



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 dual educational program that combines academic inquiry in classical liberal arts 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 16 academic majors in arts and sciences disciplines, culminating in the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. In addition, combined and joint degree programs are offered in several other disciplines in conjunction with the University's graduate schools and other leading universities including economics, engineering, Jewish education, Jewish studies, mathematics, optometry, physical therapy, physician's assistant, podiatry and social work.

Students also participate in one of four distinct programs of morning Torah studies designed to meet the needs and interests of our students: the Isaac Breuer College of Hebrew 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.

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. Majors at Yeshiva College lead to the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science.

Students consult advisors in the Academic Advising Center, which also offers guidance in the areas of pre-law, pre-health, and pre-engineering. Students may also seek guidance regarding major requirements from academic advising or the faculty in the major discipline.



MAJORS

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

Majors are available in the following areas:

Biology
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Computer Science (BA or BS degree)
Economics
English
History
Jewish Studies
Mathematics
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Pre-Engineering*
Psychology
Shaped Major
Sociology

**Available only to students who will attend and complete the engineering program at SUNY/Stony Brook, Columbia University, or Tel Aviv University.*

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. A culminating project may also be required in some majors. Consult major department for specific requirements.

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 from the following list:

Architecture
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Criminology
Economics
English
History
Jewish Studies



Mathematics
Media Studies
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Public Health
Shaped Minor
Sociology
Writing (English)

A maximum of two Core courses may be simultaneously counted towards the Core requirements and the minor requirements. Please consult the Department for additional information.

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

At least 60% of the minor 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 Core requirements (see below), all major requirements, and additional electives. Additionally, students must complete courses in one of the four morning Torah Studies programs each full-time semester.

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

Students who transfer to Yeshiva College after 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 credits at Yeshiva College as follows:



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

Students transferring from the Katz School must complete a minimum of four fulltime semesters as student of Yeshiva College. Additionally, these students may have a cap of 13 credits in their first semester after review by Academic Advising.

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 Graduation by the deadline indicated on the Academic Calendar 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

Yeshiva College’s signature CORE curriculum embodies our hopes for liberal arts education – and for our students – in a rapidly changing, globalizing world. The CORE immerses College students during their initial terms on campus in cross-disciplinary approaches that enable them to think outside conventional boundaries; to make connections between different disciplines, between different cultures and between the past and the present. CORE courses can also open up new areas of interest that students have the option of exploring more fully in their majors or, if they wish, in departmental minors or in shaped minors of their own.



For a detailed description of the essential elements of courses in each category, please visit <http://www.yu.edu/yeshiva-college/core/>.

▪ **First Year Writing (FYWR 1020); 3 credits**

FYWR 1020 must be completed during the first year on campus.

Note: International students (from non-English speaking countries) who are in the US fewer than 5 years, must take ENG 0010 unless exempt by placement.

BA Students must also complete one course, designated on the YC course schedule, in each of the following seven categories:*

**General Education Core and Jewish Studies Core for Computer Science BS students can be found in the Programs of Study section of the catalog under Computer Science (BS tracks).*

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

JEWISH STUDIES CORE

Students must take at least one course in Hebrew, and up to three, depending on Hebrew placement. In they are placed in HEB 1010, they must then take HEB 1020 and HEB 1030; if they are placed in HEB 1020, they must then take HEB 1030. Students who are placed out of the highest level of Hebrew (1030) must take an advanced Hebrew course (1040 or equivalent).

- All students should take Hebrew language in their first year on campus.
- Beyond Hebrew language, 12 credits are required, taken in any area of Jewish Studies (Bible, Jewish History, Jewish Philosophy, [academic] Talmud, Hebrew literature, etc.), but among these courses, students must take:
 - (a) one course in Jewish History;
 - (b) one course in Jewish Thought and Philosophy;
 - (c) one course in Bible.

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. Students who change from one morning Torah studies program to another during their time at Yeshiva College must consult an Academic Advisor regarding the fulfillment of these Jewish studies requirements.



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 Yeshiva College undergraduates by encouraging talented students to undertake an exceptionally broad, deep, and challenging course of study.

To fulfill this aim, the program emphasizes research, intensive writing, and sophisticated thinking. Students commit themselves to rigorous challenge, a search for understanding, and intellectual excellence. Those admitted to the program will experience especially rewarding interactions with faculty members through unique coursework, individual mentoring, advanced study, and senior theses.

Students apply simultaneously to the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program and for academic merit scholarships. (Students may also apply for need-based assistance.) To retain their scholarships, students must remain in good standing, which entails maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or higher; taking at least two honors courses in each academic year, for a total of six courses; and demonstrating progress toward an honors thesis, by enrolling in thesis preparation and writing courses (beyond the six required honors courses) no later than their final year of residence. Simultaneously, each student must maintain a comparable level of excellence in Torah studies. For information about the admissions criteria of the program, please visit the Admissions section of this catalog.

The culmination of the Honors Program is the thesis, in which a student, over the course of multiple semesters, develops an independent research project closely supervised by one or more faculty mentors. Overall, students must spend at least three full years and complete at least 94 credits in residence. For more information about the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program, please visit: <http://yu.edu/yeshiva-college/ug/jay-jeanie-schottenstein-honors-program/>

TRANSFER CREDIT FOR HEBREW LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURE

Isaac Breuer College and James Striar School: Transfer credit for courses taken at IBC or JSS is listed on the Yeshiva College transcript as HES 1200–1299 or 1000–1099 respectively.

Transfers are made at the rate of 3 credits per semester and the grade given for the transfer credit is based on the composite average achieved at IBC or JSS that semester. Note: 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.



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

Mazer Yeshiva and Stone Beit Midrash Programs: Students in MYP or SBMP may elect to transfer 1, 2, or 3 credits per semester to Yeshiva College for their morning Torah studies. For MYP such courses appear on the Yeshiva College transcript as HES 1100–1199 and the grade given for the transfer credit is the grade achieved in MYP that semester. For SBMP such courses appear on the Yeshiva College transcript as HES 1600–1699 and 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 IBC and JSS.

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

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, and language), 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 (Fall or Spring) 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 Core requirements or any major or minor requirements (except for the first course in the minor field).

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.

Independent Study: Independent study for credit may be done under the following conditions:

- The student must normally be a senior or a junior.
- A minimum GPA of 3.3 is required.
- Independent study is graded on a P/N basis. The work may only count toward the major with permission from the department.
- The student must work under the supervision of a faculty sponsor. For work done outside the university, an immediate supervisor, in addition to the faculty sponsor, may be required.
- Independent study may be done during the summer, with permission of the sponsor and the appropriate dean. A fee is charged.
- The student may complete no more than one independent study project per semester and no more than three altogether. Under normal circumstances, only 1 or 2 credits are permitted for an independent study project done during the school year.

Directed Study: Under special circumstances, students in need of a course listed in the Catalog but not currently offered are permitted to take the course by directed study. Approval is granted on an individual basis by the Dean.

- The student must be a senior.
- The student may complete no more than one directed study per semester and no more than two altogether.
- The course is listed on the student's record with its regular number and title.
- Directed study may be done during the summer, with permission of the sponsor and the Dean. A fee is charged.

Please note: Independent Study and Directed Study are treated as regular courses and are counted as part of the student's regular workload. If the project is not to be completed, the student must withdraw within regular deadlines. If the work is not completed at the conclusion of the semester, the student may apply for an extension and, if approved, will receive a grade of Incomplete.

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



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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.