Office of the Provost

Proposed New Minor: Academic Component

Please note that minors are approved by the school/college only. For new minors, then, eCAP serves as a notification process and a means of entering the new minor in the Bulletin.

Title of Minor (e.g., Minor in History):

Minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies

1. Please provide the name, title, email address, and phone number of the primary contact person for this academic program:

Nancy Harrowitz, Chair of Romance Studies and Associate Professor of Italian

Email: nharrow@bu.edu

Phone: 617-353-6225

2. Please briefly describe the proposed new minor:

Upon completing the minor, the student is expected to demonstrate proficiency in the following:

• Assessment of state-citizen power relations, the use and abuse of power, as well as the roles and responsibilities of individuals, organizations, and nations when confronted with various forms of egregious civil rights violations and/or policies of genocide;

• Understanding how modern states can utilize technological expertise and bureaucratic infrastructure to implement destructive policies, ranging from social engineering to genocide;

• Understanding of historical, social, religious, political, and economic factors that can result in violence against members of a certain group;
• Understanding the impact of the Holocaust and other genocides on culture, society, politics, ethics, science and religion; and
• Assessment of how genocidal events are represented in arts and popular culture.

Students who minor in Holocaust and genocide studies will find this course of study useful for careers in social and governmental service. It will also prepare them for graduate studies in a number of fields in addition to Holocaust and genocide studies—for example, history, political science, and literature—as well as postgraduate professional studies such as law.

3. Please provide a rationale for the proposed new minor:

Genocide, the annihilation of an ethnic, religious, and/or racial group, represents the most extreme method governments and other groups may employ to combat perceived or real internal threats. The study of the Holocaust and genocides is crucial for examining the causes and short- and long-term ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping in any society.

A minor in Holocaust and genocide studies helps the student to acquire the intellectual tools to analyze the various factors that contribute to the emergence of ultranationalist regimes and to their genocidal policies. This minor enables the student to develop an awareness of the value of pluralism and an acceptance of diversity, as well as exploring the dangers of remaining silent, apathetic and indifferent to the oppression of others.

Students also study the various institutional means available for the prevention of genocide and other crimes against humanity, for the cultivation of good relations among ethnic, racial, national, and religious groups, and for the effective management of tensions among them.

4. Please list the requirements and courses for the proposed new minor: (denoting new courses in bold print)

Students minoring in Holocaust and Genocide Studies will be required to complete six (4-credit) courses, two of which will be required, and four will be open electives, distributed as follows and chosen in consultation with the student’s minor advisor:

1 Holocaust core course: CAS RN 384
1 Genocide core course: CAS HI 384
1 elective in Holocaust Studies
1 elective in Genocide Studies
2 additional electives

List of Available Courses Offered

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GRS PO 760 Transitional Justice (including extensive analysis of International tribunals)  
Timothy Longman

CAS HI 346 / CAS IR 348 / GRS HI 746 History of International Human Rights  
Simon Payaslian

CAS HI 384 History of Genocide  
Simon Payaslian

CAS HI 3xx / CAS HI 594 The Armenian Genocide  
Simon Payaslian

**CAS 4xx / CAS IR 4xx / GRS HI 7xx New course**  
on the prevention of genocide  
Simon Payaslian

JD xxxx Transnational Criminal Law (topics include genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, Nuremberg trials)  
course number available spring ’16  
Robert Sloane

CAS HI 270 Twentieth-Century German History  
Jonathan Zatlin

CAS HI 430 European Fascism  
Jonathan Zatlin

CAS HI 443 Jews and Germans  
Jonathan Zatlin

CAS HI 271 The Nazis  
Jonathan Zatlin

**CAS LF 4----- New course: Topics in Genocide Studies**  
Odile Cazenave

5. Please provide the projected enrollment for the proposed new minor and the basis of that projection:
6. Please provide the bulletin copy (exactly as it will appear) for the proposed new minor including program goals/outcomes [NOTE: this bulletin copy is in a final form and cannot be changed]:

**MINOR IN HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES**

Holocaust and Genocide Studies examine the causes, processes, and consequences of the attempted annihilation of an ethnic, religious, and/or racial group. The study of such topics as the role and nature of the perpetrator state, the impact of virulent nationalism and propaganda, racism and prejudice, humanitarian assistance to genocide survivors, among numerous other related topics, necessarily requires multidisciplinary approaches. Accordingly, the Minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies offers the student courses from various disciplines, including history, political science, international relations, law, literature, and religion. The program also introduces the student to the various institutional means available for the prevention of genocide and other crimes against humanity, for the cultivation of good relations among ethnic, racial, national, and religious groups, and for the effective management of tensions among them.

The principal objective of the minor is to provide the student with the intellectual tools to analyze the multifaceted social, economic, cultural, civil, and political components of society under a genocidal regime and the closely interconnected domestic and international environments in which such a regime operates. Further, the student develops proficiency in analyzing government-citizen relations, the extent to which individuals, societies, and domestic and international NGOs can intervene to prevent genocide. Upon completion of the Minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, students will be prepared for graduate studies in history, political science, law, literature, and religion, in addition to careers in social and governmental service.

**Requirements for the Minor**

Students minoring in Holocaust and Genocide Studies should meet with the director or co-director of the program for advising.

The total number of courses required is 6, consisting of two required courses and four electives, distributed as follows:

**Required Courses**

1 Holocaust core course: CAS RN 384

1 Genocide core course: CAS HI 384
Electives

1 elective in Holocaust Studies

1 elective in Genocide Studies

2 additional electives

List of Available Courses

Course Number & Title

All course listed below are 4 credit hours.

Genocide Studies

CAS HI 346 / CAS IR 348 / GRS HI 746 History of International Human Rights

CAS HI 384 History of Genocide

CAS HI 3xx / CAS HI 594 The Armenian Genocide [300 level number to be added]

CAS HI 3xx / CAS HI 500 / CAS IR 4xx / CAS IR 6xx Prevention of Genocide [new course]

CAS AA/HI 489 The African Diaspora in the Americas / African Diaspora Identity

CAS LF 4xx Topics in Genocide Studies [new course]

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CAS RN 460 Seminar on the Holocaust

CAS HI 270 Twentieth-Century German History

CAS HI 271 The Nazis

CAS HI 430 European Fascism

CAS HI 443 Jews and Germans
Cognate Comment Request

TO: Name: Roy Grundmann
Department: Cinema and Media Studies

FROM: Name: Nancy Harrowitz
Department: Romance Studies
Telephone: 617-353-6225 E-mail nharrow@bu.edu

Course Number: 
Course or Program Title: Holocaust and Genocide Studies

Our Department would like to request cognate comments on this course (or program). A complete proposal is attached for your review. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindly return the signed original to me by 11/15/15 so that I may include your comments when submitting our proposal for review and approval. Please do not send any cognate letters directly to the dean's office. Thank you.

COMMENTS: The Minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies is poised to become a valuable component of the BU liberal arts curriculum. From the perspective of Cinema and Media Studies, the minor has potential to enrich the CIMS curriculum. The intersection of this minor with CIMS would be enabled by Prof. Harrowitz’s course “Representations of the Holocaust in Literature and Film.” The cinema and media-related offerings of the minor will be further expanded through Prof. Cazenave’s proposed course on the Rwandan genocide in film and literature, which has been vetted positively by the CIMS steering committee for cross-listing. It is conceivable that the minor may develop further courses on historical or current genocide that approach the topic through a film/media angle. CIMS therefore endorses the establishment of this minor.

Please explain fully any objections.

Signature: Roy Grundmann Date: 11/15/2015
Title: Director, Undergraduate Major in Cinema and Media Studies (CIMS)
Cognate Comment Request

TO: Name: John Thornton
Department: African American Studies

FROM: Name: Nancy Harrowitz
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COMMENTS: Bigotry and hatred, coupled with violence have been issues long addressed in African American Studies. It is among the core issues we deal with, and having courses in comparative perspective is essential to our mission. We are glad to support this new minor.

Please explain fully any objections.

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Title: ________________________________
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Signature: [Signature] Date: 11/5/15

Title: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Date:  October 30, 2015

Cognate Comment Request

TO:  Name:  __________  David Frankfurter
Department:  __________  Department of Religion

FROM:  Name:  __________  Nancy Harowitz
Department:  __________  Romance Studies
Telephone:  __________  617-353-6225  E-mail  __________  nharrow@bu.edu

Course Number:  __________

Course or Program Title:  __________  Holocaust and Genocide Studies

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COMMENTS:  This minor is well-thought out and does a good job of expanding the study of genocide beyond the Holocaust. I’m not positive that “ultranationalist” applies to Rwandan Hutu Power, but in general I endorse the conception and am impressed that Tim Longman has signed on as well. In addition, this is a major step in disengaging Genocide studies from the Department of Religion.

Please explain fully any objections.

Signature:  __________  Date:  __________  3 November 2015

Title:  __________  Chair, Department of Religion  __________
Cognate Comment Request

TO: Name: ______________ David Mayers
Department: _____________________ Department of Political Science

FROM: Name: __________________ Nancy Harrowitz
Department: ___________________ Romance Studies
Telephone: ________________ 617-353-6225 E-mail ______ nharrow@bu.edu

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COMMENTS: ______________ A most promising idea. Political Science enthusiastically supports this proposal.
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Please explain fully any objections.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: 30 October 2015
David Mayers __________________________________________

Title: ______________ Professor and chair of Political Science _____________________
Cognate Comment Request

TO:  Name:  Louis A. Ferleger
     Department:  History Department

FROM:  Name:  Nancy Harowitz
       Department:  Romance Studies
       Telephone:  617-353-6225  E-mail  nharrow@bu.edu

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COMMENTS:  The History Department supports the minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

                      

Please explain fully any objections.

Signature:  [Signature]  Date:  11/3/15
Title:  Chair, History
Cognate Comment Request

TO: Name: ____________________________
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Department: ____________Modern Languages and Comparative Literature__________

FROM: Name: ____________________________
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Department: ____________Romance Studies__________
Telephone: ____________617-353-6225__________ E-mail: ____________nharrow@bu.edu__________

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COMMENTS:

The Department of Modern Languages and Comparative Literature is pleased to support the creation of a minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. The minor will be an important addition to our existing programs in the Pardee School, and in CAS departments of History, Religion, Philosophy, European Studies, as well as MLCL and RS. Another potential draw would be MLCL majors/minors, such as those we often have in the German section, who go on to teach in German speaking countries and/or continue into education. Elective courses for this minor from MLCL might include LG 325, Topics in German Literature and Film, or LG 250, Topics in German Culture (Germans and Jews; Weimar Culture and Nazism), LY 284 Arabs Write War. We would also add that we have plans to develop other related courses in German (The Holocaust in German Literature and Culture), Hebrew (The Shoah in Israeli Literature and Film), and possibly Japanese (Atomic Bomb Literature).

We have no objections.
Please explain fully any objections.

Signature: _____________________________ Date: 11-17-15

Title: Chapman
Cognate Comment Request

TO: Name: Frederick Tung
Department: School of Law

FROM: Name: Nancy Harowitz
Department: Romance Studies
Telephone: 617-353-6225 E-mail nharrow@bu.edu

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COMMENTS: We support the proposed new CAS minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

As I understand it, the law school’s only formal involvement is the inclusion of Prof. Robert Sloane’s course in International Criminal Law as an elective. Please understand that:
1. this course may not be offered every year;
2. JD students will have priority in registering for the class;
3. the law school operates on a different calendar from the University generally; we typically begin classes sooner than the rest of the University; and
4. the block scheduling of our classes may not match up with the course scheduling at CAS or the University generally.

Please explain fully any objections.

Signature: 
Title: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Professor of Law
Date: Nov. 8, 2015