

The Faculty of Humanities

Masters Degree in Holocaust Studies (MA)

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<http://holocaust-studies.haifa.ac.il>

Program Objective

The prime program objective is training young scholars – of different origins – in the field of Holocaust studies, while providing them with vast, multidisciplinary education which would enable them to conduct their own independent research. The program is unique in the sense that it sets out to expose its students to various intellectual fields in the realms of Humanities and Social Sciences (history, social psychology, anthropology, genocide & international law and literature), alongside providing them with versatile research methods – of both humanities and social sciences – through guided work in different archives, studying relevant languages, enriching extracurricular activities, guest lectures and educational field trips to Poland and Germany.

The program is also unique thanks to the cooperation with different museums and archives of the period of the Holocaust – The Ghetto Fighters' House, Yad VaShem, the Hagannah archive, the Atlit Illegal Migrant Detention Camp and more – in all of which the students would be able to conduct their research based on primal sources, while gaining experience in writing academic research essays. The field trip to Poland and Germany will introduce the students to historic sites that teach of the rich Jewish lives that were led there prior to WWII, the Ghettos, Death camps and museums. The tour will also include joint seminars joined by the program's students, local students and top international scholars.

The program offers various internship opportunities in different museums and archives. The internships will allow different types of work such as classification and cataloging of information, putting together an educational curriculum for day schools, conducting research based on rare historic findings, etc.

The program is aimed for both Israeli and International students and will be conducted in English

Application Requirements

- An undergraduate degree achieved from a recognized academic institute in Israel or abroad

- A minimum 3.0 GPA or an 80% average
- A minimum 80% grade on the TOEFL exam (students who have graduated from an academic institute where the language of instruction was English will be exempted from this requirement)
- Two academic references
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Purpose

Prerequisites

Students that lack an academic background in history of the Holocaust will be required to take an extra course of introduction to European history and the history of the 20th century. The course will be taught during the first semester of the program.

Program Structure

We offer two tracks of study:

- Track A – with a dissertation (thesis paper)
- Track B – with a final exam/ project

Program Duration

The duration of the program is one year, 2.5 days per week (spread over 3 semesters – including a summer semester)

Requirements for Concluding the Program

Track A – with a dissertation: 32 hours per week (26 hours mandatory classes + 6 hours of electives) and a thesis paper which will count for 50% of the final grade; courses will account for 30% and seminar papers 20%.

Track B – without a dissertation: 38 hours per week (24 hours mandatory classes + 14 hours of electives) and a final exam/ project that will count for 30% of the final grade; courses will count for 40% and three seminar papers 30%.

Diploma

Once finishing the studies and after having completed the program's requirements, the student will be qualified to earn a Masters of Arts in Holocaust Studies from the University of Haifa