LEADERSHIP IN JEWISH EDUCATION AND COMMUNAL SERVICE AND JEWISH STUDIES (DUAL DEGREE) M.A.

Degree: Master of Art
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This dual-degree program in Jewish Education and Communal Service and Jewish Studies is a 59-unit program that prepares professional leaders and educators to lead the Jewish community of the 21st century. At the same time, students are immersed in Jewish classics and humanities, develop a comprehension of the scope of the Jewish experience, and prepare to become effective and knowledgeable Jewish educators.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university**
- Minimum of a B average: overall GPA of 3.0/4.0
- Towson University graduate school application with required fee
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
- Statement of Intent: a one-page essay describing your academic and professional goals and how this degree program can help you achieve these goals.
- Sample of Work: a written sample of an academic research paper, thesis chapter, lesson plans or another type of field-related writing sample, no more than 20 pages long.
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one from an academic source
- Current resume
- Interview with the director, in person or by phone
- Applicants from other countries are subject to the same requirements for admission as are applicants from the U.S. Applicants from countries where English is not the language of university-level instruction will be required to demonstrate proof of funding in order to obtain a visa to attend school in the United States. This information is not required for admissions consideration.

Non-immigrant international students: See additional admission information in Graduate Admissions (http://www.towson.edu/main/admissions/graduate/apply/international-students.asp).

**See Exceptions to Policy in Graduate Admissions (http://www.towson.edu/main/admissions/graduate/apply/admission-policies.asp).

Jewish Studies Core Courses
Select at least one course in each of the following areas: 18

- Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Civilization
  - JDST 600 BIBLICAL LITERATURE AND CIVILIZATION

Rabbinic Literature
- JDST 585 JEWISH LAW AND ETHICS
- JDST 680 INTRODUCTION TO RABBINIC LITERATURE AND HISTORY

History
- JDST 630 MEDIEVAL JEWISH HISTORY
- JDST 631 JEWS IN THE MODERN WORLD

Jewish Thought and Mysticism
- JDST 666 INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH THOUGHT

Contemporary Jewish Studies
Examples of courses that fulfill this requirement include:
- JDST 610 DIASPORA JEWISH COMMUNITIES
- JDST 611 AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY
- JDST 663 CONTEMPORARY JEWISH ETHICS: RESHAPING THE JEWISH IDENTITY IN OUR GENERATION

Jewish Studies Major Field of Study
All students must complete an additional four courses in one of the major areas of concentration

Hebrew Language and Literature
Example of course that fulfills this requirement:
- JDST 641 CLASSICAL HEBREW LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE II: SECOND SAMUEL

Major Field of Study
Students must select a major area of concentration and take four courses in this particular area. Fields of study include: Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Civilization; Rabbinic Literature and History; Jewish Thought and Mysticism; Jewish History; or Contemporary Jewish Studies

Degree Completion
Select one of the following options: 6
- Option 1 - Take additional Jewish studies electives and sit for a comprehensive exam in the major field of study
- Option 2 - Write a thesis in their major field of study

Leadership in Jewish Education and Communal Service Courses

Leadership Core
- LJEC 600 LEADERSHIP IN JEWISH EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES 3

Practicum Seminar
The following course is required every semester for two years, one unit per year:
- LJEC 614 JEWISH COMMUNAL SERVICE PRACTICUM SEMINAR 0.5-1

Supervised Jewish Communal Service Internship
- LJEC 618 SUPERVISED JEWISH COMMUNAL SERVICE INTERNSHIP 1-3

Elective
Students may select from courses in Jewish Studies, Jewish Education, Jewish Communal Service, Family Studies or related topic with approval from the advisor/program director

Total Units 57.5-60

1 Students complete a required field placement of a minimum of 400 hours.
## Concentration I: Jewish Education

### Jewish Education
Select one of each of the following two groups:

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<td>FMST 620 PROJECT IN FAMILY FOCUSED PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT</td>
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<td>LJEC 606 FROM VISION TO PRACTICE IN JEWISH EDUCATION</td>
<td>LJEC 764 QUALITATIVE RESEARCH IN JEWISH EDUCATION</td>
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<td><strong>Group 2</strong></td>
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### Teaching Jewish Subject
Select one of the following:

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<td>LJEC 557</td>
<td>HEBREW LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATORS</td>
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<td>LJEC 647</td>
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<td>LJEC 655</td>
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<td>ILPD 650</td>
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### Elective
Select one of the following - courses are approved by the Graduate Program Director. Examples include:

- ILPD 650 | EXPLORATION OF HOLOCAUST EDUCATION |
- EDUC 613 | MORAL QUESTIONS IN THE CLASSROOM |
- LJEC 557 | HEBREW LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATORS |

### Total Units
12

## Other Requirement For Graduation
Students in the dual-degree program will complete a master's project or portfolio which they will submit to the program director.

## Hebrew Requirement
Knowledge of Hebrew is the foundation of Judaic learning. All entering students must take the Hebrew placement examination. In order to receive the degree, students must demonstrate proficiency in Hebrew equivalent to the level of two years of college Hebrew (through Biblical or Modern Hebrew IV). Beginning with their first term of matriculation, students must study Hebrew every term until this proficiency is attained. Students taking Hebrew course work must attain a grade of “B” or better each term in order to be considered proficient. Courses through Biblical Hebrew IV or Modern Hebrew IV do not count toward the 59 units required for the degree. For course selections, see the JDST program information.

## Independent Study Concentration II: Communal

### Professional Core
Select two of the following:

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<td>LJEC 610</td>
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<td>MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: LEADERSHIP AND SUPERVISION</td>
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<td>LJEC 612</td>
<td>STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS: MATERIAL RESOURCES</td>
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### Professional Electives
Select two of the following - courses are approved by the Graduate Program Director. Examples include:

- LJEC 611 | MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: LEADERSHIP AND SUPERVISION |
- ILPD 650 | EXPLORATION OF HOLOCAUST EDUCATION |
- FMST 550 | FUNDAMENTALS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR |
- FMST 555 | FUNDRAISING, FRIENDRAISING AND VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT |

### Total Units
12