SY SYMS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Sy Syms School of Business is the university's business school for men and for women and was established in 1987 through a major gift from Sy Syms, a member of Yeshiva University’s Board of Trustees, and other business leaders. At the undergraduate level, it offers the unique combination of secular and religious studies. The program includes a complete business curriculum along with a broad base of liberal arts and intensive Jewish studies.

One of the best undergraduate business programs in the Northeast, the school instills in students strong analytic skills, discipline, and ethical values. A distinguished faculty who hold positions in the research and professional communities offer students a thorough background in the theoretical and practical aspects of business. The business curriculum covers a common body of knowledge—the business core—in addition to majors or concentrations in accounting, finance, information systems, management, and marketing.

Jewish tradition provides the framework for consideration of ethical issues, an integral part of the student’s education. All students simultaneously attend one of the four schools of Jewish studies at the university.

The Rennert Entrepreneurial Institute is one of the nation’s few undergraduate programs that fosters students’ entrepreneurial skills and knowledge for creating and developing a business. The institute employs an interdisciplinary approach, which uses the curriculum and the faculty of Sy Syms School of Business. Students may take entrepreneurship courses as electives or as an integral part of the management concentration. The institute received its initial funding through a generous grant from Mr. and Mrs. Ira Leon Rennert, for whom it is named.

The Sy Syms School of Business offers business programs for men at the uptown Wilf Campus. Students hail from a wide geographic area, both domestic and international. As a result, students have an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of, and sensitivity to, other cultures—an experience that will help them better understand, and thrive in, an ever-growing global environment.

CURRICULUM

Degrees Conferred

- Masters of Science in Accounting (CPA Program)
- Bachelor of Science
MAJORS
Each student must select a major, consisting of 24 credits, and meet with an academic adviser of the Office of the Dean to review the planned course of study. The following is a listing of areas in which the student may major. For additional information about a major, please refer to its Program of Study Sheet.

Accounting

CPA Track
Non-CPA Track

Business and Management

Finance concentration
Information Systems concentration
Management concentration:
  - Human Resources and Organizational Studies Track
  - Entrepreneurship Track
Marketing concentration

Regardless of how much transfer credit is granted a student, at least 60 percent of the required credits in the major and 60% of the combined business core and major must be taken at Sy Syms School.

MINORS
Sy Syms students may select a 9-credit minor in one of the following concentrations. Requirements are listed on the Undergraduate Student Declaration of Major and Minor form.

Accounting
Finance
Management
  - Human Resources and Organizational Studies Track
  - Entrepreneurship Track
Marketing
Information Systems

Sy Syms students may also select a minor in any of the liberal arts and sciences offered through Yeshiva College.

Yeshiva College students may pursue the 18-credit minor in business offered through Sy Syms School. This minor enables liberal arts students to better understand the world of business and broaden their career options.
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Master of Science in Accounting
A. Credit requirement: Each student must complete 30 credits.

B. Grade requirement: Students must achieve an average grade of B or better in all accounting related courses and must achieve a grade of C or better in all graduate courses.

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

Bachelor of Science

A. Course and credit requirements: Each student must complete all courses required for general requirements, for business core (see below) and for a major (see previous listing), plus sufficient electives to earn a total at least 128 credits, of which no more than 8 may be in physical education.

B. Residence requirement: Students must have attended an institution of higher education full time for at least eight semesters. They must take at least 84 credits in residence at the New York campus of Yeshiva University, taking at least 12 credits each semester. At least 24 of the last 35 credits must be taken in residence. Students who transfer with two or more years of full-time study at one accredited degree-granting college (not a yeshiva) must be in residence at the New York campus of Yeshiva University for at least four semesters, taking at least 12 credits each semester. In total, such a student must earn at least 58 on-campus credits. At least 60 percent of the required credits in the major and the program must be taken at Sy Syms School.

C. Grade requirement: Students must achieve an average of 2.0 or better in all studies and a grade of C- or better in all business courses required as part of the major or minor.

D. Administrative requirements: Each student must receive approbation of the faculty and the president, and must have filed an Application for Degree form during the registration period of the semester in which the student completes all requirements.

SY SYMS GENERAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

I. Basic Courses (7 credits)
   - English Composition: English 1101–1102 (4 credits) Speech: SPE 1010 (2 credits)
   - Physical Education: One course. (minimum ½ credit; maximum 8 credits)
II. Humanities (5–6 credits)
   - One course in literature, chosen from English 2003, 2004, 2005, 2010, 2201, 2202, 2611, 2612, or courses designated as T2000s, or from French, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Russian, or Spanish. (3 credits)
   - One course chosen from ART 1052, history or philosophy (introductory courses); or Music 1111, or Foreign Language (other than Hebrew or Yiddish) 1102 level or higher (2–3 credits)

III. Quantitative, Social and Natural Sciences (15-17 credits)
   - IDS 1131 - Statistics for Business (3 credits)
   - IDS 1456 - Quantitative Methods for Management (3 credits)
   - ECO 1031 – Microeconomics (3 credits)
   - ECO 1051 - Macroeconomics, Money and Banking (3 credits)
   - Science with lab (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics) or Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology (3-5 credits)

IV. Hebrew Language, Literature, and Culture (18–45 credits)

BUSINESS CORE

All students are required to take the following business core courses (27 credits) as part of their program of study: Accounting 1001, 1002; Business 1001; Business Law 2021 (except accounting majors who take Business Law 2111); Finance 1001; Information Systems 1020; Management 1020; Marketing 1001; Information & Decision Sciences 1601.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Regulations pertaining to Sy Syms School alone are given here. Those uniformly applicable to all undergraduate schools are given in the section Academic Information and Policies.

Attendance: At the start of each semester, each student must report in person to the instructor of each course to learn its specific attendance requirements. A record of the student's attendance in each class is kept by the instructor. Excessive absences may result in the student being dropped or withdrawn from the course. Absence without an excuse may result in the student receiving a grade of G.

Generally, a student’s attendance is taken into account whenever there may be occasion to determine status in the university.

Grades, P or N System: Each student above the freshman year who is in good standing may select one course each semester to be graded P or N. This policy is for the purpose of encouraging students to take course work outside their area of specialization. The course may not be one required for graduation or required or recommended for the student’s major. Students must apply for such a course during the period specified in the academic calendar.
Regulations and the limitations applicable to the choice of a course on the P or N system are available in the Office of the Registrar.

**Workload:** A full-time student at Sy Syms School of Business is defined as one who is enrolled for a minimum of 12 credits and a maximum of 17.5 credits (including credit transferred from any other school of the University or from another institution) during a 15-week semester.

Students with semester or cumulative averages below 2.0 may be subject to restriction of their workload as described in the Academic Information and Policies section.

Unless required to limit their programs, students may not take fewer than 12 credits in any semester without written permission from the Office of the Dean.