



Introduction to the Holocaust On-line Course

Title of Course: Introduction to the Holocaust: Curriculum and Pedagogy

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Course Description:

This course was developed for pre-and in-service teachers to help them implement the Mandate for Holocaust Education in the State of Florida. It will provide participants with an overview of the underlying causes of the Holocaust and how this genocide developed in Eastern and Western Europe. It will include an examination of the Nazi government's policies and expression of racism, disenfranchisement, and dehumanization. It includes the role and responsibility of the international community as well as of the individual in advancing or interrupting genocide. The course culminates with the legacy and lessons and provides curriculum resources and methodology for teachers to use in their K-12 classrooms.

Course Objectives:

- To apply the study of the Holocaust to expanding knowledge and understanding of genocide.
- To provide an in-depth look at the factors that led to the Holocaust in particular and genocide in general including the roles of individuals and governments.
- To examine the lessons and legacy of the Holocaust and transfer this knowledge into a social activist curriculum for teaching.

Methodology:

This course has been developed for an online platform using Canvas as the LMS. Due to the nature of the content, this course requires live interaction with the course instructor(s) via synchronous online collaborate sessions where the instructor in real-time facilitates discussions and activities to process the readings and concepts being covered in the course. The purpose of this approach is to advance participants' knowledge-competence and efficacy in rolling out genocide studies into the classroom.

Assessment:

Each unit contains an activity or assignment such as a journal reflection, discussion board case studies analysis, or a quiz that provides feedback to the participants.

Course Outline:

- The Root Causes of Genocide
- Government Policies toward Minorities
- Process of Dehumanization Role and Responsibility of Individuals/Private Citizens and of the International Community in Advancing or Deterring Genocide
- Consequences for the Future: Lessons and Legacy