

HEBREW AND JUDAIC STUDIES (PHD)

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

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Program Description

The PhD is a research degree. Its completion signifies that the recipient is able to conduct original research and has made a serious contribution to knowledge of the field. Students must train in a major and a minor field and must acquire both the Judaic and general background and methodology necessary for their research.

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.

Dual Degree

The Hebrew and Judaic Studies Department offers a dual degree with the NYU School of Law: (<https://www.law.nyu.edu/jdadmissions/dualdegreeprograms/jdma/>) Hebrew and Judaic Studies PhD/Law JD.

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Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 72 credits (a minimum of 32 credits in residence at New York University), including the required course HBRJD-GA 1005 Prob & Meth in Hebrew & Judaic Studies. Students must also pass written qualifying examinations in major and minor fields and an oral examination in the major field, and present an acceptable dissertation. 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.

Course	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
HBRJD-GA 1005	Prob & Meth in Hebrew & Judaic Studies	3

Electives

Hebrew & Judaic Studies Electives	69
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
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
Credits		12
2nd Semester/Term		
Hebrew Language Proficiency		3
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
Credits		12
3rd Semester/Term		
Research Language Proficiency I		3
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
Credits		12
4th Semester/Term		
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
Credits		12
5th Semester/Term		
Research Language Proficiency II		3
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
Credits		12
6th Semester/Term		
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3
PhD Elective		3

PhD Elective	3
Credits	12
Total Credits	72

Following completion of the required coursework for the PhD, students are expected to maintain active status at New York University by enrolling in a research/writing course or a Maintain Matriculation (MAINT-GA 4747) course. All non-course requirements must be fulfilled prior to degree conferral, although the specific timing of completion may vary from student-to-student.

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 Jewish history and literature.
3. Mastery of the secondary literature in two fields of Jewish Studies, 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/>).