

MAHG COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – FALL 2020

MAHG 5002: Rescuers and Bystanders with Dr. Carol Rittner (online)

This course may not be taken by an undergraduate for graduate credit. What is the role of good people in difficult times? Do dictatorships like that of the Nazi Third Reich induce a kind of mass psychosis that transforms some people into brutes and others into passive bystanders? Do people have choices, or are we all victims, be it of oppression, war, genocide, or “fate”? This seminar examines the factors that shape the behavior of ordinary people and institutions – specifically, the Christian churches – during a time of extreme violence like the Holocaust and other genocides of the 20th and 21st centuries. It encourages students to ask what it takes to move “ordinary people” from indifference to action on behalf of others.

MAHG 5010: Gender, War and Genocide with Dr. Christina Morus

This course examines the many ways that acts of genocide and war crimes – and the perception of those crimes – are “gendered.” Topics include gender-specific effects on victims, the relationship between gender and violent participation in/support of war or genocide, and the role of gender in peace movements and post-conflict resolution.

MAHG 5014: Introduction to Graduate Studies with Dr. Christina Morus (Hybrid)

Designed to prepare students for the experience of graduate study, this course orients students to the culture and expectations both of the MAHG program and of graduate school more broadly. Emphasis is placed on developing and strengthening the skills necessary for success in an interdisciplinary graduate program.

MAHG 5060: Transitional Justice and Regime Change with Dr. Anja Mihr (Online)

Transitional Justice (TJ) is a concept and process that has become a driver for regime change and consolidation both in terms of democratic change and consolidation as well as towards authoritarianism. TJ is a process that begins during or after a war and conflict or a dictatorial regime. It is a concept that encompasses a number of measures, including different legal and political instruments and mechanisms that can weaken or accelerate processes of political regime and system change. TJ measures, such as trials, amnesties, truth or vetting commissions, memorials, or security sector reforms, aim at dealing with an unjust past and delegitimizing its system and leaders, and at the same time these measures create and legitimize a new political regime. In this course, students will receive a general overview of the variety of TJ measures. They will study and question the evidence on whether and how TJ measures affect both autocratic and democratic regime change. The course will deal with a number of case studies, including Rwanda, Colombia, Tunisia, Algeria, Germany, Hungary, Argentina, Chile, Post-Soviet eastern Europe, Sierra Leone, Japan, South Korea, Germany, Bosnia and the Middle East.

MAHG 5064: Introduction to Holocaust and Genocide Studies with Raz Segal

his course will introduce students to using a variety of primary sources and data to explore key issues and debates in scholarship on modern mass violence. The course will address racism, colonialism, destruction of indigenous societies, slavery, nationalism, social relation in extremis, and state violence. Students will also consider how global Holocaust memory has shaped the scholarly use of key concepts such as genocide, memory, reparations, justice, bystanders, security, and human security

COURSES IN THE MASTER OF ARTS IN HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE (MAHG) PROGRAM AND THE GENOCIDE PREVENTION CERTIFICATE (GPC) PROGRAM

The MAHG degree requires the completion of 35 credits and the submission of a master's thesis or capstone project: one 3-credit core courses (Introduction to Holocaust and Genocide Studies), two 1-credit required courses (Introduction to Graduate Studies and Thesis/Capstone Proposal), one 3-credit methods course (Research Methods in Holocaust and Genocide Studies), one or two 3-credit thesis or capstone courses, and eight or seven 3-credit elective courses. All the online courses in the Genocide Prevention Certificate (GPC) program count as MAHG electives and are open to MAHG students.

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