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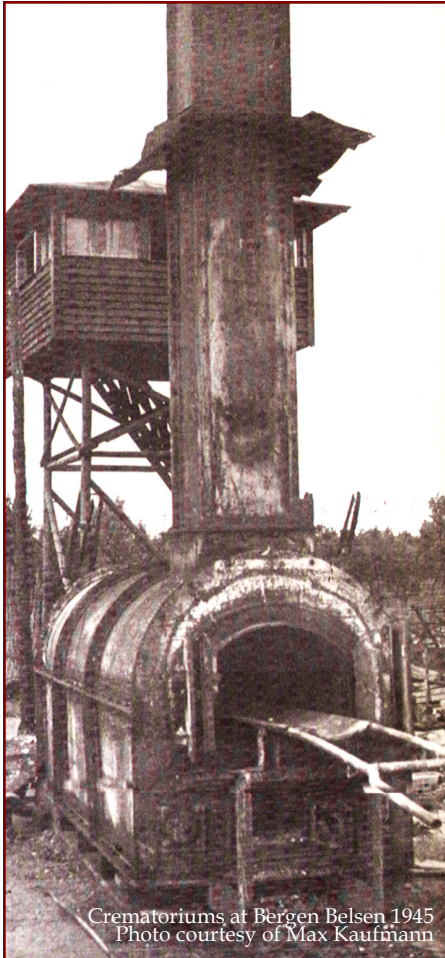
Master of Arts in Holocaust & Genocide Studies



at Kean University

The Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies is an interdisciplinary program that specifically studies the Holocaust and anti-Semitism and also requires an exploration of other genocides.

The Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies program is especially appropriate for teachers but also offers opportunities for persons involved in diverse fields such as social work, psychology, criminal justice, law, public administration, and religion among others.



Crematoriums at Bergen Belsen 1945
Photo courtesy of Max Kaufmann

Goals

- To know how a modern nation-state could murder innocent children, women, and men and how the victims could allow these crimes
- To fathom how the bystanders and the world community did not speak out and halt the systematic murder
- To use the lenses of the Holocaust to analyze genocide around the globe
- To apply the lenses of the Holocaust to refract individual and civic responsibility and policies of human values
- To support democracy, equity, and an unequivocal commitment to a public order of human dignity
- To inspire in graduates an unequivocal commitment to speak out clearly and consistently against injustice to individuals regardless of their race, gender, or creed and for the dignity of all human beings and all human groupings

Opportunities

For graduates to

- undertake and excel in post-graduate work
- serve professions in private enterprise, public service, and teaching
- become professionals who are ethically committed in the public as well as the nonprofit sectors of their communities
- facilitate decision-making that fulfills and promotes policies of human dignity.

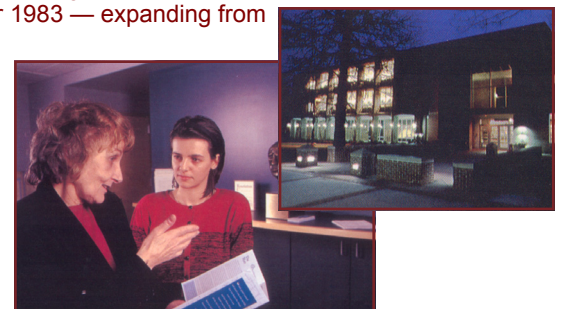
Resources

The Kean University Human Rights Institute

Kean University is the most diverse institution of higher education in the entire region. Along with this unique classification comes a major responsibility. In the world today, it is particularly essential that a strong emphasis is placed on respect, mutual tolerance, and understanding of our ethnic backgrounds, cultural values and customs, religious beliefs and moral obligations. The Human Rights Institute complements the Holocaust Resource Center (HRC) in its mission to help to reduce prejudice, bias and discrimination. Functioning in collaboration with the HRC, the Institute will support Kean University's academic concentrations and coursework in Jewish, Latin, and African Studies. The Institute will be an anchor for the Holocaust and Genocide Studies graduate program and focus on atrocities such as those which occurred in Armenia, Cambodia, Darfur and elsewhere in the world. The Human Rights Institute will sponsor research, curricular studies, visiting professors, outreach efforts, and international service-learning projects.

The Holocaust Resource Center of Kean University

The mission of the Holocaust Resource Center is to strengthen the conditions for a just and humane life in our community by collecting and disseminating knowledge of the Holocaust. The mandate of the HRC is to commemorate and strengthen education about the Holocaust. The Center has an annual free lecture series whose speakers have included Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel, Israel's Chief Rabbi Israel M. Lau, actor Robert Clary, Prof. Yehuda Bauer, Prof. Christopher Browning, Prof. Yaffa Eliach, Prof. Daniel Goldhagen, Prof. Lawrence L. Langer, and Sister Rose Thering. The Center pioneered the tuition-free graduate course for grade school teachers "Teaching the Holocaust" in the Spring Semester 1983 — expanding from the University to various local school districts to be inclusive of teacher participation and adding the follow-up course "Teaching Prejudice Reduction" in the Spring Semester 1989. The Center serves as a resource for the student body of Kean University as well as for members of the community. The Center began its oral history program in 1982 and its testimony of survivors and liberators encompasses 250 oral testimonies. Affiliated with the United State Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the testimonies are published as *Holocaust Testimonies in New Jersey*.





Admission Requirements

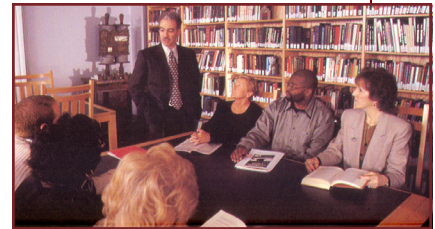
In addition to the University's admission requirements:

- Baccalaureate degree with a 3.0 overall GPA (lower GPA may be considered with experience)
- GRE (Graduate Records Exam) or MAT (Miller Analogies Test) scores
- Two letters of recommendation
- A personal departmental interview may be required

Course Requirements

CORE COURSES—18 credits

- MAHG 5000 History of the Holocaust: Part 1 3 credits
- MAHG 5001 History of the Holocaust: Part 2 3 credits
- MAHG 5002 History of the Jewish People 3 credits
- MAHG 5003 History of Anti-Semitism 3 credits
- MAHG 5004 The Holocaust in Literature and Film 3 credits
- MAHG 5005 Philosophical, Theological, and Legal 3 credits
- Aspects of Holocaust and Genocide



REQUIRED COURSES IN GENOCIDE—6 CREDITS (choose 2 courses)

- MAHG 5011 Genocide on the African Continent: Colonial 3 credits
- MAHG 5012 Native-American Genocide 3 credits
- MAHG 5014 The Armenian Genocide 3 credits
- MAHG 5015 Genocide in Asian History 3 credits
- MAHG xxxx African-American Genocide and Slavery 3 credits
- MAHG 5016 The Ukrainian Famine as a question of Genocide 1932-1933

GUIDED ELECTIVES—6 CREDITS (choose 2 courses)

- MAHG 5020 The Churches and the Holocaust 3 credits
- MAHG 5022 The Social Psychology of Prejudice 3 credits
- EMSE 5342 Teaching the Holocaust 3 credits
- EMSE 5343 Teaching Prejudice Reduction 3 credits

THESIS —6 CREDITS

- ID 5800 Thesis Writing 6 credits
- 30 credits of course work
- 6 credit thesis
- Comprehensive exam

Total 36 credits-

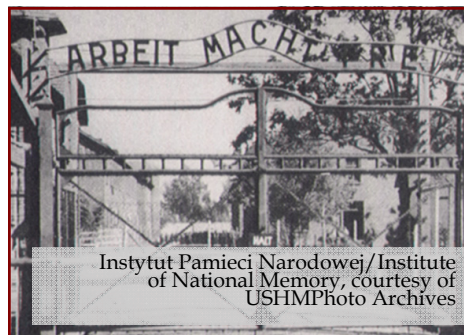
* (The curriculum may be changed with proper notice)

Application Deadlines

All applications and all accompanying documents be received by **May 1 for the Fall semester** and **November 1st** for the Spring semester

Master of Arts in Holocaust & Genocide Studies

Inspired by Kean University's longstanding commitment to pluralism and New Jersey's educational mandate to teach public school students about Holocaust, genocide and prejudice, the Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies is a 36-credit interdisciplinary program that specifically studies the Holocaust and anti-Semitism and also requires an exploration of other genocides. The core curriculum includes an examination of the History of the Jewish People, the History of Anti-Semitism, and the Holocaust in Literature and Film.



The Kean M.A. in Holocaust and Genocide Studies is the only master's degree program in Holocaust available in the region. In addition, the Kean program goes beyond programs offered elsewhere because it is interdisciplinary and emphasizes contemporary genocides. Students examine at least two genocides and can choose to focus on the Armenian Genocide, Genocide on the African Continent (Colonial), Genocide in Asia, Genocide of the indigenous peoples of the Americas, or African-American Genocide and Slavery. Philosophical and theological aspects of the Holocaust and genocide from different perspectives are included in the course of study.

Master of Arts Candidates have access to the following resources

- The Kean University Human Rights Institute, which will be an anchor for the Holocaust and Genocide studies graduate program and a focus on atrocities such as those in Rwanda, Cambodia, Darfur and elsewhere in the world.
- The Holocaust Resource Center at Kean University with its library and important oral history program and testimony of survivors and liberators. Affiliated with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the testimonies are published as Holocaust Testimonies in New Jersey.

Scholarships

The Senator Raymond J. Lesniak Scholarship in Holocaust & Genocide Studies is open to MA applicants each year on January 12th, with a March 15th deadline. Forms and guidelines are available on the Kean Foundation website. Other possible awards may be sought in the Graduate Scholarship Handbook and Kean Foundation website.

Conference Papers by MA Candidates

At the 28th Annual Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide "Atrocities Outlawed, Human Rights Affirmed: The International Quest to Halt Genocide since 1948," MA candidates Evan Alberhasky, Jeremy Chaudruc, and Walter McGee will present papers for the panel "Early Warning Signs: State Propaganda and the Seeds of Genocide." Prof Dennis Klein (who teaches Holocaust History I, Anti-Semitism's History and History of the Jewish People) will chair the panel and give the keynote "Living with Genocide: Expressions of Forgiveness in Post-Traumatic Testimonies." The conference is scheduled for April 2nd to 4th in the Bolger Conference Center on the Millersville University of Pennsylvania campus.

For more information go to <http://www.kean.edu/~keangrad> or call the Office of Graduate Admissions (908) 737-GRAD.

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