

## Frequently Asked Questions—and Answers

### What is the MAJPS Program?

The Master of Arts in Jewish Professional Studies (MAJPS) program is a new model of learning and training for Jewish professionals. It offers core courses in the areas of classical and contemporary Jewish knowledge that are most relevant to Jewish communal life today, combined with essential professional training in nonprofit management.

### Are there special focus areas for those who work in various fields of the nonprofit sector?

Yes. The MAJPS program enables students, under professional guidance, to carve out a portion of the overall degree to serve their specific needs. The Individualization segment of the program allows students to experience rich, flexible and personalized learning, with opportunities to achieve individual personal and professional growth.

### Where is Spertus located?

Spertus is conveniently located at 610 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, between Harrison & Balbo.

### Is Spertus accredited?

Spertus is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

### What type of student is enrolled in the MAJPS program at Spertus?

The student body represents professionals from a broad range of Jewish agencies who are interested in studying and learning from great classical and contemporary texts, talented educators, and each other.

### How long is the program?

Students can complete the program in approximately two years, three months.

### What are the hours and days that students attend class?

Students attend class one night per week, always on the same evening of the week, from 6–9 pm for all of the core courses. There are also workshops and seminars that are scheduled in consultation with students.

### Who teaches the MAJPS program?

Our highly credentialed faculty members have extensive experience in their fields of expertise. Spertus employs more than 30 adjunct faculty members, many of whom have taught at Spertus for more than five years. The Spertus MAJPS also has a strong mentoring component that fosters professional development and the integration of coursework and professional work.

### What is the class size?

The MAJPS program is run on a cohort basis, offering the opportunity for students from a range of institutional and professional backgrounds to network, learn from one another, and create a vibrant community of practice. Cohorts generally consist of 12-20 students.

### How much is the tuition?

The current tuition is \$15,000 for the MAJPS program, with special scholarships available for Jewish professionals.

### **How much for textbooks, materials, and other fees?**

The cost for textbooks and materials averages \$200 per year. Students will also be responsible for a graduation fee.

### **Is there financial aid available?**

Yes. Financial aid is available in the form of subsidized and unsubsidized federal loans.

### **How often do cohorts start?**

The MAJPS program admits students to a new cohort each year in the fall.

### **What is the length of each course?**

Each course lasts seven weeks. Periodic workshops and seminars are generally three days long.

### **What are the academic requirements?**

A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale).

### **What is the application process?**

Prospective students should (1) Submit a completed application, (2) Submit an admissions essay of 500 words, double-spaced and typed, (3) Provide official transcripts from all colleges attended, and (4) Participate in an interview with the admissions committee. No GMAT or GRE required.

### **How long does the application process take?**

Once the application is completed, the student should receive a reply from the MAJPS office within two to three weeks.

### **What about parking downtown?**

\$10 discount parking is available with Spertus validation at Standard Parking at the Essex Inn on 8th Street and Michigan Avenue (2 blocks south of Spertus). Enter on 8th Street between Michigan and Wabash. Some street parking is available after 6 pm. Spertus is also easily accessible by public transportation.

### **How can I get more information?**

Visit us on the web at [spertus.edu/majps](http://spertus.edu/majps) or contact Director of Enrollment Stacey Flint at [sflint@spertus.edu](mailto:sflint@spertus.edu) or 312.322.1707.



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