

Christianity & Judaism in Antiquity PhD Course Requirements: A Proposal

General Graduate School/Department of Theology Requirements

All students in the CJA PhD program are subject to the general requirements of the Graduate School and the Department of Theology. These requirements are included in the Department's PhD Student Manual.

All areas within Theology require basic competence in two modern languages. CJA students normally do two of the following languages: French, German, and Modern Hebrew. Where a scholarly rationale can be demonstrated, students may petition to have another modern language (such as Italian) substituted for one of the three typical languages.

CJA Requirements

CJA is an intentionally broad doctoral program that is grounded in the academic study of Scripture but covers four distinct disciplines/fields of research and teaching: 1) Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (HB/OT), 2) Early Judaism (EJ), 3) New Testament (NT), and Early Christianity (EC). Although the focus of study will vary, all CJA students are expected to take coursework in all four disciplines and to develop the linguistic competencies to do research in these fields of study.

There are two main areas in CJA: (1) Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and Early Judaism, and (2) New Testament and Early Christianity. Students who major in HB/OT and Early Judaism may emphasize either HB/OT or Early Judaism, but will take coursework in both fields. Similarly, students who major in NT and Early Christianity may emphasize either NT or Early Christianity, but are expected to take courses in both fields.

Students who major in one area must minor in the other area. Students majoring in HB/OT and Early Judaism must take at least one course in NT and at least one course in Early Christianity. Similarly, students majoring in NT and Early Christianity must take at least one course in HB/OT and at least one course in Early Judaism.

All CJA students must demonstrate competence in at least three ancient languages. Hebrew and Greek are required of all students, with the third language dependent on the area of concentration chosen for research. The level of competence required in each language depends on the student's area of concentration within the CJA program.

All CJA PhD students are required to take fourteen three-hour courses during the first two years of residence. In addition, students are encouraged, though not required, to audit one course each semester for the second and third years of the program, especially when the course is relevant for the student's candidacy exams and/or dissertation topic.

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	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<p>I. Required CJA Colloquium. The CJA Colloquium convenes two or three times each semester, focusing on academic topics, texts and issues central to CJA concerns. Attendance is required of all students in residence, though no course credits are involved.</p>	0	0
<p>II. Ancient Language Requirements. All CJA students must take three courses (9 credit hours) in ancient languages. The following configurations detail the normal language requirements for the two main areas of study.</p>	3	9

A. Hebrew Bible/Old Testament & Early Judaism majors must take (9 credit hours):

- (1) Advanced Hebrew (for which they must receive an A- or better)
- (2) Advanced Greek or Second Semester Intermediate Greek (for which they must receive a B+ or better)
- (3) A third ancient language: e.g., Aramaic, Akkadian, Ethiopic, or Ugaritic.

B. New Testament & Early Christianity majors must take (9 credit hours):

- (1) Advanced Greek (for which they must receive an A- or better)
- (2) Advanced Hebrew or Second Semester Intermediate Hebrew (for which they must receive a B+ or better)
- (3) A third ancient language: e.g., Coptic, Latin, Syriac or other Aramaic dialects.

NOTE: If it is necessary for the student to take additional and remedial language courses, those courses must be taken in addition to the fourteen required courses. These extra courses can be accommodated to the student's schedule by adding a fourth course during the third or fourth semester of residence.

NOTE: In exceptional circumstances, the student may, with the approval of the CJA coordinator, test out of one or more ancient language requirements. In this case, the student will take one or more additional electives.

III. Electives: All CJA students have three courses to be taken as electives. Students are encouraged to take courses in one of the other areas of Theology or in other academic disciplines (e.g., Classics, History, etc.) so as to increase their ability to work across different areas of theology and to do multi-disciplinary research. In some cases, these electives may be used to satisfy the program's ancient and/or modern language requirements or to develop greater linguistic expertise.

IV. Major and Minor Programs of Study

A. Old Testament / Hebrew Bible & Early Judaism Majors

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| 1. The student normally takes five courses, distributed between OT/HB and Early Judaism. | 5 | 15 |
| 2. The student must minor in NT/EC, by taking at least three NT/EC courses. At least one of these | 3 | 9 |

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courses must be in NT and at least one course must be in EC.

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| 3. Three electives. | 3 | 9 |
| 4. Students are encouraged to audit one course in an area of interest each semester during the second and third years of the program. | [4] | [12] |

B. New Testament & Early Christianity Majors

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| 1. The student normally take five courses, distributed between NT and EC. | 5 | 15 |
| 2. The student must minor in HB/OT and EJ by taking at least three courses in HB/OT and EJ. At least one of these courses must be in HB/OT and at least one course must be in EJ. | 3 | 9 |
| 3. Three electives. | 3 | 9 |
| 4. Students are encouraged to audit one course in an area of interest each semester during the second and third years of the program. | [4] | [12] |

V. **Waiver:** When there are compelling academic reasons, students may petition to have one or more of the above requirements waived.