New Students

This information is intended for newly-admitted students (degree, non-degree and exchange) who will begin their studies in Fall 2022.

Congratulations on your admission to Yale! We are sure you have a lot of questions about next steps and how to prepare for your move to New Haven, so we have compiled the following resources to get you started on your journey to Yale. This guide contains information on everything from applying for your visa to packing your bags, so make sure you read through each subject carefully.

Getting Your I-20 or DS-2019

OISS will be issuing I-20 or DS-2019 forms to newly admitted students. There are several steps to this process (described in Applying for Your U.S. Visa [1]). You can expect your I-20 (sent electronically) or DS-2019 (sent by courier) within ten days after we have received both your completed new student survey and the financial documentation from your Yale school. Please allow us this time to complete the process before asking where your form is and pay attention to your email as we will notify you if anything is missing.

Passport to Yale

For degree students, when you receive your I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1), you will also be invited to the OISS Passport to Yale [2], a pre-arrival app through Yale Connect [3] where you can connect with other incoming international students.

Outside the U.S.? Applying for Your U.S. Visa

Learn about the steps you need to take in order to begin the visa application process.
SEVIS Transfers, Change of Levels/Categories, and Change of Status

For students transferring from another university (F&J SEVIS transfers) or changing their status, who are already in the U.S.
Preparing for Yale

As you prepare to depart, you will have many questions about living in New Haven. We recommend you review these resources for many answers to your questions.
Travel & Arrival

How to get to Yale and what you need to be aware of once you arrive.
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OISS Orientation

Information about registering for your OISS Orientation, accessing the Passport to Yale app, and viewing the orientation slides.
Your First Two Weeks at Yale

A checklist of everything you’ll need to do in your first two weeks.

Visa, Immigration Status, and Entry Stamp

Learn about the differences between a visa, your immigration status, and an entry stamp.

OISS Connect

How to use Yale's immigration reporting application

DACAmented & UnDACAmented

OISS welcomes and supports DACA and DACAmented students.