Please note that decisions by the Dean, or his appointee, for any type of consideration of transfer credit are final and not subject to appeal.

Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah will grant a maximum of 84 transfer credits towards Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah's First Talmudic Degree, for transfer coursework submitted.

To earn a First Talmudic Degree at Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah, students must fulfill a minimum academic residency requirement of 36 credits earned at Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah.

Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah does not have any articulation agreements with regard to whether the Yeshiva will accept credits from other institutions nor whether regard to whether other institutions will accept the Yeshiva's credits. Before enrolling in the institution, students should be sure that their attendance will help them reach their educational goals.

Please be advised that the transferability of credits and acceptance of the degree earned at Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah are at the complete discretion of an institution to which a student may seek to transfer. If the credits or the degree earned at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which a student seeks to transfer, he may be required to repeat some or all of the coursework at that institution.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

CAMPUS BUILDING
667 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11213

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
667 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11213

DORMITORIES
639 and 645 Eastern Parkway, and 1327 President Street
Brooklyn, NY 11213

Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah is located in the heart of the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, New York. Being located in the thriving Chabad Chassidic community has proven beneficial to both the seminary and the community alike. Students are exposed to role models from within the community who put into practice the goals and ideals of a Chabad Chassidic lifestyle. Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah's emphasis on community involvement has encouraged students to take leading roles within the community.

The recently renovated Bais Medrosh, located on the fourth floor, is an impressive study hall, filled with tables at which Chavrusas sit facing each other on comfortable chairs at separate tables for every student pair. The massive room is bathed in natural sunlight from huge Gothic style windows along with a large skylight and modern indoor lighting. Also on this floor are the Menahelim's office, teachers' room and copy room. There is also the refreshment room that adjoins the study hall, as well as a set of student cubbies so they can store their *tfilin* for the duration of their sedorim.

The third level of the building has a new Bais Medrosh for the U1 and U2 level students. This floor also has seven lecture rooms, a coatroom, and washroom facilities. There are student lockers in the hallway. Lining the walls of one of the shiur rooms is the personal collection of seforim of our late rosh yeshiva, Rabbi Yisroel Friedman, ztl. This floor also has a freestanding library.

The two kitchens and dining area are on the second floor. The kitchens have separate meat and milk sections, each with large, walk-in refrigerators and freezers, and ultra-modern appliances. The large dining area is used for both EIOT and TSOT students on a staggered basis.

TSOT students have their own entrance annex at the building's eastern end. This dedicated staircase leads to the dining hall and to the floor which has TSOT's lecture rooms, library, lockers, etc. From there students can access the fourth floor study hall. There is also elevator access to these floors for faculty and handicapped students who are given keys to the elevator for their exclusive use.

The lower story holds advanced recreational facilities with a full workout gym, basketball courts and a large swimming pool.

All floors of the building have modern lighting, central heating and air-conditioning, and surveillance cameras for security, which are monitored from the dean's office.

DORMITORIES

Both the 645 and 639 Eastern Parkway sister buildings are within a few steps of the academic center. They are stolid pre-war apartment buildings that have been converted to student residences. Each building has 24 apartments. At 645 all of the units have been converted to dorm use and at 639 there are still five units to be converted. The former apartments have either three or four room suites with a kitchen, toilet, shower and bedrooms. Each bedroom holds up to four students. They are outfitted in dorm style with beds, closets, desks, chairs and little else.

Just a five-minute walk from the Eastern Parkway dorms, 1327 President Street currently houses 12 of its 18 units as additional dorm space for TSOT.

There are sprinklers and smoke alarms throughout the building; the doors are kept securely locked; and a security guard is on duty all night in the lobby. CCTV cameras cover the entrance, hallways and also the student suites.

LIBRARY

The library in the main study hall of Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah is comprised of over one thousand books on open stacks, which are frequently used by the students for study or reference. Students find that this collection meets all general needs of the seminary's curriculum. In addition, the Raitport Library, located on the third floor of the main campus building, is open during study hours and by request may be opened after hours. It holds a wide range of over 6,000 Torah works in Hebrew, Yiddish, and Aramaic. One student serves as a librarian of the library under the supervision of faculty members. The librarians ensure that all books are returned to the stacks after study sessions, arrange for worn books to be rebound, purchase new books, and update catalogue as necessary.

As a matter of course before the start of every school year, multiple copies of commentaries on the Talmud tractate to be studied that year are purchased along with the most recent Chabad publications. In consultation with faculty members, the librarians will also select and purchase books from the constant stream of new publications of Judaica. Students find that the study hall and library collections have all works needed both for regular studies and for most research purposes. In the rare case that some volume cannot be located in the seminary's libraries, it can usually be found

in the Levi Yitzchok Library of the Lubavitch Youth Organization located at 305 Kingston Ave and is open to the public. The students of Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah also have access to the voluminous library of the Central Yeshiva Tomchei Tmimim Lubavitch located at 770 Eastern Parkway.

Another powerful research tool claiming pride of place in the Bais Medrash is the dedicated *Otzar Hachochma* computer. The computer stand is located on one side of the study hall and is a very popular tool for students and faculty as well. There is a linked printer, so users do not need to linger at the screen. They can print out their results and take them to their desks for further study and analysis.

Lining the walls of one of the shiur rooms is the personal collection of seforim of our late rosh yeshiva, Rabbi Yisroel Friedman, ztl, who left his library as a legacy for his beloved students. This collection of close to 8,000 volumes spans the entire range of traditional Jewish knowledge.

In addition, students may request particular books at the newly constructed central research library of Agudas Chassidei Chabad at 768 Eastern Parkway which contains a vast collection of over 200,000 volumes in many languages on the entire spectrum of Jewish literature (including many manuscripts and incunabula). All three libraries are within a ten minute walk from the seminary.

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah offers a highly specialized program of study in Talmud and related subjects. All textbooks are readily available for use on open stacks in the study hall and school library. Students who wish to purchase their own copies of the texts studied may purchase them from one of the Judaic bookstores stores in the area.

Many students prefer to have their own Gemara, Kovetz Miforshim, Shulchan Aruch HaRav, Maamarim Rebbe Rashab, and Sefer Maamarim Melukat which cost between $35 and $55 each, depending on the publisher and edition. Most texts used in the program are reprints of the Talmud and other classical texts that do not have ISBN numbers.

Below is the contact information for two local Judaica stores:

Judaica World
329 Kingston Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718)604-1020

Hamafitz Judaica and Gifts
361 Kingston Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718)774-0900

STUDENT LIFE

Most Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah students are from families of the Lubavitch community, the majority from North America, primarily from Brooklyn. Approximately 35% are from other American cities (such as Detroit, Miami, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, etc.) and about 22% from abroad, representing 18 countries and territories. Around 500 of the students sleep in the dormitory. For the benefit of these and the overwhelming majority of students who remain after official hours to study, the Senior Professor of Chassidic Studies remains in the study hall until 10:30 PM during which time students can approach him for personal mentoring or to answer to their questions. After 10:00 PM two senior students of the "770" graduate school arrive to supervise the dormitory. Through their relationship with the students, they bring a refreshing spirit of enthusiasm, comradeship and the invaluable "elder-brother" role into the Yeshivah.

During the week, meals are provided for all students. Meals are available for dormitory students on weekends as well.

Students wishing to exercise can utilize the swimming pool and gymnasium facilities at the Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah Institute on 667 Eastern Parkway.

HEALTH SERVICES

Beyond the standard basic first-aid services, Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah does not have the facilities to deal with medical issues on premises. However, we do have access to three local doctors that have their medical practice within a ten block radius.

If acute emergency care is required, the students have a designated direct phone line to the very vibrant Hatzalah EMT organization that serves the area. Their fast response combined with the fact the Yeshiva is only minutes away from several large hospitals; including Kings County Medical Center, Downstate University Hospital and Methodist Hospital, assure the student will get the medical care he needs quickly.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In accordance with the traditional Chabad emphasis on communal involvement and responsibility towards others, students are encouraged to spend a portion of their spare time on community services. This has been greatly intensified ever since the celebrated Ten Mitzva Campaigns was proclaimed by Rabbi M. M. Schneerson.

While the primary objective of these activities is to inspire awareness or connection to Judaism, another aim is to provide the students with opportunities for practice in public speaking and advancing feeling of communal responsibility. The response henceforth to these communal services has always been positive.

With this emphasis on communal involvement, in addition to academic study, Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah students are well positioned for related jobs and careers.

The majority of graduates from Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah become teachers, faculty members of Yeshivas, communal workers, Chabad House rabbis and so on. The groundwork, and indeed, "appetite" for activities has been whetted through the student's extra-curricular activities while still in Yeshivah.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Talmudical Seminary Oholei Torah has a large ongoing program of publications prepared on a regular basis by the students. These include:

1. Kovets Oholei Torah – Published annually, this publication includes the best of the student's research papers on Talmud and Chassidic philosophy.
2. Heoros Ubiurim – A weekly publication which contains articles on the entire spectrum of Judaism ranging from Talmud, codes, farbrengens and Chassidic topics.

COST OF ATTENDANCE

For the current schedule of cost of attendance, please refer to the yearly supplement of the catalog.