

**Courses in the Master of Arts in Holocaust and
Genocide (MAHG) program and the Genocide
Prevention Certificate (GPC) program, Fall 2019
September 4 – December 17, 2019**

MAHG 5065: *International Human Rights* with Dr. Lauren Balasco

MAHG/CRIM 5521: *Borders and Displacement* with Dr. Raz Segal
and Dr. Jess Bonnan-White

MAHG 5000: *History of the Holocaust* with Dr. Michael Hayse
(online)

MAHG/GPC 5040: *Religion and Genocide Prevention* with Dr.
Carol Rittner (online)

MAHG COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – FALL 2019

MAHG 5065: *International Human Rights* with Dr. Lauren Balasco

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the field of international human rights. Students will analyze the contemporary debates surrounding human rights, especially regarding their origins, universalism, and relativism in connection to today's international system. Students will also be exposed to regional and national trends of human rights promotion around the world. The seminar will also discuss scholarship that examines the tensions of prioritizing civil and political rights over economic and social rights. Finally, the seminar studies the major international institutions, political process, and procedures by which human rights norms are established and enforces.

MAHG/CRIM 5521: *Borders and Displacement* with Dr. Raz Segal and Dr. Jess Bonnan-White
Course overview to be announced at a future date.

MAHG 5000: *History of the Holocaust* with Dr. Michael Hayse (online)

This course will examine the historical events and context which led to the rise of Hitler and fascism, the ideology of Nazism, and the political structures of National Socialist rule in Germany, as well as the roots of anti-Semitism, the implementation of the Final Solution, the structure and purpose of the ghettos and death camps, efforts to resist the Nazis, the actions and motivations of perpetrators, victims, and bystanders in various European countries, and efforts to help and rescue Jews and other victims off the Nazis during the Holocaust. Some attention also will be given to the aftermath of the Holocaust and attempts to bring major Nazi criminals to justice.

MAHG/GPC 5040: *Religion and Genocide Prevention* with Dr. Carol Rittner (online)

Religion and Genocide Prevention will examine the intersection between religion and mass atrocity crimes, including genocide, and genocide prevention. What is genocide prevention? What is religion? Does religion help normalize genocide by providing myths of ultimate redemption or rationales for annihilation? Are there specific theological ideas particularly important to the perpetrators of genocide and mass atrocity crimes? What about those who tried to prevent genocide? Can religion play a role in preventing genocide and other mass atrocity crimes? If so, how? If not, why not? These are some of the questions we will explore, examine, and discuss in this course.

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