The graduate programs in Education and Jewish Studies prepare researchers and practitioners for leadership positions in a wide range of Jewish education settings, including day or supplementary schools, informal education programs, boards of Jewish education, community organizations, curriculum agencies, foundations, and universities.

NYU Steinhardt offers an M.A. program, a dual M.A. program in Education and Jewish Studies/Hebrew and Judaic Studies, and a Ph.D. These small and selective programs attract outstanding candidates who seek to take advantage of the rich resources of the university and New York City. Our students are self-starters and come from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds – Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Zionist, and secular – creating a vibrant and pluralistic learning environment.
What makes the programs in Education and Jewish Studies unique?

The three programs provide a core of instruction and research in Jewish education, and in Hebrew and Judaic Studies. At the same time, the programs are tailored to the interests and needs of each student. Faculty members from the Steinhardt School and the Skirball Department provide close and personalized mentoring. The programs also draw on the talents of expert practitioners in the field of Jewish education working in the New York City area.

For what types of professional positions will the programs in Education and Jewish Studies prepare me?

- administrator or teacher at a Jewish day or supplementary school
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- official at a bureau of Jewish education or a national or local Jewish educational organization
- professor of Jewish education at a seminary, college of Jewish studies, or university
- researcher in Jewish education at a foundation or communal service organization
- director of a Jewish informal education program
- director of a Jewish adult education program
- curriculum developer, designer of instructional materials, and/or author of textbooks for Jewish educational settings
- staff developer
- educational consultant
- staff work for Hillel and other organizations that reach out to college students

M.A. in Education and Jewish Studies

38 credits, consisting of the following:

- Foundations in Jewish Education (13 credits)
- Courses from one of these areas (12 credits):
  - Teaching and Curriculum
  - Leadership and Administration
  - Foundations of Education
- Electives in the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies (6 credits)
- Electives at NYU Steinhardt (3 credits)
- Master's Seminar (4 credits)

Dual M.A.: M.A. in Education and Jewish Studies/M.A. in Hebrew and Judaic Studies

58 credits, consisting of the following:

- 38 credits as outlined above
- 20 additional credits in Hebrew and Judaic Studies
- [Note: Students receive double credit for coursework taken in the other school]
- Hebrew requirement
- Written comprehensive exam in Jewish history

Ph.D in Education and Jewish Studies

78 credits, consisting of the following:

- Courses at NYU Steinhardt (42 credits)
- Courses in the Skirball department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies (24 credits)
- Core Seminar in Education and Jewish Studies (12 credits)
- Candidacy Paper and Doctoral Dissertation

All applicants for graduate study may apply for the Steinhardt Fellowship in Education and Jewish Studies. Applicants to the Dual M.A. and Ph.D. programs may also apply for the Jim Joseph Fellowship. These competitive fellowships provide tuition support and a living stipend. Applications for Fall admission to the Ph.D. program are due by December 15. Applications for Fall admission to the M.A. in Education and Jewish Studies program and the dual M.A. in Education and Jewish Studies/Hebrew and Judaic Studies program are due by January 4. Late applications will be considered for the master’s programs, but these candidates will not be considered for funding.