



South Carolina  
Council on the Holocaust

## 2024 SCCH Summer Institutes Guide

- I. Foundations of Teaching the Holocaust (June 24-June 28)**
- II. Teaching the Psychology of Genocide: Understanding Human Behavior during the Holocaust (July 8 - July 12)**

### **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. Teaching the Psychology of Genocide: Understanding Human Behavior during the Holocaust**

The intent of our special topics coursework is to immerse participants in viewing the Holocaust from unique angles that are often less deliberately explored by teachers in

order to give them a more nuanced understanding of the Holocaust. This specific course is designed as an advanced study of the Holocaust from the lens of psychology and human behavior.

While the participants will engage in learning about the overall context of the Holocaust they will do so with the perspective of the mindsets of the victims, perpetrators, collaborators, rescuers, and witnesses. This course will include an exploration of universal themes inherent in the Holocaust from which participants will come to recognize our shared humanity. Also explored in this institute will be the choices of individuals and groups experiencing or participating in the event: Why did the Nazis resort to mass murder? In what ways did Jews resist? How were collaborators involved? Additionally, participants will engage in learning about the trauma that survivors carried with them and how that impacts future generations.

It is important to recognize that participants do not need to have a strong background in psychology to participate in this course. All levels and subject area teachers will find the content of the course engaging and the lessons taught to be transferable to a wide range of classrooms and students.

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 University of South Carolina's 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 in Columbia, SC. This meeting space will accommodate any social distancing or Covid 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 lunches during the days of the institute. Light refreshments will be available in the morning. However, 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 March 31, 2024. (The registration fee increases to \$100 for those who apply after March 31.)\*

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.

\*The registration fee will not be deposited if you are not chosen to participate in the institute(s).

## **Enrolling in a Course**

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

1. [2024 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.
  
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.