



Why Holocaust & Genocide Studies?

Keene State College is the first institution in the country to offer a major in Holocaust & Genocide Studies (HGS). The bachelor-of-arts program is rooted in the conviction that the Holocaust was a cataclysmic episode in the course of Western history, impacting culture, society, politics, ethics, science, and religion, and that there is no discipline in the academy untouched by its shadow. In a world still tormented by mass murder and genocide, the program also rests on the moral imperative that learning from both the past and present may serve as a basis of hope for the future.

The program combines historical background with an interdisciplinary exploration of the Holocaust and other genocidal events through film, literature, philosophy, psychology, sociology, religious studies, women's studies, and other offerings. With an understanding of such issues as prejudice, discrimination, and racism, students are equipped to analyze contemporary political situations, think critically about ethical responsibility, and respond actively to injustice.

Opportunities

While in residence, students are invited to join the Holocaust & Genocide Awareness Club, an active student-run organization. The graduate in Holocaust and Genocide Studies is prepared to support curriculum development in the social studies and history and to pursue careers in social and governmental service. The baccalaureate degree also prepares students for graduate studies in history as well as Holocaust and genocide studies, and for other post-graduate work, such as law.

The Cohen Center

HGS program works closely with the Cohen Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, which is among the nation's oldest Holocaust Resource Centers (founded in 1983) and home to a rich collection of books and films complementing the academic program. Prof. Charles Hildebrandt, the Center's founder, established an ongoing charge: "To Remember ... and to Teach." Through annual community programming, Educational Outreach activities, and support for the academic program, the Center fulfills its founder's charge.

Courses in Holocaust & Genocide Studies

Students selecting a Holocaust & Genocide Studies major are required to complete 36 credit hours in the field. The following three courses (12 credits) are required:

IHHGS 252/IHHIST 252 The Holocaust
(required also for minor)

IHHGS 255 Genocide
(required also for minor)

HGS 495 Seminar or **HGS 499** Senior Project

Of the remaining six course electives (24 credits), one must be a Holocaust elective (four credits) and one must be a genocide elective (four credits), as designated by course title. Three of the six electives (12 credits) must be at the 300 level or higher.

Holocaust-specific electives:

IHHGS 251/IHENG 251 Literature of the Holocaust

IHHGS 254/IIWS 254 Women in the Holocaust

HGS 289 Teaching the Holocaust and

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Students visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.



Mission Statement

The study of the Holocaust and other genocides is a core liberal-arts program that seeks to understand such issues as prejudice, discrimination, and racism, and to equip students to analyze contemporary political situations, to think critically about ethical responsibility, and to respond actively to injustice.

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Genocide (may count for Holocaust or Genocide, not both)

- HGS 290** Special Topics (Holocaust must be specified by course title.)
- HGS 313/PHIL 313** Philosophy and the Holocaust
- HGS 326/SOC 326** Sociology of the Holocaust
- HGS 352** Film and the Holocaust
- HGS 353/HIST 353** Nazi Germany and the Holocaust
- HGS 356** The Holocaust and the Christian World
- HGS 490** Advanced Special Topics (Holocaust must be specified by course title.)
- HGS 497** Internship (Holocaust must be specified by course title.)
- HGS 498** Independent Study (Holocaust must be specified by course title.)

Genocide-specific electives:

- HGS 289** Teaching the Holocaust and Genocide (may count for Holocaust or Genocide, not both)
- HGS 290** Special Topics (Genocide must be specified by course title.)
- HGS 327/SOC 327** Sociology of Genocide
- HGS 374** Comparative Genocide
- HGS 427/SOC 427** Sociological Topics in Genocide
- HGS 490** Advanced Special Topics (Genocide must be specified by course title.)
- HGS 497** Internship (Genocide must be specified by course title.)
- HGS 498** Independent Study (Genocide must be specified by course title.)

Other electives:

- IHPHIL 220** Ethics
- PHIL 231** Comparative Religion
- IHHGS 232** Introduction to Judaism
- IHHGS 233** A History of the Jews
- IHHIST 253** The Second World War
- IHHGS 256** Religion and Violence
- HIST 351** 19th-Century Germany
- HGS 373/HIST 373** Race, Disability, and Eugenics

Further Information

For more information, please check www.keene.edu/catalog/programs/holo/default.cfm or email Prof. C. Paul Vincent, chair of the Holocaust & Genocide Studies program, at pvincent@keene.edu. For additional information related to the Cohen Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, please check www.keene.edu/cchs or email Dr. Henry Knight, director of the Cohen Center, at hknight@keene.edu.

THE HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE STUDIES MINOR AT KSC

The 20-credit minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies combines historical background with an interdisciplinary exploration of both the Holocaust and genocide through film, literature, philosophy, psychology, sociology, religious studies, and other offerings. The curriculum helps students develop a firm knowledge of the Holocaust as an event while they gain an understanding of its precipitating factors and legacy. With a deeper awareness of such issues as prejudice, discrimination, and racism, students should be better able to analyze contemporary political situations and think critically about ethical responsibility.

The Holocaust & Genocide Studies minor is open to students pursuing any major at Keene State College. The courses taken towards the HGS minor often count toward fulfilling Integrative Studies requirements.

Courses for the HGS Minor

Students working towards the 20 credit-hour HGS minor must take the following two courses (eight credits):

- IHHGS 252/IHHIST 252** The Holocaust
- IHHGS 255** Genocide

Of the remaining three courses (12 credits), one must be a Holocaust-specific elective (four credits) and one must be a genocide-specific elective (four credits), as specified by course title. Two courses (eight credits) must be at the 300-level or higher and can include the HGS 495 seminar. Refer to the HGS course list.