

HEBREW AND JUDAIC STUDIES AND HISTORY (PHD)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/hebrewjudaic/>)

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Program Description

A joint degree PhD program is available with the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies. Admission to this joint degree program must be granted by both the Department of History and the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies upon entry or at the point of screening. The program for the PhD degree provides a framework within which students can acquire the following training and experience: (1) broad exposure to a general area of interest and to its current literature and controversies; (2) more intense training in the special field in which the student intends to conduct research and do his or her primary teaching; (3) a sound but more limited introduction to a second field; (4) training in research procedures and methods; (5) appropriate linguistic competence; and (6) the completion of a dissertation judged to be a significant piece of historical research and writing.

Admissions

All applicants to the Graduate School of Arts and Science (GSAS) are required to submit the general application requirements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc.html>), which include:

- Academic Transcripts (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/academic-transcripts.html>)
- Test Scores (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/test-scores.html>) (if required)
- Applicant Statements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/statements.html>)
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
- Letters of Recommendation (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/letters-of-recommendation.html>), and
- A non-refundable application fee (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc.html#fee>).

See Hebrew and Judaic Studies (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc/programs/hebrew-and-judaic-studies.html>) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

Program Requirements

The program requires 72 credits, comprised of 36 credits in Hebrew and Judaic Studies, and 36 credits in History. Students must pass major field written examinations in both departments and a joint oral examination, meet all language requirements for the PhD in Hebrew and Judaic Studies, and present an acceptable dissertation.

Course	Title	Credits
Hebrew and Judaic Studies Requirements		
HBRJD-GA 1005	Prob & Meth in Hebrew & Judaic Studies	3
	Medieval or Modern Jewish History courses	15
	Courses in other periods of Jewish History	9
	Courses in other areas of Judaic Studies	9
History Requirements		

Courses in medieval or modern history	24
Literature of the Field course	4
Other Requirements	
Doctoral Seminars	8
Total Credits	72

Additional Program Requirements

Language Requirement

Students must demonstrate proficiency in the Hebrew language in its various phases as well as a reading knowledge of two modern Western languages or research languages, as demonstrated by examination.

Qualifying Exams

Students must pass written qualifying examinations in major and minor fields and an oral examination in the major field.

Dissertation

Students must present and defend an acceptable dissertation.

Departmental Approval

All Graduate School of Arts & Science doctoral candidates must be approved for graduation by their department for the degree to be awarded.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
HBRJD-GA 1005	Prob & Meth in Hebrew & Judaic Studies	3
	Medieval or Modern Jewish History course	3
	Medieval or Modern Jewish History course	3
	Course in medieval or modern history	4
Credits		13
2nd Semester/Term		
	Literature of the Field Course in History	4
	Course in other periods of Jewish History	3
	Medieval or Modern Jewish History courses	3
	Medieval or Modern Jewish History courses	3
Credits		13
3rd Semester/Term		
	Medieval or Modern Jewish History courses	3
	Course in other periods of Jewish History	3
	Course in other periods of Jewish History	3
Credits		9
4th Semester/Term		
	Course in other areas of Judaic Studies	3
	Course in other areas of Judaic Studies	3
	Course in other areas of Judaic Studies	3
	Course in medieval or modern history	4
Credits		13
5th Semester/Term		
	Doctoral Seminar	4
	Course in medieval or modern history	4
	Doctoral Seminar	4
Credits		12
6th Semester/Term		
	Course in medieval or modern history	4
	Course in medieval or modern history	4

Course in medieval or modern history	4
Credits	12
Total Credits	72

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have:

1. The ability to make a significant and original scholarly contribution to the field.
2. Mastery of the theories and methods of the study of History with specialization in Jewish history.
3. Mastery of the secondary literature in both a sub field of history and a parallel field in Jewish history, including awareness of the critical issues and research questions.
4. The ability to present a significant and original thesis-driven research paper in clear, succinct prose.
5. The ability to design the syllabus for an undergraduate history class, to guide discussion in a seminar, and to deliver an undergraduate lecture.
6. Proficiency in Hebrew, two research languages, and the primary languages relevant to the student's field of interest.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

Graduate School of Arts and Science Policies

Academic Policies for the Graduate School of Arts and Science can be found on the Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).