

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 6, modified to include just pertinent topics)

2. SELF-DEFENSE FIREARM BASICS:

- Universal safety rules (slides 2- 4)
- Clearing a semi-automatic (slides 5 - 7 and video #2 or demonstration)
- Clearing a revolver (slide 8 and video #3 or demonstration)
- Additional safety considerations (slides 9 - 12)
- Defining a gun's action (slides 13 - 14)
- Understanding revolvers (slides 15 - 17)
- Understanding semi-automatics (slides 18 - 21)
- Modern, striker-fired handguns (slide 22)
- What happens when the trigger is pressed (slides 23 - 27)
- Understanding magazines (slide 28)
- Selecting a handgun (slide 29)
- Pros and cons of handgun choices (slides 30 - 33)
- Ammunition components (slides 34 - 37)
- Ammunition care and storage (slide 40)
- Common ammunition malfunctions (slide 41)
- Clearing semi-auto malfunctions (slides 42 - 43 and video #4 and #5 or live demonstration)
- Other use of force options (slides 53 - 56)

3. DEFENSIVE SHOOTING FUNDAMENTALS:

- Defensive shooting versus marksmanship (slides 3 - 4)
- Proper grip (slides 5 - 9)
- Shooting platform (slides 10 - 15 and videos #6 and #7 or demonstration)
- Aligning the muzzle to the target (slides 16 - 18)
- Unsighted fire, point shooting (slides 19 - 22)
- Flash sight picture (slide 23)
- Sighted fire (slides 24 - 25)
- Trigger control (slides 27 - 29)

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6. GEAR AND GADGETS:

- Gear and gadgets introduction (slide 2)
- 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)
- Considering a laser sight (slide 20 - 22 or demonstration and discussion of pros and cons)
- Mounted lights (slide 17 or demonstration and discussion of pros and cons)
- Guns safes and storage (slides 23 or demonstration)

7. BASIC AND ADVANCED SKILLS:

- Creating a training program (slide 2)
- Dry firing (slide 3 or demonstration)
- Fundamental drill discussion (slides 4 and 5 or equivalent)
- Discussion of what's next (slides 16 - 18 or equivalent)
- Closing thoughts (slide 19 or equivalent discussion)