



Opening for the 2017-2018 School Year
Middle School Humanities (Grades 6-8)
Part-time Position

Located in Mount Pleasant and serving the metro Charleston area, University School of the Lowcountry (www.uslowcountry.org) (USL) is an co-educational, non-sectarian, non-profit independent school with tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status geared to high-achieving students. University School is an invigorating environment for learning, filled with nice, hardworking, smart, empathetic, and curious students who are guided and led by a dynamic faculty. Offering grades 3-12, University School seeks to develop self-confident, passionate, and empathetic learners who will make a positive difference in the world.

We are seeking an innovative, energetic and positive Humanities teacher for our Middle School (grades 6-8). Humanities is a core class in our Middle School, and it entails teaching history with the inclusion of the study of literature, art, etc. There are typically 34-40 students in the Middle School, and they take this class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Students take part in field trips on Wednesdays with other instructors.

The classes are a blend of grades 6-8, and there are four sections of the class (averaging 8-11 students per section). This teacher would teach 3-4 of the sections between 8:30 AM and 12:10 PM (for 4 sections) and 9:30-12:10 PM (for 3 sections). Humanities rotates among a 3-year cycle of topics (Pre-Civil War American History, Post-Civil War American History, and Modern European History). Modern European History is the topic for 2017-2018.

University School features a supportive and warm environment for teachers. Faculty are treated like professionals and are respected by students and families. Teachers have wide latitude to teach and select curriculum materials to engage their students, and guidance comes from the Head of School (who is also a teacher), fellow department members and teachers, and best practices from national associations for the various disciplines. The Faculty hold themselves to high standards for inspiring and challenging their students within an environment of mutual care and concern.

USL Middle School students also take Math, Writing, Science, High School Spanish, High School Latin, Mandarin (for 17-18, we are doing a special one year exploration of Hebrew and Arabic), Leadership and Life Skills, and these courses are taught by other instructors. All Middle School students take part in a 1-week out-of-state trip led by the Head of School (the past three trips have been to Pennsylvania, Alabama, and Georgia).

USL also features daily PE in the morning for all students, and our hallmark Learning Outside the Classroom program entails weekly field experiences (one day per week, generally Wednesdays). We believe in learning by doing, and teachers are encouraged to venture with their students into the community and to bring speakers into the School.

The ideal candidate will have demonstrated use of a variety of teaching methods and have experience teaching in a Middle or High School setting. Furthermore, a passion for learning and self-improvement is key, especially as these are traits found in our students. Complementing the skills involved in this should be a desire to work with and teach students with above-average academic abilities and an excitement about helping curious students learn and grow through successful exploration and discovery.

University School is a community where relationships are pivotal to learning. As such, the personal qualities of this candidate are vital. These include being a supportive, engaged, and flexible role model who demonstrates both a sense of humor and an infectious enthusiasm for working with intermediate school students. The candidate should also be comfortable guiding students in developing positive relationships with others who are older and younger: our Middle School students mentor our Intermediate School (grades 3-5) and are mentored by older USL students. He or she must also be able to work positively and effectively with others in a spirit of collegiality and understand that teaching is a moral act.

The position is part-time.

Please contact the Head of School, Jason Kreutner, directly by email (jkreutner@uslowcountry.org) only and/or complete the faculty application that can be found on our website (www.uslowcountry.org/faculty.html).

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