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NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Undergraduate Programs

Department Jewish Studies; the Center for Peace, Justice and Human Rights

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Holocaust Studies Certificate Holocaust Studies Minor

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Change Program*

Effective Date (TERM & YEAR)

Spring 2026

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

We are proposing the creation of a Holocaust Studies Certificate to non-degree seeking students who wish to pursue academic study of the Holocaust. This certificate provides an in-depth, interdisciplinary understanding of the historical, cultural, and ethical dimensions of the Holocaust. This certificate will enhance students' academic experience by integrating courses across multiple disciplines, encouraging critical thinking, and preparing them for careers or further study in fields such as history, human rights, education, and public policy.

We are also proposing the creation of a Minor in Holocaust Studies which is intended to serve degree seeking students who wish to complete a concentration in Holocaust Studies with a view to Graduate work in this area, or to enhance students' academic experience by integrating courses across multiple disciplines, encouraging critical thinking, and preparing them for careers or further study in fields such as history, human rights, education, and public policy.

The rationale for this proposal is to meet growing student and educator interest, strengthen FAU's academic offerings in Holocaust and genocide studies, and provide formal recognition of students' focused work in this area.

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

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Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation

Jewish Studies; the Center for Peace, Justice and Human Rights

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Florida Atlantic University's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters Joint Certificate in Holocaust Studies, Jewish Studies, and the Center for Peace, Justice and Human Rights (PJHR) in conjunction with The Gutterman Family Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education (CHHRE)

Certificate in Holocaust Studies (12 Credits) JST Minor in Holocaust Studies (12 Credits)

The Certificate/Minor in Holocaust Studies offers students an in-depth understanding of the historical, cultural, and ethical dimensions of the Holocaust. Through interdisciplinary coursework, students will explore the origins and implementation of the Nazi genocide, its representation in literature, film, and art, and its enduring impact on memory, law, and human rights. The program prepares students to critically examine issues of antisemitism, racism, genocide, and historical trauma while fostering skills in research, analysis, and ethical reflection. This certificate is ideal for students (or continuing students) pursuing careers in education, history, Jewish studies, museum and archival work, or fields related to social justice and human rights.

Students must complete a total of 12 credits. This includes 6 credits from Category 1 and either 6 credits from Category 2 or an additional 6 credits from Category 1.

Students may take up to 3 credits in either JST 4905 (Directed Independent Study) or JST 4940 (Practicum)*, but not both. (If these are offered as 1-credit courses students may repeat the course with the permission of the program director up to a maximum of 3 credits.)

Category 1: Holocaust-Specific Courses (6 Credits total)

- EUH 4465 –Hitler and Nazi Germany
- FIL 4838 Holocaust on Screen*
- JST 3402 History of Antisemitism*
- JST 4701 The Holocaust
- WOH 4244 World War II

Category 2: Courses Related to the Holocaust (Indirect or Contextual) (6 Credits Total)

- AMH 3530 History of American Immigration and Ethnicity
- AMH 4231 The U.S. in the Era of World War I and World War II
- AML 4663 Jewish-American Literature
- ANT 4006 Human and Cultural Rights
- COM 4707 Peace, Conflict, and Oral Narrative
- EUH 3206 20th-Century Europe since World War II
- EUH 3343 20th Century Europe to WW II
- FIL 4037 Film since the 1940s
- FIL 4886 Jews in American Film and Television
- HIS 3204 History of Human Rights
- INR 4075 The Politics of Human Rights

- JST 4425 History of Zionism and the State of Israel, 1880-1990
- LIT 4605 Literature of War
- PAX 3001 Intro to Peace Studies
- SPC 4540 Propaganda
- WOH 4405 Gandhi and Hitler
- WST 4113 Gender and Human Rights
- JST 4905 Directed Independent Study
- JST 4940 Practicum

^{*} Please note that the courses with a * are currently new proposals and are expected to be available by Fall 2026. FIL 4838 is currently being taught as a topics course FIL 4930