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A NOTE FROM THE CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFICE REGARDING THE CURRENT PANDEMIC

During these trying times, The Office of External Programs, Continuing Education, and Conferences has missed seeing everyone! We hope that you and your loved ones have stayed well.

The entire University of South Carolina Aiken campus is moving forward with resuming face-to-face classes this fall. In addition, many of our classes are also being offered online for those who prefer to avoid a face-to-face classroom environment.

To help ensure the health and safety of the Pacer community, precautions are being put in place in adherence with the strict guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov) and closely following notifications about the virus from the Governor's Office.

► On our part, class size has been reduced by 50% to assure social spacing, classroom surfaces are being sanitized between classes, and hand disinfectant is readily available throughout the campus.

► Those attending classes on campus will be expected to abide by certain precautionary measures. Please be sure to wear a face covering, wash your hands often, maintain social spacing, and if you are not feeling well, please stay home to ensure we keep our campus as healthy as possible.

Make sure to check our website at www.usca.edu for the most up-to-date information regarding campus operations.

We look forward to having you join us. Whether this will be your first time with us or if you have been in our program for several years, just know it is our pleasure having you in our classes!

Wishing You All the Best,

Karen Edgington, Director

The Office of External Programs, Continuing Education, and Conferences

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Fall Academy About to Get Underway

Your Academy is about to come roaring back from its Covid-19 forced shut down last spring. The catalogs are out and registration has been opened since mid-August.

Most courses are being offered both in-class and simultaneously online via the internet. You choose which version of each course you want when registering.

Offerings	Number
In-Class only	2
Online only	5
In-Class & Online	20

Due to Covid guidelines, University class sizes have been reduced by 50%. The resulting need for more University class sections has put a strain on classroom availability. This semester we will not have the luxury we've enjoyed in the past of being able to reschedule into larger classrooms or to add additional sections when popular Academy classes fill. **Please note that if the in-class option you want is full, in most cases you can still choose the online version.**

Online Classes a New Venture for Academy

This semester marks the debut of online classes at the Academy. Those who register for the online versions of these courses will be able to participate in the live sessions being held on campus via the internet. The online sessions will be accessible via computers using Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome as their browsers, or via the Microsoft Teams app that is available for iOS, Windows, and Android. Registrants will be emailed links they can use to connect to the sessions prior to the beginning of the class.

Help files on using Microsoft Teams are available from the Documents page on the Academy website (aikenlearning.org/Documents.php).

As this is a new undertaking for all concerned please be patient if there are some initial glitches.

Registration in Progress

It is anticipated that Covid concerns will likely reduce the number of registrants this semester, yet seventy people registered on the first day when registration opened up August 18. As this is written at the end of August well over one hundred have registered. For the courses offered both in-class and online, slightly over half of the registrations so far have been for the online version. Individual course registrations range from 0% to 65% online.

The first classes start September 8, so there's still time to get registered and not miss anything.

Line Dancing Moves Up Three Weeks

Those wanting to do some boot scootin' won't have to wait as long as they thought. The 6-week *Line Dancing* class has been rescheduled to start on September 21 instead of October 12.

For the latest changes to the Academy schedule, see the Catalog Update page on the Academy website (aikenlearning.org/Catalog_Update.php).

Courses Beginning This Month

Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can download the current catalog from the Academy website at aikenlearning.org/Catalog.php).

To enroll, register online at campscui.active.com/orgs/UniversityofSouthCarolinaAiken1?season=2877713, or return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact UofSC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3756 / info@aikenlearning.org).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do NOT attend these classes or events unless you have pre-registered AND have received written confirmation of your registration from UofSC Aiken.

 = In Person  = Online

Live From The Met Opera

6 Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124  

History In Headstones: The Underworld And World War II


1 Tuesday, September 8

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124  

Truth, Lies And Conspiracy Theories In Contemporary American Politics

4 Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22, 29

3:05 – 4:20 p.m. 

Warriors From The Sky: U.S. Army Airborne Forces

4 Wednesdays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124  

Pat Conroy As Lifelong Learner

Monday, September 14

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124  

The Modern Civil Rights Movement In America 1945-1970

4 Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29, & October 6

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. 

Newspapers In Aiken

3 Wednesdays, September 16, 23, & 30

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 236 Sessions 1 & 2

Aiken Standard Field-trip Session 3  

Exercise Is Medicine

4 Thursdays, September 17, 24, October 1, & 8

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124 Session 1;

B&E 147 Sessions 2-4  

Honeybees: Answers To Questions You May Have About Their Care


4 Thursdays, September 17, 24, October 1, & 8

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 236  

What Does It Mean? Iconography And Art

Thursday, September 17

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. 

Line Dancing – **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

6 Mondays, September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 147  

Confessions Of A Reformed Vegan

Monday, September 21

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124  

**Backstage Tour Of The UofSC Aiken Etherredge Center For
The Fine and Performing Arts**
Friday, September 25
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
UofSC Aiken Etherredge Center 🚶

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – MONTH 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>Live From The MET</i> 10-11a [B 124] <i>Headstones</i> 1:30-2:30p [B 124] <i>Truth, Lies, Conspir.</i> 3:05-4:20p [Online]	9 <i>Warriors from Sky</i> 10:30-11:30a [B 124]	10	11	12
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[Location Codes @ UofSC Aiken] B = Bus & Educ Bldg E = Etherredge Center A = Offsite @ Aiken Standard						