

New York Theological Group Cross-Registration Agreement

This New York Theological Group Cross-Registration Agreement (“Agreement,” “NYTGCRA,” or “Consortium”) is dated as of April 25, 2012 and is by and among the following institutions:

Fordham University, on behalf of its Graduate School of Arts and Science
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Union Theological Seminary in New York City
3031 Broadway New York NY 10027

The General Theological Seminary
440 West 21st Street New York NY 10011

St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary
575 Scarsdale Road Yonkers NY 10707

New York Theological Seminary
475 Riverside Drive #500 New York NY 10015

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion
1 West 4th Street New York NY 10012

Collectively referred to herein as the “Institutions” or “NYTGCRA Institutions.” Recitals
Whereas, the graduate students at each of the Institutions will benefit from having the opportunity to take classes in less frequently taught languages and other elective courses at the other institutions as a complement to their program and course of study at their home institution;

Whereas, for over twenty years, various constellations of cross-registration have been and remain available to students at the Institutions, and cross-registration of second-year Ph.D. students is available through consortium arrangements, and
Whereas, the Institutions want to enable students to take courses at each other’s institutions during the fall, spring and summer terms, to include courses in ancient/biblical languages desire to provide a cross-registration arrangement to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and expense and to make the strengths available at the various institutions accessible to masters’ level students, to facilitate this exchange and to agree to other related provisions as set forth herein;

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

I. Criteria For Student Participation:

1. The masters' degree students ("NYTGCRA registrants" or "NYTGCRA students") of each institution shall be eligible to register for classes in each of the institutions within the NYTGCRA, as such class registrations are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Students will be permitted to take courses not available at the home institution in the academic year in which cross-registration is sought, and not "core" or "required" courses for the degree at the home institution without the explicit permission of the program coordinator at the home institution. Students will be allowed to take one course per semester or other academic terms (except for summer language courses if necessary). The host institution is free to determine the number of seats available to NYTGCRA registrants. Only graduate and professional students in good standing shall be entitled to register for classes hereunder, but senior undergraduates majoring in theology at Fordham University may be admitted to seminary courses for which they are qualified with the permission of the appropriate undergraduate chair in the department of theology at Fordham University and the permission of the instructor. There shall be no limit imposed by the host institution on the number of courses that a student may register for at the host institution.
2. In order to be eligible to register for classes at a NYTGCRA Institution, each student must obtain the prior written approval of the academic advisor of the home institution, the consortium administrator of the home institution, the consortium administrator at the host institution, and (for summer school courses) the Summer School administrator in each case in that order and determined in the sole discretion of such person. Once all necessary approvals have been obtained, NYTGCRA students will register for courses at both their home institution and the host institution.
3. Each institution may give preference to its own students when registering students for courses in which enrollment is limited.

II. Obligations and Privileges of Student Participants:

1. All tuition and fees will be paid to the home institution. The host institution will not require payment of application, academic, admission or other fees including those normally required of special visiting students for students participating in the NYTGCRA program. Fees for consumable materials such as lab fees will be paid directly by the student to the host school.
2. Student registrants will use the Inter-University Doctoral Consortium (IUDC) registration form.
3. Each host institution shall provide to each home institution at the end of any semester during which students of the home institution have participated in the

NYTGCRA either an official transcript of the grade(s) earned during such semester at the host institution or a formal documentation of the grade signed by both the instructor and the host consortium coordinator. At any time upon written request of the home institution, the host institution will forward to the home institution any academic and other records or information relating to a participating student. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the host institution to keep academic records for students that differ from those customarily maintained by the host institution for its own students.

4. Each student participating in the NYTGCRA shall be entitled to graduate student library privileges at the host institution during the semester such student is registered. Upon registration of a student, each host institution's consortium administrator shall (a) arrange for each student access to appropriate buildings of the host institution, (b) arrange library privileges for such student and (c) arrange for access for each student to on-line course materials offered by the host institution. NYTGCRA students shall not be entitled to any of the other benefits and privileges of being a student at the host institution.
5. Each student participating in the NYTGCRA shall abide by all policies and regulations of the host institution. The host institution shall have the right to terminate the participation of any student in the NYTGCRA, at any time if such student's academic work or behavior is not suitable in the judgment of the host institution. Termination of a student's participation in the NYTGCRA will not be effected without prior consultation by the host institution with the home institution.