

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELD OF EXPERIENTIAL JEWISH EDUCATION

The only master’s degree of its kind in the United States, George Washington University’s program in experiential Jewish education offers an intensive full-time or part-time, in-person or online, interdisciplinary course of study. Students may specialize in Jewish cultural arts or Jewish social justice and community engagement. Graduates are prepared for leadership positions in Jewish museums and arts institutions, community centers, college campus organizations, social justice organizations, summer camps, and in other innovative educational and cultural settings.

Visit the program website (<https://gsehd.gwu.edu/programs/masters-experiential-jewish-education/>) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines: Summer – Rolling admissions (January 15 to be considered for merit-based tuition support)

Recommendations required: Two (2) recommendations (preferably one from a faculty member and the other from a professional supervisor)

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grade-point average (GPA), United States degree equivalency, and date of degree conferral. Please see the list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services.

Statement of purpose: In an essay of 250 to 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study at The George Washington University, describing your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned in the application.

Additional requirements: A resumé is required.

International applicants only: Please follow this link - <https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements> (<https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements/>) - to review the International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Graduate Admissions
 Graduate School of Education and Human Development
 The George Washington University
 2136 G Street, NW
 Washington, DC 20052

Contact for questions:

gsehdadm@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-9283 (phone) ~ 202.994.7207 (fax)
 9:30 am – 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 30 credits, including 9 credits in required core courses, 9 credits in specialization courses, and 12 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Core courses		
EDUC 6810	Paideia and Jewish Education	
EDUC 6803	Introduction to Experiential Jewish Education	
EDUC 6804	Applied Research in Experiential Jewish Education	
Specialization		
Students complete one of the 9-credit streams outlined below or another combination of courses totaling 9 credits selected in consultation with the program advisor.		
Jewish cultural arts stream		
JSTD 6201	Jewish Life in Contemporary America	
JSTD 6202	Multiple Lives: The Fate of Jewish Cultural Expression	
JSTD 6211	Displaying Jewish Culture: Landmark Exhibitions on Judaism and the Jewish Experience	
Israel education stream		
EDUC 6811	Foundations of Contemporary Israel	

EDUC 6812 American Jews and Modern Israel

EDUC 6813 The Israel Educational Experience

Social justice and community engagement stream

JSTD 6201 Jewish Life in Contemporary America

EDUC 6806 Jews, Social Justice, and Activism

MGT 6285 Social Entrepreneurship (or approved elective)

Electives

12 credits selected from the following:

EDUC 6805 Capstone in Experiential Education and Jewish Cultural Arts

EDUC 6807 Fieldwork in Experiential Jewish Education

and/or 6 to 12 credits of approved professional or academic specialization courses selected in consultation with the program advisor.