Proposal for New Minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies

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Proposed Catalog year cycle for implementing the new minor:

2020-22

Name of the new minor:

Holocaust and Genocide Studies

The College/School and, if applicable, the Department sponsoring the minor:

College of Liberal Arts/Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies

The general objective for the new degree program

This minor will provide students with a broad scholarly background which will help them to understand the historical, political, socio-psychological and cultural contexts for genocide as a global phenomenon. While the Holocaust was the catalyst for the creation of the Genocide Convention and to some degree the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, genocidal events and violence belong to the catalogue of human behavior across time and space. This minor will allow students to study genocides comparatively; explore the interconnections between genocide and marginalization based on race, ethnicity, gender and sexuality, physical and mental abilities, citizenship status; as well as issues related to post-atrocity justice, reconciliation, restitution, and memory across geographical and historical contexts. This minor will be attractive for students considering careers in policy, arts and education, elementary and secondary education, the non-profit sector, mental health counseling and social work, and law.

Requirements:

15 semester credit hours. Three hours can be an internship/experiential learning to be pre-approved by Chair/Committee.

One Required Lower Division Course:

J S 3XX  “Introduction to Holocaust and Genocide Studies” (3 hours)

12 additional hours of course work chosen from the following:

AFR 302M  Numbering Race (Irizarry)
AFR 360  Race, Law, and US Society (Thompson)
AMS 321  Race and Place (Thompson)
AMS 321  Studies in American Societies: Topic 4: America and the Holocaust (Abzug)
AMS 311S  Introductory Seminar in American Studies: American Catastrophes (Bloom)
CL 323  Topics in Comparative Literature: Topic 40: Holocaust Aftereffects (Bos)
CL 323  Topics in Comparative Literature: Topic 19: Women and the Holocaust (Bos)
GOV 365N  Topics in Comparative Politics: Topic 16: Civil Wars and Ethnic Violence (Findley)
GSD 361L  Antisemitism in History and Literature (Hoberman)
HIS 317L  Topics in United States History: Topic 8: Introduction to Native American Histories (Dixon/Bsumek)
HIS 322S  History of Genetics/Eugenics (Levine)
HIS 328M  Bio, Behavior, and Injustice (Martinez)
HIS 337N  Germany in the 20th Century (Crew)
HIS 350L  Writing Violence in History (Brower)
HIS 350L  Germany Since Hitler (Crew)
HIS 350L  Race, Science, and Racism (Martinez)
HIS 350L  World War II in Eastern Europe (Lichtenstein)
HIS 350R  20th Century Native American History (Bsumek)
HIS 362G  Introduction to the Holocaust (Lichtenstein)
HIS 366N  Studies in History: Topic 15: Anti-Semitism
HIS 3XX  Holocaust Memory and Representation (Crew)
HIS 3XX  History of Violence/1500-Present (Brower)
J S 3XX  Introduction to Holocaust and Genocide Studies (Lichtenstein/Bos)
J S 304N  Jewish Civilization: 1492 to the Present (Bodian)
LAH 350  Imagining Genocide (Abzug)
MAS 374  Special Topics: Topic 35: Race and Citizenship in United States History
MAS 319  Racial Linguistics (Clemons)

Internships can be undertaken in cooperation with:

Internship Program in Jewish Studies, SCJS
Liberal Arts Career Services
Other internship opportunities approved by COLA and Chair of Faculty Committee

CROSS-LISTINGS: Note that many courses on this list may be cross-listed with other departments. You may take these courses under any of the cross-listed numbers. Please consult the course schedule or your HGS advisor for cross-listing information.

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Colleges/List of Departments/Programs:

College of Liberal Arts:

African and African Diaspora Studies
American Studies
Germanic Studies
Government
History
Jewish Studies
Liberal Arts Honors
Mexican-American Studies
Native American and Indigenous Studies
Religious Studies?
Spanish-Portuguese
Latin American Studies

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**Logistics:**

Number of students expected to receive minor each semester: 5

Maximum number of students who can be in minor program at any time: Unlimited

Admissions Requirements: None

Number of hours for Completion: 15 hours (3 of which can be an internship)

**Minor Faculty Committee:**

Dr. David Crew, Distinguished Teaching Professor, College of Liberal Arts, History, PhD, Cornell University.

Dr. Pascale Bos, Associate Professor, College of Liberal Arts, Germanic Studies, PhD, University of Minnesota.

Dr. Tatjana Lichtenstein, Associate Professor, College of Liberal Arts, History, PhD, University of Toronto.

Dr. Erika Bsumek, Associate Professor, College of Liberal Arts, History, PhD, Rutgers University.

Dr. Ben C. Brower, Associate Professor, College of Liberal Arts, History, PhD, Cornell University.

Dr. Michael Findley, Professor, College of Liberal Arts, Government, PhD, University of Illinois.

Pending Responses Contacted 3/15 and 3/18/2019]
Dr. Luis Cárcamo-Huechante, Associate Professor, College of Liberal Arts, Spanish and Portuguese; Director of Native American and Indigenous Studies, PhD, Cornell University.

Dr. John Hoberman, Professor, College of Liberal Arts, Germanic Studies, PhD, UC Berkeley.

Dr. Shirley E. Thompson, Associate Professor, College of Liberal Arts, American Studies/African and African Diaspora Studies, PhD, Harvard University.

Dr. Jennifer Graber, Associate Professor, College of Liberal Arts, Religious Studies, PhD, Duke University.

Declined:
Dr. Jason Brownlee, Government.

**Out of Program Impact:**

- The vast majority of the courses are in COLA.
- Not sure about the impact cross colleges.
- Does not involve immediate changes to the core curriculum only addition of one new course.

Title of Approver:

Name of Approver:

Date of Approval:

Approving Unit’s Official Response: