HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES (HGST) MINOR
Program Information

Created by the Ray Wolpow Institute for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity (RWI), the Holocaust and Genocide Studies Minor (HGST) combines historical understanding with a cross-disciplinary exploration of both the Holocaust and genocide. An HGST minor can be pursued in conjunction with any major.

Why Consider a Holocaust and Genocide Studies Minor?
A minor is a great way to explore a discipline you’re curious about, while also adding breadth to your education. Students studying the Holocaust and genocide from a variety of disciplines will learn the tools to analyze, understand, and differentiate their underlying complexities and to work towards their prevention. Historical understanding, cultivation of critical consciousness, cultural and linguistic competencies, ethical awareness as well as political acumen are synonymous with effective leadership and engaged citizenship in a diverse campus community and a democratic society.

Undergraduate students will be expected to complete at least 25 credit hours of required and elective courses under advisement with a grade of C- or higher.

REQUIRED COURSES (10 Credits)
HGST 301 Topics in Holocaust Studies (5)
or *FAIR 334L/**INTL 336 or ***HIST 331
  *FAIR 203A or FAIR 334C
  **FAIR 203A or INTL 201
  ***HIST 113 and junior status
HGST 302 Topics in Genocide Studies (5)
or *FAIR 334J/**INTL 340 or **PLSC 385
  *FAIR 203A or FAIR 334C
  **PLSC 271 or PLSC 291

ELECTIVE COURSES (15 Credits)
Three courses from at least two different programs/departments.
HGST 334 Transitional Justice (5)
or *FAIR 334B Transitional Justice (5)
  *FAIR 203A
  **Note: Fee 16.50
*FAIR 334C International Human Rights (5)
  *FAIR 203A or instructor permission
*FAIR 334J Genocide (5)
or *INTL 340 Genocide (5)
  *FAIR 203A or FAIR 334C or instructor permission
*FAIR 334K Human Trafficking and Smuggling (5)
or *INTL 335 Human Trafficking and Smuggling (5)
  *FAIR 203A or INTL 201
*FAIR 334L The Holocaust (5)
  or **INTL 336 The Holocaust (5)
  *FAIR 203A or instructor permission
  **FAIR 203A or INTL 201

*FAIR 334S Holocaust Film (5)
  or *INTL 338 Holocaust Film (5)
  *FAIR 201A or ENG 101 or INTL 201

*GERM 450 Special Topics in German Literature (5)
  (taught in German) Sandra Alfers only – “Holocaust Representations”
  *GERM 340

HIST 275 The Indian in American History (5)

*HIST 331 History of the Holocaust (5)
  *HIST 113 and junior status or instructor permission

*HIST 364 Film as History (5) Amanda Eurich only – France and WWII
  *One course from HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 113, HUMA 121, HUMA 122, or
  HUMA 123

*HIST 392 Tribal Sovereignty and Washington History (5)
  *Sophomore status

*HIST 475 20th Century PNW Indians (5)
  *One from: HIST 104, HIST 275, HIST 391, AMST 202, AMST 301, AMST 315, ANTH 361, or ANTH 462
  or permission of instructor

*HIST 490 Advanced Topics in History (5) Sarah Zarrow only – The Holocaust and Local History
  *Junior or senior status

*PLSC 385 Genocide, and Global Politics (5)
  *PLSC 271 or PLSC 291

How to Declare
Advisement for the minor is available through the Ray Wolpow Institute for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity. Advisors are Babafemi Akinrinade, akinrib@wwu.edu, and Sandra Alfers, alferss@wwu.edu. A minor declaration e-form is available here. Until further notice, student advising is available by appointment by contacting one of the advisors.