

HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE STUDIES - GRAD

HGS-600 Preventing Genocide (4 Credits)

Introduces practice-based frameworks for the prevention of genocide and related crimes. Students learn essential terminology, study risk indicators that make societies vulnerable to genocide, analyze strategies for building resilient societies, critically examine existing prevention approaches, and learn how to operationalize the UN Genocide Convention to identify and prevent genocidal processes.

Offered: All, Every Year

HGS-601 Intl. Human Rights & Security (4 Credits)

Explores the historical and epistemological evolution of international human rights law and policy as a vital instrument for fostering global public order and human security. Equips students with an understanding of the sources, structures, norms, policies and jurisprudence governing state and non-state actors' obligations in the orbit of human responsibility.

Prerequisite(s): HGS-600, previously or concurrently

Offered: Fall, Every Year

HGS-602 Atrocity Intersectionalities (4 Credits)

Examines the complexities and interrelationships, across history, that mark genocide and related atrocity crimes. Case studies include genocides against Indigenous Peoples between 1200 and 1500, colonial conquest, climate, violence, and ethnic conflict, famine and starvation, genocidal massacres, human trafficking and enslavement, gender and biological absorption, and the religion-genocide nexus.

Prerequisite(s): HGS-600, previously or concurrently

Offered: Spring, Every Year

HGS-603 Communities After Trauma (4 Credits)

Examines trauma through a multidisciplinary lens by evaluating the psychological, biological, and social consequences of mass atrocity. Students learn about emerging models for trauma-informed care and how to work with communities that have experienced a life-shattering event. Examines case studies from across the globe to bring theories to life.

Prerequisite(s): HGS-600, either previously or concurrently

Offered: Spring, Every Year

HGS-604 Preventing Through Education (4 Credits)

A six-week course exploring the content, pedagogy, and techniques for advancing the prevention of identity-based violence through education and community-driven responses.

Prerequisite(s): HGS-600, previously or concurrently

Offered: Summer, Every Year

HGS-650 The Field of Genocide Studies (4 Credits)

Provides a deep understanding of the field of Genocide Studies. Students engage with the field's major thinkers, questions, and debates, and investigate areas of cutting-edge thought and research. Learners also grapple with unresolved questions about the Genocide Convention, contested case studies, and the relationship between genocide and related atrocity crimes.

Offered: Fall, Every Year

HGS-651 Holocaust Historiography (4 Credits)

This course traces the history of Holocaust scholarship, beginning during WWII and continuing through to today. During the semester, students will analyze major trends, debates, and controversies within the field of Holocaust Studies, as well as complete close readings of pivotal scholarship that has helped shape the field.

Offered: Spring, Every Year

HGS-652 Film, Resistance, and Genocide (4 Credits)

How can video essays offer new avenues to engage with histories of genocidal violence? As a skills-based course, students learn how to create videographic scholarship with Adobe Premiere Pro to advance genocide awareness and prevention.

Offered: Fall, Odd Years

HGS-653 Archives and Human Rights (4 Credits)

Explores the role of archives in safeguarding human rights by examining two questions: How do archives support transparency, accountability, and information accessibility? and How do archives preserve history, culture, and memory - particularly in the context of marginalized or persecuted groups? Students learn archiving methods for creating human rights documentation.

Offered: Spring, Every Year

HGS-654 Global Refugee Crisis (4 Credits)

Explores common forms of refugee experience in the world today. Students engage with the causes and contexts of refugee crises, refugee trauma, and specific refugee populations, including in Kenya, Jordan, Myanmar, and Cambodian refugees in the US. Materials draw widely from the Arts, including poetry, narrative, visual, music, and dance.

Offered: Fall, Every Year

HGS-670 Thesis (4 Credits)

Students conceive of, research, and write a thesis in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Students will work individually, in pairs, and in groups to complete the various stages of the thesis-writing project. Master's only. Can be taken again for credit. 12 credit maximum.

Offered: All, Every Year

HGS-690 Holocaust Studies Topics (4 Credits)

Exploration of a specific issue or theme applying interdisciplinary methods to readings and analysis related to Holocaust Studies. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

Offered: Occasionally, Every Year

HGS-691 Genocide Studies Topics (4 Credits)

Exploration of a specific issue or theme applying interdisciplinary methods to readings and analysis related to Genocide Studies. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

Offered: Occasionally, Every Year

HGS-693 Study Tour (4 Credits)

Travel-based exploration into the experiences of genocide and related atrocity crimes in a specific community, country, or region. Students will undertake travel that examines the historical specificities that shaped a given case, analyzes societal vulnerabilities and resiliencies, or explores regional, national, and community-driven responses to genocide.

Offered: Occasionally, Every Year

HGS-694 Field Work (4 Credits)

Field-work-based exploration into the experiences of genocide and related atrocity crimes in a specific community, country, or region. Students will complete field-work that examines the historical specificities that shaped a given case, analyzes societal vulnerabilities and resiliencies, and explores regional, national, and community-driven responses to genocide.

Offered: Occasionally, Every Year

HGS-695 Seminar (4 Credits)

Seminar will cover an evolving or forward-looking trend or debate in the field of Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Students will apply seminar topic to ongoing and fluid contexts, questions, or case studies. Repeatable up to two times as topics change for Master's level. 8 credits maximum.

Offered: Occasionally, Every Year

HGS-698 Independent Study (4 Credits)

Indepth study of a topic or problem selected and pursued in consultation with faculty member. Design will be at faculty member's discretion. May be repeated to a total of eight credits.

Offered: All, Every Year

HGS-699 Experimental (4 Credits)

Explores a new or previously not offered topic.

Prerequisite(s): HGS-600, previously or concurrently

Offered: Occasionally, Every Year