the History of Christianity concentration; for all other M.A.R. students, a second-year thesis or project is optional.

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 to work with the student. Readers will ordinarily be Yale faculty members. However, with permission of the M.A.R. degree director, the first reader can be a part-time or visiting Yale faculty member, and the second reader may be external to Yale.

Students must submit their thesis proposal form by the last day of classes in the semester prior to the term in which they hope to begin the 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; and
4. specification of what must be submitted as evidence of progress achieved by the Monday of the end of the open add/drop period in the semester in which the project or thesis is begun.

The M.A.R. degree director reviews the completed application and makes a determination regarding 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 thirty to fifty pages long; a two-term thesis or project is typically sixty to one hundred pages. 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.

In order to fulfill the library’s mission to collect, describe, and preserve intellectual content created by and within the school, M.A.R. students have the option to supply a PDF copy of their thesis, along with a thesis abstract of fewer than 300 words, to the registrar for archiving by the library. Students who wish this option must also complete a form with regard to authorship and access. The thesis copy must have a title page, be free of typographical errors, and employ an acceptable literary style, including standard forms for references.

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.

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. name;
2. address and email address;
3. degree program (please specify the area of concentration, or M.A.R. Comprehensive);
4. a completed M.A.R. course plan (blank copies are downloadable online), with anticipated third-year courses included;
5. a statement explaining why the student wishes to extend their M.A.R. program, including the planned course of study for the third year;
6. a description of the doctoral program to which the student will be applying and how it fits into their statement of interest above;

7. two letters of recommendation from Yale faculty (one of these letters must be from a faculty member in the area of concentration, if the student is in an M.A.R. concentration); and
8. a copy of the student's Yale transcript, which the student can request online.

Admission into the program is highly competitive and therefore it is advisable that students also make alternate plans.

Students accepted into the extended-year program are eligible for the same level of need-based financial aid in the extended year as they were in prior years, provided they submit the required application forms. Federal loan programs will also be available to US citizens and permanent residents who enroll in at least six course credits per semester and maintain satisfactory academic progress. Please note that any funding current ISM students receive for a third year of study must come from the ISM.

EXTENDED-YEAR STUDY ABROAD

Applicants to the extended-year M.A.R. program should indicate whether they are applying, or have applied, to a study abroad program. Applicants should demonstrate the ability to benefit fully from the study abroad program, including showing appropriate linguistic competence or planning to acquire such competence. Those who wish to use the extended year to study in one of our international exchange programs must apply in the fall round rather than the spring round; notification will be delayed until after the study abroad selection process is completed in late December/early January. Students who are accepted into one of our international exchange programs as well as into the extended-year M.A.R. program will be eligible for the same level of need-based financial aid as other students in the extended-year program.

Due to the number of applications received, the time required to review them in an expeditious fashion, and the need for fairness to all involved in the process, all applications must be received—complete and including letters of recommendation—by the date of the deadline. Incomplete applications, including those with late recommendation letters, will not be considered. Students are responsible for following up with their recommenders to ensure that the deadline is met. Applicants are welcome to contact timothee.goselin@yale.edu in the Office of Academic Affairs to follow up on their application status.

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 allows 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 years; it must be completed within two years after matriculation. In the case of students who wish to extend their studies, 12 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.

S.T.M. FOR MINISTRY PROFESSIONALS TRACK

The S.T.M. for Ministry Professionals track (suspended for 2026–2027) 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 S.T.M. degree director. The second reader is usually a Yale faculty member but also can be external to Yale with permission of the S.T.M. degree director.

A thesis, project, or extended paper is a requirement of the S.T.M. program. Candidates intending 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 M.A.R. degree director, the first reader can be a part-time or visiting Yale faculty member, and the second reader may be external to Yale.

Students must submit their thesis/project proposal form by the last day of classes in the semester prior to the term in which they hope to begin the 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; and
4. specification of what must be submitted as evidence of progress achieved by the Monday of the end of the open add/drop period in the semester in which the project or thesis is begun.

The S.T.M. degree director 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 end of the add/drop period in the semester 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 final version of the thesis is due on the last 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 fifty to sixty pages long; a two-term thesis or project report, 100 to 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 5, 2027, a candidate must provide a correct copy to be archived by the Divinity Library. This copy must be provided to the registrar's office in electronic (PDF) form along with a completed archiving agreement 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*; *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*.) In order to fulfill the library's mission to collect, describe, and preserve intellectual content created by and within the school, students are strongly encouraged to provide a thesis abstract of fewer than 300 words along with the thesis copy.

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 S.T.M. degree director.

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 provided 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; the Divinity School of Chung Chi College (Chinese University of Hong Kong); and Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School

Founded in 1807 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 covenanted together but self-governing. Having formed an affiliation with Yale in 2017, Andover Newton Seminary is the third of three partners on the YDS Quad, with permanent affiliation established in 2023. The seminary’s mission reads: “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 advisory council, programs, affiliated faculty, and offices on the Quad. It funds scholarships and faculty positions directly related to its mission to educate faith leaders. Open to any students who seek to learn about ministry, Andover Newton Seminary is named among the covenant-partner seminaries of 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 bring theological perspectives to specific community contexts, 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 among those who take part in the Andover Newton and YDS community, 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.

Prospective students indicate interest in Andover Newton Seminary through their admissions applications to YDS. Any student admitted to YDS’s M.Div. program is considered eligible for Andover Newton’s diploma in congregational ministry. Those who wish to learn more can read about Andover Newton Seminary at <https://andovernewton.yale.edu>.

Berkeley Divinity School at Yale

A seminary of the Episcopal Church, Berkeley Divinity School is the only Episcopal seminary to be fully affiliated with a major research institution such as Yale University. Founded in Middletown, Connecticut, by John Williams, later presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, and chartered by the State of Connecticut in 1854, Berkeley Divinity School takes its name from George Berkeley, bishop of Cloyne, Ireland – philosopher,

educator, and a benefactor of Yale College. The School moved to New Haven in 1928 under the leadership of Dean William Palmer Ladd and has worked closely with Yale University ever since. The School entered into its present form of affiliation, where all Berkeley students take Yale degrees, in 1971.

This organic collaboration continues to flourish after more than a half-century. Berkeley retains its identity through its charter and an independent board of trustees and administration, its dean and staff, and the Berkeley Center located at 363 Saint 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, theology, and liturgy. At the same time, they are incorporated into the rigorous academic program of a divinity school with a world-renowned faculty and have access to the full resources of the libraries, professional schools, departments, and other programs of Yale University. Berkeley students are sustained by a lively ecumenical academic life as they engage faculty and colleagues from varied Christian and other traditions, even as they follow a focused routine of Anglican worship and practical pastoral experience. (For more on Episcopal life at Yale, see *Denominational Preparation* in the chapter *Other Curricular Considerations*.)

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

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, 203.432.9285, or visit <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 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 two decades, the ISM has visited Scandinavia, Mexico, the Balkans, Germany, Greece and Turkey, Italy, the Baltic states, Spain, and France. 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 throughout the year 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 four 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 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. 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 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

Each year, the Yale Institute of Sacred Music 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.

AREAS AND COURSES OF STUDY

The courses listed on the following pages are expected to be offered by Yale Divinity School in 2026–2027. 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 6600s carrying Area II credit, those in the 7700s carrying Area III credit, those in the 800s carrying Area IV credit, and those in the 900s carrying Area V credit. 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; 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 of Arts and Sciences 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 appropriate M.Div., M.A.R., or S.T.M. program director 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 course.

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 milieux 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 milieux of biblical texts.
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 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.

REL 5503a, Hebrew Bible Interpretation I Molly Zahn

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 5515a, Literary Theory and the New Testament Michal Beth Dinkler

This course traces the various interstices between the disciplines of contemporary literary theory/criticism and New Testament studies. The readings and discussions consider literary theory's unique contributions to the study of New Testament literature, as well as critiques of such approaches. Along the way, students engage with close readings of the New Testament texts themselves, attuned to their literary artistry. Area I. Prerequisite: REL 505 or REL 506 or equivalent. 3 Course cr

REL 5518a, Intermediate New Testament Greek Language and Exegesis Judith Gundry

In this course, students study intermediate New Testament Greek grammar and syntax, expand their Greek vocabulary, read a wide variety of Greek texts both in the New

Testament and in other ancient sources (LXX, Apostolic Fathers), learn how to use reference works for the study of the New Testament and other early Christian literature in Greek, and practice different ways to translate Greek texts into English. The class is conducted as a seminar with a high level of student participation. The course aims to prepare students for advanced Greek exegesis courses and courses devoted to the study of other Hellenistic Greek sources. Area I. Prerequisites: REL 3605 and REL 3606; GREK 110 and GREK 120; or REL 3609. 3 Course cr

REL 5544a, History and Methods of Old Testament Interpretation I Joel Baden and Jacqueline Vayntrub

In this course, students engage with classic secondary works from the history of Old Testament scholarship. Area I. Prerequisites: REL 503 or equivalent. 3 Course cr

REL 5552a, Readings in Second Temple Jewish Texts: Daniel Molly Zahn

Close reading, in the original language(s), of selected texts dating to the Second Temple period, including but not limited to later books of the Hebrew Bible (e.g., Chronicles, Daniel), the Apocrypha (e.g., Ben Sira, Tobit), and Dead Sea Scrolls texts. Topics include the syntax and grammar of the texts, their compositional histories, genre and other literary features, and their contribution to our understanding of the history and culture of early Judaism. May be repeated multiple times for credit. Area I. Prerequisites: REL 503 or REL 504 or equivalent and at least one year of biblical Hebrew. 3 Course cr

REL 5563a, The Book of Lamentations Joel Baden

This course examines the biblical Book of Lamentations with a focus on understanding its theology, poetry, and interpretation. Area I. Prerequisites: REL 503, or equivalent; and at least one year – preferably two – of biblical Hebrew. 3 Course cr

REL 5572a, Post-Biblical Hebrew Eric Reymond

The course explores the language of post-biblical Hebrew writings, primarily through a close study of text specimens written in unpointed or unvocalized Hebrew. We begin by studying briefly late biblical Hebrew texts before moving on to the study of the Hebrew of the Wisdom of Ben Sira and the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and then concluding with a study of Mishnaic Hebrew. Area I. Prerequisite: one year of biblical Hebrew. 3 Course cr

REL 5574a, Intermediate Biblical Hebrew and Exegesis 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 5581a, The Gospel of Mark Yii-Jan Lin

Through reading and analysis of the Greek text of the Gospel of Mark, this course aims to familiarize students with the cultural-historical context of the gospel and critical text and translation issues. Secondary readings and class discussion also focus on literary, theological, and explicitly contextual interpretations of the text. Greek reading components available to interested students. Area I. Prerequisites: Intro to NT Interpretation or equivalents. 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.

REL 6102a, The Theology of Julian of Norwich Ryan McAnnally-Linz

This course offers students the opportunity to become deeply familiar with the writings of Julian of Norwich, which we read in both Modern English translation and the original Middle English. (No prior knowledge of Middle English is required. Students pick up Julian's language over the course of the semester.) It is assumed (1) that—whatever else she is—Julian is a theologian and (2) that her work is at least potentially significant not only for historical understanding of late-medieval England but also for contemporary Christian reflection and practice. 3 Course cr

REL 6104a, Soul and Society: Theological Liberalism in the US Eboni Marshall Turman

Although its roots extend back to seventeenth-century England, liberal Christian theology was formally founded in mid-eighteenth-century Germany as a third way between orthodox authoritarianism and atheistic disbelief and is largely defined by its insistence on intellectual freedom and relevance to the modern world, its embrace of scientific reason, and its broad acceptance of biblical criticism in opposition to dogmatic presuppositions of scriptural inerrancy. Its European beginnings notwithstanding, liberal Christian theology's richest and most diverse tradition is found in the United States where pastors—rather than academics—who were immersed in the social and spiritual concerns of their congregations played significant founding roles that would eventually lend itself to a Christian embrace of a uniquely American activist conscience that would propel social-justice activism in every decade following World War I, including the contemporary movement for Black freedom (Black Lives Matter), a free Palestine, and global concern for ecological justice. While liberal Christianity in the US has overwhelmingly been identified with a neo-Puritan claim that the state is responsible for protecting liberty, the tradition, nevertheless betrayed its own rhetoric of freedom by ideological justifications of capitalism and white supremacy that “carved

exceptions to their rhetoric of universal human dignity to all” *except* those who had been marked inferior and therefore unworthy of the right of “civilization” for reason of racial, sexual, and/or cultural distinction. The course explores the emergence of liberal Christianity in the US, the content of liberal theological idealism and realism, the ascendance of progressive religion, visions of liberation for the disinherited, as well as theological doubt, creativity, and the boundaries of theological reconstruction.

3 Course cr

REL 6105a, From Baumstark to Bell: Methods in the Study of Christian Liturgy

Nina Glibetic

This graduate seminar examines the development of methodological approaches in the study of Christian liturgy, attending both to pre-modern liturgical interpretation and to the emergence of liturgical studies as a modern academic discipline. From its earliest centuries, Christianity generated sustained reflection on the meaning, history, and authority of liturgical practice, as mystagogues, canonists, and commentators interpreted ritual action, shaped traditions, and narrated change long before the rise of modern historical scholarship. In early modernity, Reformation and Counter-Reformation polemics intensified attention to the historical origins and theological legitimacy of rites, laying groundwork for the discipline’s later critical formation. Liturgical studies emerged as a distinct academic discipline in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Beginning with the historical-comparative work of Anton Baumstark and other foundational figures, we examine how modern scholarship constructed its categories, methods, and narratives of development, and how intellectual commitments and institutional contexts shaped its assumptions. Alongside major figures such as Gregory Dix, Josef Jungmann, Robert Taft, and Catherine Bell, the seminar also considers methodological developments that have expanded the field in recent decades, including the material and sensory turn, gender and embodiment as analytic lenses, and historiographical reflections that question inherited frameworks. By placing classical comparative and historical-critical models in conversation with these new approaches, students assess the strengths and limits of competing methods and develop a critically informed methodological positioning within the study of Christian worship. 3 Course cr

REL 6606a, The Eucharistic Prayer and Eucharistic Theology Bryan Spinks

This course looks at the broad structural development of the Eucharistic liturgy at certain key epochs in the history of the Christian Church. However, its main focus is on the central prayer of the rite, the Eucharistic Prayer or Great Thanksgiving. It examines the theories put forward regarding its possible origins, its historical development, its treatment by the various sixteenth- and seventeenth-century reformers, and subsequent epochs to the present. It reflects on the theologies expressed in this prayer genre and considers the corresponding sacramental theology in doctrinal writings on the Eucharist, East and West, as well as contemporary discussion. Area II. Prerequisite: Completion of REL 682 would be useful background. 3 Course cr

REL 6612a, 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 touchpoints 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 6616a, Introduction to East Asian Theologies Chloe Starr

This course introduces a range of theological themes and key thinkers in twentieth- and twenty-first century Japan, Taiwan, Korea, and Hong Kong. It surveys different theological movements within these countries (such as “homeland theology,” Minjung theology, the “no-church” movement, protest theology) 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. Area II and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 6626a, Introduction to 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 (1) rooted in the life and person of Jesus Christ, (2) set in the larger story of God’s relation to the world, and (3) informed by Scripture as the primary source for doing theology. o Course cr

REL 6629a, Theology and Medicine Mark Heim and Benjamin Doolittle

Team-taught by a member of the Yale School of Medicine faculty and a member of the Yale Divinity School 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 nor on biomedical ethics, but on a conversation reflecting on the application of healing 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 class meetings at Yale New Haven Hospital 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 6631a, Christian Ethics Seminar Clifton Granby

This course examines a number of recent and influential works of relevance to central problems in Christian moral thought and in modern religious thought more generally. Course topics include political theology; religious ethics and culture; human flourishing and social responsibility; the ethics and epistemology of protest; criticism and the politics of tradition; feminist theory and womanist ethics. Methodological approaches to these topics comprise theological, philosophical, historical, politico-economic, and ethnographic perspectives. Course materials draw from a range of sources from late antiquity to the present. Area II. Prerequisite: REL 615 or equivalent. 3 Course cr

REL 6635a, Creaturely Agency and the Contestation of the Human Jennifer Herdt

What it is to be human is often defined by way of contrast to animality. This contrastive definition of the human is peculiarly salient when it comes to the ethical: human beings are moral agents, persons, characterized by self-ownership, responsibility, and accountability; other animals are outside the ethical. Theologically, these claims to human exceptionalism are bound up with the doctrine of the *imago dei* and with the Incarnation; philosophically, with claims regarding human dignity. But “the human” is now under fire from multiple directions: posthumanism, animality studies, race and animality studies. Meanwhile, cognitive ethology, comparative psychology, and evolutionary anthropology are revealing new things about the agency of human and nonhuman animals. How ought we think about agency and responsibility, both human and nonhuman, in light of all of these developments? And what possibilities emerge for the doctrine of the *imago dei* and for the confession of Christ as fully and perfectly human, moving forward? Area II. 3 Course cr

REL 6662a, The Anglican Way I Staff

This course explores the origins and development of the Anglican way of being Christian, focusing 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?

3 Course cr

REL 6663a, The Anglican Way II: Continuing Depolarization Dorothy Chang

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 6662, 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 6662. 3 Course cr

REL 6682a, Foundations of Christian Worship Nina Glibetic and Gabriel Radle

This 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. Area II. 3 Course cr

REL 6687a, Books of Common Prayer: Anglican Liturgy in History, Theology, and Practice Staff

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 6682. 3 Course cr

REL 6691a, Ecclesiology, Ministry, and Polity: Presbyterian Maria LaSala

This course is intended to help students understand the church and its ministry in terms of both theory and practice. The course deals with the historical and theological basis of Presbyterian Church polity and offer opportunities for reflection on theoretical and practical dimensions of ministry in the church. Students can demonstrate knowledge of the Book of Order, including the Form of Government and the Rules of Discipline, and apply the principles to specific situations in ministry. Students study the Directory for Worship of the PCUSA, with particular emphasis on the Sacraments and the ordinances of marriage and funeral. Students encounter the theological tradition in the Confessions, from the perspective of the practice of ministry. This course prepares students for the Standard Ordination Exams in Church Polity and Worship and the Sacraments and encourage students in their preparation for the Bible Exam and the Theological Competence exam and, more broadly, to be able to engage these issues both practically and theologically. 3 Course cr

REL 6911a, Ecclesiology, Ministry, and Polity: Baptist Gregory Mobley

Lectures on comparative ecclesiology, doctrines of the ministry, and patterns of church polity in the Baptist family of denominations Western Christianity. 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 7103a, The Medieval Bible Volker Leppin and John Dillon

The Bible has been transformed throughout its history. Commentaries helped believers understand the text according to the standards of their time, sermons applied Biblical doctrine to the existential needs of the faithful, and images made it visible. Translations even changed the text remarkably at times. The course traces the Bible's trajectory in the Middle Ages, including a guided journey into the Latin originals that opens up access to language and concepts even for those who never learned ancient languages. The course includes visits to the Beinecke and the Yale University Art Gallery to kindle a feeling for the material basis of medieval Biblical culture. Prerequisite: REL 7718, History of Christianity: An Introduction. 3 Course cr

REL 7104a, The History of Early Christianity from the Beginnings to the End of the Fourth Century Teresa Morgan

This course explores the development of Christianity (some would now say, Christianities) from the beginnings to the end of the fourth century. We will investigate the emergence of Christ-following in the social, cultural, and religious context of the Roman empire; how it spread; and the role of the physical environment in its development. We will consider what kind of group(s) Christians understood themselves as being (an 'elective cult'? A school? A race?). We will explore the development of key aspects of community organization, theology, ethics, religious experience, worship, textual culture, and the arts. We will look at how outsiders saw Christians and how Christians viewed the 'other', human and demonic. One of the distinctive aspects of this course is that it will take a 'phenomenological' approach to Christian history. We will take 'Christians' as meaning anyone who invokes Jesus Christ as Lord or divine patron, and we will encounter very varied forms of Christ-following, including groups that were attacked by other Christians as 'heretical' or 'gnostic', or simply ignored as vulgar, as well as groups that defined themselves as 'catholic' or 'orthodox'. Rather than assuming that certain churches were destined to triumph over others and over the Roman empire, we will discuss the processes by which some churches, texts, and practices came to define what Christianity was (and is), while others were marginalized or repressed. In addition to being historically a fascinating story, this will also help us reflect on the relationship between studying Christianity historically and studying it theologically or as an exercise of faith. Students will encounter a wide range of primary sources, secondary literature, and historical methods and approaches. In many ways this is the most formative and influential period of Christian history, and it is both fascinating in itself and provides a vital basis for understanding later developments in Christian history, theology, and ecclesiology. Prerequisites: introductory NT course; Introduction to the History of Christianity or equivalent course. 3 Course cr

REL 7105a, Introduction to Rabbinic Literature Ra'anan Boustán

This course offers an introduction to rabbinic culture through a close reading in translation of representative rabbinic texts from late antiquity (c. 200–800 CE). We consider the formal and rhetorical features characteristic of the various genres of classical rabbinic literature (midrash, mishnah, and talmud). We also explore the

relationship of rabbinic sources to the wider corpus of Jewish writings from this period (e.g., apocalypses, liturgy, targum, magic, and mysticism). Readings illuminate key themes or concerns within formative Judaism, such as divine revelation and scriptural interpretation; empire, war, and martyrdom; animal sacrifice and prayer; gender and sexuality; economic ethics and social justice; interreligious and interethnic relations; and messianism and apocalypticism. The course assumes no prior knowledge of rabbinic literature or Hebrew or Aramaic. An additional weekly session is held for students enrolled in the course wishing to read texts in their original languages.

3 Course cr

REL 7106a, Byzantine Italy: Empire, Liturgy and Identity from Ravenna to Sicily

Gabriel Radle

This seminar examines Christian religious practice in medieval Italy as part of the broader Byzantine world, with particular emphasis on sacred institutions and ritual life. From late antique Ravenna and Rome to the medieval Greek monasteries of Salento, Calabria, and Sicily, we explore how liturgy shaped religious identity, social organization, and cultural exchange across the Mediterranean. Our approach to the topic draws on a variety of sources, including hagiography, liturgical manuscripts, and material culture, allowing participants to investigate how Byzantine Christian practices developed in Italy and endured long after the (Eastern) Roman Empire's political retreat from the peninsula. Particular attention is given to migration, monastic networks, and the lived religious experiences of Christian communities through different political shifts and alongside other communities, including Jewish, Muslim, and Latin Christian. By approaching Italy through the lens of Byzantine religious practice, the course introduces liturgy as a primary historical source for understanding power, community and memory in the medieval Mediterranean, and restores Italy as a dynamic cultural protagonist of early and middle Byzantium. 3 Course cr

REL 7703a, Methods and Sources of Religious History Scott Libson

This course introduces students to the study of sources, primary and secondary, relating to the history of Christianity. Students work with YDS faculty in the history of Christianity on materials from antiquity to our contemporary world. Students develop their projects over the course of the term under the guidance of their adviser and in workshops. The course prepares students to proceed toward thesis research. The course is not, however, limited to those intending to write a thesis. Prerequisites: some background in history and permission of the instructor. 3 Course cr

REL 7714a, History of Early Modern Christianity: Reformation to Enlightenment

Dorothy Chang

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 7739a, Pentecostals in Africa: Perspectives, Practice, and Prospects Kyama Mugambi

African Pentecostalism represents one of the fastest-growing religious movements in the world. After decades of dismissal of the movement as a marginal phenomenon, religious scholarship has only recently begun to conduct in-depth research on it. This course uses a World Christianity studies lens to critically engage with elements of the African Pentecostal experience. Students explore the ways in which this diverse religious expression interacts with hope in the midst of the rapid change occurring on the continent. The class probes multidimensional perspectives of the pathologies that ail some strains of African Pentecostalism. The course draws from examples in East, West, and South Africa to illuminate a broad range of elements. The course considers conversion; pathologies and pathways to hope; storytelling and epistemology; the miraculous as spiritual power dynamic; sermons and prayer as dialectics of hope; the paradox of spontaneity and tradition in oral worship; the mediation of identity through aesthetics; the pragmatism of public engagement; communality and leadership; and the Pentecostal vision within African religion. Area III and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 7745a, Byzantine Art and Architecture Vasileios Marinis

This lecture course explores the art, architecture, and material culture of the Byzantine Empire from the foundation of its capital, Constantinople, in the fourth century to the fifteenth century. Centered around the Eastern Mediterranean, Byzantium was a dominant political power in Europe for several centuries and fostered a highly sophisticated artistic culture. This course aims to familiarize students with key objects and monuments from various media – mosaic, frescoes, wooden panels, metalwork, ivory carvings – and from a variety of contexts – public and private, lay and monastic, imperial and political. We give special attention to issues of patronage, propaganda, reception, and theological milieu, as well as the interaction of architecture and ritual. More generally, students become acquainted with the methodological tools and vocabulary that art historians employ to describe, understand, and interpret works of art. Area III and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 7747a, 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 7750a, Readings in Early Evangelicalism in Europe and North America, 1580–1830 Kenneth Minkema

This graduate-level seminar focuses on consideration of important classic interpretations and recent studies in the development of the religious phenomena known as “evangelicalism,” with the intention of giving students a historiographical and methodological grounding in the subject. Readings, lectures, and discussion consider topics such as the rise of a distinct phase known as “early evangelicalism” in the late

sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, which included a distinct brand of exegesis, a millennialist impulse, and other features; the spread of “religion of the heart” among Reformed, Pietist, and other protestant movements, as well as among more mystical strains of Catholicism; the coalescing of a conversionist religious culture featuring revivalism, including specific instances in the Netherlands, England, Wales, Scotland, and North America during the eighteenth century, epitomized by the so-called “Great Awakening”; the emergence of sects and movements, such as Moravianism, Methodism, Separatism, Shakerism, and Mormonism; the birth of Native and Black churches out of this period, with their own theologies, views of Scripture, preaching styles, and bodies of hymns; and the institutionalization of the movement(s) in British Evangelicalism and the Second Great Awakening of the early nineteenth century, which engendered publishing empires, reform movements, and domestic and international missions. Area III. 3 Course cr

REL 7755a, A History of 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 7759a, Land, Ecology, and Religion in U.S. History Tisa Wenger

This course explores the varied intersections among land, ecology, and religion in U.S. history and situates American religion within a broader history of the Anthropocene. How have religious ideologies and institutions worked to shape American spaces, places, and landscapes? In an age of accelerating ecological crisis, how have diverse religious groups interacted with, participated in, or reacted against the environmental movement? How have race, gender, settler colonialism, and other intersectional social formations shaped these histories? How are the social formations we call religions implicated in and reinvented by the climactic transformations of the Anthropocene? Area III. 3 Course cr

REL 7771a, Francis and Clare of Assisi Volker Leppin

In 2026, we commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis, who died on October 3, 1226. He, together with his follower and spiritual companion Clare, was one of many who rebelled against the structures of the increasingly commercialized world of trade and questioned whether it could be reconciled with Christian values. Both Francis and Clare were later canonized by the Catholic Church. They showed 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 thinking. The sources we read were both written by themselves and by their hagiographers. Some might be legendary, others constitute reliable historical material. They might allow us to find a historical and theological image of Francis and Clare, despite many unresolved historical questions. 3 Course cr

REL 7778a, 2000 Years of Christianity in Africa: A History of the African Church

Kyama Mugambi

The rapid, previously unexpected growth of Christianity in Africa in the twentieth century calls for deeper scholarly reflection. Keen students of global trends are aware that Africa is now home to more Christians than Europe or North America. While the rapid growth can be traced to a century of vigorous activity, Christianity has a long eventful history on the continent. This course provides a broad overview of Christianity in Africa over two millennia. The early part of the course focuses on the beginnings and development of the Church in Africa. The material highlights the role of African Christian thinkers in shaping early Christian discourses in increasingly dynamic global and continental contexts. The course weaves critical themes emerging in African Christianity north of the expansive Sahara desert, and then south of it. Students encounter critical issues in missionary Christianity in Africa and gain a historical understanding of the milestones in Christian growth that contribute to Christianity's status as both an African and global religion. Area III. 3 Course cr

REL 7781a, Readings in US Law and Religion Tisa Wenger and Sally Promey

Under the logics of Western modernity, "religion" and "law" are commonly perceived to be easily distinguishable from one another, with each operating as a distinct and largely self-contained aspect of societal organization and social life. Applying the theories and methods of religious studies, this course seeks to critically interrogate that assumption by scrutinizing the complex ways in which religion and law have mutually influenced one another in both historical and contemporary contexts. With a particular focus on the United States, this seminar explores how various religious histories and practices as well as theological claims have helped to structure American legislation, public policy, and judicial doctrines. In turn, it also examines how the American legal system has operated to shape and constrain the possibilities of religious expression and flourishing. Course participants begin by developing a set of critical frameworks from within which to consider and assess interrelationships between religion and law. In relation to this critical rubric, the course then generally proceeds chronologically, focusing on moments in US history and politics when intersections of religion and law are especially salient. Topics, for example, include First Amendment doctrine, the (mis)recognition of Native American traditions, the aesthetics of civic religious displays, and the enduring legacies of slavery and gender subordination. Prior coursework in US religious and/or legal history is preferred. Area III and Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 7975a / REL 9975a, Bach Among the Theologians Markus Rathey

Johann Sebastian Bach has occasionally been called "The Fifth Evangelist" and his music is often viewed as an expression of deep theological insight and devotion. But what does that actually mean? How does Bach's music relate to the religious and devotional traditions of his time? Was Bach indeed exceptional in that regard? The course explores the religious landscape of Bach's time and demonstrate how Bach's music relates to the contemporary trends in theology and private devotion. The basis for the course is a new theological Bach reader (translated and edited by Markus Rathey), which makes accessible important theological documents from Bach's religious environment. The first half of the course provides a broad overview of central theological topics and their representation in Bach's music. In the second half, we explore selected cantatas and their relationship to the sermons and devotional texts

from theologians who served with Bach in eighteenth-century Leipzig. Area III and Area V. 3 Course cr

Area IV: Practical Theology Studies

Practical theology involves the study and practice of lived religion, spiritual leadership and care. The field provides analytical tools, conceptual frameworks, and specific skills for the theologically grounded study of religious and spiritual practices of persons and communities. Area IV courses explore an array of epistemologies, research methodologies, affective processes, and lifeways that shape meaning-making via theological discourse, various therapeutic frameworks and healing modalities, preaching and public address, emancipatory pedagogy, and reflection on lived experience in communities of practice. The disciplines of practical theology engage embodied and reflexive understandings of identity, agency, power, and sociality as formative for the spiritual imagination and the lived religious practices of individuals, families, and communities of conviction.

REL 8100a, Mission-Driven Innovation Sarah Drummond and Teresa Chahine
Whereas all leaders strive toward positive results – black ink on balance sheets, erected buildings, networked information systems – mission-oriented leaders strive toward humanity’s best interests and the flourishing of all creation. In this course, students will learn about how to bring together practices of discernment, social entrepreneurship, and leadership to make a vision – a transcendent ideal – become real. Mission-oriented innovators are not just dreamers. They take seriously the scope of societal challenges both locally and globally, and the finitude of resources to meet these challenges. To effect change, they must be strategic, creative, and thoughtful. They must rely on relationships with constituents and other like-minded allies, and, when people come together, they become more than the sum of their parts. 3 Course cr

REL 8804a, Practical Theology Seminar Almeda Wright
This seminar offers an orientation to the field of practical theology and an overview of methodologies for doing practical theological reflection in a variety of contexts. As a field, practical theology is both old and new. Practical theology is concerned with the practices and actions, past and present, of God, individuals, and communities. Practical theology is also concerned with reflecting on these actions with an eye toward renewed or improved practices in the future. Thus, we utilize practical theological methods to help us explore the connections between our religious traditions and convictions and the way we do ministry and/or theological reflection in engagement with the world. This course fulfills the requirement for the practical theology proseminar for the M.A.R. concentration in Practical Theology and is open to other interested students. Area IV. 3 Course cr

REL 8807a, Practicing Care: Intro to Pastoral Theology for a Complex World 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 a 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 8813a, Christian Spirituality and Practice Staff

This course provides an overview of some of the schools of Christian spirituality and offers guidance for interpretation, practice, and reflection. Some of the questions raised include: Who are some of the major figures in the practice of Christian spirituality? How did they interpret their times through their spiritual practice (and vice versa)? If, as Ignatius of Loyola proposes, God can be found in all things, how have contemporary Christian writers on spirituality engaged the world through their spiritual practice? How does one deepen and grow a practice of Christian spirituality? And, finally: do I need to be certain about belief in order to practice Christian spirituality? (hint: No)
3 Course cr

REL 8815a, 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 8824a, 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 8849a, Earth-Honoring Witness as Public Theology Carolyn Sharp

This course considers ways to bear witness to the inherent value of Earth as a living and interconnected community that teaches profound theological and ethical truths. Through sustained reflection on preaching and other proclamatory practices understood as public theology, students explore such issues as: ways in which scripture passages testify to the intricate glories and stark vulnerabilities of creation as a site of the transforming work of the divine; the intelligence, giftedness, moral agency, and relational sophistication of other-than-human creatures; human sin as a major vector for harms that are catalyzing global ecological disaster and causing enormous suffering in creation; and grace as the divine intention not just for humanity but for all living beings, Earth, and the cosmos. Engaging contemporary homiletical theory and studying sermons from expert preachers, students develop their homiletical skills and their capacity to envision and advocate for the restoration of Earth and the flourishing of its communities. Together students listen for the Gospel in sermons focused on creation, climate justice, and interspecies kinship; explore the potential of micro-homilies to build the capacity of faith communities for ecotheological reflection and Earth-honoring praxis; and attend to poetry and memoir writing as sources of wisdom. This course meets the Preaching/Public Address distributional requirement for the M.Div. degree. Area IV. M.Div. students are expected to have taken Hebrew Bible Interpretation and New Testament Interpretation. No prerequisite applies to students in other Divinity degrees or to YSE students. 3 Course cr

REL 8862a, The Gospel in Lament: Preaching for a Suffering World Carolyn Sharp

As resources for theology and ethics, the Hebrew Scriptures are unparalleled for their sustained attention to the suffering of believers and their articulation of ways in which ancient scribes responded to trauma through narratives, poetry, and other cultural forms that promoted resilience and renewed flourishing. In the New Testament, stories of miraculous healings abound, highlighting Jesus's compassion for and responsiveness to those who suffer. This course is designed to help the preacher offer proclamation in ways that speak grace to those who suffer. Educators, activists, artists, and others in faith communities need to hear public theology that engages fruitfully with issues such as poverty and economic precarity; the suffering of other-than-human creatures and human responsibility; political repression and other forms of systemic injustice; spiritual resilience in the face of catastrophic injury, intractable pain, or terminal illness; the fragility and strength of the human spirit in community; benefits of spiritual practices for healing and tranquility; and artistic creativity and cultural memory as resources for addressing loss and trauma. Engaging theories of preaching, students design and preach sermons that explore homiletical approaches to suffering in biblical texts and contemporary contexts. None 3 Course cr

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.

REL 9001a, Modern Faith Christian Wiman

This course addresses issues of faith using the work of various modern artists and thinkers. Some of the questions raised include: Is there such a thing as a “modern” faith? What does the language we use have to do with what and how we believe, and is that language amenable to change? What is the role of art with regard to personal and collective belief? What is devotional doubt? And how does one change one’s life? Students become familiar with various modern artists and thinkers who have engaged issues of faith; gain a clearer sense of what art has to do with faith and how they might use this knowledge in their own lives; learn to analyze the readings theologically and to explain how they relate to and differ from each other; and achieve a clearer sense of what they mean when they use words like faith, belief, prayer, devotion, and God. Consequently, they learn to better articulate their own faiths. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 9102a, Figuring Power: Representations of Rarity and Rumor in Latin American Literary Narrative Adrian Emmanuel Hernandez-Acosta

This course surveys Latin American literary narrative from the beginning of the Cold War to the present, with a focus on figurations of power in which the category of the religious and its others (e.g., the mythical, the demonic, and the occult) are entangled. Selected readings offer a shared set of alternatives to “magical realism” – presumed the region’s signature genre and, by extension, privileged mode of self-representation – that reckon with ongoing histories of political promise, violence, and disillusion. This course aims to study how Latin American narrative interrogates the limits of realism and its antonyms when repeatedly confronted with the (dis)figuring effects of power. The course asks how recourse to rarity and rumor through the religious and its others renders the representability of both spectacular and quotidian workings of power. All assigned materials are read in English translation. Students who can read in Spanish are encouraged to do so. Previous practice in literary studies helpful but not required. Reading proficiency in Spanish helpful but not required. 3 Course cr

REL 9104a, Mysticism in Black Studies Adrian Emmanuel Hernandez-Acosta

Mysticisms circulate in Black studies today – the contemplative turn to interiority; the ecstatic break into an otherwise; attunement, relation, oneness; the ineffability of both the abyss and the world that lies beyond. This course aims to study how practices and discourses associated with predominantly though not exclusively Christian mysticisms have come to play a central role in a set of Black studies conversations

on the historical, the speculative, the body, flesh, and spirit. Drawing on a range of distinctly stylized texts and artistic media from the 1970s to the present, the course first meditates on a gendered history of the present, which then illuminates its plunge into the contemporary. Throughout, this course asks what continues to be at stake for Black studies in both its reach for and retreat into the mystical. A playlist featuring musicians from the Coltranes and Sun Ra to Solange and Cory Henry accompanies the course. Previous coursework in Black studies or theological studies is encouraged but not required. 3 Course cr

REL 9900a, Sacred Sounds: Key Issues in the Ethnomusicology of Religion

Bo kyung Im

How and why do religious practitioners around the world engage in the sonic dimensions of lived experience? What local, regional, and global histories impinge upon meanings that obtain in sacred music practices? This course examines the intersections between modern sonic and religious practice. First, we consider why, indeed, the whole world doesn't love chamber music and interrogate the ways in which various ontological and epistemic claims are forwarded in the planning, experience, and interpretation of sonic-religious practice. Thereafter, by addressing case studies that span both northern and southern hemispheres, the course engages key themes in the ethnomusicological and anthropological study of music and religion. Through topics such as music and postcolonialism, modernity, gender and sexuality, history, ritual, postsecularism, communication and technology, timbre, and diaspora, discussions center the role of power in shaping the conditions under which truth is experienced on two interconnected levels: in "the field" where events themselves happen, and "at home" where events are interpreted and rendered into academic prose. Throughout the term, our learning community carves out intellectual space to consider the faith claims to which ethnomusicological interlocutors bear witness. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 9910a, Philosophy of Religion John Pittard

This course is a general introduction to the philosophy of religion, including such topics as classical and contemporary arguments for the existence of God, the problem of evil, the significance of religious experience, the relationship between faith and reason, possible tensions between science and religion, whether God is important to morality, and the possibility of life after death. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 9924a, Foundations of Islam: Understanding Muslim Tradition, Practice, and Encounter Abdul-Rehman Malik

What is Islam? This course provides a comprehensive introduction to understanding and engaging with Islamic tradition, practice, and culture that will enable students to offer answers to this far-from-straightforward question. In particular, the course engages with Islam as a living tradition—a vibrant faith that is constantly and dynamically being developed, challenged, practiced, and lived. Three core themes run through the course: tradition, practice, and encounter. The course is especially designed to provide M.Div. and M.A.R. students with the language, vocabulary, terminology, foundational knowledge, and perspectives to begin—or further—their study and engagement with Islamic theology, texts, and ideas in particular, and with Muslim life in general. Special attention is paid to how Islam has developed—and is developing—in the United States, particularly through the lenses of liberation theologies, gender, and race. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 9927a, Black Religious and Political Thought Clifton Granby

This course offers an overview of important sources, voices, and themes in African American religious and political thought. It highlights the ways in which this tradition has inspired practices of freedom, critics of domination, and visions of self and social care. Our task involves analyzing strands of Black nationalism and separatism on the one hand, and liberal and democratic calls for egalitarianism and inclusion on the other. Special attention is given to sermons and spirituals, the role of autobiography, quests for education and respectability, vernacular and folk traditions, socialism, the civil rights movement, the Nation of Islam, Black power and Black theology, womanist and feminist voices, and post-civil rights politics. Various political and rhetorical strategies of African American preaching, organizing, and public appeal also receive attention.

Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 9947a, Contemporary Worship Music: Commerce, Style, and Ethics Bo kyung Im

What is “contemporary worship music”? Why do twenty-first-century Christians sing it? What ethical debates inform church communities’ adoption or rejection of contemporary worship music practices? This graduate seminar interrogates the relationship between commerce, style, and ethics in contemporary worship music. We address case studies from early twenty-first-century North America, Oceania, and the United Kingdom from a transnational framework that highlights the asymmetrical circulation of musico-religious ideas, practices, capital, and people in the global political-economy. Reading across scholarly fields such as music studies, liturgical studies, and ritual studies, we critically examine this subgenre of global popular music from both historical and ethnographic perspectives. The first part of the course historicizes contemporary worship music and introduces critical themes. The second part of the course focuses on influential contemporary worship groups including Hillsong, Passion, Bethel, Elevation Worship, and Maverick City. We consider the roles that competing definitions of “the good,” sacred and secular constructs, race and ethnicity, imperialism, commerce, embodiment, and aesthetics play in power-inflected processes of self-making and community-building in late twentieth- and early twenty-first-century global Christianity.

Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 9952a, Style and Religious Writing and Speech Peter Grund

When we talk about the “style” of an author, speaker, text, or genre, what do we mean? How do we identify, define, and analyze elements that make up a style? How does exploring aspects of style and stylistic choice help us appreciate the nature, function, and intention of religious text and speech? These are questions that are explored in this course. The focus is on providing students with a number of frameworks from language study and linguistics that can be used to analyze, interpret, and discuss choices and strategies in speech and writing in a religious context. Focusing on English and text/speech in Christian traditions, the course covers (among many other topics) how metaphors clarify religious messages and create community, how variation and repetition in word choice create structure but also subvert expectation in religious poetry, and how formulations of speech and writing (e.g., phrases such as “I believe” or “I promise”) accomplish religious acts with real-world consequences. Texts and speech from a number of different genres and periods feature in discussions, hands-on exercises, and creative experimentations, including religious poems and literary works, prayers, sermons, church websites, and creeds. The smaller assignments in the class

give students training in exploring aspects of style, and the final project, which can take a number of different shapes, can be adapted to the student's particular commitments, whether religious/congregational, non-profit, educational, creative, literary, linguistic, or others. No previous experience with or knowledge of language study is necessary.

Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 9971a, Creative Nonfiction Christian Wiman

Students work on different forms of prose, leading toward a longer final project. This final essay may take the form of spiritual autobiography, but it might also be more outward-focused, employing criticism, biography, or some other method that I haven't even thought of. We read several hybrid works that verge on poetry, and poets are most welcome in the class (though I want to stress that the assignments are for prose). This course is part seminar and part workshop. About a third of our time is devoted to the reading and analysis of published essays. The rest of our class time is devoted to discussing work done by students in the class. We come at a student's work in many different ways, our methods evolving with the class. There may be some meetings outside of class. I am not present for these. They are small workshops (three to four people) for students to discuss the pieces that we do not have time to discuss in class. Students will also have individual meetings with me. *Please note: On some days that we are workshopping essays, class will run three hours. Students must be able to stay the full time.* Enrollment limited to twelve. Admission is at the discretion of the instructor. Area V. 3 Course cr

REL 9994a, Moral Issues in Public Policy: Poverty, Health Care, and Voting Rights

William Barber

This seminar introduces students to contemporary public policy debates about poverty, health care, and voting rights by examining the moral issues at stake in each debate from a theological and constitutional perspective. With the best data and evidence-based research available, students are challenged to ask not only what is possible, but also what justice, love, and mercy demand of society and how this moral mandate can be leveraged to effect positive policy change. Area V. 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 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 3614a, Creating Financially Sustainable 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) a nonprofit'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. No prior coursework in finance required. 1½ Course cr

REL 3615a, Managing Crisis in Churches and Nonprofits James Elrod

Financial crisis has become the normative state for many churches and nonprofit enterprises. 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 3710a, M.Div. Integrative Seminar I Staff

The first of three small-group seminars required of M.Div. students. This course aims to enable students better to integrate the various aspects of M.Div. learning. This includes making academic connections between courses and areas of study; reflecting on the goals and process of theological education; attending to practices of spiritual formation; and considering how YDS coursework and activities may bear on students' vocations. The course promotes peer learning, drawing on the experiences and diverse histories of cohort members as source material for overcoming divides between theory and practice and making connections between bodies of knowledge. In this first semester, topics for discussion include the interplay of multiple communities of belonging and responsibility, ways of knowing in theological education, and students' relationships to sacred texts.

REL 3712a, M.Div. Integrative Seminar III Staff

The final of three small-group seminars required of M.Div. students. This course aims to enable students better to integrate the various aspects of M.Div. learning. This includes making academic connections between courses and areas of study; reflecting on the goals and process of theological education; attending to practices of spiritual formation; and considering how YDS coursework and activities may bear on students' vocations. The course promotes peer learning, drawing on the experiences and diverse histories of cohort members as source material for overcoming divides between theory and practice and making connections between bodies of knowledge.

REL 3713a, Integrative Seminar Frederick Streets

This course aims to enable students better to integrate the various aspects of M.Div. learning. This includes making academic connections between courses and areas of study; reflecting on the goals and process of theological education; attending to practices of spiritual formation; and considering how YDS coursework and activities may bear on students' vocations. The course promotes peer learning, drawing on the experiences and diverse histories of cohort members as source material for overcoming divides between theory and practice and making connections between bodies of knowledge. Topics for discussion include the interplay of multiple communities of belonging and responsibility, ways of knowing in theological education, and students' relationships to sacred texts. This course is required in the new cohort model of learning for M.Div. students. 1½ Course cr

REL 3797a, Andover Newton Colloquium I: Ministry Competencies Sarah Drummond

This one-hour weekly fall colloquium for ministerial formation, taken in conjunction with its spring counterpart (Andover Newton Colloquium II, REL 3798), invites

students to explore the integrative nature of the ministry competencies of social justice, compassion, and building community.

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 Yale Divinity School.

REL 3908a, 10-250: An Emmaus Encounter on Community and Commemoration

Sarah Drummond

In 2016, a group of faculty members and administrators from Andover Newton Theological School relocated to New Haven, and their independent seminary became partnered with – later embedded in – Yale Divinity School. As Andover Newton marks ten years since this move, while the nation marks 250 years, many questions arise regarding *commemoration* and *community-building*. Together with partners in Greater Boston, students from Andover Newton Seminary at YDS’s educational program will engage in meaningful dialogue on how communities mark milestones. How can events enrich a community’s sense of connection, among participants and between the present and past, while also acknowledging the complexities that arise when commemoration does not necessarily call for celebration? Andover Newton educational program participants in their second years of study have the right of first refusal to participate.

REL 3996a, Part-time Internship with Advanced Practicum I Staff

The Part-time Internship with advanced Practicum is open to students who have successfully completed a first internship either in ministry or nonprofit settings. The Part-time Internship with Advanced Practicum is taken for two consecutive terms starting in September – Practicum I in the fall term and Practicum II in the spring term. 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. Students work under the mentorship of a trained supervisor, combined with a peer reflection group (practicum) facilitated by a practitioner, for a total of 300 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 3 credits for the year – 1.5 credits for Practicum I and 1.5 for Practicum II – and offers a student stipend. Prerequisites: REL 3986 and REL 3987, or REL 3988 1½ Course cr

Additional Courses Offered

AREA I

Advanced Biblical Hebrew Prose
American Immigration and Apocalypse
Ancient Hebrew Inscriptions
Antioch and Dura-Europos
Authors, Editors, and Scribes: The Making of the Hebrew Bible
Biblical Poetry
Bodies and Embodiment in the Hebrew Bible
Book of Jeremiah
Book of Judges and Contemporary Religious Life
Book of Lamentations
Bounty and Duty: The Hebrew Bible and Creation
Composition of the Pentateuch
Danger of a Single Story: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in the New Testament
Dead Sea Scrolls
Death, Memorial, and the Immortality in the Hebrew Bible and Its World
Deuteronomy
Early Biblical Interpretation
English Exegesis: First Corinthians
English Exegesis: Gospel of Matthew
English Exegesis: Mark
English Exegesis: Philippians
English Exegesis: Romans
Exodus through the Ages
Gender, Sexuality, and the Hebrew Bible
Gnostic Texts in the Nag Hammadi Library
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
The Hebrew Bible, Race, and Racism
Hebrew Exegesis: The Book of Proverbs
Hebrew Exegesis: Ecclesiastes/Qohelet
Hebrew Exegesis: Exodus
Hebrew Exegesis: Leviticus
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
Jesus as Influencer? Rhetoric, Storytelling, and New Testament Narratives
Judaism in the Roman Empire: Philo of Alexandria and Jewish Apologetics
The Letters of Paul

Literary Criticism and the New Testament

Past Tense: Classical Biblical Prophecy

Pauline Theology

Philo's Life of Moses

Philo of Alexandria and the Allegorical Interpretation of Scripture

Post-Biblical Hebrew

"Race" and the New Testament

Readings in Second Temple Jewish Texts: Chronicles and the Temple Scroll

Revelation and Imagination

Scribes and Text at Qumran

Women and Gender in Early Christianity

AREA II

Asian American Theologies

Augustine's *City of God*

Black Theology

Body and Land

Catholic Liturgy

Catholic Moral Theology

Catholic Social Teaching

Christ and Confrontation: The Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Christian Identity and the Formation of the Racial World

Christianity and the New Spirit of Capitalism

Contemporary Black Theologies and the Early Church

Contemporary Theological Anthropology

Creaturely Agency and the Contestation of the Human

Daily Prayer

Devotion and Practice in Early Christianity

Digital Media, Liturgy, and Theology

Eschatology, Apocalypse, Utopia

Eucharistic Prayers and Eucharistic Theology

Experience in Ethics

Friedrich Schleiermacher's *Christian Faith*

Gender and Liturgy

God in Modern Thought

Gratitude

History of American Evangelical Worship

Imagining Theological Method: De-colonial and Indigenous Possibilities

Incarnations: Body, Theology, and Performativity

Introduction to East Asian Theologies

Introduction to Womanist Theology and Ethics

James Cone

Karl Barth

Liberation Theologies in the United States

Liturgical Movements of the Twentieth Century

Liturgical Theology

Liturgy and Life

Lives of Christ

Love, Prophecy, and Social Criticism
Medieval Latin for Saints and Sinners
Medieval Theology Survey
Music and Theology in the Sixteenth Century
Natural Disasters in the Christian Tradition: Ritual and Theological Responses
Natural Law and Christian Ethics
Natural Theology and the New Animism
Passion and Atonement
Paul Tillich
Pessimism
Political Theology
Reel Presence: Explorations in Liturgy and Film
Religious Eros
Ritual Theory for Liturgical Studies
Sacraments and Sacramentality
Sacrifice: Gift, Ritual, and Violence in Early Christianity
Schleiermacher's Christian Faith
Scientific Thought and Christian Theology
Social Practices and Ethical Formation
Some of Us Are Brave: Black Feminist Theory, Black Womanist Ethics
Special Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies
Suffering
A Survey of Medieval Latin
Theological Themes in the Reformed Creeds and Confessions
Theologies of Religious Pluralism
Theology of the Lutheran Confessions
Theology of Vatican II
Theology, Race, and the Built Environment
Theology through Music
Understanding American Evangelical Worship
United Methodist History and Doctrine
Virtue and Hypocrisy: Moral Thought
Virtue Ethics
War and Violence in Christian Ethics
What Is a Sacrament?
Work, Debt, and Christian Witness
Worship and Evangelism
Worship, Culture, and Technology

AREA III

2000 Years of Christianity in Africa: A History of the African Church
African American Religion and the Modern Civil Rights Movement, 1954–1968
American Religion in the Archives
Averroes and Thomas Aquinas
The Bible in English
Black Religion and Migration
Calvin and Calvinism
Christianities in the Colonized Americas
Christianity and Coloniality in Contemporary Africa

Christianity and Culture Wars
 Clement of Alexandria: Culture, Theology, and the Stromateis
 Constantinople/Istanbul
 Core Texts of Thomas Aquinas and William of Ockham
 Death and Afterlife in Eastern Christian Traditions
 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
 Exclusion and Dialogue with other Religions in the Middle Ages and the Reformation
 Francis and Clare of Assisi
 The German Mystical Tradition in Theology, Piety, and Music
 Global Catholicism
 God and Self: Spiritual Autobiographies in Context
 Gods, Goods, and the Goals of Life: Early Christian Ethical Thinking in Ancient World Contexts
 History of the African Church
 Interpreting Medieval Religion
 An Introduction to Byzantine Monasticism
 Jews, Christians, and Renaissance Bibles
 Liberation Theology in Latin America
 Living the Reformation
 Luther and Zwingli: Reformation Conflict
 Martin Luther and the Reformation
 Martyrdom and Sainthood in the Early Modern World
 Mysticism in the West 1100–1700
 Native Americans and Christianity
 Origins of Christian Art in Late Antiquity
 Pentecostalism in Africa
 Reading Calvin's *Institutes*
 Readings in Early Evangelicalism in Europe and North America, 1580–1830
 Reformation Europe
 Reformed Christianity
 Religion, Art, and Resistance to Empire
 Religion in Latin America
 Religion, Literature, and Politics in Early Modern Britain
 Religion and the Cold War
 Religion and U.S. Empire
 Religions and Societies in Colonized North America
 Religious Freedom in U.S. History
 U.S. Catholic History Remapped
 U.S. Law and Religion
 Witchcraft and Witch-hunting in Early Modern Europe and America

AREA IV

African American Preaching
 Black Religion and Radical Education
 Body and Soul: Ministry for Sexuality and Justice
 Caring for Justice and Joy

Chaplaincy in Multi-Faith Contexts
Conflict Transformation: Pastoral Care with Congregations and Communities
Feminist and Womanist Perspectives on Pastoral Theology and Care
The Gospel in Lament: Preaching for a Suffering World
Grace Unbounded: Preaching on Ephesians
The Hebrew Scriptures and Christian Preaching: The Writings
Howard Thurman: Mysticism and Prophetic Witness
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Faith and the Will
Faith, Doubt, and Redemption in Twentieth- and Twenty-First-Century Fiction
Faith-[In]forming: Christian Poetics for the Twenty-First Century
Free Will, Human and Divine

Herbert and Hopkins in the Twenty-First Century
 Imagining the Apocalypse: Scripture, Fiction, Film
 Indigenous Traditions and the Environment
 Interfaith Learning through an Exploration of Life-Cycle Rituals
 An Introduction to African Diaspora Religions
 Introduction to American Judaism
 Kant's Philosophy of Religion
 Kierkegaard's Philosophy of Religion
 Letters to God: Simone Weil, Etty Hillesum, Edith Stein
 Literary Appropriations: Writers and Philosophers in Conversation
 Mary in the Middle Ages
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 Modern Faith
 Modern Short Fiction
 Moral Issues in Public Policy: Poverty, Health Care, and Voting Rights
 Pandemic Ethics
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 South and Southeast Asian Christianities
 Spiritual Topographies in Modern Poetry and Fiction
 Style and Religious Writing
 Taking Leave: Meditations on Art, Death, and the Afterlife from the Bible to the
 Twentieth Century
 Themes in World Christianity
 Theological Aesthetics
 Theological Predication and Divine Attributes
 Theory and Mourning: Readings in Race, Religion, Gender, and Sexuality
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 Virtue, Vice, and Epistemic Injustice
 Visual Controversies: Religion and the Politics of Vision
 W.E.B. Du Bois and Black Radical Traditions
 Witnessing, Remembrance, Commemoration
 Women of the Gospel: Jackson, Clark, Caesar, Franklin

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 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 (<https://divinity.yale.edu/profile/office-of-vocation-and-leadership>).

Students may participate in one or more of the following programs. Completion of one is required for the M.Div. degree, although only REL 3986/REL 3987, REL 3988, and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 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.

All internships, including CPE, carry a stipend arranged 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 Internship with Practicum (REL 3986 and REL 3987) carrying three credits per term in the fall and spring or the six-credit Summer Intensive Internship with Practicum (REL 3988).

YDS also offers opportunities for specialized internships: Part-time Internship with Advanced Practicum (REL 3996 and REL 3997) or Summer Advanced Intensive Internship (REL 3998), designed for students returning for a second internship and carrying three credits total for the academic year or the summer.

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 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 as well as 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 staff 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

This endowed program, sponsored by Berkeley Divinity School but open to all YDS students, is committed to preparing students for spiritually informed service and scholarship as well as lay and ordained ministry. Annand's initiatives are intended to foster personal spiritual formation, provide experience with a variety of spiritual disciplines, offer students a broad view on trends in spiritual expression, and nurture integration of students' spiritual and intellectual life. Among Annand's programs are the First Year Formation Groups—small groups specially designed to support spiritual growth as students make the transition to Divinity School life. Other offerings include individual and group spiritual mentoring, quiet days, workshops, and a variety of other small-group activities. The Annand Program is a helpful resource for students asking questions about faith or striving to deepen their own spiritual formation. M.Div. students often find Annand initiatives particularly supportive as they seek to fulfill spiritual growth and formation expectations for their portfolio.

The program, a gift from Berkeley Divinity School to the wider YDS community, provides resources for spiritual formation free to all YDS students. Among Annand's offerings are:

- spiritual wayfinding, regular individual meetings with a mentor trained to listen deeply and respectfully to and with students to the Spirit at work or play in their life;
- contemplative retreats held at convents/monasteries;
- day retreats or small groups on campus; and
- Ignatian spiritual exercises in everyday life, involving a commitment to daily prayer and weekly meetings with a director over more than forty weeks throughout the academic year.

Annand offerings are meant to help students integrate their spiritual and intellectual lives, find new ways to pray, deepen their awareness of God in their lives, discern their path forward, and live out their faith struggles with the support of others.

More information is available by contacting Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, 203.432.9291, or annand@yale.edu.

Ecological Leadership and Ministry

The Certificate in Ecological Leadership and Ministry offers students vocational training and mentorship in ecospiritual advocacy for the Earth, our common home. The program weaves together academic coursework, community building, and contemplative practice to integrate ecological concerns into religious and spiritual leadership. Through monthly colloquia, participants learn from leaders in the field blazing creative pathways in a range of settings—including churches, nonprofits, retreat centers, and academic programs—to foster climate justice, biodiversity protection, and sustainable lifestyles in the spirit of the Living Village project. These gatherings offer students a valuable networking opportunity to help forge vocational paths of service in the field. Students put their faith into practice through fieldwork with community-based organizations engaged in ecological work. These may include churches focused on climate justice; local nonprofits engaged in urban forestry, biodiversity conservation, and shoreline protection; or climate organizations supporting the renewable energy transition. Students in this certificate program are expected to take three courses in Religion and Ecology; attend the annual Graduate Conference in Religion and Ecology (GCRE); attend five of six monthly colloquia throughout the school year; and complete forty hours of service in environmental ministry, education, or advocacy.

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 roles at universities and colleges.

Participation in 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 8811, Models and Methods of College and University Chaplaincy; REL 8848, Educational Ministry in Schools and Colleges; and REL 8875, Advanced Topics in Educational 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 need to take a Supervised Ministry or an internship in an educational setting. In addition, M.Div. students must successfully

complete REL 8812, Principles and Practices of Preaching; REL 8831, Is It a Sermon?; or REL 8849, Preaching for Creation.

Denominational Preparation

Instruction in denominational history and polity is offered in focused Area II courses and also as an integral part of the work in a variety of other 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, complete an internship in a BCS-approved site, and participate in either the YDS–New Haven Pilgrimage or the BCS biennial retreat.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Episcopal students who come to Yale to prepare for lay and ordained ministries are enrolled in both Yale Divinity School and Berkeley Divinity School (BDS) 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 expected by the Episcopal Church, a colloquium series, 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 and on the Christian spiritual practices necessary to sustain that ministry. The Certificate in Anglican Studies includes at least three courses directly related to Anglicanism. 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 at the Berkeley Center, 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, spaces for meetings and study, guest accommodation, rooms used by the Annand Program, and the deanery.

The full requirements for the diploma and certificate are listed below.

Requirements for the Diploma in Anglican Studies

Diplomas in Anglican Studies are earned alongside M.Div. degrees. They are earned by:

1. Completion of all YDS M.Div. requirements. Students should review their course audit with the YDS registrar annually.
2. Completion of three required courses in Anglican studies:
 - a. REL 6622, *The Anglican Way I*
 - b. REL 6633, *The Anglican Way II*
 - c. REL 6687, *Books of Common Prayer*
3. Completion of two Supervised Ministry experiences:
 - a. One unit of CPE
 - b. One academic year of a supervised ministry internship in a church, school, or other approved ministry setting: REL 3986, *Part-time Internship with Practicum I*; REL 3987, *Part-time Internship with Practicum II*. Either one of these supervised ministries will fulfill the YDS M.Div. requirement if taken for credit. Both are required for the BDS Diploma in Anglican Studies. Students in diocesan discernment processes are expected to confer regarding diocesan expectations. REL 3990, *Negotiating Boundaries in Ministerial Relationships*, is a prerequisite for both courses.
4. Attendance at occasional Anglican colloquia throughout the academic year, as determined by the dean
5. Participation in senior colloquium (REL 3793, *Colloquium on Ministry Formation/Anglican*) in spring of the final year of study
6. Daily participation in the worship life of BDS, and regular participation in YDS Marquand Chapel worship
7. Full participation in the Annand Program for Spiritual Formation
 - a. Ongoing spiritual direction ("wayfinding")
 - b. Annual retreats (in the final year of study, the senior pilgrimage constitutes the annual retreat)
8. Participation in the YDS Mid-Degree Assessment.

Requirements for the Certificate in Anglican Studies

Certificates in Anglican Studies are earned alongside M.A.R. and S.T.M. degrees. They are earned by:

1. Completion of all YDS M.A.R./S.T.M. requirements. Students should review their course audit with the YDS registrar annually
2. Completion of three required courses in Anglican studies (or related to Anglicanism):
 - a. REL 6622, The Anglican Way I
 - b. REL 6633, The Anglican Way II
 - c. REL 6687, Books of Common Prayer
3. Alternatively, two of the three courses may be from the above listing with a third course with more general scope may be counted towards this requirement if a significant assessment task (essay or project) has direct relevance to Anglicanism. Each M.A.R. and S.T.M. student should confer with one of the deans regarding the fulfillment of this requirement early in their program.
4. Attendance at occasional Anglican colloquia throughout the academic year, as determined by the dean
5. Participation in senior colloquium (REL 3793, Colloquium on Ministry Formation/Anglican) in spring of the final year of study
6. Daily participation in the worship life of BDS, and regular participation in YDS Marquand Chapel worship
7. Full participation in the Annand Program for Spiritual Formation
 - a. Ongoing spiritual direction (“wayfinding”)
 - b. Annual retreats (in the final year of study, the senior pilgrimage constitutes the annual retreat)

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The M.Div. curriculum offers the coursework needed to fulfill most requirements for ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Students wishing to take advantage of the full range of Lutheran offerings at YDS may participate in the Lutheran Studies Program, which guides and nurtures students along a path of academic and vocational formation through coursework, communal life and prayer, and colloquia.

Course requirements include:

- REL 3795, Colloquium on Ministerial Formation (Lutheran section)
- REL 7701, Theology of Martin Luther
- REL 6691, Ecclesiology, Ministry, and Polity (Lutheran section)
- REL 7005, Theology of the Lutheran Confessions

Those in candidacy for ordination as pastors or deacons in the ELCA 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 milestone 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 Supervised Ministries, full-time internships are arranged through the Lutheran seminary with which the candidate is affiliated.

Candidates for ordination enrolled at YDS are expected to fulfill expectations for Lutheran learning and formation and may be granted a waiver from additional Lutheran seminary coursework through an ELCA Theological Review Panel. See the ELCA Candidacy Manual for a complete overview of the process.

Certificate in Lutheran Studies

The Certificate in Lutheran Studies is designed for students seeking ordination in the Lutheran Church (especially the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) but is open to any YDS student enrolled in the Master of Divinity program. Candidates must complete the course of studies approved by the Committee of Oversight and participate in the colloquia and in the life of the Lutheran community at Yale.

While the course offerings can vary with changes in the faculty, YDS is committed to providing courses in the Lutheran tradition in the curriculum.

Course of Studies

1. Biblical Languages (6 hours, elective)
 - New Testament Greek (6 hours)
 - Recommended: Biblical Hebrew (3–6 hours)
2. Holy Scriptures (15 hours, Area I)
 - Old Testament interpretation (6 hours)
 - New Testament interpretation (6 hours)
 - One additional course in exegesis, Biblical interpretation, or Biblical theology (3 hours)
3. History and Theology of the Christian Tradition (12 hours)
 - One course in the history or theology of the early church (3 hours, Area II or III)
 - One course in the history or theology of the medieval or Reformation church (3 hours, Area II or III)
 - REL 7005, Theology of the Lutheran Confessions (3 hours, Area II)
 - REL 7701, Theology of Martin Luther (3 hours, Area III)
 - Also strongly recommended: one course in American religious history (3 hours); two additional courses in theological studies, which fits the degree requirement in transitional moments in Western Christian history II (6 hours)
4. Christian Ethics (one course, 3 hours)
5. Social, Cultural, and Global Contexts of the Church's Mission (one course, 3 hours, Area V)
6. Liturgy and Preaching (9 hours)
 - REL 6682, Foundations of Christian Worship (3 hours, Area II)
 - REL 8812, Principles and Practices of Preaching (3 hours, Area IV)
 - One additional course in liturgical studies or preaching (3 hours)

7. Theory and Practice of Ministry (9 hours)

- REL 6691, Lutheran Polity and Leadership (3 hours, Area II)
- One additional course in pastoral leadership or church administration (3 hours)
- One additional course in pastoral, care, counseling, or Christian education (3 hours, Area IV)

Colloquia and Participation in the Life of the Lutheran Community

Lutheran colloquia (REL 3795, Lutheran section) is a non-credit weekly course meant to deepen Lutheran learning and formation centered on the practice of ministry. The course is on a three-year cycle. Participation in the life of the Lutheran community includes weekly gathered prayer and retreats.

A parish setting is encouraged to fulfill the field placement requirement. The ELCA normally requires a unit of clinical pastoral education and a yearlong full-time internship for candidates for ordained ministry, but these are not requirements of Yale Divinity School nor 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, preaching, 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 6691, Ecclesiology, Ministry, and Polity, and REL 6696, United Methodist History and Doctrine. 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 and one colloquy each term.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

The M.Div. program provides the course work needed to fulfill the curricular 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 (1962–65), 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, social services, and other Catholic-affiliated organizations.

The YDS Roman Catholic Fellowship, an informal body of students, staff, and faculty, provides opportunities for spiritual and human formation through prayer, community gatherings, discussion, and lectures throughout the academic year.

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 at Saint Mary's Church and other churches of New Haven's all-city Blessed Michael McGivney Parish, www.newhavencatholic.org, and Saint Thomas More, the Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale, 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 Christian 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 (broadly construed) in the Catholic Church, encompassing both their program of study and their spiritual formation for ministry. The former is addressed by a specific curriculum with distribution requirements similar to those of Catholic seminaries. The latter is addressed by a program of formation for ministry that includes a spirituality component, community formation, an ongoing colloquium on Catholic lay ministry, professional employment, and opportunities for worship and social interaction. This program is informed by principles outlined in *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord: A Resource for Guiding the Development of Lay Ecclesial Ministry*, a 2005 document of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as well as by a spirit of fellowship and camaraderie among participants. The director of the program is Fr. Gregory Waldrop, S.J. associate chaplain of Yale's Saint Thomas More Catholic Center.

A series of colloquia focused on formation for lay ministry per se and professional employment in Catholic-affiliated organizations more generally 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, the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, arts and culture, recent encyclicals, catechetical tools and instruction, church finance systems, and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Those chosen as leaders of the colloquia are familiar with lay Catholic ministry and include persons actively engaged in various forms of lay and ordained Catholic ministry. Participants are also encouraged 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 Saint Thomas More Catholic Chapel & Center or Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven. 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, with permanent affiliation established in 2023. 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 to explore 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 congregational traditions, or who want to learn about ministry under the auspices of such 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 consider participation. Students enroll in the program by registering for the fall introductory colloquium, attending Andover Newton session during Before-The-Fall Orientation, and meeting with Andover Newton's dean to create a plan for learning.

The components of Andover Newton's program include peer-learning-oriented colloquia, a travel seminar, denominational polity, specific courses in leadership at and beyond YDS, and internship expectations that exceed those of the M.Div. program. Adaptable and adjustable diploma program expectations emphasize competencies over courses, where students must pursue growth in the following ministerial arts, which they can attain in differing ways: integration, community building, compassion and justice, discernment, leadership, and spirituality. 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 introductory colloquia, all YDS students are invited to participate in any of Andover Newton's educational programs. Emmaus, Andover Newton's weekly worship experience held on Thursday evenings when classes are in session, is ordinarily 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. Additionally, students may earn a joint degree in partnership with the University of Connecticut's School of Social Work.

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

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 senior 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 designed for students who wish to integrate the study of environmental issues and religious communities in their professional careers and for students who wish to study the cultural and ethical dimensions of environmental problems.

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. 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 groups of practitioners. 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 Divinity academic dean's office, in consultation with the registrars of both schools.

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 for 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 or the online Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program. 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 particular constituencies or entire 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 congregation or a broader group, 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.Div./M.S.W. degree through the University of Connecticut's School of Social Work. Candidates for this 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. Students may also consider a joint M.A.R./M.S.W. program through Quinnipiac University. For more information on these joint programs, please contact the YDS Admissions Office.

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 such a 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 of their degree. 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 German universities in Heidelberg and Tübingen. There are also one-term exchanges with Westcott House Anglican Theological College in Cambridge, England, with the Divinity School of Chung Chi College (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and the University of Oslo in Norway. At the German universities, three-month 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 Edlyn Jones (edlyn.jones@yale.edu) in the Office of Admissions.

Studies for Hartford International University Students

Students who are enrolled in the Master of Arts in Interreligious Studies (MAIRS) program at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace (HIU) are eligible to apply for the M.Div. program at YDS 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 HIU.

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 senior associate dean of academic affairs.

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

Hispanic Scholars Program

The Hispanic Scholars Program (HSP) is an ecumenical program in theology and religion that offers master's-level students a variety of opportunities for study with Latine/Hispanic scholars, centering Latine/Hispanic methods, pedagogies, and stories. Administering the HSP is a consortium of sponsoring institutions, including YDS.

The HSP seeks “to heal divisions within the Latine/Hispanic community fueled by denominational and theological differences. We further seek to restore connections and build bridges between Latine/Hispanic and non-Latine/Hispanic communities by enhancing the awareness and appreciation non-Latine/Hispanic students, faculty, administrators, and clergy have of Latine/Hispanic contributions to education, religious institutions, and society.” The HSP flagship program is its two-week summer intensive session, offered each year at an ATS-accredited site in the continental United States or Puerto Rico. In addition, HSP offers a two-week J-Term course in January, a fully accredited online course in Latine/Hispanic theology, history, sociology, and/or ministry. The summer intensive session, which features a variety of course offerings, is open to graduate students interested in Latine/Hispanic-centered ministries, scholarship, and advocacy. Students are exposed not only to a majority Latine/Hispanic student body but also to Latine/Hispanic faculty and an intellectual tradition that stems from the Latine/Hispanic community. Additionally, students are connected to mentors who can help encourage students’ pursuits after graduation. Courses represent a range of subjects within the theological curriculum and are taught in a way that centers the intellectual and pedagogical traditions of the Latine/Hispanic community.

Registration for the summer intensive session begins in late November and, for J-Term, in mid-September through the HSP website at <http://hispanicsummerprogram.org>. The HSP also co-sponsors the Doctoral Accompaniment Seminar, designed for final-year master's-level students enrolled at sponsoring institutions who intend to apply for doctoral study in religion. The seminar examines Latine/Hispanic theological scholarship and offers mentorship throughout the doctoral application process. Successful completion of any of these programs carries 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:

- A. the language is necessary for reading original texts of the Jewish and Christian traditions, or

- B. the language study is required for the degree (as in the case of several concentrated M.A.R. degrees), or
- C. in consultation with the student's adviser and the senior 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 appropriate program director 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 deadline 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 work. Any student who has a condition that may prevent full demonstration of the student's abilities should contact Yale's Student Accessibility Services to request disability-related accommodations or services. Students

should also contact their instructors to discuss learning needs and accommodations to ensure the students' full participation and appropriate evaluation in their courses.

STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

Registration

All students register online during the periods stated in the academic calendar.

Registration takes place online through pre-registration for continuing students and in the registration add/drop period for all students. Failure to submit a registration 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 the add/drop deadline in either term, as stated in the academic calendar, but there will be a \$25 fee for each course change made after these registration periods have 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 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 a course later than the date specified in the academic calendar.

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 on a consistent, high-frequency basis from YDS through the central campus to the School of Medicine. There is also a shuttle connecting Yale West Campus to the central campus and the School of Medicine.

Each course in YDS normally carries three hours of credit unless otherwise stated.

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 senior 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 explain 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.

¹ 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 one another, and responsibility for our conduct.¹ 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.”²

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.”³ Because cultural norms vary, it is important for all students to understand that at YDS, 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, including the use of text-generating software, 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 another form 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 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>.

² Bruce Lincoln, *Theorizing Myth: Narrative, Ideology, and Scholarship* (Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 1999), 209.

³ Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, Yale University, "What Is Plagiarism?" <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/writing/using-sources/understanding-and-avoiding-plagiarism/what-plagiarism>.

⁴ Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, "Conduct, Professional Ethics, and Reporting Misconduct," <https://gsas.yale.edu/resources-students/conduct-professional-ethics-reporting-misconduct>.

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 senior 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 regarding guilt. If the student is found guilty of academic dishonesty, the committee assigns a penalty. Whether the offense had been 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 can include: the requirement to redo the assignment or submit an additional assignment, receiving a failing grade for the assignment, being placed on academic probation, receiving a failing grade for the course, suspension for a term or year, or 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, the Standing Committees of the Faculty (Admissions and Financial Aid, Community Life, Curriculum, Disciplinary, Lectures, Professional Studies, and Walls), and other committees and task forces. Each committee has both faculty and student members. Faculty members of the committees are appointed by the dean; 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 values 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; 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 any misdemeanor or 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; sexual orientation; gender identity or expression; pregnancy, childbirth, or related conditions; race; color; national or ethnic origin; religion; age; disability; protected veteran status; other protected classes as set forth in federal and Connecticut law; 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 in the following paragraph) will be referred to the YDS Disciplinary Committee, which shall be appointed by the dean and shall be composed 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. In situations involving potentially serious criminal behavior or posing significant risk to the safety or security of members of the community, a student may be placed on emergency suspension, following the procedures outlined below under Emergency Suspension.

Students found guilty of any violations noted herein by the relevant Yale Divinity School authorities 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.

EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

The dean of Yale Divinity School, or a delegate of the dean, may place a student on an emergency suspension from residence or academic status when (1) the student has been arrested for or charged with serious criminal behavior by law enforcement authorities, or (2) the student allegedly violated a disciplinary rule of Yale Divinity School and the student's presence on campus poses a significant risk to the safety or security of members of the community.

Following an individualized risk and safety analysis, the student will be notified in writing of the emergency suspension. A student who is notified of an emergency suspension will have twenty-four hours to respond to the notice. The emergency suspension will not be imposed prior to an opportunity for the student to respond unless circumstances warrant immediate action for the safety and security of members of the community. In such cases, the student will have an opportunity to respond after the emergency suspension has been imposed.

When a student in Yale Divinity School is placed on an emergency suspension, the matter will be referred for disciplinary action in accordance with school policy. Such a suspension may remain in effect until disciplinary action has been taken with regard to the student; however, it may be lifted earlier by action of the dean or dean's delegate, or by the disciplinary committee after a preliminary review.

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 congregation 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. 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.

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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:

Honors (H)	= Exemplary
Honors minus (H-)	= Excellent
High Pass plus (HP+)	= Very Good
High Pass (HP)	= Good
High Pass minus (HP-)	= Satisfactory
Low Pass (LP)	= Marginally Passable
Fail (F)	
Credit (CR)	
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 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 through the last date to change course grade mode as listed in the academic calendar. In courses graded on the regular system, the request to receive a Credit/No Credit grade must be made no later than the last date to change course grade mode as listed in the academic calendar. Once these deadlines have passed, no such requests will be considered.

In both grading systems, the W is to be used only under extraordinary circumstances by permission of the senior 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). 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 senior 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 their Professional Studies Committee, written notice of probation will be given both to the student and their faculty adviser, and the notation will be placed on the student's transcript. The student must meet with the senior associate academic dean for academic affairs to develop a plan for a return to good academic standing. Failure to complete this academic plan successfully 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, normally they may not take more than twelve hours of course work. However, in some cases (e.g., to accommodate required colloquia or the required M.Div. integrative seminar), students on probation may be approved to take up to 14.5 hours of coursework.
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.
- 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.

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 senior associate academic dean for academic affairs 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.

For the most complete and up-to-date SAP policies and procedures, please see the Divinity School website.

Special Examinations and Extensions

Special examinations, at times, in places, or in formats 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. *No work from the first term can be accepted by a faculty member after that date.* However, a student may appeal to the senior associate dean of academic affairs for a "dean's extension." Such an appeal must be made in writing by the day that work from the first term is due, on a form provided by the registrar's office. Extensions will be considered by the academic dean only in exceptional circumstances, such as illness or family crisis. 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. No work from the second term can be accepted by a faculty member after that date. However, a student may appeal to the senior associate dean of academic affairs for a "dean's extension." Such an appeal must be made in writing by the day that work from the second term is due, on a form provided by the registrar's office. Extensions will be considered by the academic dean only in exceptional circumstances, such as illness or family crisis. 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 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 senior 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 must formally request to return from leave using a form provided by the registrar's office. They must complete and upload the Request to Return from Leave of Absence form, found on the registrar's office website, no later than July 30 for a fall-term return or December 15 for a spring-term return. Further, they must obtain approval to return from the senior associate dean of academic affairs prior to the start of the relevant semester. At the time of their request to return, students who have been on Medical Leave of Absence must supply a Yale Health physician's documentation of their readiness to return. 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. Students on leave of absence do not have to file a formal application for readmission to their degree.
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 senior 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 senior 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 to the student in writing by the senior 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 or parental care obligations 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 senior 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 senior associate dean of academic affairs regarding withdrawal. The senior associate dean of academic affairs will determine the effective date of the withdrawal. The student's 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 senior 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 senior associate dean of academic affairs. In providing this 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 supplied by an appropriate officer of the U.S. Armed Forces or an 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 remain in military service or was retained on active duty, the student should contact the senior associate dean of academic affairs to determine whether the student remains eligible for guaranteed readmission.
4. The student must notify YDS (the registrar, and/or the senior 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 their 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.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Yale University Library is composed 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 extensive licensed e-resources and extraordinary 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 with 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 Collection at YDS is one of the strongest mission collections in the world. 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 comprises about one third 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 – among 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 African American history and culture 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 may request 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 ReCAP, the Research Collections and Preservation Consortium, and 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, <https://library.yale.edu/divinity>.

ADMISSION

Degree Students

STANDARDS OF SELECTION

Each year, Yale Divinity School welcomes applications from students around the world who are graduates of accredited national and international colleges or universities. Applicants are selected based on academic ability and potential to do graduate study work; leadership qualities; spiritual maturity; seriousness of purpose; personal initiative; and creativity. All completed applications are read 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

All applicants must hold a bachelor's-level degree from an accredited institution to apply to YDS. 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 PROCEDURES

The YDS admissions application is an online process that can be accessed 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 working in partnership with Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.

Andover Newton is an embedded seminary in Yale Divinity School. It educates M.Div. candidates for leadership in “congregational” faith communities: ministry settings characterized by flat hierarchies, engagement with culture, and concern for social justice. Berkeley Divinity School is the Episcopal seminary at Yale, working with students from Anglican and Episcopal backgrounds at YDS who are undertaking discernment and formation for lay and ordained ministries. The Institute of Sacred Music (ISM) is an interdisciplinary graduate center dedicated to the study and practice of sacred music, worship, and the arts in Christian communities, diverse religious traditions, and public life.

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 certificate 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/graduate-study/admission-graduate-study/divinity-program-admissions>. 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 the approved joint-degree program in the school of social work at the University of Connecticut and Quinnipiac University. In all cases, admission decisions are made independently by YDS and each of the partner entities. 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 degree study through the school of social work at the University of Connecticut or Quinnipiac University are encouraged to apply for the M.S.W. following their second (M.A.R.) or third (M.Div.) semester at YDS. 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 and Requirements

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 8, will include a nonrefundable fee of \$50 (US), 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 (US).
2. Applicants must submit a personal statement (*maximum two pages, twelve 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 of content, plus citation pages, twelve point, double-spaced*) and should illustrate 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 success in the degree program to which an application is being made. Any additional letters of recommendation beyond the required three will not be accepted or reviewed, nor will letters from career-service dossiers.
6. Yale Divinity School requires the International English Language Testing System (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 8 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 at YDS.
8. A current résumé or curriculum vitae must be submitted.
9. Students applying for financial aid should complete the forms listed in the Admissions Applicants section of the YDS Applying for Aid webpage (<https://divinity.yale.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/applying-for-aid>). 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 personal interviews. Visits to YDS when classes are in session are recommended.

ADMISSION DEADLINES

The priority application deadline is January 8. 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 8 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 for one year only upon approval of the associate dean for admissions and financial aid. The request should be made in writing, with any accompanying materials, to the dean of admissions and financial aid, accompanied by the nonrefundable \$200 matriculation deposit which must be paid online. 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

YDS welcomes international student applications from around the world. 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 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 106, Los Angeles CA 90041; 323.255.2771; ielts@ieltsusa.org; www.ielts.org.

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 insurance for the duration of the student's academic program. While international applicants are eligible for scholarship assistance from YDS, *that assistance by itself is insufficient 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 information is received, the appropriate

documentation will be forwarded to Yale's Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS), which will generate the I-20. OISS will send the I-20 to the student electronically, usually within two weeks of receiving all required documentation. 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; 203.432.2305; oiss@yale.edu.

Special Note for International Students: Evolving federal immigration policies may limit eligibility for specific concentrations, pathways, or transfers between programs of study. International students are encouraged to consult with the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) before making academic decisions that may be impacted by changes in immigration requirements.

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 senior associate dean for 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.

PH.D. RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Ph.D. Research Scholars Program enables a graduate student who is enrolled in a doctoral program at another university to conduct research for a limited period at Yale Divinity School. 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. For further information or to apply, please contact the Admissions Office.

EXCHANGE

Students at those educational institutions with which YDS has exchange relations (Westcott House, Cambridge; Heidelberg and Tübingen in Baden-Württemberg, Germany; University of Oslo, Norway; Hebrew University, Jerusalem (suspended for 2026–2027); Divinity School of Chung Chi College at Chinese University of Hong Kong) and who wish to spend one term or a year studying at YDS should first contact the appropriate administrators at their respective schools. At YDS, the contact is Edlyn Jones (edlyn.jones@yale.edu) in the Office of Admissions, Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511-2167.

Visiting Fellows and Postdoctoral 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, those who have received their degrees within the past five years, 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 appointments should be addressed to Jan Hagens, director of the visiting fellows program/postdoctoral 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.
2. Individuals enrolled in the Exchange, Visiting Fellow, and Ph.D. Research Scholars programs at Yale Divinity School.
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.
8. Alumni/ae of Yale Divinity School.
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 \$500 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. The audit registration form can be found online at <https://divinity.yale.edu/programs/non-degree-programs/auditing-courses>.

EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL AID

Tuition and Fees

Full tuition charge for the 2026–2027 academic year is \$31,192 and is charged to degree students who enroll in nine credits or more per term (3/4 time or more) in an M.Div., M.A.R., or S.T.M. degree program. The tuition charge for students enrolled in these programs for fewer than nine credits per term (less than 3/4 time) is \$15,596. Students in the Traditional and Ministers in the Vicinity nondegree programs are charged at the rate of \$3,899 per course. Ph.D. students who are accepted as nondegree researchers are billed \$1,500 per term. Students in the nondegree international student exchange programs are charged tuition based on the written agreement between their home school and Yale Divinity School.

It is expected that students in the M.Div. program will pay full tuition for six terms (or the equivalent in 50 percent tuition) in order to receive their degree; students in the M.A.R. program will pay full tuition for four terms (or the 50 percent equivalent) to receive their degree; students in the S.T.M. program will pay full tuition for two terms (or the 50 percent equivalent) 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 will be charged according to their enrollment status for the terms needed to complete their degree. Students will be charged for all work taken in YDS or the university that is used toward fulfilling the requirements for a degree.

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 Care coverage. The annual cost for such coverage in 2026–2027 is \$3,764 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 Care coverage.

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 2026–2027, the last days for refunding Title IV funds will be November

- 12, 2026, in the fall term; April 3, 2027, in the spring term; and, in the summer term, June 21, 2027, for language courses and July 24, 2027, for internships and practicums.
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 13, 2026, in the fall term; January 29, 2027, in the spring term; and May 30, 2027, for language courses and June 10, 2027, for internships and practicums in the summer 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, 2026, in the fall term; February 12, 2027, in the spring term; and June 5, 2027, for language courses and June 23, 2027, for internships and practicums in the summer 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 16, 2026, in the fall term; March 5, 2027, in the spring term; and June 16, 2027, for language courses and July 17, 2027, for internships and practicums in the summer 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 must complete 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 Yale Divinity School financial aid program is to enable students enrolled in YDS 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. YDS also offers a limited number of merit scholarships.

In order to determine financial need and award financial aid, YDS requires all students seeking aid, including merit scholars, to submit a financial aid application each year. U.S. citizens and permanent residents must submit both a YDS financial aid application form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). International students must submit a YDS financial aid application form. Links to the required forms are available on the YDS Applying for Aid webpage (<https://divinity.yale.edu/admissions->

aid/financial-aid/applying-for-aid). The application deadline for financial aid is March 1 for admissions applicants and May 15 for continuing students. Financial aid applications received after the relevant deadline are reviewed on a funds-available basis. Incoming first-year international students must also submit the YDS International Student Financial Resources form after they matriculate.

Within the parameters of need and its own resources, YDS takes into consideration merit in making its awards. The financial aid award will normally include a YDS scholarship that covers 100 percent of a student's tuition cost. For M.A.R. and M.Div. degree students enrolled in at least nine credits per term (three-fourths time or more), the award will also typically include an annual stipend for use toward other educational and living expenses. Scholarships are limited to a maximum of four semesters for the M.A.R. program and six semesters for the M.Div. program. This assumes successful completion of an average of 12 credits per semester. Extension of scholarships beyond this period requires special petition and is not guaranteed.

Students enrolled in fewer than nine credits per term (less than three-fourths time) and students in the S.T.M. degree program may receive YDS scholarship funds equal to their tuition cost only; they are ineligible for YDS merit scholarships and YDS scholarship funds that exceed their cost of tuition. Scholarships are limited to a maximum of two semesters for the S.T.M. program. Extension beyond this period requires special petition and is not guaranteed.

Students may also take advantage of campus employment opportunities. U.S. citizens and permanent residents may be eligible for federal education loans such as the William D. Ford Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

Students who receive YDS scholarships during the academic year may also receive summer tuition scholarships for YDS summer internship courses. These YDS summer scholarships do not cover tuition for summer courses offered by other Yale schools or programs or by other universities or non-Yale programs.

Financial aid recipients, including merit scholars, must submit a new financial aid application for each academic year. Unless an applicant's financial circumstances have improved significantly, applicants may count on the same standard of support in subsequent years, for the approved length of their scholarship, provided they maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress. If during the academic year a student's tuition charge changes, the student's scholarship will be adjusted accordingly.

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

International students are eligible for the same level of YDS scholarship aid as U.S. citizens. However, international students should be aware that their student visa status depends in part on their enrollment in twelve credits or more per term (full time), even though the YDS scholarship with stipend requires only nine credits (3/4 time).

International students should also be aware that scholarships from Yale Divinity School may have U.S. tax implications as determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the United States. For more information, please see the International Students

and U.S. Taxes section on the YDS website's International Student Financial Aid FAQ webpage (<https://divinity.yale.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/international-student-financial-aid-faq>).

Additional information about financial aid, tuition and fees, and related topics is available on the YDS website (<https://divinity.yale.edu>).

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. For the most complete and up-to-date SAP policies and procedures, please see the Divinity School website.

Housing Expenses

Yale Housing operates three apartment buildings and a regenerative residence hall, the Living Village, located on Divinity School property, with priority given to YDS students. These buildings contain 133 units total, consisting of micro units, efficiencies, junior one-bedroom, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom apartments. Two-bedroom units are assigned to residents who wish to reside with a roommate.

Apartments in the three apartment buildings are unfurnished, and each has a living room, kitchenette (refrigerator and stove included), and bathroom. Leases for these apartments are renewable for the length of study. Units in the Living Village are furnished, and leases are capped at one year.

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 per semester to students' accounts and include heat, hot water, electricity, and wireless Ethernet. 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 in the three apartment buildings are twelve months, beginning July 1 and expiring June 30.

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.

Dining at Yale

Breakfast and lunch, priced à la carte, are served Monday through Friday in the Divinity School Refectory during the spring and fall semesters. All YDS degree students receive free dining credits each year for use in the Refectory. There are no cash equivalents or reimbursements for the free dining credits, which expire at the end of the academic year. The credits can only be used at the Refectory, not at other Yale Dining locations. Degree students who want a declining balance to use at Yale Dining locations other than the Refectory may purchase Eli Bucks on the Yale Hospitality website, <https://hospitality.yale.edu/eli-bucks>. Nondegree students and others with

a Yale ID who want a declining balance to use at the Refectory and other Yale Dining locations may also purchase Eli Bucks on the Yale Hospitality website.

Total Expenses

For a single student attending YDS during the 2026–2027 academic year, the total expenses are estimated to be:

Tuition	\$31,192
Hospitalization Insurance	3,764
Living Expenses (Housing and Food)	14,032
Books, Course Materials, Supplies, and Equipment	1,200
Transportation	1,772
Miscellaneous Personal Expenses	5,868
Total Expenses	\$57,828

The estimate for living expenses provided above is for single-student on-campus housing. Please see the YDS Tuition and Fees webpage (<https://divinity.yale.edu/admissions-aid/tuition-fees>) for additional information, including estimates for family and off-campus housing and items that may increase a student’s individual cost-of-attendance budget.

Sources of Support

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of merit scholarships are awarded to selected incoming M.Div. and M.A.R. degree applicants each year. Merit-based awardees are selected through the admissions process by the Admissions Committee, and selection is based on students’ admissions applications only. Students applying for admission to the M.Div. and M.A.R. degree programs are automatically considered for merit-based awards. No separate application form is required for merit scholarship consideration; however, students must complete a YDS financial aid application to accept a merit scholarship.

All YDS merit scholarships are awarded based on a variety of criteria, including (but not limited to) applicants’ talents and achievements, exceptional academic excellence, evidence of commitment to social justice work, demonstrated leadership ability, and promise for ministerial leadership and service to churches. These scholarships cover the full cost of tuition plus a \$13,500 or \$15,000 annual stipend for other educational and living expenses.

Receipt of merit scholarships requires enrollment in nine credits or more per term (3/4 time or more). Scholarships are limited to six terms for M.Div. students and four terms for M.A.R. students. Changes in a student’s enrollment status or degree may result in a change to the scholarship amount or may render a student ineligible for the merit award. Scholarships are renewable annually for the approved length of the scholarship, provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress and completes a YDS financial aid application each year.

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

For more information, visit the Affording YDS webpage (<https://divinity.yale.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/affording-yds>).

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.

Need-based scholarships are available to students who show demonstrated financial need according to U.S. federal and/or YDS institutional policies. These scholarships cover the full cost of tuition. Scholarships for M.Div. and M.A.R. students enrolled in nine credits or more per term (3/4 time or more) also include a \$4,500 annual stipend (\$2,250 per term) for other educational and living expenses. Receipt of scholarships is limited to six terms for M.Div. students and four terms for M.A.R. students.

Changes in a student's enrollment status or degree may result in a change to the scholarship amount. Students enrolled in fewer than nine credits per term (less than 3/4 time) do not qualify for stipends. Awards are renewable annually for the approved length of the scholarship, provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress, completes a YDS financial aid application each year, and does not have a substantial change in demonstrated need.

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>). Information about Yale resources for veterans is available on the Veterans at Yale website (<https://financialaid.yale.edu/veteransatyale>). To have your enrollment certified to the Veterans Administration, contact Yale's associate director, veteran and military resources (veteranresources@yale.edu).

LOANS

YDS utilizes available federal education loan programs. A student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and enrolled at least half time in a degree program (six credits or more per term) to qualify for a federal loan. Students may also use private ("alternative") loans to cover educational costs. For more information, visit the university's Borrowing at Yale webpage (<https://financialaid.yale.edu/borrowing-at-yale>).

EMPLOYMENT

Students are eligible to work on campus regardless of financial aid status. The resources of the university's student employment office are available to all YDS students (<https://yalestudentjobs.org>). Per university policy, student employees may work a maximum of nineteen hours per week during the academic term; this limit does not apply during term-time recess periods or during the summer. Ten to fifteen hours of work per week during the academic year are recommended for students receiving need-based aid.

However, students must determine their own capacity to balance work with school and other responsibilities both during the term and when school is not in session.

U.S. citizens and permanent residents may be eligible to receive Federal Work-Study funds to help secure jobs on campus or with nonprofit agencies off campus. The Office of Financial Aid determines a student's Federal Work-Study eligibility based on federal regulations, and eligibility is noted in the university's student employment system for potential employers to view.

Students in YDS occasionally have the opportunity to serve as teaching fellows in Yale College courses. Such opportunities normally arise only when the student has an unusually strong background in the subject of the course. The senior associate dean for 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 Accounts, located at 246 Church Street. The office's website is <https://student-accounts.yale.edu>.

The Student Account is a record of all the direct charges for a student's Yale education such as tuition, housing, meals, 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, students with new semester charges or balances due – and all YalePay-designated proxies – receive email reminders to log in to YalePay to review student account activity. Notifications are sent to the student's official Yale email address. Payment is due by 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the last day of the 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, 401(k) 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://student-accounts.yale.edu/understanding-your-bill/your-student-account>).

The Office of Student Accounts 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 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:

- Check, money order, or online eCheck payments must be in U.S. currency. International payment options via Flywire are available in YalePay.
- Yale does *not* accept credit or debit cards for Student Account payments.
- Payments made to a Student Account in excess of the balance due (net of pending financial aid credits) will not be accepted.

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 at any time 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 Office of Student Accounts, located at 246 Church Street and 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/paying-your-bill/payment-options>.

A processing charge of \$25 will be assessed for payments rejected for any reason by the bank on which they were drawn. In addition, for every ACH payment scheduled through YalePay that is returned due to insufficient funds, Flywire will directly charge a \$30 penalty fee. Furthermore, 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 to settle an unpaid balance for purposes of receiving 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/paying-your-bill/yale-payment-plan>.

BILL PAYMENT AND PENDING MILITARY BENEFITS

In accordance with 38 U.S.C. § 3679(e), Yale will not impose any penalties, including the assessment of late fees; denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities; or the requirement that a student secure additional funding, due to a student's inability to meet financial obligations resulting from delayed disbursement of funds from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This protection applies while VA payment to the university is pending, provided the student has submitted a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or other appropriate documentation establishing entitlement to VA educational benefits.

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 protest disruptions, strikes, work stoppages, or job actions. In the face of such events, the university may, at its sole discretion, provide substitute services and programs, suspend services and programs, or issue appropriate refunds. Such decisions shall be made at the sole discretion of the university.

COMMUNITY LIFE AND SERVICES

Worship

As an ecumenical Christian divinity school, YDS is committed to maintaining worship at the heart of our community and the foundation of theological education. For that reason, every day that classes are in session, Marquand Chapel offers ecumenical Christian worship services at 11:30 a.m. No YDS classes are scheduled during that time, providing an opportunity for the whole community to gather for worship and fellowship.

As a collaboration between YDS and the Institute of Sacred Music, Marquand Chapel's ministry connects students, faculty, and staff to God and to one another in community; expands experiential awareness of diverse Christian traditions, practices, and sacred arts across lines of denominational, liturgical, and cultural difference; and helps integrate the intellectual, vocational, artistic, relational, and spiritual formation that occurs in classrooms and practical training.

Marquand worship draws on a wide range of Christian traditions represented at YDS as well as engaging from time to time with the voices of other faiths. While Marquand services are specifically and diversely Christian in orientation and content, the ministry welcomes people of all faiths and spiritual perspectives to attend and participate.

Services are about thirty minutes long, extended to forty-five minutes on Fridays for the weekly Communion celebration. Students, faculty, and staff from across the school participate as service leaders, and many services feature sermons preached by faculty and staff, as well as guest preachers. Students are invited to apply to give a sermon in their senior year. Community singing is central to our worship, supported by student singers and instrumentalists, as well as visiting musicians. Many other liturgical arts are employed, including poetry, dance, theater, and visual arts.

The Marquand Chapel program is led by the dean of chapel and two professional staff: the director of chapel music and the chapel liturgy and operations manager. The professional chapel staff supervise the student chapel team, which includes student chapel ministers, student coordinators, communications and art ministers, choir directors, organists and other musicians, and chair movers. Opportunities to join the team are posted each year.

Worship planning is highly collaborative and varied, led by the chapel staff and chapel team, with other students, student groups, faculty, staff, and visitors regularly involved in planning services. Faculty are invited to propose chapel services in conjunction with their YDS and ISM courses, providing a concrete way for students to consider their theological education in the context of worship and to share what they've learned in the classroom with the wider YDS community. An advisory committee with faculty, staff, and student representatives works with the dean of chapel to provide regular feedback and counsel about the chapel program and chapel worship experience.

There are other opportunities for worship at YDS, including 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, as well as in Marquand, are organized by various

denominational groups and student clubs. Daily and weekly worship services offered by Andover Newton Seminary and Berkeley Divinity School are open to all YDS students.

In addition to these Christian-centered worship spaces, in which all are welcome, YDS has a prayer/meditation room specially designed for people of any faith or worldview. The room has no specific religious imagery posted and includes prayer rugs, prayer beads, icons, meditation cushions, flameless candles, and other implements, as well as prayer books from different faith traditions, to aid spiritual practice. Guidelines are posted in the room, and no worship services or meetings are held there, in order to keep it available for its primary purpose as an inclusive space for individual prayer and reflection.

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 Maytal Saltiel, 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. Many are recent college graduates, but a sizeable number are second-career students. About a quarter aim to enter the ordained or lay ministries, while others are interested in the academy, nonprofits, or the arts and communications. A majority are associated with mainline Protestantism, many are Roman Catholic or evangelical, some are of non-Christian faith traditions, and others have no formal affiliation. Mirroring this is a wide array of activities through which YDS students pursue their passions, creating palpable energy that permeates the campus on multiple levels. Activities include those that are linked to the Community Life Committee or Yale Divinity Student Government (see Student Groups and Activities, below) and those pursued in less formal ways. A few recent examples of student endeavors, past and present: extraordinary student art on display in the Divinity School's two exhibit spaces such as exhibitions on environmental stewardship, the history and contributions of Black churches, and the role of Christianity in Black women's struggle to forge their identities in the late nineteenth century; a student-run community garden 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; student-run sports and play, like the Paraclete's intramural soccer team, the Divine Dribblers basketball team, and informal M.A.R. vs. M.Div. kickball games at nearby College Woods Park; and 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.

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 director of supervised ministries and the director of professional formation.

The Office of Vocation and Leadership tracks 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.idealists.org> and <https://www.workforgood.org>. In addition, a series of workshops is offered in the spring term: résumé writing and follow-up individual résumé assistance, interviewing skills, and networking. More guidance and information is available from office staff.

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.

Amazon Lockers for Yale students are available at 206 Elm Street in New Haven. The locker name is Qasim.

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 is organized by the student-led Yale Divinity School Student Government (YDSG) and the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), working with the Community Life Committee (CLC).

The YDSG leadership is elected annually. 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 OSA and the CLC, addresses the needs of the community as they arise each year and offers funding to official YDS groups.

The CLC—a committee of students, faculty, and staff—oversees the work of student groups on campus. In addition, the CLC sponsors Div Idol, an annual campy talent show in which groups of students perform in front of “celebrity” judges made up of faculty and staff.

Student groups, student government, and OSA 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, the Good Life Center, and various university-wide cultural centers also foster collaboration, wellness, and belonging at Yale through dining and the arts. YDS students are also involved in leadership of graduate student activities and programs through representation on 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 the Institute of Sacred Music. The choirs offer various genres of sacred music and support congregational singing at weekly services. Members of the Chapel Choir, led by ISM student conductors, are selected in early September, with auditions for voice placement. MaGIC 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 8801 and REL 8802).

In addition, the YBS Gospel Choir, led by YDS students, upholds the lineage and rich heritage of the Black gospel music tradition, performing spirit-filled songs of praise at Marquand Chapel services, YBS Vespers services, and special events. The YBS Gospel Choir requires no audition, and students do not receive course credit for participation. All are welcome to contribute their musical talents.

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 from 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 Harold W. Attridge High Scholarship Prize recognizes a graduating student who ranks highest in scholarship among those earning the Master of Arts in Religion.

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 *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 *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 *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 *Reverend Frederick J. Streets Prize* was established in 2021 for a graduating student deemed to have made a distinguished contribution to the advancement of social justice.

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 *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. Marilyn McCord Adams Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 by the Rev. Christopher T. Worthley, M.Div. 2002, and Christian M. Clough, M.A.R. 2003, for the benefit of deserving students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

**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 John Adam Bash Scholarship Fund was established in 2023 by Carol L. Wood, in memory of her husband, Professor John A. Bash '58 B.D., to benefit one or more deserving students.

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 Carvalho 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 Berkeley Divinity School Endowment Scholarship was established in 2023 by a gift from the Linton Trust. The gift benefits one or more deserving students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

**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 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 Linda S. Campanella Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2021 to provide financial aid to students within 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 Cavanagh/Wyper Scholarship Fund in Yale Divinity School was established in 2014 by George U. Wyper, M.B.A. 1984, and the Rev. Susan Cavanagh Wyper, B.A. 1984, M.Div. 2008, to provide scholarships for students, with a preference for Episcopal students.

**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 Gruseke, 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 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 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 1973 Scholarship Fund was established in 2023 on the occasion of the class's fiftieth reunion for the benefit of one or more deserving students.

The Class of 1975 Scholarship Fund was established in 2025 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 Class of 1985 Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 on the occasion of the class's twenty-fifth reunion. The fund will be awarded to aid students demonstrating financial need.

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 Yves Congar Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 and is awarded with a preference for students who identify as Roman Catholic and are pursuing lay ministry.

**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 Rev. Martin B. Copenhaver YDS '80 M.Div. Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2021 to provide financial aid to students within 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 *Oliver Ellsworth Daggett Scholarship*, 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 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 Downes Scholarships, 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 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 Episcopal Church in Connecticut Scholarship Fund was established in 2021 for the benefit of one or more students enrolled in Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

**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 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 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 John S. Goldstein ’75 M.Div. Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2021 to provide unrestricted scholarship support for YDS students.

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 R. Dean and Loree Presnell Goodwin Scholarship was established by a bequest from the estate of Dr. R.D. Goodwin, B.D. 1934 and Mrs. Loree P. Goodwin to provide scholarships to certain Andover Newton Seminary students who are American Baptist, with priority being given to students from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, or Michigan, who are studying for the pastoral 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 Nathaneal M. Guphill Scholarship Fund was established in 2026 to provide scholarships for students enrolled 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 Phyllis Etter Hammond Scholarship Fund was established in 2025 by the estate of Lee Etter to support students pursuing either a Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in Religion degree in the Andover Newton Seminary Program who have a strong interest in pursuing a career in religious education.

**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 Peter Hawkins Scholarship Fund is used to support Yale Divinity students and provide annual living stipends as part of full financial aid awards. Awards are distributed with a preference for students who are interested in the study of literature and religion.

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 Hokma Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 by the Hokma Group, whose members include the Rev. Marilyn H. Jenkins, M.Div. 2018, the Rev. Dr. Marta Illueca, M.Div. 2018, the Rev. Holly C. Hoffmann, M.Div. 2018, the Rev. Margaret E. McGhee, M.Div. 2018, the Rev. Kate E. Ross, M.Div. 2019, and the Rev. Ann F. Scannell, M.Div. 2019. The fund benefits one or more students affiliated with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

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 International Student Support Fund was established in 2024 by an anonymous donor. It provides scholarship support and living stipends for international students.

The Investment in Chinese Scholarship Fund was established in 2023 by the McDonald Agape Foundation. It provides funding for stipends for M.A.R. and M.Div. students

from China, a summer school program in China, and for developing a network of doctoral supervisors to support Chinese theology students.

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 Farmer 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 Adam and Julia Joseph Scholarship Fund, established in 1982, honors the parents of James Joseph, B.D. 1963.

**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 Bishop Hamilton Kellogg Fellowship was established in 2025 by the Hamilton H. & Mildred H. Kellogg Charitable Trust to provide stipends for students enrolled in programs of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale who anticipate serving in parish

ministry, have displayed academic excellence, and show pastoral and leadership abilities.

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 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 Katherine M. and Arthur H. Latimer Divinity Scholarship was established in 2016 by Katherine M. Latimer, M.Div. 1984, S.T.M. 1998, and Arthur H. Latimer, M.Div. 1998. Preference for this scholarship is given to M.Div. students preparing for ordination.

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 Priscilla Li and Jacob Li '16 M.A.R., '20 M.Div. Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Li in 2025. The fund provides scholarships to Yale Divinity School students without restriction.

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 Rufus S. Lusk III '74 M.Div. Endowed Divinity Scholarship was established by Mr. Lusk in 2023. The fund provides scholarships to Yale Divinity School students without restriction.

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 Mary B. McCann, M.D. and The Reverend Earl Evans Johnson '76 M.Div. Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund honors the late public health and psychiatry pioneer Dr. Mary McCann and acclaimed spiritual care provider Earl Johnson '76 M.Div. The fund was established in 2021 for the benefit of one or more deserving students at Yale Divinity School.

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

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 Richard and Alice Mezzotero Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2021 to provide unrestricted scholarship support for YDS students.

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 Susan A. Miller and Rudolf A. Hokanson Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 by the Rev. Susan A. Miller, M.A.R. 1973, M.Div. 1981, and Rudolf A. Hokanson, M.Div. 1974, M.B.A. 1981. Preference is giving to Lutheran students who are studying for the ordained ministry.

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 Paul M. Minus '55 B.A., '58 M.Div., '60 M.A., '62 Ph.D. Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2021 with a preference for students who have expressed interest in the study of eco-theology and environmental studies.

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 Rev. Bob Paulen '67 B.D. Social Justice Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2025 by Rev. Paulen, B.D. 1967. The fund is named in honor of the Rev. Paulen's lifelong legacy of social justice, community empowerment, and interfaith work. The fund provides scholarships to Yale Divinity School students without restriction.

**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.

**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 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 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. Lacreata 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 Richard Spalding B.A. '76, M.Div. '81 and Peter Bubriski B.A. '75 Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Spalding and Mr. Bubriski in 2025 to provide financial aid to students within Yale Divinity School.

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, B.D. 1938, and his wife. Preference is shown to a financially needy Baptist student specializing in sacred music and theology.

The Judith Swahnberg '06 M.Div. Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2025 in honor of Judy's retirement. It is awarded with a preference for students in the Andover Newton Seminary program.

**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. Torgersen Scholarship* was established by First Baptist Church of Worcester, Massachusetts, in memory of the church's longtime pastor, Gordon Torgersen. After serving as a pastor, Reverend Torgersen was director of church relations at Colgate Rochester Divinity School and president of Andover Newton Theological School. Throughout his career, he was known for his commitment to social justice, his faith in action, his ecumenism, and his skills in pastoral care and preaching. In the late 1960s he hired a Black minister to join his church's staff to be a minister to the community and urged area industrialists to hire Black people; he stood with student activists during the Vietnam War as an invited speaker and as a leader of prayer; he was the first Protestant to preach at Worcester's Roman Catholic Cathedral. The 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 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 awarded with a preference for those who self-identify as Muslim women, women from non-Christian faiths, or women interested in the study of non-Christian faiths.

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*, 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 Pamela Wesley Gomez Scholarship Fund was established in 2019 to provide scholarships for one or more deserving students at Berkeley Divinity School.

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.

SPECIAL FUNDS

**The Samuel Abbot Professorship Fund* supports the Samuel Abbot Professorship.

The Christian Poetics Initiative (CPI) Scholars Network Fund was established in 2023 by the McDonald Agape Foundation to support the CPI Scholars Network led by Professor David Mahan.

The Emmaus Encounters Endowed Program Fund was established in 2024 by Bradley P. Bauer, a 2016 graduate of Andover Newton Seminary. The fund supports the Emmaus Encounters annual travel seminars of Andover Newton Seminary.

**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 Investment in Chinese Scholarship Fund was established in 2023 by the McDonald Agape Foundation. It provides funding for stipends for M.A.R. and M.Div. students from China, a summer school program in China, and for developing a network of doctoral supervisors to support Chinese theology students.

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 Paul M. Minus '55 B.A., '58 M.Div., '60 M.A., '62 Ph.D. Environmental Justice Fund was established in 2021 to support the YDS environmental justice initiative.

**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 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. This fund supports studies in religion and environmental stewardship at Berkeley Divinity School

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 Simpson-Hewett Lecture Fund* supports an annual Simpson-Hewett Lecture.

**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 Slie, M.Div. 1952, S.T.M. 1963, in ministry, higher education, and community service.

The Transforming Leaders Fund was established in 2023 to support the Leader's Way program for Episcopal clergy and those in Christian ministry who have been actively serving for 5 or more years who want to expand self-awareness, reconnect with their calling, and imagine what's possible in ministry and the Church.

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.

RESEARCH AND OUTREACH

Yale Divinity School is part of a research university committed to producing, analyzing, and transmitting knowledge in ways that serve the Yale community and wider publics. At YDS, research and outreach continue to play a highly generative role not only within Yale but also far beyond the campus.

Archaia

Archaia, the Yale Program for the Study of Global Antiquity (<https://archaia.yale.edu>), brings together faculty and students sharing an interest in antiquity and the premodern in a collaborative interdisciplinary forum. 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 inter- and multidisciplinary framework that redefines old 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/certification>), adding to the relevance and breadth of their existing degree programs. In addition, Archaia offers international study tours and summer funding for students.

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. The center offers programming around Biblical interpretation, leadership in the twenty-first century, church and nonprofit administration, and faith and society, as well as three primary programs: 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 at <https://divinity.yale.edu/center-for-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

individual or 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 thirty individual or small group Bible studies and offers live online studies each semester with faculty. Launched in November 2021, our podcast, *Chapter, Verse, and Season: A Lectionary Podcast*, features faculty discussing one of the appointed lectionary texts each week. It can be found on our website or on various podcast platforms. Resources can be found at <https://yalebiblestudy.org>.

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 online lunch lab series; on-campus programming; 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. Resources can be found at <https://yaleyouthministryinstitute.org>. The Yale Divinity School Certificate in Youth Ministry Leadership is a nine-month, online cohort program. Information can be found at <https://divinity.yale.edu/programs/non-degree-programs/youth-ministry-leadership>.

SUMMER STUDY AT YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Each June, people from around the country and the globe gather to study with Yale Divinity School faculty. Summer Study – a weeklong, online program – features distinguished faculty teaching laypersons and clergy in small classes on varied topics in religion, designed to enlighten and enrich. Participants receive a Yale Certificate of Completion at the end of the course week, and courses can count toward continuing education requirements for some clergy.

Center for Public Theology and Public Policy

The Center for Public Theology and Public Policy provides training for leaders who wish to be equipped with a moral framework as a guide for their vocations and to further explore the interconnectedness of public theology and public policy through scholarly research. Established in late 2022, the center's founding director is Bishop William J. Barber II, a prominent moral movement leader who spent thirty years in pastoral leadership and public ministry before coming to Yale Divinity School.

The mission of the center is to prepare a new generation of moral leaders to be active participants in creating a just society using the academic, practical, and research tools of past and present social justice movements.

The center collaborates with programs and initiatives within Yale Divinity School, at Yale College, and in Yale Law School. Its programs include:

TEACHING

The center offers courses, seminars, and events to introduce students to the historical and contemporary theories of moral advocacy in social justice movements. Its introductory course, Introduction to Public Theology, Public Policy, and Moral Fusion Movements in America (REL 8800), invites students to examine how public theology has informed the most significant advances in public policy in American history and why pastors, clergy, and theologians of our time must practice in the tradition of moral leaders who have challenged systemic oppression in the public square and who have guided critical public policy shifts over the past two centuries. The center hosts regular convenings to provide opportunities for students to learn from faith leaders, advocates, policy experts, and scholars engaged in the field.

TRAINING

The center provides students the opportunity to study and learn directly from clergy and pastors engaged in public ministry as an integral part of their pastoral obligations. In addition, the center hosts a conference on the years of a national election focused on the moral and spiritual issues facing Americans in the upcoming election, designed to equip attendees with a moral framework to understand those issues. The conference also puts diverse leaders from today's moral fusion movements in conversation with theologians, politicians, economists, and cultural artists.

RESEARCH

The center cultivates research at the intersection of theology and public policy, critically framing public policy issues as moral issues and creating moral public policy solutions in collaboration with scholars, faith leaders, economists, lawyers, and the community. The research sheds light on the interlocking injustices of racism, poverty, ecological devastation, militarism, and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism from an interdisciplinary perspective.

ENGAGEMENT WITH HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Beyond Yale, the center hosts the Moral Fusion Scholars at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the US South to build pathways for HBCU students to meaningfully engage in the center's work and connect its programs to the history and work of southern freedom movements and institutions.

To learn more, visit <https://theologyandpolicy.yale.edu>.

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 director of the Jonathan Edwards Center is Kenneth P. Minkema, who is supported by a team of student and volunteer editorial assistants. To contact the office, call 203.432.5341, or email ken.minkema@yale.edu.

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:

YCFC produces *For the Life of the World* (<https://faith.yale.edu/podcast>), a podcast about seeking and living a life worthy of our humanity. Past guests include Marilynne Robinson, N.T. Wright, Krista Tippett, Willie Jennings, Charles Taylor, Lisa Sharon Harper, Elizabeth Bruenig, Christian Wiman, Makoto Fujimura, and many others.

The *Christ and Flourishing* initiative (<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 6612), taught regularly at YDS; and partnerships with churches and institutions of Christian higher education.

The *Life Worth Living* initiative (<https://lifeworthliving.yale.edu>) 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 courses at Yale College, collaboration with faculty around the world, and engagement with lifelong learners, the Life Worth Living program equips students, educators, and the public for the lifelong process of discerning, articulating, and pursuing the good life by engaging the world's philosophical, cultural, and religious traditions. In 2023, Miroslav Volf, Matt Croasmun, and Ryan McAnnally-Linz published a bestselling book based on the course, *Life Worth Living: A Guide to What Matters Most*.

More information about the center's purpose, mission, vision, and values—as well as its staff, initiatives, projects, and other resources—is available via the center's website

(<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 numerous 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. Six open online classes on world religions and ecology are available at <http://www.coursera.org/yale>.

In 2011 the forum released a highly acclaimed film, *Journey of the Universe* (<http://journeyoftheuniverse.org>), 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. In addition, three open online classes on *Journey of the Universe* and Thomas Berry are available through Coursera at <http://www.coursera.org/yale>. The directors of the forum are Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim.

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 provost for international affairs, 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 provost 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. OIA also coordinates Yale's program for hosting scholars at risk.

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 university news and events by subscribing to the Yale Today e-newsletter, YaleNews (<http://news.yale.edu>), the Yale Calendar of Events (<http://calendar.yale.edu>), and the university’s Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube channels.

The Yale Peabody Museum (<https://peabody.yale.edu>), founded in 1866, houses more than fourteen million specimens and objects in ten curatorial divisions. The museum’s galleries, newly renovated in 2024, display thousands of objects, including the first Brontosaurus, Stegosaurus, and Triceratops specimens ever discovered.

The Yale University Art Gallery (<https://artgallery.yale.edu>) is one of the largest museums in the country, holding nearly 300,000 objects and welcoming visitors from around the world. 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.

The Yale Center for British Art (<https://britishart.yale.edu>) 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.

More than five hundred musical events take place at the university during the academic year, presented by the School of Music (<https://music.yale.edu/concerts>), the Morris Steinert Collection of Musical Instruments (<https://music.yale.edu/concerts-events-collection>), and the Institute of Sacred Music (<https://ism.yale.edu/events/upcoming-events>), among others.

For theatergoers, Yale offers a wide range of dramatic productions at such venues as the Yale Repertory Theatre (<https://yalerep.org>); the University Theater and Iseman Theater (<https://drama.yale.edu/productions>); and Yale Cabaret (<https://www.yalecabaret.org>).

The Payne Whitney Gymnasium, one of the most elaborate and extensive indoor athletic facilities in the world, is open to Yale undergraduates and graduate and professional school students 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. During the year, various recreational opportunities are available at the David S. Ingalls Rink, the McNay Family Sailing Center in Branford, the Yale Tennis Complex, the Yale Outdoor Education Center (OEC), 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. Information is available at <https://myrec.yale.edu>.

Approximately fifty club sports are offered at Yale, organized by the Office of Club Sports and Outdoor Education (<https://recreation.yale.edu/club-sports>). Most of the teams are for undergraduates, but a few are available to graduate and professional school students. 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 at <https://myrec.yale.edu>.

Identification Cards

Yale University issues identification (ID) cards to faculty, staff, and students. ID cards support the community's safety and security by allowing access to many parts of campus: dining halls and cafés, residential housing, libraries, athletic centers, workspaces, labs, and academic buildings. Cultivating an environment of public safety requires the entire community to work together to ensure appropriate use of our spaces, as well as to foster a sense of belonging for all members of our community.

University policies, regulations, and practice require all students, faculty, and staff to carry their Yale ID card on campus and to show it to university officials on request. Yale ID cards are not transferable. Community members are responsible for their own ID card and should report lost or stolen cards immediately to the Yale ID Center (<https://idcenter.yale.edu>).

Members of the university community may be asked to show identification at various points during their time at Yale. This may include but not be limited to situations such as: where individuals are entering areas with access restrictions, for identification in emergency situations, to record attendance at a particular building or event, or for other academic or work-related reasons related to the safe and effective operation and functioning of Yale's on-campus spaces.

For some members of our community, based on the needs and culture of their program, department, and/or characteristics of their physical spaces, being asked to show an ID card is a regular, even daily, occurrence. However, for others it may be new or infrequent. For some, being asked to produce identification can be experienced negatively, as a contradiction to a sense of belonging or as an affront to dignity. Yale University is committed to enhancing diversity, supporting equity, and promoting an environment that is welcoming, inclusive, and respectful. University officials requesting that a community member show their ID card should remain mindful that the request may raise questions and should be prepared to articulate the reasons for any specific request during the encounter. In addition, individuals requesting identification should also be prepared to present their own identification, if requested.

Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) is composed of student-elected representatives from each of the fourteen 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>.

Health Services

Yale Health operates a multispecialty group practice on campus through its state-of-the-art medical center, Yale Health Center, located at 55 Lock Street. Yale Health Center offers a wide variety of on-site health care services including primary care, specialty care, acute care, mental health and counseling, radiology, blood draw, pharmacy, eye care, infusion and medication administration center, and a seventeen-bed inpatient care unit. Nearly all care is provided by Yale Health staff; when a student's condition requires more specialized care or hospitalization, they may be referred to an extensive network of specialists drawn largely from Yale Medicine and Yale New Haven Hospital. With Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage, emergency care is covered anywhere in the world. Yale Health's services are detailed in *A Student's Guide to Yale Health*, available through the Yale Health Member Services Department, 203.432.0246, or online at <https://yalehealth.yale.edu/resource/student-guide-yale-health>.

Students also have a dedicated student health care navigator available to support all students in navigating their health insurance and health care; they can be reached at yhstudentnavigator@yale.edu.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES

The university provides eligible degree-candidate students enrolled at least half-time with primary care services at the Yale Health Center through Yale Health Basic Student Health Services. These services are free and automatically provided; no enrollment or forms are required. For new students and newly eligible students, basic services are available on the date the student is required to be on campus for orientation and continue through July 31, providing they remain eligible. Basic Student Health Services includes visits to student health and varsity athletic medicine, gynecology, acute care, mental health and counseling, blood draw, nutrition, and inpatient care. For returning students, access to Basic Student Health Services begins August 1 and ends July 31, providing they remain eligible. Please note that this is not an insurance plan. For full

details, see Yale Health Basic Student Health Services at <https://yalehealth.yale.edu/topic/health-care-overview-students-yale-health>.

Students on leave of absence, on extended study and paying less than half tuition, or enrolled per course per credit are not eligible for Yale Health Basic Student Health Services 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 Student Health Services but may enroll in the Yale Health Billed Associates Plan and pay a monthly fee. Associates must register for at least one term within the first thirty days of affiliation with the university.

Students not eligible for Yale Health Basic Student Health Services may also use the services on a fee-for-service basis. Students who wish to be seen on a fee-for-service basis 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.

Students eligible for Yale Health Basic Student Health Services are required by the university to maintain active health insurance. Most students meet this requirement for hospitalization and insurance coverage by subscribing to Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage, which provides coverage for primary care, specialty care, hospitalization, emergency care, prescription medications, and more. If you are an eligible degree-candidate student enrolled half-time or more, you are automatically enrolled in and billed for this coverage each year. Full-year coverage dates are identical to those for Yale Health Basic Student Health Services. However, Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage may also be purchased for either the fall term or spring term. All students who remained enrolled in and do not waive Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage (<https://yalehealth.yale.edu/student-coverage>) can use specialty and ancillary services at Yale Health Center. With prior authorization, Yale Health will cover the cost of specialty and ancillary services for these students, minus any applicable copayments. Students with an alternate insurance plan who waive Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage should seek specialty services, including diagnostic imaging and prescriptions, from a non-Yale Health provider who accepts their alternate insurance.

HEALTH COVERAGE ENROLLMENT

A student's status as an eligible Yale University undergraduate, graduate, or professional student automatically makes them eligible for Yale Health Basic Student Health Services. If they are eligible for Yale Health Basic Student Health Services, the university requires them to obtain adequate insurance coverage as defined by the waiver requirements listed below. A student may purchase adequate coverage through Yale Health or through another insurer. Students may remain enrolled in Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage or waive the plan if they have other adequate coverage, such as through a spouse or parent. The waiver must be renewed annually, and the student must confirm receipt of the waiver by the university's deadlines noted below.

Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage

For a detailed explanation of this comprehensive insurance plan, see *A Student's Guide to Yale Health*, available at <https://yalehealth.yale.edu/resource/student-guide-yale-health>.

Students are automatically enrolled and charged a fee each term on their Student Financial Services bill for Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Coverage. Continuing students who remain eligible during the plan year and 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 Care Coverage begins on the day the dormitories officially open or when orientation requires students to be on campus. A continuing student who is enrolled for the fall term only is covered for services from August 1 through January 31; a continuing student enrolled for the spring term only is covered for services from February 1 through July 31.

Waiving Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage Students can waive Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage by completing an online waiver form that demonstrates proof of adequate alternate coverage. Students are responsible for reporting 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, including deductibles, copays, and coinsurance. The waiver form must be filed annually and received by September 15 for the full year or fall term or by January 31 for the spring term only. To be eligible for a waiver, an alternate plan must meet specific requirements. For information on waiving coverage, please visit <https://yalehealth.yale.edu/topic/waiving-yale-health-hospitalization-specialty-care-coverage>.

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, or over the age of twenty-six if legally disabled, in Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage. Enrolled dependents are covered as outlined in the Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage section. Coverage is not automatic, and enrollment is by application. Applications are available from the Member Services Department or can be found on the website (<https://yalehealth.yale.edu/forms-and-guidelines>) 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, on extended study, or enrolled per course per credit; students paying less than half tuition; students enrolled in the EMBA or Broad Center M.M.S. programs; students enrolled in the M.S.N. Nursing Online program; and students enrolled in the EMPH program may enroll in Yale Health Student Affiliate Coverage, which includes services described in Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage. Students should use the Student Affiliate & Undergraduate Affiliate Coverage form available from the Member Services Department or at <https://>

yalehealth.yale.edu/forms-and-guidelines. It must be received by September 15 for full-year or fall-term coverage, or by January 31 for spring-term coverage only. Students on a leave of absence must enroll by these deadlines or within thirty days of notifying the registrar of their leave of absence.

ELIGIBILITY CHANGES

Withdrawal Withdrawing from the university directly impacts a student's Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage. The timing of the student's withdrawal can affect whether they receive a refund for their health coverage or are billed for health services they used. *Note: tuition and Yale Health coverage fees are billed separately and considered separately in the withdrawal policies.* Students should contact Yale Health Member Services (203.432.0246; member.services@yale.edu).

For students who withdraw on or before the fifteenth day of classes:

- They will receive a full refund for the Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage fee if they did not waive coverage; if they waived coverage, they would not get a refund since they were not billed for coverage.
- Their Yale Health membership will end retroactively to the start of the insurance term (fall or spring) in which they have withdrawn, as if they were never covered by Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage or had access to Basic Student Health Services.
- They will not be eligible for any Yale Health coverage and will be unable to access services moving forward.
- If they have already used health services, those services will be billed directly to the student by Yale Health.
- They cannot enroll in Student Affiliate Coverage to extend their insurance.

For students who withdraw more than fifteen days after the first day of classes:

- They will still have access to Yale Health services for thirty days after their withdrawal date.
- During those thirty days, the student will have access to the same services they had before withdrawing.
- If they waived coverage, then they will still have access to Yale Health Basic Student Health Services for thirty days.
- If they do not waive coverage, they will remain insured by Yale Health with Hospitalization & Specialty Care with prescription benefits.
- However, fees for Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage won't be refunded nor prorated. Students are responsible for the semester charge on their student account, even if their tuition has been refunded.
- They cannot enroll in Student Affiliate Coverage to extend their insurance.

If a student is unsure about their options or how these policies apply to their situation, contact Yale Health Member Services (member.services@yale.edu) or the student health care navigator (yhstudentnavigator@yale.edu).

Leaves of Absence Taking a leave of absence (LOA) from the university directly impacts a student's Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care coverage. The timing of a student's LOA can determine whether they receive a refund for their

health coverage received or are billed for health services they used. Students granted a leave of absence (non-medical or medical) can purchase Student Affiliate Coverage. *Note: tuition and Yale Health coverage fees are billed separately and considered separately in the LOA policies.* Students should contact Yale Health Member Services (203.432.0246; member.services@yale.edu) or the student health care navigator (yhstudentnavigator@yale.edu) for guidance or questions about their specific situation.

If the registrar is notified of a student's LOA on or before the first day of classes:

- The student's Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage will end retroactively to the start of the insurance term (fall or spring) in which they have taken a LOA, as if they were never covered by Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage or had access to Basic Student Health Services.
- The student will get a full refund for the Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage fee if they did not waive coverage; if they waived coverage, they would not get a refund.
- The student may be eligible for Student Affiliate Coverage. The deadline to enroll is September 15 for the fall or January 31 for the spring, or thirty days after the registrar is notified, whichever is later.
- If the student waived coverage and does not enroll in Student Affiliate Coverage, they will not be eligible for any Yale Health services and coverage moving forward, and if they have already used health services, those services will be billed directly to them by Yale Health.

If the registrar is notified of a student's LOA after the first day of classes:

- If the student did not waive coverage, then their Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage ends on the day the registrar is notified of their LOA. If they have already used health services, Yale Health will not bill them directly. However, any fees for Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage will not be refunded or prorated.
- If the student waived coverage, then their access to Yale Health Basic Student Health Services ends on this date, and if they have already used health services before this date, those services will not be billed directly to them by Yale Health.
- The student may be eligible for Student Affiliate Coverage. The deadline to enroll is September 15 for the fall or January 31 for the spring, or thirty days to enroll after the registrar is notified, whichever is later.

To enroll in Student Affiliate Coverage (enrollment isn't automatic), a student will need to complete and submit the Student Affiliate & Undergraduate Affiliate Coverage Enrollment Form available from the Member Services Department or at <https://yalehealth.yale.edu/forms-and-guidelines>.

- Fees that have already been paid for Yale Hospitalization & Specialty Coverage will be applied to the cost of Student Affiliate Coverage. Payment is required up front and in full upon enrollment, unless the student has funding from their school's financial aid office.

- Regardless of what point in the semester the student enrolls, fees will not be prorated or refunded.

For more information, contact Yale Health Member Services (member.services@yale.edu) or the student health care navigator (yhstudentnavigator@yale.edu).

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 Care 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 Student Health Services and Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage. Coverage is not automatic, and enrollment forms are available at the Member Services Department or can be found at <https://yalehealth.yale.edu/forms-and-guidelines>. Students must complete an enrollment application for the plan prior to September 15 for the fall term and by January 31 for the spring term. Enrollment must be requested each term.

Per Course Per Credit Students who are enrolled per course per credit are not eligible for Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage. They may purchase Yale Health Student Affiliate Coverage during the term(s) of per course per credit enrollment. This plan includes services described in both Yale Health Basic Student Health Services and Yale Health Hospitalization & Specialty Care Coverage. Coverage is not automatic, and enrollment forms are available at the Member Services Department or can be found at <https://yalehealth.yale.edu/forms-and-guidelines>. Students must complete an enrollment application for the plan prior to September 15 for the fall term or by January 31 for the spring term only. Enrollment must be requested each term.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

All new students are required to complete these requirements by August 1, 2026. Key information and a description of student health requirements may be found at <https://yalehealth.yale.edu/new-student-health-requirements>. This page may be periodically updated and should be considered the most up-to-date source of information. All requirements are to be completed through Health On Track (<https://healthontrack.yale.edu/s/>), Yale's portal for tracking health requirements. Specific requirements are outlined below.

Required for All Students

Requirement	Description	Alternate
MMR: measles, mumps, and rubella	MMR vaccine for anyone born after 1/1/1957 without evidence of immunity. Two doses at least 28 days apart. Dose 1 on or after first birthday	Laboratory documentation of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella

Varicella	Varicella vaccine: two doses (age 12–15 months and 4–6 years). Adolescent catch-up: 2 doses, 4–8 weeks apart	Laboratory evidence of immunity or healthcare provider documentation of disease
Meningitis quadrivalent ACWY*	Menveo, Menactra, MenQuadfi and Nimenrix, Penbraya (single dose at or after age 16). Vaccine must be given within 5 years of matriculation	ACWY polysaccharide vaccine is acceptable if conjugate vaccine is unavailable
Tdap	Single booster dose within the past 10 years	
TB screening questionnaire†	Complete the questionnaire. If identified as high risk, TB screening test must be submitted. If result is positive, a chest X-ray and record of any treatment must be submitted	

* only for students residing in university housing

† only for non-health-care-profession students

Additional Requirements for Health-Care-Profession Students

Requirement	Description	Alternate
Influenza	Single dose of seasonal flu vaccine annually between August 1 and December 1	
TB screening	Quantiferon or T-spot blood test within past 6 months. Positive test requires documentation of asymptomatic status and chest X-ray result	

Hepatitis B vaccine and
titer

Heplisav-B (2 doses),
Energix B, Recombivax
HB (3 doses). Completion
of series and quantitative
titer demonstrating
immunity following
vaccination

Twinrix (Hep A and B) at
appropriate intervals

Student Accessibility Services

<https://sas.yale.edu>
sas@yale.edu
203.432.2324

The Student Accessibility Services office (SAS) facilitates individual accommodations for students with disabilities to provide equal access to their Yale education. SAS promotes equitable access to academic and student life for students with disabilities and fosters a campus environment of community, inclusion, and respect. Students requesting accommodations should complete an accommodation request form (https://yale-accommodate.symplicity.com/public_accommodation) to initiate the interactive process. Students may upload supporting documentation regarding their condition with their accommodation request form. Documentation guidelines are available on the SAS website at <https://sas.yale.edu/students/documentation-guidelines>.

Engagement with SAS is confidential. Faculty and staff are notified of approved accommodations on a need-to-know basis only, except when required by law for health and safety reasons. Generally, a student requiring reasonable accommodations needs to renew accommodations with SAS at the start of each term and should complete this step as soon as their schedule is finalized. At any time during a term, students with a newly diagnosed disability or recently sustained injury requiring accommodations should contact SAS to discuss accommodation options.

Office of International Students and Scholars

<http://oiss.yale.edu>
203.432.2305

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) supports over 8,500 international students, faculty, staff, and dependents at Yale. OISS assists with employment, immigration, personal and cultural adjustment, and provides general information about living at Yale and in New Haven. As Yale's representative on immigration matters, OISS helps international students and scholars maintain lawful nonimmigrant status in the US.

OISS offers daily English conversation groups, workshops, bus trips, and social events to help the international community connect and access resources at Yale and New Haven. The International Spouses and Partners at Yale (ISPY) community organizes a range of programs and events for spouses and partners. The OISS website provides valuable information for international students and scholars before and during their

time at Yale, and they can connect virtually through Yale Connect, Facebook, and Instagram.

The International Center, located at 421 Temple Street, is a welcoming place for students and scholars to attend events, check email, enjoy coffee, or meet with friends. It offers meeting space for student groups and events by university departments. For more information, visit <https://oiss.yale.edu/about/hours-directions-parking>.

Resources to Address Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct

The university provides a range of options for addressing and resolving concerns related to discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, and related retaliation as defined by the Yale University Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct. Individuals may report or document concerns, explore available resources, discuss resolution pathways, and access support. The university is committed to responding promptly and equitably to concerns. To support this commitment, the following offices have been specifically charged by the university to receive, address, and help resolve these matters: the Office of Institutional Equity and Accessibility and the school-based discrimination and harassment resource coordinators; the Title IX Office and the school-based deputy Title IX coordinators; and the University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct. In addition, the SHARE Center and Yale Police Department are available to provide resources and support to members of the Yale community.

DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT RESOURCE COORDINATORS

Office hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., M–F
<https://oiea.yale.edu/contact-us/dhrc>

Discrimination and harassment resource coordinators, appointed by the dean of each college and school, serve as key community members who receive concerns and provide guidance related to discrimination, harassment, and retaliation as defined by the Yale University Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct. They may also help facilitate informal resolution. Discrimination and harassment resource coordinators are often the most appropriate initial point of contact for individuals with concerns in these areas, as they have extensive knowledge of the resources specific to their respective school or college.

OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL EQUITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

82–90 Wall Street, fourth floor
Office hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., M–F
203.432.0849
<https://oiea.yale.edu>

Individuals are encouraged to contact OIEA to report concerns of discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation as defined by the Yale University Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct. OIEA staff are available to listen, discuss concerns, explain university resources, and explore resolution options,

including informal and alternative processes. Where appropriate, OIEA may conduct investigations into complaints. Speaking with OIEA staff or submitting a report to the office does not automatically trigger an investigation, but it is often an important first step in bringing a concern to the university's attention and accessing support.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND ASSAULT RESPONSE AND EDUCATION (SHARE) CENTER

55 Lock Street, lower level

Appointments: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., M–F

24/7 on-call service (for time-sensitive matters): 203.432.2000

<https://sharecenter.yale.edu>

The SHARE Center has professional counselors who are available to provide confidential information, support, and advocacy to members of the community who have concerns related to sexual misconduct. SHARE is available on weekdays during regular business hours and has a 24/7 on-call service for time-sensitive matters after hours and on weekends/holidays. Calls can also be anonymous. In addition to individual services, SHARE also offers support groups.

TITLE IX OFFICE AND DEPUTY TITLE IX COORDINATORS

82–90 Wall Street, fourth floor

Office hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., M–F

203.432.6854

<https://titleix.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. 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.

The Title IX Office and deputy Title IX coordinators are available to consult with members of the community about their concerns and questions related to sex discrimination, sexual misconduct, and related retaliation as defined by the Yale University Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct. Coordinators can review options (including the alternative resolution process and applicable complaint procedures), identify and provide supportive measures, and connect individuals with other campus resources, such as the SHARE Center or the Yale Police Department. Yale College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the professional schools have each designated one or more senior administrators or faculty members as a deputy Title IX coordinator. The deputy Title IX coordinator within an individual's school or unit may be best positioned to provide support, however an individual may contact any of the deputy Title IX coordinators.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Office hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., M–F

203.432.4449

<https://uwc.yale.edu>

The University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct (UWC) addresses allegations of sexual misconduct and is available to students, faculty, and staff across the university according to the guidelines described in the UWC's procedures. The UWC provides an accessible, representative, and trained body to answer inquiries and fairly and expeditiously hear complaints of sexual misconduct. The UWC consists of faculty, senior administrators, and graduate and professional students drawn from throughout the university.

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 composed of sworn police officers, including a sensitive crimes and support coordinator. The YPD has the capacity to perform full criminal investigations for allegations of criminal conduct that occurred on Yale's campus. In addition, the YPD can provide information on available victim assistance services, safety planning, and other related matters. Communications with YPD are not confidential or exempt from reporting obligations.

ENROLLMENT

INSTITUTIONS AND FAITH AFFILIATIONS REPRESENTED, 2026–2027

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—nurtures 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 2026–27, students identified with thirty-four different faith traditions including many mainline U.S. denominations such as the United Church of Christ and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; the Roman Catholic Church; historic black churches including the Church of God in Christ and National Baptist Convention; and unspecified evangelical traditions. Alumni/ae of 304 colleges and universities were represented, ranging from each of the Ivy League schools; to small liberal arts institutions such as Williams and Wesleyan; to large state universities including Ohio State University and Texas A&M University; to HBCUs such as Morehouse and Hampton; to Christian schools like Wheaton College (IL) and St. Olaf College.

GENERAL SUMMARY

M.A.R. students	148
M.Div. students	136
S.T.M. students	7
Total number of degree students	291
Exchange students	4
Ph.D. students	3
Nondegree students	2
Total number of institutions represented	304
Total number of faith affiliations represented	34

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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.

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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.

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The map illustrates the campus layout of Yale University, centered around the intersection of Hillside Place and Edwards Street. To the north, the map shows the Yale Botanical Garden, the Yale Observatory & Planetarium, and the Sterling Chemistry Lab. To the south, the map shows the Kline Geology Lab, the Yale Peabody Museum, and the Yale University Chapel. The map also shows the location of the Yale University Library, the Yale University Art Gallery, and the Yale University Chapel. The map is a black and white line drawing with labels for buildings, streets, and landmarks.

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