

USCCA COURSE REQUIREMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS TO USCCA CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR: In order to provide consistency and quality across the USCCA Instructor network, the following minimum requirements (including the use of the listed PowerPoint slides and videos) must be met when any of the following are true: A). You are advertising your course as a USCCA course, or B). The certificate that you provide at the completion of the course identifies the course as having been a USCCA course, or C). The certificate contains the USCCA logo, or D). The certificate is a certificate provided by the USCCA. In addition to these minimum requirements, the USCCA also requires its instructors to meet or exceed any state mandated requirements including course content, course duration, live fire requirements, etc. Instructors are welcome to add additional content from the USCCA or custom content, but custom content must be consistent with the quality of USCCA materials, and the USCCA training doctrine. Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in the loss of your USCCA instructor certification.

BASIC HANDGUN COURSE REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM COURSE LENGTH: 2.5 Hours (or more if legally required by your state).

0. INTRODUCTION:

- Agenda (slide 2, modified to include just pertinent topics)

2. SELF-DEFENSE FIREARM BASICS:

- Universal safety rules (slides 3 - 6)
- Clearing a semi-automatic (slides 7 - 9 and demonstration when allowed)
- Clearing a revolver (slide 10 and demonstration when allowed)
- Defining a gun's action (slide 11 including interactive widget)
- Understanding revolvers (slides 14 - 17 including video on slide 14)
- Understanding semi-automatics (slides 18 - 23 including video on slide 18)
- Modern, striker-fired handguns (slide 24 including interactive widget, and slide 30)
- Understanding magazines (slide 31)
- Selecting a handgun (slide 32 including interactive widget as appropriate)
- Pros and cons of handgun choices (slide 37 including interactive widget as appropriate)
- Ammunition components (slides 48 - 52)
- Is caliber all that matters? (slide 53)
- Other measurements (slide 54 including interactive widget as appropriate)
- Ammunition care and storage (slides 75 - 76)
- Common ammunition malfunctions (slide 77)
- Clearing semi-auto malfunctions (slide 78 and and live demonstration if allowed)
- Other use of force options (slides 97 - 101 as appropriate)

3. DEFENSIVE SHOOTING FUNDAMENTALS:

- Defensive shooting versus marksmanship (slides 3 - 4)
- Proper grip (slides 6 - 11 including video on slide 6)
- Shooting platform (slides 12 - 16)
- Aligning the muzzle to the target (slides 17 - 23 including video on slide 17 and interactive widget)
- Unsighted fire, point shooting (slides 24 including interactive widget)
- Flash sight picture (slide 33)
- Sighted fire (slides 34 - 35)
- Trigger control (slides 36 - 38)
- Rubber band exercise (slide 39)

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6. GEAR AND GADGETS:

- Holster retention (slides 3 - 5 or demonstration)
- Hip holsters (slide 6 or demonstration)
- Paddle holsters (slide 7 or demonstration)
- Pocket holsters (slides 8 and 9 or demonstration)
- Inside the waistband holsters (slide 10 or demonstration)
- Non-traditional holster styles (slides 11 - 12 or demonstration)
- Belts (slide 13 or demonstration)
- Tactical flashlights (slides 14 - 16 or demonstration)
- Mounted lights (slide 17 or demonstration and discussion of pros and cons)
- Considering a laser sight (slide 18 - 20 or demonstration and discussion of pros and cons)
- Guns safes and storage (slides 21 or demonstration)

7. BASIC AND ADVANCED SKILLS:

- Creating a training program (slide 3)
- Dry firing (slides 4 - 5 or demonstration)
- Fundamental drill discussion (slides 6 - 8 or equivalent)
- Discussion of what's next (slides 22 - 25 or equivalent)