

# 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                                   |
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| 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               |

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| 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](mailto:dameola@southalabama.edu).

## Department Information

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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.