



**YALE UNIVERSITY**  
**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
*Change of Status Form*

**To be completed by the student (please save before printing):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First 9 digits, starts with 9, see ID

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Study (current): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(current) Street City State Zip Code

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(leave) Street City State Zip Code

Adviser Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adviser Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Adviser Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*If requesting a leave or withdrawal, indicate current source of funding. For registration in absentia, indicate source of funding for the period away from campus: UF, UDF, TF, RA, External Support (specify). Confirm with your registrar.*

Fall: \_\_\_\_\_ Spring: \_\_\_\_\_ Summer: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Status Requested For:** Fall 20\_\_\_\_ Spring 20\_\_\_\_ **Effective Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Intent to Withdraw (Do you plan to petition for the: M.S./M.A. degree? Yes No and/or M.Phil. degree? Yes No)**

**Leave of Absence: Personal Medical (Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_)**

**Non-Cumulative Registration**

**Reason for Request** (some statuses require additional information, please see instructions):

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the Director(s) of Graduate Studies and forwarded to [gsasadministrativedean@yale.edu](mailto:gsasadministrativedean@yale.edu)**

I recommend this change of status:  Yes  No Effective dates or terms: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (1<sup>st</sup> program): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (2<sup>nd</sup> program): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the Assistant/Associate Dean:**

Approved:  Yes  No Effective dates or terms: \_\_\_\_\_

Dean's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Intent to Withdraw**

Students who wish to petition for a terminal M.A./M.S. degree, or for the M.Phil., must also submit a degree petition form. These degrees are not automatically awarded after withdrawal.

**Leave of Absence**

Policies governing a leave of absence (medical, personal, or parental) are described in more detail in the GSAS Programs and Policies handbook. Students are responsible for reviewing these policies to understand the benefits and limitations of the leave status. Normally, medical and personal leaves will be granted only to students who are current with degree requirements. No leave of absence may be extended beyond two years.

**Medical:** On the written recommendation of an appropriate physician on the staff of the Yale University Health Services and with the recommendation of your department, the appropriate Associate Dean of the Graduate School will grant a medical leave of absence if a student must interrupt study temporarily for medical reasons. A student may request a medical leave at any time after matriculation in the Graduate School. Before returning from a medical leave, students must secure written permission from an appropriate physician on the staff of the Yale University Health Services.

**Personal:** A student who wishes or needs to interrupt study temporarily because of personal exigencies may request a personal leave of absence. A student who is current with his or her degree requirements 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. Personal leaves cannot be granted retroactively and normally will not be approved after the tenth day of a term. Students returning from a personal leave should notify the Graduate School and department 6 weeks prior to the start of the term.

**Parental:** Students interested in a parental leave should contact Associate Dean Richard Sleight ([richard.sleight@yale.edu](mailto:richard.sleight@yale.edu)).

**Non-Cumulative Registration**

In certain areas of study, it may be necessary for a registered student to acquire an academic skill (typically, 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 not an inherent part of the dissertation itself. A student in this situation may request up to one year of 'non-cumulative registration'. It is important to note that general study in a field related to or parallel with the topic of the dissertation is not appropriate for non-cumulative registration. A student who wishes to have a specific period of study designated as 'non-cumulative' should discuss the reasons for such a period with and secure the approval from his or her associate dean. If prior authorization has been given by the Graduate School, the period of time spent in acquiring the necessary academic skill will not be counted as part of the student's six-year period of candidacy. The Continuous Registration Fee is charged during the period of non-cumulative registration. Non-cumulative registration does not change the four-year full-tuition obligation. The tuition charge and any University Fellowship aid will be postponed if a student registers non-cumulative before the four-year full-tuition obligation has been satisfied.