

OVERVIEW OF SEMIKHA REQUIREMENTS

1. Residence:

- Three years full-time study
 - i. Full-time study: Sunday, 9:00AM-1:30PM, Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM-3:00PM
 - ii. Summer and late afternoon/evening study do not count towards full-time residence but may fulfill specific requirements.
 - iii. Students admitted to Semikha while in MYP, may fulfill residency with those years.
- One year of part-time study

2. Talmud Shiurim or Full-Day Halakha Shiurim

- Two years (four semesters) in:
 - i. A full-time morning Talmud shiur
 - ii. A full-time halakha limmud other than Yoreh Deah
 1. Niddah
 2. Shabbat

3. Yoreh Deah Issur v'Heter

- One year (two semesters) of full-time study

4. Additional Halakha Limmudim

- Hilkhhot Niddah is an almost full-year (1.5 semesters) limmud and can be fulfilled as either a morning seder Limmud (see above), or as part of the Halakha Kollel (Section B) in alternate years with Shabbat.
- Hilkhhot Aveilut is a half semester limmud and can be fulfilled either as part of Hilkhhot Niddah or a separate June/July Limmud
- NEW: Hilkhhot Shabbat- is a full year limud and can be fulfilled as either a morning seder Limmud (see above), or as part of the Halakha Kollel (Section B) in alternate years with Niddah.
 - i. The morning shiurim for Hilkhhot Shabbat will be open to undergraduates and talmidim who avail themselves of the opportunity as an undergraduate and takes the bechinot will not need to do so again.
 - ii. Students who took Bishul as part of 4th year Halakha LeMa'aseh (offered prior to 5781), or during a Winter Break Zman or June Zman, do not need to take Hilkhhot Shabbat again.
 - iii. Talmidim who are nearing completion of Semikha and have questions about how to fulfill this requirement are encouraged to contact Rabbi Lebowitz, Rabbi Schwartz, or Rabbi Taubes
- Contemporary Halakha: Two semesters or a full summer.
- 4th Year Halakha LeMa'aseh (6 units) (see below).

5. Co-Requisite (see below under Second Year students for expanded details)

- Students must complete one of the following:
 - i. Six semesters of Kollel study (3:00-6:30 PM)

- ii. A Master's Degree (or, in some cases, a certificate program) in a field related to rabbanut. (These include programs at AGS, BRGS WSSW and the Joint Certificate program with FGS. Programs with other institutions must be approved by the RIETS office.)

6. Professional Training Coursework

- Pulpit track:
 - i. 10 RTP (Professional Rabbinics) courses
 - ii. 4th Year internship
- Education track:
 - i. 7 RTP (Professional Rabbinics) courses
 - ii. 4th Year internship
 - iii. Master's degree from either AGS, BRGS, WSSW or a similar school or completion of the certificate program in Mental Health Counseling through the joint RIETS/Ferkauf Graduate Program
- Lay Leadership track (note: special permission is required to enroll in this track)
 - i. 5 RTP (Professional Rabbinics) courses
 - ii. 4th Year internship