HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES PROGRAM

College of Arts and Humanities

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Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program (http://www.wcupa.edu/holocaustStudies)
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Programs of Study

Holocaust and Genocide Studies offers a master of arts degree for students who complete the necessary 30 hours in the degree program. For the master’s degree, field studies and a thesis are options. A graduate certificate is also offered for students who complete an 18-hour program of study.

Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies

The purpose of this program is to provide its graduates with the background and intellectual skills needed to either pursue careers as teachers or as history professionals for work in museums, archives, libraries, and other institutions.

Programs

Master’s Programs in Holocaust and Genocide Studies

• M.A. in Holocaust and Genocide Studies (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/arts-humanities/holocaust-genocide-studies/holocaust-genocide-studies-holocaust-genocide-studies-ma)

Certificates in Holocaust and Genocide Studies

• Holocaust and Genocide Studies (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/arts-humanities/holocaust-genocide-studies/holocaust-genocide-studies-certificate)
• Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended this program: Certificate in Holocaust & Genocide Studies (https://wcupa.edu/_services/fin_aid/gainfulEmployment/HolocaustGenocideStudies/gedt.html)

Admissions

All applicants to one of West Chester University’s graduate programs will be held to the graduate admissions requirements (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/graduate-admissions). When applicable, additional requirements for admission into specific department program(s) may be listed below.

In addition to satisfying the University’s general graduate admission requirements, applicants must submit two letters of recommendation and a statement of personal goals.

Policies

All graduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures) outlined in the graduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department programs may be listed below.

Graduation Requirements for the M.A. in Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program

• Any history course with a grade of less than 3.0 GPA will not be accepted for credit toward the degree.
• In order to complete the program, students must pass a written comprehensive examination.

Faculty

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Courses

Course titles and descriptions for Holocaust and Genocide Studies are listed under the relevant departments.