



Stern College for Women

Established in 1954 through a major gift from the late industrialist Max Stern, in memory of his parents, Emanuel and Caroline Stern, Stern College for Women is the college of arts and sciences for women of Yeshiva University. The rigorous curricula prepare women for careers, graduate study, and leadership in their communities while embodying the unique concept that the values of Judaism are relevant to the general culture of Western civilization.

The college provides academic majors in 21 arts and sciences disciplines, all leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree. It also awards the Associate in Arts degree in Jewish Studies. In addition, combined and joint degree programs are offered in several other disciplines—including engineering, optometry, podiatry, Jewish studies, Jewish education, nursing, physician assistant, physical therapy, occupational therapy and Social Work—in conjunction with the university's graduate schools and other leading universities.

As part of the curriculum leading to the bachelor's degree, all students progressively obtain a strong mastery of Jewish texts through the Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies, which offers a broad selection of courses ranging in skill level from elementary to advanced. Designed to deepen ethical and philosophical insight and values, this Department affords valuable training in research methods and independent work.

The college's location at Yeshiva University's Israel Henry Beren Campus in the heart of midtown Manhattan adds immeasurably to students' educational experiences. New York—the cultural and economic capital of the world—offers opportunities like no other place. The college has approximately 1000 students from some two dozen states and a number of other countries.

Now in the second half of its first century, Stern College for Women has developed a broad set of educational programs, internships, and research opportunities as well as cultural enrichment programs to develop the talents and respond to the interests of the individual student—graduating women well prepared both to contribute to society and take on the challenges of tomorrow.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS

- A. **Credit Requirement:** Each student must complete 128 credits.
- B. **Residency Requirements:** Students must be in residence full time at Stern College in New York for at least six semesters and must complete at least 84 credits, including 60% of their major and/or minor, at Stern College.
Transfer students should consult with an academic advisor regarding their residency requirements



Up to 12 credits of approved courses at YU's Azrieli and Bernard Revel Graduate Schools may apply toward residency. The normal amount of time for the completion of the degree is four years; students are expected to complete all work within six years of the date of admission, excluding time lost in case of illness.

- C. **Grade Requirements:** Students must achieve a grade point average of 2.000 or better in all studies, including the major and/or minor, and a grade of C- or better in all courses used to meet the major and minor.
- D. **Administrative Requirements:** Each student must receive approbation of the faculty and must file an Application for Graduation during the registration period of the semester in which the student completes all requirements.
- E. **Course Requirements:** Students are required to complete courses in general education, Jewish studies, and in their majors.

All majors at Stern College lead to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Majors in various business areas leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science are offered through Sy Syms School of Business.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The notation in each semester's online Banner course schedule indicates which category a given course fulfills.

Modes of Expression*** 6 credits
English 1100 (Required in the student's first year)
Speech 1010

Foundations of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences 6 credits
2 courses (from 2 different areas)

Economics – see schedule of courses
History – see schedule of courses
Philosophy – see schedule of courses
Political Science – see schedule of courses
Psychology 1010
Sociology 1001

Interpreting Literature and the Arts 9 credits
3 courses (from at least 2 different areas)

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



Contemporary US and Global Perspectives 6 credits
2 courses (from 2 different areas)

Economics – see schedule of courses*
History – see schedule of courses
Philosophy – see schedule of courses
Political Science – see schedule of courses

Science and Technology 7-8 credits

Biology 1011C, 1012C – lecture and lab year course
Chemistry 1045C, 1046C – lecture and lab year course
Physics 1031C, 1032C or 1051C, 1052C- lecture and lab year course

Non-science majors fulfill the science requirement with SCIE 1050, a one-semester 3-credit lecture-only interdisciplinary course; plus BIOL 1005C or CHEM 1010C which are one-semester 4-credit lecture/lab courses. Other options may be possible.

Quantitative Skills - one course 3 credits

Computer Science
Mathematics
Statistics

Electives - 4 courses 12 credits

All liberal arts courses of at least 2 credits.
Jewish Studies do not count towards this requirement.
A maximum of two Sy Syms School of Business courses may count toward this category.

- * Check the catalog and/or course schedule for prerequisites.
- ** Hebrew is not considered a foreign language.
- *** Each major emphasizes writing in the area.

JEWISH STUDIES REQUIREMENTS (32-50 credits)

The courses in the disciplines of Bible, Hebrew language, Jewish education, Jewish history, Jewish philosophy, and Judaic studies offered at Stern College constitute the Jewish Studies Program. The program requirements consist of six Core segments (defined below) plus 14 additional Jewish studies credits. These requirements are modified for transfer students who spend less than four years at Stern College and for students in combined or joint degree programs. Consult the Academic Advisement Center for details.

Courses are available at all levels from those presupposing little previous knowledge to those requiring proficiency in the use of primary texts.



Each student must take a minimum of 18 credits in Jewish studies in residence. A minimum of 2 credits in Jewish studies is required in each semester for which a student is registered for at least 9 credits of general studies.

A. CORE SEGMENT (18-36 credits)

The Core segment is a unit of three Jewish studies courses consisting of a minimum of eight hours of lectures per week. It is required during each of the first six semesters of full-time attendance at Stern College. In most cases, Jewish studies credits earned for Israel study may apply toward the Core requirement.

A separate record is maintained for the Core segment, on which each course and its grade are recorded. The average of these grades is transferred to the Stern College B.A. transcript for between 3 and 6 credits as determined by the student, under the heading Hebraic Studies (HEST). The composite average is transferred as follows:

3.668 – 4.000= A	2.334 – 2.667= B-	1.001 – 1.333= D+
3.334 – 3.667= A-	2.001 – 2.333= C+	0.668 – 1.000= D
3.001 – 3.333= B+	1.668 – 2.000= C	0.334 – 0.667= D-
2.668 – 3.000= B	1.334 – 1.667= C-	0.000 – 0.333= F

B. ADDITIONAL JEWISH STUDIES CREDITS

Each student must complete 14 additional Jewish studies credits. These courses are listed on the B.A. transcript with their individual credit values and grades.

C. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Distribution requirements may be fulfilled through Core segments and the 14 additional Jewish studies credits.

Bible: 15 credit minimum

Judaic studies: 15 credit minimum

Jewish history: 5 credit minimum

Jewish philosophy: 5 credit minimum

Hebrew: a placement exam is used to assign the student to the appropriate level upon entering Stern College:

Students assigned to HEBR 1101	four courses
Students assigned to HEBR 1102-1104:	three courses
Students assigned to HEBR 1105-1107:	two courses
Students assigned to HEBR 1108 or above:	one course

As of fall 2019:

Students assigned to Hebrew 1001 or 1101	3 courses
Students assigned to Hebrew 1201	2 courses
Students assigned to Hebrew 1211 or 1221	1 course



MAJORS

Each student must select one subject as a major. A second major is permitted. Subjects in which the student may major are listed below. Additional information and updates on majors are available in the Academic Advisement Center and on departmental web sites.

Art—Shaped Major	Music
Biochemistry	Philosophy
Biology	Physical Sciences
Chemistry	Physics
Computer Science	
Economics	Political Science
Education-Childhood (Elementary)	Pre-engineering
Education-Early Childhood	
English (Literature; Creative Writing, Media Studies)	Psychology
History	Shaped Major
Jewish Studies	Sociology
Mathematics	Speech Pathology/Audiology

The university offers academic and pre-professional advisement. See the section on Academic Advisement and Career Development for details. Information on combined and joint degree programs can be found in the section on Joint and Combined Programs.

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.

Each student must take at least 60 percent of the required credits in the major at Stern College.

The approvals of both the Chair of the department in which the student is majoring and the Office of the Dean are necessary for a substitution of one course for another in the requirements for the major.

Stern College courses in which a student has earned grades of below C- may not be used to meet the requirements of her major.

MINORS

A student may choose a minor in a discipline and have it listed on her BA transcript. Areas in which it is possible to minor are listed below:



American Studies	Mathematics
Art	Music
Biology	Philosophy
Chemistry	Physics
Computer Science	Political Science
Education	Psychology
Economics	Public Health
English	Sociology
History	Women's Studies
Jewish Studies	Writing

Students also may select the business minor offered through Syms School of Business. At least 60 percent of the credits toward a minor must be taken at Stern College or Sy Syms.

Only courses in which the student has earned grades of C- or better may be counted toward the minor.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Jewish Studies

- A. Credit Requirements:** The student must complete Jewish studies courses equivalent to five semesters of the Core segment and 7 additional Jewish studies credits. These requirements must be completed within six years of admission. Students in a Sy Syms School of Business Bachelor of Science program, or in a joint or combined program, must also meet these requirements to receive the AA degree.
- B. Residency Requirements:** The student must have prior or simultaneous receipt of a bachelor's degree from Stern College or Sy Syms School of Business. At least three semesters of the Core segment and all 7 additional Jewish studies credits must be taken at Stern College.
- C. Grade Requirements:** Students must achieve an overall average of 3.000 or better in all Jewish studies courses taken on campus for the AA degree.
- D. Administrative Requirements:** Each student must receive approbation of the faculty and must file an Application for Graduation during the registration period of the semester in which the student completes all requirements.

PLACEMENT

Hebrew Placement: Before registration, each student is assigned to the appropriate level of study—elementary, intermediate, or advanced—based on a written placement



exam. (A student will not receive credit for courses on a level lower than the one in which she has been placed.) Even the elementary-level courses presuppose the student's ability to read Hebrew text and to write the Hebrew alphabet in cursive script.

Mathematics Placement: A placement examination in Mathematics, which may be taken online, is required of all students wishing to study biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, and physics.

Foreign Language Study Students studying a new language beginning with the elementary level must take the entire year's sequence. A student who wishes to continue a foreign language taken in high school should use the following general rule: one year of high school study is equivalent to one semester of college study. The first semester of an elementary course is open only to students with no previous course work in the language.

Students will not receive credit for college language courses that duplicate what they have studied in high school.

WORKLOAD

The average number of credits for a full semester's work toward the bachelor's degree is 15 to 18 (this includes those credits transferred to the degree from the Core segment of the Jewish Studies Program). No more than seven courses, including approved courses taken outside the college, may be taken in a semester.

A full-time student is defined as one who is enrolled for at least 12 credits toward the B.A. degree during a 15-week semester.

Students with low averages are subject to restrictions on their workloads as described in Academic Retention, Probation, and Dismissal, under the Academic Information and Policies section.

Information regarding the college's online course policy is available at:

<https://www.yu.edu/Advising/Stern-Academic-Advising/faq/#faq13>.

S. DANIEL ABRAHAM HONORS PROGRAM

The S. Daniel Abraham Honors Program at Stern College stresses writing and critical analysis, cultural enrichment, research, leadership training, and individual mentoring. The program challenges high-achieving students, while giving them enhanced opportunities for research and personal growth.

Admission to the Program

Students typically apply to and are accepted into the Honors Program prior to their arrival at Stern College. The application process is very competitive. As a guide, the



average GPA for Honors acceptees is a 94. The average SAT score (new examination) is a 1460 (Critical Reading and Math) and the average ACT score is a 32. Students applying to the Honors Program are considered for one of the academic scholarships available to applicants who show outstanding promise.

For more about the admissions process click <https://www.yu.edu/admissions/honors>.

In addition, a limited number of spaces are available each year for students already on campus; such students may apply in early June for acceptance the following fall. To be eligible for consideration, students must have a GPA of at least 3.6 and submit the special application available from the director of the Honors Program. There are no financial awards given to students already at SCW who join the honors program.

The Program

Honors Courses

Students take at least five honors courses from offerings in the humanities, Jewish studies, natural sciences, and social sciences, as well as interdisciplinary seminars. Summer honors courses are also offered in Europe, Israel, and the United States.

Cultural Enrichment

Students in the program attend concerts, operas, plays, and ballets; enjoy walking tours and guided trips to museums; and visit such “only in New York” destinations as the UN.

Leadership Sessions

In training workshops led by community leaders and other professionals, students learn networking, negotiating, time management, conflict resolution, and other important skills.

Speaker Series

Outstanding speakers, drawn from a broad array of fields, including the arts, politics, education, media, and medicine, are invited to address the honors students.

Mentors

Each honors student is matched with a faculty member in the area of her major. This faculty mentor offers individualized guidance and oversees the student’s Senior Project.

Senior Project

Each honors student completes a three-semester-long research project and essay, focusing upon a research question she selects with the help of her mentor.

Additional information about the Honors Program is available at <https://www.yu.edu/stern/ug/honors>