

Holocaust and Genocide Studies- Interdisciplinary Minor

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The minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies provides a broad interdisciplinary education on the Holocaust and other genocides of the 20th and 21st centuries. This curriculum helps students develop a grasp of the history of the Holocaust, as well as its precipitating factors and legacy. In addition, students will gain an understanding of other genocides and be able to compare them. Students will be challenged to think critically and to examine the assumptions concerning issues of the Holocaust, genocide and peace. They will learn how extreme prejudice leads to state killing policies and how such ideas become “naturalized” and rationalized in social programs. They will also have the opportunity to explore ways to resolve conflict peacefully and study ethical decision making. With a deeper understanding of prejudice, discrimination, racism, and anti-Semitism, students should be able to better analyze contemporary local, national, and global political situations and movements and to think critically about ethical responsibility.

Requirements

Five courses, two from “Required” and three from “Options”
Two of the five courses must be at the 300 or above level.

Required: The required courses will introduce students to Holocaust and Comparative Genocide Studies.

HGS 200/Genocide and Human Rights

Choose one from list below:

HIS 325/Modern Germany

LIT 380/Representations of the Holocaust

REL 320/Holocaust: Historical and Religious Perspectives

Options:

HGS 210/Non-Violence and Peace Action

HGS 370/Special Topics

HGS 391/Independent Study

HGS 399/Internship

HIS 187/Topics in World History (When Topic is Memory & WWII)

HIS 325/Modern Germany*

HIS 352/Colonial and Modern Africa

HIS 456: Reading Seminar in History – Modern Africa

LIT 317/Witch in Literature

LIT 380/Representations of the Holocaust*

LIT 499/Seminar: Research & Theory (When Topic is Post Memory & the Holocaust, Representations of the Holocaust, or Testimony and the Holocaust)

REL 320/Holocaust: Historical and Religious Perspectives*

WGS 222/Non-Violence and Peace Action

WGS 235/Gender and Violence

The fifth course may also be earned by internship or an independent study, approved by the Holocaust and Genocide Studies coordinator and a faculty sponsor. Relevant courses in the student's major may be counted for the fifth course, with approval of the Holocaust and Genocide Studies coordinator.

**This course may not be taken as an Option if already taken as a Requirement.*