

Minor In Jewish And Holocaust Studies

Degree Requirements

If a minor is required in your degree program, at least 9 (lower and/or upper-division) hours of courses in the minor must be completed at the University.

Core Requirements

1. Students minoring in Jewish & Holocaust Studies must complete a total of 18 semester hours in approved courses.
2. Approved Variable and Special Topics Courses that focus on Jewish & Holocaust studies can also be taken to complete the 18 semester hour requirement. For information on upcoming variable and special topics courses, consult the Director.
3. Complete all three core courses (JHS 101, REL 200, & HY 347) listed below.
4. Three electives from the following list, excluding the core courses. Please note that most electives do need Director Approval before credit will be given.
5. Students must take at least one upper division course outside of their major discipline, and courses must be approved by the director, who will evaluate the course content for consideration within the Jewish and Holocaust Studies minor.
6. As part of the minor, students may count HY101/102 or HY135/136 for only one of their three electives. Students must take at least two upper-level (300-level and higher) courses (6 credit hours) as part of their electives.

JHS Courses	Course Title
Core Courses	
JHS 101	Introduction to Jewish & Holocaust Studies
HY 347	History of the Holocaust
REL 200	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
Electives that do not need Director Approval	
JHS 390	Special Topics
HY 348	Hitler and Nazi Germany
HY 382 (W)	Jewish and Modern American Culture
Electives that do need Director Approval	
HY 101 or HY 102	Western Civilization survey
CA 343	Film History
CA 344	Film and TV Genres
EH 476	Studies in 20th Century Literature
HY 135 or HY 136	American History surveys
HY 335	History of Modern France
HY 336	History of Germany since 1848
HY 337	History of Eastern Europe
HY 338	History of Russia
HY 351	Medieval Civilization, 950-1300
HY 354	Ancien Regime Europe
HY 356	European Civilization, 1815-1918

HY 365	Islamic Civilization from 1453
HY 373 (REL 373)	Religion in American History
HY 437	Modern US II since 1945
HY 390/490	Special Topics
HY 494	Directed Studies
HY 496	Internship
LG 390	Special Topics
LG 362	German Culture-Literature of the 19th Century
LG 363	Modern-Contemporary German Culture and Literature
LG 390	Special Topics
LG 494	Directed Studies
MUM 390	Special Topics
PSC 340	Race, Gender, and Politics
PSC 365	Middle East Politics
REL 242 (PHL 242)	Western Philosophy-Medieval
REL 390	Special Topics
REL 420 (SY 420)	Sociology of Religions

For a description of these courses, please refer to the appropriate departments. For further information about the program contact Dr. David A. Meola, Director of Jewish & Holocaust Studies, Department of History, HUMB 344, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688-0002. Phone (251) 460-6867; FAX: (251) 460-6750; E-mail address: dameola@southalabama.edu.

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The minor in Jewish and Holocaust Studies is an interdisciplinary program offering students the opportunity to gain exposure to the various fields within Jewish and Holocaust Studies. Students will acquire knowledge about Jewish religion and Jewish history, including that of the Holocaust. They will also be introduced to different methodologies and how the study of Jewish life is impacted within different disciplines. This minor will help prepare students for graduate programs in different fields related to Jewish and Holocaust Studies, and also for work in public and private sectors.

Jewish & Holocaust Studies deepens students' understanding of areas of study such as historical/cultural constructions of the "Other" and the relationship of minority groups to their host societies. It will also explore constructs of "Jewishness"—in both positive and negative ways—and that of anti-minority sentiment, including historical and present-day Antisemitism. Moreover, students will also learn about the demonization of "Others" and the all-too-frequent prevalent of ethnic violence and genocide, including the Holocaust. The Jewish & Holocaust Studies Program encourages students to become actively engaged in research about the Jewish people and other minority groups, how one can have a career in this field, and provides numerous opportunities for students to interact with faculty members to discuss their current research.