## Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies

### 2 Major Program Modifications (Significant Alterations to Existing Program Component)

#### Jewish Studies Specialist

| **Start Session:** |  
| Summer 2017 |

| **Current Admission Requirements:** |

| **New Admission Requirements:** |

| No changes |

| **Current Enrolment Requirements:** |

| There are no specific first-year requirements; however, first-year students are welcome to take CJS200, CJS201, Hebrew Language courses (MHB155 and MHB156) and Yiddish (GER260), which count towards the Jewish Studies Specialist. |

| **New Enrolment Requirements:** |

| There are no specific first-year requirements; however, first-year students are welcome to take CJS200H1, CJS201H1, Hebrew Language courses (MHB155H1 and MHB156H1) and Yiddish (GER260Y1), which count towards the Jewish Studies Specialist. |

| **Current Completion Requirements:** |

| (10 FCEs or equivalent, including at least 4 FCEs at the 300+ level and at least 1 FCE at the 400-level.) |

| 1. CJS200H1/CJS201H1 |

| 2. 0.5 FCE in 400 level course in the area of concentration (see CJS website for the list of approved and available courses: www.cjs.utoronto.ca/undergraduate/courses). |

| 3. 3 FCEs or proof of proficiency at the third-year level in one of the following languages: Aramaic, Hebrew, Yiddish. Other languages are accepted with special permission. Students entering the program with requisite linguistic proficiency will choose any 3 FCEs in their first or second areas of concentration (see below) in addition to the regular requirements described in sections 3 and 4. |

| 4. 4 FCEs in one of the four Jewish Studies areas of concentration, of which at least 0.5 FCE at the 400 level. This is in addition to the language requirements in section 2 (above). |

| 5. Additional 2 FCEs in one other area of concentration, with at least 1 FCE at 300+ level. |

| 6. DTS300 or 0.5 FCE to satisfy the Quantitative Reasoning competency of the program, to be chosen from courses in Jewish Studies developing this competency. If none is available, 0.5 FCE from Breadth Requirement Category #5: The Physical & Mathematical Universe, or 0.5 FCE approved by the program director. If taken outside Jewish Studies courses, it is in addition to the requirements in 1-4 above. |
New Completion Requirements:

(10 FCEs, including at least 4 FCEs at the 300+ level and at least 1 FCE at the 400-level.)

1. CJS200H1/CJS201H1

2. 1 FCE at the 400 level in any of the four areas of Jewish Studies (see CJS website for the list of approved and available courses: www.cjs.utoronto.ca/undergraduate/courses).

3. 3 FCEs or proof of proficiency in one of the following languages: Aramaic, Hebrew, Yiddish. Other languages are accepted with special permission. Students entering the program with requisite linguistic proficiency in a Jewish language will choose any 3 FCEs in an area of concentration (see below) in addition to the regular requirements described in section 4.

4. 5 FCEs in any of the four areas of Jewish Studies.

5. Note: From section 3 and 4, at least 4 FCEs at the 300+ level.

6. DTS300H1 or 0.5 FCE to satisfy the Quantitative Reasoning competency of the program, to be chosen from courses in Jewish Studies developing this competency. If none is available, 0.5 FCE from Breadth Requirement Category #5: The Physical & Mathematical Universe, or 0.5 FCE approved by the Undergraduate Director.

Brief Description of the Proposal:

We are seeking to change the requirements for the Specialist and Major in Jewish Studies. The four areas of concentration in Jewish Studies will be optional instead of mandatory.

Details of Proposed Change:

Instead of having 0.5 FCE at the 400 level in a specific area of concentration (former #2) plus 0.5 FCE in any area at the 400 level (in former #4), the elimination of mandatory area allows the student to take 1 FCE at the 400 level in any area (the new #2).

Students already proficient in Jewish languages may now choose any 3 FCEs in any of the areas of concentration (the new #3), rather than selecting courses from a first or second area of concentration (former #3).

The new #4 combines remaining FCEs from the former #4-5.

The new #5 note ensures students meet the 300+ level requirements in language courses or in other areas of Jewish Studies.

Rationale:

The mandatory streams have been helpful for students who go on to pursue graduate studies in Jewish Studies, but not for those who are preparing themselves for careers in non-academic environments. If the streams become optional, we can offer one-on-one academic advising to both kinds of students to help them achieve their goals so they can progress through their degree.

In addition, students often have trouble fulfilling the requirements for each stream since we rely heavily on the course offerings from other departments. Many exceptions have been made and approved by our Undergraduate Coordinator (and updated on Degree Explorer) in order for the student to complete their degree. Changing the streams from mandatory to optional would eliminate this problem and allow for more flexibility for students to account for the different offerings year to year.

Consultation:
The changes are made as a result of feedback gathered from students over the last several years and recommendation from our undergraduate Coordinator. Approved by the CJS Executive Committee.

**Jewish Studies Major**

**Start Session:**

Summer 2017

**Current Admission Requirements:**

**New Admission Requirements:**

No changes

**Current Enrolment Requirements:**

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**New Enrolment Requirements:**

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(6.5 FCEs or equivalent, including at least 2 FCEs at the 300+ level, 0.5 of which must be at the 400-level)

1. CJS200H1/CJS201H1
2. 0.5 FCE in a 400-level course in the area of concentration (see CJS website for the list of available courses for any given year: www.cjs.utoronto.ca/undergraduate/courses)
3. 4 FCEs in one of the four Jewish Studies areas of concentration, with at least 2 FCEs at the 300+ level. Students choosing "Classical Judaism" concentration must take 2 FCEs of Jewish Studies approved language or demonstrate linguistic proficiency at the second year level.
4. Additional 1 FCE in one other area of Jewish Studies concentration.
5. DTS300 or 0.5 FCE to satisfy the Quantitative Reasoning competency of the program, to be chosen from courses in Jewish Studies developing this competency. If none is available, 0.5 FCE from Breadth Requirement Category #5: The Physical & Mathematical Universe, or 0.5 FCE approved by the program director.

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