

Certificate in Karaite Jewish Studies

Accredited by the Karaite Council of Sages in Israel.

Introduction to the course

A Karaite Council of Sages accredited Certificate in Karaite Jewish Studies. This is a yearlong course designed to familiarize Jews and Gentiles with Karaite Judaism, and to create a greater appreciation amongst Karaite Jews for their Karaite Judaism. The course is prerequisite for all Jews of patrilineal descent who wish to affiliate to Karaite Judaism, and for all Gentiles who desire to convert to Karaite Judaism out of love for the God of Israel, His holy Tora, and His people.

The course covers seven units; six modules and a final essay.

Modules:

1. Fundamentals and Biblical Exegesis
2. Purity Part 1 (Kashruth)
3. Shabbath
4. Calendar
5. Purity Part 2
6. Righteousness

What do I need?

To successfully complete this course, you will need interest and motivation, maturity of approach and commitment, in order to be able to cope with the objectives of the programme. Since the course is delivered in English you must have a college-level command of the language. You must also be in regular attendance of online classes and participate in the KJU discussion group until the conclusion of the course. Your success upon the course will also depend upon honest communication and an exploration of Judaism shared by students and teachers alike.

How is the course taught?

The course is a distance-learning program extending for the duration of an academic year; therefore, students need to have access to a computer with broadband Internet in order to participate. The course requires a good deal of reading and studying. Most lectures are presented in PDF format, whilst some are presented as live audio sessions held via Zoom, there is also a Facebook group for discussions.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is by exams and tests. There will be a final essay on an approved topic of your choice.

What does it lead to?

Successful completion of the course can lead to affiliation or conversion to Karaite Judaism via an official Karaite community*.

Course details

Date: Our course in Karaite Jewish Studies commences every year on the first Sunday in September.

Tuition Fee: CHF 2,500.00 (Swiss Francs)