



Yeshiva College

Founded in 1928, Yeshiva College is Yeshiva University's undergraduate college of arts and sciences for men. Its programs embody a unique mission: to combine Jewish learning with the study of the classical liberal arts. Students at the College pursue a rigorous dual educational program that combines academic inquiry with the study of Torah and Jewish heritage.

Located at the University's Wilf Campus, the College's proximity to several of the University's other schools and affiliates provides students with a stimulating academic atmosphere. All major resources of the institution are easily accessible from this location. As a liberal arts college in the vibrant urban center that is New York City, Yeshiva College continues to meet the needs of our students in the 21st century through the ongoing development of a broad set of educational programs, student services, and extracurricular activities.

The College provides academic majors in 15 arts and sciences disciplines, all leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree. In addition, combined and joint degree programs are offered in several other disciplines—including engineering, dentistry, Jewish education, Jewish studies, optometry, and podiatry—in conjunction with the University's graduate schools and other leading universities.

Students also participate in four distinct programs of morning Torah studies designed to meet the needs and interests of our students: the Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies (IBC), the James Striar School of General Jewish Studies (JSS), Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies (MYP), or Irving I. Stone Beit Midrash Program (SBMP).

Each student in Yeshiva College must be enrolled throughout his stay in a full-time course of study in one of the four programs.

Courses in Bible, Hebrew, Jewish history, and Jewish philosophy are offered at Yeshiva College under the auspices of the Robert M. Beren Department of Jewish Studies.

The Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program, established in 1999, is designed for students who seek intellectually rigorous experiences, individualized mentoring, and academic challenges beyond the ordinary. The program augments the College's educational programs and enhances academic opportunities for all Yeshiva College students.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum at Yeshiva College includes general education core requirements, major requirements, and elective courses. All majors at Yeshiva College lead to the degree of Bachelor of Arts.



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Students consult advisers in the Academic Advising Center, which also offers guidance in the areas of pre-law, pre-health, and pre-engineering. Since requirements for majors are determined by departments, each student must also seek guidance from the faculty in his major discipline.

MAJORS

Each student must select a major by his third semester on campus.

Majors are available in the following areas:

Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
English
History
Jewish Studies
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Pre-Engineering*
Psychology
Sociology

**Available only to students who will attend and complete an engineering undergraduate program at an accredited school.*

At least 60 percent of the required credits in the major must be taken at Yeshiva College and a grade of C- or better is required for a course taken at Yeshiva College to fulfill any requirements of the major. An exit examination or other culminating project is also required in all majors. Consult major department for specific requirements.

A student who completes all requirements for a major in a second subject, including the exit requirement, will, at his written request at least a month prior to graduation, have the second major also listed on his permanent record.

The same course may be counted toward two majors, or toward a major and minor, only if it is specified in the catalog as a requirement for both. An elective course may not count twice.



MINORS

A student may choose a minor and have it listed on his permanent record upon his written request at least one month prior to graduation. Areas that are available for a minor are listed below:

American Studies
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Sciences
Economics
French
Hebrew
History
Jewish Studies
English
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Writing (English)

Students also may select to minor in Business through the Sy Syms School of Business.

Courses taken at other institutions may be applied toward the minor at the option of the department, but in all cases at least 12 credits must be taken at Yeshiva College. Only Yeshiva College courses in which the student has earned grades of C- or better may be counted toward the minor; a course with a grade of P may be applied to the minor if it is the first course taken in the field.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A. Course and Credit Requirements: Students must complete at least 128 credits, including all general education core requirements (see below), all major requirements, and additional electives.

B. Residence Requirements: Students must attend an institution of higher education for at least eight semesters. Full-time study in the S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program may count as either one or two semesters toward the fulfillment of this requirement. Students must complete a minimum of six full-time semesters and a minimum of 84 credits in residence at the Wilf Campus in New York, with at least 24 of their last 35 credits taken on campus at Yeshiva College. Students must earn at least 108 credits in



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residence at the Wilf Campus to complete the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program.

Students who transfer to Yeshiva College after two or more years of full-time study at an accredited degree-granting college or university (not a yeshiva) will meet the residence requirement after being in residence at Yeshiva College in New York for at least four full-time semesters and completing at least 60 credits at Yeshiva College. Students who transfer with less than two years of full-time study must earn credits in residence in accordance with the following:

<u>Previous Semesters Outside of YU</u>	<u>On-campus credits</u>
0	84
1	78
2	72
3	66
4	60

C. Professional Option: A superior student who is admitted to a professional school at the end of six semesters on campus at Yeshiva College will be eligible for a bachelor's degree from the college upon satisfactory completion of the first year of the professional school program, provided that he is admitted to the Professional Option plan and has satisfied all general education and major requirements and has taken a minimum of 84 credits at the Wilf Campus.

D. Grade Requirements: A student must achieve an average of 2.000 or better in all studies as well as in his major (and minor), and a grade of C- or better in all courses counted toward a major or minor in order to graduate.

E. Exit Requirement: Each department may choose to require an exit project or exam for completion of the major (consult major department for details).

F. Administrative Requirements: Each student must receive the approbation of the faculty, and must have filed an Application for Degree during the semester in which he completes all requirements.

YESHIVA COLLEGE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Students normally complete the degree in four years and can take no more than six years including the semester of admission to the college, excluding official leaves of absence.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE:

▪First Year Writing (FYWR 1010); 3 credits

▪First Year Seminar (FYSM XXXX); 3 credits



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Both FYWR 1010 and FYSM should be completed during the first year on campus. For students admitted to the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program, FYWR 1010H and an honors First Year Seminar fulfill the requirements.

Note: If taken during the senior year, FYWR 1010 and FYSM do not count toward the 128 credits required for graduation, although they count toward the 17.5 credit per term limit and toward the student's grade point average. International students must take ENG 0011 unless exempt by placement. Non-native English speakers who have been in the United States for less than seven years undergo a language screening prior to registering. Students who do not demonstrate near-native proficiency in English are required to register for developmental writing and speaking English courses their first semester and to attend such courses until they pass and are able to register for mainstream writing courses. Students whose language proficiency does not reach the introductory developmental level may be required to take courses outside of the university until they have demonstrated language proficiency sufficient to register for the developmental language courses.

Students will also choose one course under each of the following six categories: For a detailed description of the essential elements of courses in each category, please visit <http://www.yu.edu/yeshiva-college/core/>.

- **Contemporary World Cultures (COWC); 3 credits**
- **Cultures Over Time (CUOT); 3 credits**
- **Interpreting the Creative (INTC); 3 credits.**
- **Human Behavior and Social Institutions (HBSI); 3 credits**
- **Natural World (NAWO); 3 credits**
- **Experimental and Quantitative Methods (EXQM); 3 credits**

Note: Students taking a year of college laboratory science (non-AP) AND a year of mathematics will be exempt from EXQM.

Jewish Studies

All students must complete a course of study in Jewish studies which encompasses Hebrew language, Bible and Jewish History. The distribution of the requirement is as follows:

- **Two Hebrew language courses with numbers ending in –05 and –06. (6 credits).**
All students should take Hebrew language in their first year on campus. Students should be aware that Hebrew language is a prerequisite for some of the other Jewish studies courses.
- **BIB 1000, plus three additional BIB/JPH courses as follows: a student may use up to three courses numbered between BIB 2500-2999; no more than one course numbered BIB 2000-2499; and no more than one course numbered BIB/JPH 1000-1999 (8-9 credits).**



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- Two Jewish history courses: one chosen from 1200, 1300, or 1400 plus one additional JHI course numbered between 1200-1999. (6 credits).

The two Jewish History courses must cover different chronological periods (indicated by a different hundreds place in the course number).

Students in the Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies and the Irving I. Stone Beit Midrash Program take these courses at Yeshiva College. Students in Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies and James Striar School of General Jewish Studies may satisfy these requirements with courses at those schools with some modifications, particularly for JSS students. A student in MYP or SBMP typically takes 20 credits in Jewish studies courses in Yeshiva College, a student in IBC transfers a minimum of 18 HES credits (3 per semester), and a student in JSS transfers a minimum of 18 HES credits (3 per semester), to his Yeshiva College transcript. Students who change Jewish studies programs during their time at Yeshiva College must consult with the chair of Jewish studies at Yeshiva College regarding the fulfillment of Jewish studies requirements in the college.

Students who attend IBC or JSS throughout the course of their undergraduate studies must transfer 18 HES credits to YC and simultaneously fulfill the YC Jewish studies distribution requirements.

Students who transfer between MYP/SBMP and IBC in either direction must (a) satisfy the YC Jewish studies distribution requirements and (b) show a total of 20 credits of Jewish studies on their YC transcript. These 20 credits may comprise YC Jewish studies courses (BIB, HEB, JHI, JPH) or HES transfer credits from IBC. HES credits from BMP or MYP do not count toward this requirement. Students transferring from the JSS Program to other Jewish studies morning programs must meet with the chair of Jewish studies, who will evaluate their requirements on a case-by-case basis.

Procedures for Hebrew Placement and Course Registration

For more information regarding Hebrew language placement and courses taken at Yeshiva College or the Isaac Breuer College please visit: <http://yu.edu/yeshiva-college/ug/hebrew/courses/>. JSS students should please consult the JSS section of the catalog.

THE JAY AND JEANIE SCHOTTENSTEIN HONORS PROGRAM AT YESHIVA COLLEGE

The mission of the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program is to enhance the education of all Yeshiva College undergraduates by encouraging talented students to undertake an exceptionally broad, deep, and rigorous course of study.

To fulfill this aim, the program emphasizes research, intensive writing, and sophisticated thinking: critical, analytic, quantitative, scientific, interdisciplinary, and creative. Students commit themselves to hard work, a challenging search for understanding, and intellectual excellence. Students admitted to the program will experience especially rewarding interactions with faculty members through honors courses, individual



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mentoring, advanced study, and senior honors theses. Students who complete the program should feel confident that they can fulfill their potential through advanced training, lifelong learning, and leadership within their various communities.

Students apply simultaneously to the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Program and for academic merit scholarships. (All students may apply for need-based assistance.)

Under normal circumstances, admission to the Honors Program requires that a student earn at least a 90 average in high school, score at least 1400 on the combined SATs, and earn strong recommendations in both general and Jewish studies. Each year, however, the Honors Committee admits a few additional students who have earned at least a 3.7 grade point average, submitted promising writing samples, and earned strong recommendations.

The first year, in two freshman honors seminars based in part on core texts, the honors student develops intellectual sophistication through intensive writing, research, and analysis. After the first year, the student chooses at least six honors electives from a variety of academic disciplines. An optional co-curricular summer experience — for example, a course taught in Europe, a cultural enrichment program in New York City, an especially significant internship, or a research placement expands the student's educational horizons. Students in the Honors program are engaged in all sorts of leadership positions in student newspapers, student clubs and organizations, organization of student conference, workshops and curricular and extra-curricular initiatives. Students in the Honors program are strongly advised to take at least one honors course per semester, in order to be able to remain in a path for graduation from the program. Finally, the student devotes two terms to a senior honors thesis closely supervised by one or more faculty mentors. An honors student must complete 108 credits in residence. He must simultaneously maintain a comparable level of excellence in Jewish studies. Honors students typically receive exceptionally strong recommendations from administrators and faculty members and completion of the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program is noted on the Yeshiva College diploma. The freshman honors seminars and the senior honors theses are reserved for students participating in the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program. Summer programs abroad, such as French Jewry 1806–1905: Images and Identities (Paris and New York); The Maya: The Land and Its People (Guatemala and New York); Understanding the City: London, Dublin, and New York; and Italian Renaissance Science and Culture (Rome, Florence, Venice, and New York), and Yeshiva University in Paris Honors Language Institute, are open to all eligible Yeshiva College students.

Honors electives are open to all students who receive permission from the instructor and the Director of the program. These courses are listed on the student's transcript with the letter H beside the appropriate course number. For more information on courses offered specifically for the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program, please visit: <http://yu.edu/yeshiva-college/ug/jay-jeanie-schottenstein-honors-program/courses/>.



TRANSFER CREDIT FOR HEBREW LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURE

Isaac Breuer College Transfer credit for courses taken at IBC is listed on the Yeshiva College transcript as HES 1200–1299.

Transfers are made at the rate of 3 credits per semester.

The grade given for the transfer credit is based on the composite average achieved at IBC that semester.

The composite average is transferred as follows:

3.668 – 4.000= A	2.668 – 3.000= B	1.668 – 2.000= C	0.668 – 1.000= D
3.334 – 3.667= A-	2.334 – 2.667= B-	1.334 – 1.667= C-	0.334 – 0.667= D-
3.001 – 3.333= B+	2.001 – 2.333= C+	1.001 – 1.333= D+	0.000 – 0.333= F

James Striar School Transfer credit for courses taken at JSS is listed on the Yeshiva College record as HES 1000–1099.

Transfers are made at the rate of 3 credits per semester.

The grade given for the transfer credit is based on the composite average achieved in JSS that semester. The composite average is transferred as indicated for Isaac Breuer College. Students attending JSS may not take any courses in Jewish studies at any other school without the prior written permission of the Office of JSS.

Mazer Yeshiva Program Students in MYP may elect to transfer 1, 2, or 3 credits per semester to Yeshiva College for their studies in MYP. Such courses appear on the Yeshiva College record as HES 1100–1199.

The grade given for the transfer credit is the grade achieved in MYP that semester.

Such credits fulfill no Jewish studies general education requirements at Yeshiva College.

Stone Beit Midrash Program Students in SBMP may elect to transfer 1, 2, or 3 credits per semester to Yeshiva College for their studies in SBMP. Transfer credit for courses taken at SBMP appears on the Yeshiva College transcript as HES 1600–1699.

The grade given for the transfer credit is based on the composite average achieved in SBMP that semester. The composite average is transferred as indicated for Isaac Breuer College.

Such credits fulfill no Jewish studies general education requirements at Yeshiva College.



PLACEMENT

English Placement for Foreign Students Upon entrance, foreign students will be assigned to English as a Second Language based on a placement examination.

Foreign Language Study Placement A student who has graduated from or attended a foreign secondary school in which the language of instruction was other than English or Hebrew should consult with the coordinator of languages in Yeshiva College if he would like to continue his foreign language and/or literature studies.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Regulations pertaining to Yeshiva College alone are given here; for those uniformly applicable to all undergraduate schools, see the Academic Information and Policies section.

Attendance At the start of the semester, each student must attend class in person to learn the specific attendance, examination, and other requirements of each course.

Attendance policy is determined by the instructor of each course. A student who does not meet such requirements may be dropped from a course. In performance courses (such as laboratory, music, language, and physical education), attendance is required at all class sessions. Continued unexcused absences will result in the student being dropped from the course or being awarded the grade of G (failure due to lack of attendance), which may lead to probation or academic dismissal from the college.

Grades: P/N Option In order to encourage students to take course work outside their area of specialization, each student in good standing, after his first year on campus, is permitted to select one course per semester to be graded P or N during the week indicated on the academic calendar. If awarded a P or N grade, the course will not count for requirements of general education or any major or minor requirements.

Regulations and limitations applicable to the choice of a course under the P/N Option are available in the Office of the Registrar.

Audit Policy A student may audit no more than one course per semester. Only lecture courses without laboratory, performance, or studio work may be audited.

Students must have a 3.000 average and the instructor's written permission.

Attendance must be regular and the student must fulfill requirements as established by the instructor. Audited courses do not count toward the student work load. No credit is given for an audited course, and it fulfills no requirements. A course being taken for credit may be changed to an audit (L) with the consent of the instructor until the date by which a course can be dropped without a W. A course previously audited may subsequently be retaken for credit. Both courses will then appear on the student's record. Students must apply for such a course during the period specified in the academic calendar.



Credits for Enrollment in Classes, Honors, Academic Integrity, Standards, and Disciplinary Action Regulations governing credits for enrollment in classes, the Dean's List, Latin honors at graduation, academic integrity, standards and disciplinary action are found in the Academic Information and Policies section of the catalog.

Workload A fulltime student is defined as one enrolled for at least 12 credits during a 15-week semester. Under no circumstances will any student be given permission to register for more than 17.5 credits per semester at Yeshiva College (including any credit transferred from any other school of the university or from another institution).

The maximum number of credits that may be earned by any student in a 12-month period (counted as July–June or September–August, at his option) is 43. This includes courses taken in residence, work taken elsewhere, and credit earned by examination.

Students may not take fewer than 12 credits in any semester without written permission of the Office of the Dean. Provisional and probationary students and those with outside employment are subject to restrictions on their workload as described in the Academic Information and Policies section of the catalog.