



Irving I. Stone Beit Midrash Program

Established in 1995 through the benefaction of the Irving I. Stone Support Foundation, the Irving I. Stone Beit Midrash Program (SBMP) offers students a Jewish studies program that recognizes their special academic needs and time constraints while maintaining a high level of traditional study in a structured and diversified curriculum. The mission of SBMP is to create an educated and committed Yeshiva graduate with a broad base of knowledge. In addition to Talmud *sefer* (preparation period) and *shiur* (lecture), the program includes courses in Bible, *Machshevet Yisrael* (Jewish thought, ethics, and philosophy) and *Halakhah* (Jewish law). Students derive the unique benefits of learning in a yeshiva Beit Midrash environment.

SBMP provides preparation for both ordination at the university's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and for advanced graduate Hebraic or Semitic studies. The program also fosters a *kesher* (strong relationship) between the *talmid* (student) and his *rebbe* (teacher). Rebbeim in the Stone Beit Midrash Program are available to their talmidim during evening seder as well as Shabbat.

A strong complement of *mashgichim* (spiritual guidance counselors) who staff the various Batei Midrash for regular morning and night *sedarim* helps students in their learning and spiritual growth. Additionally each shiur has a *shoel u'maishiv* (teaching mentor) to help students in their learning and ensure newcomers a smooth transition to SBMP from either high school or Israel Yeshiva experience.

Students may transfer up to 3 credits per semester toward completion of their undergraduate college degrees at Yeshiva College and Sy Syms School of Business.

ADMISSION

To qualify for admission, a student must be interviewed by a dean or administrator of the program and demonstrate proficiency in reading and comprehension of selected Talmudic passages as well as a general background in Talmud study. All students must simultaneously attend Yeshiva College or Sy Syms School of Business.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all their scheduled class sessions and to be present promptly at the beginning of the hour, unless prevented from doing so by illness or other compelling cause. The instructor keeps a record of each student's class attendance.

A student's attendance record is taken into account when determining his continuing status in the program. Continued unexcused absences of more than 50% of the scheduled sessions will result in the student receiving a grade of a G for the course, which may lead to probation or academic dismissal from the school.

Permission to register late in a course does not in itself excuse the student's absence from classes already held.



Probation: Students that do not maintain a GPA above 2.000 will be placed on probation for the next academic semester. Students on full academic probation are limited to 12 credits in Yeshiva College or Sy Syms. Other restrictions follow those of the undergraduate schools as noted in the catalog.

Students with two consecutive semesters or three semesters overall of work below a 2.000 are subject to dismissal from the school. Students must show positive progression through the program and cannot graduate if in their last semester they receive less than a 2.000 GPA.

ETHICS AND SCHOLARSHIP

Faculty and students alike seek to create an atmosphere that provides and promotes the highest standards of ethical conduct and scholarship in the achievement of personal and professional goals. All rules and procedures delineated in the academic integrity policy on cheating and plagiarism apply to students in undergraduate Torah studies courses.