

CURRENT GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – B.A. DEGREE – 128 CREDITS

I. General Education – 16 courses

The “Notes” column of the course schedule indicates which category below a given course fulfills.

Modes of Expression

6 credits

2 courses

- English 1100 or 1200H
- Speech 1010

Foundations and Contemporary Perspectives of History, Philosophy & Social Sciences

12 credits

4 courses (from 4 different areas)

- Economics
- History
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Interpreting Literature and the Arts

9 credits

3 courses (from at least 2 different areas)

- Art History – 1050 may not be combined with 1051 or 1052
- English – all literature courses (excluding composition, writing & media courses)
- Music 1111 and all music history courses
- Foreign Language (above the 1101 elementary level)*

Science and Technology

6-8 credits

2 courses

- Biology 1006, 1011, 1012
- Chemistry 1010, 1045, 1046
- Physics 1031, 1032, 1051, 1052
- Science 1060

Quantitative Skills

3-4 credits

1 course

- Computer Science
- IDS 1010
- Mathematics
- Statistics

Electives

12 credits

4 courses

- All liberal arts courses of at least 2 credits
- Jewish Studies courses do not count toward this requirement.
- A maximum of two SSSB courses may count toward this category.

* Hebrew may not be used to satisfy Interpreting Literature and the Arts.

II. Major Requirements - See Fact Sheets and department websites.

Only one course in the major may count toward the general education requirements, with the exception of a science major in which the first year sequence counts toward the Science and Technology category. Exceptions may also apply toward the Quantitative Skills requirement.

III. Jewish Studies Requirements

- SCW/SSSB students are required to complete 22 courses in Jewish Studies [JS] except as indicated Exceptions below.
- A minimum of two Jewish Studies courses is required in each semester of attendance.
- A minimum of 16 credits in Jewish Studies must be taken on the Beren Campus.

Distribution Requirements

Courses that meet the distribution requirement are designated courses that must be taken on the Beren Campus.

Bible	2 course minimum
Judaic Studies	2 course minimum
Jewish History	1 course minimum
Jewish Philosophy	1 course minimum

Hebrew if assigned to:

HEBR 1010	3 courses
HEBR 1020	2 courses
HEBR 1030	1 course

Exceptions:

- **Students pursuing 3-2 Combined Programs in Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant and Podiatry (3 years on campus or one year in Israel and two years on campus):**
 - Those doing three years on the Beren Campus take a total of 17 JS courses [3 JS courses during semesters 1-5 and 2 JS courses in semester 6].
 - Those who earn credit for one year of study in Israel take 2 JS courses per semester during each of the four remaining semesters on campus.
 - Both groups meet the JS distribution
- **Shanna Bet students** may opt to take a 1 credit Beit Midrash class for up to two semesters. This will count as the second of their 2 JS classes. Note that the class will not count towards their distribution requirement. Interested students should contact Dr. Deena Rabinovich at drabinov@yu.edu to see if they qualify for this class.
- **Transfer students and students interested in other combined/joint programs** should meet with the JS academic advisor regarding their JS requirements.
- **Katz/AA degree recipients who are transferring to Stern/Syms**
 - Those students who have spent a year of study in Israel will be required to take 2 JS courses a semester during each of the remaining four semesters on the Beren campus.
 - Those students who have not spent a year of study in Israel will take 3 JS courses for their first semester on the Beren campus and two JS courses for their remaining three semesters on the Beren campus.

IV. Residency - Students must complete at least 84 credits and 6 full-time (12 credits) semesters on SCW's NY campus. Transfer students consult with an academic advisor regarding the residency requirement.

60% of the major and minor must be completed at SCW in NY.

Up to 12 credits of approved courses at AGS and BRGS may apply toward the SCW residency requirement.

V. For associate degree (A.A.) requirements in Jewish Studies, see catalog.

VI. Honors at graduation are based on the GPA for courses taken in residence: Cum Laude 3.500, Magna Cum Laude, 3.700; Summa Cum Laude, 3.850.