ABOUT HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES

The 20th Century has been called ‘the century of genocide’, but genocidal violence has continued unabated into the new millennium. Holocaust and Genocide Studies asks students to reflect upon why genocides take place and how people come to participate in mass violence.

Why choose Holocaust and Genocide Studies?

Holocaust and Genocide Studies explores the Holocaust as a turning point in human history, and its relationship to the broader phenomenon of genocide and mass killing. You will examine the causes and effects of modern genocides all over the world, and what is now being done to bring about their prevention. Themes you will explore across the study of genocides include: trauma and testimony; the limits of representation; the survivor experience across generations and cultures; the role of the law in adjudicating war crimes; media coverage of atrocity; and the failure to prevent genocide.

Complementary areas of study

Areas of study which are suited to further your understanding of Holocaust and Genocide Studies include:

» Jewish Studies
» History
» Human Rights
» International Studies

How to study Holocaust and Genocide Studies

You can study Holocaust and Genocide studies as a minor or as elective units towards your degree or enrol in our overseas study tours and accredited internships.

What are some topics Holocaust and Genocide Studies explores?

Your first year units build your understanding of the Holocaust and mass genocide. The units you will take are:

» Genocide
» The Holocaust

You can then go onto choosing two units to finish your minor from a vast selection depending on your interests, some of these units include:

» History and film: Nazi Germany and the Jewish Holocaust
» Post-conflict: Justice, memory, reconciliation
» Final journey: Remembering the Holocaust (overseas study)
» Trauma and memory in the modern world
» Seeking justice: South Africa and Rwanda (overseas study)
» Nationality, ethnicity and conflict
» The rise and fall of Nazi Germany

Career prospects

Common destinations where our graduates find employment include:

» Humanitarian organisations
» Education
» Law and justice
» Museum and memorial conservation
» Government
» Media
» Research

Location:
Caulfield and Clayton

Available as:
Minor or as elective units

From our students

“Participating in the overseas study unit Seeking Justice: South Africa and Rwanda was the most rewarding experience of my life to date. I highly recommend it to those with an active interest for reconciliation and justice in post-conflict societies.”

Verity Gresswell
Bachelor of Arts/Law

For more information:
future.arts.monash.edu/ug-holocaust-genocide