**A glossary of useful Yale and YDS terminology**
-prepared for you by your friendly YDS registrar

**The Apartments (Bellamy, Curtis, Fisher):** Built in the ’50s for the post-war influx of older, married students, this northern-most area of the YDS campus was once lovingly referred to as “the fertile crescent.” Now managed by Yale Graduate Housing, these buildings at 350, 352 and 354 Canner Street feature 85 apartments as well as offices and a daycare center.

**Back buildings/SE Wing:** The part of YDS that sits behind the chapel on the south side of the quad. It is the home to the Center for Faith and Culture, some faculty offices, and classrooms SG54, SG58, S151 and S155.

**BDS:** If you’re an Episcopal student, you should already know this one: Berkeley Divinity School, one of YDS’ partners on the quad. Affiliated with YDS since 1971, it is the only Episcopal seminary to be fully associated with a major research institution.

**The Bowl:** The Yale Bowl that is, located to the west of campus off of Route 34. Built in 1914 and listed as a National Historic Landmark, it is home to Yale’s football team. Not to be confused with Yale Bowls – the work of a Yale Professor who handcrafts amazing wooden objects from fallen Yale trees.

**BTFO:** Before the Fall Orientation. Get it? (hint: you are at a Divinity School).

**Candy Bowl:** If you’ve been at YDS for more than a day you probably don’t need this definition. This is the (nearly) bottomless bowl of tasty treats supplied for the YDS community by the Office of Student Affairs. Fear not: come Finals time the bowl is stocked with no Dum Dums and plenty of Smarties.

**The Carts:** Hankering for a really good Pad Thai? Need a kati roll on the go? Or need your fix of good-old American BBQ? Take a walk down the hill to the food carts in the parking lot of the Yale Whale (see below). Plentiful food, good variety, reasonable prices. For a change in scenery another food cart community can be found near the medical school.

**ClassesV2:** Yale’s course management system. You will discover all kinds of cool course resources on a course’s site in V2. It’s a great shopping tool and you can declare your interest in a particular course by adding yourself as a shopper. Lots of course resources and course communications are delivered to registered students through ClassesV2. Keep in mind that although you can shop through ClassesV2 all course registration must happen through OCS (see below).

**CLC:** YDS’ Community Life Committee, a standing committee of the General Faculty. It is comprised of faculty members, administrators, and student representatives.

**Common Room:** The big room on the second floor above the YDS Student Book Supply. Home to coffee hour, receptions, just plain hanging out, and much of BTFO.

**Commons:** The large dining facility on Beinecke Plaza. Though primarily for undergraduates, it is one of the four dining halls in which you can use your YDS board dollars. In 2007 it was converted into the Marshall College library for filming one of the chase scenes for the movie *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.*
Dalemail: YDS’ internal email service named for our Dean of Students (from whose office dalemail is sent) Dale Peterson. Dalemail listings should be sent to dalemail@yale.edu.

Deanery: The formal “Dean’s residence” at 459 Prospect (just next door to YDS).

Downtown: What people at the Divinity School call the rest of Yale, which is (arguably) both closer to the center of New Haven and closer to sea level than YDS.

Eli-Apps: The platform for your student email. It can be accessed through the portal at http://its.yale.edu/services/email-and-calendars/webmail-portal.

FAS: Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Essentially, Yale College (undergraduates) and the Graduate School.

FGS: Faculty Grade Submission. The site that your teachers use to enter your grades. You are able to see your grades about half a day after they are entered, as long as you have completed your course evaluations.

The 50/50 rule: YDS policy states that “at least half of each term’s work must be taken in YDS.” Exceptions are made for students whose degree (e.g. the MAR in Asian Religions) requires the study of languages and other coursework not available at YDS but these exceptions must be requested of the Academic Dean.

FSA: Faculty-Student Advising. This is your adviser’s electronic advising tool. You register through OCS (see below) and your adviser accesses and approves (or not) your registration worksheet through FSA.

Full-time: YDS has defined nine credits and above as “full-time” for federal financial aid purposes. However, in order to complete the degree in the typical time frame (1 year for the S.T.M., 2 for the M.A.R., and 3 for the M.Div.), students generally need to carry 12 credits per semester. International students must maintain full-time status (at least nine credits) in all but their final semesters.

Graduate School/Professional School: Yale University is composed of Yale College, Yale Graduate School and the twelve Professional Schools (including YDS). Therefore YDS students are identified throughout the University as Professional School students, not Graduate School students. This distinction is particularly important when registering, with forms and transcript requests, and in discussions about school policies and procedures. As a Divinity student you are subject to YDS policies and procedures regardless of the Yale course in which you are enrolled.

GPSCY: Technically called Gryphon’s Pub at GPSCY (pronounced like “gypsy”), this establishment began life in the 1970s in the lower level of the Graduate and Professional Student Center at Yale. All currently enrolled graduate and professional students are considered members.

HGS: The Hall of Graduate Studies, 320 York Street. Home (among other things) to the McDougal Graduate Student Center and one of the four Yale dining halls where you can spend your YDS Board dollars.

ISM: Founded in 1973, the Institute of Sacred Music has grown to become a thriving community for interdisciplinary study of the Arts. Bringing together Music and Divinity students, the ISM offers courses, weekly colloquia, presentations and events. For YDS students, courses are offered in worship, music, literature, and the visual arts and appear as part of the full YDS course offerings.
Marquand: Our beloved Chapel, named for its original benefactor 19th Century jeweler and merchant Frederick Marquand. It is home to daily YDS worship, an E.M. Skinner organ and a Baroque-style Taylor and Boody organ, and many concerts.

Mory’s: Abounding in a history that can be traced back to the mid-1800s, this private club is the traditional home to the Yale Whiffenpoofs who still sing there most Monday nights during the school year. Membership is available to students for a one-time fee of $15 until graduation.

Nouwen: The Nouwen Chapel, found in the lower level of the YDS library. This lovely stone chapel is so named for Roman Catholic priest, former YDS professor, and world-renowned author Henri Nouwen who regularly led Sunday evening worship there. The chapel is now used for private devotion, regularly scheduled worship, and preaching sections.

OCE: Online Course Evaluation. Students enrolled in YDS courses, and in many other schools and programs at Yale, evaluate their courses electronically. The evaluation period usually begins on the last day of the semester and lasts for one month. YDS students are not able to see course grades until they either complete, or decline to complete, the course evaluation. OCE is accessed through SIS (see below).

OCI: Online Course Information. It’s located at [http://students.yale.edu/oci/](http://students.yale.edu/oci/) and can be used to search for courses in many different Yale schools, departments, and semesters. You can also use it to search for courses taught by a particular faculty member or which meet on a particular day or time. There are some courses (in Law and Drama for instance) that aren’t shown in OCI because they are not available to other students. OCI is always open, but course information for a coming academic year is usually not available until mid-July.

OCS: Online Course Selection. How students at YDS and many (but not all) other parts of the University register for courses. It’s accessed through SIS (see below) and looks just like OCI. You will not be able to access OCS until the appointed time (usually 9AM) on the first day of online registration for each semester as listed on the Academic Calendar.

OISS: The Office of International Students and Scholars. All international students should check in with OISS upon arrival at Yale. OISS not only offers resources about immigration matters, but also to support the transition to American academic and social life.

Old Common Room: Accessed by the door down the driveway just to the east (left) of the main YDS entrance, this large function space was the pre-renovation YDS Common Room.

Old Refectory: The pre-renovation dining space for YDS located in the north-east wing.

OMSC: The Overseas Ministry Study Center, YDS’ neighbor to the north on Prospect Street. Through its residential program OMSC creates a vibrant community of visiting missionaries and international church leaders.

PSC: The Professional Studies committee. With both faculty and student members, this committee hears matters of academic integrity and a wide variety of student petitions.

Refectory: Another word for “dining room” in many religious settings like seminaries and monasteries. Currently undergoing renovation, ours is located on the second floor down the hall from the Chapel.
SBS: YDS’s very own Bookstore. One of the very few remaining independent theological bookstores, the Student Book Supply was created as a student co-op in 1938 and has been in continuous existence ever since. Make sure you check out their fabulous membership (discount) program, and shop SBS first!

Science Hill: The long hill of Prospect Street, home of many of the Sciences at Yale (e.g. Kline Biology Tower and Sterling Chemistry Lab), atop which sits (strangely or fittingly, depending on your perspective) the Divinity School. Students are encouraged to go “down the hill” or get “off the hill” by taking courses in other parts of the University or participating in one of the many forms of engagement with the city of New Haven. Not to be confused with “The Hill” which is a neighborhood in New Haven.

SDQ: Sterling Divinity Quad. Basically, the YDS campus. Built in 1932 and renovated in 2003, the campus was designed by famed early-20th century architect William Adams Delano. If you are familiar with Thomas Jefferson’s University of Virginia campus you will see some similarities and a notable difference: at YDS, the highest point of the quadrangle is not the library but the Chapel.

Seabury: Each of the pavilions along the quad is named for a different figure in American Christian history. Seabury Hall is named for Samuel Seabury, the first American Episcopal bishop. First floor Seabury is the home of many of the student services functions (admissions, academic affairs, financial aid, registrar, and student affairs).

SFAS: Student Financial and Administrative Services - which includes the FAS (see above) Registrar’s office, Student Financial Services (the fine folks to whom you make your tuition and other payments), the Yale Dining Services, the ID Card Centers, and Associated Student Agencies. Most of the these offices, at least the ones you will need to deal with in person from time to time, are located at 246 Church Street.

SIS: Student Information Systems. Located at http://www.yale.edu/sis/, it is the portal for most of your important student information and services: paying your bill, checking your grades, updating your personal information, evaluating your courses, and ordering pizza (Not really, I just wanted to check to see if you were still reading. But that would be awesome).

SML: Sterling Memorial Library. Yale’s main library (which houses about 4 million volumes) built in 1930 and currently undergoing renovation. One of several buildings at Yale that looks like a Gothic Cathedral (strangely, the gym is another).

SOM: Yale's School of Management, once our neighbor on Prospect Street and now re-located into the big glass building on Whitney Avenue.

StuCo: Div-speak for the YDS Student Council. Check out the YDS Student Handbook for the full constitution of the Council.

The Whale: a.k.a. the David S. Ingalls Rink, so nicknamed because of its distinctive, whale-like, roofline. Designed by renowned architect Eero Saarinen and constructed in 1959, it is the home of the men’s and women’s varsity hockey teams and a number of other hockey and skating groups.

Yale College: The undergraduate school at Yale University, founded in 1701 by a group of clergymen “wherein Youth may be instructed in the Arts and Sciences [and] through the blessing of Almighty God may be fitted for Publick employment both in Church and Civil State.” So, new YDS student, welcome to your place in the three hundred year tradition of religious education in America!