

More than 20 majors and 500 courses are offered each year at Touro College Flatbush, in a unique atmosphere which encourages scholastic excellence and supports Torah perspectives and values

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HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS IN A WARM ENVIRONMENT

“Join the Touro Flatbush community and explore the possibilities to realize your personal aspiration for yourself and your future” – Dr. Stanley Boylan, Dean of Faculties.

Touro’s Flatbush campus on Avenue J in Brooklyn is an impressive seven stories, including an entire floor of science laboratories; three computer labs; twenty-six spacious classrooms; two library reading rooms; student lounge; and offices of the educational, administrative, and counseling departments.

“Academic excellence and achievement are the very hallmarks of our educational offering,” Dean Robert Goldschmidt told **Mishpacha**. Some of Touro Flatbush’s unique advantages: “Our limited class sizes encourage personalized instruction and interaction between staff and students. We have a very dedicated faculty, members of the Jewish community, who serve as mentors and role models. Our flexible schedule of afternoon, evening, and Sunday classes allows you to earn a quality degree without compromising commitments of yeshivah or seminary studies, jobs, and family.”

Not only can a Torah-true student feel

comfortable with the atmosphere of Touro, he can also be assured of a top quality education. With a staff of over 150 faculty members, all highly experienced, with top credentials, and fully supportive of Torah *hashkafah*, the Touro student knows he’s getting only the best. Touro’s high academic level starts with the students’ strong backgrounds, reflected in their high school average and SAT scores. Its level of excellence is demonstrated by the record of its graduates, with seniors in Education scoring a 100-percent pass rate in New York State Teachers’ Certification Examination; 97 percent of Speech majors accepted to master’s degree programs; and more than 90 percent of students in the Allied Health Fields admitted to physical and occupational therapy master’s degree programs.

Touro Flatbush graduates have an impressive record of acceptance to the most prestigious schools of law, medicine, and business in the country.

Touro ranks among the top universities in the US on the national CPA examination.

Touro in Flatbush takes pride in its thousands of graduates, many of whom have completed graduate and professional studies. The alumni are quick to credit their successes to the quality of the education they received. Mrs. Devorie Krause, a highly successful occupational therapist, told **Mishpacha**, “In my grad-

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uate program, all the Touro graduates were the brightest and the best prepared of the students.”

THE SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

“With the knowledge and skills I have mastered at Touro, I am ready to live the test of life” — Toby, Salutatorian, Class of 1997; currently a partner in Cato Advisors Investment Bank.

The School for Women of the Lander College of Arts and Sciences at Touro in Flatbush is uniquely suited for highly motivated students who wish to earn a meaningful degree while studying among their peers in a supportive Jewish environment. The majority of students have completed one year of intensive seminary studies in Israel or the US, in selective institutions such as at BJJ, Bnos Chava, Machon Bnos Yehuda, Bnos Sarah, Seminar Yerushalayim, Yavneh Cleveland, and Bais Yaakov Intensive (Boro Park). Courses for women are scheduled in the afternoon and evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays and in the morning on Sundays.

When registering at Touro, students receive academic advisement for making informed career decisions about choosing a major. Advisors help students select appropriate courses in order to satisfy all degree requirements. Individual tailoring also involves free tutoring in basic subjects by a staff of peers and graduates, ensuring that no student will flounder on her own.

Shortening the time spent studying for a degree is Touro’s policy of recognizing prior learning, such as seminary studies, as credits towards a BA degree. Students generally receive between 24 and 36 credits for a one-year full-time seminary program. Additional credits are awarded for a second year of seminary. Touro also awards credits for AP or CLEP examinations.

Rabbi Moshe Yanofsky, Dean of Machon Bais Yaakov, explains why he recommends Touro College to his students. “I am confident that the *hanhalah* of Touro tries its best to serve Jewish Orthodox young women by creating a very

The modern Flatbush campus has twenty-six classrooms, an entire floor of natural science laboratories, three computer science laboratories, a spacious library and a student lounge.

kosher environment. Also because of the serious academic program, the students become very knowledgeable in their fields of study. I think it’s a benefit that the girls receive direct classroom instruction, continually guided by expert faculty, and not settle for mediocrity in their educational program, because it is important to succeed in one’s field. At the same time, Touro wasn’t established to advocate careers; the most respectable degree for a girl is still ‘Mrs.’ or ‘Rebbetzin’!”

THE SCHOOL FOR MEN

“Touro gave me an exceptional opportunity to prepare for my future career without compromising my Torah values ... to lead our lives with a commitment to Torah that will bring us fulfillment as individuals, that will show honesty, integrity and fair play in our dealings” — Top-Ranking Major in Accounting.

Touro College Flatbush is one part of the huge Touro College network, founded in 1971 by Dr. Bernard Lander as an “independent institution of higher and professional education under Jewish sponsorship, established to perpetuate and enrich the Jewish heritage ...” (from the Touro

“Touro College allowed me to continue my Jewish studies, which was my main focus, without sacrificing my higher education — the college provided a very challenging learning environment. Touro gave a tremendous service to both my wife, also a Touro graduate, and me. Touro fills a vital niche in the Jewish community” — Yechiel Eisenstadt, class of 1997, President of Esplanade Capital NYC

College mission statement). Touro College had been functioning for five years when the first men’s program, with twenty men, under the active guidance of President Lander, was organized to serve the educational needs of the rapidly expanding Jewish community of Brooklyn. In a personal interview, Dr. Lander reminisced to **Mishpacha**, “I organized Touro College in order to permit religious men and women to achieve a *parnassah* — a program that enabled them to make a livelihood without taking away their attention from Torah learning.”

Touro is in fact the only formal college based on these principles, and also the only academic institution with an evening college for men based on the same principles. Touro is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

For yeshivah students who don’t want to stop their Torah studies, there’s no place like Touro. Because Touro is geared specifically to meet the needs of the frum community, the courses have been designed with the maximum amount of flexibility, thus enabling a *yeshivah bochur* to continue with full-time Torah learning



“Seniors of Distinction”



Professor Shammai Bienenstock (right) doesn't just teach accounting, he challenges students to apply auditing concepts and hone their problem solving skills.

during the day and study for a degree in the evenings. Men's classes meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings, from 6 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Laboratory sections of the science courses meet Sunday late afternoons and evenings. Certain other courses are also scheduled on Sunday evenings. Typically, most students register for 12 or 13 credits per semester at Touro while simultaneously earning 6 college credits for their yeshivah studies.

Dr. Lander further points out, "If a father must earn a livelihood, then Touro enables him to fulfill the *kesubah* and support his family respectfully." Touro College's entire philosophy can be summed up as a very practical-minded approach, one of "Torah and *parnassah*."

EDUCATION WITH A PURPOSE

Dean Goldschmidt explains that the programs offered are aimed towards helping graduates "enter professions of their choice, so that they can earn *parnassah* with dignity."

Touro's Office of Career Services consists of four full-time placement professionals who advise and guide students through the entire job-search process. The college conducts two major career fairs annually, featuring representatives of some of the top employers in the country. Touro's proven track record over thirty-seven years — with its graduates employed in the highest capacities in Fortune 500 companies, many top accounting and financial firms, medical institutions, and government agencies — opens all doors to Touro's graduates.

"With Hashem's help, we will become a source of pride to our heritage, our families, our college, and our community"

“We got a top-notch education, a great learning experience, without having to compromise our values. We could focus on the learning without the distractions of assignments on Shabbos, scheduling conflicts, or *tzniyus* concerns. It's the best of both worlds”

— Mrs. Devorie Krause, Touro graduate now practicing as an occupational therapist in the New York area

WHAT TOURO COLLEGE IN FLATBUSH OFFERS YOU

- More than twenty majors and pre-professional options, including accounting (CPA); finance; management; computer science; desktop publishing and Web design; pre-health sciences (occupational and physical therapy, physician assistant studies, and nursing); biology; pre-medicine/pre-dentistry; pre-law; education; psychology; mathematics/ actuarial studies; and speech language pathology.
- Joint programs with, and preferential admission to, many of the Touro Graduate Schools.
- Exceptional alumni record — more than 5,000 graduates working as successful professionals.
- Financial aid: State and federal grants (if eligible), Touro Grants, also Touro Academic Scholarships and Lander Honors Scholarships for students with superior scholastic records.

— Yisroel Schwartz, Esq, Valedictorian, Class of 2004.

Obviously, Touro is offering an attractive package: Quality education, adherence to Torah values, flexible course schedules, and effective career guidance. But it's not just an attractive package — it's unique. As Dean Goldschmidt points out, "This combination — to our knowledge, no one else offers such a higher education opportunity." It is indeed the perfect package, offering Torah-true Jews the best of both worlds.

For further information for Touro programs contact the Office of Admissions, 1602 Avenue J, Brooklyn, NY 11230; 718-252-7800 ext. 299 or 320 email: lasadmit@touro.edu



Students conducting research in the biology laboratory