

# Master of Arts in Jewish Studies Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Master of Arts in Jewish Studies program. Please read these instructions carefully before completing your application. Should you have any questions about the application process or regarding the status of your application, please contact us:

Rabbinical School Admissions
Rabbi Daniel Klein
617-559-86137
M-Th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; F, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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## Selection of Candidates

Admissions decisions are based on a careful review of a candidate's completed application, credentials, supporting documents and appropriateness for the degree program. Applicants for graduate-degree programs must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and a competitive GPA. Hebrew College admits qualified students without regard to age, sex, religion, disability, race, color or national origin. An application for financial aid does not in any way affect a candidate's application for admission.

## **Application Submission**

You may fill out the application by clicking  $\underline{\text{here}}$ . Please send supporting materials to dklein@hebrewcollege.edu or to:

Office of Admissions Attn: Rabbi Daniel Klein Hebrew College 160 Herrick Road Newton Centre, MA 02459

You are responsible to ensure that all of your application materials are received; we welcome calls or emails from candidates regarding the status of their applications.

## Deadlines

Application deadlines are May 15 for fall admission, with a priority date of March 1, and Nov. 15 for spring admission. Extensions are granted on a case-by-case basis, though financial aid awards may be more limited for late applications.

## **Application Checklist**

All applicants must submit the following materials:

- A completed, signed application form
- Two essays, as described below
- Offical transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies from accredited academic institutions. Please have official copies of transcripts forwarded directly from the issuing institution to the Office of Admissions, Attn: Rabbi Daniel Klein, 160 Herrick Rd., Newton Centre, MA, 02459.
- Three letters of recommendation, including at least one from an academic instructor. Letters should be completed on <u>this form</u> and mailed directly to the Office of Admissions, or sent electronically to dklein@hebrewcollege.edu.
- Nonrefundable application fee of \$50.

## Interview

The interview is an essential and required part of the application process for all Hebrew College graduate-degree programs. This is an opportunity for us to get to know you and for you to learn more about the college and program for which you are applying. You may conduct your interview via phone, Skype or on-campus

## Financial Aid

Information about our financial aid policies may be found <u>here</u>. If you are applying for financial aid, please complete the required forms and submit with your application materials according to the deadline schedule above.

## **Essay Questions**

We consider the personal statement to be an essential part of the application process. Please compose a 500- to 700 word essay for each of the following questions:

- 1. Why are you applying to the Master of Arts in Jewish Studies degree program at Hebrew College? How will studying here enable you to achieve your goals?
- 2. Select a book, article or essay related to Jewish life/culture that you have read recently. Discuss your reactions, impressions and opinions.