

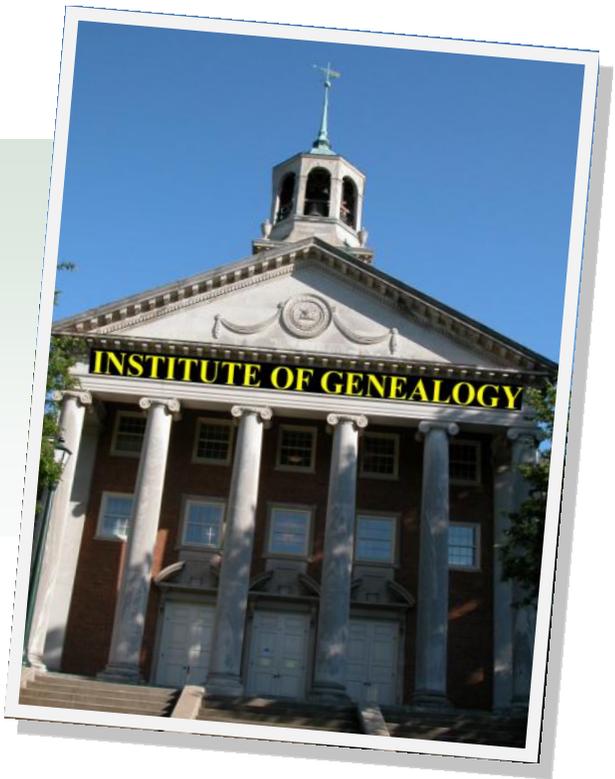
What is IGHR?

A brief look at what IGHR is, what it includes, and what to expect when you attend.



Sometimes, a visitor will see the word “Institute” and think that IGHR is an entire school here at Samford, complete with its own brick building that houses all the faculty members year round.

While that’d certainly be nice to have, IGHR is not an “institute” in that context.



In reality, IGHR is an annual event that offers a week of intensive study led by prominent genealogical educators who come from around the country and, at times, beyond.

The September 2011 edition of *Seasons* magazine referred to IGHR as a “Genealogy Boot Camp.”

Attendees select one of IGHR’s offered courses. Each course features a number of related sessions that typically begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday and conclude at noon on Friday.

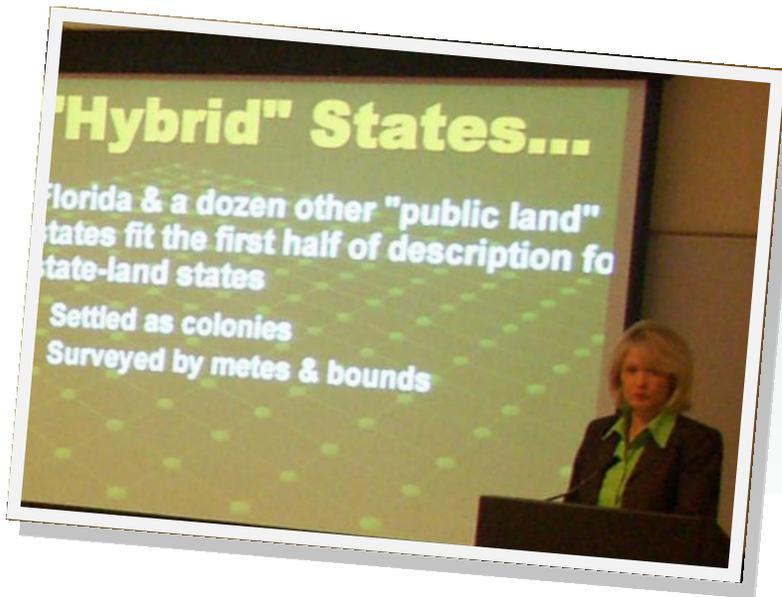
In addition, certain IGHR courses also hand out assignments to be completed after hours.

- Monday**
 - 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.: Introduction to Course (P. Sayre)
 - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.: Federal Census Research (P. Sayre)
 - 9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Morning Break
 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.: Finding & Using Vital Records (P. Sayre)
 - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.: Lunch
 - 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Religious Records (Harris)
 - 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.: Afternoon Break
 - 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Project: Pulling Together a Family (Includes Process & Problem-Solving) (P. Sayre)
- Tuesday**
 - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.: Handwriting, Abstracts & Extracts (Geyer)
 - 9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Morning Break
 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.: Handwriting, Abstracts & Extracts (Geyer)
 - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.: Lunch
 - 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Libraries & Archives (P. Sayre)
 - 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.: Afternoon Break
 - 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Courthouse Records & Prep for Trip (Geyer)
 - 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.: Voluntary Computer Lab - Work on Project (P. Sayre)
- Wednesday**
 - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.: Group A -- On-site Research: Courthouse and Birmingham Public Library (Geyer/Harris)
 - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.: Group B -- Land Records: Federal, State, & Local (P. Sayre)
 - 9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Morning Break
 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.: Group A -- On-site Research: Courthouse and Birmingham Public Library Group (Geyer/Harris)
 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.: Group B -- Computer Lab (Geyer)
 - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.: Lunch
 - 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Group A -- Computer Lab (Geyer)
 - 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Group B -- On-site Research: Courthouse and Birmingham Public Library (Geyer/Harris)
 - 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.: Afternoon Break
 - 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Land Records: Federal, State, & Local (P. Sayre)
 - 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Group B -- On-site Research: Courthouse and Birmingham Public Library (Geyer/Harris)
- Thursday**
 - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.: Oral Interviews & Home Sources (Geyer)
 - 9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Morning Break
 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.: Did He Serve? Intro to Military Records (P. Sayre)
 - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.: Lunch
 - 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Maps & Gazetteers (P. Sayre)
 - 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.: Afternoon Break
 - 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Death & Probate Records (P. Sayre)
- Friday**
 - 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.: Local History & Building Context (Geyer)
 - 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.: Morning Break
 - 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.: Organizing with File Cabinets & Your Computer (P. Sayre)
 - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.: Summation & Critique (P. Sayre)

What do you get for the cost of tuition?

We understand that the cost of IGHR can seem like a lot of money (it does to us too). Therefore, we do our best to make sure you get your money's worth.

First and foremost, you get **one genealogy course** along with the course's materials and handouts.



You also get the **optional evening sessions** Monday through Wednesday providing information on subjects that are not typically Included in the regular courses.

The IGHR tuition includes **two meals** in the University Cafeteria: the Orientation Dinner Sunday evening and the IGHR banquet Thursday evening.



What should you expect at IGHR?

IGHR is a weeklong event, filled with opportunities for research and learning.

The week begins with registration held in the University Library Sunday between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. and ends at noon on Friday.



The IGHR courses and dorms are on the campus of Samford University, located on a picturesque, hillside campus approximately five miles from downtown Birmingham, Alabama.

The friendly and courteous University Library staff will be on hand throughout the week to assist with questions and/or issues that may arise.



Where can you stay while at IGHR?

You have a variety of options when it comes to accommodations during the week of IGHR.

Many guests choose to stay on campus in residence halls generously provided by the university, which is usually cheaper than staying in a hotel and includes meals during the week in the university cafeteria.

Linens are not provided, however – attendees can either bring their own or rent a linens packet from IGHR.



Guests may instead stay at the two IGHR Conference Hotels which offer a group rate for attendees.

IGHR provides a free shuttle bus between the Conference Hotels and the university campus.

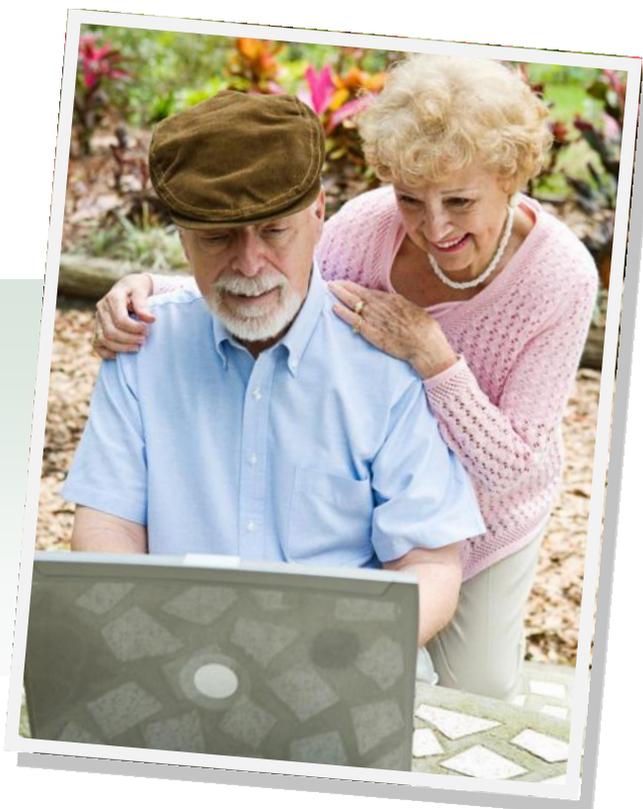
Also, guests may stay in one of the other local area hotels if they wish. IGHR does not provide shuttle service to these hotels, but some do offer a group rate for attendees.

How can you contact IGHR?

There are several ways in which you may contact IGHR with any questions you may have.

The IGHR website contains a great deal of information and can be found online at www.samford.edu/schools/ighr.

You can reach IGHR via e-mail at ighr@samford.edu.



If you have a Facebook account, you can find IGHR there at www.facebook.com/Samford.IGHR.

IGHR also creates a private group on Facebook each year so attendees can discuss the upcoming event.



IGHR may also be contacted during normal business hours by phone:

(205) 726-4447
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