

Information Guide | New Haven

Welcome to Rare Book School!

FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS, the bibliographical community has been supported and nourished by the work of Rare Book School (RBS). From its tentative beginnings at Columbia University, the School has educated two generations of librarians, collectors, academics, conservators, and booksellers, producing a network of loyal alumni, talented faculty, and dedicated friends around the globe. In the process, it has also earned a reputation as the world's premier institution for the study of bibliography and book history. We are delighted that you will soon be a part of that distinguished tradition, and of our School's promising future. We look forward to welcoming you to New Haven for your Rare Book School course.

This *Information Guide* should answer most of your questions about transportation, housing, and other practical matters. Upon arrival, you'll also receive a copy of the *Student's Vade Mecum* with additional information to ensure that your stay is as productive and enjoyable as possible. (N.B. Please bring this guide with you when you come to RBS; it contains valuable information not repeated in the *Vade Mecum*.) In the meantime, we eagerly await your arrival, and look forward to another wonderful session!

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RBS in New Haven



NEW HAVEN was founded in 1638. Known as the Elm City, New Haven has grown in size and culture over the last three centuries, becoming a perfect blend of urban sophistication and traditional New England charm. It is also home to one of the most prestigious universities in the United

States, Yale University. Yale was founded in 1701 and is home to a number of prominent libraries, including Sterling Memorial Library, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, and the Lillian Goldman Law Library. Other places to visit in New Haven include the New Haven Museum and the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History.

This year, New Haven will host three Rare Book School courses: “Law Books: History & Connoisseurship,” taught by Mike Widener, assisted by Ryan Greenwood; “The Book in the Manuscript Era,” taught by Raymond Clemens; and “Advanced Seminar in Medieval Manuscript Studies,” taught by Barbara A. Shailor.

We're excited that you've decided to join us in New Haven this summer, and we want to do all we can to deliver an exceptional educational experience. If you have any questions about the courses, or about RBS generally, please email us at rbsprograms@virginia.edu.

The RBS Week

All RBS students are expected to be in attendance and on time for all regularly scheduled classes, labs, and field trips. This is to ensure the quality and community of RBS as a School, and we insist that participants attend all sessions of their courses, unless presented with the most extraordinary of circumstances. Practically speaking, this involves a full-time commitment of 4:30–6:30 PM Sunday, 8:30 AM–5 PM Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 AM–4 PM Friday. Please make your travel plans accordingly!

SUNDAY, 4:30–6:30 pm **Opening Reception**

RBS students will convene for registration and refreshments at BAR Nightclub (254 Crown Street). There will be a welcome talk at 5 PM. Once there, all students will receive a copy of the *Student's Vade Mecum* and a name badge. N.B. RSVP by email no later than 25 May (rbsprograms@virginia.edu).

Late arrival: We strongly suggest attending the Sunday night registration, but if you are unable to make it, please email us.

MONDAY through THURSDAY

8:15 am* **Final Registration (Monday Only)**

Registration for those not in attendance Sunday evening in the main lobby of the building in which your course will be held.

8:30–10 am* **First Period**

Students attending H-20 and M-90 will have class in the Beinecke Library. C-85 will have class in the Yale Law School. You will need to check in with security before being shown to your classroom in both locations.

10–10:30 am **Morning Break**

Coffee, tea and light refreshments to be served.

10:30 am–12 pm* **Second Period**

12–1:30 pm **Lunch**

Class breaks for lunch. There are several restaurants in the neighborhoods surrounding both locations; for ideas to get you started, consult the short list at the end of this guide.

1:30–3 pm* **Third Period**

3–3:30 pm **Afternoon Break**

Coffee, tea and light refreshments to be served.

3:30–5 pm* **Fourth Period**

* Required activities are noted by asterisk

FRIDAY

8:30–10 am* **First Period**

10–10:30 am **Morning Break**

Coffee and tea to be served in the Beinecke Mezzanine.

10:30–12 pm* **Second Period**

12–2 pm* **Lunch**

Classes break for a long lunch. By tradition, though not compulsion, students take their instructor to a group lunch on Friday. Advance reservations are strongly recommended.

2–3:30 pm* **Third Period**

3:30–4 pm* **Course Evaluations**

Students receive course completion certificates and fill out RBS course evaluations.

4–6 pm **Farewell Reception**

Students gather for hors d'oeuvres at The Mory's Association, located at 306 York Street.

EVENING EVENTS

TUESDAY or WEDNESDAY, 5:30 pm

Evening Lecture

Join your fellow students for a lecture in the Mezzanine at the Beinecke Library. Reception to follow.

TUESDAY or WEDNESDAY, 5:30–7:30 pm

Reception at William Reese Company

William Reese Company maintains a large collection of first editions and antiquarian books, specializing in Americana and world travel. Join students, RBS faculty, William Reese, and his staff for a reception and a chance to peruse the collections at 409 Temple Street.

Before you arrive

Reading Lists

Most RBS courses have advance reading lists or assignments that RBS instructors expect their students to complete before they arrive. These are outlined at www.rarebookschool.org/reading.

Students should come to class prepared. Those who have trouble locating required readings might try obtaining them through interlibrary loan (ILL), from used or antiquarian booksellers through the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America (ABAA), or online via sites such as www.bookfinder.com or www.vialibri.net.

Arrival & Departure Logistics

When thinking about your transportation arrangements, please remember that staying over Friday night after the last day of class can be an excellent idea, if you can swing it. Early-evening ground and air travel is seldom much fun anywhere, but it can be especially difficult on a Friday on the East Coast. Arriving a day early may also be a good idea, as it can provide an opportunity to settle in, overcome jet lag, &c. RBS first-timers are often surprised by the intensity of the experience, so be sure to get some sleep before classes start!

Problems

Please let us know if you encounter problems on any front. If such problems occur before you arrive, email (rbsprograms@virginia.edu) or telephone us (434-924-8851, 8:30 AM–5 PM; voicemail after hours). If you encounter issues with tuition payments, contact RBS Accounting Specialist Michael Taylor at 434-243-2920, or by email (michael.taylor@virginia.edu).

Should any difficulties arise during the course, please bring your concerns to a faculty member, a course follower, or contact us at Rare Book School.

Accommodations

The most economical option for students is to stay with Yale Conference & Events Services in the dorms. RBS has arranged for a number of rooms in one of the newly completed halls, Franklin or Murray. These are both air-conditioned complexes with suites containing multiple bedrooms and a common area furnished with a couch and end table. Bathrooms are shared by floor. Most of the bedrooms contain two twin beds, but you may reserve an entire bedroom to yourself. Each bedroom in the suite costs \$82 per night (tax and registration fee not included). A pillow and blanket are provided; sheets and bath towels are included in a linen packet which can be purchased through the Yale registration website. Also in the building is a large basement-level common area with couches, TV, pool tables, and laundry facilities. Parking passes can be purchased for \$8/day or \$30/week. A link for purchasing these passes will be made available by Yale Conferences & Events in April. You will receive information about registering for dorm housing in March.

If you are looking to stay in a hotel near Yale, RBS suggests choosing The Omni, The Courtyard New Haven by Marriott, or The Study at Yale. The Omni is located at 155 Temple Street (203-772-6662); the Courtyard New Haven at Yale by Marriott, which is also close to the University, is located at 30 Whalley Avenue (203-777-6221); and The Study at Yale is at 1157 Chapel Street (203-503-3900). Please be advised that there may be other events happening the same week, so hotels may fill rather quickly.

Transportation

Air Travel

The closest airport to Yale is Tweed New Haven Regional Airport (HVN; 203-466-8833). The trip from Yale to Tweed Airport takes around ten minutes by car but can also be made using public transportation.

Driving to New Haven

The main north-south route into New Haven is Interstate 95, one of the nation's busiest, and potentially most frustrating highways. Coming from points to the west of the city will usually involve a combination of either I-80 E and I-95 or I-84 E. No matter what route you take, know that rush-hour traffic can be intense.

Taking the Train

If your place of embarkation is on the Northeast corridor it may be more convenient and affordable to use Amtrak (www.amtrak.com; 1-800-872-7245) as your means of travel. New Haven-Union Station NHV (50 Union Avenue) is the closest station to Yale University. From there you can easily catch the Shore Line East Rail to New Haven-State Street to get closer to the university itself.

Advance Advices

What to Bring

At RBS, dress is business casual for all events. June in New Haven is typically rather pleasant with highs around 77 degrees and lows around 56 degrees. With these temperatures and classroom comfort in mind, sweaters are recommended. In general, bringing comfortable shoes and an umbrella is also a good idea.

RBS participants are encouraged to come to class prepared, and are required to be on time. Bring a watch. If you wish to take notes, plan accordingly. Pencils, paper, and other supplies are available at nearby convenience stores. Before leaving home, check the course description and the reading list on the RBS website for specific instructions on what to bring. (It is not, for instance, always necessary to bring copies of your advance reading.) Other inside tips on what to bring can be found in the previous year's course evaluations, also available on the course webpage.

Pharmacies & Medical Facilities

There are three pharmacies near Yale University. The nearest pharmacy to the west of campus is Chapel Street Pharmacy (1245 Chapel Street; 203-777-2227). There is also a nearby Walgreens (88 York Street; 203-752-9893) and a Rite Aid (66 Church Street; 203-777-7248).

The closest hospital to Yale University is Yale-New Haven Hospital (20 York Street; 203-688-4242). As always, if you need immediate help, dial 911.

New Haven Restaurant Guide

Thanks to the presence of such a long standing university, New Haven has a varied and highly praised restaurant culture. Such variety also extends to its food truck vendors. Some reliable options in the area may be found at <https://www.foodtrucksin.com>. The list of restaurants below are all reasonably priced options around Yale and should give you a good start.

Near Yale

Atticus Bookstore-Cafe. 1082 Chapel Street (203-776-4040). American fare. Open Mon-Sat, 7 AM-9 PM; Sun, 8 AM-8 PM. Under \$10.

**August.* 3 Edwards Street (203-745-4531). Wine bar. Open Mon-Thu, 5 PM-11 PM; Fri-Sat 5 PM-12 AM. Closed Sun. \$10-\$30.

Barracuda Bistro & Bar. 1180 Chapel Street (203-691-5696). Latin American fare. Open Mon-Thu, 4 PM-1 AM; Fri, 4 PM-2 AM; Sat, 11 AM-2 AM; Sun, 11 AM-1 AM. Entrees \$10-20.

Book Trader Cafe. 1140 Chapel Street (203-787-6147). Coffee shop. Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 AM-9 PM; Sat, 9 AM-9 PM; Sun, 9 AM-7 PM. Under \$10.

**Caseus.* 93 Whitney Avenue (203-624-3373). French influenced eclectic fare. Open Mon-Tue, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM; Wed-Sat, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM, 5:30 PM-9:30 PM. Entrees \$10-\$20.

Cedarhurst Cafe. 44 Crown Street (203-773-0590). Cafe. Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 AM-6 PM; Sat, 8 AM-5 PM; Sun, 9 AM-5 PM. Under \$10.

Claire's Corner Copia. 1000 Chapel Street (203-562-3888). Vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, organic, kosher meals. Mon-Fri, 8 AM-9 PM; Sat-Sun, 9 AM-9 PM. Entrees \$5-\$15.

**Sushi on Chapel.* 1022 Chapel Street, Suite #4 (203-776-4200). Japanese restaurant serving a variety of sushi rolls. The entrance is at the bottom of a flight of stairs in an alley. Open Mon-Thu, 11:30 AM-3 PM, 4:30-10 PM; Fri, 11:30 AM-3 PM, 4:30 PM-11 PM; Closed Sat-Sun. Entrees \$10-\$30.

Da Legna. 858 State Street (203-495-9999). Small plates and artisan pizza. Open Mon-Thu, 4:30-10:30 PM; Fri-Sat, 11-11 PM; Sun 10 AM-10:30 PM. Entrees \$10-\$25.

Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana. 157 Wooster Street (203-865-5762). Pizzeria. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM. \$10-\$30.

Junzi Kitchen. 21 Broadway (475-441-7836). Quick serve Chinese fare. Open Sun-Thu, 11 AM-10 PM; Fri-Sat, 11 AM-10 PM, 10:30 PM-1:30 AM. Entrees \$5-\$10.

Pitaziki Mediterranean Grill. 170 Temple Street (203-773-5000). Mediterranean fare. Open Mon-Thu, 11 AM-11 PM; Fri-Sat, 11 AM-2 AM; Sun, 11 AM-10 PM. Under \$10.

**Prime 16.* 172 Temple Street (203-782-1616). Tap house and burger joint. Open Sun-Wed, 11:30 AM-10 PM; Thu-Sat, 11 AM-11 PM. Entrees \$10-\$20.

Sandra's Next Generation. 636 Congress Avenue (203-787-4123). Southern fare. Open Wed-Fri, 11:30 AM-9 PM; Sat, 12 PM-9 PM; Sun, 12 PM-7 PM; Closed Mon-Tue. Entrees \$10-15.

Skappo Italian Wine Bar. 59 Crown Street (203-773-1394). Italian fare. Open Wed-Thu, 4:30 PM-10:30 PM; Fri-Sat, 4:30 PM-11 PM; Sun, 5:30 PM-9:30 PM; Closed Mon-Tue. Entrees \$10-20.

Soul de Cuba Cafe. 283 Crown Street (203-498-2822). Cuban fare. Open Sun-Thu, 11:30 AM-10 PM; Fri-Sat, 11:30 AM-11 PM. Entrees \$20-\$30.

Tikkaway Grill. 135 Orange Street (203-562-1299). Indian fare. Open Mon-Fri, 11 AM-9:30 PM; Sat-Sun, 12 PM-8 PM. Under \$10.

Viva Zapata. 161 Park Street (203-562-2499). Mexican fare. Open Mon, 4 PM-1 AM; Tue-Thu, 11:30 AM-1 AM; Fri-Sat, 11:30 AM-2 AM; Sun, 11:30 AM-1 AM. Entrees \$10-\$20.

Zaroka Bar and Restaurant. 148 York Street (203-776-8644). Indian fare. Open Mon-Thu, 11:30 AM-10:30 PM; Fri-Sat, 11:30 AM-11 PM; Sun, 9 AM-10 PM. Entrees \$10-\$25.

**Zoi's.* 63 Grove Street Street (203-777-6736). Breakfast and lunch cafe. Open Mon-Fri, 7 AM-3 PM; Sat, 7:30 AM-1:30 PM. Closed Sun. Under \$10.

* Closed Sunday evenings