

Sample Academic Overview 2020–2022

Spertus MA in Jewish Professional Studies

North America Cohort Y

Key to Sample Academic Overview

Onsite | Seminars at Spertus Institute in Chicago

Seminars generally take place Sunday through Thursday onsite at Spertus Institute's Chicago campus at 610 S Michigan Ave.

Online | Course Readings and Preparation

Spertus Institute uses Desire2Learn (D2L) as its online learning platform. You will receive D2L access after acceptance to the program. Readings and course preparation materials are available approximately six weeks prior to the course start date. You will be notified by email.

On Your Own | Final Papers or Projects

Independent work includes papers, strategic plans, case studies, and examples of applied learning to allow for reflection and integration of course content. These components provide students with opportunities to bridge theory and practice in relation to their own organization or community.

Ongoing | Capstone Project & Mentoring Sessions (Begin Year 2)

The capstone project is an individualized project geared to the student's own area of focus. It demonstrates the student's summation of learning. Each student will be matched with a mentor to more deeply explore specific areas of professional development. Students are expected to schedule their mentorship sessions.

About Faculty

See faculty bios, credentials, and areas of research at spertus.edu/academics/faculty

For further information, contact **Anita Silvert** at asilvert@spertus.edu or 312.322.1707.

Year 1 | 2020–2021

Course 1 | Jewish Studies for the Jewish Professional

Course 2 | Working with People

Online	5–6 weeks prior to seminar	Courses 1 and 2 Required Readings & Preparation
Onsite	Sunday–Thursday March 22 through March 26, 2020	Chicago Seminar <i>Integrated professional writing workshop</i>
On Your Own	Due 4–6 weeks after seminar depending on class	Final Papers and Projects

Course 3 | Management and Supervision

Course 4 | Jewish Peoplehood

Online	5–6 weeks prior to seminar	Courses 3 and 4 Required Readings & Preparation
Onsite	Sunday–Thursday August 30 through September 3, 2020	Chicago Seminar <i>Mentoring overview takes place during seminar (Matching process follows)</i>
On Your Own	Due 4–6 weeks after seminar depending on class	Final Papers and Projects

Course 5 | Major Jewish Values

Online	5-6 weeks prior to web conference	Course 5 Required Readings & Preparation
Online	Early Jan – Late Feb 2021	Web Conferencing Course <i>Meets for eight 2-hour participatory online sessions via Zoom platform</i>
On Your Own	Due 4–6 weeks after seminar depending on class	Final Papers and Projects

Course 6 | **This American Jewish Life**

Course 7 | **Fundraising**

Online	5–6 weeks prior to seminar	Courses 6 and 7 Required Readings & Preparation	Capstone Project & Mentoring Sessions Begin
Onsite	Sunday–Thursday April 18 through April 22, 2021	Chicago Seminar <i>Capston Project introduction</i>	
On Your Own	Due 4–6 weeks after seminar depending on class	Final Papers and Projects	

Year 2 | 2021–2022

Course 8 | **The Role of Israel in Jewish Life**

Course 9 | **Strategic and Financial Planning**

Online	5–6 weeks prior to seminar	Courses 6 and 7 Required Readings & Preparation	Ongoing
Onsite	Sunday–Thursday Oct 17 through Oct 21, 2021	Chicago Seminar <i>Presentation of Capstone Proposal</i>	Capstone Project & Mentoring Sessions Underway
On Your Own	Due 4–6 weeks after seminar depending on class	Final Papers and Projects	

Course 10 | **Marketing and Communications Fundamentals**

Online	5-6 weeks prior to web conference	Course 5 Required Readings & Preparation	Ongoing
Online	Early Jan – Late Feb 2022	Web Conferencing Course <i>Meets for eight 2-hour participatory online sessions via Zoom platform</i>	Capstone Project & Mentoring Sessions Underway
On Your Own	Due 4–6 weeks after seminar depending on class	Final Papers and Projects	

Course 11 | Mini Course Electives

Course 12 | Becoming an Effective Jewish Leader

Online	5–6 weeks prior to seminar	Courses 11 and 12 Required Readings & Preparation	Capstone Project Completion Due May 1, 2022
Onsite	Sunday–Thursday March 20 through March 24, 2022	Chicago Seminar	
On Your Own	Due 4–6 weeks after seminar depending on class	Final Papers and Projects	

Save the Date

Graduation
May 22, 2022

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