

Subject: Sophomore-Year College Advising Form (required for Class of 2023)

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College Advising

Dear first-year students,

All first-year students must submit a Sophomore-Year College Advising Form by **May 6, 2020**.

Do fill out this form

- to remain with your current college adviser in your sophomore year
- to select a new college adviser for your sophomore year

Don't fill out this form

- If you have declared a major (your DUS or DUS designee is now your adviser)

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Some guidelines for selecting a new college adviser

- First-year students are encouraged to choose a **faculty member** as their college adviser for their sophomore year and, when a student changes from one adviser to another, the new adviser must be a faculty member
- Many students choose their new adviser from among the **instructors** of courses they took during their first year or from the faculty members in a **department that interests them** (perhaps as a prospective major)
- Others select a **director of undergraduate studies (DUS)** or designated departmental representative. Such faculty members are especially valuable as advisers, particularly for **prospective STEM majors** for students who have identified a major
- Most faculty members are happy to advise students during their sophomore year.

Some students develop strong advising relationships with their college advisers during their first year and **choose to continue** that relationship into the sophomore year by opting to remain with their initial adviser.

It is important to indicate a college adviser for your sophomore year with whom you feel **comfortable** discussing your course selections, your goals for your education and beyond, and your Yale career in general.

Instructions are included in the form. If you select a new college adviser, **please also inform your current**

adviser as a courtesy (a simple thank-you for serving as your adviser this year while indicating that you chosen a new adviser closer to your prospective major is all you need to write). Your current college name will appear in a drop-down menu in the Sophomore-Year College Advising Form and can also be Degree Audit.

For technical assistance with the form, please contact ycwebdept@yale.edu or registrar@yale.edu. For questions about advising in the sophomore year, please contact your residential college dean.

You can also find a link to the Sophomore-Year College Adviser Form [webpage](#) on the [Academic Resou Website](#)

Best regards,
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