Programs of Study: Majors and Minors

ACCOUNTING (ACC)

MAJOR: Sy Syms School of Business
Master of Science

CPA PROGRAM
The Sy Syms School of Business offers a Masters of Science (M.S.) degree in accounting that is registered with the state of New York. Students completing this degree program automatically satisfy the 150 hour credit requirements in New York State necessary for being licensed as a CPA. Most students can complete the program in two semesters of study beyond the Bachelor’s degree. States other than NY may have different requirements, so students are advised to research the requirements of the state in which they seek licensure.

Bachelor of Science

There are two tracks in the accounting program: CPA track and non-CPA track.

The undergraduate accounting major - CPA track - consists of 8 courses, ACC 1101, 1102, 2403, 3201, 3601; TAX 2501 or 6124, and TAX 2502 or 6125; BLW 2112; totaling 24 credits.

The undergraduate accounting major - non-CPA track - consists of 8 courses, ACC 1101, 1102, 2403, 3201, 3601; TAX 2501 or 6124, and two electives totaling 24 credits.

One of those electives may but is not required to be BLW 2112 or TAX 6125. The selection of the electives (6 credits) requires the approval of the area head.

In order to enroll in Tax 6125, students in either track must meet eligibility requirements for early admission to SSSB’s MS Program in Accounting. See the area head or program director for more information.

MINOR: Sy Syms School of Business
ACC 1101, 1102, 2403

AMERICAN STUDIES (minor only)
The American studies minor offers students the opportunity to examine culture and society in the United States from an interdisciplinary perspective. Students develop an awareness of specific patterns in U.S. history, literature, and politics while compiling a set of analytical skills for synthesizing the broad range of experiences that make up a “culture” or “civilization.”
MINOR: Yeshiva College
Five courses: one American Literature and Culture core course (English 2911; 2912; 2913), one course in U.S. history, and three additional courses dealing primarily with the United States, selected from the following disciplines: art, economics, English, history, Jewish history, music, political science, sociology, and speech and drama.

ARCHITECTURE Minor: See Art section.

ART

MINOR IN STUDIO ART: Yeshiva College
ART 1051A and 1052A, plus 12 additional studio art credits including at least one advanced course as determined by the humanities adviser in consultation with the individual student, and one 3-credit course in architectural history or art history.

MINOR IN ARCHITECTURE: Yeshiva College
Art 1051A or 1052A, 1631, and 1633, plus two courses from ART 1630, 1635, or 1650, ART 1632, an advanced course in studio art (from ART 2302, 2515, or 2702), or a course in a related field chosen in consultation with the art adviser.

BIBLE (BIB)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
Jewish studies majors may concentrate in Bible. See the description of the Jewish studies major.

BIOLOGY (BIO)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
BIO 1011, 1012 (lecture and laboratory) and 18 additional BIO credits, including four advanced laboratory courses (biochemistry may count toward these required biology credits); CHE 1045–1046 (lecture and laboratory); two courses chosen from MAT 1412, MAT 1413, STA 1021. Organic chemistry and physics are strongly recommended.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
BIO 1011, 1012 (lecture and laboratory) and 10 additional BIO credits, at least 8 of which must be in advanced laboratory courses. Biochemistry may count toward biology minor.

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT (BUS)

MAJORS AND MINORS: Sy Syms School of Business
Students majoring or minoring in Business and Management, select one of the following concentrations: finance, information systems, marketing, or one of two management tracks: entrepreneurship track, or human resources and
organizational studies track. Details of the requirements for each of the above-noted concentrations are noted below under FINANCE (FIN), INFORMATION AND DECISION SCIENCES (IDS), MANAGEMENT (MAN), MARKETING (MAR). Business core is required for each major concentration.

Business core consists of (9 courses; 27 credits): ACC 1001, 1002; BUS 1001; BLW 2021 for nonaccounting majors or BLW 2111 for accounting students; FIN 1001; IDS 1020; IDS 1601; MAN 1020; MAR 1001.

MINOR: For Yeshiva College Students
Eighteen credits chosen from ACC 1001, 1002; BUS 1001; FIN 1001; IDS 1020; MAN 1020, MAR 1001 and two business electives.

CHEMISTRY (CHE)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
CHE 1045–1046 (lecture and laboratory or CHE 1045H and CHE 1046H); CHE 1122; CHE 1213-1214 (lecture and laboratory); CHE 1415–1416; CHE 1937 or 1938; MAT 1412, 1413; PHY 1031, 1032 or 1041, 1042 (lecture and laboratory; 1041, 1042 highly recommended); and one additional advanced CHE course.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
CHE 1045–1046 (lecture and laboratory); CHE 1122 or 1415; CHE 1213–1214 (lecture and laboratory); and one additional CHE course.

CLASSICAL LANGUAGES (CLA)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
Latin, two years (not including LAT 1101–1102); Greek, two years; also such additional courses, not exceeding 15 credits, as may be prescribed by the senior professor of classics, Dr. Feldman, for the individual student. Adviser: Dr. L. Feldman.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Eighteen credits in Latin or 18 credits in Greek or 24 credits in Latin and Greek.

COMPUTER SCIENCES (COM)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
COM 1300, 1320, 1504, 1621, 2113, 2545, 3610, 3640, 4512 and 6 credits in COM advanced electives (AE) chosen with the approval of the Department Chair; MAT 1412 and MAT 2105.

Note also the computer track of the mathematics major.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
COM 1300, 1320, 1504, 2545, 4512 and 3 additional credits in COM advanced electives (AE) chosen with the approval of the Department Chair; MAT 1412.
ECONOMICS (ECO)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
For students beginning their studies prior to the Fall 2010 semester:
ECO 1011 (or 1041), 1021 (or 1031), 1101, 1201; STA 1021; 18 additional credits in ECO courses or FIN 1408. Up to 6 other credits in courses in the Sy Syms School may count toward the major in addition to FIN 1408, excluding courses in management information systems. Students considering graduate study in economics are advised to take ECO 1421 and MAT 1412, 1413, and at least two 1500-level or higher Mathematics classes.

For students beginning their studies in Fall 2010 or later:
ECO 1031, 1041, 1101, 1201; STA 1021; ECO 1421; 15 additional credits in ECO courses or FIN 1408. Up to 6 other credits in Finance or Accounting courses in the Sy Syms School may count toward the major. Please note that Sy Syms courses in other areas such as Marketing or Management no longer count toward the major. Students considering graduate study in economics are advised to take ECO 1421 and MAT 1412, 1413, and at least two 1500-level or higher Mathematics classes. Two 1500-level or higher Mathematics classes will count as three credits toward the Economics elective requirements.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Eighteen credits including ECO 1011 (or 1041), 1021 (or 1031). Please note that the introductory (ECO 1011/1041 and 1021/1031) and intermediate (ECO 1101, 1201) classes are offered every semester. Generally, other electives are offered at most once a year on a rotational basis. Check with the economics professors for the courses planned over the next year. (Updated 10/27/10)

ENGLISH (ENG)**

MAJOR: Yeshiva College. 33 credits
3 Credits. GATEWAY COURSE (Required): The Question of Texts— ENG 2010 Interpreting Texts: Literary Reading and Critical Practice—to be taken in the first two semesters of study for the major; not restricted to students who major in English.

Continent. One course including an additional national literature and focusing on literature written between 1760 and the present

6 credits. 2 COURSES (Required): The Question of Forms, Practices, and Interpretive Communities—course numbers are preceded by letter "F" (for FORMS) and divided into 2000 level (introductory) and 3000 level (advanced)

6 credits. 2 COURSES (Required): The Question of Traditions-course numbers are preceded by letter "T" (for TRADITIONS) and divided into 2000 level (introductory) and 3000 level (advanced)

One course focusing on Medieval to Early Modern Literature and Culture (c. 650
to 1760) – includes literatures of the Americas as well as from Britain.

Can be satisfied by topics courses that emphasize the following elements: Form, Genre and Media Studies, Culture, Nation, and Identities, Theory and Criticism.

3 credits. 1 WRITING COURSE (Required): The Question of Authoring and Composing One advanced writing course of any sort (poetry/fiction; nonfiction; journalism, etc.)

Cultures, Hebrew Literature, Jewish Studies, Social Science, and the Arts.

12 credits. 4 ELECTIVE COURSES (Non-Required): The Question of “Elective Affinities”

Two additional courses to be taken EITHER within the major OR, WITH APPROVAL OF THE SPECIFIC COURSE; in Languages and Literature.

12 credits. 1 CAPSTONE COURSE (Required): The Question of Texts II “ENGL 3000 Senior Colloquium and Orals Exam—to be taken in the last two semesters of study for the major; restricted to students who major in English.

Total: 33 credits

NOTE TO NON-MAJORS:

Under the new curriculum, the only pre-requisites for English courses are as follows: 1) Any 3000 level course requires that you have already taken a 2000 level course. 2) Advanced writing courses require 1101/1102, 1107, or 1931H/1932H.

NOTE ON LITERATURE MINOR: 18 credits REQUIRED. ENG 1101 and 1102 or 1931H and 1932H; ENG 2010 and 15 additional ENG literature credits. All of the courses must be taken in residence.

FINANCE (FIN)

MAJOR: Sy Syms School of Business

Twenty-four credits comprised of FIN 1408, 2505; 2521; 3510; 2409 (Capstone); two FIN courses chosen from 2511, 3851, and 3603, and one elective course in any discipline with the approval of an academic advisor. See also Business and Management (BUS) section above.

MINOR: For Sy Syms School of Business students

Three courses chosen from FIN 1408, 2505, 2511, 2521, 3020, 3301, 3310, 3510, 3603, 3851 (9 credits).
FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Yeshiva College offers instruction in the following foreign languages: French, German, Japanese, Russian, Semitic languages (Arabic, Aramaic), Spanish, and Yiddish. Full course descriptions and programs are listed under each language. Course descriptions for Latin and Greek are listed under the heading Classical Languages.

Hebrew is not considered a foreign language at Yeshiva College.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Twenty-four credits in two foreign or classical languages. Students must complete the intermediate sequence (or higher) in each language. Students wishing to minor in Greek or Latin should refer to the requirements for the classics minor.

FRENCH (FRE)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
Twenty-seven credits in FRE courses including 2101, 2102 (or 2125–2126 and 2127–2128) and 1421. FRE 1101–1102 and 3000-level courses may not be included. Requirements also include such additional courses, not exceeding 15 credits, as may be prescribed by the cluster adviser for the individual student. Recommended: courses in classics or another foreign language, English literature, history, political science and philosophy. French adviser: Dr. N. Bartholomew (Music).

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Eighteen credits in FRE courses, including one advanced language course—either FRE 1245 or 1421—and two literature courses, one of which should cover the medieval and pre-modern periods. Courses at the 3000 level may not be included.

HEBREW (HEB) **

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
Twenty-four credits in HEB courses more advanced than 1206. For Yeshiva College and Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies (IBC) students, these must be transferred from IBC.

MAJOR: Isaac Breuer College
Twenty-nine credits in HEB courses; comprehensive examination or HEB 4950. Students who complete HEB 4950 need not take a qualifying examination in their minor subject.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Twelve credits in Hebrew courses more advanced than 1206.

MINOR: Isaac Breuer College
Twenty-three credits in Hebrew courses; qualifying examination. At
Yeshiva College and Isaac Breuer College, course offerings begin with HEB 1205.

**Procedures for Hebrew Placement and Course Registration**

The following rules apply to all students beginning their Hebrew sequence at YC or IBC in or after January 2010, except for students who have senior status as of January 2010.

A. The Hebrew Sequence:

1. The required Hebrew Sequence consists of Intermediate Hebrew 1 and Intermediate Hebrew 2, numbered Hebrew 1205 and Hebrew 1206 respectively.
2. Before beginning Hebrew 1205, a student must demonstrate his mastery of elementary Hebrew by means of a placement test.
3. Students who do not possess such mastery may remediate this deficiency in one of the following ways.
   i. Students beginning Yeshiva College in the fall can attend a summer Ulpan at an Israeli school, for which the student would not receive YC credit
   ii. A 3-credit class in YC, entitled “Elementary Hebrew” (For the Spring 2010 semester ONLY, this course will carry 3 credits. This is intended as a pilot.)
   iii. A six credit, one-semester class in IBC entitled “Elementary Biblical Hebrew” (begins in January and in September)
   iv. A twelve credit, two-semester class in IBC entitled “Intensive Elementary Biblical Hebrew” (begins in September only and continues for both fall and spring semesters)

   The Hebrew Coordinator will evaluate each student needing remediation, and will direct him to the course of action most appropriate for him. In general, students who need less intensive remediation will be directed to options (i), or (ii); students who need more remediation will be directed to option (iii); students who need far more remediation will be directed to option (iv).

4. The Hebrew Coordinator will work with the S.D. Abraham Israel Program to administer the placement tests to students enrolled in this program, and to encourage students who have not mastered elementary Hebrew to do so in the course of the S.D. Abraham Israel Program.
5. The placement test will also offer exemption from Hebrew 1205 and Hebrew 1206 to qualified students.

6. Since students with a range of abilities take Hebrew 1205 and 1206, several sections of these classes will be offered at the same hour and sections will be tracked. This means that students may not choose their teacher.

B. Procedures for Moving from Course to Course

1. At the end of Hebrew 1205, all students will take a uniform proficiency test, based on the topic-list for Hebrew 1205. A student who fails the proficiency test cannot earn a grade higher than D in Hebrew 1205. Students who fail this proficiency test cannot move on to Hebrew 1206. They will have one chance to re-take the proficiency test. If they fail the proficiency test a second time, they will have to re-take Hebrew 1205.

2. At the end of Hebrew 1206, all students will take a uniform proficiency test, which will be based on the topic-list for Hebrew 1206. Students who fail this proficiency test cannot pass Hebrew 1206. They will have one chance to re-take the proficiency test. If they fail the proficiency test a second time, they will have to re-take Hebrew 1206.

3. The proficiency tests will form part of the final exam in Hebrew 1205 and 1206.

4. Each course will have a mid-semester uniform proficiency test, to help teachers and students in preparing for the end-of-semester test.

The rules in section C and D apply only to students who first begin classes at the Wilf Campus in or after January 2010.

C. Sequence of Registration:

1. Students begin their Hebrew sequence, or their course of remediation, in the first semester they are in residence at Yeshiva College, and continue taking courses until they have completed Hebrew 1206. In general, they cannot break the sequence in the middle.

2. With the approval of an advisor, a student may break the sequence for a single semester. However, after more than one semester of break in the sequence, the student will need to re-take and pass the placement or proficiency exam for the last course they took, before proceeding. If he
does not pass the proficiency test, he will need to re-take the last course.

3. A student who breaks the sequence without the approval of an advisor will need to re-take the final proficiency test for the course he last took, even if there is only one semester of break in sequence. If he does not pass the proficiency test, he will need to re-take the last course.

4. Students should complete Hebrew 1206 before the end of their junior year in order to ensure timely graduation.

D. Correlation to Bible Classes:

5. Hebrew 1205 is a co-requisite 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 Hebrew 1205.

6. Students cannot take any Bible text classes until they have completed or been exempted from Hebrew 1205.

7. Hebrew 1206 is co-requisite to Bible text classes.

8. The Bible department is working on ways of accommodating students with the following problem: Students who do remedial work in their first year on campus, and who then do not pass Hebrew 1205 in their 3rd semester on campus, and need to take a Bible course in their 4th semester on campus.

HISTORY (HIS)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
Thirty-three credits, including HIS 1001, 1002, and at least 6 credits in American history. With the permission of the departmental adviser, up to 6 credits in Jewish history (in excess of those used to meet Jewish studies distribution requirement) may count toward the major.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Eighteen credits, including HIS 1001, 1002, and at least 6 credits in American history. With the permission of departmental adviser, 3 credits in Jewish history (in excess of those used to meet Jewish studies distribution requirement) may be counted toward the minor.

Courses in Jewish history are listed under Jewish History (JHI).
HUMANITIES (HUM)

MINOR: For Sy Syms School of Business students
Fifteen credits chosen from ART, ENG, HIS, and PHI. Maximum of two courses per aforementioned areas.

INFORMATION AND DECISION SCIENCES (IDS)

MAJOR: Sy Syms School of Business
Twenty-four credits including 5 required IDS courses, IDS1030, 35303560, 2822, 3000, ; and three elective courses chosen from business or other disciplines. Electives from disciplines other than business disciplines require written approval. See also Business and Management (BUS) section above.

MINOR: For Sy Syms School of Business students
Three courses chosen from IDS 1030, 2160, 2250, 2255, 2500, 2822, 3010, 3530, 3560, 3600.

JEWISH HISTORY (JHI)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
Jewish studies majors may concentrate in Jewish history. See the description of the Jewish studies major.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Two survey courses in Jewish history and 15 additional credits in Jewish history courses.

Qualified upperclassmen may receive permission to take courses in Jewish history at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies. Consult the schedule to see the offerings available. Students who plan to do graduate work in Jewish history or major in Jewish studies with a Jewish history concentration are strongly advised to fulfill their Jewish history requirements at Yeshiva College as soon as possible.

JEWISH PHILOSOPHY (JPH)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
Jewish studies majors at these schools may concentrate in Jewish philosophy. See the description of the Jewish studies major.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Eighteen credits (including 6 in general philosophy), to be determined in consultation with the faculty.

Qualified upperclassmen may receive permission to take courses in Jewish philosophy at Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies. JPH 5011
(Survey of Medieval Jewish Philosophy) and JPH 5012 (Survey of Modern and Contemporary Jewish Philosophy) are open to students with averages of 3.0 or higher; other courses require prior permission of the instructor. Consult the schedule for offerings.

JEWSIH STUDIES (JST)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College MYP and SBMP Students: Eight courses in Jewish studies (consisting of at least 22 credits) beyond those taken for the general education requirements. Five courses in an area of concentration, consisting of at least 13 credits, defined either in terms of a discipline or a period. One course in Jewish Philosophy or Thought. In addition, students must demonstrate competence in academic Hebrew.

Correlate: three courses outside of Jewish studies beyond the general education requirements in a discipline or area (generally in the humanities or social sciences) chosen by the student based on his particular areas of interest in Jewish studies and approved by the faculty.

No HES credits for study in Israel, MYP, or SBMP may be counted toward the major. A maximum of two courses taken outside of Yeshiva College (YC) may be applied to the major with the approval of the faculty.

All students who wish to major in Jewish studies in Yeshiva College must satisfy the YC Jewish studies general education requirement for MYP/SBMP students as part of having a Jewish studies major in YC.

MINOR: Yeshiva College MYP and SBMP Students: Five courses consisting of at least 13 credits.

MINOR: Isaac Breuer College
Thirty-three (33) credits from Isaac Breuer College transferred to Yeshiva College. No courses taken in the The James Striar School/Mechinah Program may be counted toward the major at Yeshiva College.

MANAGEMENT (MAN)

MAJOR: Sy Syms School of Business
The management major has 2 tracks: One track is Entrepreneurship and the other is Human and Organizational Studies

The Entrepreneurship Track is a 24-credit major that requires MAN 3780, 3786, 3790, 3796, and 3720 and 3 business or other electives. Recommended electives include MAN 2510, 2711, 3015 and 4931. Other electives require written approval.

The Human and Organizational Studies Track is a 24-credit major that requires
MAN 2110, 2370, 2621, 3720 and 4931 and 3 business or other electives. Recommended electives include MAN 2380, 3015, 3601 and 3605. Other electives require written approval.

See also Business and Management section above.

MINOR: Sy Syms School of Business
The Entrepreneurship Track: Three courses (9 credits) chosen from MAN 2510, 3780; 3790; 4931.

The Human Resources and Organizational Studies Track: Three courses (9 credits) chosen from MAN 2110, 2370, 2380, 2621, 2943, 3501, 3601, 3780, 4931.

MARKETING (MAR)

MAJOR: Sy Syms School of Business
Twenty-four credits: MAR 2501, 2621, 3313, 3341, 3720 and 3 elective courses, which can be three business or other elective courses. Recommended courses are MAR 3321, 3331, 3605, MAN 4931. Electives other than the recommended ones require written approval. See also Business and Management (BUS) section above.

MINOR: Sy Syms School of Business
Three courses from the following: MAR 2501, 2621, 2941, 3313, 3321, 3341, 3605, and 3796.

MATHEMATICS (MAT)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
GENERAL TRACK
MAT 1412, 1413, 1510, 1520, 1521, 2105, and 12 additional credits in advanced MAT courses; also three correlate courses approved by the senior professor (PHY 1041-1042 R&L and COM 1300 are strongly recommended). Students interested in actuarial mathematics are advised to take MAT 2461, 2462. For such students, ECO 1011, 1021 and COM 1300 are recommended correlates.

COMPUTER TRACK
MAT 1412, 1413, 1510, 2105, and any two of the following electives: MAT 1520, 1521, 2215, 2461, 2651. Also COM 1300, 1320, 1504, 1621, 2113, 2545, and one of COM 3563, 3610, 3640. (Updated 8/29/10)

MINOR: Yeshiva College
MAT 1412, 1413, 1510, 2105 and 6 additional MAT credits approved by the senior professor.

The normal sequence of courses in the first two years is 1412, 1413, 1510, and
A mathematics placement examination is administered during the period of orientation. Students must take this test before registering for MAT 1160, 1412. Courses in statistics are listed under STA and STB.

MUSIC (MUS)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
PHILIP AND SARAH BELZ PROGRAM: MUS 1111A, 1112A, or 1400H; 1350–1351, 2111–2114, plus an additional 15 MUS credits, including courses in each of the four areas within the discipline (music history and literature, music theory, musical performance, and applied study) as determined by the cluster adviser in consultation with each student. Students may count toward the major no more than 6 credits total in musical performance and applied study, with no more than 4 credits in applied study. Music adviser: Dr. N. Bartholomew.

Music majors must take a keyboard proficiency exam upon entrance to MUS 2111. A student who does not pass the exam must take Keyboard Skills, MUS 2113L; and/or 2114L, depending on placement. The 1 credit for each semester of Keyboard Skills counts toward the maximum 4 credits in applied study.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
MUS 1111A, 1112A, or 1400H; 1350 or 1351, 2111–2112, plus an additional 9 credits from any of the four areas noted above. Students may count no more than 4 credits total in musical performance and applied study toward the minor.

PHILOSOPHY (PHI)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
PHI 1100, 1600, and 4931; two courses chosen from 2170, 2420, or 2560; and 15 additional credits in PHI courses. In addition, a three-course sequence in a subject related to the major, chosen with the written approval of the cluster adviser. With his permission, up to 6 credits in Jewish philosophy (JPH) may count toward the major. Cluster adviser: Dr. Johnson.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
PHI 1100, 1600; two courses chosen from 2170, 2420, or 2560; and 6 additional credits in PHI courses chosen with the written approval of the cluster adviser. Note: courses in Jewish philosophy are listed under JPH.

PHYSICS (PHY)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
Thirty-three credits in physics courses. PHY 1041R&L, 1042R&L, 1120, 1221, 1321, 1510, 1621, 1810, one semester of Physics Colloquium (PHY4935), and six additional credits in PHY electives. MAT 1412, 1413, 1510 are required and Mathematical Physics PHY 4932 is recommended.
Pre-engineering students who wish to fulfill the requirements for a Physics major may satisfy up to 9 credits with course work at Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science. These 9 credits must be chosen with the approval of the Physics department chair at Yeshiva College.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Twenty-two credits in physics courses. All students either majoring or minoring in physics must consult with the Physics department chair for guidance as to an appropriate program

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
Thirty-three credits (11 courses). The course of study in political science is designed to give students a breadth of knowledge of the discipline while allowing them the freedom to concentrate their studies in those area(s) where they are most interested. There are three parts to the major: 1) introductory courses that provide a foundation to the different subfields of the discipline; 2) elective course distribution that provides greater depth and narrower focus in each of the subfields; and 3) free electives that allow students to pursue those area(s) of political science that they find most interesting.

Introductory courses—9 credits (three courses). Students must take at least three of the five introductory courses: Introduction to American Politics, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to Political Theory: Great Political Thinkers, and Fundamentals of Political Science.*

Electives—24 credits (eight courses). Students must take at least one elective in each subfield (four courses). The remaining four courses may be taken in any subfield.

* Fundamentals of Political Science is recommended for non-majors who would like an overview of the discipline or students considering the major. It is not required for the major but may be counted toward the introductory course requirements. Majors are urged to take the subfield-specific introductory courses instead.

Internships and cross-listed courses. With department approval, students may earn 3 internship credits to count toward satisfaction of the elective requirement. Students may use up to two courses cross-listed with other departments toward their elective requirement.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Eighteen credits (six courses). Two of the five introductory courses (6 credits); at least one elective course in three of the four subfields (9 credits); remaining course may be taken in any subfield (3 credits).
Courses in political science are divided into subfields. Those numbered x1xx are courses in American politics; x2xx are in comparative politics; x3xx are in international relations; x4xx are in political theory; and x5xx are general or cross-field courses. Courses numbered 1xxx are introductory-level courses; courses numbered 2xxx are electives, for which the introductory course is generally recommended or required; courses numbered 3xxx are advanced seminars that will usually have particular prerequisites; and courses numbered 4xxx are independent reading or research projects.

American Politics
1101 Introduction to American Politics
1105 Issues in American Public Policy
2100 The American Presidency
2105 Congress and the Legislative Process
2110 Public Administration and Bureaucratic Politics
2115 Congress and the Legislative Process
2120 National Institutions
2125 Political Parties and Interest Groups
2130 Public Opinion and Political Behavior
2135 Voting and Elections
2140 Law and Politics
2145 American Constitutional Law
2150 Civil Liberties
2155 Politics of Criminal Justice
2160 American Social Movements
2170 Media and Politics
2175 Race and Religion in American Politics
2180 The American Welfare State
2190 through 2199 Topics in American Politics
3110 Seminar: American Political Development
3115 Seminar: Dynamics of American Politics
3175 Seminar: American Politics
4100 Independent Study in American Politics

Comparative Politics
1201 Introduction to Comparative Politics
2200 Politics of Advanced Democracies
2201 European Political Development
2205 African Politics
2210 East Asian Politics
2215 Latin American Politics
2220 Middle East Politics
2225 Politics of Countries in Transition from Communism
2235 Israeli Politics
2240 Escaping Poverty, Oppression, and Violence: Problems of Development
2245 Race, Nation, and Ethnicity in a Global World
2250 Social Movements: Mobilizing for Change
2255 Regime and Opposition
2260 Democratization
2265 Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective
2290 through 2299 Topics in Comparative Politics
3205 Seminar: Welfare States in Comparative Perspective
3210 Seminar: Resilience of Authoritarianism in the Middle East
3225 Seminar: Nation and State Building in the Post-Cold War Era
3230 Seminar: European Politics
3275 Seminar: Comparative Politics
4200 Independent Study in Comparative Politics

International Relations
1301 Introduction to International Relations
1305 American Foreign Policy
2310 European Foreign Policy: Trends and Issues
2315 International Law and Organization
2320 Money and Power in International Politics
2325 Intelligence and National Security
2330 Terrorism and Low-Intensity Conflict
2340 International Relations of the Middle East
2390 through 2399 Topics in International Relations
3300 Seminar: Statecraft Analysis
3310 Seminar: Globalization
3315 Seminar: Humanitarian Intervention
3375 Seminar: International Relations
4300 Independent Study in International Relations
Political Theory
1401 Great Political Thinkers: Introduction to Political Theory
2405 Classical Political Theory
2410 Modern Political Theory
2415 Contemporary Political Theory
2430 American Political Thought
2435 Contemporary Political Ideologies
2490 through 2499 Topics in Political Theory
3475 Seminar: Political Theory
4400 Independent Study in Political Theory

General/Cross-Field
1501 Fundamentals of Political Science
2505 Topics in Political Science
3575 Research Methods
4580 Senior Thesis

PRE-ENGINEERING
MAJOR: Yeshiva College
CHE 1045-1046 (lecture and laboratory); MAT 1412, 1413, 1510, 2105, 2601;
PHY 1041–1042R&L, 1120 or 1621; COM 1300; ECO 1031. Additional electives in
Physics, Math, Chemistry, or Computer Science will be recommended for
specific fields in engineering by the Pre-Engineering Advisor.

The university has combined plans with Columbia University as well as SUNY-
Stony Brook. Under the BA/BS plan, a student who attends Yeshiva University
for three years, maintains an overall 3.0 GPA as well as a B+ average in
Program-required courses (with no grade lower than a B-), and receives the
recommendation of the Pre-Engineering Adviser is admitted to Columbia
University School of Engineering and Applied Science or SUNY-SB as a junior.
The student attends the receiving Engineering School for two years; upon the
successful completion of the program, Yeshiva University confers the Bachelor of
Arts degree and Columbia/SB confers the Bachelor of Science degree
concurrently. Under the BA/MS plan, the student, if admitted by Columbia, earns
an appropriate bachelor’s degree at Yeshiva University in any of the other majors
approved in Yeshiva College and, after at least two additional years of study at
Columbia University, receives the master’s degree, bypassing the bachelor’s
degree in engineering.

Students in the BA/BS combined plan must maintain registration at Yeshiva
University by filing a Leave of Absence form until they receive the B.A. degree.
They must meet the same requirements for graduation as all students who spend
three years in residence at the university including the completion of a Y.C.
accepted major. To be eligible to commence Engineering Studies as a
Combined Plan Program Student, the candidate must have completed all
requirements for Y.C. graduation (completion of an approved major and all YC
required course and distribution requirements) by the end of the Spring Semester
before matriculating at Columbia. The candidate must also have accumulated at
least 58 in-residence Credits. The Pre-Engineering Major is only accepted as
fulfillment of the Y.C. Graduation Requirement if a B.S. is also earned at an
approved Combined Plan School or at an ABET accredited Department at
another school. (Updated 12/16/10)
Students interested in the pre-engineering options are urged to discuss their specific course of study with the Pre-Engineering Adviser each semester prior to registration.

With regards to A.P. credits, students should be aware that if even if they receive exemption from Lab from Y.U., they may still have to augment their High School Laboratory experience by successfully completing University Level Laboratory courses. All Combined Plan participants should consult with the Pre-Engineering advisor as soon as they arrive on campus to discuss this and other matters that may impact their academic plan. (updated 12/16/10)

PRE-HEALTH PREPARATION

The Pre-Health Programming Office assists students in identifying and attaining their professional goals from their time of first arrival on campus through the application process. We provide guidance on academic and extra-curricular opportunities, programming that includes deans of admissions from professional schools as well as practitioners, many of whom are Yeshiva College alumni, and we support a variety of student-run activities. For more information please consult the Director of Pre-Health Programming, at Furst Hall Suite 101, tel. 212 960 5278, web: www.yu.edu/pre-health/. There is also more information in the section titled Academic Advisement.

Students considering a career in the health professions have the option of majoring in any area they are keenly interested in. There are a number of science courses that must be completed prior to applying to health professional school, and these requirements vary from program to program. While we have listed the minimal requirements for medical and dental school below, it is imperative that you meet with the Pre-health Program Director early in your first semester on campus in order to plan your schedule based on the health professional program that you are currently interested in. Your focus may change while you are at YU, but since most of the health professional programs have similar requirements, usually a slight adjustment in your biology courses will address the different requirements. In addition to academic requirements, health professional schools expect practical experience with patients prior to applying, and many programs expect basic science research laboratory experience as well.

Students interested in the health professions should sign up for the Pre-health Listserv at https://lists.yu.edu/mailman/listinfo/yeshiva-prehealth in order to receive the crucial information about pre-professional events with deans of admissions and alumni who are health care practitioners, as well as research and volunteer opportunities.

Combined degrees in programs in dentistry, optometry, or podiatric medicine are offered in joint plans by Yeshiva University and the NYU College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry, and the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, respectively. During the first three years of these programs, the
student fulfills the above requirements. Upon receiving the recommendation of The Yeshiva College Office of the Dean, the student is admitted into the cooperating school and attends for four years, qualifying for degrees at both institutions. Yeshiva University confers the Bachelor of Arts degree upon a student undertaking the combined plan at the successful completion of the fourth year of study. Students in a combined plan must maintain registration until they receive the B.A. degree. They must meet the same requirements for graduation as all other students.

PRE-LAW PREPARATION

The best preparation for law school is the pursuit of challenging, well-balanced courses in which you are interested, while emphasizing the acquisition of skills and bodies of knowledge. Law schools do not prefer any specific major so your choice of one should be determined by your interests and abilities.

Students should concentrate on perfecting skills in English composition and argument; the importance of oral and written communication skills cannot be overstated. Courses that require extensive reading, research, writing, and oral presentations, especially advanced level and honors seminars, will develop these skills.

Additionally, mathematics, computer science (COM 1300), economics (ECO 1021, ECO 1101), logic (PHI 1100), statistics (STA 1021), and the natural sciences will aid in the development of analytical and quantitative skills. Finally, students contemplating international law or law in a bilingual community should take advantage of opportunities to learn languages and to study abroad through one of Yeshiva University’s programs.

Some students will find it difficult to determine whether law will be a suitable career choice. They may want to explore the law school option by enrolling in one or two law-oriented courses to test their interest in this area, i.e. Economics and the Law (ECO 2005), Power and Public Policy (POL 2190H), American Political Thought (POL 2430), The American Presidency (POL 2100). They might also want to consider taking advantage of the many prelaw mentoring and internship opportunities.

Students should be aware that most law schools actively discourage prelaw students from taking too many law-related courses, as they prefer that students concentrate on acquiring a broad field of general knowledge and skills as a sound foundation for legal studies.

Guidance is available for all students interested in law school admissions, the application process, and other general information. Students can consult the Director of Prelaw Advisement in Furst Hall Suite 101. at 212.960.5395.
PSYCHOLOGY (PSY)

MAJOR: Yeshiva College
The following requirements are in effect for students beginning with the entering class of fall 1998. Thirty-four credits: PSY 1010, 1110, 2100C, 2150, 3800, 3804; STA 1021; and 12 additional credits in PSY courses.

A maximum of 6 independent study credits may count toward the major. Either PSY 3410 or 3430 may count toward the major or minor, but not both. Certain courses in other clusters may, with permission, count toward elective credits in the major.

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Eighteen credits in PSY, including PSY 1010. STA 1021 may count. Qualified upperclassmen may receive permission to take courses at Yeshiva University Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology.

SOCIAL SCIENCE (SOS)

MINOR: For Sy Syms School of Business students
Fifteen credits chosen from POL, PSY, and SOC. Maximum of two courses per aforementioned areas.

SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

For Students Who Declared their Major Prior to September, 2009.

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR: Yeshiva College
SOC 1001, 1504 or 1505, 1643 or 1644, 4931 or 4932, STA 1021, and an additional 15 credits in SOC courses chosen in consultation with one of the members of the sociology faculty.

(10 courses: Intro, Methods, Theory, Seminar (not specifically listed as Capstone, just 4931 or 4932), Statistics, + five courses)

SOCIOLOGY MINOR: Yeshiva College
SOC 1001, 1504 or 1505, STA 1021 and an additional 6 credits in SOC courses.

(5 courses: Intro, Methods, Statistics, plus two other courses)

PUBLIC HEALTH MINOR: Yeshiva College
SOC 1001, 1233, 1236, 1242, 1504. BIO 1011-1012 R&L and STA 1021 are recommended for students who opt for this minor track.

(5 courses required, 2 more recommended: Intro, Intro to Public Health, Epidemiology, Sociology of Mental Health, Methods all required. Principles of Biology and Statistics recommended)

New Sociology Major, For Students Declaring their Major after September, 2009.
NEW SOCIOLOGY MAJOR: Yeshiva College: 33 Credits
SOC 1001, 2504, 2506 or 2507, 4931 and an additional 21 credits of which 18 credits must be in sociology and 3 credits may be in any social science or history course. A maximum of 12 credits may be at level 1.

MINOR: 15 Credits
SOC 1001, 2504, 2506 or 2507 and an additional 6 credits in sociology.

FOR ALL MAJORS AND MINORS
- All sociology majors and minors must speak with the sociology advisor once a year
- No course taken pass/fail may count toward the major or minor requirement
- No more than three courses of the seven electives for the major and no more than two courses for the minor may be taken with the same professor.
- A maximum of six directed or independent study credits (two courses) may count toward the major. No directed or independent study credits may count toward the minor.
- We encourage our majors and minors to fulfill their quantitative reasoning class with “Statistics” (Level 1). If students take Statistics it can be counted as one of their level 1 electives.

SPANISH (SPA)

MINOR: Yeshiva College
Eighteen credits in SPA courses, including one advanced language course and two literature courses (one on Latin American literature and one on the literature of Spain). Courses at the 3000 level may not be included. Spanish adviser: Dr. N. Bartholomew (Music)

Speech & Drama (SPE)

MINOR: Yeshiva College
SPE 1010 and 12 elective credits in theatre, film, or media studies, of which no more than 2 may be from SPE 2031. With permission of the department adviser, 4 elective credits in ENG drama courses or playwriting may be used to meet the requirement. Department adviser: Dr. N. Bartholomew