Information for Double Degree Students

Class of 2021

Office of the Dean of Studies
Barnard College
Welcome to the Barnard/JTS Double Degree Program!

For over 30 years, the Double Degree Program has afforded students a rigorous and rewarding academic undertaking at two outstanding institutions. This information has been prepared to help you understand the Program and its requirements. In addition, you will find it useful to consult the Academic Guide to Your First Year at Barnard College 2017-2018, the online Barnard Course Catalogue (http://catalog.barnard.edu/), the Columbia Directory of Classes (http://www.columbia.edu/cu/bulletin/uwb/), the JTS Academic Bulletin (http://www.jtsa.edu/academic-bulletin), and the JTS course listings (http://my.jtsa.edu/ics). You will also receive personalized course selection information from the List College Deans Office, based on the results of the Hebrew placement test you take this summer.

Advisers
Double Degree students have at least two academic advisers throughout their enrollment in the Program. At JTS, each student is advised by one of the List College deans. At Barnard, Professor Beth Berkowitz of the Religion Department serves as the academic adviser for Double Degree students – she will be contacting you later this summer. First-Year Double Degree students are also encouraged to meet with Rebecca Grabiner, First-Year Class Dean at Barnard, who serves as an additional resource for all entering students and particularly works with those who encounter difficulties, have complicated schedules, or wish to discuss long-term academic planning.

Once students select a major at each school, they will also receive advising from a faculty member in the department of each major. Finally, all List College seniors are advised by Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Dean of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies at JTS. At all stages, frequent communication with advisers and deans is helpful and essential. Each semester, students are required to secure advisers’ approval for their academic programs. Advisers and deans are available both during the registration period and throughout the semester to discuss long-term planning, summer study plans, study abroad options, and any other questions.

Barnard Credit and Residence Requirement
Barnard requires 122 points of academic credit for the Bachelor of Arts degree. Of the 122 credits, 62 points of credit must be taken at Barnard/Columbia during the regular academic year – these credits are referred to as “in residence.” Up to 60 “outside” credits may count toward the Barnard degree, be it from JTS, study abroad, summer school, or elsewhere. No more than 60 credits from JTS will count toward the 122 credits required for the Barnard degree. Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) credits, counted as outside credit, may count toward the 122-credit total but will not be counted toward the 62 in-residence credits. One of the 122 credits must be PE.

Because students in the Double Degree program complete a total of more than 12 credits (counting credits at both schools) each semester, they are always considered full-time undergraduate students – regardless of the particular balance of credits at each individual school. All student in the Double Degree
program must complete three semesters of 12 or more credits at Barnard before graduation—we recommend that you select Spring 2018 as your first 12-or-more-credit Barnard semester. Beyond these three 12-or-more-credit semesters, the remainder of the required Barnard credit may be fulfilled with fewer than 12 Barnard credits per term. In every semester, Double Degree students must be enrolled in at least one 3-credit academic course at Barnard. In semesters when you are enrolled in fewer than 12 Barnard credits, tuition is billed on a per-credit basis. The number of Barnard credits taken in a given semester will not affect housing seniority status.

Course Selection and Registration
Double Degree students register at both institutions, completing the necessary procedures and paying the appropriate tuition and fees at each. Double Degree students register for all JTS courses, including those that will be applied toward the Barnard degree, at JTS.

New students select their Barnard courses online during the summer, as described in the Academic Guide to Your First Year at Barnard 2017-2018. For the most part, first-semester Double Degree students enroll in three Barnard courses (First-Year Writing or First-Year Seminar plus two other courses) and three or four JTS courses (LIST 101, a List College First-Year Seminar, a Hebrew language course, and possibly one other course of your choosing). Please note that LIST 101 meets Mondays 11:40 a.m.-12:55 p.m., and all JTS First-Year Seminars meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:40 a.m.-12:55 p.m. JTS Hebrew classes generally meet in the mornings three or four days per week. Please note these time constraints when selecting your Barnard First-Year Writing or First-Year Seminar courses in particular. It is your responsibility to select your other Fall 2017 courses at times that do not conflict with JTS requirements.

In future semesters, you will select Barnard courses in consultation with Barnard advisers. To meet her particular interests and academic goals, each student— with guidance from her advisers— crafts her own plan of action to meet the requirements of the Program. No two students do this in exactly the same way. In fact, students have frequently proposed new paths which make practical and pedagogical sense in order to make this very special program all the more meaningful to them.

At the end of each term, JTS sends a copy of students’ transcripts to Barnard, and approved credit is transferred to the Barnard record, with a few caveats: Some JTS courses receive six or nine credits at JTS; Barnard will transfer no more than four points of credit for these courses. No Barnard credit is granted for List 101, JTS Education courses, or for courses taken in JTS’s Summer Session I (known colloquially as “minimester”). Courses offered in JTS’s HAZ, MUS, and SEM departments are evaluated on a case by case basis. Credit may be available for courses taken in JTS’s Summer Session II and III. Since Barnard transfers in a maximum of 60 “outside” credits, and students complete approximately 90 credits at JTS, these caveats seldom cause difficulties, but we recommend that you consult with advisers at both JTS and Barnard before enrolling in any course that you expect to count for credit or a requirement at the other school.

Also at the end of each term, Barnard sends a copy of students’ transcripts to JTS. Credit from the Barnard transcript is counted toward the 60 liberal arts credits required for the List
College BA. In addition, a limited number of Barnard courses may count for some List College major or elective requirements – please consult your JTS adviser for more information and guidance.

**Barnard Degree Requirements**

Barnard degree requirements must be fulfilled with appropriate courses taken at Barnard, Columbia, or on study leave. The Barnard General Education Requirements (GERs)* are:

I. *First-Year Experience*
   - First-Year Writing (1 course)
   - First-Year Seminar (1 course)
   - Physical Education (1 course)

II. *Distributional Requirements*
   - 2 Courses in the Languages**
   - 2 Courses in the Arts/Humanities
   - 2 Courses in the Social Sciences
   - 2 Courses in the Sciences (1 with a Laboratory)

III. *Modes of Thinking*
   - 1 Course in Thinking Locally—New York City
   - 1 Course in Thinking through Global Inquiry
   - 1 Course in Thinking about Social Difference
   - 1 Course in Thinking with Historical Perspective
   - 1 Course in Thinking Quantitatively and Empirically
   - 1 Course in Thinking Technologically and Digitally

*Several of the GERs may be satisfied through JTS coursework. A list of JTS courses approved for Barnard GERs will be posted on the Dean of Studies website. Note that this list is a work in progress and is not comprehensive. Please consult with your advisers at both schools for more information.

**JTS Hebrew and Talmud coursework will satisfy the Language Distributional Requirement.

***Again please note that JTS summer courses are not always approved for Barnard GERs – be sure to check with your advisers at both schools before registering for a JTS summer course that you hope will satisfy a GER.

IV. *Major/Minor*

Students select their Barnard majors by the end of the sophomore year and their JTS majors by the beginning of the junior year. Minors – if desired – are generally selected later in the college career.

1) Courses taken at JTS may be applied to the Barnard major or minor under the following circumstances: a) they are approved for the major/minor by the department, and b) they conform to general college policies on the use of transfer credit toward the major/minor.

2) Even if a JTS course has already been approved for general transfer credit or a GER, it must be individually approved for the major by the Barnard department,
Double Degree students are expected to meet the requirements for the senior capstone experience in their Barnard major. If there is a compelling academic rationale for writing one thesis for both the Barnard and JTS majors, the Barnard department will need to approve such a project.

Note about Physical Education
All Barnard students are required to complete one semester of Physical Education. Unlike other Barnard students who must complete this requirement during their first year at Barnard, Double Degree students have until the end of the junior year to complete the PE requirement. The requirement may be fulfilled either with a Physical Education class or with a dance technique class. Please note that, when registered for fewer than 12 credits at Barnard, students will be charged for Physical Education or dance technique courses at the per-credit rate. For this reason, we recommend that Double Degree students take Physical Education during a semester when they are enrolled in 12 or more credits at Barnard, for example in Spring 2018, which we anticipate will be your first 12-or-more-credit semester at Barnard.

Length of Program
Many students complete all requirements of the Double Degree Program in four years. This is, however, a strenuous undertaking, usually requiring some summer study. It is not unusual for a student to complete one degree in four years and the other in a fifth, often on a part-time basis. If it is very important to you to graduate in four years for financial or other reasons, we recommend that you meet with advisers and deans at both schools this fall to discuss long-term planning.

Integration into Barnard Life
Double Degree students are in many ways “dual citizens” and as a result may occasionally feel pulled in two directions or may feel that other students don’t understand their academic goals. There is no question that you will have a time-consuming academic program throughout your college years. Careful planning and close consultation with advisers at both schools will help you stay on top of things.

Students in the Double Degree Program may live either at Barnard or at JTS throughout their studies. Double Degree students who live in Barnard residence halls or eat at Barnard (where the University-wide kosher meal plan is available) experience first-hand the diversity of the student body. Commuting students are encouraged to make use of the Skip Stop Express, Barnard’s commuter club, located in the Diana Center.

We are delighted to welcome you into the Barnard family, and we hope you will take advantage of all that Barnard has to offer—including social events, leadership opportunities, and extra-curricular activities—as well as the variety of programs and activities available to you at JTS.
For questions about the information in this booklet, please contact:

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