DEGREE PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION

RSA is noted for its Lomdus and Middos course offerings in the following fields of study: Bible, Jewish Laws and Customs (Codes), Language, Philosophy and Ethics, and Talmud. At the end of his course of studies, the student is well prepared to continue in the graduate division.

The Seminary offers a 4-year or 5-year undergraduate program leading to a First Talmudic Degree. A wide range of challenging courses is offered to enrich students with an authentic, stimulating program in Talmudic Studies. Texts are studied in their original language, while the language of instruction is English. The student is also expected to develop and master the art of character development and introspection.

The following is an outline of courses required to graduate with a First Talmudic Degree

The course offerings are structured around the following elements: formal classes, independent study based on assigned text materials, and group seminars and discussions based on lectures. All work is supervised by the faculty and each student's progress is individually monitored and evaluated.

First Talmudic Degree – **Talmudic Theory and Jurisprudence**

Requirements: 150 Talmud credits, which must include the following:

40 credits in Guided Study

40 credits in Textual Analysis

70 credits in Comprehensive Examination or Survey

A faculty committee must review and approve candidates for the Theory and Jurisprudence undergraduate degree. They will determine if candidates have achieved satisfactory skills in Lomdus, a combination of judgmental and reasoning faculties developed and refined by the integrated disciplines of Talmudic study.

First Talmudic Degree - **Rabbinic Literature and Jewish Studies**

Requirements: 128 credits which must include the following:

120 credits in Talmud

2 credits of Bible courses

6 credits in Judaic Studies

GRADUATE DIVISION

Second Talmudic Degree - **Resident in Talmudic Studies**

Prerequisite: First Talmudic Degree

Requirements: 90 Talmud credits as follows:

24 credits in Techniques in Thematic Research

24 credits in Techniques in Thematic Examination or Talmudic Novellae

42 credits in Techniques in Independent Study

First Professional Degree (not accredited by AARTS) - **Ordination Program**

Prerequisites:1. Undergraduate degree from a recognized Talmudic college or its equivalent

2. Graduate degree from RSA

3. Must demonstrate proficiency in Laws of Kashrus and Laws of Civil Court Procedures, as well as Laws of Family Purity, Immersion and Mikvaot.

Requirements: 11 credits in Codes