The Holocaust and Genocide Studies graduate minor is an interdisciplinary program of study administered by the Jewish Studies program and including courses from Jewish Studies as well as German and Slavic Languages and Literatures, English, French, Political Science, and History. Students from across the university will be exposed to courses relating to Holocaust and Genocide Studies. In order to explore or declare the minor, students will meet with the Director of Graduate Studies and develop courses of study suited to their individual interests.

Minor Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements for minors in Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/) and GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/).

The Holocaust and Genocide Studies graduate minor is available as a doctoral minor and a master’s minor. The doctoral minor will require the completion of a minimum of 15 credits in a field related to, but different from, that of the student’s graduate major program. A minimum of 6 credits must be at the 500 level for the doctoral minor. Students are required to take either JST/GER 524 or 536 in order to complete the minor. If these courses have not been offered with sufficient frequency during their time taking courses, they can petition to replace this requirement with a related course. Official requests to add the minor to a doctoral student’s academic record must be submitted to Graduate Enrollment Services prior to establishment of the Ph.D. committee and prior to scheduling the comprehensive examination. At least one Graduate Faculty member from the minor field must serve on the candidate’s Ph.D. committee.

The master’s minor requires a minimum of 9 credits in a field related to, but different from, that of the student’s graduate major program. For students in a research master’s degree, a minimum of 3 credits must be at the 500 level for the master’s minor. For students in a professional master’s degree, at least 50% of credits must be at the 500 or 800 level.

Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.