

# HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES MINOR

## Description

The mission of the Holocaust and Genocide Studies (HGS) Faculty is to promote and facilitate the scholarly study of the Holocaust and other historical genocides throughout history. One of its chief mandates is to provide an interdisciplinary approach in which the topic of the HGS is covered in a variety of departments/programs and from a variety of perspectives. The HGS minor is intended to create a student who is more aware of the importance of genocide in both the past and present and to prepare them for potential careers in fields related to the HGS. The following are key objectives of the minor:

- Learn the history of genocide from a global and comparative perspective
- Learn the history of genocide in an interdisciplinary context
- Master core competencies in other disciplines and majors with the Holocaust and genocide as the subject matter
- Recognize the current relevance of the study of the Holocaust and genocide
- Gain a working knowledge of methods of prevention, intervention, and justice for instances of genocide throughout history
- Develop “moral muscles” that enable students to recognize and react to injustices occurring at home and abroad
- Prepare students for a variety of careers in both the public and private sector that focus on the recognition, prevention, intervention, amelioration, and prosecution of genocide and mass atrocity.

## Other Information

All coursework taken for the Holocaust and Genocide Studies minor must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better.

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## Requirements

Undergraduate students will be expected to complete at least **18 credit hours** of HGS courses with a grade of C- or higher in at least **three departments**, including Anthropology, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Religious Studies and Sociology. A course in another department may be permissible with review and approval by the HGS director

### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 4720/RELI 4160	THE HOLOCAUST	3
HIST 4740	COMPARATIVE GENOCIDE	3
PSCI 4260	INTERNATIONAL LAW	3

### Additional Courses

Select 9 hours from the following:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Anthropology:</b>		
ANTH 3220	PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF NATIVE NORTH AMERICA	
<b>History:</b>		
HIST 2920/ BLST 2120	HISTORY OF MODERN AFRICA	
HIST 4170	HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN WEST	
HIST 4400	HISTORY OF NATIVE AMERICAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES	
HIST 4720/ RELI 4160	THE HOLOCAUST	
<b>Philosophy:</b>		
PHIL 1020	CONTEMPORARY MORAL PROBLEMS	
PHIL 2030	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS	
PHIL 3210	SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY	
<b>Political Science:</b>		
PSCI 2210	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
PSCI 3220	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	
PSCI 3920	SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1	
PSCI 4110	POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSCI 4240	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION	
PSCI 4290	INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY	
PSCI 4340	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT	
<b>Religion:</b>		
RELI 3060	RELIGIONS OF THE WEST	
RELI 3500	TOPICS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES <sup>2</sup>	
RELI 4150	JUDAISM IN THE MODERN AGE	
<b>Sociology:</b>		
SOC 3900	RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS IN THE U.S.	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> PSCI 3920 when taught as Gender and Global Politics

<sup>2</sup> RELI 3500 when topic pertains to HGS