



HIS 4935 (0002): The Holocaust: Research and Writing
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Course Aims: This course will address the major issues in the History of the Holocaust. Particular attention will be given to the social bases of the Holocaust. Discussion will focus on a series of topics. These include: the nature of Hitler's appeal and the place of racial anti-Semitism in it prior to 1933; the Nazi revolution in 1933-34; the nature of Hitler's dictatorship and its social bases; the social space taken by the Gestapo, NSDAP, SS; the origin and evolution of concentration camps; waves and victims of racial persecution; popular opinion; building the "community of the people"; elections; plebiscites, and fests; the impact of the coming of war; the ESG activities; the hour of the experts and their plans for occupation and resettlement in the East; local reactions and participation in the occupied lands; Hitler's allies and societies within; the anatomy of the death camps; the death marches; the survivors; Allied responses before and after war's end; recent historians' debates, as well as movies and documentaries.

Course Objectives: The course provides an opportunity for critical and informed discussion of selected texts. It seeks to foster the development of advanced research and writing skills.