STATE AUTHORIZATION AND ACCREDITATION

NY State Disclaimer

Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah does not offer college credits or degrees that require authorization by the New York State Board of Regents. Under New York State Law, a non-profit corporation formed for religious and educational purposes does not require New York State Education Department or New York State Board of Regents authorization to perform its postsecondary education functions in New York State. Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah falls into this category.

Accreditation

Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah is accredited by the Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools (AARTS) and approved to offer a First Talmudic Degree.

The AARTS Handbook is available upon request by contacting the organization via mail: 2329 Nostrand Ave., M-200, Brooklyn, NY 11210, email: office@aarts.org, or telephone: (212) 363-1991.

Copies of the NY State Exemption Letter and Letter of Accreditation can be viewed in the office during regular business hours.

ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Prospective applicants to Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah must have a strong background in traditional Jewish studies, including classical studies in Bible, Talmud, History & Law Jurisprudence, and Philosophy/Ethics. Previous exposure to Chassidic thought is an asset. These qualifications will be assessed orally at a personal interview with the Dean, as well as through a standard written exam.

Generally, students applying to Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Have graduated high school and provide evidence of high school graduation
2. Have completed homeschooling in a secondary school education setting that either (1) meets the state's definition of secondary level homeschooling, or (2) qualifies the student for an exemption from compulsory attendance requirements in a state that does not issue or require a homeschool credential.
3. Meet one of the recognized equivalents. Recognized equivalents include:

a. A GED certificate.
b. A certificate or other official completion documentation demonstrating that the student has passed a state-authorized examination (such as the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or, in California, the California High School Proficiency Exam) that the state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (certificates of attendance and/or completion are not included in this qualifying category).
c. An associate's degree.
d. The successful completion of at least 60 semester or trimester credit hours or 72 quarter credit hours that does not result in the awarding of an associate's degree, but that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree at any institution.
e. Enrollment in a bachelor's degree program where at least 60 semester or trimester credit hours or 72 quarter credit hours have been successfully completed, including credit hours transferred into the bachelor's degree program.

The institution will maintain documentation of the high school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

Applicants must also demonstrate the interest, ability, and dedication necessary to pursue the rigorous program at Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah. Moreover, an advanced level of moral and ethical development, as well as the commitment to pursue the aims of the seminary and the Chabad Chassidic lifestyle will be evaluated at the interview.

Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah does not utilize an Ability to Benefit test for admitting students.

Applicants to Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah must also meet the following minimum qualifications.

Talmud: Completion of at least 150 folio pages of the Talmud.
Bible: Competence in the Pentateuch and Commentaries.
Language: The ability to read and write classical Hebrew; a working knowledge of the Aramaic language of the Talmud.
Code of Law: Demonstrate competence in the laws and customs in the Code of Law (Orach Chaim) and personal commitment to their observance. [EY1.1]

The first step in the application process is arranging a personal interview with the Yeshiva. Prior to granting an interview, applicants undergo an initial screening, which includes contacting previous instructors and/or Roshei Yeshiva. If the applicant is determined to be a strong candidate for admission, they will be invited for an interview and appropriate testing. Upon acceptance, the student will be asked to complete an admission form.

In order to initiate the application process, we encourage qualified students to contact Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah at:

www.tsot.edu
(718) 774-5050

An applicant will be notified of his acceptance soon after his admission interview, whereupon if accepted, he will be required to complete an admission form. Currently, Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah is accepting only full-time, degree-seeking students. Admission to Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah is open to male members of the Jewish faith without regard to color, race, national origin, or physical handicap. The school is in full compliance with all federal and state laws pertaining to non-discrimination.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Qualified men of the Orthodox Jewish faith are eligible for admission to Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah. The institution does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin (including shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics), disability, or age in its programs and activities.

Rabbi Tzvi Altein has been designated as the point of contact for all non-discrimination inquiries. He can be reached at 718) 774-5050 x 1154.

The institution is also an equal opportunity employer and is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Beyond equal access, opportunity and accommodation, the institution is committed to the understanding, sensitivity, patience, encouragement and support that are so vital to

guaranteeing to all qualified students the same educational experience and environment as well as the equal opportunity to learn and study at the institution.

Although Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah's campus is not fully accessible, the institution will make special arrangements, within reason, to accommodate qualified individuals with disabilities.

While the institution does not offer a specialized program for individuals with intellectual disabilities, the institution provides reasonable academic accommodations as appropriate.

PLACEMENT DISCLAIMER

Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah is an academic institution and does not provide vocational training nor guarantee employment or placement to students who complete its programs.

TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY

Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah program is highly specialized and focused in the field of Talmudic studies and related disciplines. As such, courses taken at other institutions will not be considered for credit unless they are deemed to be substantially similar in content, scope and intensity to courses offered by Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah. This determination is at the exclusive discretion of the Dean at Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah. In addition, the student must have achieved a grade that would have enabled them to pass a similar course at the institution and the credits transferred must be properly documented.

Transfer credits accepted are counted toward both the number of credits attempted and the number of credits earned by the student.

Credit by evaluation may be granted to a student, who attended other post-secondary institutions, based on the evaluation that the Dean administers. Potentially acceptable coursework for credit will generally have been completed at an accredited institution, preferably affiliated with the Chabad network, whose academic program is substantially similar to that offered at Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah. The credits granted will be documented, and the student will be placed at the appropriate academic level.