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Department of Cellular & Molecular Physiology

# GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK 2022-2023

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# **The Graduate Program - Registration and General Policy**

## ***Introduction***

This handbook is intended to be a source of information for graduate students studying for the Ph.D. degree in the Department of Cellular & Molecular Physiology at Yale. Students and faculty should be able to find answers to questions that they may have from time to time about the Cellular & Molecular Physiology Ph.D. program and its specific policies. The Programs and Policies Bulletin of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (<https://gsas.yale.edu/academic-requirements/policies>) updated annually, is the definitive source of information about academic rules and regulations as well as general policies that apply to all graduate programs.

## ***General Information***

Graduate School registration online is required of all students, whether in residence, in absentia, or submitting a dissertation: <http://students.yale.edu/oci/>. Failure to register makes the student ineligible to use University facilities, including the libraries and the Health Service.

Orientation and Registration check-in for all new students occurs between August 22-26, 2022. Online Registration and Course Selection dates for the current academic year are listed in the Graduate School "Programs and Policies" 2022-2023. Fall term Online Course Selection (OCS) ends September 15, 2022. Spring term Online Course Selection (OCS) dates will be announced later. Certain changes can be made after these dates (consult the Departmental Registrar or the Graduate School Registrar for details), but a \$25 fee **will** be charged for each change.

Continuing Students must also register through the Online Course Selection process.

Summer registration is required of all graduate students supported through Yale-administered funds. Continuing students who were registered during the preceding spring term remain registered through August 31.

## ***Foreign Student Registration***

Foreign students must check in at the Office of the International Students and Scholars (OISS), 421 Temple Street, 203-432-2305 before registering at the graduate school. U.S. immigration regulations require that foreign students check in with the OISS when they arrive on campus. Be sure to bring along your passport and immigration documents when you come for the first time. The Office of International Students and Scholars is open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The office opens at 10:00 am on Tuesday mornings. OISS can also help with visa and language problems and may assist students in other ways to adjust to local conditions. The website is <https://oiss.yale.edu/>.

The OISS is a resource on immigration matters and hosts orientation programs and social activities or the University's international community. "All international students and scholars must register with OISS as soon as they arrive at Yale, at which time OISS will provide information about orientation activities for newly arrived students, scholars, and family members." (GSAS Programs and Policies p. 528)

## ***In Absentia Registration***

A student, whose curriculum requires full-time study at another institution, or dissertation research on a full-time basis outside the New Haven area can register in absentia, provided he/she receives prior written approval from the Department and the Dean of the Graduate School. Such students will not be enrolled in the Yale Health Plan unless they are paying full tuition, but may enroll themselves (and dependents) at full cost.

## ***Leave of Absence***

Students in good standing who wish to interrupt their study temporarily for personal reasons may, with approval of the Department and the Dean, be granted a leave of absence. There are two types of leave, personal and medical. Only students who will not be primarily engaged in degree-related activities during the period of leave are eligible. A one term or one-year leave can be granted to students who have satisfactorily completed one year of study in the Department.

The student should meet first with his/her advisor upon considering taking a Leave of Absence. After consultation with the advisor and the DGS, the student must submit the appropriate form to the DGS who then forwards it to the Dean. Please note that the forms should be completed before the beginning of the term in which the student requests a Leave of Absence and leave will not be granted retroactively and normally will not be approved after the tenth day of a term.

The Leave of Absence Form may be found at  
<https://registrar.yale.edu/forms-petitions>

A complete set of Guidelines may be found at  
<https://gsas.yale.edu/academic-requirements/policies>

Students on leave of absence need not formally apply for readmission before returning to Yale. However, they must notify the registrar in writing of their intention to return. Such notification should be given at least six weeks prior to the end of the approved leave. Students on leave are not enrolled in the Yale Health Plan but may continue membership by paying the full cost.

## ***Time off Policy***

### **A. Holidays**

It is the policy of the Department of Cellular & Molecular Physiology to allow all students enrolled in the Graduate Program to take the official Yale holidays as follows for the academic year 2022 - 2023:

Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24, 2022
Recess Day	Friday, November 25, 2022
Recess Day	Friday, December 23, 2022
Christmas Day	Monday, December 26, 2022
Recess Days	Tuesday, December 27, 2022
	Wednesday, December 28, 2022
	Thursday, December 29, 2022
	Friday, December 30, 2022

New Year's Day	Monday, January 2, 2023
ML King Jr Day	Monday, January 16, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2023
Juneteenth	Monday, June 19, 2023
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4, 2023

## B. Vacation

The Graduate Program in Cellular and Molecular Physiology promotes the opinion that being a graduate student is a full-time job. University policy allows the department to determine vacation policies with certain limitations. **It is expected that graduate students in Cellular and Molecular Physiology will have, per academic year, no more than two weeks of vacation beyond the University holidays.** For the purpose of U.S.P.H.S. training grant awards, the period between the spring and fall semesters is specifically considered to be an active time of research and research training and is not considered to be a vacation or holiday.

The granting of a vacation request should take into account the progress of the student towards his/her degree objective. The vacation time taken must be mutually agreeable to the student, the Thesis Advisor and DGS and must not conflict with the laboratory responsibilities or the teaching responsibilities of students.

## ***Outside Employment***

Graduate students should recognize that the pursuit of a graduate research degree is a full-time activity that may require significant personal sacrifices for a time but which will hopefully pay off in a more rewarding life's work and greater earning potential. Therefore, students are strongly discouraged from engaging in work outside of the department to supplement their University income. However, occasions do occur in which the question of outside work arises.

Any student wishing to engage in outside work to supplement his or her income is encouraged to discuss this matter earnestly with the advisor as well as the DGS before accepting outside employment. The overriding issue is whether the student is making satisfactory progress towards his/her degree objective, and if the proposed outside work will jeopardize that progress. A student who is working outside the department will be held to the same standards as one who is not.

## ***Withdrawal & Readmission***

A student who wishes to terminate his or her Program of study should confer with the DGS and the Associate Dean of the Graduate School regarding withdrawal. A student who has withdrawn from the Graduate School 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 a student who withdrew. The deadline for making application for readmission is January 2 of the year in which the student wishes to return to the Graduate School.

## ***Tuition***

Tuition and Continuing Registration Fees are normally covered by sources of financial aid, as described below. For each Ph.D. student full tuition is charged for four years (eight semesters), except in the case of students who complete all

degree requirements (including submission of the dissertation) in less than four continuous years from the date of matriculation in the Ph.D. Program. In such cases, full tuition is charged only through the term in which the dissertation is submitted.

Once the tuition requirement has been met, the student is expected to continue registering until the dissertation is submitted or the terminal date is passed. A continuous registration fee is charged for each term after the tuition requirement has been met.

Students who are considering a leave of absence or registration in absentia should consult the Graduate School to determine how this would affect tuition charges.

## ***Financial Aid***

The Department of Cellular and Molecular Physiology attempts to ensure that all its registered Ph.D. students receive adequate financial aid. Because aid levels are budgeted annually, no particular level can be guaranteed for aid in subsequent years. Our expectation, however, is to maintain support at least at the level of the current year.

### **A. Sources of Support**

All students receive support for full tuition and a stipend for 12 months. Sources of outside support frequently utilized by students in the biological and biomedical sciences are listed below:

#### **1) Students Should Be Encouraged to Apply for Individual Fellowships:**

Numerous fellowships, administered by federal or private sources, are available to graduate students in the Biological Sciences:

<https://medicine.yale.edu/bbs/bbsresources/funding/bbsfellowships/>.

The Department strongly encourages students to seek external fellowships, as a mechanism for enlarging and strengthening the Graduate Program. Students who obtain external fellowships receive a larger total stipend. The most popular and attractive fellowships in recent years have been those awarded by the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

Individual U.S.P.H.S. National Research Service Awards may provide support to a student for a maximum of four years. Acceptance of these awards obligates the student within two years after completion of doctoral training either (a) to engage in biomedical or behavioral research or teaching in academic, governmental, or private (including industrial) facilities, for a period equal to the period of support, or (b) if suitable teaching or research jobs are not available, to engage in a health-related activity or alternative service, appropriate to the student's education or training, for a period equal to the period of support. Failure to comply with these provisions obligates the student to pay back the sum received for training.

#### **2) Research Assistantships:**

Research grants and contracts awarded by outside agencies to support the research projects of individual faculty members may contain funds for Research Assistantships that can be held by graduate students. This is the usual way by which a Thesis Advisor supports a student, starting in the third year. Research Assistantships are appropriate only for students who are

fully engaged in dissertation research.

**B. Payment of Stipend**

Checks for U.S.P.H.S. Traineeships and for University Fellowships are paid in equal biweekly installments at the **beginning** of each two-week period and cover the calendar year.

Checks for salaried positions, such as Research Assistantships, are paid at the **end** of the two-week period. Therefore, any student who is transferred from a fellowship to an assistantship will have a one-time *one-month gap* between checks.

**C. Taxation**

The University does not withhold federal or State of Connecticut income taxes from Traineeships and University Fellowships. Students are responsible for reporting to the IRS and the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services any stipend income that is properly taxable. Students who are not subject to withholding may be required to file quarterly estimates tax payments with the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Connecticut. Failure to file may result in interest and penalty assessments.

When a student is going off a training grant or a University Fellowship to become a Research Assistant, he/she should be certain to file a W-4 form either at the Department Business Office or at the Payroll office, to ensure that the proper amount of Federal and State withholding is taken out of his/her paycheck.

**D. Loans**

For information on the various types of graduate student loans, consult the Financial Aid Office (HGS; 203-432-2739). This Office can provide short-term loans during temporary financial crises (for example, if a stipend check is delayed or if a student transfers from a fellowship to an assistantship). The Office also has up-to-date information on federally sponsored student loan plans. For more information, see the website at <https://gsas.yale.edu/resources-students/finances-fellowships/loans>.

## ***Responsible Conduct of Research and Plagiarism***

Although academic dishonesty has not been a substantial problem in the Graduate School, instances of plagiarism and research misconduct have occurred every year for some time. Recognizing this fact, the Graduate School has thought that a pro-active approach would best educate students and prevent plagiarism and research misconduct. The Graduate School has joined the Center for Academic Integrity

<http://www.academicintegrity.org/>.

The department of Cellular & Molecular Physiology upholds the University's policy on scientific integrity and plagiarism which can be found on the graduate school's website at <https://research.yale.edu/researchers/research-integrity>. Accordingly, the Molecular Medicine Pharmacology Physiology track mandates completion of the course C&MP650/PATH 660/PHAR580 *Ethics* and the RCR module (see Curriculum Requirements). Information on training, relevant contacts, RCR standards and resources at Yale can be found online at <https://your.yale.edu/research-support/conflict-interest/responsible-conduct-research-rcr>.

Additionally, the BBS provides a booklet entitled "Sources Their Use and Acknowledgement" from Dartmouth College (1998), Hanover, New Hampshire. This booklet can also be found on the Dartmouth College website at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/sources/>.

We encourage graduate students and faculty to discuss issues of academic integrity openly, especially as they are emerging within their disciplines.

Students may also wish to check the following website:

- American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology: Code of Ethics: <https://www.asbmb.org/about/code-of-ethics>
- Office of Science and Technology Policy [Federal]: <http://www.ostp.gov>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Research Integrity: <https://ori.hhs.gov/>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research: <https://oir.nih.gov/sourcebook/ethical-conduct/responsible-conduct-research-training> (Note that this website contains many links to excellent programs in the responsible conduct of research in the sciences.)
- Council of Graduate Schools, Responsible Conduct of Research Initiatives: <https://legacy.cgsnet.org/graduate-education-responsible-conduct-research>

# OVERSIGHT

## **A. *Policy and Personnel***

Educational policy for the Graduate Program in Cellular and Molecular Physiology is made and periodically reviewed by the Graduate Education Committee of the Department and the whole faculty of the Department. Functioning of the Program is supervised by the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS), David Zenisek (SHM B114, 203-785-???) , with the advice and assistance of the Committee on Graduate Education, which consists of:

Michael Caplan, C&MP Chair	(B-116 SHM)
Emile L. Boulpaep	(B-163C SHM)
Jean-Ju Chung	(BE36C SHM)
Michael Nitabach	(BE-29 SHM)
Fred J. Sigworth	(BE-23 SHM)
David Zenisek (DGS)	(B-114 SHM)

Finances are handled by Joseph DePonte and Renata Musial (B-147 SHM); day-to-day operation of the Program is administered by the Registrar, Diane Altschuler (B-147 SHM, 203-785-4041).

## **B. *First-year Students***

First-year students most likely belong to the Translational Molecular Medicine Pharmacology Physiology (TMMPP) track. The TMMPP Track Director for 2022-2023 is: David Zenisek (B-114 SHM). Students should discuss their curriculum needs, prospective courses, and relationships to Graduate School, future degree-granting department, and Track requirements with their individual advisor and the track Director before submitting their Fall and Spring Course Selection online.

## **C. *Second-year Students***

Second-year students who have begun thesis research and selected the Graduate Program in Cellular and Molecular Physiology as the degree-granting program should discuss their curriculum needs, prospective courses, program requirements and relationships to Graduate School with the Director of Graduate Studies of Cellular and Molecular Physiology:

David Zenisek	(B-114 SHM)
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## **D. *Advanced Students***

For students who have completed the qualifying examination, their Thesis Advisor serves as primary advisor, assisted by the Thesis Advisory Committee. The student must meet with the Thesis Advisory Committee at least semi-annually, unless circumstances dictate more frequent meetings. The student will be responsible for scheduling his/her Thesis Committee semi-annual meetings.

## **E. *Thesis Advisory Committees***

The Thesis Advisory Committee has primary responsibility for objectively advising the student on the quality and direction of his/her thesis research, as well as for providing assistance with specific problems.

The Thesis Advisory Committee plays a number of roles:

(1) To provide a source of scientific expertise. A major role of the Thesis Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the student from a variety of



perspectives beyond those available in the advisor's laboratory.

(2) To advise students and inform advisors as to general thesis directions. It is not unusual, for instance, for the Committee to recommend a more focused and less ambitious project than that which is outlined.

(3) To determine when the student is ready to present a prospectus, or to defend the thesis. The section "Dissertation" (on page 23) specifically addresses the latter point.

(4) To provide a critical practice-presentation audience in front of which a student can hone presentation skills.

(5) To evaluate the progress of the thesis, and to provide feedback to the Graduate Education Committee on a semi-annual basis.

Thesis Advisory Committees should consist of 3 (or 4) faculty members; the advisor is not a member of the committee. The Thesis Advisor is not a member of the committee, but is expected to attend all committee meetings. Additionally, the Thesis Advisor mentors the student on an ongoing basis. At least one member of the Thesis Advisory Committee should be a primary faculty appointee in the C&M Physiology department.

Each Thesis Advisory Committee should have a Chairperson, selected from one of the C&M Physiology faculty members, typically a primary faculty member. The Chairperson will oversee the conduct of the semi-annual meeting and provide written feedback to the departmental Registrar for the student's file.

## **F. *Evaluation of Progress***

The Department encourages students to maintain frequent informal discussions with the DGS and other members of the Graduate Education Committee, with course instructors, and with their Thesis Advisor and members of their Thesis Advisory Committee. Such informal discussions are an important mechanism to give students an accurate, continuing sense of their progress. In addition, the Graduate School requires the Department to evaluate progress formally at the end of every academic year. For first and second year students, evaluation is based primarily on performance in courses, laboratory rotations, the qualifying examination, and the prospectus. The DGS prepares a summary evaluation and annual meetings with the DGS are scheduled in the spring to discuss progress. At any time that serious deficiencies are discovered, the DGS will provide the student with a written report describing the deficiencies and suggesting possible remedies.

In later years the Thesis Advisor and Thesis Advisory Committee report to the Graduate Education Committee on progress of the student's thesis research (e.g., written report by the Committee Chairperson). Students admitted to candidacy must submit online in May a self-assessment through the annual Dissertation Progress Report (DPR). Students file the Dissertation Progress Report by logging in to the Dissertation Progress Report tool (<https://registrar.yale.edu/students/dissertation-progress-reports>) using their NetID. Subsequently, the Thesis Advisor attaches online his/her comments to the Dissertation Progress Report and answers a number of questions regarding the student's progress. Finally, the DGS attaches online his comments to the Dissertation Progress Report.

# CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

## A. *Suggested Timeline to Degree*

### YEAR 1

#### **Milestones:**

- ✓ Complete lab rotations and decide thesis lab
- ✓ Take mandatory courses

Lab Rotations: Students will complete a minimum of 3 laboratory rotations over the fall and spring semesters of the first year. At the completion of each rotation students will give a ten-minute rotation talk describing the research and results (if any) of their rotation.

Coursework: In the fall of the first-year students continue to complete the required and elective coursework. Students also take the research ethics course this semester.

#### **Fall**

##### Mandatory Courses (2)

- C&MP 550a/PHAR 550a: Physiological Systems
- C&MP 630a/PATH 680/PHAR 502: Seminar in Molecular Medicine, Pharmacology & Physiology

##### Other Courses (1-3)

- EXPA 620: Lab Rotations in Experimental Path (Required)
- 1-2 Elective Courses from the Recommended List

#### **Spring**

##### Mandatory Courses (2)

- C&MP 560b: Cell and Molecular Physiology: Molecular Machines in Human Disease  
**OR** C&MP 580b: Mitochondrial Bioenergetics and Intermediary Metabolism
- C&MP 630a/PATH 680/PHAR 502: Seminar in Molecular Medicine, Pharmacology & Physiology (*this is a continuation of the same seminar from fall semester*)

##### Other Courses (2-4)

- EXPA 622: Lab Rotations in Experimental Path (Required)
- C&MP 650/PATH 660/PHAR 580: Ethics (Required)
- 1-2 Elective Courses from the Approved List

#### **Summer**

Coursework: Students do not typically take courses over the summer term. Some students may take summer courses as part of additional training programs.

Graduate Fellowships: Students are encouraged to work with their advisors to discuss opportunities for outside graduate fellowships.

Research: Students should work with their advisory to develop research and prepare for the qualifying exam in the second year.

## YEAR 2

### Milestones:

- ✓ Completion of remaining coursework
- ✓ Complete your qualifying exam by the end of the spring semester (see more under Qualifying Examination section)
- ✓ Consider applying for relevant graduate fellowships

### Fall

Coursework: Continue to complete required and elective coursework. This may continue into the spring as necessary.

Research: Students should continue to settle into their thesis labs. Work to develop a research proposal in preparation for the qualifying exam

### Spring

Coursework: Continue to complete required and elective coursework. This may continue into the spring as necessary.

Research: Students should continue to settle into their thesis labs. Work to develop a research proposal in preparation for the qualifying exam

### Summer

Research: Continue to work on thesis research.

Assemble Thesis Advisory Committee: Following completion of the qualifying exam students should assemble faculty for their thesis advisory committee.

## YEAR 3

### Milestones:

- ✓ If you've completed your coursework, register for DISR 999
- ✓ Consider applying for relevant graduate fellowships
- ✓ Fulfill teaching requirement (see more under Teaching Requirement section)
- ✓ Give Physiology RIP talk (starting Year 3, Spring)
- ✓ Meet with thesis committee

Graduate Fellowships: Students are encouraged to work with their advisors to discuss opportunities for outside graduate fellowships.

Research: Students should continue thesis research year round.

Teaching Requirements: Students are required to act as a teaching fellow for at least two semesters and complete the "Teaching at Yale Day" offered each year. Full details are included later in this handbook.

Thesis Prospectus: A written proposal of your research is presented to the thesis committee and submitted to the graduate school. The prospectus is typically an edited version of the document provided for the qualifier exam.

Thesis Committee Meeting: Students should meet with their committee starting in the fall of the third year and approximately every 6 months thereafter until defense.

Admission to Candidacy: Upon completion of the required components (outlined later in the handbook) the graduate education committee will admit students to candidacy. This usually occurs before the end of the third year. Admitted students must complete an annual dissertation progress report in May.

## YEAR 4+

### Milestones:

- ✓ Register for DISR 999
- ✓ Register for BBS 503: RCR Refresher (Year 4, Spring)
- ✓ Consider applying for relevant graduate fellowships
- ✓ Fulfill teaching requirement (see more under Teaching Requirement section)
- ✓ Give Physiology RIP talk
- ✓ Continue to meet with thesis committee regularly

Students should continue to meet with their committee every six months to discuss research progress and complete annual dissertation progress reports.

Dissertation: Describing their original research which comprises a significant body of work in the field.

Pre-defense: A full “practice-run” of the defense with the advisory committee and C&MP primary faculty.

Defense: An oral defense open to the public followed by closed discussion between the advisory committee determining if the dissertation will be accepted, accepted with revisions, or remanded to additional work.

## B. *Formal Course Requirement*

The first one and one-half to two years of graduate study are normally spent in formal course work, independent reading, and exploratory research rotations, all of which should lay a foundation for the dissertation. The student should consult with the DGS, individual advisors, and members of the Graduate Education Committee to design a suitable Program of courses.

In the first year, each student of the Molecular Medicine Pharmacology Physiology (MMPP) track will be matched with an advisor who is a member of the MMPP Track. This faculty member has the responsibility to advise the student who has not yet begun thesis research. The student is expected to design a suitable Program of courses in consultation with the advisor and the Track Director.

Students enrolled in the Cellular and Molecular Physiology Graduate Program are **required to take at least six graduate-level courses** in the first year and a half to two years. Three courses are **mandatory**, two other advanced courses are selected from a **recommended** list, and one is fully **elective**. The courses should form a coherent background for the expected area of dissertation research.

All course selections are made online by the student at the following website: <http://students.yale.edu/oci/search.jsp> The course selections made online by the students must be approved online by the Director of Graduate Studies.

### 1. **Mandatory Courses**

The mandatory course work will be taken by all students in the Cellular and Molecular Physiology Graduate Program allowing them to acquire a broad knowledge of interrelated physiological and pathophysiological mechanisms at diverse levels of understanding: whole-organism, system, organ, tissue, cell, subcellular components and molecules.

C&MP 550a/PHAR 550a: Physiological Systems  
C&MP 630a/PATH 680/ PHAR 502: Seminar in Molecular Medicine,  
Pharmacology & Physiology

One of the following  
 C&MP 560b: Cell and Molecular Physiology: Molecular Machines  
 in Human Disease  
 C&MP 580b Mitochondrial Bioenergetics and Intermediary Metabolism

Students with extensive prior training in systems physiology may be exempted from C&MP 550a/PHAR 550a in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies. If a student exempts C&MP 550a/PHAR 550a, then three courses instead of two must be selected from the recommended courses listed below.

In addition, all graduate students are required to take:

- C&MP 650/PATH 660/PHAR 580: Ethics (Note: this course should be taken in the Spring of the first year and does not count toward the six course requirement)
- BBS 503 RCR: 4<sup>th</sup> Year Ethics Refresher Course (Note: this course is taken in the spring semester of fourth year consisting of a BBS session and two department sessions. Information will be send out during the Fall semester)

## 2. Recommended Courses

At least three courses should be selected from the recommended courses listed below. Consult the Online Course Information at <http://students.yale.edu/oci/search.jsp> on Programs and Policies of the Graduate School for exact descriptions, course numbers and meeting times.

BENG 351a	Biomedical Engineering I
BENG 355a	Biomedical Engineering Lab
BENG 410a	Physical and Chemical Basis of Bioimaging and Biosensing
BENG 434	Biomaterials
BENG 445	Biomedical Image Processing
C&MP 570b	Sensory Physiology
C&MP 600	Medical Physiology Case Conferences
C&MP 620	Fundamentals in Neurophysiology
C&MP 710b	Electron Cryo-Microscopy for Protein Structure Determination
C&MP 750	Research Topics in the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory
C&MP 580b	Mitochondrial Bioenergetics and Intermediary Metabolism
CBIO 601a	The Molecular and Cellular Basis of Human Disease
CBIO 602a & 603a	Molecular Cell Biology and Seminar Molecular Cell Biology
CBIO 604	Systems Cell Biology
CBIO 606b	Advanced Topics in Cell Biology
CBIO 611b	Vascular Cell Biology
CBIO 701b	Illuminating Cellular Function
ENAS 502b	Stochastic Processes
ENAS 505a	Advanced Engineering Mathematics
ENAS 509a	Electronic Materials: Fundamentals and Applications
ENAS 510a	Physical & Chemical Basis of Bioimaging and Biosensing
ENAS 511b	Photonics and Optical Electronics
ENAS 521a	Classical and Statistical Thermodynamics
ENAS 534a	Biomaterials
ENAS 551a	Biotransport and Kinetics
ENAS 553a	Immuno-Engineering

ENAS 555b	Vascular Mechanics
ENAS 575a	Computational Vision & Biological Perception
ENAS 580a	Clinical Research in Biomedical Engineering
ENAS 585a	Fundamentals of Neuroimaging
ENAS 610a	Biomolecular Engineering
ENAS 704a	Theoretical Fluid Dynamics
ENAS 711b	Biomedical Microtechnology and Nanotechnology
ENAS 812b	Molecular Transport & Intervention in the Brain
ENAS 821b	Physics of Medical Imaging
ENAS 825b	Physics of Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy in Vivo
ENAS 836a	Biophotonics & Optical Microscopy
ENAS 880a	Imaging Drugs in the Brain
ENAS 915b	Tracer Kinetics and Modeling
ENAS 938b	Neural Networks for Pattern Recognition, Identification and Control
GENE 625a	Basic Concepts of Genetic Analysis
GENE 645a	Statistical Methods in Human Genetics
GENE 655a	Stem Cells: Biology and Application
GENE 703b	The Mouse in Biomedical Research
GENE 705a	Molecular Genetics of Prokaryotes
GENE 743b	Advanced Eukaryotic Molecular Biology
GENE 749a	Medical Impact of Basic Science
GENE 760b	Genomic methods for Genetic Analysis
GENE 777b	Mechanisms of Development
GENE 840a & 840b	Medical Genetics (clinical rotation)
IBIO 530a	Biology of the Immune System
IBIO 531b	Advanced Immunology
IBIO 532b	Inflammation
IBIO 536a	Advanced Immunology Seminar: Mucosal Immunity and Microbiome
IMED 630a	Practical & Ethical Issues in Clinical Investigation
MBIO 680a	Molecular and Cellular Processes of Parasitic Eukaryotes
MBIO 685b	Molecular Mechanisms of Microbial Pathogenesis
MBIO 686a	Bacterial Determinants of Pathogenesis
MB&B 420a	Macromolecular Structure
MB&B 425a	Basic Concepts of Genetic Analysis
MB&B 449a	Medical Impact of Basic Science
MB&B 523a	Biological Physics
MB&B 600a & 601b	Principles of Biochemistry I & II
MB&B 602a	Molecular Cell Biology
MB&B 625a	Basic Concepts of Genetic Analysis
MB&B 630b	Biochemical and Biophysical Approaches in Molecular and Cellular Biology
MB&B 635a	Mathematical Methods in Biophysics
MB&B 720a	Macromolecular Structure and Biophysical Analysis
MB&B 722b	Optical Spectroscopy of Biomolecules
MB&B 723b	Macromolecular Interactions: Atoms to Networks
MB&B 743b	Advanced Eukaryotic Molecular Biology
MB&B 749a	Medical Impact of Basic Science
MB&B 752a1	Bioinformatics: Practical Application of Data Mining
MB&B 752a2	Bioinformatics: Practical Application of Simulation
MB&B 760b3	Principles of Macromolecular Crystallography
MB&B 800a	Advanced Topics Molecular Medicine
MCDB 500b	Biochemistry
MCDB 570b	Biotechnology
MCDB 602a	Molecular Cell Biology
MCDB 625a	Basic Concepts of Genetic Analysis
MCDB 630b	Biochemical & Biophysical Approaches in Molecular and Cellular Biology
MCDB 670b	Advanced Seminar in Biochemistry and Genetics
MCDB 677b	Mechanisms of Development

MCDB 720a	Neurobiology
MCDB 743b	Advanced Eukaryotic Molecular Biology
MCDB 752a	Bioinformatics: Practical Application of Simulation and Data Mining
NBIO 500b	Structural and Functional Organization of the Human Nervous System
NBIO 501a	Principles of Neuroscience
NBIO 507b	Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Neurological Disease
NBIO 510a	Introduction to Methods in Cellular & Molecular Neurobiology
NBIO 511a	Introduction to Techniques Used in Electrophysiological Analysis at the Cellular Level
NBIO 532a	Neurobiology of Cortical Systems
NBIO 570b	Sensory Physiology
NBIO 610b	Fundamentals in Neurophysiology
NBIO 720a	Neurobiology
NSCI 501a	Principles of Neuroscience
NSCI 507b	Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Neurological Disease
NSCI 510b	Structural and Functional Organization of the Human Nervous System
NSCI 521b	Neuroimaging in Neuropsychiatry
NSCI 539b	Synaptic Organization of the Nervous System
NSCI 540a	Introduction to Statistics
NSCI 580a	The MAP Kinase Pathway and Cognitive Disorders
NSCI 585a	Stem and Progenitor Cells in the Adult Nervous System
NSCI 600a	Experimental Methods in Neuroscience
NSCI 648	Cellular Analysis: Learning & Memory
NSCI 720a	Neurobiology
PATH 600a	Pathological basis of Human Disease
PATH 618b	Clinical and Pathological Correlates in Renal Disease
PATH 630b	Biomaterial-Tissue Interactions
PATH 650b	Cellular and Molecular Biology of Cancer
PATH 670b	Biological Mechanisms of Reaction to Injury
PATH 680	Seminar in Pharmacology & Molecular Medicine
PATH 690a	Molecular Mechanisms of Disease
PHAR 504a	Principles of Pharmacology
PHAR 528b	Principles of Signal Transduction
PHAR 529b	Structural Pharmacology
PHYS 523a	Biological Physics

### 3. **Elective Courses**

One course is fully elective and is chosen in consultation with the student's advisor. The elective course can be any course in the graduate school or may be an additional selection among the list of recommended courses.

### 4. **Courses Outside Yale**

Students may find it useful to take courses and/or workshops outside Yale University, for example at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, or at Cold Spring Harbor, New York. These would normally occur during the summer term, and students contemplating such courses should apply for the announced scholarships and fellowships. Ordinarily, outside courses cannot *per se* satisfy Department or Graduate School requirements, but they can be a very important part of the individual student's training.

## C. **Grades**

Course grades for regular term courses in the Graduate School are recorded as Honors, High Pass, Pass, and Fail; and for research or seminar courses, as Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory. The minimum requirement of the Graduate School for course performance is a grade of **Honors** in two regular term courses, which *must* be met by the end of the 2nd year (see *Graduate School Programs and Policies*). Tutorials, informal seminars, research courses, and term courses having fewer than 3 credit hours cannot be used to fulfill the Honors requirement.

## D. **The Qualifying Examination**

C&M Physiology graduate students must complete the qualifying examination by the end of the fourth term, but in no case will the deadline be extended beyond the 5<sup>th</sup> term of study. The purpose of this examination is to ensure breadth and depth of a student's preparedness to pursue thesis research. The examination consists of three parts; a directed reading period, written research proposal, and formal examination. In consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies, the student selects two "reading faculty" members and one "writing faculty" whose own expertise is relevant to the anticipated thesis topic. At least one of these faculty members should be a primary faculty member of the C&M Physiology department.

### 1. **Directed Reading**

With each of the two "reading faculty" the student undertakes a directed reading period in a selected area of physiology. The readings should challenge the student to broaden and deepen comprehension of fields related to the chosen research area. While the format and choice of reading topics may vary, students typically meet with each reading faculty 4-5 times to review 2-3 papers each meeting over the reading period.

### 2. **Written Research Proposal**

The student prepares a research proposal following the Qualifying Exam Research Proposal guidelines found in this handbook in collaboration with the "writing faculty" member. The role of this faculty member is to provide the student with guidance in effectively organizing and expressing the background, aims and methodology of a research proposal. The written proposal provides the focus for a formal examination. The written proposal should be submitted to the reading and writing faculty members at least one week prior to the formal qualifying examination; failure to do so may result in rescheduling of your examination.



### **3. Formal Qualifying Examination**

The Thesis Advisor and both reading and writing faculty members should attend the formal Qualifying Exam. Once a time is coordinated, please inform the registrar who can also help reserve rooms for your examination.

A public presentation of the proposal by the student is followed by an oral examination session by the Qualifying Examination Committee consisting of the “reading” and “writing” faculty members plus at least one additional C&M Physiology faculty member. At least one member of the examining committee should be a member of the departmental Graduate Education Committee, most often the Director of Graduate Studies. The student is expected to demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the scientific context and experimental strategy of the proposal and topics covered in the reading periods. Questioning during the examinations should extend beyond the limits of the proposal as necessary to determine the strengths and potential deficiencies of the student’s preparation.

After the student’s public presentation of the proposal and questioning, the usual procedure is for the Qualifying Examination Committee to meet without the student to discuss the proposal and assess the student’s overall performance. When the student returns, the Qualifying Examination Committee reports its evaluation and transmits specific advice, feedback and recommendations.

### **4. Overall Qualifying Exam Timeline**

The Qualifying Examination must be completed by the end of the fourth term, May 31. Extensions must have prior approval of the DGS. A timeline for the exam is as follows:

- Choose reading and writing faculty for Qualifying Examination Committee
- No later than the beginning of fourth term: meet with advisor and DGS to discuss the exam
- No later than the beginning of fourth term: meet with “reading faculty”
- Write proposal in collaboration with the “writing faculty”
- Hand in proposal to Qualifying Examination Committee, Advisor, DGS and Graduate Program Registrar
- No later than the end of fourth term (May 31) --- oral examination

### **5. Qualifying Exam Research Proposal – Outline**

Title Page (includes committee members & roles)

Introduction // Project Summary

- A. Specific Aims (State the specific purpose of the research proposal and the hypotheses to be tested)  
1., 2., 3.
- B. Background and Significance (Sketch briefly the background to the proposal. State concisely the importance of the research described in the proposal by relating the specific aims to broad, long-term objectives)  
1., 2., 3.
- C. Preliminary Results  
1., 2., 3.
- D. Experimental Plan  
1., 2., 3.

- a. Research Design and Methods
- b. Possible Outcomes
- c. Limitations and Alternatives
- E. Future Directions
- F. References

## **E. Thesis Advisory Committee**

It is anticipated that, following their participation in the qualifying examination, the student will assemble a Thesis Advisory Committee. Although often “reading” and “writing” faculty continue as members of the student’s committee, the student may choose different faculty members. The graduate school requires that at least two of the committee members be ladder or ladder-track faculty. At least one of the faculty members on this committee should be a *primary* faculty member of the C&M Physiology department.

### **Frequency of Thesis Advisory Committee Meetings**

The first meeting of the Thesis Advisory Committee will occur at least by the fall semester of the third year (i.e., before December 31). It is recommended that the student prepare an outline of the proposed research and distributed it to the committee members prior to the meeting as the basis for a brief oral presentation to, and discussion with, the Thesis Advisory Committee.

Subsequent Thesis Advisory Committee meetings should occur twice a year at six month intervals (i.e., before June 30 and December 31). The Registrar will schedule these meetings.

### **Structure of Thesis Advisory Committee Meetings**

The format of the semi-annual meetings will be as follows:

- (1) Project presentation and discussion (about 45 minutes). The advisor is invited to attend but is expected to refrain from joining the discussion. An important aspect of these presentations is that the student develop skills of “thinking on his/her feet” and demonstrate an ability to develop a project with a degree of independence. *(Advisors who cannot refrain from joining this discussion should absent themselves from the project presentation. Chairpersons are requested to intercede in this regard if necessary.)*
- (2) Discussion with the student, advisor absent (5-15 minutes).
- (3) Discussion with the advisor, student absent (5-15 minutes).

The Registrar will provide to the committee chairperson a Thesis Advisory Committee Meeting Report form before each meeting. The chairperson will complete the report, detailing an evaluation of the student’s progress thus far, and return the signed form to the Registrar who procures the DGS signature and will retain the form in the student’s file.

## **F. Dissertation Prospectus**

Yale Graduate School requires all students to submit a written outline of proposed thesis work. (Guidelines for this are contained in the Graduate School Programs and Policies <https://gsas.yale.edu/academic-requirements/prospectus-qualifying-exams>). For the Program in Cellular and Molecular Physiology, a written synopsis of the thesis proposal as formulated and approved at the time of the qualifying examination, is usually submitted to the Graduate School as the student’s Dissertation Prospectus.

## **G. Admission to Candidacy**

The Graduate Education Committee will admit a student to candidacy when all the following pre-dissertation requirements have been fulfilled (usually by the end of the third year):

- Course Requirement
- Honors Requirement
- Qualifying Examination
- Dissertation Prospectus
- Satisfactory Thesis Advisory Committee Reports

Students admitted to candidacy must submit online in May, a self-assessment through the annual Dissertation Progress Report (DPR)

<http://www.yale.edu/sis/dpr/>.

## **H. Later Years**

From the third year onward, students will spend most of their time on the dissertation research, but should continue to take advantage of relevant advanced courses and seminars as they are offered. A meeting with the members of the student's Thesis Advisory Committee will be held each semester. The Registrar will schedule these meetings.

Following advancement to candidacy, each student is required to fill out an annual Dissertation Progress Report that must be approved by the student's advisor and the DGS. The report is a brief update (typically several paragraphs) highlighting progress and future plans toward completion of the dissertation.

## **I. Teaching Requirement**

Teaching experience is an important part of graduate training in Cellular and Molecular Physiology. Students are expected to assist in teaching two course-semester. The list of available teaching fellowship positions in graduate and undergraduate-level courses is updated every year by the BBS. First-year students are not allowed to teach. It is required that all TA Selection Forms be approved and signed by the student advisor and the DGS. The BBS and the Department of Cellular & Molecular Physiology require that **each** student take the "Teaching At Yale Day" seminar – offered in August and January each year – before fulfilling their Teaching Requirements. Information about teaching day and other opportunities through the Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning can be found on their website: <https://www.poorvucenter.yale.edu>

## **J. Dissertation**

During the last 9-12 months of thesis research, the student should maintain especially close communication with his/her advisor and Thesis Advisory Committee, in order to set out the content and composition of the thesis efficiently.

At least two months before he/she intends to petition the Graduate School for the Ph.D. degree, the candidate should inform the DGS. The dissertation will be judged by a committee of at least three readers, usually the members of the Thesis Advisory Committee (but **not** the Thesis Advisor), and subsequently by one reader from outside Yale University. The outside reader should be chosen in consultation with the thesis committee.

The dissertation must describe original research making significant new contributions to knowledge. Its form and content should be of the quality expected of papers submitted to major scientific journals. The Graduate School should be

consulted for detailed instructions on the format of the dissertation. The dissertation office puts out a handbook with detailed format description (including forms) that is available from your Departmental Registrar.

## **1. Pre-defense**

Prior to defending the thesis, the student will supply copies of the thesis to the Thesis Advisory Committee, and hold a pre-defense oral presentation before the Thesis Advisory Committee and the primary faculty members of Cellular and Molecular Physiology. A complete draft of the thesis will be provided to Committee members at least **two to three** weeks before the pre-defense, and electronic copies will be made available to interested faculty through the Departmental Registrar; a copy will also be sent to the outside reader at this stage. This meeting includes a full "practice-run" of the defense presentation. It is intended to iron out rough spots, and to identify important problems in the presentational aspects of the thesis.

At the conclusion of the pre-defense meeting, the Thesis Advisory Committee will decide whether the thesis is ready to be formally defended, with anticipated revision if necessary. If so, the defense date can then be announced.

Individual Thesis Advisory Committee members will note any problems identified at this meeting (briefly) on paper. The outside reader may have communicated suggestions as well. The student should make requested revisions in the thesis, to be completed preferably by the time of the defense.

## **2. Defense**

The actual defense date should be tentatively scheduled well in advance and tentative arrangements made with the outside reader (by the DGS). Announcements of the defense date will not be made, and the plane flight for the reader will not be guaranteed, until the Thesis Advisory Committee has given the go-ahead at the conclusion of the pre-defense. Accommodations for remote attendance to the defense will be made, if preferred by the outside reader. A *minimum* of two weeks between the pre-defense meeting and the formal oral defense is necessary to provide the outside reader time to read the dissertation and make any necessary travel plans.

The oral defense is an open, public presentation before the readers, the faculty of the Department, other students, and interested guests. Following the usual period of general questioning, the other students and guests are asked to leave, and discussion continues among the student, the readers, and the Department faculty. When that discussion is finished, the student is asked to leave. The faculty then deliberates and votes whether to accept the thesis (with or without specific alterations), or to remand it to the student for further work. That judgment is based on the quality of the oral presentation, the student's ability to defend his/her arguments, and the readers' verbal evaluation of the written thesis.

When the vote is to accept the thesis, the student formally petitions the Graduate School for the Ph.D. degree. The Petition includes:

- (a) Payment of a small fee;
- (b) One unbound copy of the completed thesis (now containing all changes requested by the readers and faculty) on acid-free paper –

this copy the Graduate School will have bound for the library copy;

(c) If necessary final-version softbound copies, which the Graduate School will send to the Readers, along with the formal Reader's Report. This Petition must be submitted by **October 1, 2022** (for a December 2022 award of degree), or **March 15, 2023** (for a May 2023 award of degree).

Meanwhile, the list of names and addresses of the readers will be sent to the Graduate School Registrar by the DGS. The Graduate School solicits a Reader's Report from each reader, on the basis of the final version of the thesis. The Readers return copies of these reports to the Graduate School Registrar, who forwards a copy of the reports to the DGS, who then certifies the Department's approval of the Ph.D. award.

Before departing, the student should provide three unbound copies of the completed thesis to the Department Registrar (on acid-free paper), who will have them hardbound. One each hardbound copy is for the student, the Thesis Advisor, and the Department.

#### **K. *M.D./Ph.D. Students***

Questions concerning the M.D./Ph.D. Program should be taken to the director of that Program, Barbara Kazmierczak (214 ESH, 203-785-4403). Special curriculum needs of individual students may also be discussed with the DGS David Zenisek (B-114 SHM, 203-785-6474).

##### **Specific Requirements for M.D.- Ph.D. students:**

- a. Students must take at least three graduate-level courses for a grade in addition to the courses that are already part of the Yale Medical School M.D Program.
- b. One C&MP course is required. In addition, M.D.-Ph.D. students in Cellular and Molecular Physiology must take two recommended graduate-level courses outside the regular medical school curriculum, subject to approval by the DGS.
- c. Two grades of Honors. Graduate courses that are part of the Yale Medical School M.D Program and taken for a grade may be counted towards the Honors fulfillment.
- d. Two rotations in two different laboratories over one summer. Each rotation should last five weeks.
- e. One semester of teaching at least at the level of Teaching Fellow II.

##### **General Requirements for M.D./ Ph.D. students:**

Policies with regard to Thesis Advisor, Qualifying Examination, Thesis Advisory Committee, Dissertation Prospectus, Admission to Candidacy, Dissertation pre-defense and defense are the same as described above for Ph.D students.

#### **L. *Master's Degree***

Although the Department does not admit students for terminal master's degrees, the rules of the Graduate School provide for optional awarding of a Master degree during the progress of graduate study.

A student leaving the Ph.D. Program after one year of residence in good standing, and having successfully passed at least four semester courses, including two Honors grades, and three successful laboratory rotations, may elect to receive a terminal Master of Science (M.S.) degree upon withdrawal from the Departmental Program.

Any student who has fulfilled all the requirements for the Ph.D. except the prospectus, teaching requirements, and dissertation may elect to receive the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) degree, normally at the end of the second year. Once the Ph.D. has been awarded, the M.Phil. is of little significance. However, if for personal reasons any eligible student wishes to obtain the M.Phil. degree, he/she may download the application online at <https://registrar.yale.edu/forms-petitions> or see the department Registrar (SHM B147).

#### **M. Publications**

The Graduate School requires that subsequent publication of thesis results as papers should include a statement to the effect that the paper(s) is(are) based upon "a dissertation submitted to fulfill in part the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Yale University".

Training grants also require the following statement to be included in publications: "This investigation was supported by National Research Service Award no. \_\_\_\_\_, from the National Institute of \_\_\_\_\_.

Other grants, which the student has received (e.g., NSF, American Heart Association), and supporting faculty research grants, should be similarly acknowledged. The departmental Business Office can supply the explicit grant information.

#### **N. Residence Requirement and Time Limit**

Students are required by the Graduate School to be in residence in the New Haven area for a minimum of three academic years. However, all Ph.D. candidates are charged four years of full tuition. Six years is normally sufficient for completion of the Ph.D., and this is the normal maximum period of enrollment. Both the Department and the Associate Dean must approve an exception to the residence requirement. The maximum time may, if the Associate Dean gives approval, also be extended by special petition, but only if the student is making good progress and if all requirements for the Ph.D. (including submission of the Prospectus) have been fulfilled, except for completion of research and submission of the thesis.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

### A. *Other Training Activities*

All students are expected to participate in the following training activities for the entire time they are in the Program, whether as first year students in the Physiology and Integrative Medical Biology Track or in following years as students in the Cellular and Molecular Physiology Graduate Program.

- “Research in Progress Reports” on Tuesdays twice monthly.
- Weekly “Seminar in Cellular and Molecular Physiology” on Thursdays
- Journal Club and laboratory meetings of the laboratories in which they are rotating or doing research
- Annual Retreat in Cellular and Molecular Physiology in Spring

### B. *Lectures, Seminars and Journal Clubs*

In addition to their formal courses and seminars, most graduate students will find on the Yale campus a large number of relevant research seminars, journal clubs, retreats, and symposia. Students should form the habit of watching the following:

- C&M Physiology Departmental website <http://medicine.yale.edu/physiology/>
- YSM Event Calendar <https://medicine.yale.edu/calendar/>
- The Yale Bulletin <https://bulletin.yale.edu/>
- Cellular & Molecular Physiology’s departmental bulletin board (located on the first floor B wing of SHM) where all seminar announcements received in the Department Office are posted.

The Department itself sponsors several events. Students are expected to attend departmental seminars, Research in Progress, and at least one journal club on a regular basis.

- 1) **Departmental Seminar:** This is held weekly: Thursday at 4:00 p.m., in the Cellular and Molecular Physiology Seminar Room (B-145 SHM), and is usually given by a visiting scientist. The choice of topics and speakers is determined by general interest; students are invited to make suggestions.
- 2) **Research in Progress:** Alternate Tuesdays at noon in the Cellular and Molecular Physiology Seminar Room (B-145 SHM). Two presentations, 30 minutes each, by students or postdoctoral fellows or associates.
- 3) **Departmental Retreat:** This is a very popular meeting held off-campus. It consists of lectures, posters, much informal discussion, and good food and drinks. The purpose is to bring the department together for in-depth discussions of research going on in the Department. This year’s retreat will be held at Yale’s West Campus in the spring from 8:30 – 5:30. All students are expected to attend.

Also, three other significant annual scientific events are sponsored by the Department:

- 4) **Peter F. Curran Lecture:** Named in memory of a distinguished biophysicist, this is a lecture in the area of membrane transport processes. This year’s Curran Lecture TBA.
- 5) **Louis H. Nahum Lecture:** Named in memory of a former member of the department, this is a lecture in the general area of cardiovascular physiology. This year’s Nahum Lecture has not been scheduled.

- 6) **Robert Berliner Lecture:** Named in memory of a distinguished member of the department and former Dean of the School of Medicine, this is a lecture on renal physiology. This year's Berliner Lecture has not been scheduled.

### **C. Libraries**

The main libraries around the Yale campus, which are of interest to students and faculty in Biological Sciences, are:

- 1) Medical Library (Sterling Hall of Medicine). Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am to midnight; Friday, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm; Saturday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm; Sunday, 11:00 am to midnight (203-785-5354)
- 2) Kline Science Library (C floor of Kline Biology Tower). Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am to midnight; Friday - Saturday, 8:30 am to 10:00 pm; Sunday, 11:00 am to midnight (203-432-3439)

Both of these libraries are tied to Interlibrary Loan and can obtain volumes (or photocopies) of individual articles from other Libraries throughout the United States. Rarely used books from the Yale Libraries--including very old journal volumes, certain foreign-language journals, etc.--are stored in the Seeley Mudd Library (38 Mansfield St., in front of Ingalls Rink; 203-432-3203). They can be retrieved by courier on request to the other libraries but are accessed much more quickly in person. [Photocopying at Mudd Library is by coin-operated machine or by Sterling Library keycard.]

### **D. The McDougal Graduate Student Center**

<http://www.yale.edu/graduateschool/mcdougal/>

The McDougal Center is a gathering place where graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty and staff from across the campus regularly meet and share interests. It offers services, Programs, information resources and an informal place to relax or study. Its web site provides all kinds of information relating to graduate student life. The Center provides members of the graduate student community with a place of their own on campus.

The facilities of the McDougal Center enhance student life in many ways. The magnificently restored Common Room has been transformed into a lounge with comfortable furnishings, internet ports, newspapers and magazines, and a student-run cafe serving coffee and light food throughout the day.

In an adjacent wing on the first floor of HGS the Center has a large multi-purpose Program Room with a stage, seating for up to 100, and advanced video and sound projection equipment. The Program Room (119 HGS) provides space for lectures, conferences, performances, film series, workshops and other events by and for students. The Center also has smaller conference and meeting rooms. Graduate student groups and departments may request to reserve space by contacting the office at 432-BLUE (123 HGS) or filling out a request on line.

There is a public computer cluster supported by ACS, a public copy machine, a public phone, bulletin boards and information kiosks as well. The lower floor also offers offices for the Assembly of Graduate Students, graduate student organizations, rooms for Teaching Fellows to meet with students, lockers for graduate student use and vending machines. The McDougal Center is open days, evenings, and weekends.



### **E. *Campus Computing***

Information Technology Services (ITS) <http://www.yale.edu/its> is located at 25 Science Park (203-432-9000). It includes computing, telecommunications, audiovisual, printing, and copying services. ITS operates campus computer clusters, provides Computing Assistants in clusters and residences and offers training courses and computer classrooms. The ITS website (listed above) provides information on all of its services.

### **F. *Departmental Facilities***

#### **DEPARTMENTAL NETWORK SERVICES**

Local network hardware support and e-mail services are coordinated by Duncan Wong (B-147 SHM 203-785-4049)

#### **TEA ROOM**

The Department of Cellular & Molecular Physiology has provided a departmental lounge, located in B-120A SHM. Cookies and coffee are available Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

### **G. *Graduate & Professional Student Senate***

The Life Science department of the Graduate School may appoint up to six students to the Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS). This body discusses University-wide aspects of graduate and professional student affairs and makes recommendations to the deans of the graduate and professional schools, as well as the offices of the President, Secretary and Provost of the University, the Association of Yale Alumni, and the Yale Corporation. Through the GPSS, senators may hold positions on various university committees, including the committee for investor responsibility and the committee on racial and ethnic harassment. The GPSS also runs the Graduate & Professional Student Center at Yale (The Gryphon), and is responsible for all social and educational programming offered at the Gryphon's.

The Senate meets twice monthly in the Gryphon (204 York Street, 203-432-2638), and its agenda may be obtained from the Recording Secretary. For further information, see the GPSS web page at <https://www.gpsenate.yale.edu/>.

### **H. *Graduate Student Assembly***

The Graduate Student Assembly provides a forum for graduate students to address issues across the Graduate School and University. It consults with the dean and other administrators on proposed changes in Graduate School policy, raises concerns expressed by the student body, nominates the student members of all Graduate School standing committees, and administers a conference travel fund for graduate students. Representatives to the assembly are elected by students in individual departments and degree programs. Each department or program has at least one student representative, with additional representatives allotted proportionally by size of the student population. For further information, see the GSA web page at <https://gsa.yale.edu/>.

### **I. *Grievance Procedures***

Situations can arise in which a student disagrees strongly with a decision made about him/her, or where he/she feels wrongly treated by someone within the University. In such cases, several courses of action are open. Advice or assistance may be asked of the student's Advisor, the Committee on Graduate Education, the DGS, or the Department Chairman. Alternatively, if the matter is one that should not be raised within the Department, other University agencies can help. The Dean of the Graduate School (112 HGS, 203-432-2733) is one source of help. Another

is the Deputy Provost (137 HGS, 203-432-4446), who is especially concerned with problems relating to equal rights for minorities and for women.

More on conduct, professional ethics & reporting misconduct can be found at <https://gsas.yale.edu/resources-students/conduct-professional-ethics-reporting-misconduct>. This website also provides information on where to report concerns and information on Title IX.

## **J. *Student Accessibility Services***

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) works to determine and provide appropriate accommodations and auxiliary aids and services through an interactive process. Submitting an [Accommodation Request Form](#) with SAS is the first step for students who wish to request a disability-related accommodation or service. Students with previously approved accommodations can renew their accommodations for the semester or request new accommodations using the [SAS Accommodate portal](#). Students who are unsure about their eligibility for assistance should complete the [Accommodations Request Form](#) and meet with SAS staff to discuss their situation. Please contact us at [sas@yale.edu](mailto:sas@yale.edu) with any questions or accommodation inquiries.

## **K. *Yale Health Plan***

The Yale Health Plan is a prepaid comprehensive health care Program located at the University Health Services Center, 55 Lock Street. All Yale graduate students in our department enrolled at least half-time are automatically members of the YHP and receive Yale Health Basic Coverage services free of charge. This includes care in Student Health, Acute Care, and Mental Health & Counseling for students amongst other services. And unless you waive Hospitalization/Specialty Care coverage you are automatically enrolled in and billed for that coverage as well.

Students may enroll their spouses and dependents under age 19 by filing an application with the YHP. A fee is applied through the Bursar's Office. Only those spouses and dependents specifically enrolled are eligible to receive YHP benefits and service.

Members of the Yale Health Plan use the University Health Services for both routine and emergency outpatient care. The YHP encourages its members to select a personal physician from its full-time primary care medical staff. Appointments are scheduled weekdays between 8:30 am and 5 pm. Emergency care is available 24 hours a day at 55 Lock Street on a walk-in basis (203-432-0123).

In addition to primary care and emergency care, a full range of specialty services are available, including Allergy, Athletic Medicine, Cardiology, Dermatology, Endocrinology, EN&T, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Hematology/Oncology, Internal Medicine, Mental Health and Counseling, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology/Optometry, Orthopedics, Optometry, Radiology and Urology.

For students entering Yale University, membership begins on the day of registration. Prior to registration, a complete medical examination form and health report must be submitted to the YHP. If these forms are not completed, the service will be provided and a \$25 charge will be billed.

Further information about the Yale Health Plan may be obtained from Health Plan Member Services (information), 55 Lock Street (203-432-0246) or at <https://yalehealth.yale.edu/>.

Dental and eye insurance are not included with the Yale Health Plan. Graduate and Professional School students enrolled at least half time are eligible for enrollment in opt-in dental and eye plans. Plan and enrollment information can be found at <https://gradprofdenteye.yale.edu/>.

## **L. Dining Facilities**

Several University dining facilities (hours of operation can be found at: <https://hospitality.yale.edu/>) are maintained for the convenience of students, faculty, and staff. In the Medical School area, these include:

- 1) Marigolds, (203-785-4685) located in the Edward S. Harkness Dormitory and Apartments (367 Cedar Street, adjacent to SHM). Marigolds is a contemporary eatery, which offers traditional as well as upscale cuisine. It is open 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM on Monday through Friday.
- 2) The East Pavilion Cafeteria at Yale-New Haven Hospital is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week. A valid Yale I.D. enables you to receive a "staff discount" at the cashiers. Various Cafés at Yale-New Haven Hospital are open Monday through Friday usually until 4 PM.

## **M. Shuttle Buses**

The Yale Shuttle Bus is a cross-campus service operated by the University for those who need to move between the Medical School, the Central Campus, and the Science Area. The Shuttle is free with a University I.D. card.

The Daytime Shuttle operates from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. It does not run on weekends or employee holidays, with the exception of Good Friday. The bus loops around the campus along four different set routes. Schedules and routes are subject to change and are posted on the web at <https://your.yale.edu/work-yale/campus-services/parking-and-transportation-options/shuttle>

## **N. Night-Time Transportation**

The Yale University Parking Service operates free evening transportation service. The Nighttime Shuttle runs 7 nights a week, 359 days a year (every night of the year except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas night, New Year's Eve, New Year's night, and July 4th). Between 6 PM and 7:30 AM 359 days a year, any person with a valid Yale ID card can obtain free transportation on the Yale Nighttime Shuttle from Yale buildings to residences, from residences to Yale buildings within the service boundaries. This is NOT a residence to residence service.

There are two ways to use the Nighttime Shuttle.

- 1) Go to one of the stops listed on the schedule and wait for the next Shuttle. A bus passes each stop every 15 minutes.
- 2) If you cannot safely go to one of the listed stops, call 203-432-6330. The dispatcher will radio one of the buses to go off route and pick you up.

If you require an escort to the nearest pick-up point, the Escort Service is available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week – call 203-432-9255. Be prepared to show your Yale I.D. For more information, check their website at <https://your.yale.edu/community/public-safety/stay-safe-campus/walking-escort-service>

In addition, the University Police provide transportation 24 hours a day for medical emergencies to the University Health Services.

**O. *Parking***

.. Parking permits are available for a fee to Yale students. For submitting an application online for a permit go to the Parking Services website at <https://your.yale.edu/work-yale/campus-services/parking-and-transportation-options/parking/permits-and-regulations>. . All assignments are made on a first-come, first served basis. Contact the YSM Parking/Transit office 203-785-6456 for details. Payment for parking is on a full semester basis only.

Yale also offers over 30 Zipcars located at a dozen sites around the campus. Zipcar is a car sharing program that lets you use a car by the hour or day More information available at: <https://your.yale.edu/work-yale/campus-services/parking-and-transportation-options/zipcar>

**P. *Security***

All members of the Yale community are alerted to the fact that Yale is not immune to crime, property loss, or even personal injury. Individuals are urged to walk in groups, or request to be escorted by the Student Patrol Service, which has been set up by the University Police to provide for safety on the streets and in the parking lots. These patrolmen are easily identified by their orange vests and police radios. Night-time transportation is available for students working late in the evenings (see above).

**Q. *The I.D. Card***

During initial registration, incoming students receive an I.D. card with their registration packets. These ID cards must be worn visibly at all times for identification purposes. Other students who need I.D. cards (in the case of lost or stolen cards) should report to the Medical School I.D. Center, 333 Cedar Street, SHM CE-1A (203-785-4286) <https://idcenter.yale.edu/>.

**R. *I.D. Card Access and Keys***

Entrances to Medical School facilities are controlled by card readers. The doors are opened by swiping an authorized I.D. card through the card readers. The proper access authorizations are programmed at the time the I.D. card is issued. The Department of Cellular and Molecular Physiology provides I.D. card access to the tea room in the Department. Students on lab rotations or advanced students may require access to particular laboratories or core facilities. The Department Registrar and Business Office can arrange for card reader authorization or keys to be issued.

**S. *Mail***

Mail is distributed to mail boxes in the business office (SHM B147). Each student has a named mail slot.

**T. *Telephones***

Telephone communication at Yale presently operates on two separate exchanges: one for the Medical School-Hospital area and one for the rest of the campus. Calls within the Medical School-Hospital area and the rest of the campus are made by dialing the last 5 digits. Calls made outside the campus require 9, then the 10-digit number including the local area code. You should consult the campus directory for dialing long distance.

## **U. Recreational Opportunities**

A wide variety of recreational opportunities are available at Yale and in the New Haven area.

- 1) *University Athletic Facilities* are available for standard fees. They include:
  - a) Payne Whitney Gymnasium (70 Tower Parkway; 203-432-1444) for sports, dance, exercise, and swimming.
  - b) Ingalls Skating Rink (73 Sachem Street; 203-432-4771) for ice-skating sessions between mid-October and April.
  - c) The Yale Golf Course (Ray Road; 203-432-0895)
  - d) Cullman Tennis Courts (for indoor tennis, late October through late April) and outdoor courts (Derby Avenue; 203-432-0693).
  - e) The McNay Family Sailing Center (Short Beach, Branford; 203-488-9330 – formerly known as the Yale Sailing Center), which has 420's for use and offers sailing lessons.
- 2) *At the Medical School*, the Department has softball and basketball teams that participate in a very informal University league.
- 3) *Musical Opportunities* include:
  - a) The Yale Symphony orchestra, made up of students from all levels within the University, and the Philharmonic Orchestra, made up of School of Music students. Most concerts are at Woolsey Hall (College & Grove St.). Tickets are \$2 for Yale students (call 203-562-5666 for tickets)
  - b) A variety of singing groups (for information, call the Music Department at 203-432-2985).
  - c) Yale School of Music sponsors frequent recitals, which are listed in the Weekly Bulletin & Calendar. Admission is often free.
  - d) New Haven Symphony and the Woolsey Hall Concert Series. Tickets are available singly or in series at the New Haven Symphony – Administrative Offices, 70 Audubon 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (203-865-0831)
  - e) Music on the Green, a free summer concert series on the New Haven Green is presented by Smilow Cancer Center at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Concerts begin at 6:00 pm or 7:00pm. Admission is free.
- 4) *Theatrical Productions* are presented during the year by
  - a) The Yale Repertory Theatre  
Chapel & York Street, 203-432-1234
  - b) The Long Wharf Theatre Company  
222 Sergeant Drive, 203-787-4282
  - c) The Yale Cabaret  
217 Park Street, 203-432-1566
  - d) The Shubert Theater Box Office  
247 College Street, 203-562-5666

5) *University Museums*, worth many visits:

- a) Peabody Museum of Natural History  
Sachem Street & Whitney Avenue 203-432-5050  
<http://www.peabody.yale.edu/>  
Free Admission with Yale I.D.  
Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5.

This museum contains extensive research collections in geology, anthropology, and ornithology. Displays include minerals; birds of Connecticut; fossil plants, fish, birds, reptiles, and mammals; and especially the great dinosaurs. For students coming to Yale from great distances, this museum provides an excellent study of the natural history of New England.

- b) Yale University Art Gallery  
1111 Chapel Street 203-432-0600  
<http://artgallery.yale.edu/>  
Free admission  
Hours: Tue-Sat 10-5, Thurs 10-8, Sun 1-6.

The Gallery includes wonderful collections of 17th, 18th, and 19th century paintings and furnishings. It also offers free Sunday concerts, films, and lectures.

- c) Yale Center for British Art  
1080 Chapel Street 203-432-2800  
<http://ycba.yale.edu/index.asp>  
Free admission  
Hours: Tues-Sat 12-5, Sun 12-5.

This center contains a collection of British paintings, drawings, prints, rare books, and sculpture assembled over the past 35 years by Paul Mellon. It also offers a gift shop and free Saturday films.

# Schedule of Academic Dates and Deadlines 2022-2023

## Fall Term, 2022

Monday, August 22	<p>New student orientation week begins.</p> <p>Oral Proficiency Assessment for international students in Ph.D. programs.</p>
Wednesday, August 24	Fall-term Online Course Selection (OCS) begins.
Wednesday, August 31	Fall-term classes begin, 8:20 am
Friday, September 2	<p>Friday classes do not meet, Monday classes meet instead</p> <p>Deadline for students to notify departments of the intention to submit a dissertation for conferral of the Ph.D. in December.</p>
Monday, September 5	Labor Day. Administrative offices closed. Classes do not meet.
Wednesday, September 14	<p>Final day to apply for a fall-term <i>personal leave of absence</i>.</p> <p>The entire fall-term tuition charge or continuous registration fee (CRF) will be canceled for students who withdraw from the Graduate School on or before this date or who are granted a <i>leave of absence</i> effective on or before this date.</p> <p>Fall-term On Line Course Selection (OCS) ends. Final day for registration. <i>A fee of \$25 is assessed for course schedules accepted after this date.</i></p>
Friday, September 23	One-half of the fall-term full-tuition charge will be canceled for students who withdraw from the Graduate School on or before this date or who are granted a <i>medical leave of absence</i> effective on or before this date ( <i>The CRF is not prorated.</i> )
Saturday, October 1	<p>Final date for the faculty to submit grades to replace Temporary Incompletes (TI's) awarded during the previous academic year.</p> <p>Due date for dissertations to be considered by the Degree Committee for award of the Ph.D. in December.</p>
Friday, October 28	<p>Midterm.</p> <p>One-quarter of the fall-term full-tuition charge will be canceled for students who withdraw from the Graduate School on or before this date or who are granted a <i>medical leave of absence</i> effective on or before this date. <i>The CRF is not prorated.</i></p>

Teaching appointments will not appear on the transcripts of students who withdraw from the assignment on or before this date.

Final day to change enrollment in a fall-term course from Credit to Audit *or* from Audit to Credit.

Final day to withdraw from a fall-term course.

Monday, October 31	Readers' Reports are due for dissertations to be considered by the Degree Committees for award of the Ph.D. in December.
Wednesday, November 9	Final day to withdraw a degree petition for degrees to be awarded in December.
Friday, November 11	Oral Proficiency Assessment for international students in all GSAS degree programs.
Wednesday, November 16	Deadline for departments to return Degree Recommendation Forms for December degrees to registrar Registration for Spring 2023 opens, 8 a.m.
Friday, November 18	November recess begins, 5:20 p.m.
Monday, November 28	Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.
Wednesday, November 30	Final day to submit petitions for extended registration and Dissertation Completion status.
Wednesday, December 14	Registration for Spring 2023 closes, 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 15	Classes end, 5:20 p.m.  Final examinations begin
Wednesday, December 22	Examinations end. Winter Recess begins

## ***Spring Term, 2023***

Tuesday, January 3	Final grades for fall-term courses due Final day that faculty may submit a request for the assignment of a grade of Temporary Incomplete
Thursday, January 12	Add/drop period opens, 8:30 a.m.
Friday, January 13	Teaching @ Yale Day: orientation for all new Teaching Fellows
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Administrative offices are closed; classes do not meet
Tuesday, January 17	Spring-term classes begin, 8:20 a.m.
Monday, January 23	Add/drop period closes, 5:00 p.m. A fee of \$50 is assessed for course schedules accepted after this date
Tuesday, January 31	Final day to apply for a spring-term personal leave of absence The entire spring term tuition charge or CRF will be canceled for students who withdraw from the Graduate School on or before this



	date or who are granted a leave of absence effective on or before this
Friday, February 10	One-half of the spring term full-tuition charge will be canceled for students who withdraw from the Graduate School on or before this date or who are granted a medical leave of absence effective on or before this date. The CRF is not prorated
Wednesday, February 15	Due date to notify department of intention to submit a dissertation for award of the Ph.D. in May Final day to file petitions for M.A., M.S., and M.Phil. degrees to be awarded in May
Friday, March 10	Midterm - Spring recess begins, 5:20 p.m. Final day to change enrollment in a spring-term course from Credit to Audit or from Audit to Credit Mar. 10 F Final day to withdraw from a spring-term course. One-quarter of the spring-term full-tuition charge will be canceled for students who withdraw from the Graduate School on or before this date or who are granted a medical leave of absence effective on or before this date. The CRF is not prorated
Wednesday, March 15	Teaching appointments will not appear on the transcripts of students who withdraw from the assignment on or before this date Due date for dissertations to be uploaded to DPRS for consideration by the Degree Committee for award of the Ph.D. in May
Monday, March 27	Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.
Friday, April 7	Good Friday. Administrative offices closed; classes meet
Friday, April 14	Readers' Reports are due for dissertations to be considered by the Degree Committee for award of the Ph.D. in
Monday, April 17	Oral Proficiency Assessment for international students in all GSAS degree programs Deadline for departments to return Degree Recommendation Forms for May graduation Final day to withdraw a degree petition for degrees to be awarded in May
Thursday, May 4	Classes end, 5:20 p.m.
Friday, May 5	Final examinations begin
Wednesday, May 10	Final examinations end
Sunday, May 21	Graduate School Convocation
Monday, May 22	University Commencement Date of May degree award
Friday, June 2	Final grades for spring-term courses and full-year courses are due Final day that faculty may submit a request for the assignment of a grade of Temporary Incomplete