# Yeshiva University Undergraduate Catalog for Men 2016-2018

### 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 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 academic majors in arts and sciences disciplines, culminating in the Bachelor of Arts 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

Students also participate in one of four distinct programs of morning Torah studies

#### **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 the engineering program at SUNY/Stony Brook or Columbia 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:

Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Criminology
Economics
English
History
Jewish Studies
Mathematics

Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Public Health
Sociology
Spanish
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 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 108 credits in

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

- 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.

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.

Mriting Intensive Course; 3 credits Students must complete one course, designated on the YC course schedule as Writing Intensive, in any subject of their choosing. 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 <a href="http://www.yu.edu/yeshiva-college/core/">http://www.yu.edu/yeshiva-college/core/</a>.

Contemporary World Cultures (COWC); 3 credits

Cultures Over Time (CUOT); 3 credits

fInterpreting 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 regarding EXQM: Students who have completed a year of college laboratory science (non-AP) <u>AND</u> a year of mathematics will be exempt from EXQM. Additionally, courses in various subjects may be designated as EXQM equivalent (examples include: COM 2546, ECO 1421, POL 3575, PSY 2100C or SOC 3003).

Note regarding NAWO: Students who have completed a college laboratory natural science course (non-AP) will be exempt from NAWO.

#### JEWISH STUDIES CORE

fA sequence of Hebrew language courses with numbers ending in –05 and –06. (6-9 credits).

All students should take Hebrew language in their first year on campus. Students should be aware that Hebrew language is a prerequisite for Bible courses.

BIB 1000, plus two additional BIB courses as follows: one course numbered between BIB 1001-2999 plus one additional course numbered BIB 2500-2999 (6 credits).

fTwo Jewish history courses: one chosen from 1200, 1300, or 1400 plus one additional JHI course numbered between 1200-2999 (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. 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 SCHOTTENSTE IN 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 mentoring, advanced study, and senior honors theses.

Students apply simultaneously to the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Program and for academic merit scholarships. (All students may apply for need-based assistance.) If awarded, those scholarships last for as many years as students are enrolled and remain in good standing in the program. In order to do so, students need to maintain an average GPA of 3.400 or higher and take at least two honors courses in each academic year (summer honors courses may be included among those courses) and indicate progress towards an honors thesis (by means of enrollment in thesis preparation and writing courses) in their final year of residence. Simultaneously, each student must maintain a comparable level of excellence in Torah studies. For more about the admissions criteria of the program please visit the Admissions section of this catalog.

The culmination of the honors program is a senior honors thesis, in which a student, over the course of several semesters develops an independent research project closely supervised by one or more faculty mentors. Overall, honors students must spend at least three full years and complete at least 108 credits in residence. For more information about the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program, please visit: <a href="http://yu.edu/yeshiva-college/ug/jay-jeanie-schottenstein-honors-program/">http://yu.edu/yeshiva-college/ug/jay-jeanie-schottenstein-honors-program/</a>.

# 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.