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Dear Chris,

Our records indicate that you are on track to earn your Yale degree before your final term of enrollment. Under federal regulations, you would therefore not be considered a full-time student for the spring term which will impact federal financial aid eligibility. We are writing so that you may act now to maintain your eligibility next term.

When determining full-time status for financial aid, federal regulations consider only those courses directly associated with the declared degree program. The federal government does consider a second major or a certificate as part of one's declared degree program, however.

To maintain your eligibility for federal financial aid you may:

1. Declare a second major; or
2. Declare your intent to earn a certificate; or
3. Retake a course for a higher grade (but for no additional credit).

If you do plan to complete your degree this term, please submit the petition to [graduate at the end of the Fall term](#) if you have not already done so.

We strongly encourage you to meet with your residential college dean to discuss which of the above options work best for you and your academic plans. Please make that decision and act by December 1 so that any necessary changes to your student record are complete before the spring term.

Note that your status does not affect your eligibility for gift aid, such as the Yale Scholarship; Yale College will continue to meet your full demonstrated financial need with grant or scholarship aid that does not require repayment.

If you have any questions about this policy or your eligibility for aid, please contact [Undergraduate Financial Aid](#).

Best regards,

University Registrar's Office and University Financial Aid Office

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