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*"The challenge of our time is to spread
the knowledge of the Torah and Mitzvos,
particularly through the education of our
young, until each and every Jew will attain
the level of 'Know the G-d of your father,
and serve Him with a perfect heart', and the
fulfillment of the prophecy 'They shall know
me, small and great, and the earth will be
filled with the knowledge of G-d, as the
waters cover the sea.' "*

Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson
Leader of the Lubavitch Movement

LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

The Rabbinical College of America is licensed by the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education of the State of New Jersey, P.O. Box 542, Trenton, NJ 08625-0542, (609) 292-4310.

The Yeshiva is accredited by the Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools (AARTS) to offer a Bachelor of Talmudic Studies. AARTS is located at 11 Broadway, New York, NY 10004 and can be reached by telephoning (212) 363-1991.

Copies of licensure and accreditation documents are on file in the office of the Dean.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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FACULTY

Brafman, Rabbi Chaim - Mashpia & Rosh HaKollel, Yeshiva Tiferes Bachurim
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Spalter, Rabbi Sholom - Rosh Hayeshiva, Yeshivas Tomchei Timimim
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Tmimim
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Bachurim
Willhelm, Rabbi Leima - Magid Shiur (Talmud 3), Yeshivas Tomchei Tmimim
Zajac, Rabbi Shmuel - Magid Shiur (Talmud 2), Yeshivas Tomchei Tmimim

AVAILABILITY OF FULL TIME EMPLOYEE TO ASSIST ENROLLED AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Rabbinical College of America has designated Mrs. Shoshana Solomon, *Registrar*, as the full time employee available to assist enrolled and prospective students in obtaining information on financial aid programs available, criteria for eligibility, and procedure for applying for financial aid, cost of attendance, retention rates, completion and transfer rates, institutional security and crime statistics, and all required disclosures and information, as required by 668.42, 668.43, 668.45 and 668.46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. She can be found in the administrative offices during regular business hours.

MISSION

The Tomchei Tmimim mission revolves around the development and advancement of our students' learning skills in Talmud, Jewish Law and Chasidic Philosophy, enabling them to receive Rabbinical Ordination. This is achieved by providing a distinguished level of studying, lectures and a culture that emphasizes the philosophy of the Lubavitcher Rebbe of blessed memory. The multifaceted experience reinforces our students' ability and conviction to carry on daily activities of learning and sharing their knowledge of Torah and Mitzvos with the general population. Indeed, many of our students become community leaders and join the community of Chabad Emissaries that span the globe, promoting awareness and Jewish education to individuals with various backgrounds and levels of observance.

In the New Direction Program, our goal is for students with less formal Yeshiva background to develop strong foundations of Halacha, Hashkafa and Gemara. To facilitate this, we provide excellence in Jewish education and Yeshiva experience. Some of our students will learn skills to be independent learners that will have the ability to contribute to their communities and families.

THE COLLEGE CAMPUS

The campus of the Rabbinical College of America is located at 226 Sussex Avenue in Morris Township, about one mile from the town of Morristown, nestled in the same Morristown hills where George Washington headquartered some 200 years ago during the Revolutionary War. Morristown is now a harmonious blend of the advantages of city life and the tranquility of suburban existence. In addition to places of historical interest, Morristown offers a wide range of cultural resources including libraries, museums and centers for the arts.

The College is situated on a beautifully landscaped 82-acre site. While the setting is distinctly rural, a short walk brings one to the center of the town. Students thus enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, which promotes their intellectual growth while simultaneously being able to avail themselves of the conveniences offered by the town.

Three imposing buildings on the campus house its classrooms, lecture halls, dormitories, administrative offices, library, dining hall, auditorium and facilities for public worship. There are basketball courts, an outdoor pool and an athletic field on the grounds. A large indoor gymnasium is also available to the students.

Access to the College is excellent with its close proximity to major networks of transportation. Morristown is an important point on rail and bus lines and an airport is close by. Main traffic arteries converge in and around the town.

The diverse student groups found on the campus, drawn from 26 states of the Union and 16 foreign countries, bring a cosmopolitan air to the campus. Prospective students, friends and other interested persons are invited to visit the campus at their convenience. Candidates for admission should make appointments in advance with the Registrar of the College. Visitors are requested to contact the Dean who will make arrangements for a guided tour of the entire campus.

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

Rabbinical College of America offers a highly specialized program of study in Talmud and related subjects. All textbooks are readily available for use on open stacks in the study hall and school library. At the beginning of each Academic year, a list of Seforim will be sent to students indicating the required texts for the semester. Seforim can generally be purchased at your local Judaica store or at:

Kehos Publication Society	Eichlers Judaica	Judaica World
291 Kingston Ave.	1401 Coney Island Ave.	329 Kingston Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11213	(Btwn. Ave. J & K)	Brooklyn, NY 1213
(718) 778-0226	Brooklyn, NY 11230	(718) 604-1020
www.Kehotonline.com	(718)258-8519	judaicaworld.com
	www.eichlers.com	

Many students prefer to have their own Gemarah which costs between \$20-\$50, depending on the publisher and addition, and a Kovetz Miforshim which costs between \$25 and \$45. Most texts used in the program are reprints of the Talmud and other classical texts that do not have ISBN numbers.

MARRIED STUDENT HOUSING

For families, the New Direction Program offers a unique opportunity for Jewish education. To meet the needs of the ever-growing Baal Teshuva movement, young couples and their children are given the opportunity to enjoy a total living and educational experience.

Our married student buildings are designed in the "garden apartment" style. Apartments are spacious; each has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room and combination kitchen and dining area. Each building, containing eight apartments, includes a laundry room and a utility room for storage.

The New Direction Program provides a full range of programs to insure a total learning experience for the whole family. We offer nursery school on campus, grammar school on campus, classes and communal activities for women, athletic fields and swimming pools.

Our rural campus provides a delightful environment for both study and leisure. There's plenty of safe, secure space for the children to play and beautiful areas for afternoon walks.

DORMITORY

Located on 82 acres of picturesque land, the Rabbinical College of America campus boasts a modern dormitory facility to accommodate the growing student body. The dormitory buildings, currently housing close to 250 students, have been beautifully furnished to provide comfortable student living. Recent renovations have updated the restrooms and general living quarters.

The dormitory is surrounded by a wide array of sports fields, leisure trails and an inviting swimming pool. The gymnasium and cafeteria are located on the lower level of the dormitory building, providing a wealth of recreational and wellness opportunity on campus.

HISTORY

The Rabbinical College of America, an affiliate of the worldwide Lubavitch movement, was founded in Newark, New Jersey in October of 1956. The initial student body consisted of ten students from the Central Lubavitch Yeshiva in New York. The College was housed in a small, one-family frame and stucco building in a residential area of the city. In spite of woefully inadequate facilities, the enrollment increased steadily until it reached a total of more than fifty students from various parts of the United States, Canada, Europe and the Soviet bloc. The limited capacity of the school plant compelled the administration to reject many applicants until July 8, 1971, when the Rabbinical College moved to its magnificent new campus in Morris

Township. In its present home, the institution enrolls over 200 full-time students. It has gained an international reputation for scholarship and has considerably broadened the scope of its activities to include extensive communal service, the New Direction Program for beginners, as well as the conventional Advanced Talmud Program.

The College also serves as home to Cheder Lubavitch, the Yeshiva Summer Program and Gan Israel Day Camp.

The Rabbinical College of America seeks to develop scholars thoroughly trained in all aspects of advanced Jewish scholarship. It prepares its students for positions as rabbis, teachers and communal leaders; as well as responsible, conscientious and intelligent lay members of the community. Small classes, seminars and individual consultation guide the student toward the realization of his full potential as a scholar. The College provides opportunities for original research and intensive study and encourages the publication of the results of such research. It is concerned as well with transmitting the ethical, philosophical and spiritual teachings and values of Judaism, particularly the unique philosophy of Chabad-Lubavitch Chassidism.

Chassidism is two and a half centuries old. Founded by Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov in the Carpathian mountain region, the movement spread rapidly throughout the Jewish world. The Baal Shem Tov's motto, "G-d wants the heart" - the cornerstone of his teaching, taught that Torah is the property of all Jews, and underscored the important role of emotion and sincerity in the practice of Judaism.

Lubavitch Chassidism, also known as Chabad (an acronym of the Hebrew words for wisdom, understanding and knowledge), was conceived by Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, a disciple of the Baal Shem Tov's successor. He synthesized Chassidic fervor and worship with Talmudic rationality and learning, successfully blending emotionalism and intellectualism.

Lubavitch came to the United States in 1940 under the leadership of the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Joseph Isaac Schneerson, who had fought against overwhelming odds for the preservation of traditional Judaism in Russia. Rabbi Schneerson became the founder of numerous yeshivos, day schools and the worldwide education network, Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch.

Under the leadership of the Rebbe's son-in-law, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the seventh leader of the movement, Lubavitch continued to thrive. Among the many institutions of learning established since his ascendancy is the Rabbinical College of America. Lubavitch has become one of the most powerful influences in world Jewry. Across the globe, a network of nurseries, Talmud Torahs, girls' schools, vocational schools and yeshivos cater to the educational needs of all ages and levels. Lubavitch provides social programs, summer camps and a "Jewish Peace Corps", involving hundreds of senior students who spend their summer vacation period visiting outlying communities armed with educational material and religious inspiration.

More than twenty million volumes have come off the Lubavitch press in recent years. Printed in over a dozen languages, they are designed to meet the reading needs of people of all levels of religious education, from those well versed in Torah and Jewish tradition, to those who need the basic tenets of authentic Judaism interpreted.

Although the philosophical teachings of Chabad Chassidism are abstract, delving as they do into the profoundest mysteries of Creation, they are also immensely practical, emphasizing the translation of intellectual knowledge into concrete action. Its writings make considerable use of examples gleaned from real life experience, rendering its lessons comprehensible even to beginners. Chabad is thus a living guide to Jews in all walks of life, to elevate the plane of their religious feeling and awareness.

The Rabbinical College of America, as part of the Lubavitch movement, devotes a large segment of the daily academic schedule to the study of Chabad Chassidism in all its intricacy. Courses in the writings of its major

exponents play a focal role in the religious education of students at Morristown.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the New Direction Program - Tiferes Bachurim - is granted to applicants who possess a high school diploma or its equivalent and who demonstrate the interest, ability and perseverance required for successful completion of the prescribed course of studies.

Admission to the Advanced Talmud Program - Tomchei Tmimim - requires in addition that applicants satisfy the following requirements:

1. Competence in the entire Pentateuch and Commentaries.
2. Completion of at least 150 folio pages of the Talmud.
3. Competence in the laws and customs in the Code of Jewish Law (Orach Chaim) and personal commitment to their observance.

Qualified students in the New Direction Program are eligible to transfer to the Advanced Talmud Program.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The first step in applying for admission to the Rabbinical College is an interview with an Associate Dean. Since the academic programs at the Rabbinical College of America are very specialized, this interview becomes very useful for both the student and the College. At this interview, the student will become familiar with the programs at the College and be evaluated for academic and intellectual ability to undertake the program. The Associate Dean of the respective programs administers suitable examinations.

Students are generally notified of their acceptance by mail or telephone within four weeks of their interview.

Prospective students are highly encouraged to visit the campus and observe the programs in which they would like to enroll.

Students should enclose with their application for admission a letter of recommendation from their sponsoring organization, previous school or from a recognized rabbinic authority.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Although formal attendance is not taken at The Rabbinical College of America, students are expected to attend regularly all classes and learning sessions. Students who are absent will be required to consult with the Associate Dean to implement a plan to complete missed work. Credit may be denied for course work during which excessive absences occurred. Excessive unexcused absences may be grounds for dismissal.

TRANSFER CREDITS AND ACADEMIC RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

NEW DIRECTION PROGRAM:

Rabbinical College of America will grant a maximum of 60 credits towards Rabbinical College of America's undergraduate degree for transfer coursework submitted.

To earn a Bachelors of Religious Education, students must fulfill a minimum academic residency requirement of 60 credits earned in residence for study at Rabbinical College of America, of the total 120 credits.

Transfer credits will be accepted only if the following conditions are met:

- The credit was earned at an institution offering similar programs i.e. Talmudic Institutions and Yeshivas.

- The credits transferred must be based on course work similar in content, style and academic rigor to the courses offered at Rabbinical College of America.
- Transfer credits will only be granted if a school transcript from the institution is submitted to Rabbinical College of America
- Credit by examination may occasionally be granted to students who have studied at other institutions and demonstrate mastery of subject matter taught in RCA courses. These students will then be placed at the appropriate academic level as that will place them on par with their class.

Rabbinical College of America has no articulation agreements with other institutions in regard to the transfer of credits.

All decisions regarding transfer credits are subject to the same procedure described above without exception.

ADVANCED TALMUD PROGRAM:

Rabbinical College of America will grant a maximum of 90 credits towards Rabbinical College of America's undergraduate degree for transfer coursework submitted.

To earn a Bachelors of Talmudic Studies, students must fulfill a minimum academic residency requirement of 60 credits earned in residence for study at Rabbinical College of America, of the total 150 credits.

Transfer credits will be accepted only if the following conditions are met:

- The credit was earned at an institution offering similar programs i.e. Talmudic Institutions and Yeshivas.

- The credits transferred must be based on course work similar in content, style and academic rigor to the courses offered at Rabbinical College of America.
- Transfer credits will only be granted if a school transcript from the institution is submitted to Rabbinical College of America
- Credit by examination may occasionally be granted to students who have studied at other institutions and demonstrate mastery of subject matter taught in RCA courses. These students will then be placed at the appropriate academic level as that will place them on par with their class.

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TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees for the 2016-2017 school year is as follow:

Tuition	\$11,100
Room and Board	\$7,500

2016-17 Student Budget

Resident

Tuition and Fees	\$11,100
Room and Board	\$7,500
Personal	<u>\$4,000</u>
Total Budget	\$22,600

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Commuter - Living with Parents

Tuition and Fees	\$11,100
Living Allowance	\$1,800
Personal	<u>\$4,000</u>
Total Budget	\$16,900

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Commuter - Not Living with Parents

Tuition and Fees	\$11,100
Living Allowance*	<u>\$17,474</u>
Total Budget	\$28,574

*Based on BLS Moderate Budget

FINANCIAL AID

Rabbinical College of America utilizes the services of Higher Education Compliance and Management, a financial aid consulting firm with many years of experience in the field of financial aid. Rabbinical College of America offers a variety of federal and state financial aid programs to its students. Higher Education Compliance and Management oversees administration of the programs.

Any student who has difficulty in meeting his educational costs at Rabbinical College of America should make an appointment with Mrs. Shoshana Solomon, Registrar, to learn about the options available to him, which may include grants, scholarships, work-study programs and deferred payment plans. The institution does not participate in student loan programs.

The financial aid office, which is open during regular business hours, will make a determination as to the expected amount to be paid by the student and his family and evaluate what federal aid, if any, may be available to the student.

Financial aid packages that may be offered to students include grants and work-study jobs. The school may also offer financial assistance in the form of institutional scholarships to needy students as long as scholarship funds are available. Eligibility for federal programs is determined by an evaluation of the student's financial need, based strictly on the formulas developed by the Department of Education.

A student's financial need is determined by subtracting the contributions expected from the student and his parents from the total cost of education. The total financial aid awarded to a student, usually cannot exceed the student's need. This process is explained in greater detail below.

In order to qualify for Federal financial aid programs, a student must:

- be enrolled in an eligible program;
- be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident of the U.S., or eligible non-citizen;
- utilize all assistance funds for education-related expenses;
- have fulfilled Selective Service registration requirements;
- maintain satisfactory progress toward completion of a program of study;
- be a high school graduate or the recognized equivalent;
- sign the certification statement that he does not owe a refund to any Title IV program, and is not in default on any Title IV loan. This certification is located in step seven of the FAFSA.

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

To apply for financial aid, a prospective student should complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is available at the financial aid office. Alternatively, the student can submit their application through FAFSA on the Web at www.FAFSA.ed.gov

Students may be required to supply additional documentation, such as IRS Tax Transcripts and/or Verification Worksheets, to verify the information supplied on the FAFSA.

Awards are made for one academic year at a time, and are not automatically renewable. Students must reapply each year before the appropriate deadline.

FINANCIAL AID NEED

Title IV federal program eligibility is based on a process called Need Analysis. The following is a brief explanation of Need Analysis.

First, a determination is made as to whether the student is independent or dependent on his parents. There are several factors that are taken into account. Students should carefully read the FAFSA and its instructions.

Should the student have questions determining his status, the financial aid staff can provide further explanation.

If the student is determined to be dependent on his parents, a parental contribution is assessed. This is the amount that the parents are expected to pay, based on their income and available assets. Allowances are made for expenses such as living allowance based on family size, taxes paid, and the number of children in college.

The student himself is expected to contribute towards his education, using his earnings, if applicable. The student's assets (such as savings) are generally considered to be available for the purpose of his education and are expected to be divided among his years of post-secondary education.

The Parental Contribution, where applicable, is added to the Student Contribution, to yield the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Expenses beyond those listed above may be considered under a process known as Professional Judgment. This process can be initiated by parent or student request after the student's initial eligibility has been determined. Then, the student and/or parent would submit documentation of unusual expenses, such as tuition or medical expenses. These expenses can be taken into account by the financial aid staff to produce a different EFC.

The student's budget or cost of education is calculated based on tuition and fees plus a standard allowance for living expenses, which depends on whether the student lives on campus, with his parents, or has other arrangements.

The EFC is then subtracted from the student's total budget. The result is known as the student's "need". This concept of need is the foundation of financial aid. Students who exhibit need and apply on time will probably be awarded aid.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications for Pell Grants may be processed until June 30, 2017. However, students are urged to submit their applications as early as possible. Late submissions may delay the processing of a student's application. More important, the funds for some programs are limited and will be distributed with priority given to those students who submit their application in a timely fashion.

Please note that students may be required to update certain types of information that they have entered on their application, i.e. dependency status, household size, and number of family members enrolled in post-secondary education. Be sure to discuss any such changes with the financial aid office.

FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS

The Federal Pell Grant Program provides grants to undergraduate students. These grants do not have to be repaid. This program is an "entitlement" which means that each eligible student who attends an eligible institution and applies on time may receive a Federal Pell Grant. Grants may increase to a maximum of \$5815 based on the EFC generated by a federally mandated formula.

Financial aid disbursements in the Federal Pell Program are scheduled at the beginning of each semester, provided that all paperwork has been submitted and is complete. A student generally receives half of his scheduled award during the first semester and the second half during the second semester. Students whose paperwork is completed during the second semester may be paid retroactively for the first semester.

Payments from the Federal Pell Program will either be made by credit to the student's tuition account or by direct disbursement to the student. Students will be informed of the expected amount of these payments. Students may

inspect their tuition records during regular business hours at the Business Office.

The Campus-Based Programs are a group of programs funded under Title IV. The campus-based programs in which the institution participates are:

- FSEOG - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants
- FWS - Federal Work Study

In these programs, fixed sums are allocated to each school based on its size and other factors. The institution then analyzes the need of all eligible financial aid applicants whose paperwork is completed in a timely manner, and determines an equitable distribution of the funds available in a process known as "packaging." Students who apply after the initial packaging deadlines, (as posted in school), may be too late to receive any funds from these programs.

The Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant is a Campus-Based grant program available to undergraduate students. Awards, when available, will range from \$100 to \$4,000.

Financial aid disbursements in the FSEOG Program are scheduled at the beginning of each semester, provided that all paperwork has been submitted and is complete. A student generally receives one half of his scheduled award during the first semester and the second half during the second semester. Students who complete their paperwork during the second semester may be paid retroactively for the first semester. However, students should keep in mind the strong likelihood that all funds for FSEOG will have been allocated by that time.

Payments from the FSEOG program will be made by credit to the student's tuition account. The funds are matched 25% institutional funds to 75% federal funds. Students will be informed of the expected amounts of these payments, and may inspect their tuition records during regular hours of the Business Office.

The Federal Work Study Program is an employment program. Funds are allocated to schools as part of the campus-based programs as explained above. Eligible students are offered part-time employment. The financial aid office, in consultation with the faculty, determines if a student is eligible for employment, based on his ability to fulfill his academic responsibilities with the added burden of employment. Employment is also contingent on student qualifications for the positions available.

Federal Work Study disbursements are in the form of payrolls, distributed monthly during the duration of the student's work schedule. The institution pays a percentage of matching funds for each federal dollar of Work Study. The institutional portion may be paid to the student or may be credited to the student's tuition account. The funds are matched 25% institutional funds to 75% federal funds.

INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Institutional scholarship funds are available to students who have exhausted all other avenues of assistance and are still unable to meet their cost of attendance.

The family is expected to contribute towards the student's education, based upon their ability to pay, as determined by formulae explained above. Students who apply for other types of financial aid will automatically be considered for institutional scholarships. Those who do not apply to other programs may contact the financial aid office to apply for institutional scholarships.

While the institution does not guarantee the availability of funds, every effort is made to offer the student a package of federal, state and institutional aid which will cover the student's direct educational expenses.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Any student who must leave during the school year should inform the respective Menahel of his department during regular office hours, preferably in writing.

INSTITUTIONAL REFUND POLICY

Any student who cancels enrollment prior to the start of the semester is eligible for a full tuition refund.

Students who withdraw during the first 6 weeks of the semester will be responsible for a prorated institutional charge that is based on the number of weeks attended.

Example of institutional refund policy calculation:

Tuition charge for the academic year: \$11,000

Tuition charge for the semester: \$5500

Number of Weeks in the semester: 20

Number of Weeks that the student attended: 5

$5/20 = 25\%$

$25\% \times \$5500 = \1375 (tuition charge to be retained)

$\$5500 - \$1375 = \$4125$ (amount by which tuition charge is to be adjusted)

If a student withdraws after 6 weeks into the semester, the student will be charged the full tuition for that semester.

RETURN TO TITLE IV

For all Title IV eligible students who withdraw during a semester, the institution determines the date of withdrawal to be used to perform a R2T4

calculation utilizing the Return to Title IV software provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

For a student who gives official notification, the date of withdrawal is the date that the student indicates in his notice or the date of notification, whichever is earlier.

Generally, if a student officially withdraws before 60% of the semester has passed, he will be able to retain a prorated portion of the financial aid award based on the number of days attended and the number of days in the semester. If he withdraws after 60% of the semester has passed he will most likely be able to retain all of the financial aid he has been awarded. Students who withdraw after the 60% point will still have a Return to Title IV calculation performed to determine if they qualify for post withdrawal disbursements.

For a student who withdraws without giving official notification, the date of withdrawal is the midpoint of the semester, and the student will be able to retain 50% of the Title IV funds disbursed or able to be disbursed. If there is a last documented date of attendance in class or at an academically related activity, the R2T4 will be based on this date. This will enable the student to retain a prorated portion of the financial aid award based on the number of days he attended and the number of days in the semester.

Each semester, there is a one-time enrollment confirmation roster generated by the registrar's office and circulated to the faculty to be completed at the point in time when 60% of the semester has passed. This roster enables the school to determine whether or not the student who withdraws without giving official notification has attended 60% of the semester. A student who is not in attendance at that 60% point is determined to have withdrawn at the midpoint of the semester.

If the calculation on the U.S. Department of Education's R2T4 system results in the need to return funds to the Title IV programs, funds will be returned

to the various federal financial aid programs according to the following order:

- (i) Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford loans
- (ii) Subsidized Federal Direct Stafford loans
- (iii) Federal Perkins loans
- (iv) Federal Direct PLUS received on behalf of the student

Any funds that need to be returned to a lender will be returned by the school on behalf of the student. If unearned funds remain to be returned after repayment of outstanding loan amounts, the remaining excess will be returned in the following order:

- (i) Federal Pell Grants.
- (ii) FSEOG

Refunds and returns of Title IV funds will be made within forty-five days of the date of determination that a student has withdrawn. Institutional charges that were previously paid by FSA funds might become a debit that the student will be responsible for paying.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

<u>Fall Semester</u>	October 31, 2016 - February 9, 2017
<u>Spring Semester</u>	February 13, 2017 - July 4, 2017

There will be no sessions on the following days:

<u>Chanukah</u>	December 28, 2016 - January 1, 2017
<u>Purim</u>	March 9, 2017- March 13, 2017
<u>Pesach</u>	March 30, 2017- April 23, 2017

LIBRARY

The Talmudic Library at the Rabbinical College of America includes all the basic tools for scholarship and research. It contains numerous editions of the Bible, the Talmud, Codes, responsa literature, ethical and philosophical works, expositions on Jewish Liturgy, Hebrew Language texts and a complete collection of Chabad works.

The Talmud is generally printed in twenty oversized volumes, each containing one large or a few small tractates. Each volume contains, in addition to the Mishnaic and Talmudic texts, numerous commentaries - up to one hundred-fifty in a single volume. Some of these surround the text on each page; others are printed separately at the conclusion of the tractate. Each is printed in tiny characters to allow the inclusion of a maximum number of commentaries in one volume. Thus, the student carries a small library with him that encompasses most of the sources he will be called upon to research without having to refer to dozens of individual tomes. This has been the printing format for the past few hundred years. More recent editions have appended the modern commentaries as well as newly uncovered medieval manuscripts.

The same holds true for the field of Halacha. The basic Codes are arranged in a manner similar to the Talmud. The original text is framed by the major commentaries and the bottom half of the page is filled with the glosses of others. Each tome is thus a self-contained mini-library.

For supplementary research into commentaries, not usually incorporated into the volume of Talmud, the library provides an extensive array of ancient, medieval and modern classics, as well as a fine selection of responsa work for further study.

Historically, the language of Jewish publication and scholarly writing has always been Hebrew. Today, however, with the rise of a generation unfamiliar with classical Hebrew, the need for Torah literature in the vernacular is a pressing one. To meet this need, various publishing houses

have embarked on ambitious programs of English language publication to render the ancient teachings comprehensible to the layman. English language texts are presently available.

The Rabbinical College is proud to have purchased licensure for a digital research Library. This database includes access to over 35,000 Biblical, Talmudic, Halachik and responsa volumes. Students can use computer queries to locate out-of-print volumes and to generate reports from several various volumes for statistical analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

The Lubavitch press is prolific and includes educational materials, major philosophical works, periodicals, scholarly research journals and much more. Thousands of volumes are published annually for worldwide distribution in many foreign languages.

The Rabbinical College of America is eminently proud of its contribution to Lubavitch publication, in the form of periodic HEOROS HATMIMIM.

HEOROS HATMIMIM is the pride of Lubavitch publications. Edited by students at Morristown, it offers an international platform for students' original insights into Chabad Chassidism. Copies are mailed to rabbinical colleges and scholars throughout the world who express their opinions on the findings in Letters to the Editor, which are printed in subsequent editions. A lively give and take dialogue is the key feature of this unique endeavor.

The technical format is informal; photo offset from a typewritten original, with a saddle-stitched binding. Occasionally it is a perfect bound, scholarly journal with a collection of philosophical and Talmudic research dissertations of students and Roshei Yeshiva of the College.

Publications are in Hebrew and students and Roshei Yeshiva are encouraged to contribute.

STUDENT LIFE

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Social activism plays a major role in the Morristown curriculum. Students are encouraged to develop a sense of social consciousness and to implement the moral and ethical lessons acquired in the study hall by imbuing estranged Jews with an awareness and appreciation of their heritage. These aims are achieved through the vehicle of a diverse community service program. This program includes the following:

1. Weekly (Friday) visits to nearby hospitals and nursing homes to bring inspiration and good cheer to patients and staff.
2. Wide-scale distribution of Jewish ritual items such as mezuzahs, candlesticks, charity boxes and special holiday requirements such as matzo for Pesach, menorahs for Chanukah and Mishloach Manos - gift packages for Purim.
3. Special services:
 - a. A community sukkah in Morristown and a sukkah mobile to bring the holiday spirit to distant communities.
 - b. "Koshering" kitchens - preparing them for use in accordance with Jewish dietary laws.
4. The Annual Jewish Renaissance Fair, featuring exhibits on Jewish topics.
5. Adult education classes.
6. Summer day camp for local children.
7. Off campus programs for Jewish students at colleges and universities throughout the state so that they may develop a deeper understanding of Judaism as it applies to contemporary society.

The Rabbinical College of America maintains 48 regional offices servicing the State of New Jersey with a similar array of community programs.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Rabbinical College of America offers two distinct academic program options geared to the needs of their respective student bodies. The New Direction Program - Tiferes Bachurim is a four year 120-credit program which leads to a Bachelor of Religious Education. While the Advanced Talmud Program - Tomchei Tmimim is a five year 150-credit program which leads to a Bachelor of Talmudic Studies. The Advanced Talmud Program includes an optional one year Rabbinic Ordination Honors Program (Semicha). Each program will be discussed separately with a general overview of the program, its goals, its curriculum requirements, and specific course listings.

NEW DIRECTION PROGRAM YESHIVA TIFERES BACHURIM

The New Direction Program Bachelor of Religious Education degree requires the successful completion of 120-credits. The following is a breakdown of the required components by level and semester:

Introductory Level

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
Talmud Intensive	4 credits	4 credits
Talmud Survey	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Law	2 credits	2 credits
Jewish Ethics	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Philosophy	3 credits	3 credits
Sub Total:	<u>15 credits</u>	<u>15 credits</u>
Total:	<u>15 credits</u>	<u>30 credits</u>

Beginner Level

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
Talmud Intensive	4 credits	4 credits
Talmud Survey	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Law	2 credits	2 credits
Jewish Ethics	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Philosophy	3 credits	3 credits
Sub Total:	<u>15 credits</u>	<u>15 credits</u>
Total:	<u>45 credits</u>	<u>60 credits</u>

Intermediate Level

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
Talmud Intensive	4 credits	4 credits
Talmud Survey	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Law	2 credits	2 credits
Jewish Ethics	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Philosophy	3 credits	3 credits
Sub Total:	<u>15 credits</u>	<u>15 credits</u>
Total:	<u>75 credits</u>	<u>90 credits</u>

Senior Level

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
Talmud Intensive	4 credits	4 credits
Talmud Survey	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Law	2 credits	2 credits
Jewish Ethics	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Philosophy	3 credits	3 credits
Sub Total:	<u>15 credits</u>	<u>15 credits</u>
Total:	<u>105 credits</u>	<u>120 credits</u>

The New Direction Program aims at offering students with little or no Jewish educational background awareness and understanding of contemporary Judaism. While the curriculum centers on Talmud, Jewish Law and Jewish Philosophy and Ethics, it also offers classes in prayer, the Bible, and the Hebrew language to provide the novice with the tools for daily living and the background for his other studies. The program was carefully designed to present the student with a comprehensive view of Judaism in the spirit of Chassidic warmth and depth.

As noted the students are of limited Jewish background however the course content is modeled after corresponding courses in the Advanced Talmud Program. The Tomchei Tmimim Advanced Talmud Program consists of a conventional Talmudic research program in conjunction with intensive study of Chabad philosophy. The structure is similar and the difference between the two programs lies chiefly in the intensiveness of the academic endeavor. In addition the fourth and fifth year students in the Advanced Talmud Program have an option to join the Rabbinic Ordination Honors Program to major in Halacha concluding with Semicha.

FREQUENCY OF COURSE OFFERINGS

Students enrolled at Rabbinical College of America generally take the maximum number of courses offered each term at their grade level and progress toward their degrees in the time frame outlined in the sample curriculum. Course offerings for each semester take into account the needs of the all students, and courses are offered with enough frequency to enable students to graduate within the normal time frames.

TEXTBOOKS AND REQUIRED MATERIALS

All required texts can be found in the library and are available at all times for student use. However, students may acquire personal copies if they wish. No other materials are required.

EXPLANATION OF COURSE NUMBER DESIGNATION

The course code designations can be understood using the following system.

The first letter refers to the department offering the course:

T = Talmud

L = Jewish Law

E = Jewish Ethics

P= Jewish Philosophy

The first digit (1-3) refers to the program in which the course is offered: New Direction Program (1), Advanced Talmud program (2), and the Rabbinic Ordination Honors Program (Semicha) (3).

The second digit (1-5) indicates the year of study and the third digit indicates the intensity of the course Intensive/Eeuyun (1), or Survey/Bekius (Girsa) (2). The Talmud courses have an additional digit indicating the Tractate being studied (1-8). The letter following the numbers indicates the semester, A = fall semester and B = spring semester.

OVERVIEW

The aim of the New Direction Program is the achievement of two simultaneous, complementary goals. These goals are firstly, the acquiring of a significant amount of broad ranging knowledge and secondly, the acquisition of an array of analytical tools and skills. Thus the graduating student is equipped with the background and skills necessary to pursue a lifetime of Talmudic study. The key to the success of this program for over a quarter century has been the successful integration of both goals through a carefully selected sequence of courses combined with ever-increasing demands on the intellectual ability and developing skills of the beginning student.

All first year courses are content oriented and are offered in a structured classroom setting. Students begin to develop insight into Talmudic methodology by exposure to master Roshei Yeshiva. A great deal of emphasis is placed upon remediation and support, often by senior students whose own skills are honed by working with younger, less experienced individuals. Care is taken to ensure that students lay a sound foundation for further scholarly work; through courses in introduction to Chassidus and Kitzur Shulchan Aruch, which are prerequisites to the programs offered in subsequent years.

By the second year, students are expected to be able to cope with the demands of the Mishna and Elementary Codes on their own. Courses such as Jewish Law and Chassidic Thought are now offered on a far more sophisticated level, tracing the development of ideas from the Talmud and the Bible, as well as demanding demonstration of skills and textual analysis and original interpretation, which are the hallmark of the serious Talmudic student.

The third year finds the student in an environment very closely resembling that of the Advanced Talmud Program. Classroom presentations are reduced and the center of activity shifts to the Beth Medrash, the common study hall, where interactive group learning takes place.

During the fourth year, students generally operate at the level characteristic of the senior Beth Medrash. The demands on the students are precisely those of a student in the Advanced Talmud Program, although the breadth and scope of the latter's background knowledge are as a rule, superior. Students are required to participate in seminars and to prepare presentations of their own insights and preliminary research.

The graduating student will have acquired an extensive education in Talmud, Jewish Law, Jewish Ethics and Jewish Philosophy. In addition, a student will have amassed considerable background in the Hebrew, Yiddish and Aramaic languages and in Jewish history. Moreover, he will have demonstrated the capacity to pursue independent study in these areas.

Indeed, experience has shown that some will choose to go on to graduate programs in advanced Rabbinic and Talmudic study.

DEPARTMENT OF TALMUD

The Talmud is the foundation of all Jewish scholarship. It touches upon virtually every field of human endeavor. A student who has devoted four years of concentrated study to the subject will be knowledgeable in the areas of textual analysis, Hebrew, Aramaic, History, Sociology, Jurisprudence and Philosophy, to name but a few.

Talmud is traditionally studied with a chavrusa - a study partner. Under the chavrusa system, students study in pairs so that they may proceed at their own pace, engage in discussion, and together review all aspects of the subject under scrutiny. They amend, elaborate on, and crystallize each other's conclusions.

Talmud plays a significant role in both the New Direction Program and the Advanced Talmud Program, although considerable time is devoted to other subjects as well. As noted the difference between the two programs lies chiefly in the intensiveness of the academic endeavor.

It is customary for an entire institution to study the same tractate simultaneously, albeit at different levels and with different emphasis. In view of the fact that the Rabbinical College of America has established a cycle of eight tractates, a transcript report for a student will indicate not only the course, but also the specific volume studied (see the numbering system above).

The tractates studied in the Talmudic program belong to three of the six orders of Mishna.

Shabbos and Pesachim of the order of Moed discuss the Sabbath and holidays.

Kidushin, Kesubos and Gitin of the order of Noshim relate to personal status, the relationships and responsibilities of men and women, etc.

Bava Kama, Bava Metzia and Bava Basra of the order of Nezikin cover the field of civil law.

More specifically, each tractate deals with specific aspects of the general area of the order. A brief outline of the tractates studied, and their respective digit designation, follows:

1 - SHABBOS - broad and in-depth study of all Biblical and Rabbinical laws and regulations pertaining to the Sabbath.

2 - PESACHIM - all laws regarding Passover including responsibilities for search and removal of leaven; who must search and when, timing of prohibition against eating leaven, constitution of leaven, laws concerning the Passover sacrifice, the Seder, matzo preparation.

3 - GITIN - laws concerning divorce primarily as related to the "get", the divorce document and its legality, and comparison with other legal documents and means of ascertaining authenticity.

4 - KIDUSHIN - laws of betrothal, conditional betrothal, marriage by proxy, comparative study of modes of acquisition employed elsewhere in Jewish law, permissible and forbidden relationships.

5 - KESUBOS - the marriage contract, marital obligations of both spouses, Jewish wedding procedures, dowry, seduction, status, role and rights of women.

6 - BAVA KAMA - assault and theft and damages to person and property.

7 - BAVA METZIA - commercial dealings, partnerships, legal possession, liabilities and obligations, loans and interest, usury, contracts, employer-employee relationships, labor conditions.

8 - BAVA BASRA - zoning and neighbor relations, community levies and taxes, land holding, estates, wills, legality of documents.

TALMUD COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Talmud Intensive

T111*A Introductory Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

The first exposure to the Talmud for students of limited background. Familiarization with a typical page; sample controversies, the elements of textual analysis; introduction to the commentary of Tosfos.

No Prerequisites.

T111*B Introductory Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T111*A*. Students continue to become familiar with the Talmud and acquaint themselves with analyzing the commentary of Tosfos.

*Prerequisite: Introductory Talmud Intensive T111*A*

T121*A Beginning Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

Introduction to the earlier commentaries such as the Rosh, Rif, Ran and N'mukai Yosaif. Elements of library research; independent study under Roshei Yeshiva guidance and supervision. Analytic study of tractate selected for the year.

*Prerequisite: Introductory Talmud Intensive T111*B*

T121*B Beginning Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T121*A*. Additional reference to earlier commentaries such as Maimonides, Nachmanides and Ritvo.

*Prerequisite: Beginning Talmud Intensive T121*A*

T131*A Intermediate Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

Introduction to the later commentaries such as Shitah Mikubetzes, P'nei Yehoshua, K'tzos Hachoshen and Nesivos Hamishpot.

*Prerequisite: Beginning Talmud Intensive T121*B*

T131*B Intermediate Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T131*A*. Introduction to the complexities of the Pilpul style of scholarship. Students spend full time in the Beth Medrash and are permitted to participate in the senior seminar. Students are encouraged to study on their own and are expected to participate at the senior seminar as observers.

*Prerequisite: Intermediate Talmud Intensive T131*A*

T141*A Senior Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

Students are expected to function at the senior level of a conventional Beth Medrash. Every student will present at least one seminar during the term and will be judged on the basis of originality as well as facility with the tractate.

*Prerequisite: Intermediate Talmud Intensive T131*B*

T141*B Senior Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T141*A*. Students are expected to offer at least one seminar during the term, to be available for tutoring introductory

Talmud, and to stand for examination to establish their ability to engage in independent Talmudic research.

*Prerequisite: Senior Talmud Intensive T141*A*

Talmud Survey

T112*A Introductory Talmud Survey 3 Credits

The Talmud survey courses focus on another chapter in the tractate which the Rosh Yeshiva feels is important to study. This is a different chapter than is being studied in the Talmud Intensive course. The course focuses on skill building and familiarity with the structure of the Talmud. The pace is faster and only includes the commentary of Rashi.

No Prerequisites.

T112*B Introductory Talmud Survey 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T112*A* and also focuses on another chapter in the tractate which the Rosh Yeshiva feels is important to study. The pace is faster and only includes the commentary of Rashi. The course also focuses on skill building and familiarity with the structure of the Talmud. Thus it solidifies the skills building and familiarity with the structure of the Talmud.

*Prerequisite: Introductory Talmud Survey T112*A*

T122*A Beginning Talmud Survey 3 Credits

In this course the students continue studying an additional chapter, with Rashi, increasing their breadth of Talmud knowledge. The students also review the chapter being studied thus enriching their Talmudic vocabulary. This also improves the students' familiarity of the Talmud's logical give-and-take.

*Prerequisite: Introductory Talmud Survey T112*B*

T122*B Beginning Talmud Survey**3 Credits**

This course is a continuation of *T122*A* the students continue studying an additional chapter, with Rashi, further increasing their breadth of Talmud knowledge. The students review the chapter being studied thus further enriching their Talmudic vocabulary. This improves the students' familiarity of the Talmud's logical give-and-take.

*Prerequisite: Beginning Talmud Survey T122*A*

T132*A Intermediate Talmud Survey**3 Credits**

The students continue developing the tools and their ability to interpret Talmudic texts. The course further builds the students knowledge of a variety of sugyas (topics).

*Prerequisite: Beginning Talmud Survey T122*B*

T132*B Intermediate Talmud Survey**3 Credits**

This course is a continuation of *T132*A* the students continue developing the tools and their ability to interpret Talmudic texts. The course further builds the students knowledge of a variety of sugyas (topics).

*Prerequisite: Intermediate Talmud Survey T132*A*

T142*A Senior Talmud Survey**3 Credits**

The students are expected to have developed in the previous three years the skills needed to independently learn Talmudic texts. He maintains his own pace and aims to cover as much of the tractate as possible within the limitations of the semester.

*Prerequisite: Intermediate Talmud Survey T132*B*

T142*B Senior Talmud Survey**3 Credits**

This course is a continuation of *T142*A* the students have developed in the previous years the skills needed to independently learn Talmudic texts. He

*Prerequisite: Senior Talmud Survey T142*A*

The study of the classic codes of Jewish law is essential to the appreciation of the way in which these codes emanate and evolve from the Bible and Talmud to practical daily application. If the student is to grow socially and intellectually, knowledge of the codes is critical. The codes provide authoritative directives for moral and ethical conduct, as well as the basis for all conduct of Jewish Courts of Law, Halachic jurisprudence and rabbinic decisions.

L111A	Introductory Jewish Law	2 Credits
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No Prerequisites.

This course is a continuation of *L111A*. Study of the Kitzur Shulchan Aruch with emphasis on practical application. Sabbath and holiday customs. By

the end of the course, students should be able to consult this material independently.

Prerequisite: Introductory Jewish Law L111A

L121A Beginning Jewish Law 2 Credits

On this level, the student is introduced to the language and general subject matter of the text, of the Shulchan Aruch HaRav authored by the Baal HaTanya, and is expected to study sections of the text to gain a general comprehension of the material.

Prerequisite: Introductory Jewish Law L111B

L121B Beginning Jewish Law 2 Credits

This course is a continuation of *L121A*. The student continues to study the language and general subject matter of the text, of the Shulchan Aruch HaRav, to gain a general comprehension of the material.

Prerequisite: Beginning Jewish Law L121A

L131A Intermediate Jewish Law 2 Credits

The students continue to study the text of the Shulchan Aruch HaRav. On this level, they are expected to study various categories of the text with an eye towards their practical daily application.

Prerequisite: Beginning Jewish Law L121B

L131B Intermediate Jewish Law 2 Credits

This course is a continuation of *L131A*.

Prerequisite: Intermediate Jewish Law L131A

L141A Senior Jewish Law**2 Credits**

The student continues to study the text of the Shulchan Aruch HaRav, in greater depth and discusses their application with peers and teachers.

Prerequisite: Intermediate Jewish Law L131B

L141B Senior Jewish Law**2 Credits**

This course is a continuation of L141A.

Prerequisite: Senior Jewish Law L141A

DEPARTMENT OF JEWISH ETHICS AND JEWISH PHILOSOPHY

The Jewish Ethics and Jewish Philosophy programs at Rabbinical College of America occupy a position second only to Talmud in the total curriculum of the school. Designed primarily to help the student develop as a mature, responsible individual, the sequence of courses has resulted in far more: students develop patterns of logical and critical thinking as they draw upon the classic works of some of the greatest Jewish thinkers of the past. More, there is an important historical perspective that emerges as students move from the distant past through the important medieval philosophers. With the beginning of study of the Chabad system, one of the major schools of Jewish philosophy, the students begin to appreciate the manner in which broad philosophical principles are applied to modern world problems. The Tanya and Maamorim/Sichos courses provide students with an appreciation of the manner in which philosophical concepts emanate from the Bible and from the Talmud, and examine the interaction between philosophy and codes.

JEWISH ETHICS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**E111A Introductory Jewish Ethics****3 Credits**

This course is an introduction to Chassidus and a prerequisite to all of the Maamorim and Tanya courses. Chassidus and its relation to the other major

No Prerequisites.

This course is a continuation of *E111A*. Students are expected to do readings on their own and make two presentations in the course of the term.

E121A	Beginning Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
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Prerequisite: Introductory Jewish Ethics E111B

This course is a continuation of *E121A*. More writings of Chassidic masters.

E131A	Intermediate Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
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Prerequisite: Beginning Jewish Ethics E121B

This course is a continuation of *E131A*.

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E141A Senior Jewish Ethics

3 Credits

In-depth exploration of the classical problems of Jewish Philosophy and Jewish Ethics. Philosophical discussions on Talmud.

Prerequisite: Intermediate Jewish Ethics E131B

E141B Senior Jewish Ethics

3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *E141A*. Students are expected to demonstrate mastery of both content and methodology sufficient to pursue study on their own.

Prerequisite: Senior Jewish Ethics E141A

PHILOSOPHY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

P111A Introductory Jewish Philosophy

3 Credits

Introduction to the major work of Chabad; discussion of historic milieu, its place in general philosophy of Chabad, superficial glossing of the simpler chapters. Students are expected to begin to do some independent reading by the end of the term.

No Prerequisites.

P111B Introductory Jewish Philosophy

3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *P111A*. Dealing with the more difficult sections of Tanya. The emphasis is on coverage of the entire text to provide students with background for in-depth study in advanced courses (later commentaries on Tanya).

Prerequisite: Introductory Jewish Philosophy P111A

P121A Beginning Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

In-depth analysis of the work of the Tanya. Emphasis on the development of a deep understanding rather than on coverage of ground.

Prerequisite: Introductory Jewish Philosophy P111B

P121B Beginning Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *P121A*. The lecture format is modified to encourage independent study by students.

Prerequisite: Beginning Jewish Philosophy P121A

P131A Intermediate Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

Students are expected to study the text on their own; and have extensive interaction with the instructor; the emphasis is on development of analytical skills.

Prerequisite: Beginning Jewish Philosophy P121B

P131B Intermediate Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *P131A*. Students are required to participate in seminars. Exposition on teachings of Tanya by later Chabad scholars.

Prerequisite: Intermediate Jewish Philosophy P131A

P141A Senior Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

Students are expected to lead seminars, to be able to apply concepts to modern day problems and to tutor introductory students in the subject.

Prerequisite: Intermediate Jewish Philosophy P131B

P141B Senior Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *P141A* however the emphasis is on independent study.

Prerequisite: Senior Jewish Philosophy P141A

SAMPLE CURRICULUM NEW DIRECTION PROGRAM - TIFERES BACHURIM

YEAR 1

Fall Semester

T111*A	Introductory Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T112*A	Introductory Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L111A	Introductory Jewish Law	2 Credits
E111A	Introductory Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P111A	Introductory Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Spring Semester

T111*B	Introductory Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T112*B	Introductory Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L111B	Introductory Jewish Law	2 Credits
E111B	Introductory Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P111B	Introductory Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

YEAR 2

Fall Semester

T121*A	Beginning Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T122*A	Beginning Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L121A	Beginning Jewish Law	2 Credits
E121A	Beginning Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P121A	Beginning Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Spring Semester

T121*B	Beginning Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T122*B	Beginning Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L121B	Beginning Jewish Law	2 Credits
E121B	Beginning Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P121B	Beginning Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

YEAR 3

Fall Semester

T131*A	Intermediate Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T132*A	Intermediate Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L131A	Intermediate Jewish Law	2 Credits
E131A	Intermediate Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P131A	Intermediate Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Spring Semester

T131*B	Intermediate Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T132*B	Intermediate Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L131B	Intermediate Jewish Law	2 Credits
E131B	Intermediate Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P131B	Intermediate Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

YEAR 4

Fall Semester

T141*A	Senior Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T142*A	Senior Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L141A	Senior Jewish Law	2 Credits
E141A	Senior Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P141A	Senior Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Spring Semester

T141*B	Senior Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T142*B	Senior Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L141B	Senior Jewish Law	2 Credits
E141B	Senior Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P141B	Senior Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Bachelor of Religious Education awarded for successful completion of 120 credits.

ADVANCED TALMUD PROGRAM

YESHIVA TOMCHEI TMIMIM

The Advanced Talmud Program Bachelors of Talmudic Studies degree requires the successful completion of 150-credits. The following is a breakdown of the required components by level and semester:

Introductory Level

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
Talmud Intensive	4 credits	4 credits
Talmud Survey	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Law	2 credits	2 credits
Jewish Ethics	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Philosophy	3 credits	3 credits
Sub Total:	<u>15 credits</u>	<u>15 credits</u>
Total:	<u>15 credits</u>	<u>30 credits</u>

Beginner Level

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
Talmud Intensive	4 credits	4 credits
Talmud Survey	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Law	2 credits	2 credits
Jewish Ethics	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Philosophy	3 credits	3 credits
Sub Total:	<u>15 credits</u>	<u>15 credits</u>
Total:	<u>45 credits</u>	<u>60 credits</u>

Intermediate Level

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
Talmud Intensive	4 credits	4 credits
Talmud Survey	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Law	2 credits	2 credits
Jewish Ethics	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Philosophy	3 credits	3 credits
Sub Total:	<u>15 credits</u>	<u>15 credits</u>
Total:	<u>75 credits</u>	<u>90 credits</u>

Senior Level

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
Talmud Intensive	4 credits	4 credits
Talmud Survey	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Law	2 credits	2 credits
Jewish Ethics	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Philosophy	3 credits	3 credits
Sub Total:	<u>15 credits</u>	<u>15 credits</u>
Total:	<u>105 credits</u>	<u>120 credits</u>

Advanced Level

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
Talmud Intensive	4 credits	4 credits
Talmud Survey	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Law	2 credits	2 credits
Jewish Ethics	3 credits	3 credits
Jewish Philosophy	3 credits	3 credits
Sub Total:	<u>15 credits</u>	<u>15 credits</u>
Total:	<u>135 credits</u>	<u>150 credits</u>

The Advanced Talmud Program is designed for young men with a secondary education in Jewish studies. Such students arrive at the institution with a strong background in Hebrew Language and Grammar, Aramaic, Jewish Codes, Liturgy, Bible and Scriptures, Philosophy and Ethics and, of course, Talmud. For them the courses of study offered at Rabbinical College of America is that of any Rabbinical or Talmudical academy, except in addition to Talmudic studies, considerable time is devoted to the study of Chabad Philosophy. In addition the fourth and fifth year students may enroll in a Rabbinic Ordination Honors Program to major in Halacha concluding with Semicha.

OVERVIEW

The core of the academic program lies in the area of Talmudic studies. A preponderant portion of the curriculum consists of the analysis of selected tractates of the Talmud which are studied for both in-depth comprehension and broad-ranging scholarship. Style and content are the by-words of the program.

Style refers to the acquisition of the aptitude for sophisticated Talmudic research. These include the skills of textual analysis, logical reasoning, critical thinking, the ability to isolate, define, and clarify the key elements of a difficult Talmudic passage, to penetrate to the crux of the issue and to crystallize and present the results of these deliberations. Also included in these skills is the ability to make comparisons and distinctions between the works of various commentators, to offer original insights into their novella and to defend and justify the views of a commentator in light of the critique of his peers. These skills are the hallmark of the serious Talmudic scholar.

Content refers to the exposure to, and familiarity with the entire spectrum of the Oral Law. The literature is voluminous and a mastery of even limited sections is the work of a lifetime. Yet, it is the goal of every student to acquaint himself with as large a cross section as possible of the Talmudic literature.

To achieve both ends, two forms of study are pursued, Eeyun (Intensive) and Bekiyus (Survey). Eeyun is the careful and deep analysis of a limited number of subject areas, while Bekiyus is the study of more subjects with less analysis.

The combination of both tracks of study yields a whole, which is much greater than the sum of its parts. The insights of the scholar who possess encyclopedic knowledge and finely honed skills belong to a realm of their own. These skills enable the student to cope effectively with previously unexplored tractates, to deal with totally new subjects proficiently and to ensure a lifetime of successful Torah study.

Quality is a direct function of quantity, and vice-versa, but each independently is crucial. To facilitate the attainment of both ends, the two lines of study are pursued on a daily basis.

The major part of the day is devoted to Eeyun - the in-depth, section-by-section analysis of a particular tractate, to develop the skills and the aptitude for learning. The afternoon period is dedicated to Bekiyus, a more textual glossing of the tractate with the aim of acquiring general fluency in the topics discussed in the tractate. This study usually concentrates on the text of Gemora, folio by folio, with the basic commentaries of Rashi and Tosfos, which appear alongside the text in every edition of the Talmud. It omits the commentaries of all other earlier and later authorities and the detailed dissection of individual Sugyos (topics).

Thus, by the conclusion of each semester, the student will have studied selected Sugyos in great detail, and most or all of the tractate with basic commentaries. In this fashion, the student is familiarized with the most often studied fundamental parts of the Talmud and can handle cross-reference with some facility. At the same time, he acquires and polishes the tools for further independent study, so that he is comfortable with completely new, unexplored tractates and can deal with them independently and adeptly.

Research into the writings of the earlier and later commentaries and the responsa literature is a natural adjunct to the study of the Talmudic text proper. The study of Talmud is by definition a highly integrated field. It incorporates numerous diverse disciplines, such as Codes, Scriptures and Ethics and Philosophy, among others. Each of these areas lends itself to formal study, independent of its role in the Talmudic process, but in the Advanced Talmud Program all are studied concomitantly, except for Ethics and Philosophy because of its central role in Chabad Chassidus.

The library is continuously utilized for the purpose of tracing Talmudic references and allusions to their original sources and for investigating the results of previous researchers.

Independent study, under the guidance and supervision of the Roshei Yeshiva, is the primary method of establishing and maintaining the scholastic standard of the institution, although Roshei Yeshiva lectures are important, particularly at the introductory level.

The progress of the student is further advanced by the extensive employment of the chavrusa system, under which students study in pairs. This allows them to proceed at their own pace, engage in discussion, and together review all aspects of the subject matter under scrutiny while they expand on and clarify each other's conclusions.

RABBINIC ORDINATION HONORS PROGRAM

The fourth and fifth year students are offered a Rabbinic Ordination Honors Program. Only highly motivated and qualified students are selected and admitted to the program. The daily study schedule follows a pattern similar to that of the Advanced Talmud Program, except that the afternoon program is dedicated to the study of Halacha. Most of this study is done utilizing the methodology of the Chavrusa system. However, in addition to mastering the text, students need to arrive at the Halachic ruling by analyzing the Jewish Law, with all its commentaries.

The Rosh Yeshivah, Rabbi Chaim Schapiro, is present throughout the study period to answer student's questions and provide guidance as needed. Once a week he delivers a lecture to all Semicha students to explain difficult rulings and point out nuances in the law, which students may have missed on their own. At times he will explain difficult areas of the code and sometimes introduce new concepts to reconcile apparent contradictions.

In the past leading Halachic authorities were invited as guest lecturers. Among the guest lecturers were the former Sefardic Chief Rabbi of Israel Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu, Rabbi Menasha Klein, Rabbi Tziner among others. On some occasions the students traveled to them for oral examinations. Rabbi Yisroel Meir Lau former Ashkanzic Chief Rabbi of Israel and present Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv has also been invited to both lecture and give oral examinations. The students are subjected to oral examinations by the rabbis granting the semicha: Rabbi Yehuda Yaroslavsky and Rabbi Dovid Shochet - two members of the Vaad Rabbanei Lubavitch of the U.S. and Canada.

During the morning and evening periods, which are dedicated to the study of Chassidic Philosophy, ordination students study the more difficult Maamarim, both on the Eeyun and Bekiyus level. The students also dedicate three one-hour periods per week to study with younger students, which has proven to be very helpful in inspiring these younger students to greater achievement. An integral part of the Rabbinic Ordination Honors Program, in addition to successful completion of the described honors courses below, is the observations of the Associate Dean.

DEPARTMENT OF TALMUD

The Talmud is the foundation of all Jewish scholarship. It touches upon virtually every field of human endeavor. A student who has devoted four years of concentrated study to the subject will be knowledgeable in the areas of textual analysis, Hebrew, Aramaic, History, Sociology, Jurisprudence and Philosophy, to name but a few.

Rabbinical College of America has established in the Talmudic program a cycle of eight tractates from three of the six orders of Mishna. Shabbos and Pesachim of the order of Moed; Kesubos, Gitin and Kidushin of the order of Noshim; and Bava Kama, Bava Metzia and Bava Basra of the order of Nezikin. More specifically, each tractate deals with specific aspects of the general content of the order. A brief outline of the tractates studied, can be found elsewhere in the catalog.

TALMUD COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Talmud Intensive

T211*A Introductory Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

This course is the introductory Talmud Intensive Eeyun course in the Advanced Talmud Program. The students are guided in making the transition from their high school training to independent study and preparation of the tractate. The tractate is dealt with in great depth with emphasis on developing sophisticated textual analytical skills.

No Prerequisites.

T211*B Introductory Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T211*A* the tractate is further studied in great depth with an emphasis on developing sophisticated textual analytical skills.

*Prerequisite: Introductory Talmud Intensive T211*A*

T221*A Beginning Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

Students continue to develop their analytical abilities in preparation and review of the text, with guidance from their instructor. Although still concentrating on the simple meaning, the student is already far more deeply involved with other commentaries.

*Prerequisite: Introductory Talmud Intensive T211*B*

T221*B Beginning Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T221*A* the students are encouraged to do a certain degree of private research into various interpretations of the Talmud from Earlier and Later Commentaries.

*Prerequisite: Beginning Talmud Intensive T221*A*

T231*A Intermediate Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

This course emphasizes the development of the skills characteristic of the serious Talmud scholar. Students begin demonstrating their mastery of the complexity of “Lomdus” (advanced Talmudical reasoning and analysis) and are encouraged to participate in the Senior Seminar as observers.

*Prerequisite: Beginning Talmud Intensive T221*B*

T231*B Intermediate Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

This course a continuation of *T231*A*, further emphasizes the development of the skills characteristic of the serious Talmud scholar. Students are expected to demonstrate their mastery of the complexity of “Lomdus” (advanced Talmudical reasoning and analysis) and are encouraged to participate in the Senior Seminar as observers.

*Prerequisite: Intermediate Talmud Intensive T231*A*

T241*A Senior Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

This course focuses on perfecting the student’s knowledge of Talmudic methodology through the commentaries of Rashi and Tosephos. Emphasis is on in-depth comprehension of the material. Students are expected to contribute written summaries of their original work.

*Prerequisite: Intermediate Talmud Intensive T231*B*

T241*B Senior Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T241*A*. This course further expands on perfecting the student’s knowledge of Talmudic methodology. Emphasis is

on in-depth comprehension of the material, and the students contribute written summaries of their original work.

*Prerequisite: Senior Talmud Intensive T241*A*

T251*A Advanced Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

Students are now expected to be capable of studying entirely on their own. Lectures and interaction with the faculty are designed to prepare the student for graduate work in Talmud. Group seminars meet weekly, giving the student the opportunity to present and defend his conclusions.

*Prerequisite: Senior Talmud Intensive T241*B*

T251*B Advanced Talmud Intensive 4 Credits

In this course a continuation of *T251*A* the students are expected to be capable of studying entirely on their own. Lectures are designed to prepare the student for graduate work in Talmud. There are group seminars weekly, and this gives the students an opportunity to present and defend his conclusions.

*Prerequisite: Advanced Talmud Intensive T251*A*

Talmud Survey

T212*A Introductory Talmud Survey 3 Credits

The Talmud survey courses focus on another chapter in the tractate which the Rosh Yeshiva feels is important to study. This is a different chapter than is being studied in the Talmud Intensive course. The course focuses on skill building and familiarity with the structure of the Talmud. The pace is faster and only includes the commentary of Rashi.

No Prerequisites.

T212*B

Introductory Talmud Survey

3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T212*A* and also focuses on another chapter in the tractate which the Rosh Yeshiva feels is important to study. The pace is faster and only includes the commentary of Rashi. The course also focuses on skill building and familiarity with the structure of the Talmud. Thus it solidifies the skills building and familiarity with the structure of the Talmud.

*Prerequisite: Introductory Talmud Survey T212*A*

T222*A

Beginning Talmud Survey

3 Credits

In this course the students continue studying an additional chapter, with Rashi, increasing their breadth of Talmud knowledge. The students also review the chapter being studied thus enriching their Talmudic vocabulary. This also improves the students' familiarity of the Talmud's logical give-and-take.

*Prerequisite: Introductory Talmud Survey T212*B*

T222*B

Beginning Talmud Survey

3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T122*A* the students continue studying an additional chapter, with Rashi, increasing their breadth of Talmud knowledge. The students also review the chapter being studied thus enriching their Talmudic vocabulary. This further improves the students' familiarity of the Talmud's logical give-and-take.

*Prerequisite: Beginning Talmud Survey T222*A*

T232*A

Intermediate Talmud Survey

3 Credits

The students continue developing the tools and their ability to interpret Talmudic texts. The course further builds the students knowledge of a variety of sugyas (topics).

*Prerequisite: Beginning Talmud Survey T222*B*

T232*B Intermediate Talmud Survey

3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T132*A* the students continue developing the tools and their ability to interpret Talmudic texts. The course further builds the students knowledge of an assortment of related sugyas (topics).

*Prerequisite: Intermediate Talmud Survey T232*A*

T242*A Senior Talmud Survey

3 Credits

The students are expected to have developed in the previous three years the skills needed to independently learn Talmudic texts. He maintains his own pace and aims to cover as much of the tractate as possible within the limitations of the semester.

*Prerequisite: Intermediate Talmud Survey T232*B*

T242*B Senior Talmud Survey

3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T142*A* the students are expected to have developed in the skills needed to independently learn Talmudic texts. He maintains his own pace and aims to cover as much of the tractate as possible within the limitations of the semester.

*Prerequisite: Senior Talmud Survey T242*A*

T252*A Advanced Talmud Survey

3 Credits

The students are expected to choose at least one other tractate to study and cover significant amounts of text with various commentaries. This will broaden their knowledge and prepare them to continue survey study of the complete Talmud in the future. This breadth of study will provide the student with a sense of accomplishment and positive reinforcement for further Talmud study.

*Prerequisite: Senior Talmud Survey T242*B*

The students are expected to choose at least one other tractate to study and cover significant amounts of text with various commentaries. This will broaden their knowledge and prepare them to continue survey study of the complete Talmud in the future. Besides providing the student with a sense of accomplishment this course focuses on preparing the students for the transition to higher-level academic programs.

*Prerequisite: Advanced Talmud Survey T252*A*

DEPARTMENT OF JEWISH LAW

The Talmudic studies, because of their central position in the entire corpus of Jewish sacred literature, provide the bridge, which spans the separation between the written law of the Bible and the practical, applied, Halacha. It is the primary source from which the vast literature emanates and forms the core of the daily curriculum.

The Talmud cannot be learned or appreciated in a vacuum, independent of other disciplines. The study of Codes goes hand in hand with the study of Talmud. The Department of Codes offers guidance and training in the study of Jewish law. This deals mainly with practical law as applied to daily life. The primary text used is the Shulchan Aruch HaRav written by Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, known during his lifetime as HaRav ("The Rabbi"). This sefer is studied for practical application of the Halacha in day to day living and compared and contrasted to applications in other texts and circumstances.

JEWISH LAW COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

L211A Introductory Jewish Law

2 Credits

On the first level the student is introduced to the language and general subject matter of the text, the Shulchan Aruch HaRav authored by the Baal

No Prerequisites.

This course is a continuation of *L211A*. The student continues to study the general subject matter of the text, of the Shulchan Aruch HaRav authored by the Baal HaTanya. He is expected to go on to study other sections of the text and continue to gain a general comprehension of the material.

L221A	Beginning Jewish Law	2 Credits
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This is the second year level course offered in the Department of Codes. The student is expected to study various categories of the text with an eye towards their practical daily application.

L221B	Beginning Jewish Law	2 Credits
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This course is a continuation of *L221A*. The student is expected to continue studying various categories of the text with an eye towards their practical daily application.

L231A	Intermediate Jewish Law	2 Credits
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This is the third year level course offered in the Department of Codes. The student studies the texts in greater depth and discusses their application with peers and teachers.

Prerequisite: Beginning Jewish Law L221B

L231B	Intermediate Jewish Law	2 Credits
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This course is a continuation of *L231A*. The student studies the additional texts in greater depth and discusses their application with peers and teachers.

Prerequisite: Intermediate Jewish Law L231A

L241A	Senior Jewish Law	2 Credits
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This is the fourth year level course offered in the Department of Codes. At this level, the student is expected to have mastered many of the categories of codes discussed in the Shulchan Aruch HaRay.

Prerequisite: Intermediate Jewish Law L231B

L241B	Senior Jewish Law	2 Credits
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This course is a continuation of *L241A*. At this level, the student is expected to have mastered many of the categories of codes discussed in the Shulchan Aruch HaRav.

Prerequisite: Senior Jewish Law L241A

L251A	Advanced Jewish Law	2 Credits
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This is the fifth year level course offered in the Department of Codes. At this point, the student pursues his studies largely unsupervised. He maintains his own pace and aims to cover as much text as possible within the limitations of each semester.

Prerequisite: Senior Jewish Law L241B

L251B	Advanced Jewish Law	2 Credits
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This course is a continuation of *L251A*. In this course the student pursues his studies largely unsupervised. The curriculum follows the lifecycle and seasonal events that students experience during the academic year (e.g. before Passover, the laws pertaining to that holiday are learned.) The student

maintains his own pace and aims to cover as much text as possible within the limitations of each semester.

Prerequisite: Advanced Jewish Law L251A

DEPARTMENT OF JEWISH ETHICS AND PHILOSOPHY

The study of Jewish Ethics and Philosophy, i.e. of the literature of Chabad Chassidism, is conducted in a manner similar to the study of Talmud.

The goals of breadth of coverage and depth of understanding are the constants. During the course of lectures, discussions and assigned readings, mentors aim to expose the student to the complete spectrum of Chabad thought, as well as to develop his ability to fully comprehend the subtleties and distinctive styles and terminologies of each of the respective Lubavitcher Rebbes. Within the framework of seven generations of philosophical thought, an unofficial hierarchy of complexity exists. Those familiar with the entire literature, distinguish between the levels of sophistication and profundity required to cope with the different collections of writings. Course differentiation is therefore based primarily on the level of difficulty of the course text.

The basic groupings include the Tanya, the magnum opus of the Chabad movement and its founder, Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi. It is a highly mystical, philosophical work around which all of the later teachings revolve. Also included are Maamorim, the volumes of the collected thoughts of the respective scions of the Lubavitch dynasty. In addition, we include the Sichos, discourses on the Biblical portion of the week and diverse scholarly topics delivered by the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

"Chassidus" (Jewish Ethics and Philosophy) courses grow progressively more complex, and each year sees the student more able to cope with the abstract material. First year courses focus on the methodology of philosophical research and introduce the student to the terminology and fundamental concepts of philosophy. The role of the lecturer/mentor changes significantly with time. Students grow more and more facile with texts, and

are eventually equipped to compose original insights and to participate effectively in seminars.

The aim of these classes is to produce the well-rounded individual, capable of applying eternal philosophical principles to the changing face of the modern world.

JEWISH ETHICS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

E211A Introductory Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a Girsa (Bekiyus) class, the students learn Sefer Hamamorim Likutim from the seventh Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, at a quick pace. The Maamorim are based on Parshas Hashavuh, on this level the students study 4-5 Maamorim a week.

No Prerequisites.

E211B Introductory Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *E211A*.

Prerequisite: Introductory Jewish Ethics E211A

E221A Beginning Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a Girsa (Bekiyus) class, the students learn Sefer Hamamorim Likutim from the seventh Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, at a quick pace. The Maamorim are based on Parshas Hashavuh, on this level the students study 5-7 Maamorim a week.

Prerequisite: Introductory Jewish Ethics E211B

E221B Beginning Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *E221A*.

Prerequisite: Beginning Jewish Ethics E221A

E231A Intermediate Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a Girsas (Bekiyus) class, the students learn Sefer Hamamrim Likutim from the seventh Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, at a quick pace. The Maamrim are based on Parshas Hashavuh, on this level the students study 7-10 Maamrim a week.

Prerequisite: Beginning Jewish Ethics E221B

E231B Intermediate Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of E231A.

Prerequisite: Intermediate Jewish Ethics E231A

E241A Senior Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a Girsas (Bekiyus) class, the students learn Sefer Hamamrim Likutim from the seventh Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, at a quick pace. The Maamrim are based on Parshas Hashavuh, on this level the students study 8-11 Maamrim a week.

Prerequisite: Intermediate Jewish Ethics E231B

E241B Senior Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of E241A.

Prerequisite: Senior Jewish Ethics E241A

E251A Advanced Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a Girsas (Bekiyus) class, the students learn Sefer Toras Menachem from the seventh Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, at a quick pace. The Maamrim are based on Parshas Hashavuh, on this level the students study 10-13 Maamrim a week.

Prerequisite: Senior Jewish Ethics E241B

E251B Advanced Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *E251A*.

Prerequisite: Advanced Jewish Ethics E251A

JEWISH PHILOSOPHY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

P211A Introductory Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

The Introductory level students learn Sefer Derech Mitzvasacha written by the Tzmach Tzakak who was the third Rebbe of Lubavitch. The course focuses on the methodology of philosophical research and introduces the student to the terminology and fundamental concepts of philosophy.

No Prerequisites.

P211B Introductory Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *P211A*.

Prerequisite: Introductory Jewish Philosophy P211A

P221A Beginning Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

On this level the students begin to learn the Sefer Hamshachim from the Rebbe Rasha"b, the fifth Rebbe of Lubavitch. The sefer is divided by years with each "year" being more complex than the previous one. On this level the students study the first level of the Sefer, the "year" Tarna"t.

Prerequisite: Introductory Jewish Philosophy P211B

P221B Beginning Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *P221A*.

Prerequisite: Beginning Jewish Philosophy P221A

P231A Intermediate Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

On this level, the students continue to learn the Sefer Hamshachim from the Rebbe Rasha”b and move on to learn the next, more complex levels of “years” Tarna”s, Tarsa”b, and Tarsa”g.

Prerequisite: Beginning Jewish Philosophy P221B

P231B Intermediate Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of P231A.

Prerequisite: Intermediate Jewish Philosophy P231A

P241A Senior Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

On this level the students continue to study the Sefer Hamshachim from the Rebbe Rasha”b. They move on to learn the more difficult sections, focusing on the “year” Tars”a.

Prerequisite: Intermediate Jewish Philosophy P231B

P241B Senior Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of P241A.

Prerequisite: Senior Jewish Philosophy P241A

P251A Advanced Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

On this level the students study the most complex level of Sefer Hamshachim from the Rebbe Rasha”b the “year” Tarsa”v.

Prerequisite: Senior Jewish Philosophy P241B

P251B Advanced Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of P251A.

Prerequisite: Advanced Jewish Philosophy P251A

SAMPLE CURRICULUM ADVANCED TALMUD PROGRAM - TOMCHEI TMIMIM

YEAR 1

Fall Semester

T211*A	Introductory Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T212*A	Introductory Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L211A	Introductory Jewish Law	2 Credits
E211A	Introductory Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P211A	Introductory Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Spring Semester

T211*B	Introductory Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T212*B	Introductory Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L211B	Introductory Jewish Law	2 Credits
E211B	Introductory Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P211B	Introductory Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

YEAR 2

Fall Semester

T221*A	Beginning Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T222*A	Beginning Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L221A	Beginning Jewish Law	2 Credits
E221A	Beginning Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P221A	Beginning Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Spring Semester

T221*B	Beginning Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T222*B	Beginning Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L221B	Beginning Jewish Law	2 Credits
E221B	Beginning Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P221B	Beginning Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

YEAR 3

Fall Semester

T231*A	Intermediate Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T232*A	Intermediate Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L231A	Intermediate Jewish Law	2 Credits
E231A	Intermediate Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P231A	Intermediate Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Spring Semester

T231*B	Intermediate Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T232*B	Intermediate Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L231B	Intermediate Jewish Law	2 Credits
E231B	Intermediate Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P231B	Intermediate Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

YEAR 4

Fall Semester

T241*A	Senior Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T242*A	Senior Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L241A	Senior Jewish Law	2 Credits
E241A	Senior Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P241A	Senior Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Spring Semester

T241*B	Senior Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T242*B	Senior Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L241B	Senior Jewish Law	2 Credits
E241B	Senior Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P241B	Senior Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

YEAR 5

Fall Semester

T251*A	Advanced Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T252*A	Advanced Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L251A	Advanced Jewish Law	2 Credits

E251A	Advanced Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P251A	Advanced Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Spring Semester

T251*B	Advanced Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
T252*B	Advanced Talmud Survey	3 Credits
L251B	Advanced Jewish Law	2 Credits
E251B	Advanced Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P251B	Advanced Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Bachelor of Talmudic Studies awarded for successful completion of 150 credits.

RABBINIC ORDINATION HONORS PROGRAM

The Rabbinic Ordination Honors Program is an option in the Tomchei Tmimim Advanced Talmud Program that focuses on the study of Jewish Law and its practical applications. In the program's curriculum (see above), courses of intensive study of Jewish Law replace courses in Talmud survey. The Rabbinic Ordination Honors Program option is a one year course of study that is offered as a stand- alone program or within the Bachelor of Talmudic Studies program. To earn the Bachelor of Talmudic Studies, a student must meet the 150 credit requirement and the academic residency requirement. Students who take the one year course of study as a stand- alone option will receive Semicha, if they successfully complete the one year course of study.

Rabbinic Honors Option - Level 4

T341*A	Rabbinic Honors Talmud	4 Credits
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Students are now expected to be capable of studying entirely on their own. Lectures and interaction with the faculty are designed to prepare the student for graduate work in Talmud. Group seminars meet weekly, giving the

student the opportunity to present and defend his conclusions.

No Prerequisites

T341*B Rabbinic Honors Talmud 4 Credits

This course is a continuation of *T341*A* the students are expected to be capable of studying entirely on their own. Lectures are designed to prepare the student for graduate work in Talmud. Group seminars meet weekly, giving the student the opportunity to present and defend his conclusions.

*Prerequisite: Rabbinic Honors Talmud T341*A*

L341A Rabbinic Honors Jewish Law 5 Credits

The Rabbinic Ordination Honors Program requires the students to master the text as well as arrive at the Halachic ruling by analyzing the Code, with all its commentaries. The first semester focuses on the text of Shulchan Aruch Yoreh Deia Part I. These texts include the study of the Tractate of Chullin, Chapters Kol Habasar and Gid Hanashe, encompassing the Laws of Bosar

B'cholav, Taaruvos and Malicha. This is studied in great depth combined with the study of Tur, Bais Yossef and Darkei Moshe, followed by the Machaber, Ramah, Shach and Taz and other later commentaries such as Pri Megadim, Rabbi Akivah Eger, Gilyon Maharsha, Chavas Da'as, Dagul Mirvava, Pischei Teshuva, Be'ar Heiteiv etc.

No Prerequisites.

L341B Rabbinic Honors Jewish Law 5 Credits

The second semester focuses on the text of Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim, Part II. The students are required to master the Laws of Shabbos. These texts include the study of the Tractate of Shabbos. It is studied in great depth combined with the study of Tur, Bais Yossef and Darkei Moshe, followed by the Machaber, Ramah, Shach and Taz and other later commentaries such as Pri Megadim, Rabbi Akivah Eger, Gilyon Maharsha, Chavas Da'as, Dagul

Mirvava, Pischei Teshuva, Be'ar Heiteiv etc.

Prerequisite: Rabbinic Honors Jewish Law L341A

E341A Rabbinic Honors Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a Girsas (Bekiyus) class, the students learn Sefer Hamamrim Likutim from the seventh Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, at a quick pace. The Maamrim are based on Parshas Hashavuh, on this level the students study 8-11 Maamrim a week.

No Prerequisites

E341B Rabbinic Honors Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of E341A.

Prerequisite: Rabbinic Honors Jewish Ethics E341A

P341A Rabbinic Honors Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

On this level the students continue to study the Sefer Hamshachim from the Rebbe Rashab. They move on to learn the more difficult sections, focusing on the "year" Tars"as.

No Prerequisites

P341B Rabbinic Honors Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of P341A.

Prerequisite: Rabbinic Honors Jewish Philosophy P341A

Rabbinic Honors Option - Level 5

T351*A Rabbinic Honors Talmud 4 Credits

Students are now expected to be capable of studying entirely on their own. Lectures and interaction with the faculty are designed to prepare the student for graduate work in Talmud. Group seminars meet weekly, giving the

student the opportunity to present and defend his conclusions.

No Prerequisites

T351*B Rabbinic Honors Talmud

4 Credits

This course is a continuation of T251*A the students are expected to be capable of studying entirely on their own. Lectures are designed to prepare the student for graduate work in Talmud. Group seminars meet weekly, giving the student the opportunity to present and defend his conclusions.

*Prerequisite: Rabbinic Honors Talmud T351*A*

L351A Rabbinic Honors Jewish Law

5 Credits

The Rabbinic Ordination Honors Program requires the students to master the text as well as arrive at the Halachic ruling by analyzing the Code, with all its commentaries. The first semester focuses on the text of Shulchan Aruch Yoreh Deia Part I. These texts include the study of the Tractate of Chullin, Chapters Kol Habasar and Gid Hanashe, encompassing the Laws of Bosar B'cholav, Taaruvos and Malicha. This is studied in great depth combined with the study of Tur, Bais Yossef and Darkei Moshe, followed by the Machaber, Ramah, Shach and Taz and other later commentaries such as Pri Megadim, Rabbi Akivah Eger, Gilyon Maharsha, Chavas Da'as, Dagul Mirvava, Pischei Teshuva, Be'ar Heiteiv etc.

No Prerequisites.

L351B Rabbinic Honors Jewish Law

5 Credits

The second semester focuses on the text of Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim, Part II. The students are required to master the Laws of Shabbos. These texts include the study of the Tractate of Shabbos. It is studied in great depth combined with the study of Tur, Bais Yossef and Darkei Moshe, followed by the Machaber, Ramah, Shach and Taz and other later commentaries such as Pri Megadim, Rabbi Akivah Eger, Gilyon Maharsha, Chavas Da'as, Dagul Mirvava, Pischei Teshuva, Be'ar Heiteiv etc.

Prerequisite: Rabbinic Honors Jewish Law L351A

E351A Rabbinic Honors Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a Girsas (Bekiyus) class, the students learn Sefer Toras Menachem from the seventh Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, at a quick pace. The Maamorim are based on Parshas Hashavuh, on this level the students study 10-13 Maamorim a week.

No Prerequisites

E351B Rabbinic Honors Jewish Ethics 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *E351A*.

Prerequisite: Rabbinic Honors Jewish Ethics E351A

P351A Rabbinic Honors Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

On this level the students study the most complex level of Sefer Hamshachim from the Rebbe Rashas"b the "year" Tarsas"v.

No Prerequisites

P351B Rabbinic Honors Jewish Philosophy 3 Credits

This course is a continuation of *P351A*.

Prerequisite: Rabbinic Honors Jewish Philosophy P351A

RABBINIC ORDINATION HONORS PROGRAM COURSE CREDITS

Level 4

Fall Semester

T341*A	Rabbinic Honors Talmud	4 Credits
L341A	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Law	5 Credits
E341A	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P341A	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Spring Semester

T341*B	Rabbinic Honors Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
L341B	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Law	5 Credits
E341B	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P341B	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Level 5

Fall Semester

T351*A	Rabbinic Honors Talmud	4 Credits
L351A	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Law	5 Credits
E351A	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P351A	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

Spring Semester

T351*B	Rabbinic Honors Talmud Intensive	4 Credits
L351B	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Law	5 Credits
E351B	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Ethics	3 Credits
P351B	Rabbinic Honors Jewish Philosophy	3 Credits
		15 Credits

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

In order to maintain eligibility for Title IV Aid programs, students must meet the following Satisfactory Progress standards.

All matriculated students pursuing an approved program at Rabbinical College of America are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress toward graduation, which in this institution is defined as being in good academic standing as detailed below.

The SAP standards required for students receiving Title IV federal financial aid are one and the same for all matriculated students at Rabbinical College of America. Satisfactory academic progress at Rabbinical College of America

has two principal components: a qualitative standard and a quantitative standard:

- Qualitative Standard

In pursuit of graduation, the student must achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (the equivalent of a “C” average) or better. Students are evaluated at the end of each semester and are expected to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

Semester grade point averages shall be calculated according to the following numerical equivalents:

A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.33
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
W	Withdrawal
I	Incomplete
F	0.0

- Quantitative Standard

- Maximum Timeframe

A full time student must make sufficient progress through the academic program to complete the 120 credit, four-year undergraduate program, within a time period of not more than six years (twelve semesters), which is 150% of the published length.

A part time student must make sufficient progress through the academic program to complete the 120 credit, four-year undergraduate program, within a time period of not more than fifteen years (thirty semesters), which is 150% of the published length.

➤ Pace of Completion

Students must successfully complete 67% of their attempted per semester, with a maximum attempted credits ceiling of 180 credits. Below is a sample chart which illustrates how maximum time frame and pace of completion are applied for a full time student. The number of credits an individual student must earn may vary from what is depicted in the chart based on his enrollment schedule.

Semester	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Credits	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
Max. Credits Attempted	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120	135	150	165	180

At the end of each semester, students' academic files are evaluated to determine if the students are making satisfactory academic progress. As part of the evaluation the students earned credits are divided by the student's attempted credits to determine if the student is progressing through the four-year academic program at a pace sufficient to complete the program within the maximum time frame. If the number of credits earned divided by the number of credits attempted is 67% or greater and the student has earned at least the number of credits that appears in the chart above that corresponds to his semester of attendance, he is determined to be making satisfactory progress.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID WARNING AND ACADEMIC PROBATION

For continued eligibility for federal financial aid programs, if a student who had been making satisfactory progress, falls below the satisfactory progress standards, he will be given a financial aid warning during which time he

maintains federal financial aid eligibility. The warning period will last for one semester. During the federal financial aid warning period, the Dean will counsel the student and attempt to improve the student's performance by providing various student services that might include special tutoring, a new study plan or a scheduling accommodation. If after this federal financial aid warning period satisfactory progress standards are still not met, the student will be notified that he will be terminated from financial aid. He will be notified that he has the option of appealing his lack of satisfactory academic progress. Procedures for filing an appeal are described in the section below. If the student successfully appeals the lack of satisfactory progress after the financial aid warning he will be placed on academic probation for one semester.

The Dean will monitor the student during the period of probation and will devise a study plan to enable the student to improve his academic standing. This may involve conferences with the student and his instructors. If during the probation period the student's academic performance improves and the student's progress is within satisfactory academic progress standards, the probationary status will terminate.

If after the period of probation, the student's academic performance still fails to meet the academic progress standards of the institution, he will be subject to academic discipline which may include expulsion or suspension from the institution, and will be ineligible to receive Title IV federal financial aid.

REINSTATEMENT

When it is determined, by examining his progress for the semester, that a student who was not making satisfactory progress has improved his average and attained sufficient credits to bring his total to the appropriate number for the semesters completed, the student will be notified that he may once again receive aid from Title IV programs. The Dean will notify the financial aid office of each student's status at the start of each semester.

To re-establish good academic standing, students must consult with the Dean who will design a study plan to assist the student in raising his grades. The Dean will inform the financial aid office when he determines that the student successfully implementing the study plan. Such notifications will allow the student to again participate in the aid programs until the completion of the semester. Students who do not take advantage of the Dean's program shall continue to have their financial aid eligibility suspended until the time they can establish satisfactory progress.

INCOMPLETES AND WITHDRAWALS

If a student has not completed all required course work, he may have up to six months, at the discretion of the instructor, to complete the work. If it can be determined that, without passing this course, the student will be in compliance with Satisfactory Progress standards, the incomplete will not be considered to affect his average or his satisfactory progress in that interim. If it is determined that, without passing this course the student will not be in compliance with satisfactory progress standards, the student's faculty advisor will meet with the Dean to discuss the situation. If they are able to determine that the student is making efforts in good faith to complete the missing work, they may allow him to retain the status of satisfactory progress in the interim.

Students who withdraw or fail to complete a course, and obtain the Dean's approval for the withdrawal may have the course recorded as Withdrawn Without Penalty. This grade will not be counted in the student's GPA. However, the course(s) will be counted towards the student's number of credits attempted. Students who withdraw or fail to complete a course without the Dean's approval will receive a failing grade for the course and the grade will be counted in the student's GPA. The course credits will also be counted as credits attempted.

TRANSFER CREDITS AND SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

Transfer credits are not included in the GPA calculation, however the credits accepted are counted toward both the number of attempted credits and the number of credits earned by the student.

APPEALS PROCESS, MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

A student who wishes to appeal a determination of probationary status, lack of satisfactory progress, or similar issues must submit an appeal in writing to the Dean. The Dean will consider all relevant information, i.e., mitigating circumstances such as illness or death in the immediate family or other unusual situations. The student must also explain how his situation has changed to allow him to make satisfactory progress. The Dean will consult with faculty members as appropriate.

The Dean's decision will be conveyed to the student in writing within ten days of receipt of the student's written appeal.

REPETITIONS

All repeated courses are counted in the number of student's attempted credits, but cannot be counted toward full time enrollment status for the semester in which the repeated course is taken, unless the student is retaking a course in which he received a failing grade.

Students will be allowed to repeat a course provided the student will then remain within the time frame required for satisfactory progress.

ESL/NONCREDIT REMEDIAL COURSES

Rabbinical College of America does not offer any ESL or non-credit remedial courses.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Under certain specialized circumstances, and with approval from the Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Education, a student may be granted an approved leave of absence. In order to be granted a leave of absence a student must follow the procedures outlined below:

The student must request the leave of absence in writing to the Menahel, Rabbi Chaim Schapiro. The request must be signed and dated and must include the reason for which the student is requesting a leave of absence. A leave of absence will not be granted if the reason for the request is not included. The request for a leave of absence will be reviewed by the Dean within ten days of submission to the Dean. If approved, the request will be forwarded to the registrar's office and the decision will be placed in the student's academic file. Notification will be sent to the financial aid office.

The student must submit the request for a leave of absence and must receive the approval prior to beginning the leave of absence. The exception would be unusual circumstances when it is impossible for the student to do so, i.e. if the student was in a car accident or other unforeseen emergency/disaster.

A student will only be granted a leave of absence if it can be expected that he will return from the leave of absence on time. If it appears that the student may not return after the leave of absence, an approval will not be granted.

The maximum time for an approved leave of absence is 180 days.

Students on an approved leave of absence will not be considered withdrawn from the institution and no refund calculations will be made for Title IV financial aid received. Students who fail to return to school after an approved leave of absence will be considered withdrawn from the institution as of the date of the start of the leave of absence and refunds will be calculated accordingly.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Qualified men of the Orthodox Jewish faith are admitted to Rabbinical College of America without regard to age, race, color, national origin or physical handicap.

Rabbinical College of America facilities are fully handicap accessible and every effort will be made to accommodate a handicap student. In addition, Rabbinical College of America is committed to do whatever necessary to create the environment necessary for the development of our students. This includes guaranteeing equal access to all our students and accommodation of their needs.

Rabbinical College of America is an Equal Opportunity Employer in compliance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Americans with Disability Act of 1992.

EVALUATION AND CREDIT

Evaluation of each student is based upon combination of criteria. These include a careful evaluation of the student's academic growth by his instructor, through demonstrating proficiency in both written and oral examinations, first hand interaction with students, participation and contribution during Shiur (lecture) and overall diligence. Fifteen credits are generally awarded for each semester of full time coursework. The following grading system is in effect for all courses:

Grade	Description
A 90-100	Excellent
B 80 - 89	Good
C 70 - 79	Satisfactory
D 60 - 69	Fair
F Below 60	Failing

I
W

Incomplete
Withdrawn

The Grade Point Average is calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned for all courses by the number of credit hours attempted. Credit hours with a grade of Incomplete and Withdrawn Without Penalty not included in the determination of the grade point average, although those hours with a grade of Fail are included.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Illegal drug use and alcohol consumption will not be tolerated under any circumstances (with the exception of minimal amounts of wine for sacramental use).

Rabbinical College of America is committed to maintaining a drug-free campus. At registration, a student will receive the current edition of the Institutional Drug and Alcohol Policy, which enumerates in detail the federal and state guidelines and penalties.

Counseling for drug abuse is available to students, faculty and employees through the CounterForce program of Torah Umesorah National Society of Hebrew Day Schools

COMPLAINT POLICY

Internal Complaint Policy:

Any student who has a complaint should submit it in writing to the Rosh Yeshiva. The complaint will be investigated, and the student will be informed of the resolution of his complaint, in writing, within 30 days. No person directly involved in the complaint issue will make the final determination.

AARTS Complaint Procedure:

Complaints can be filed with the office of the Association of Advanced

Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools at 11 Broadway, Suite 405, New York, NY 10004, with the title: Student Complaint – Rabbinical College of America AARTS can also be contacted at Tel. 212.363.1991, or FAX: 212.533.5335.

NJ State Complaint Policy

For all types of complaints concerning colleges and universities in New Jersey, the first course of action must be to try to resolve the complaint directly with the administration of the college or university involved. The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) will not review a complaint until all grievance procedures at the institution have been followed, all avenues of appeal exhausted, and documentation provided that such procedures have been exhausted.

For complaints about state student financial aid matters (student loans, grants, scholarships, TAG, NJ STARS, etc.), contact:
Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)
(800) 792-8670 or (609) 584-4480

Civil rights complaints should be filed with:
Office for Civil Rights (OCR) – Enforcement Office
U.S. Department of Education
32 Old Slip, 26th floor
New York, NY 10005 – 2500
Telephone: (646) 428-3900
FAX: (646) 428-3843

Or:
New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Division of Civil Rights

Complaints of consumer fraud on the part of the institution should be filed with:
New Jersey Office of the Attorney General
Division of Consumer Affairs

Students can also file a complaint form with:
Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
PO Box 542
Trenton, NJ 08625

PLACEMENT DISCLAIMER

Rabbinical College of America is an academic institution and does not provide vocational training nor guarantee employment or placement to students who complete its programs.

TUTORING

In the event that a student requires tutoring, he may avail himself of the tutoring services provided by senior students. A student who requires extra assistance may also attend a designated shiur for students that are unable to keep up with the studies.

COUNSELING

When deemed appropriate by the faculty members, student counseling is referred to outside professionals.

HEALTH SERVICES

Should a situation require it, the Menahel, who is a former EMT and Hatzoloh member, has the capability to administer emergency care to students. Additionally, the Yeshiva will telephone the local 911 and EMS for backup care.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords eligible students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day Rabbinical College of America receives a request for access. A student should submit to the registrar, dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official, a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the school official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. A student who wishes to ask the school to amend a record should write the school official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested, the school will notify the student in writing both of the decision and of the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the student, §99.32 of FERPA regulations requires the institution to record the disclosure. Eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures.

Rabbinical College of America may disclose PII from the education records without obtaining prior written consent of the student -

- To other school officials, including teachers, within Rabbinical College of America whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1))
- To officials of another school where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2))
- To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as a State postsecondary authority that is responsible for supervising the university's State-supported education programs. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)
- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied for or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4))
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive

tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6))

- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))
- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8))
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9))
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10))
- Information the school has designated as “directory information” under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11))
- To a victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, subject to the requirements of §99.39. The disclosure may only include the final results of the disciplinary proceeding with respect to that alleged crime or offense, regardless of the finding. (§99.31(a)(13))
- To the general public, the final results of a disciplinary proceeding, subject to the requirements of §99.39, if the school determines the student is an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense and the student has committed a violation of the school’s rules or policies with respect to the allegation made against him. (§99.31(a)(14))
- To parents of a student regarding the student’s violation of any Federal, State, or local law, or of any rule or policy of the school, governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance, if the school determines the student committed a disciplinary violation and the student is under the age of 21. (§99.31(a)(15))

Health and Safety Exemption Requirement

FERPA permits non-consensual disclosure of education records, or personally identifiable, non-directory information from education records, in connection with a health or safety emergency under § 99.31(a)(10) and § 99.36 of the FERPA regulations. In particular, § 99.36(a) and (c) provide that

educational agencies and institutions may disclose information from an education record “to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals” and that the exception will be “strictly construed.” Congress’ intent that the applicability of this exception be limited is reflected in the Joint Statement in Explanation of Buckley/Pell Amendment, 120 Cong. Rec. S21489 (Dec. 13, 1974).

Accordingly, the Department consistently has limited the health and safety exception to a specific situation that presents imminent danger to a student, other students, or other members of the school community - or to a situation that requires the immediate need for information from education records in order to avert or diffuse serious threats to the safety or health of a student or other individuals. For example, the health or safety exception would apply to nonconsensual disclosures to appropriate persons in the case of a small pox, anthrax or other bioterrorism attack. This exception also would apply to nonconsensual disclosures to appropriate persons in the case of another terrorist attack such as the September 11 attack. However, any release must be narrowly tailored considering the immediacy, magnitude, and specificity of information concerning the emergency. As the legislative history indicates, this exception is temporally limited to the period of the emergency and generally will not allow for a blanket release of personally identifiable information from a student’s education records.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Rabbinical College of America concerning compliance with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

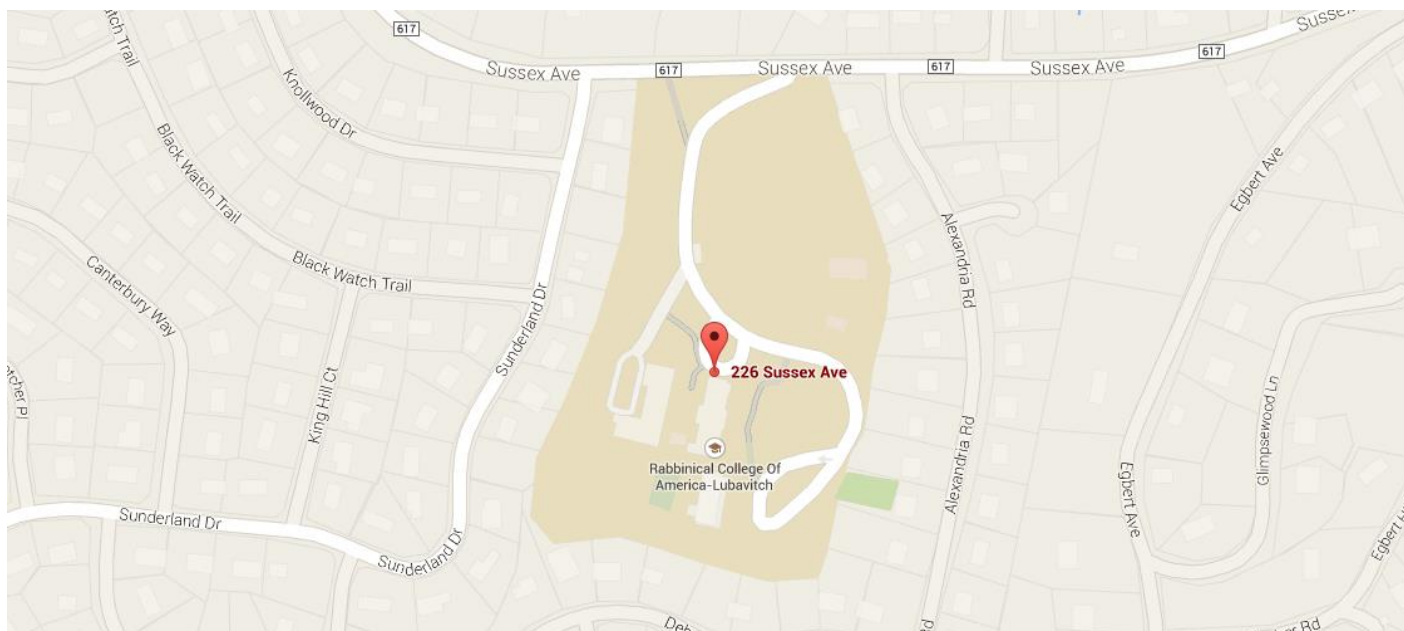
SUMMARY OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF FEDERAL COPYRIGHT LAWS

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement. Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For “willful” infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys’ fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505. Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense. For more information, please see the website of the U.S. Copyright Office at www.copyright.gov.

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Get on I-78 West for about 8 miles

Take Exit 48 for NJ-24 W toward I-287 South to Springfield/Morristown

Stay on NJ-24 for just over 9 Miles

Take the Exit on the left for I-287 Summerville

Stay on I-287 for about 2 miles and take Exit 36 to Lafayette Avenue

Merge onto Lafayette Avenue

Turn Right onto Morris Street

Turn Right onto Spring Street

Slight Right onto Speedwell Avenue

Left onto Sussex Avenue

From Crown Heights & Brooklyn (38 Miles)

Take Flatbush Avenue to the Manhattan Bridge Lower Level

Slight Left onto Canal Street

Right into Holland Tunnel for 78 W and continue as from Newark Airport