

Programs of study lead to the master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees. In addition, qualified undergraduate students at Yeshiva University can pursue a joint bachelor of arts/master of arts degree program.

MASTER OF ARTS

Areas of Concentration

The MA degree is offered in the following areas of concentration: Bible, Medieval Jewish History, Modern Jewish History, Jewish Philosophy, and Talmudic Studies.

Requirements

Credit Requirement

30 credits distributed as follows:

1. 6 credits of basic source courses (those numbered 5000-5999) in the area of concentration.
2. 12 additional credits of advanced courses in the area of concentration.
3. 12 credits of electives of which at least 6 credits must be in a field(s) other than the field of concentration.

Within the framework of the 30 credits, the various areas of concentration have requirements concerning specific courses to be taken.

Comprehensive Examination

All students are required to take a written comprehensive examination in their field of concentration. The examination is based on coursework and a reading list. It is offered at the beginning and end of the fall semester and at the end of the spring semester. Students must be registered for courses or Master's Research during the semester in which they expect to take the comprehensive examination. The student must file for the comprehensive examination by the date appearing in the Academic Calendar. All coursework must be completed before the student may take this examination.

Residence Requirement

A minimum of 24 credits must be taken at the School.

Administrative Requirement

1. Approbation of the faculty and president.
2. Filing an Application for Graduation during the registration period of the semester in which the student completes all requirements.

BACHELOR OF ARTS/MASTER OF ARTS

Purpose

The purpose of the program is to enable superior undergraduate students at Yeshiva University to begin their studies for the MA degree. To be admitted to the program, students must have senior standing. They may take up to 12 graduate credits (4 courses), but not more than 6 credits (2 courses) per semester, during their final year in college. These credits may be counted toward both the BA and the MA.

General Requirements for Admission

1. Cumulative grade point average: 3.0.
Average in Jewish Studies: 3.4.
2. Senior standing (94 credits).
3. Acceptance by the undergraduate dean and dean of Revel Graduate School.

Additional Admission Requirements

Yeshiva College

1. Bible 1015A.
2. The two Jewish History courses required of all students.
3. Major (or course equivalency of a major) in Jewish Studies.

Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies

1. Bible 1015 (A or B).
2. The two Jewish History courses required of all students.

Stern College for Women

1. Five of the six required semesters of Jewish Studies Core courses.
2. Jewish Studies majors: at least 18 credits toward the major at SCW.

Awarding of Degree

The bachelor's degree is awarded when the following conditions have been met:

1. The candidate completes the 128 credits required for the BA in accordance with undergraduate requirements governing this degree.
2. The candidate fulfills any general University requirements that may apply.

The master's degree is awarded when the following conditions have been met:

1. BA requirements must be met before the student can continue in the master's program.
2. The candidate earns the 30 credits required for the MA in accordance with the regulations of Bernard Revel Graduate School.
3. The candidate passes a written comprehensive examination in the area of concentration.
4. The candidate fulfills any general University requirements that may apply.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Areas of Concentration

The PhD is currently offered in the following fields: Bible, Jewish History, and Jewish Philosophy.

Admission

Applicants for admission to the doctoral program must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university.
2. Hold a master's degree in a field of Jewish studies.
3. Possess a knowledge of Hebrew adequate for the pursuit of doctoral work.
4. Submit a qualifying paper(s), totaling at least 70 pages, demonstrating the ability to pursue doctoral research.

Credit Requirement

42 credits beyond those accepted for the master of arts degree apportioned as follows:

1. 18 credits in the major, at least 3 of which must be in a doctoral seminar.
2. 6 credits in a related field of general studies, selected in consultation with the dean and adviser in the field of concentration.
3. 6 credits of electives.
4. 6 credits (Subject) 9978 Doctoral Planning, preparing for doctoral examinations and formulation of a dissertation topic.
5. If additional semesters are needed for doctoral planning or preparing for doctoral examinations, students register for (Subject) 9979 Doctoral Planning II.
6. 6 credits of (Subject) 9981 Doctoral Research.
7. If additional semesters of residence are required, students register for (Subject) 9982 Doctoral Research II.

In addition to the 42 credits, a student may be required by the faculty of a given concentration to master particular skills or areas of knowledge deemed necessary for the doctoral research.

Residence Requirement

24 of the course credits must be taken at the School.

Full-Time Residency

For students taking coursework, at least 9 credits each semester are required for full-time status. For students in doctoral planning or doctoral research, 3 credits are considered full-time.

Language Examinations

The student must pass examinations in French and German, administered by the School. The first of these examinations must be taken no later than the end of the third semester of doctoral studies; the second, before the student is permitted to take the field examinations.

Field Examinations

Upon completing all coursework and passing all language examinations, the student must pass three written comprehensive examinations testing:

- a. A broad knowledge of the field of concentration.
- b. Knowledge of areas of general and/or Jewish studies related to the field of concentration.
- c. Skill and ability to handle primary sources.

Designed to test the student's knowledge of the area of specialization as well as the general field, these examinations are based on knowledge of the primary and secondary literature. They must be taken within a two-week period.

Dissertation Requirement

As a first step, the student meets with a sponsor to develop a potential topic; then the dean in consultation with the sponsor chooses an additional reader of the proposal to further monitor the beginnings of research. Out of these consultations will emerge a formal proposal which will be submitted to the faculty for a decision.

When a proposal has been approved, the dean, in consultation with the sponsor and the faculty, appoints an appropriate dissertation committee. At this time, the student must also meet with an appropriate member of the Office of the Registrar concerning proper format for the dissertation.

After the dissertation has been completed and approved by the dissertation committee, a defense is scheduled.

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