

MA Jewish Studies at Revel School, Yeshiva University

Studying at Revel: A Beginner's Guide

Graduate study in the US differs from graduate study in the UK in a number of significant ways, the most important of which are summarized here.

- 1) A master's degree at Revel, in line with other US institutions, comprises 30 credits, which equates to 10 courses of 3 credits each. There is also a capstone comprehensive exam to be taken on completion of the 30 credits.
- 2) Revel courses meet once a week for 100 minutes (and have a further 50 minutes of asynchronous instruction as per New York State credit requirements). Live classes run in 3 timeslots:

2.50pm-4.30pm EST (7.50pm-9.30pm BST)

4.50pm-6.30pm EST (9.50pm-11.30pm BST)

6.50pm-8.30pm EST (11.50pm-1.30am BST)

LSJS students should be able to join our 2.50pm classes live, and some night owls may even wish to join the 4.50 classes too. 6.50 classes will need to be taken asynchronously by viewing the recordings. 4.50 classes will also be recorded, however, to enable LSJS students to participate asynchronously. 2.50 courses can also be recorded with the agreement of the instructor.

- 3) You can take the MA full time (at least 9credits/3 courses per semester) or part time (entirely at your own pace, taking just one or two courses per semester). The only limit on that is that students are required to complete their degree within five years.
- 4) The full cost of an MA at Revel is the cost of the 30 credits plus fees. For the 2021-22 academic year, the fees will be \$240 per semester. The cost per credit is \$1165 (or \$3495 per course). LSJS students will automatically qualify for 2/3 scholarship and thus will only be charged \$1165 per 3 credit course. If further financial assistance is needed, please contact Ms. Sheniagia Washington at swarren@yu.edu
- 5) You will be invoiced per semester for the total credits taken, so you will be able to spread the cost of the MA over the course of as many semesters as you require to complete the degree.

Revel currently offers master's degrees in the following 6 areas of concentration: Bible, Ancient Jewish History, Medieval Jewish History, Modern Jewish History, Jewish Philosophy, and Talmudic Studies. The requirements for each concentration are included below. You can, however, apply to the MA without specifying your concentration should you wish to sample some courses before making a final decision. We are also in the process of having a new general Jewish Studies MA approved, which will give students far greater flexibility in choosing courses.

Further information, including calendars and course schedules is available on our website <https://www.yu.edu/revel> and in the Welcome Pack that you will receive upon admission. Any queries regarding applying to the degree should be directed to Mrs Rona Steinerman steinerm@yu.edu

Distribution of Courses for the Various Areas of Concentration

[NOTE: In instances where a student's schedule makes it very difficult to take a required course, substitution of another course may be authorized in writing by the dean in consultation with the relevant department.]

Bible

Introduction to Biblical Studies (3 credits)

Biblical Hebrew (3 credits)

15 credits of advanced courses (numbered 6000 and higher) in Bible

9 credits of electives in or outside the field of Bible to be chosen in consultation with the faculty adviser

Talmudic Studies

12 credits of courses in Talmud

9 credits of courses either in Talmud or Ancient Jewish History

9 credits of elective courses in any field

Ancient Jewish History

12 credits of courses in Ancient Jewish History

9 credits of courses either in Talmud or Ancient Jewish History

9 credits of electives courses in any field

Medieval Jewish History

6 credits of basic source courses (those numbered 5000–5999) in medieval Jewish history

12 credits of advanced courses (numbered 6000 and above) in medieval Jewish history

12 credits of elective courses in any field

Modern Jewish History

12 credits of 5000 level core courses across the geographical spectrum:

3 credits in American (specifically JHI 5572), 3 credits in Western/Central European, 3 credits in East European, and 3 credits in Sephardic/Middle Eastern Jewish histories. JHI 5580 Promised Lands: Jewish Presence in Latin America is a Sephardic History course.

9 credits elective courses in Modern Jewish History at any level (5000 or above)

9 credits of elective courses in any field

Jewish Philosophy

Survey of: (1) Medieval Jewish Philosophy and (2) Modern Jewish Philosophy (6 credits)

The introductory courses in: (1) Jewish Mysticism and (2) Hasidism (6 credits)

9 credits of advanced courses (numbered 6000 and above) in Jewish philosophy

9 credits of electives in or outside the field of Jewish Philosophy to be chosen in consultation with the faculty adviser