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## ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are excited to announce that the February Shorts and spring semester registration is open! Once again, our Study Group Leaders and Curriculum Committee have outdone themselves to bring you an exciting set of courses, dozens of which are new. There are 98 spring courses and 36 February Shorts!

OLLI is continuing to offer classes in three formats: **in-person**, **online**, and **hybrid**. The format for each

course is listed online and in the print catalog. When registering for a hybrid class, you must select whether you want to attend in-person (hybrid in-person) or online (hybrid online). List both formats if the class is a priority and you're willing to attend either format. You can prioritize up to 12 classes for the lottery. As always, the lottery will then assign you to up to three classes.

## FEBRUARY SHORTS

The February Shorts will be held for two weeks: February 5–9 and 12–16. Each Short course runs for 2–5 days during one of the two weeks. You may register for up to three courses in the lottery for the \$100 fee. **Your courses do not have to be all within the same week.** After the lottery, once you receive your class assignment letter, you can add additional courses—as many open courses as fit in your schedule—by logging into your OLLI account! To take more courses, you can even stack several within the same time slot. For example, if you have a course scheduled for February 5–7 (Mon–Wed) at 11:45 AM, you can add another that meets February 8–9 (Thu–Fri), also at 11:45 AM, instead of having to choose between the two.

**Make sure to register before the February Shorts lottery on Thursday, January 18.**

[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

## SPRING SEMESTER

The spring semester is March 4–May 10. Courses meet for a varying length of time (see each study group for the number of weeks). The membership fee remains \$300 and hasn't been increased since fall 2017; the fee allows you to sign up for three courses in the lottery. After the lottery, when you have received your class assignment letter, you can add a **fourth study group** by logging into your account.

**Make sure to register before the spring lottery on Tuesday, February 20.**

[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

## FEBRUARY AND SPRING CATALOG

The February Shorts & Spring Catalog will be mailed out by the end of December. Look for your copy in early January.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF OLLI

This holiday season, give your friend or family member a gift certificate for an academic session at OLLI. Contact the office at [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) or 202-895-4860 for more information.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITITES

### VOLUNTEER FROM HOME: SGR COORDINATOR

Are you interested in volunteering with OLLI from the comfort of your own home? Become an SGR Coordinator! SGR Coordinators recruit Study Group Representatives (SGRs) for each class in a given academic session to ensure the classes run smoothly. Some Study Group Leaders select their own SGRs, but for the rest, SGR Coordinators are provided a list of members who have expressed interest in being SGR for each study group, or the attendance list if there are no volunteers. Coordinators then call members before classes start in order to find an SGR for each study group. For the upcoming academic sessions, SGR Coordinators will begin making calls after the lottery. This role operates on a continuous basis, so if you are unavailable for February or spring, but are interested in fall, please let us know! If interested, fill out the volunteer form using the link below (you must be logged into your account). Contact the office at [oli@american.edu](mailto:oli@american.edu) with any further questions.

[VOLUNTEER](#)

## EVENTS



### MOZART CELEBRATION

January 26 | 1:30 PM

Room A in the Spring Valley Building

Join City Choir's Artistic Director Erin Freeman and singers from the 2023 Wolf Trap Opera Studio for a Mozart celebration! Erin Freeman will take you behind the scenes of the monumental C minor mass, an epic opera-meets-chorus masterpiece. You'll also be treated to a few Mozart arias performed by the soloists for City



Choir's January performance - rising stars of the opera world trained most recently at Wolf Trap Opera, and hand selected by Erin Freeman and Arianna Zukerman. There will be a Q and A after the performances, followed by a reception. **Registration is required.**

[REGISTER](#)

## OLLI HAPPENINGS



### SGL APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Last week we held an SGL Appreciation Luncheon for our summer and fall Study Group Leaders. Marianne Sponis, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, did a fantastic job organizing and hosting this event for our very deserving SGLs. It was a treat to see new faces and reconnect with some of our seasoned SGLs, some of whom have been teaching with us for 20-plus years! We also got to hear from our Board Chair, Mark Nadel, and our Executive Director, Tony Long, who expressed our infinite gratitude for the hard work SGLs do. We thank our SGLs for their generosity of time, talent, and passion—they are the heart of our OLLI at AU community.





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The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University is an association of, by, and for the people in the Washington, DC area who wish to continue to study and learn.

OLLI at AU is dedicated to the proposition that learning is a lifelong process and that curiosity never retires.

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