

**Concordia University**  
**Department of Religion**  
**Application for Admission Checklist**  
MA Religions and Cultures  
MA Judaic Studies

*Additional documents may be required by the University*

**Application and Document Deadlines**

January 15<sup>th</sup>: The **complete file must be received by February 1** for students to be considered for September admission and possible funding.

We highly recommend that you observe a January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline allowing for the receipt and processing of all your documents so that your file is complete by February 1. The admissions committee could meet as early as February 2<sup>nd</sup>, therefore incomplete applications will not be considered for admission or funding at that time. Late applications will be considered until May 1 with no funding opportunities.

**December 1** Deadline for students applying for the following January (no funding competitions)

**Checklist – All documents must be received by the deadline dates above**

**Application Form**

**Statement of Purpose.** A two page description of your particular academic interests, the pertinence of your educational background to those interests, and how this degree program would support them. The statement should clearly outline what it is you wish to study, why you would like to study it, and what are your interests in pursuing this graduate degree. The statement should also include a paragraph or two describing a project you might undertake for your Guided Research Paper or Thesis (although you may conceive of a different project during your studies.) Please also include your competence in languages relevant to your study.

**Three (3) Academic Letters of Reference.** Letters of reference should be of an academic nature not employment related to University studies. Should be from university email addresses and on university letterhead.

**Official Transcripts** from **all** the universities you have attended. This includes transcripts of partial or complete degrees as well as host universities you may have taken courses as a visiting student.

A recent copy of your **resume** (curriculum vitae)

**A Writing sample.** Submit a brief sample of your scholarly writing in English or French (approx. 1500-2500 words).

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- **Additional Requirements (Depending on Circumstances)**

**Interview (at the discretion of the department)** In certain cases, you may also be contacted at a later point for additional information or for an in-person or telephone interview.

*A request for an interview does not necessarily indicate that your application will be accepted, and lack of a request does not indicate that your application will be refused.*

**Language Proficiency Requirements**

The language of instruction at Concordia is English.

A student whose primary language is not English must write a pre-admission proficiency test.

Please refer to Concordia University Graduate Calendar for language requirement standards at: <https://www.concordia.ca/admissions/graduate/requirements/english-language-proficiency.html>