

REGISTRATION STATUS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE, WITHDRAWAL, AND READMISSION

REGISTRATION IN RESIDENCE

Students who are studying on campus, attending classes, and using university facilities are considered to be registered in residence. All M.A./M.S. and nondegree (DSR) students must register in residence each term unless they are approved for a leave of absence. All Ph.D. students are required to register in residence, with the exception of those Ph.D. students who are approved for Registration in Absentia, Non-Cumulative Registration Status, Dissertation Completion Status, or a leave of absence. Students who will be in residence during any term are required to register by no later than the end of add/drop period in that term by enrolling in the appropriate course(s) (see Course Enrollment and the Schedule of Academic Dates and Deadlines.).

REGISTRATION IN ABSENTIA

Ph.D. students whose program of study requires full-time dissertation research, full-time fieldwork, or full-time study at another academic institution or location outside the New Haven area as a necessary condition of completing the degree may request to be registered in absentia. Such registration requires the recommendation of the director of graduate studies. Registration in absentia is not available to students who wish to relocate for any reason other than an academically necessary activity required in order to complete the degree. Students are otherwise required to be available to complete all academic obligations in person, on campus.

The form for requesting registration in absentia can be found online at <https://registrar.yale.edu/university-registrars-office-forms> and should be filed at least one month before the beginning of the term during which the student expects to be studying away from New Haven. A student who has not yet been admitted to candidacy will be permitted to register in absentia by approval both of the director of graduate studies and the designated associate dean. Registration in absentia does not reduce the four-year full-tuition requirement. For additional information, see Eligibility for Fellowships under Financing Graduate School. Students enrolled in terminal M.A./M.S. or nondegree programs are not eligible to request registration in absentia.

Students who are enrolled in Yale Health and are registering in absentia should consult the staff of the Member Services Department at Yale Health about the policies governing coverage while they are away from New Haven. Students registered in absentia in a location within the United States may be eligible to enroll in the Academic Travel Rider program through Yale Health (<https://yalehealth.yale.edu/topic/approved-academic-travel-rider-students>). Questions should be directed to Member Services. Yale University provides ISOS Travel Assistance at no cost to all current students (<https://ogc.yale.edu/erm/ISOS>). ISOS provides international and domestic emergency medical, security, and travel assistance services anywhere in the world. Students traveling internationally should register their locations at

toolkit.yale.edu/resources-topic/travel to facilitate communication with the university in case of an emergency.

NONCUMULATIVE REGISTRATION

In certain areas of study, it may be necessary for a registered Ph.D. student to acquire an academic or methodological skill, such as knowledge of a foreign language, that is essential for a degree requirement or for research in a particular field and for the overall progress of the dissertation but is neither a degree requirement nor an inherent part of the dissertation itself. Accordingly, a Ph.D. student may request up to one year of noncumulative registration. General study in a field related to or parallel with the topic of the dissertation is not appropriate for noncumulative registration. Students enrolled in terminal M.A./M.S. or nondegree programs are not eligible to request noncumulative registration.

A student who wishes to have a specific period of study designated as noncumulative must discuss the reasons for such a period of study with and secure prior approval from their director of graduate studies and the designated associate dean. If prior authorization has been given by the graduate school, the period of time spent acquiring the necessary academic skill will not be counted as part of the student's six-year period of registration and funding package. Noncumulative registration does not affect the four-year full-tuition obligation. Students approved for noncumulative registration receive a fellowship to cover the cost of the CRF and will continue to receive a health award from the graduate school; their stipend is paused for the duration of noncumulative registration status. Students in noncumulative status should consult with Member Services about the policies governing their health coverage if they will be located outside of the New Haven area.

DISSERTATION COMPLETION STATUS

Ph.D. candidates who are not eligible for full-time registration, or who choose to undertake full-time employment prior to dissertation submission but still intend to complete their degree under the supervision of the graduate school faculty, may request to enroll in Dissertation Completion Status. This less-than-half-time status enables advanced Ph.D. candidates to maintain an active NetID in order to access electronic resources and their Yale email accounts while completing the dissertation. It does not confer access to campus facilities. Only students who have been admitted to candidacy and completed any teaching required by their degree program are eligible to request Dissertation Completion Status. Students may not be admitted to this status unless they have also satisfied the four-year full-tuition requirement for the Ph.D. As Dissertation Completion Status is less-than-half-time, international students should consult with OISS before applying for this status, and students with deferred loans should take steps to understand the effects of part-time status on their loan deferrals.

Students may enroll in Dissertation Completion Status for a maximum of four terms and are charged the continuous registration fee for each full term in this status. Students on Dissertation Completion Status are not eligible to teach in the Teaching Fellow Program, enroll in courses, be paid a stipend, or purchase health coverage as Yale affiliates. Once a student enters this status, they are no longer eligible to enroll in the graduate school as a full-time student in any subsequent term.

Ph.D. candidates have the option of electing Dissertation Completion Status after add/drop period has closed if they submit their dissertation and/or receive an offer of full-time employment that commences prior to the end of the term. If a student initiates Dissertation Completion Status after the close of add/drop period, they will not be charged the continuous registration fee again and their student health coverage will expire. If they subsequently request an extension of Dissertation Completion Status, they will be charged the CRF for each additional term of enrollment in this status, and they will not be eligible for continued health coverage as Yale affiliates.

Each registration status described above (Registration in Residence, Registration in Absentia, Noncumulative Registration and Dissertation Completion Status) is intended to be a full-term status. However, in some cases, a student may find that their situation changes in the middle of a term (e.g., a student who plans to be on campus for the beginning of the term but will engage in fieldwork in the second half of the term). Students in this situation should consult with the designated associate dean to determine the correct status for their individual situation.

EXTENDED REGISTRATION

Ph.D. students are expected to complete the dissertation within a maximum of six years of study or fewer (the maximum length of the degree program is stipulated in the student's offer of admission; some programs have shorter program lengths). Students who have not submitted the dissertation by the end of the sixth year of study may do so subsequently, at the discretion of the department, without being registered. In rare circumstances, they may alternatively request a period of extended registration by submitting the appropriate request form. (Forms for requesting extended registration are available at <https://registrar.yale.edu/university-registrars-office-forms>). Prior to petitioning, students must submit the standard Dissertation Progress Report (DPR) that is required by May 1 each year of all students admitted to candidacy. Before a seventh year of registration is approved, the student and the student's adviser, as well as the director of graduate studies, must complete the DPR specifying the progress the student has made in writing the dissertation and present a detailed plan for completing the dissertation in the seventh year. Seventh-year registration petitions are approved by the department. Students should not be approved for extended registration unless they are making adequate progress toward completion of the dissertation and demonstrate a need for access to resources on campus that can only be provided through continued registration.

Students approved for seventh-year extended registration are eligible to teach in the Teaching Fellows Program if teaching is available. Note that, per limitations on part-time employment during full-time registration, the maximum employment a student may hold in a term is a TF-20 appointment or equivalent. Teaching during extended registration is compensated at the nonstipend rate. Students approved for seventh-year extended registration remain eligible for a health award, parental relief, and the family support subsidy. If a student approved for seventh-year extended registration teaches in the Teaching Fellow Program or receives an external fellowship that provides the equivalent of a stipend, the graduate school will provide a fellowship to cover the cost of the CRF. Otherwise, students in extended registration status are responsible for the payment of the CRF.

Very rarely, students may request an eighth year of registration due to serious circumstances beyond their control that have prevented them from completing the dissertation by the end of the seventh year of study. Eighth-year registration petitions are recommended by the program and must be approved by the designated associate dean. Students approved for eighth-year extended registration receive a health award and are eligible for the family subsidy but are not eligible to teach in the Teaching Fellow Program or to request parental relief. All students approved for extended registration are required to register each term, are normally expected to register in residence, and are charged the CRF. Under no circumstances is a CRF fellowship available for students approved for eighth-year extended registration. No extensions beyond the eighth year will be approved.

SUMMER REGISTRATION

The graduate school observes a summer term (see Schedule of Academic Dates and Deadlines). Ph.D. students must register in the summer term to receive funding and maintain full-time enrollment by enrolling in the appropriate research course as determined by their progress in the degree program (PCAN 9999, QUAL 9999, CAND 9999, DISR 9999, or DISA 9999, all of which confer 3 course credits). The summer term registration period coincides with the upcoming fall term registration period during the prior spring term (see Schedule of Academic Dates and Deadlines). Ph.D. students who do not register for the summer term will pause their stipend and are not considered enrolled. Students who are not enrolled in the summer months may pursue internships/employment beyond the twenty-hour-per-week limit (see Internships, below, regarding the summer internship approval process for enrolled students).

The default expectation is that all Ph.D. students will register in the summer and continue to make academic progress by engaging in full-time research, ongoing study, skill acquisition, etc. Failure to register for the summer term does not extend program length and academic milestone deadlines. Note that no stipend funding, including summer stipend funding, can be deferred beyond year six, even if a Ph.D. student foregoes summer registration. International Ph.D. students on a visa are required to be registered at all times. Students on a visa must consult with OISS if for any reason they are not planning to register in the summer as this would impact their visa status.

The summer term does not count toward the maximum number of terms of leave of absence for which students are eligible.

Ph.D. students are eligible to request parental relief during the summer term (see Parental Relief below).

Ph.D. students who submit the dissertation before the end of add/drop period for the summer term (see Schedule of Academic Dates and Deadlines) forfeit enrollment in the summer term.

Many M.A./M.S. students continue full- or half-time independent study or research during the summer. M.A./M.S. students in two-year or three-term programs should consult with their director of graduate studies regarding expectations for summer. Unless otherwise listed in the program description, M.A./M.S. students are not eligible to enroll in the GSAS summer term.

INTERNSHIPS

Any paid work, even if it is termed an “internship” by the employer, is considered employment and is subject to the standard limit of no more than an average of ten hours per week. In some cases, Ph.D. students may accept employment with a private entity for the purpose of generating data, learning methodologies, or accessing equipment necessary for the completion of their dissertation. In these cases, the student may petition the graduate school for an exception to the ten-hour-per-week rule, not to exceed a maximum of twenty hours per week. The petition must be recommended by the student’s adviser and approved by both the director of graduate students and the designated associate dean. For information on how to submit an approval request, see <https://gsas.yale.edu/academic-year-and-summer-internships>.

Note that if the employment is approved, compensation beyond ten hours per week will be deducted from the student’s Yale financial aid package for the duration of the employment. International students who seek employment opportunities for any number of hours must first consult with OISS to ensure that they comply with the terms of their visa and seek the necessary approvals related to their immigration status. Students who accept outside paid employment while also being paid a stipend from a faculty member’s research grant are required to submit a Conflict of Interest (COI) disclosure to the Yale Conflict of Interest office.

Ph.D. students who wish to engage in any employment or internship exceeding twenty hours per week must request a personal leave of absence by the relevant deadline (see Schedule of Academic Dates and Deadlines).

Under certain circumstances Ph.D. students may be permitted to forego enrollment in the GSAS summer term in order to pursue an employment opportunity that exceeds twenty hours per week. Students who choose to forego summer stipendiary funding to pursue an internship cannot defer use of that summer funding beyond year six. Students on a visa must consult OISS well in advance of the summer term if they are considering this option.

Students on US visas wishing to pursue internships should contact OISS at least eight to ten weeks prior to the start of the proposed internship, as they will require permission for “practical training” from the US government. OISS must also evaluate and approve the internship request to ensure that the opportunity complies with federal immigration regulations.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Students who wish or need to interrupt their study temporarily may request a leave of absence. There are three types of leave—personal, medical, and parental—all of which are described below. The general policies that apply to all types of leave are:

1. All leaves of absence must be approved by the designated associate dean on the recommendation of the program. Medical leaves also require the written recommendation of a Yale Health medical director or their designee, as described below. Until students receive an official leave approval notification from the graduate school dean’s office, they should assume that they remain registered and continue to fulfill any academic and/or financial obligations accordingly.

2. Students in Ph.D. programs may be granted a leave for one term or one academic year. A leave extends the eligibility for fellowship aid by a time equal to the duration of the leave, but not for partial terms. The expected last date of registration will be adjusted by one term for each term of the leave. Students in one-year M.A./M.S. programs may be on leave for a maximum of one term. Students enrolled in three-term or two-year M.A./M.S. programs may be on leave for a maximum total of one year. Leaves of absence for students in M.A./M.S. programs are not renewable. In exceptional circumstances, Ph.D. students may request renewal of a one-term or one-year leave, to a cumulative maximum total of two years (four terms) of leave in any category. If a student is on leave of absence during a summer term, the summer term is not counted toward this maximum total (see Summer Registration above)
3. Students on U.S. visas who apply for a leave of absence must consult with OISS regarding their immigration status prior to requesting the leave.
4. While on leave, students are not expected to participate in the academic life of their program, including any teaching through the TFP. If a student holds a TF appointment and subsequently has a leave request approved while the term is in progress, that appointment will not satisfy the academic teaching requirement. Students on leave may complete outstanding work in courses for which they have been granted Temporary Incompletes. They may not, however, fulfill any other degree requirements during the time on leave. Students who make progress toward the degree while on leave will retroactively have their academic clock adjusted to cancel the leave and will not be eligible for additional terms of enrollment or financial support.
5. A leave of absence does not exempt the student from meeting the tuition requirement (payment of eight terms of full tuition in Ph.D. programs, or the appropriate established tuition requirement in M.A./M.S. programs) or from paying the CRF (if applicable). The leave merely postpones the required charges.
6. A student on leave of absence is not eligible for financial aid, including loans; and in most cases, student loans will not be reported with an eligible in-school status. Loan borrowers may enter their grace period of repayment during times of nonenrollment. For the purposes of Title IV aid, the date the leave of absence began will be reported to lenders as a date of withdrawal, and the student may be subject to a Title IV recalculation.
7. A student on leave of absence is not eligible to access any university facilities available to enrolled students. Students on medical leave of absence who require use of specific facilities and/or resources for the purpose of completing the academic requirement to return from leave (see Medical Leave of Absence below) may request approval for access from their director of graduate studies and the designated associate dean.
8. A student on leave of absence may continue to be enrolled in Yale Health by purchasing coverage through the Student Affiliate Coverage plan. To secure continuous coverage from Yale Health, enrollment in this plan must be requested prior to the beginning of the term in which the student will be on leave or, if the leave commences during the term, within thirty days of the date the registrar was notified of the leave. Coverage is not automatic; enrollment forms are available from the Member Services Department of Yale Health, 203.432.0246.

9. Students living in university housing units are encouraged to review their housing contract and the related policies of the Graduate Housing Office before applying to the graduate school for a leave of absence.
10. Students on leave of absence do not have to file a formal application for readmission. However, they must notify the designated associate dean in writing of their intention to return. Such notification should be provided at least six weeks prior to the end of the approved leave.
11. Students who fail to register for the term following the end of the approved leave will be administratively withdrawn from the graduate school. Students who have used the maximum eligible terms of leave of absence and do not complete the requirements to return from leave will be withdrawn; in that case, they may apply for readmission to the program within three years of the date of withdrawal provided they were in good academic standing prior to the leave.

Personal Leave of Absence

A student who wishes or needs to interrupt study temporarily because of personal exigencies may request a personal leave of absence. The general policies governing all leaves of absence described above apply. A student who is in good academic standing is eligible for a personal leave after satisfactory completion of at least one term of study. Normally, students in Ph.D. programs are not eligible for personal leaves after the fourth year of study. In certain exceptional cases, however, personal leaves may be granted to students beyond the fourth year of study with the approval of the student's Ph.D. adviser and the director of graduate studies. Personal leaves cannot be granted retroactively and normally will not be approved after the fifteenth day of a term.

To request a personal leave of absence, the student must complete the appropriate form (available at <https://registrar.yale.edu/university-registrars-office-forms>) before the beginning of the term for which the leave is requested, explaining the reasons for the proposed leave, stating whether the leave is for one or two terms, and listing the address at which the student can be reached during the period of the leave. If the designated associate dean finds the student to be eligible and the department approves, the leave will be granted. In any case, the student will be informed in writing of the action taken. Students who do not apply for a personal leave of absence, or whose application for a personal leave is denied, and who do not register for any term, will be administratively withdrawn from the graduate school. Provided they were in good academic standing prior to the leave, they may apply to the program for readmission within three years of the withdrawal (see Withdrawal and Readmission below).

Medical Leave of Absence

A student who must interrupt study temporarily because of illness or injury may be granted a medical leave of absence with the approval of the designated associate dean, on the written recommendation of a Yale Health medical director or their designee. The general policies governing all leaves of absence apply to medical leaves and are described above. The final decision concerning a request for a medical leave of absence will be communicated in writing by the designated associate dean.

The same limitation on eligible terms of leave as described above apply to medical leaves of absence. Students who do not complete the required steps to return from

medical leave of absence and do not extend their leave, or who have used their eligible terms of leave of absence, will be administratively withdrawn. Provided they were in good academic standing prior to the leave, they may apply to the program for readmission within three years of the withdrawal (see *Withdrawal and Readmission* below).

To return from an approved medical leave, at least six weeks prior to the proposed return, students must (1) complete an academic assignment tailored to the student's stage of study as assigned by the student's DGS in consultation with the designated academic dean and (2) receive approval from the appropriate medical director or their designee at Yale Health. The academic requirement must be evaluated as satisfactory by the department.

The graduate school reserves the right to place a student on a mandatory medical leave of absence when, on recommendation of the director of Yale Health or the chief of the Mental Health and Counseling department, the dean of the School determines that, because of a medical condition, the student is a danger to self or others; the student has seriously disrupted others in the student's residential or academic communities; or the student has refused to cooperate with efforts deemed necessary by Yale Health and the dean to make such determinations. Each case will be assessed individually based on all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the level of risk presented and the availability of reasonable modifications. Reasonable modifications do not include fundamental alterations to the student's academic, residential, or other relevant communities or programs; in addition, reasonable modifications do not include those that unduly burden university resources. An appeal of such a leave must be made in writing to the dean of the school no later than seven days from the effective date of the leave. An incident that gives rise to voluntary or mandatory leave of absence may also result in subsequent disciplinary action.

A student who is placed on medical leave during any term will have tuition adjusted according to the same schedule used for withdrawals. (See *Schedule of Academic Dates and Deadlines*).

Eligible Ph.D. students will receive a health award from the graduate school to cover the cost of the Student Affiliate Coverage plan for the remainder of the coverage period in which the medical leave begins, if they apply for this coverage through Yale Health within thirty days of the start of their leave. In addition, Ph.D. students who extend their medical leave for a second term will receive a health award from the graduate school to cover the cost of Student Affiliate Coverage for one additional term. Yale Health's fall coverage ends January 31 and spring coverage ends July 31. Ph.D. students on a medical leave in the fall term who are cleared to register for the following fall term will receive a graduate school health award for the month of August once their fall return has been officially approved. Ph.D. students may apply for and receive the graduate school family support subsidy during the term in which a medical leave begins, but not beyond.

Parental Leave of Absence

A student who wishes or needs to interrupt study temporarily to care for a child or children may be granted a parental leave of absence. The general policies governing all

leaves of absence are described above. A student who is making satisfactory progress toward degree requirements is eligible for parental leave any time after matriculation.

Eligible Ph.D. students will receive a Health Award from the graduate school to cover the cost of the Student Affiliate Coverage plan for the remainder of the coverage period in which the parental leave begins, if they apply for affiliate coverage through Yale Health within thirty days of the start of their leave. In addition, Ph.D. students who extend their parental leave for a second term will receive a Health Award from the graduate school to cover the cost of Student Affiliate Coverage for one additional term. Yale Health's fall coverage ends January 31 and spring coverage ends July 31. Ph.D. students on a parental leave in the spring term who are cleared to register for the following fall term will receive a graduate school Health Award for the month of August once their fall return has been officially approved. Ph.D. students may apply for and receive the graduate school Family Support Subsidy during the term in which a parental leave begins, but not beyond.

The same limitation on eligible terms of leave as described above apply to parental leaves of absence. Students who do not complete the required steps to return from leave of absence and do not extend their leave, or have used their eligible terms of leave of absence, will be administratively withdrawn. Provided they were in good academic standing prior to the leave, they may apply to the program for readmission within three years of the withdrawal (see Withdrawal and Readmission below).

PARENTAL RELIEF

Registered Ph.D. students who wish to modify their academic responsibilities after the birth or adoption of a child may request parental relief during or following the term in which a birth or adoption occurs. Ph.D. students who become foster parents and are in the process of adopting a foster child are also eligible for parental relief in the term in which the prospective adoption relationship begins or the term that immediately follows. For the whole of the term in which the support and relief are granted, the student's academic clock stops, effectively adding an additional term to the total time to degree. During this period students remain registered full-time, receive a standard financial aid stipend and Health Award, and receive modified departmental academic expectations that best suit the specific situation. The precise nature of the academic responsibilities undertaken or suspended during this period should be a matter of consultation between the adviser and the student, with the understanding that students are entitled to full relief from responsibilities for at least an eight-week period.

Ph.D. students are eligible to request parental relief for the summer term if the birth or adoption event occurs within the summer term or in the term immediately preceding. Electing parental relief in the summer term provides an additional summer of stipend funding. Alternatively, if the birth or adoption event occurs within the summer term, Ph.D. students may elect parental relief in the following fall term.

Parental relief may not be combined with other funding, including nonstipend teaching. Students who elect to teach while on parental relief may use the appointment to satisfy the academic teaching requirement only and will not receive additional compensation beyond the parental relief stipend. They must meet all obligations for the teaching appointment if they elect to teach, including availability for all teaching duties, for the duration of the fifteen-week term.

To request parental relief, Ph.D. students should submit a parental relief request form (https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_oTzEEsEdVmA98NM) prior to the term of a birth or adoption. This benefit is limited to two birth or adoption events. If both parents are Ph.D. students at Yale, both may receive this benefit per birth or adoption event.

Graduate students in terminal M.A./M.S. programs may modify their academic responsibilities because of the birth or adoption of a child. They should contact the associate dean for academic support in the term before the planned modifications would occur.

WITHDRAWAL AND READMISSION

A student may withdraw from a program of study voluntarily or may be administratively withdrawn for cause. A student who wishes to terminate a program of study should confer with their director of graduate studies and the designated associate dean regarding withdrawal; their signatures are required on an official withdrawal form (available at https://registrar.yale.edu/university-registrars-office-forms#Graduate_Prof_School) Upon consultation with the department, the associate dean will determine the effective date of the withdrawal. The student's university identification card must be returned to the University Registrar's Office on or before the effective date of withdrawal. Campus access privileges will be suspended as of the effective date of withdrawal. Any in-progress courses will be marked "NM" upon withdrawal.

Students who are not in good academic standing may be withdrawn for cause, unless an extension or exception has been granted by the designated dean or the Degree Committee. Such withdrawals are noted on the student's transcript.

Students who do not register for any fall or spring term, and for whom a leave of absence has not been approved by the appropriate academic dean, will be administratively withdrawn from the graduate school.

A student who discontinues a program of study during the academic year without submitting an approved withdrawal form and university identification card will be liable for the tuition charge (or CRF) for the term in which the withdrawal occurs. Tuition charges for students who withdraw will be adjusted as described in the Schedule of Academic Dates and Deadlines. The CRF for the term is not canceled if a student withdraws after the fourteenth day of the term. Health service policies related to withdrawal and readmission are described under Health Services, below.

Only students who have withdrawn from the graduate school in good standing may apply for readmission. Normally, students seeking readmission must do so within three years of the original withdrawal. Neither readmission nor financial aid is guaranteed to students who withdraw. The deadline for making application for readmission is January 2 of the year in which the student wishes to return to the graduate school. The student's application will be considered by the department, which will make a recommendation for review by the appropriate academic dean. The student's remaining tuition obligation will be determined at the time of readmission. Students may seek readmission only once. If subsequent to a readmission they must again withdraw, they are ineligible for readmission.

U.S. MILITARY LEAVE READMISSIONS POLICY

Students who wish or need to interrupt their studies to perform US military service are subject to this US military leave readmissions policy. In the event a student withdraws or takes a leave of absence from the graduate school to serve in the US military, the student will be entitled to guaranteed readmission under the following conditions:

1. The student must have served in the US Armed Forces for a period of more than thirty consecutive days.
2. The student must give advance written or oral notice of such service to the designated associate dean. In providing the advance notice the student does not need to indicate an intent to return. This advance notice need not come directly from the student, but rather, can be made by an appropriate officer of the US Armed Forces or official of the US Department of Defense. Notice is not required if precluded by military necessity. In all cases, this notice requirement can be fulfilled at the time the student seeks readmission, by submitting an attestation that the student performed the service.
3. The student must not be away from the graduate school to perform US military service for a period exceeding five years (this includes all previous absences to perform US military service but does not include any initial period of obligated service). If a student's time away from the graduate school to perform US military service exceeds five years because the student is unable to obtain release orders through no fault of the student or the student was ordered to or retained on active duty, the student should contact the designated associate dean to determine if the student remains eligible for guaranteed readmission.
4. The student must notify the graduate school within three years of the end of the US military service of the intention to return. However, a student who is hospitalized or recovering from an illness or injury incurred in or aggravated during the US military service has up until two years after recovering from the illness or injury to notify the graduate school of the intent to return.
5. The student cannot have received a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge or have been sentenced in a court-martial.

A student who meets all these conditions will be readmitted for the next term, unless the student requests a later date of readmission. Any student who fails to meet one of these requirements may still be readmitted under the general readmission policy but is not guaranteed readmission.

Upon returning to the graduate school, the student will resume education without repeating completed coursework. The student will have the same enrolled status last held and with the same academic standing. For the first academic year in which the student returns, the student will be charged the tuition and fees that would have been assessed for the academic year in which the student left the institution. Yale may charge up to the amount of tuition and fees other students are assessed, however, if veteran's education benefits will cover the difference between the amounts currently charged other students and the amount charged for the academic year in which the student left.

In the case of a student who is not prepared to resume studies with the same academic status at the same point at which the student left or who will not be able to complete the program of study, the graduate school will undertake reasonable efforts to help the

student become prepared. If after reasonable efforts, the graduate school determines that the student remains unprepared or will be unable to complete the program, or after the graduate school determines that there are no reasonable efforts it can take, the graduate school may deny the student readmission.