Holocaust and Genocide Studies is a dynamic field of research and education of the highest international relevance. The goal of this Master of Arts is to give you the ability to understand and analyse independently the phenomenon of genocide and other forms of mass violence in their historical and cultural contexts. Empirical knowledge and sharpened analytical abilities have become sought-after skills for a variety of potential employers.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Master Programme in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Uppsala University is a cross-disciplinary course of study drawn from:

- history,
- political science,
- cultural and social anthropology,
- international law,
- sociology,
- peace and conflict studies,
- psychology, and
- the history of ideas.

The history and memory of the Holocaust is central to this field of study, but you will also study other episodes of genocide, genocidal violence and other forms of mass violence and their historical, political and cultural contexts.

These violent events have usually occurred in conjunction with major economic, social and political crises, mobilisation of ethnic identities, formation of new states, colonial processes and modernisation. While studying different cases of genocide and mass violence closely, you will also learn methodologies and analytical perspectives from various disciplines.

DEGREE

The programme leads to a Master of Arts (120 credits) with Holocaust and Genocide Studies as the main field of study. After one year of study it may also be possible to obtain a Master of Arts (60 credits).
INSTRUCTION

The programme is offered in Uppsala. Instruction will take the form of lectures, seminars, independent group work, and individual and group tutorials.

The language of instruction is English.

All course instructors are highly qualified in their fields and have been published internationally and in Sweden. This ensures a close connection between ongoing research and education. Your active participation in all phases of the Master’s programme is obligatory. You are entitled to supervision only during regular term time. Grading will be based on active participation in seminars, written assignments and other written and oral examinations. You will also be graded on your completed thesis, defending it orally and leading a discussion of another student’s thesis.
You will write a thesis worth 45 credits (or 15 credits if you choose to finish after one year). You will also have the possibility of combining the studies with methods courses and courses at other departments.

First semester
During the first semester you will study compulsory courses in Holocaust history and other episodes of genocide and mass violence from cross-disciplinary perspectives.

Other case studies analysed include Armenia, Cambodia, Rwanda and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Episodes of genocidal violence that have occurred in Latin and North America, Africa and Asia will also be studied. You will learn about the historical, political and cultural processes and contexts in which mass violence has occurred, including fascism, colonialism, and communism.

Second semester
The second semester will begin with an obligatory course on theories of genocide and mass violence, followed by the opportunity to choose from different courses covering specific aspects of mass violence, including psychology, social psychology, cultural and social anthropology, peace and conflict studies, international law and the study of (historical) memory.

You will also have the opportunity to take relevant courses from other cooperating departments within the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences.

Third semester
During the third semester you will choose a specific method for your thesis, take a methodology course, and begin drafting of your degree project.

Fourth semester
The fourth semester is devoted to writing and defending your Master’s thesis.

COURSES WITHIN THE PROGRAMME

Semester 1
Genocide and Mass Violence I
Genocide and Mass Violence II
The Holocaust in European History
The Holocaust in European Historiography

Semester 2
Theoretical Approaches to Genocide and Mass Violence
The Psychology of Violence
The Social Mechanism of Violence
The Legacies of the Holocaust on the Development of Democracy in EU (elective)

Semester 3
Transitional Justice: Reconciliation, Retribution and Co-existence (elective)
Teaching the Holocaust and other Genocides (elective)
Internship (elective)
Master’s Degree Project

Semester 4
Master’s Degree Project
The programme will provide you with empirical knowledge and theoretical insights based on state of the art research and pedagogy in the field of Holocaust and genocide Studies. A variety of international organisations actively seek students equipped with such knowledge and analytical skills. These include: UN organisations, the European Union and Council of Europe, governmental ministries including defence and foreign services, and a wide variety of international NGOs, such as Amnesty International, Save the Children, Human Rights Watch, IDEA, etc. Museums and other institutions of commemoration are also potential employers. In Sweden, institutions such as UD, SIDA, Forum for Living History and others are potential future workplaces for holders of this Master’s degree.

If you choose to pursue a PhD, this Master’s programme will qualify you to apply for doctoral studies in your own main discipline.

MASTER PROGRAMME IN HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES
120 credits
Autumn 2017 100% Campus
Location: Uppsala
Application Deadline: 2017-01-15
Enrolment Code: UU-M5115
Language of Instruction: English

Requirements:
Academic requirements
A Bachelor’s degree, equivalent to a Swedish Kandidatexamen, from an internationally recognised university. The main field of study must be within the humanities or social sciences.

Language requirements
All applicants need to verify English language proficiency. This is normally attested by an internationally recognised test such as TOEFL or IELTS with the following minimum scores:

- IELTS: an overall mark of 6.5 and no section below 5.5
- TOEFL: Paper-based: Score of 4.5 (scale 1–6) in written test and a total score of 575. Internet-based: Score of 20 (scale 0–30) in written test and a total score of 90
- Cambridge: CAE, CPE

Exemptions for students from certain countries.

Selection: Students are selected based on:
- a total appraisal of quantity and quality of previous university studies;
- a statement of purpose (1 page); and
- two letters of recommendation.

Fees: If you are not a citizen of a European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) country, or Switzerland, you are required to pay application and tuition fees. Read more about fees.

Application Fee: SEK 900
Tuition fee, first semester: SEK 50000
Tuition fee, total: SEK 200000