## 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 18 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, podiatry, and social work—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



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### **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
Architecture
Biology
Chemistry
Classical Languages
Computer Sciences
Economics

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**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 semesters and a minimum of 84 credits in

### First Year Writing (FYWR 1010); 3 credits

Successful completion of FYWR 1010 is a prerequisite for all literature courses.

This course will take writing as its subject and will not only aim to get students up to speed in writing and communicating effectively in college but highlight the ways in which writing allows us to connect more with others—within the Yeshiva community and beyond—as well as with ourselves and to explore how the act of writing sparks curiosity, response, and discovery.



### Contemporary World Cultures (COWC); 3 credits

Courses in this category will investigate the meaning and components of "culture" according to a specified disciplinary or interdisciplinary framework. (Elementary French II or Elementary Spanish II will satisfy the Contemporary World

BIB 1015, plus three additional 2-credit Bible courses, including at least two text courses numbered from 2500 – 3999 (8 credits).

Two Jewish history courses chosen from 1200, 1300, 1400, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, or 1834. (6 credits).

The two Jewish History courses must cover different chronological periods. So, for example, one cannot fulfill the requirement by taking a survey course in Medieval Jewish History along with a course in Jewish Intellectual History in the medieval period.

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 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**

The following rules apply to all students beginning their Hebrew sequence at Yeshiva College or IBC. For JSS students please consult the JSS section of the catalog.

#### A. The Hebrew Sequence:

- 1. The required Hebrew Sequence consists of at least two Hebrew courses that end in -05 and -06.
- 2. Before beginning the Hebrew Sequence, a student must demonstrate his mastery of elementary Hebrew by means of a placement test.
  - i. Students who receive an F on the placement exam will be placed into Elementary Biblical Hebrew I (1003).
  - ii. Students who receive a D on the placement exam will be placed into Elementary



#### D. Correlation to Bible Classes:

- Hebrew 1005, 1105, 1205 or 1305 are co-requisites for Bible 1015 (Introduction to Bible), and may be taken either concurrently with Bible 1015 or before Bible 1015.
   Students cannot take Bible 1015 until they have been admitted to one of the following: Hebrew 1005, 1105, 1205 or 1305.
- 2. Students cannot take any Bible text classes until they have completed or been exempted from one of the following: Hebrew 1004, 110511(4-2(es) (-)Tj -0.002)10n

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. Recommendations for an honors student from administrators and faculty members are virtually guaranteed to be exceptionally strong, and the student's diploma specifically confirms his graduation from the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program as well as from Yeshiva College. 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 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. The following partial listing of these courses, each created specifically for the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program, suggests the breadth, depth, and variety of the program and its impact on the Yeshiva College overall curriculum:

Catastrophe: The Crusades through the Holocaust Japanese Banking and Financial Markets The Chemistry of Metals in Biology Jewish New York Classical Political Philosophy Jewish Religious Behavior in Sociological Perspective Computational Methods in the Physical Sciences Modern Orthodoxy: History and Ideology Creative Writing—Fiction Molecular Modeling Dead Sea Scrolls Public Choice **Economics and Ethical Issues** Quantum Mechanics Envisioning the Contemporary American City Science, Society, and Ethics Experimental Psychology The Social Psychology of Evil

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 taken 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.