

Status: PENDING

**PROGRAM REQUEST**  
Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies

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<b>Fiscal Unit/Academic Org</b>	Germanic Languages & Lit - D0547
<b>Administering College/Academic Group</b>	Humanities
<b>Co-administering College/Academic Group</b>	
<b>Semester Conversion Designation</b>	New Program/Plan
<b>Proposed Program/Plan Name</b>	Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies
<b>Type of Program/Plan</b>	Graduate degree program
<b>Program/Plan Code Abbreviation</b>	YASP
<b>Proposed Degree Title</b>	MA

**Credit Hour Explanation**

Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program				41	
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum			23	
	Maximum			23	
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum			18	
	Maximum			18	
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum			0	
	Maximum			0	

**Program Learning Goals**

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

**Program Learning Goals**

- Students develop critical tools, a sophisticated terminology, and an interdisciplinary approach to decipher the nuances of societal and cultural agencies, present and past.
- Students demonstrate the ability to apply these skills appropriately when performing textual, filmic, visual and linguistic analysis in the field of Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies.
- Students demonstrate the ability to present sophisticated ideas clearly, cogently and persuasively in writing and speaking in English and in Yiddish.

**Assessment**

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

**Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? Yes**

**Does the degree program or major have an assessment plan on file with the university Office of Academic Affairs? Yes**

**Summarize how the program's current quarter-based assessment practices will be modified, if necessary, to fit the semester calendar.**

No modification of assessment practices will be required.

## Program Specializations/Sub-Plans

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

## Pre-Major

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

## Attachments

- YASPadvisingquarters.docx: YASPquarteradvise  
*(Quarter Advising Sheet(s). Owner: Grotans,Anna Anita)*
- YASPgradcoursessemesters.docx: YASPgradcourses  
*(List of Semester Courses. Owner: Grotans,Anna Anita)*
- YASPgradrationale.docx: YASPgradrationale  
*(Program Rationale Statement. Owner: Grotans,Anna Anita)*
- YASPMAdvisesemesters.docx: YASPsemesteradvise  
*(Semester Advising Sheet(s). Owner: Grotans,Anna Anita)*
- YASPMAtransition.docx: YASPtransition  
*(Transition Policy. Owner: Grotans,Anna Anita)*
- ConversionCoverFIN.doc: Chair'sCover  
*(Letter from Program-offering Unit. Owner: Grotans,Anna Anita)*
- A and H CL.GLL.G.doc: A and H Cover Letter  
*(Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Williams,Valarie Lucille)*

## Comments

- NOTE: These two programs already exist, but there was no other way to enter them in PACER. The M.A. in YASP was originally in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures and migrated to GLL with the two YASP faculty in 1996. The PhD in YASP was initiated when Jacobs and Miller joined GLL and has been protected by means of an MOU signed at the time of the merger. The PhD in YASP is technically a sub-specialization of the PhD in GLL. *(by Grotans,Anna Anita on 07/22/2011 01:24 PM)*

## Workflow Information

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July 12, 2011

Elliot Slotnick, Associate Dean  
The Graduate School  
Semester Conversion Committee Review

Dear Elliot,

The Disciplinary Advisory Committee for Curriculum from the Division of Arts and Humanities within the College of Arts and Sciences met, reviewed, and unanimously approved the proposals for semester versions of the MA and PhD from the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures. The programs include the following:

**MA in Germanic Languages and Literatures** — re-envisioned status

**MA in Germanic Languages and Literatures with a Specialization in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies (YASP)**—re-envisioned status

**PhD in Germanic Languages and Literatures** — re-envisioned status

**PhD in Germanic Languages and Literatures with a Specialization in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies (YASP)**—re-envisioned status

The program changes are the result of discussions within the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, and in response to the Program Review in 2009. The main programmatic changes are that the MA program will no longer be terminal, but will be awarded in cases where students do not advance to the PhD coursework. The existing PhD in GLL will focus on preparing students to achieve the PhD in 5 years or in 6 years with a year abroad. Please note that the sub-specialization of Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies will continue to be awarded through the MA and PhD in Germanic Languages and Literatures, and are listed in PACER as separate programs.

The **MA in Germanic Languages and Literatures** is moving forward with *re-envisioned status*. The MA in Germanic Languages and Literatures was 45 credit hours under quarters and will be 30 hours under semesters. The department combined coursework and re-focused content on methodological practices necessary to complete the MA, and designed 4 courses for the Required Coursework Category, each of which are 4 credit hours. The department has provided a detailed transition plan, and works with students individually within each year's cohort.

The **MA in Germanic Languages and Literatures with a Specialization in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies (YASP)** is moving forward with *re-envisioned status*. The YASP MA was 45 credit hours under quarters and will be 41 hours under semesters. The YASP program took the opportunity to do "housekeeping" and to combine coursework and re-focus content. The program under quarters required courses outside the home program, and under semesters this same practice continues. Of the 41 credit hours required for the MA, 23 are required in Yiddish coursework, while 18 credit hours are required outside the program, drawing from units such as History, Slavic and Eastern European Languages and Literatures, Linguistics, English, etc. The program has provided a detailed listing of changes within the program. In sum, of the core required courses Yiddish 611 (5611) remains. Yiddish 721 (5671) is replaced as a core requirement with Yiddish 5641, and Yiddish 612 is replaced with Yiddish 5641. The program has deleted German 701 from the semester program; thus conforming to current practice, where German 701 is waived under quarters, and, students instead, take either an individualized study course in Judaica bibliographical tools or another course in Yiddish with this content. Under semesters Yiddish 5671 or 7721 will have bibliographical aspects. Following current practice, the program chose not to continue the small listing of coursework in the ancillary areas; instead they have stated that courses for

those 18 credit hours will be chosen in consultation with their faculty advisor. The program includes a sample program, advising sheets, detailed listing of changes, a “Rosetta Stone” of quarter to semester courses, and a transition plan statement; however no students are currently in the program. One entering student in the fall 2011 will follow the new plan of study.

The **PhD in Germanic Languages and Literatures** is moving forward with *re-envisioned status*. The degree under quarters required 75 credit hours beyond the MA, and under semesters it will require 50 credit hours beyond the MA. The PhD semester proposal includes the listing of coursework by requirement and an extensive advising sheet and year by year plan for advancement through the programs. There is a separate transition plan for students in the program.

The **PhD in Germanic Languages and Literatures with a Specialization in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies (YASP)** is moving forward with *re-envisioned status*. The degree under quarters required 120 credit hours, and under semesters it will require 83 credit hours. The PhD semester proposal includes the listing of coursework, “Rosetta Stone” of quarter and semester courses, year by year plan for advancement through the programs, and the quarter and semester advising sheets. For students who enter Ohio State with a B.A., students take the 41 hours of the MA and move on in the 42 hours of the doctoral coursework. For those students who enter with an MA from another institution, those students must take 50 hours beyond the MA. The program has provided a detailed listing of changes within the program. Students take the first two years of the MA coursework in addition to the same requirements for semesters as under quarters: 12 units of ancillary disciplinary coursework, 12 units of YASP 7000-level courses, 6 units of intensive study abroad, and Dissertation for the remaining units.

We are sending these graduate programs forward for review and approval in the next stage of curricular review at the Graduate School and Council on Academic Affairs. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me at 292-5727 or williams.1415@osu.edu.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals,



Valarie Williams, M.F.A., Ph.D., Professor of Dance  
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Arts and Humanities

CC: Anna Grotans, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of GLL  
Neil Jacobs, Professor and Director of Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies Program (YASP)  
Mark Shanda, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Arts and Humanities

April 16, 2011

To: Office of Academic Affairs  
Re: Semester Conversion

The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures (GLL) is pleased to present the following revisions and suggested implementation for conversion to the semester calendar of our degree granting programs. Our Department houses three separate programs; changes within these programs can be summarized as follows (cf. attached documentation):

A. German

1. Masters Degree and PhD in German: re-envisioned with significant changes.
2. Undergraduate Major in German: re-envisioned with significant changes.
3. Undergraduate Minor in German: converted with minimal changes.

B. Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies

1. Masters Degree and PhD in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies: re-envisioned with significant changes; these degrees are sub-specializations of the Masters Degree and PhD in Germanic Languages and Literatures.
2. Undergraduate Yiddish minor: converted with minimal changes.

C. Scandinavian Studies

1. Undergraduate minor: re-envisioned with significant changes.

GLL took advantage of a recent program review in November 2009 to assess and as a result restructure its programs and curriculum. The Department conducted a self-study which was followed by an external evaluator review. Recommendations made by the external evaluators and points gleaned as a result of our own assessment were discussed and integrated into our conversion plans. The conversion tasks were divided among four departmental committees: 1) the German Undergraduate Studies Committee; 2) the German Graduate Advisory Committee with later input from the German Graduate Committee; 3) the Scandinavian Studies Committee; and 4) the Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies Committee. In order to streamline the process, we focused on the following general principles: curricular coherence and achievement of learning goals, flexibility for students and faculty, adherence to a 2/3 reduction, and alignment with national trends in the respective fields. Major changes to the German graduate and undergraduate programs were discussed during several departmental council meetings and accepted by the voting members, consisting of the entire faculty, student representatives and a representative of lecturers in autumn 2010. The Scandinavian minor was re-envisioned by adding one

course to the core requirements (Scan 3350). Changes were presented to the faculty in January 2011; the relatively minor changes to the YASP program were presented to the faculty at our February 2011 departmental council meeting.

As chair of the Department, I can attest to the rigor with which the programmatic changes were undertaken and I approve all of the proposed changes to our undergraduate and graduate programs. Not only will the proposed changes better meet our students' needs, but they will also allow for more flexible scheduling and foster inter- and trans-disciplinary opportunities, e.g., make our courses more accessible to students from other programs, allow our students to undertake coursework in other programs, and facilitate team teaching.

All of the programs outlined above will continue after conversion to semesters has taken place. None of our programs are being withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Anna A. Grotans  
Associate Professor of German and Chair

## Germanic Languages and Literatures

### Program Rationale: MA in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies [YASP]

#### CURRENT PROGRAM [QUARTER SYSTEM]

The YASP M.A. in the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures [GLL], was transferred over from its previous department (then-named Near Eastern, Judaic, and Hellenic Languages and Literatures, now: NELC) as part of the merger of YASP into GLL (in 1996). The Memorandum of Understanding [MoU] that governed the merger established the YASP graduate program as an independent M.A. and Ph.D. specialization within GLL, with the degree awarded in Germanic Languages and Literatures. The MoU established autonomy for YASP in matters of, e.g., curriculum, admission to the YASP graduate program, and the like, setting the YASP and German graduate programs as sister-programs subject to the oversight of the GLL chair.

From the outset, the YASP graduate program was designed as cross-disciplinary and interdisciplinary, requiring both solid grounding in Yiddish/Ashkenazic-specific training and coursework in ancillary areas—data-specific (e.g., German Studies, History, Folklore) and/or general theoretical approaches to disciplines (e.g., Linguistics, Critical Theory). The current M.A. [in the quarter system] is as follows:

MA – A minimum of forty-five graduate credit hours is required to earn a Master’s Degree in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies. Thirty-six of those credit hours must be completed at this University over a period of at least two quarters. No more than ten of the forty-five credit hours may be earned in courses graded “S/U.”

Required courses [QUARTER SYSTEM]:

Yiddish 611	History of the Yiddish Language
Yiddish 612	Language and Culture Geography in Ashkenaz
Yiddish 721	Studies in Yiddish Literature (5 units)
German 701	Introduction to the Methods and Tools of Literary Analysis

Additionally required: Two seminars in Yiddish at the 800 level or higher

Students requesting the waiver of a required course on the basis of work done elsewhere may be asked to demonstrate their mastery of the material by taking a proficiency test.

In the quarter system, students admitted to the YASP M.A. program typically completed the M.A. at the end of their second year. Students could choose between the thesis option and the exam option. The exam was based on a combination of issues from coursework and from the reading list. While the minimum number of quarter credit hours for the M.A. was 45, students for the YASP M.A. typically had more than that, including in most cases credits earned through participation in one or more overseas summer intensive Yiddish language and culture programs.

#### PROPOSED CHANGES/RATIONALE FOR CHANGES

The proposed changes to the YASP graduate program curriculum reflect in large part the ways in which the program has in fact evolved over the past several years, thus bringing the document into closer alignment with the directions the program has taken, in line with recent trends in the field, as well as within broader

academic discourse. The YASP graduate program has, from the time of its merger into the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures in 1996, consistently striven to go beyond the limits of Yiddish literature and Yiddish linguistics, and to offer a program in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies that combines training in Yiddish-topic core courses with extensive coursework in ancillary fields and/or general theory.

The proposed changes were worked out by the YASP faculty (David Neal Miller and Neil G. Jacobs) over a period of several months, in regular consultation with GLL Chair, Anna A. Grotans. In large part, these changes reflect steps taken to better meet changing student needs as the field has evolved.

In the semester system, the YASP graduate program will continue this multi-pronged emphasis on core courses in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies, on the one hand, and coursework in general theory and/or ancillary disciplines (e.g., History, German, Women's Studies, Slavic and East European Studies). This retains the present requirement that YASP graduate students—under the supervision of their YASP faculty advisor—select and pursue coursework consonant with their academic goals and intellectual interests. The flexibility present in the current quarter-based program will continue in the semester-based program. An enumerated list of specific courses in general theory and/or ancillary disciplines was provided under the old quarter system served solely as a sample of potential courses; this list does not fill a necessary function, and is not provided for the semester system, since the courses to be taken will be worked out by the student and the advisor.

The proposed changes thus permit students some additional flexibility, in that fewer YASP-specific courses are specified by name. (This follows the semester model adopted by the German program within GLL.) This largely articulates and codifies the flexibility that YASP, as a smaller program, has always exercised to address the specific research concentrations of its graduate students. Under the quarter system, this was accomplished through repeatable variable-topic courses: Yiddish 641, Yiddish 721 and Yiddish 811; these will remain in the semester system as Yiddish 5641, Yiddish 7721 and 8811, respectively. (Yiddish 8811 will be taken in the Ph.D. program.) This provides the program the flexibility to adjust course topics according to students' needs and interests. For example, on more than one occasion, a new topic course offering has arisen in direct response to students' enthusiasm for this topic within a prior course. YASP has on several occasions been able to follow up immediately on this, and offer the new topic the very next quarter, or the quarter thereafter. Along with this flexibility in course topics, however, the core issues necessary for graduate training in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies consistently remain addressed.

The specific changes for required courses in the M.A. are:

Under the quarter system, the M.A. requirements include one Yiddish 721, plus two 811 seminars in Yiddish Studies. The 811 seminar is being renumbered 8811 in the semester system. In the semester system, the requirement for additional graduate-level YASP courses (beyond Yiddish 5611 and Yiddish 5641) can be fulfilled through a combination of, for example, Yiddish 5641, Yiddish 7721 (both repeatable as distinct topics) and Yiddish 5671, as well as through individual directed research (Yiddish 5193).

German 701 is dropped; it is an artifact from the time of the merger of YASP into GLL and should have been written out of the program from the beginning. This is/was a course on German bibliography, and simply does not fit into the YASP graduate program. It has in practice been waived for every YASP graduate student. In the semester system, YASP M.A. students are provided YASP-specific bibliographic training in Yiddish 5671 and Yiddish 7721. YASP is further fortunate to have the services of a distinguished Judaica librarian, Professor Joseph Galron, who has regularly and generously made himself available to students, meeting with them in small groups or on an individual basis, to introduce them to the bibliographic tools in the field.



Yiddish 5612 (in the quarter system numbered Yiddish 612) is being dropped from the required courses for the YASP M.A.. At its inception this course started out as a straightforward Yiddish linguistic geography course. This course has been replaced by Yiddish 5641 Places in Ashkenaz, which addresses much of the same material from a more updated perspective, in line with contemporary academic trends in the field.

Yiddish 5641 Places in Ashkenaz started as a team-taught course (offered simultaneously in the quarter system as Yiddish 641 and German 641) Language and Society in Interwar Vienna. The success of the Vienna course prompted YASP to reformulate the Yiddish 641 course as a variable-topic Places in Ashkenaz course, which is better able to address issues both of location-specific interest (e.g., Jewish Amsterdam), as well as theoretical issues in Ashkenazic Jewish cultural geography. Yiddish 5641 is a required course for the M.A. in the semester system. This course may be repeated for credit (for a different topic/location), and will remain so under the semester system.

Yiddish 5611 History of the Yiddish language (numbered Yiddish 611 in the quarter system)—will remain a required course for the M.A. in the semester system. This course provides both a linguistic history of the Yiddish language and a social history of Ashkenazic Jewry, and thus is a foundation for subsequent work in the field.

Yiddish 5651 Modern Yiddish Prose is being dropped from the list of required courses. This course mainly deals with the reading and analysis of Yiddish prose texts. Over the past many years YASP students have received this training through two main avenues: participation in overseas summer intensive Yiddish language programs (e.g., earlier at the Oxford Summer Programme; currently at the Vilnius summer program), and through Yiddish 721 Studies in Yiddish literature (to be renumbered in the semester system as 4721 [undergraduate] and 7721 [graduate]), which includes reading and analysis of texts more broadly construed, better aligning course content with contemporary scholarly practice across the disciplines in arts and humanities.

The requirement for broad and deep coursework in ancillary areas (outside of Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies proper) continues in the new semester system. Currently (in the quarter system), a canonic list of courses is provided (from, e.g., Linguistics, History, German). In fact, the canonic list has always served as a point of departure subject to approval of the advisor in consultation with the student, in line with the student's academic interests, and courses other than those on the limited list could be taken with advisor's approval. The new semester system affords us the opportunity of eliminating the canonic list (though kept as an idea-starter) at both the M.A. and Ph.D. level. The net change is some additional responsibility on the part of the advisor.

YASP M.A. students will be required to participate in the GTA language pedagogy training session which takes place over two weeks prior to the beginning of the fall semester. YASP students will participate in the general methods training held in the mornings, and receive Yiddish-specific training from YASP faculty in the afternoons, as a part of coursework to be continued in the fall semester through Yiddish 5671 or Yiddish 7721.

### **Program in Semesters**

The YASP graduate program will continue to require the M.A. This is especially important for the field of Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies, where, typically, no one enters graduate studies with a B.A. in the field. The expectation will be that the M.A. will be completed by the end of the second year. Students wishing to graduate with an M.A. in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies must complete 41 units of study.

The two required courses for the M.A. include:

Yiddish 5611 – History of the Yiddish Language (3 cr.)

Yiddish 5641 – Places in Ashkenaz (3 cr.)

These required courses provide the linguistic, social, and geographic context for the study of Ashkenazic Jewry. The “electives” for the M.A. combine additional coursework in Yiddish, as well as coursework in ancillary disciplines, subject to approval of the student’s advisor. The new M.A. will be under the exam option, with the expectation that it be taken by the end of the student’s second year in the program. The exam will consist of a significant written research paper going beyond a course or seminar paper, to be written during the spring semester of the second year, as well as a comprehensive oral exam be based on the paper, as well as on coursework in the program, and on the reading list. The expectation is that the oral exam will be taken during or before the May-semester of the second year. Students will be required to receive a grade of A- or higher on the combined portions of the exam to be considered eligible for continuation into the YASP Ph.D. program.

### **Graduate Progression Policy**

YASP graduate students will complete a YASP-specific version of the GLL Annual Progress Checklist, noting seminar-paper titles, awards and activities of which the faculty and the GLL chair should be aware. ABDs will submit to their advisors at the beginning of spring quarter a one-page Progress Report and a current CV. Advisors will append to these materials a brief assessment of the student’s progress.

M.A. and PhD in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies (YASP)  
Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures  
July 17, 2011

GRADUATE COURSES IN SEMESTER SYSTEM

CONVERTED EXISTING COURSES

SEMESTERS NUMBERS]		[OLD QUARTER
Yiddish 5603	Advanced Yiddish Conversation & Composition	[Yiddish 603]
Yiddish 5611	History of the Yiddish Language	[Yiddish 611]
Yiddish 5612	Language & Culture Geography in Ashkenaz	[Yiddish 612]
Yiddish 5641	Places in Ashkenaz	[Yiddish 641]
Yiddish 5651	Modern Yiddish Prose	[Yiddish 651]
Yiddish 5671	Yiddish for Speakers of German	[Yiddish 671]
Yiddish 7721	Studies in Yiddish Literature	[Yiddish 721]
Yiddish 8811	Seminar in Yiddish Studies	[Yiddish 811]
Yiddish 5193	Independent Studies	[Yiddish 693]
Yiddish 4998	Honors Research	[Yiddish 783H]
Yiddish 5194	Group Studies	[Yiddish 694]
Yiddish 5797	Study at a Foreign Institution	[Yiddish 697]
Yiddish 8999	Dissertation Thesis	[Yiddish 998]

SEMESTER COURSES WITH EXISTING OSU GENERAL RUBRICS BEING ADDED

Yiddish 5798	Study Tour
Yiddish 6999	Master's Thesis
Yiddish 8193	Reading Hours

**Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies**  
**Graduate Program Advising Sheet: MA Degree [SEMESTERS]**

**MA Degree**

Students wishing to graduate with an MA in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies (YASP) must complete 41 units of study.

**Required Courses**

Yiddish 5611 – History of the Yiddish Language (3 units)

Yiddish 5641 – Places in Ashkenaz (3 units)

**Electives**

An additional 35 units

- 18 of which are to be taken in an ancillary discipline, subject to approval of the student’s advisor, and
- 17 of which are to be taken in graduate-level YASP courses

SAMPLE M.A. PROGRAM: [Ancillary-area courses given as examples only.]

	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER	MAY SESSION	SUMMER SEMESTER
YEAR 1	<b>S1</b> Yiddish 5671 Yiddish 7721 History 7XXX  Total: 9 units	<b>S2</b> Yiddish 5641 German 6XXX Linguistics 6XXX  Total: 9 units	Yiddish 5193   Total: 3 units	
TOTAL YEAR: 21 units				
YEAR 2	<b>S3</b> Yiddish 5611 Yiddish 7721 Slavic 6XXX  Total: 9 units	<b>S4</b> History 7XXX Folklore 6XXX Yiddish 6999 (3 units thesis)  Total: 9 units	Yiddish 6999 (2 units thesis/exam preparation)  Total: 2 units	
TOTAL YEAR: 20 units				



**YASP M.A. and Ph.D. ADVISING SHEET [CURRENT QUARTER SYSTEM]**

**MA** - A minimum of forty-five graduate credit hours is required to earn a Master's Degree in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies. Thirty-six of those credit hours must be completed at this University over a period of at least two quarters. No more than ten of the forty-five credit hours may be earned in courses graded "S/U."

**Required courses:**

Yiddish 611 History of the Yiddish Language  
 Yiddish 612 Language and Culture Geography in Ashkenaz  
 Yiddish 651 Modern Yiddish Prose  
 Yiddish 721 Studies in Yiddish Literature (5 units)  
 German 701 Introduction to the Methods and Tools of Literary Analysis  
 - two seminars in Yiddish at the 800 level or higher.

Students requesting the waiver of a required course on the basis of work done elsewhere may be asked to demonstrate their mastery of the material by taking a proficiency test.

**PhD** - A minimum of 120 graduate credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree (75 graduate credit hours beyond the M.A.) is required to earn a doctoral degree. Of these 120 credit hours, a minimum of 90 hours are to be in the core Yiddish component, and 45 hours in the Ashkenazic Studies and Theory component. See "Course Distribution Requirements," below.

The following courses will be required of all Ph.D. students unless their equivalents have been taken satisfactorily elsewhere: Yiddish 611, Yiddish 651 (fulfilled if taken as part of the M.A.) and a total of six graduate courses at the 700 level or higher for which seminar papers are required. The Interdepartmental Seminar, 899, may be used as one of the six courses if available and offered for five units of credit. Seminars taken elsewhere may sometimes be substituted.

The graduate faculty in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies will evaluate clean copies of papers and other materials submitted by the student and recommend whether or not seminars taken elsewhere may be substituted for one or two of those required by the department. Students requesting the waiver of a required course on the basis of work done elsewhere may be asked to demonstrate their mastery of the material by taking a proficiency test.

Ph.D. students in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies are required to demonstrate a good reading knowledge of German, Hebrew, or Polish. The Department will allow the substitution of a language other than the above if the student's research interests or dissertation topic warrant such substitution. Permission for the substitution must be obtained from the Yiddish Program Director. The foreign language requirement may be satisfied by passing a translation test administered by the relevant department or by earning a grade of B or better in a course for reading knowledge of the targeted foreign language. The foreign language requirement must be completed prior to the writing of the Candidacy Examination.

**Course Distribution Requirements:**

*The Yiddish Component* (Minimum: 90 hrs)

Yiddish 603 Advanced Yiddish Composition 5 hrs  
 Yiddish 611 History of the Yiddish Language 5 hrs  
 Yiddish 612 Yiddish Linguistic Geography 5 hrs

Yiddish 641 Language and Society in Interwar Vienna 5 hrs  
Yiddish 651 Modern Yiddish Prose 5 hrs  
Yiddish 697 Study at a Foreign Institution 15 hrs  
Yiddish 721 Studies in Yiddish Literature 15 hrs  
Yiddish 811 Seminar in Yiddish Studies 15 hrs  
Yiddish 997 Dissertation Seminar 9 hrs  
Yiddish 998 Research in Yiddish: Thesis 15 hrs  
Yiddish 999 Research in Yiddish: Dissertation 20 hrs

*Ashkenazic Studies and Theory Component* (Minimum: 45 hrs)

Yiddish 790 Foundations of Contemporary Critical Theory 5 hrs  
Yiddish 792 Interdepartmental Studies in the Humanities 5 hrs  
Yiddish 890 Interdepartmental Studies in Critical Theory 5 hrs  
German 701 Introduction to Bibliography and the Tools of Research 3 hrs  
German 703 Introduction to Contemporary Critical Approaches to Literature 3 hrs  
German 801 Middle High German 5 hrs  
German 806 History of the German Language 5 hrs  
German 810 German Literary Criticism and Theory 5 hrs  
German 980 Seminar in Germanic Philology 5 hrs  
History 605.04 Jews in the Western World in Modern Times 5 hrs  
History 605.10 Messiahs and Messianism in Jewish History 5 hrs  
History 626.01 Hapsburg Empire, 1740–1918 5 hrs  
Linguistics 611 Introduction to Historical Linguistics 5 hrs  
Linguistics 685 Languages in Contact 5 hrs  
English 770.01 Folklore: Approaches and Research Methods 5 hrs

*Joint Subject Option* Students may, with approval of their advisor, substitute up to twenty credit hours of course work beyond that enumerated above in a single appropriate Book Three listing for that portion of the Ashkenazic Studies component, e.g. German at the 700 level or higher.





**Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies MA  
Transition Policy**

There are currently no students in the YASP MA program. Any students entering the program in 2011-12 will follow the new guidelines. One student has been admitted to the YASP M.A. program for Fall Semester 2011. Courses taken during 2011-2012 will be counted as semester equivalents.