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DEGREE POLICY

Dear Applicant,

We would like to ensure you are familiar with our degree policy as you commence our academic program here at the Rabbinical College of America. It is important that you are aware of our requirements before you begin this process so you can make informed decisions regarding your academic achievements. Please feel free to ask our admissions office for further clarification.

NEW DIRECTION PROGRAM – YESHIVAS TIFERES BACHURIM

To earn a Bachelors of Religious Education, students must fulfill the following criteria:

1. Earn 120 credits (*beginning in our 2024/2025 school year this would usually take three years and a semester – We offer 12 credits a semester/36 credits in the academic year.)
2. A minimum of 60 credits (*now five semesters or just under two years) of the total 120 credits must be earned in residence, at the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown, NJ, to fulfill our academic residency requirement.

Rabbinical College of America will grant a maximum of 60 credits towards Rabbinical College of America's undergraduate degree for transfer coursework submitted.

Transfer credits will be accepted only if the following conditions are met:

- The credit was earned at an institution offering similar programs i.e. Talmudic Institutions and Yeshivas.
- The credits transferred must be based on course work similar in content, style and academic rigor to the courses offered at Rabbinical College of America.
- Transfer credits will only be granted if a school transcript from the institution is submitted to Rabbinical College of America

Credit by examination may occasionally be granted to students who have studied at other institutions and demonstrate mastery of subject matter taught in RCA courses. These students will then be placed at the appropriate academic level as that will place them on par with their class.

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ADVANCED TALMUD PROGRAM – YESHIVAS TOMCHEI TMIMIM AND SMICHA

To earn a Bachelors of Talmudic Studies, students must fulfill the following criteria:

NEW - This policy began in **the 2024/2025 School year:**

1. Earn 144 credits (**Usually this will be a four-year process** - 12 credits a semester and three semesters a year – 36 credits a year [This has been increased from 15 a semester or 30 a year]).
2. A minimum of 60 credits (roughly **two years**) of the total 144 credits must be earned in residence, at the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown, NJ, to fulfill our academic residency requirement.

Rabbinical College of America will grant a maximum of 84 credits towards Rabbinical College of America's undergraduate degree for transfer coursework submitted.

Transfer credits will be accepted only if the following conditions are met:

- The credit was earned at an institution offering similar programs i.e. Talmudic Institutions and Yeshivas.
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Student's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

My Signature affirms that I have read and I am aware of the degree requirements at the Rabbinical College of America's Advanced Talmud Program – Yeshivas Tomchei Tmimim and Smicha Honors option.

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