



## ABOUT THIS CATALOG

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When preparing their programs each semester, students should consult with faculty advisers and academic counselors.

### **ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

Yeshiva University operates on the semester system. The academic year consists of two semesters, each 15 weeks, including examinations. The fall term runs from late August or early September to mid-January; the spring term runs from late January to late May. Classes meet Sunday through Friday. There is an undergraduate summer session. The University is not responsible for interruptions beyond its control.

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

Yeshiva University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in admissions and all other facets of its educational programs and activities. The responsibility for the University's affirmative action/equal opportunity and unlawful harassment policy lies with all deans, chairpersons, department heads, directors, administrators, managers and supervisors in their areas of responsibility and requires the commitment of the entire University community.

Administrative and investigative responsibility has been assigned to the affirmative action administrator. Inquiries relating to affirmative action or equal opportunity issues, including pursuing a possible violation of the policy, should be directed to Yeshiva University's Diversity & Affirmative Action Officer located at Yeshiva University-Wilf Campus, 2495 Amsterdam Avenue, Room 204, (646) 592-4336.



### **ACCREDITATION**

Yeshiva University is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and by the appropriate professional agencies: the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association, the Association of the American Medical Colleges, the American Psychological Association, the American Bar Association, the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education, the Association of Institutions of Higher Learning for Jewish Education and the National Board of License for Hebrew Teachers.

### **SAFETY & SECURITY**

Yeshiva University takes its responsibility for on-campus security very seriously and makes every effort to offer its students, faculty and staff a safe and comfortable environment by working closely with the local community and with law enforcement agencies. Even though there is a very low rate of crime on our campuses, federal law requires us to make crime statistics available. You can find them at <http://ope.ed.gov/security>. Search for Yeshiva University, then click on a particular campus. At the bottom of each page, you can select various categories of crime statistics to view. You can also contact YU Security at 212.960.5221 for more information.

While emergency events on campus are unlikely, it is vital to be prepared to react accordingly during emergencies to ensure your safety. To get prepared and learn about emergency response at Yeshiva University, visit our Emergency Readiness website: [www.yu.edu/safety-security/emergency](http://www.yu.edu/safety-security/emergency).



## YESHIVA UNIVERSITY OVERVIEW

Yeshiva University is a top-tier national research institution with the guiding vision that the best of the heritage of contemporary civilization and knowledge is compatible with the ancient traditions of Jewish law and life. This is embodied in the concept of Torah Umadda — the Hebrew phrase referring to traditional religious learning combined with contemporary academic study — the cornerstone of the University's mission.

Our three undergraduate schools — Yeshiva College, Stern College for Women and Sy Syms School of Business — offer a dual curriculum under which students pursue liberal arts, sciences and business in conjunction with comprehensive Jewish studies. The University's graduate and affiliated schools — Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies and Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary — embrace the advancement of knowledge in the professions and in Jewish and rabbinical studies, while emphasizing the moral dimensions and values that govern professional practitioners.

Our undergraduate and graduate schools are linked by a common quest: to ennoble students' deepest human needs for purpose and discovery and to enable them to transform their communities and society.

More than 7,200 students, including approximately 2,900 undergraduates, study at YU's five campuses: the Wilf Campus, the Israel Henry Beren Campus and Brookdale Center in Manhattan; the Jack and Pearl Resnick Campus in the Bronx; and the Yeshiva University in Israel Campus in Jerusalem.

With an education firmly rooted in the best of Jewish and American academic traditions, we prepare our graduates to meet with confidence the challenges of leadership in a rapidly changing, ever-evolving world. Our faculty members are authorities in a wide range of subjects and serve as important resources.

Graduates of Yeshiva University have gone on to become Nobel laureates, world political leaders and philanthropists. Our alumni have achieved immense success and made significant contributions to society and the Jewish community both nationally and worldwide. They serve, lead and inspire by example — a testament to the University's greatest resources: our students and faculty.

### MISSION

To bring wisdom to life is Yeshiva's service to humanity and a worthy mission shared in spirit and practice by all associated with the University.

Our students learn and go forth, as both educated and ethical people, to share their own

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special talents and wisdom with society. Our faculty's research, academic work and scholarly writings help bring wisdom to many of the most pressing social, political, medical, legal and human rights issues facing the world today.

Our University serves as a platform to bring Yeshiva's collective wisdom to the world through our community outreach, publications, seminars and broad range of academic programs.

At Yeshiva University, teaching the knowledge and values that bring wisdom to life is not only our mission — it is our proud tradition.

### **HISTORY AND LEADERSHIP**

Yeshiva University traces its origins to Yeshiva Eitz Chaim, established in 1886 on New York's Lower East Side. In 1896, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) was founded; it was chartered in 1897 by the New York State Board of Regents. In 1915, the two schools merged under the leadership of Dr. Bernard Revel, the first president of the newly combined school, who served as president until his death in 1940.

The institution pursued educational development and growth under Dr. Revel's leadership. In 1929, the institution moved to its main campus (now the Wilf Campus) in Manhattan's Washington Heights. Liberal arts programs began with the establishment of Yeshiva College in 1928, and the first graduate curriculum (in Jewish studies) was introduced in 1935.

The election of Dr. Samuel Belkin as president in 1943 inaugurated a new era of expansion. In 1945, the New York State Board of Regents granted the school University status. The institution initiated programs of general and professional studies, research and special projects to benefit many constituencies. These included a college of liberal arts and sciences for women and graduate schools of medicine, law, social work and psychology.

Following Dr. Belkin's death, Dr. Norman Lamm was elected president in 1976. He undertook a complete review of the University's structure and operations and significantly expanded undergraduate study opportunities to include a new undergraduate school of business. He also enriched graduate and professional school resources and established a carefully monitored fiscal system and development program to further the University's goals. After 27 years of service to the University, Dr. Lamm became the school's chancellor and retains the title of Rosh HaYeshiva (head of school) of RIETS.

In 2003, Richard M. Joel was inaugurated as Yeshiva University's fourth president. He put forth a vision built on the pillars of nobility of purpose, excellence in education and endeavor, community building and communal responsibility and the centrality of Israel and its people. Under his leadership, the University created a number of centers and institutes to consolidate the vast intellectual resources of the University and to create cross-disciplinary dialogues both within and without the institution. These included, the Center for the Jewish Future, the Rabbi Arthur Schneier Center for International Affairs, the Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization, the Center for Israel Studies, and the Zahava and Moshael Straus Center for



## Torah and Western Thought.

Dr. Ari Berman celebrated his investiture as Yeshiva University's fifth president on September 10, 2017. His goal is for the University to serve as both the premier Jewish higher educational institution and the spiritual and intellectual epicenter of a robust global movement to unite the international Jewish community and promote the moral and material betterment of human society.

His vision includes a continued dedication to creating an environment that encourage students to think bigger, to think beyond their individual selves, to move history forward, to spread positive values to the world and to fight for peace and prosperity for all of humanity and with all of humanity. Dr. Berman looks forward to increasing the University's partnerships with the State of Israel and speaks often of his optimism of a bright and exciting future for Yeshiva University and his confidence in its students having a significant and positive impact on humanity.

Dr. Berman has a broad range of distinguished experience in the worlds of higher education and Jewish communal life. In 2000, he became Rabbi of The Jewish Center in New York City. Under his leadership, the congregation experienced a rise in all its key metrics, including congregational satisfaction, membership, programming, services, outreach, public activities and financial strength. Simultaneous with his pulpit at the Jewish Center, Dr. Berman served as an Instructor of Talmud at Yeshiva College.

A gifted leader, scholar, and orator, Dr. Berman earned his BA from Yeshiva College, his MA in Medieval Jewish Philosophy from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, and his rabbinical ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS). Following ordination, he was selected as a Fellow in RIETS' post-ordination study program for its most promising students and future rabbinic leaders. His studies also included two years of learning at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel, and after making aliyah to Israel in 2008, he completed his higher education with a PhD in Jewish Thought at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

While in Israel, he was named Instructor of Jewish Thought at Midreshet Moriah in 2013 and was appointed head (Rosh ha-Merkaz) of Hechal Shlomo – Center of Jewish Heritage in Jerusalem in 2015, where he initiated a transformation of the historic organization into an international center for Jewish life, learning and leadership. He also served as a lecturer of rabbinic literature in Herzog College's Jewish Studies Department and was selected to sit on its Executive Leadership Council, the governing body that establishes policies and sets direction for all major issues regarding the college's operation.

Dr. Berman is an active and erudite spokesman for the Jewish community. He lectures widely throughout the United States and Israel and has written numerous articles on subjects including current trends in Jewish thought and the future of Orthodoxy. He is married to Anita (Ash), a registered dietician and graduate of the Yeshiva University High School for Girls.

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### **AN INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION**

Since its founding, Yeshiva University has been an independent institution under Jewish auspices chartered by the State of New York. It is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and by specialized professional agencies. It offers programs leading to associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctoral and professional degrees and certificates. Beyond its extensive teaching programs, the University maintains a network of affiliates, conducts widespread programs of research and community outreach and issues publications.