



FAQ's regarding University of Miami (UM) College Credits

Benefits of Applying for UM College Credits Through the AMHSI Program in Israel:

1. Q: Why should my child consider applying for college credit?

A: This conversation should take place between parent and student. There is a competitive edge that students gain on their college applications by already having college credits. It shows that the student is capable of successfully doing college level work. In addition, there could be a substantial financial saving when one is able to receive 6 college credits for \$2,500. The current cost for 6 credits at UM is \$1,960 per credit.

2. Q: How many credits will the student earn?

A: 6 credits.

3. Q: Can a student opt to be enrolled for 3 credits at half the cost?

A: No.

4. Q: What are the titles of the courses?

A: JUS 200 - Israel: Origins, Culture and Society, and JUS 231 - Jewish Civilization, Society, Culture and Religion.

5. Q: Are the college credits for University of Miami only?

A: No. However, acceptance of "transferred credits" is at the sole discretion of the university in which the student is enrolled. Students who receive 6 UM credits through the AMHSI program and attend another university should apply to that university for the acceptance of the UM credits as "transfer credits". Since UM is ranked as one of the top 50 universities in the United States, credits from UM have an excellent reputation.

6. Q: What does "non-degree status" mean with regards to other colleges accepting the UM credits?

A: It means that the student was an external student and not enrolled in a degree program at UM. However, the transcript sent by the University of Miami to colleges/universities, when requested, is the standard UM transcript. These credits may be used in a degree program once the student is accepted into a university and has applied for the University of Miami credits to be recognized as "transfer credits". Once the university/college in which the student is enrolled accepts the transfer credits – how or whether the credits are actually used by the student's university is up to the institution in which the student is enrolled.

7. Q: Will students getting college credit have a University of Miami transcript sent to the universities of their choice?

A: The student may request – in person or online - an official transcript from the University of Miami to be sent to any university. There will be a small fee incurred, of about \$10.

Prerequisites & Eligibility

8. Q: Who is eligible to apply for the 6 UM credits through the AMHSI program?

A: Rising High School Juniors, Juniors and Seniors.

9. Q: Is the SAT or ACT required by UM to be eligible to apply to the UM/AMHSI program?

A: Neither the SAT nor the ACT are required in order for the student to apply for the 6 UM credit program.

10. Q: My child will be attending AMHSI as part of his/her Day School Program. Is s/he eligible to receive college credits?

A: If the Day School Program includes the AMHSI core program in Jewish Studies as part of its curriculum, your child is eligible.

11. Q: Are international students able to apply for college credit from UM?

A: Yes, international students are to use the same application procedure and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to ensure that their credentials meet the admission requirements.

12. Q: How will receiving credits affect the student's eligibility to attend UM?

A: Earning UM credits does not guarantee the student automatic admission to the University of Miami. Students interested in attending UM must apply for admission by contacting UM's Office of Admissions at admission@miami.edu or 305-284-4323.

13. Q: Will a student who is admitted to the University of Miami be able to use the 6 credits at UM?

A: Yes.

Application Requirements

14. Q. What are the required documents to apply for the UM college credits?

- Completed non-degree program online application (https://umiami.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3gf6lqjQ8q0203X)
- Letter of recommendation from high school principal, counselor or teacher confirming student's readiness to take college level courses;
- Official Transcript of Grades confirming a 3.0 standing;
- Payment of \$2,500 by certified check or money order payable to the Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies, University of Miami.

15. Q: Is there any financial aid available for the AMHSI/UM college credits?

A: No. The credits are valued at \$11,760. As a result of the efforts of AMHSI, they are offered here at \$2,500. If the family has an ESA (Educational Savings Account), funds can be used from that to pay for the credits. If you have a 529 Fund, please consult with your fund administrators to see if these funds may be used as well. You may also be able to apply to your local Hebrew Free Loan Association for a needs-based interest free loan.

16. Q: When is the deadline for the application, letter(s) of recommendation, transcript and payment for the college credits?

A: UM must have everything at least 2 weeks before the first day of the AMHSI session in which your child is enrolled. Please send all application materials together in one envelope to: Dr. Haim Shaked, The Miller Center, University of Miami, 5202 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146-2018.

17. Q: Is there a sample letter available for the Letter of Recommendation from the student's high school?

A: No. However, the letter of recommendation needs to be an original, on official school letterhead stating that the student is a good student and is qualified to take college level courses.

18. Q: Is there a particular form that UM provides for Letters of Recommendation?

A: UM does not provide any particular form.

19. Q: Can we use the same Letter of Recommendation that we used when we applied to AMHSI?

A: The recommendation should be from someone who knows the student personally and academically. The Letter

of Recommendation should be written and signed by your child's Principal, Guidance Counselor, Teacher, or other Faculty/Staff person from the student's school. The letter should include an explicit evaluation of the student's academic standing and readiness for a college level course.

20. Q: Can we use the same high school transcript that we used for the AMHSI application?

A: An original official transcript is required by UM for this program. We suggest requesting two transcripts when you apply to AMHSI so that you will be prepared when applying to the UM program.

21. Q: Does the High School Transcript have to be an Official Transcript in a sealed envelope?

A: Yes.

22. Q: Will AMHSI forward the high school transcript to UM?

A: The application process to this program is between you and UM directly. AMHSI will not be forwarding documentation to UM. Please send all the required documents together in one envelope directly to the University of Miami/Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies, 5202 University Drive, Merrick Building 105, Coral Gables, FL 33124-2018. Attention: Prof. Haim Shaked.

23. Q: I submitted my application online and mailed the payment, recommendation, and transcript. Will I receive confirmation that it has been received and that everything needed was included?

A: When UM receives the online application and its accompanying documents in the mail, an acknowledgement of receipt will be sent via email.

24. Q: Are there different requirements for International Students?

A: No, international students should use the same application procedure and provide the name of their school. They will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine their eligibility.

25. Q: I am/my spouse is a full-time employee of the University of Miami. As such, am I eligible for "tuition remission" for the UM credits?

A: Since this is a special program with a deeply discounted tuition rate, full-time UM employees are only eligible for "tuition reduction" of 10%. The cost of the program credits to them, therefore, would be \$2,250.

26. Q: Can the documents be sent by U.S. Mail?

A: The documents should be sent by FedEx, UPS, DHL, or any other carrier that provides a tracking number (including U.S. Postal Service). This tracking number is important in case documents are lost.

27. Q: Can the tuition be wired to UM?

A: Only in special circumstances. In such cases, monies should be wired in U.S. Dollars to:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. ABA 026009593

1500 SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY, CORAL GABLES, FL 33146

CREDIT: UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI CONCENTRATION ACCOUNT, ACCOUNT NUMBER 1595794746 FOR FURTHER CREDIT TO: THE SUE AND LEONARD MILLER CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY JUDAIC STUDIES, BG001329.

It is important that UM is also notified by email to ccjs@miami.edu or by phone to +1 (305)284-6882 when the wire transfer is processed, include the name of the issuing institution and the date issued, so that we can locate the funds within UM's financial system.

28. Q: Is the \$2,500 tuition for the 6 UM credits refundable?

A: Once the application and payment is received, if the student withdraws from the program before the start of the AMHSI session, all but a \$150 administrative charge will be refunded. There is no refund at all of the \$2,500 if the student withdraws from this UM college credit program, leaves AMHSI, or is sent home for any reason, even one day after the start of the AMHSI session.

29. Q: When are the college credits considered “earned”?

A: Credits can be earned only by successful completion of the AMHSI course.

30. Q: Is the student able to withdraw his/her application for the college credits once the AMHSI session has started?

A: No. Withdrawal from the program after the start, for any reason, even by one day is not allowed.

Additional Requirements

31. Q: Will UM require any work in addition to the AMHSI core program before awarding the college credits?

A: At this time, no additional work is required. However, this is subject to possible change in the future. If additional work is ever required, it will be required only during the AMHSI session and students will be notified accordingly, before their session starts.

Grading

32. Q: Is there a minimum grade that must be received in the AMHSI Core Classes to be able to earn college credits?

A: Yes. The student must receive a minimum grade of “C” for credits to be transferrable. It is strongly recommended that students strive to get a “B” or “A”. Grading is done by the AMHSI academic staff.

After AMHSI

33. Q: How do I know that UM has a record of the credits?

A: AMHSI will send the grades to UM. UM will apply those grades to the two JUS courses for which the credits have been earned. The student may request online an official transcript from the University of Miami to be sent to any university. There is a fee for each request charged by a third party. The Miller Center will send to the student the information about how to request a transcript via email.

34. Q: How do I know that my college/university of choice will accept the credits from UM?

A: The AMHSI courses are treated as regular UM university courses, and these grades go into the general registration pool. Numerous students over the course of the years ask UM for regular transcripts to be sent, and AMHSI students’ grades are not segregated. They are considered part of the general UM grade system. Only the university/college to which the credits will be transferred can decide whether to accept the UM credits and how to treat them as equivalents to their own courses.

UM Honor Code

35. Q: What is the University’s Honor Code?

A: The Honor Code is established for the undergraduate student body to protect the academic integrity of the University of Miami, to encourage consistent ethical behavior among undergraduate students, and to foster a climate of fair competition. While a student’s commitment to honesty and personal integrity is assumed and expected, this Code is intended to provide an added measure of assurance that, in fulfilling the University’s requirements, a student’s work will never involve falsification, plagiarism, or other deception regarding the true nature of the materials presented. Each student is responsible for completing the academic requirements of each course in the manner indicated by the faculty.

Contact Information

36. Q: Whom should I contact for more information?

Your first point of contact should be your AMHSI Director of Admissions. If additional assistance is needed, you may contact Caren Katz, AMHSI’s Director of Operations in NY at ckatz@amhsi.org. Once you send the application and tuition to UM, Prof. Haim Shaked, Director of UM’s Judaic Studies Program, becomes your contact person. He can be reached at 305-284-6882 or hshaked@miami.edu. **Dr. Shaked is the ONLY person you should contact at UM.**