New Students

This information is intended for newly-admitted students (degree, non-degree and exchange) who will begin their studies in Fall 2021 and those students admitted in Fall 2020 who have deferred the start of classes to Fall 2021.

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.

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

[3]
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.

[4]
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.

[6]
OISS Orientation

Information about registering for your OISS Orientation, accessing the Passport to Yale app, and viewing the orientation slides.

[7]
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.