To: Senta Victoria Greene, Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Education  
From: Shaul Kelner, Director, Program in Jewish Studies  
Re: PROPOSAL FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN JEWISH STUDIES  
Date: April 15, 2015

The Program in Jewish Studies has been offering a graduate certificate since 2004. Information about the certificate has been listed in the Graduate Catalog and Divinity Catalog, and is explained in the Divinity School Catalog and on the JS program’s website in the following manner:

“Vanderbilt University offers an interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Jewish Studies. The Certificate provides graduate and professional students with access to interdisciplinary scholarship in the field of Jewish Studies, supplies them with a valuable professional credential, and strengthens their ability to compete for jobs as well as for national fellowship and postdoctoral awards.

“Courses taken at Vanderbilt University prior to admission to the program may be counted toward the certificate requirements with the approval of the director of the Program in Jewish Studies. Any student enrolled in a graduate or professional program at Vanderbilt University is eligible to apply for the Certificate in Jewish Studies. Acceptance to the program requires a minimum GPA of 3.3, and the approval of both the student’s adviser and the director of Jewish Studies.”

With the Graduate School’s revision of requirements for graduate certificates, we are requesting approval for the Jewish Studies program’s Graduate Certificate. This document will review the rationale for creating the certificate, will outline the program as it was previously structured, and will present the proposal in conformance with the University’s new uniform standards for graduate certificate programs.

**Rationale:**

In 2004, Benjamin Papa, then a student in the Divinity School’s Master of Theological Studies program, petitioned the Program in Jewish Studies to create a Certificate in Jewish Studies. The JS Steering Committee responded favorably to his request and shaped a certificate that could benefit graduate as well professional students.

The initial proposal, which was addressed to the Divinity School, remains a good articulation of the rationale for the certificate program. We reproduce it in full:

**Purpose and Rationale:**

Making a Certificate in Jewish Studies available to Master of Divinity Students at Vanderbilt is a logical outgrowth of the Divinity School’s Purposes and Commitments.
According to the 2004-05 Divinity School Catalog, VDS sees among other things its purpose to be “to engage men and women in a theological understanding of religious traditions.” More specifically, the School is committed “to the faith that brought the church into being, and it believes that one comes more authentically to grasp that faith by a critical and open examination of the Hebraic and Christian traditions.” Vanderbilt Divinity School “is committed to a program of theological education that is open to and takes account of the religious pluralism in our world. It seeks to familiarize students with interreligious dialogue… recognizing that to know one’s own tradition one must know and participate in others as well…The school acknowledges the close and special relationship between Judaism and Christianity, and it wants to ensure an appropriate and sympathetic understanding of the Jewish tradition. It abhors the anti-Semitism that has pervaded much of Christian history and seeks to promote productive and healing dialogue among Christians and Jews.”

It seems obvious that a Certificate in Jewish Studies would move Vanderbilt Divinity School forward in living into these Purposes and Commitments.

On a practical level, because the University already offers both an undergraduate major and a graduate degree in Jewish Studies, providing a formal vehicle for Divinity students to draw from the University’s rich resources in this academic area would be relatively logistically simple. That is to say, the Faculty has already identified classes it deems to fall under the rubric of Jewish Studies, including the sub-fields from which it expects students to draw in choosing their coursework. In addition, a faculty program director is already in place.

*Proposed Structure:*

This proposed structure is based on the model the Faculty has approved for the granting of Certificates in both the Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality as well as the Kelly Miller Smith Institute for the African-American Church. As such, the proposal is that the Jewish Studies certificate would require 18 hours of graduate-level course work in classes designated (for purposes of the existing M.A. in Jewish Studies) as Jewish Studies courses. In addition, Certificate students would complete a final research project/paper in consultation with the Jewish Studies faculty advisor.

Eligibility for the certificate was expanded to students in the graduate school in 2008, and has appeared in the Graduate Catalog since that time.
Original Structure

The JS certificate program was originally structured as follows:

I. Foundational Course [JS 245 (now JS 5000) – Major Themes in Jewish Studies

II. Focus Courses – An additional 15 hours, with at least one course from each of the following sub-fields of study:

A. Biblical Studies
B. Antiquity and Medieval Thought
C. Modern and Contemporary Experience
D. Culture, Philosophy, and Literature

III. Final Project/Paper (DIV 5002) on an approved topic in Jewish Studies

A Note on Courses in the Certificate Program

The Jewish Studies program itself does not have a graduate program of its own. There is an MA in Jewish Studies that is offered not through JS but through the Graduate Department of Religion. This enrolls at most two students a year, but at no point has there been a critical mass of MA students to fill graduate level courses offered through the Graduate Department of Religion and the Divinity School, the College of Arts and Science’s Program in Jewish Studies opens its 200-level undergraduate courses to certificate students. The standard policies regarding graduate student enrollment in advanced undergraduate courses apply in these instances: Certificate students must petition for entry, and their enrollment form must specify the arrangement they have made with the professor regarding the additional work load that the graduate student will be taking on beyond what is specified in the undergraduate syllabus. Students can also fulfill certificate requirements via certain pre-approved 2000 and 3000-level courses in other A&S departments, subject to the same requirements. (These courses are those which are eligible toward the Jewish Studies major.)

As the JS program reorganized its undergraduate curriculum, “Introduction to Jewish Studies” (JS 1002W, formerly JS 180W) came to replace “Major Themes in Jewish Studies” (JS 5000, formerly JS 245) as a gateway to the field. As a 100-level class (now 1000-level) it was not eligible for the graduate certificate. With “Major Themes in Jewish Studies” no longer offered on an annual basis, we have allowed for this requirement to be waived and for students to petition the director to take a different course in its place.
Conformity with New Certificate Policy

In conformance with the new uniform standards for graduate certificate programs, the proposed eligibility and completion requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Jewish Studies are as follows:

Eligibility Requirements: Any student enrolled in a graduate or professional program at Vanderbilt University is eligible to apply for the Certificate in Jewish Studies. Acceptance to the program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3, and the approval of both the student’s primary adviser and the director of Jewish Studies.

Courses taken at Vanderbilt University prior to admission to the certificate program may be counted toward the certificate requirements with the approval of the director of the Program in Jewish Studies.

Students wishing to enroll must complete an “Intent to Enroll” form, which must be signed by the student, the director of the Program in Jewish Studies, and the director of the Graduate Program (DGS) for the degree program in which the student is enrolled. A signed copy of the form has to be submitted to the Graduate School and to the University Registrar’s Office.

Completion Requirements: A certificate in Jewish studies is awarded with either the M.A. or Ph.D. degree upon fulfillment of the following requirements:

1. Foundational Course, 3 credit hours. JS 5000 Major Themes in Jewish Studies. As this course is not offered every year, students may petition to have this requirement waived. If this requirement is waived, students will be required to take an additional 3 credit hours under requirement 2.

2. Focus Courses, 15 credit hours. Students must complete 15 credit hours of interrelated courses in Jewish Studies, appropriate to the student’s program of study and forming an intellectually cohesive whole (or 18 credit hours, if the requirement to take JS 5000 is waived). Students are required to complete at least one course from three of four subfields, with at least 9 credit hours coming from a single subfield:
   - Area 1: Biblical Studies
   - Area 2: Antiquity and Medieval World
   - Area 3: Modern and Contemporary Experience
   - Area 4: Culture, Philosophy, and Literature.

A list of courses approved for certificate credit will be listed in the Graduate catalog (see attached catalog copy). Other courses not on this list must be approved for credit by the Director of Jewish Studies. Any courses at the 2000- or 3000-level also require instructor permission to enroll and arrangements for additional work beyond the undergraduate requirements.

No more than 6 credit hours of specifically-named courses required for the primary degree may be applied toward the Certificate.
3. A non-credit final project/paper submitted to the Jewish Studies steering committee that demonstrates an application of Jewish Studies contents or methodology to research, teaching, or fieldwork. The project/paper may originate as an assignment in a graduate level course.

Proposed Catalog copy detailing these requirements and the list of approved courses is attached separately.

**Name of the faculty member who will oversee the certificate program:**

The director of the Program in Jewish Studies will oversee the certificate program. Shaul Kelner is director of the program through July 2015. In August 2015, Michael Bess will assume the role of Interim Director for a one-year term.

**Approvals**

In addition to courses offered through the Jewish Studies program, other courses eligible for the JS certificate are offered through the Divinity School, Blair School of Music, and Graduate Department of Religion, as well as the following departments or programs in the College of Arts and Science: Anthropology, Classical Studies, English, European Studies, French, Germanic and Slavic Languages, History, History of Art, Music Literature, Philosophy, Political Science, Religious Studies, Sociology.

An attached appendix includes written approval from each of these Schools, Departments and Programs to allow their courses to be counted as eligible toward the Jewish Studies certificate.

**Assessment plan**

An Assessment Plan is attached.

**Certificate Programs at Other Universities**

There are Jewish Studies Graduate Certificate programs at universities across the country. A sample of programs and their requirements is listed below.

**UNC-Chapel Hill:**

Certificate requirements include:
- Completing three graduate-level courses on a topic related to Jewish Studies. Please note that at least two courses must be beyond the required courses for the student’s degree. This is a requirement of the UNC Graduate School.
- Submitting a major seminar paper or a section of a broader thesis or dissertation on a topic related to Jewish Studies.
- Demonstrating relevant language skills either by taking advanced language courses or by using primary language texts in a major research project.
University of Maryland:

Students must take four graduate level courses (12 credits) in Jewish Studies. At least six of the 12 credits must be in a different discipline than the student’s home department. All students take JWST 600, General Seminar in Jewish Studies, plus at least two other graduate readings or research courses at the 600-800 level. Only one 400-level course can count toward the certificate. Students must work with an advisor to determine which courses best suit their particular needs.

Emory University:

The Certificate in Jewish Studies is designed for Ph.D. students in discipline-based departments in the Laney Graduate School who wish to certify a specialization in Jewish studies. The goals of the program are:

- To provide a framework through which students may supplement their doctoral program with broad training in the data, methods, approaches, and languages of Jewish studies;
- To provide students with access to cross-disciplinary perspectives that they may not gain in their doctoral programs;
- To create, through participation in coursework and related programs, a sense of community for students working in Jewish studies;
- To facilitate mentoring and support in identifying professional opportunities such as conference attendance, for grants, fellowships, and jobs, and to prepare students for the professional culture of Jewish studies; and
- To provide a formal framework through which students may demonstrate credentials in Jewish studies for potential employers and granting agencies.

Admission to the Certificate Program is on a rolling basis, but applicants are encouraged to apply within the first year of graduate study. Applicants should submit the following materials to the Program Coordinator:

- A written statement (up to three pages) outlining the applicant’s academic background and interests, language training, and goals, with specific reference to experience in Jewish studies and the role of Jewish Studies in future plans.
- A letter of support from the student’s advisor or Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) which explains the role the student’s participation in the program will play in her/his overall course of study and which addresses the student’s academic abilities and achievements.
- A copy of the original Laney Graduate School (LGS) application file, which can be requested from the student’s department.
Completion of the certificate program requires:

- Four Jewish studies-related courses, one of which must be the Certificate Program’s core seminar (JS 561), which is offered biannually. Three courses completed must be outside the student’s doctoral program. Students must take all courses for a letter grade and achieve a grade of B or higher in a course in order for the course to count toward the certificate. Qualifying courses will be listed each semester on the TIJS website, although other courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- The core course, *Jewish Studies 561: Methods in Jewish Studies*, will introduce students to a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to the field. The course will be taught by a member of the core faculty of TIJS and will typically incorporate works by scholars who are visiting to take part in the Seminar Series in Jewish Studies (SSJS), the TIJS graduate student/faculty seminar series. JS Certificate students are also expected to attend SSJS events on a regular basis, as it creates a cohort of certificate students, a space to be engaged with one another as well as with faculty members.

- Ongoing participation in the SSJS, as the intellectual center of the program, will be encouraged after completion of the core course by inviting Certificate Program participants to present their work and to respond to the work of others.

- Students must pass a translation exam in one Jewish language. Exams are regularly administered in Hebrew (Biblical and Modern) and Yiddish. Exams in other languages (e.g., Judeo-Arabic and Ladino) can be administered upon request.

- Following the completion of coursework, students in the Certificate Program must include a member of the core faculty of TIJS on either their examination committee or their dissertation committee, or both.

- When all requirements for the Certificate have been fulfilled, the student must complete the Certificate Program Requirements Completion form and submit this along with a copy of her or his transcript to the JS Graduate Program Coordinator for course work verification. In the term prior to graduation, the student must notify the Graduate Program Coordinator of his or her intent to graduate. At that time, the Graduate Program Coordinator will complete and submit appropriate documentation to the Laney Graduate School. The certificate will post to the transcript with the final degree.

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Jewish Studies

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JEWISH Studies at Vanderbilt offers an interdisciplinary academic program that seeks to facilitate the critical study of Jewish history, religion, language, philosophy, politics, culture, society, music, art, and literature across continents and eras, and to situate this study in relation to the world in the present. The program accesses the resources of the entire university to explore Judaism, its evolution and expression from biblical times onwards.

Students interested in graduate instruction in Jewish Studies have the option of pursuing a master of arts in Jewish Studies through the Graduate Department of Religion, or a graduate certificate in Jewish Studies through the Jewish Studies Program.

Master of Arts

See Religion.

Graduate Certificate in Jewish Studies

The certificate in Jewish studies provides graduate and professional students with access to interdisciplinary scholarship in the field of Jewish Studies, supplies them with a valuable professional credential, and strengthens their ability to compete for jobs as well as for national fellowship and postdoctoral awards.

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**Approved List of Courses**

**LANGUAGE:**  


**AREA 2. ANTIQUITY AND THE MEDIEVAL WORLD:** **Jewish Studies:** 2600, Islam and the Jews; 5150, Issues in Rabbinic Literature; 5210, Reading across Boundaries: Jewish and Non-Jewish Texts; 5620, Jews in Egypt; 5640, Jews and Greeks; 5892, Topics in Ancient and Medieval Jewish History. **Anthropology:** 8230, The Collapse of Civilizations. **Classics:** 5010, The Ancient Origins of Religious Conflict in the Middle East; 5100, History of the Ancient Near East; 5120, Greece and the Near East from Alexander to Theodosius; 5160, History of Roman Empire. **History:** 3210, Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Medieval Spain; 5160, Medicine in Islam; 5170, Islam and the Crusades. **History of Art:** 5260, The Art of Pagans, Christians, and Jews. **Philosophy:** 2101, Hellenistic and Late Ancient Philosophy; 2102, Medieval Philosophy. **Religion:** 3150, Lives Of Jesus: Ancient And Modern; 3151, Jesus And The Early Christian Communities; 3156, Jewish And Christian Self-Definition; 3501, Judaism in New Testament Times; 6526, Jewish Life in Persian Egypt; 6527, Hellenistic Jewish Literature; 6608, Jewish/Christian Relation; 6794, Art Pagans, Christians, Jews. **Religious Studies:** 4554, The Qur'an and Its Interpreters.

**AREA 3. MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY EXPERIENCE:** **Jewish Studies:** 2400, American Jewish Life; 2450, The Jewish Diaspora; 2500, Modern Israel; 3100, The Holocaust; 3830, Contemporary Jewish Issues; 5300, Modern Jewish Thought; 5540, Power and Diplomacy in the Modern Middle East; 5560, Social Movements in Modern Jewish Life; 5894, Topics in Modern Jewish History. **European Studies:** 2208, Conspiracy Theories and Rumors in European and U.S. History. **History:** 3160, Immigration, Race, and Nationality: The American Experience; 5130, Russia: Old Regime to Revolution; 5135, Russia: The U.S.S.R. and
I. Mission Statement

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II. Student Learning Outcomes

1. Certificate students will demonstrate an ability to analyze the Jewish experience and Jewish cultural products and texts in relation to the Jewish experience of diversity and mobility across places and across time.
2. Certificate students will develop facility with multiple methodological approaches in Jewish Studies.

3. Certificate students will produce original Jewish Studies research grounded in broader scholarly conversations in Jewish Studies.

III. Assessment Measures (Please provide rubrics or assessment tools if used)

Assessment Measure(s) for Student Learning Outcome 1: Understanding the Jewish experience of diversity and mobility across places and across time.

Graduating certificate students will give the Program copies of their best paper from each of the three Jewish Studies subfields in which they completed work, for a total of 3 papers. One of these papers may be the final project/paper submitted in fulfillment of Requirement 3 for the certificate. These papers will be stored until there is critical mass of papers for assessment. When there are at least 15 unassessed papers (representing the work of 5 certificate students), a committee of 2-3 faculty members will evaluate these papers using the following rubric:

Rubric for Student Learning Outcome 1:

Student papers will be evaluated according to the following four criteria, scored on a three-point scale: excellent (3), good (2), poor (1):

1. The student can identify ways in which the particular Jewish experience and/or Jewish cultural products and texts being studied participate in the broader social contexts in which they are enmeshed.
2. The student can identify ways in which the particular Jewish experience and/or Jewish cultural products and texts being studied diverge from the broader social contexts in which they are enmeshed.
3. The student can identify ways in which the particular Jewish experience and/or Jewish cultural products and texts being studied participate in broader Jewish social and historical contexts beyond those of their immediate context.
4. The student can identify ways in which the particular Jewish experience and/or Jewish cultural products and texts diverge from other Jewish social and historical contexts beyond those of their immediate context.
Assessment Measure(s) for Student Learning Outcome 2: Facility with multiple methodological approaches in Jewish Studies.

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Rubric for Student Learning Outcome 2

Each student paper will be evaluated according to the following two criteria, scored on a three-point scale: excellent (3), good (2), poor (1):

1. The student builds an argument based on evidence appropriate to the discipline in which the paper is written.
2. The student correctly applies discipline-specific methodological practices for interpreting or analyzing the evidence that is presented.

Each student’s assembled set of papers will further be analyzed as a whole on a third criterion, scored on a three-point scale: agree (1), neutral (2), disagree (3):

3. The student’s assembled papers demonstrate familiarity with two or more different methodological approaches in Jewish Studies.

Assessment Measure(s) for Student Learning Outcome 3: Production of original Jewish Studies research grounded in broader scholarly conversations in Jewish Studies

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Rubric for Student Learning Outcome 3

Each student paper will be evaluated according to the following four criteria, scored on a three-point scale: excellent (3), good (2), poor (1):

1. The student can write a Jewish studies essay that is effectively organized and coherent.
2. The student can write a Jewish studies essay that makes proper use of citations and references.
3. The student can write a Jewish studies essay that situates its topic in the context of broader scholarly conversations around the topic in Jewish studies.
4. The student can write a scholarly Jewish studies essay that enhances knowledge of the particular
topic it addresses.
Dear department chairs and program directors,

The Graduate School has adopted new uniform rules for graduate certificate programs. The Jewish Studies program is preparing its request to have its existing certificate program reauthorized under the new requirements.

I am writing to ask for your confirmation that the courses in your department that are currently eligible toward the JS certificate continue to be eligible.

A list of the relevant courses is below.

Thank you,

Shaul Kelner
Director, Program in Jewish Studies

The courses in question include the 5000-level
graduate equivalents of those courses eligible for credit toward the JS major, as well as graduate level courses with Jewish Studies content offered through the Graduate Department of Religion and the Divinity School.


Classics: 2100, History of the Ancient Near East; 2120, Greece and the Near East from Alexander to Theodosius; 2160, History of Roman Empire; 3010, The Ancient Origins of Religious Conflict in the Middle East.

English: 3370, The Bible in Literature; 3664, Jewish American Literature.

European Studies: 2208, Conspiracy Theories and Rumors in European and U.S. History.


History: 2160, Medicine in Islam; 2170, Islam and the Crusades; 2190, Last Empire of Islam; 3210, Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Medieval Spain.

History of Art: 2260, Religious Art of the Roman Empire; 2765, Art Since 1945.

Music Literature: 2150, Music, Identity, and Diversity; 2310, The Bible and Music

Philosophy: 2102, Medieval Philosophy; 2101, Hellenistic and Late Ancient Philosophy; 3011, Critical Theory; 2109, Twentieth-Century Continental Philosophy; 3005, Jewish Philosophy; 3006, Islamic Philosophy.

Political Science: 2330, Middle East Politics.

Religious Studies: 2210w, Constructions of Jewish Identity in the Modern World; 2220, Jewish Ethics;

Russian: 3231, Jews in Russian Culture: Survival and Identity; 2434, Russian Cinema.

Sociology: 3204, Tourism, Culture and Place; 3222, Sociology of Religion; 3702, Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the United States.

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Yes, these courses continue to be eligible. I hope this is helpful.

Mark Wait

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2015, at 12:03 PM, Kelner, Shaul Jacob <s.kelner@Vanderbilt.Edu> wrote:

Dear Dean Wait,

As you know, the Graduate School has adopted new uniform rules for graduate certificate programs.

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The courses in question are: **Music Literature:** 2150, Music, Identity, and Diversity; 2310, The Bible and Music

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Shaul,

We are quite willing to keep the current courses listed as eligible for the JS certificate.

Best,
Melissa

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Hi Shaul,

Yes!
—Rob

On Apr 6, 2015, at 1:29 PM, Kelner, Shaul Jacob <s.kelner@Vanderbilt.Edu> wrote:

Dear Rob or Julian,

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**Philosophy:** 2102, Medieval Philosophy; 2101, Hellenistic and Late Ancient
Dear Shaul,

We are delighted to support this from Religious Studies.

cheers,

tony

Chair, Religious Studies

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William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor
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**French:** 4430, The Struggle of Encounter: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Literature.

**German:** 3344, Women at the Margins: German-Jewish Women Writers; 2445, Nazi Cinema: The Manipulation of Mass Culture.
Yes, of course.

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Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 11:57 AM
To: Conklin, Beth A; Jensen, Gary F; Kreyling, Michael P; Calico, Joy Haslam; Scott, Virginia M; Werner, Meike G; Harrington, Joel F; Murphy, Kevin Dean; Wuerth, Julian; Lewis, David Eric; Dehart, Paul J; Stewart, Tony K; Donato, Katharine
Subject: JS grad certificate: request for course approval

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Dear Shaul,

The Anthropology course listed continues to be relevant. The new graduate course number is ANTH 8230. We’re happy to be included and may have other relevant courses to contribute in the future.

All the best,
Beth

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Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 11:59 AM  
To: Kelner, Shaul Jacob  
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Joy

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Dear Shaul,

yes, they are. Thank you, Meike

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Dear Shaul,

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JFH

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Dear Shaul,

Sorry to be late getting back to you. Yes, by all means, GDR courses will still continue to count toward the JS grad certificate. We are happy to have our courses further the certificate program.

Best wishes,
Paul

From: Kelner, Shaul Jacob
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 1:33 PM
To: Dehart, Paul J
Subject: FW: JS grad certificate: request for course approval

Hi Paul,

Hope you had a great Easter! Please see below. The Grad School is asking that we provide documentation confirm that GDR courses will continue to count toward the Jewish Studies graduate certificate. A simple “yes” or “no” will suffice.

Thanks

Shaul

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