



South Carolina  
Council on the Holocaust

2021 SCCH Summer Institutes Guide

**I. Foundations of Teaching the Holocaust (July 19-23)**

**II. Americans and the Holocaust (July 26-30)**

**Key Benefits**

- Teachers can earn 3 graduate credit hours from USC for each course and the cost of each course for each teacher will be covered by the SCCH.
- Teachers will receive hands-on training in content, pedagogy, and methodology.
- Additionally, participating teachers will also receive books and resources to use in their classroom.

**Course Descriptions**

**I. Foundations of Teaching the Holocaust**

This course is intended for K-12 teachers, and other education stakeholders, seeking increased knowledge of teaching and learning about the Holocaust as well as deepening pedagogical understanding of inquiry based approaches in Holocaust education. During the course, participants will examine what actions were necessary on the part of individuals (ordinary citizens, military officers, teachers, clergy, and so on) to enact and maintain a system that killed millions of Jews and others. The workshop also examines South Carolina-related resources, and different teaching methodologies (i.e., oral testimonies, historical inquiry, literature, and primary sources).

This course is useful for all teachers, most notably for those who are new to teaching the Holocaust and/or those who wish to have a firm understanding of both the context of the event and how to approach teaching it in the classroom.

**II. Americans and the Holocaust**

This course design is inspired by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's traveling *America and the Holocaust* exhibit. (The traveling version of this exhibit was originally scheduled to be on display at the Richland Library in Columbia, SC in the summer of 2021, but has been postponed to 2023.)

This course is intended for educators seeking an increased understanding of the American perspective of the Holocaust as it was happening in the period of 1933 - 1945.

While the participants will engage in learning about the context of the Holocaust as a whole, the focus will be to address three central questions: What did Americans know about the Holocaust? How did America respond to the Holocaust? Why did America respond in the way that it did?

This course is open to all K-12 teachers and educational stakeholders. It is highly recommended, but not required, that participants have already taken the *Foundations of Teaching the Holocaust* course or other related significant coursework in understanding the Holocaust offered by the SCCH or another qualified Holocaust education organization or higher ed institution.

### **Course Elements**

- Each course will require the completion of online lessons about Holocaust history to be completed before the workshop.
- In-person classroom instruction will be in Columbia, SC on the dates indicated for each course.
- Several classroom assignments and a final project are due to the instructor within a few weeks following the conclusion of the course.

Participants must complete all three segments, including attending all sessions on the days of the course, to receive graduate credit.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Each course is limited to SC-certified teachers who are residents of South Carolina and have a current teaching contract with a school in South Carolina. Pre-service teachers may be considered with the permission of the executive director if there is space available. Each course is capped at 25 teachers.

### **Credit**

Three hours of graduate credit will be awarded from the UofSC School of Education upon successful completion of all the aforementioned elements of each course. All course participants will be expected to complete all elements of each course.

## **Location, Lodging, and Meals**

The course will be held at a meeting location off-campus located in Columbia, SC. This meeting space will accommodate social distancing protocols as directed by the guidelines established by the university.

Four nights of lodging (Monday through Thursday nights) will be provided at a nearby hotel for teachers traveling from more than 40 miles outside of Columbia, SC. You must specify on your registration application to the SCCH that you need housing.

The Council will provide breakfasts and lunches during the course. Dinners will be the responsibility of the participants. No additional travel stipend will be provided.

## **Cost**

Each course is limited to 25 participants. A registration fee of \$50.00 is due to the SCCH to secure your position in a course by April 15, 2021. (The registration fee increases to \$100 for those who apply after April 15.)

Additionally, an application fee will be charged separately by the university. If you have registered with UofSC within the previous 3 years then that fee can be waived.

The registration fee and the application fee will be refunded to the participant after the successful completion of all elements of the course. The remaining costs, including for graduate credit, are underwritten by the South Carolina Council on the Holocaust.

## **Enrolling in a Course**

If you are interested in enrolling in the summer institute courses, you must complete the following:

1. [SCCH Summer Institute Registration Application](#)
  - a. You will need to complete all parts of this form as indicated by the directions on the form.
  - b. You must email and also print out the completed form, sign, and mail it to the SCCH at the mailing address indicated on the form along with a check made payable to the SCCH for \$50.
  - c. All applications will be reviewed by the SCCH as they are received and each applicant will be contacted by the SCCH by email to inform them of the status of their application.
  - d. The SCCH will inform the university of the participants who have been selected for each course.

- e. The SCCH will deposit the checks only for applicants who have been selected to be participants in the course. Checks will be returned to all other applicants.
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- 2. University of South Carolina General Graduate School Application
    - a. The SCCH will send the names and email addresses of accepted participants to UofSC and the university will contact participants with directions on how to complete their application.
    - b. Applicants will need to verify their citizenship and South Carolina residency and complete a Distance Learner Immunization Exemption form (or provide their immunization records).
    - c. Upon completion of this application, the participant is enrolled in the course, which will be verified by the university.