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SUMMER AU SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Starting **Monday, May 11**, OLLI members will have access to AU's OnDemand transportation vans due to the Red Express Shuttle pausing services over summer break. Whether you are arriving at Tenleytown Metro or leaving your OLLI class from the Spring Valley Building, look for the white vans with the AU logo stationed at both stops during the dedicated times below. Give the driver your name to be signed in as a walk-on. This service will be available for both May lectures, the June Minis, and the July Shorts.

If you need an OnDemand van outside of these dedicated times, please call AU Shuttle Services at **(202) 885-3631** or **(202) 534-7077**. More

information can be found on the [AU Shuttle Services Website](#).

Arriving: Tenleytown Metro Station (Albemarle St. & Fort Dr. NW)	
Leaving: Spring Valley Building (D96 bus stop, on 48th St., on SVB side)	
Monday-Thursday	Friday
9:00 – 10:00 AM	9:00 – 10:00 AM
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
1:00 – 2:00 PM	1:00 – 3:30 PM
3:00 – 4:00 PM	-

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

JUNE MINIS (June 1-26)

There is still time to register for classes! June Minis meet once a week for four weeks, either in-person or online. Now that the lottery has passed, you can add a fourth class by logging into your account online. **The deadline to add/drop classes or request a refund is Friday, June 5.**

[REGISTER](#)



Hearing Loops

All of the OLLI classrooms have hearing loops installed, except for AU classrooms that may be used (see classroom assignments below).

"Hearing loops" are state-of-the-art "Listening Assistive" technology.

There are three main parts to a hearing loop: the wire that is installed around and across the room, a microphone, and a transceiver (which picks up and amplifies the sound from the microphone). The system both amplifies the speaker's voice and suppresses background noise. We urge everyone who has hearing loss to take advantage of the hearing loops. The sound is remarkable. It's as if the person speaking is sitting right next to you.

Classroom Assignments

Click on the image below to view classroom information for the June Minis.

The room assignments will also be on signs in each elevator lobby of the parking garage, in the main lobby on the first floor, and as you walk out of the elevator on the 5th floor.

1st Floor

- Room A

5th Floor

- Room 3
- Room 5
- Room 545*
- Social Space
- OLLI Office

*This room does not have hearing loops.



OLLI JUNE MINIS 2026 CLASS LOCATIONS
OLLI office and Social Space: 5th Floor

MONDAY 9:45 AM	TUESDAY 9:45 AM	WEDNESDAY 9:45 AM	No In-Person Classes	FRIDAY 9:45 AM
5th fl/Rm 3 Charitable Giving	1st fl/Rm A Socialists, Populists, and Communists in America	1st fl/Rm A On Your Mark, Get Set, Go	THURSDAY 11:45 AM	1st fl/Rm A The Chatbot Revolution
MONDAY 11:45 AM	TUESDAY 11:45 AM	5th fl/Rm 545 Current Events & Public Policy	5th fl/Rm 3 Intermediate German Part III	5th fl/Rm 3 Aristotle's Aesthetics and Logic
1st fl/Rm A Four Visions of America	1st fl/Rm A Song Anatomy 101	WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM	5th fl/Rm 5 Taiwan in the Global Environment	FRIDAY 11:45 AM
5th fl/Rm 3 Understanding Arthritis	5th fl/Rm 3 Motherhood, Trauma, and Home	1st fl/Rm A The Fall of the Roman Republic	THURSDAY 1:45 PM	1st fl/Rm A Jews in Hollywood
MONDAY 1:45 PM	TUESDAY 1:45 PM	5th fl/Rm 3 Reflections on Wealth	5th fl/Rm 3 Nonverbal Communication	
5th fl/Rm 3 Transformation of Major League Baseball	1st fl/Rm A James Joyce	WEDNESDAY 1:45 PM	5th fl/Rm 5 Writing Systems in East Asia	
		1st fl/Rm A History vs. Historical Fiction		

In accordance with AU's "Good Neighbor Policy," all members are required to park in the building's garage while attending OLLI.

SUMMER BOOK LIST

Most June Minis and July Shorts books are available through Politics and Prose bookstore at 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008. Politics and Prose offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books for courses. Below is a list of books for each summer session that are not available at Politics and Prose.

June Minis - Not Available

1600 *Mannheimer Begegnungen*

1610 *Persuasion*

1630 *Ulysses*

1650 *Experience Poems and Pictures: Poems that Paint Pictures that Speak*

1740 *Choosing Sides*

July Shorts - Not Available

960 *Mannheimer Begegnungen*

JULY SHORTS (July 6-10)

July Shorts meet 2-5 times during one week, either in-person or online.

Members can select up to three courses before the lottery for \$100. After the lottery, members can add however many classes fit in their schedule. **The July Shorts lottery will be held on Wednesday, June 24.**

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NEW MEMBER 10% DISCOUNT

Are you new to OLLI or thinking about coming back after taking a break? Use one of the buttons below to register for either summer session. A 10% discount will be applied for those who are new or who have not taken classes in five or more years. Click "Choose Lottery Selections" and then log in or create an account. You will see the discount when paying for the semester.

JUNE MINIS DISCOUNT

JULY SHORTS DISCOUNT

BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR OLLI!

Membership growth is an important part of keeping OLLI strong, and word of mouth is our most effective recruiting tool. As we get ready for June, July, and fall registration, the OLLI membership committee encourages members to tell their friends and neighbors all about OLLI! Encourage them to check out the OLLI website and listen to our podcast series, "[Curiosity Never Retires](#)," where they can learn about our wonderful courses and SGLs. Another way to spread the word is wearing the OLLI jacket; you would be surprised how many people ask you about OLLI. If you know of an apartment complex, village, or community group that might be interested in OLLI, please contact the office. We will provide you with materials you can use to promote our program!

LECTURES

MAY LECTURES

Today's lecture will be held at OLLI: 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, in Room A on the first floor **from 1:30-2:30 PM**. Lectures are **free and open to the public, but registration is required**.



TODAY'S LECTURE

Robert Greenstein, *Poverty and the U.S. Safety Net Over the Past Half-Century and Where to Go from Here*

Friday, May 29 | 1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Robert Greenstein founded and led the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities for 40 years, focusing on federal fiscal policy and programs for people with low and moderate incomes. [Read More](#).

REGISTER

OLLI EVENTS

SERENDIPITY TALK

Jonatan Shimshoni, *Israel Now: From Existential Crisis to Opportunity*

Monday, June 1 | 3:30-4:45 PM

Online via Zoom

Brigadier General Jonatan Shimshoni will discuss the difficult challenges that Israel faces given the conflict in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, and Iran. He will offer a way forward that has the potential to lead to a peaceful, secure, and democratic Israel integrated into the Middle East.

No registration is required for Serendipities. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of each talk. If you do not receive the newsletter and would like to attend, please join the email list at https://www.oli-dc.org/join_email_list.

BLOOMSDAY 2026

Tuesday, June 16 | 1:45-4:15 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Room A

OLLI will celebrate the day that the novel *Ulysses* took place in 1904 with readings of passages from the works of Joyce (*Dubliners*, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, and *Ulysses*). The event will be followed by a cast party to which all are welcome. This event is free of charge but registration is required.

[Link to Script of Reading Highlights](#)



[REGISTER](#)



OLLI AMERICA 250

Tuesday, June 30 | 9:45 AM-3:00

PM

In-Person at OLLI

Registration fee: \$15 (includes lunch)

Deadline: Monday, June 22

Join us for a special OLLI at AU America 250 event, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The day will feature [presentations](#) exploring topics related to American history, culture, democracy, civic life, and the nation's founding. Attendees will have the opportunity to choose a presentation from each morning timeslot, followed by a lunch forum and a concluding lecture.

[REGISTER/MORE INFO](#)

AU EVENTS

American Wagner Project Spring Recital



Heather Hjelle
soprano



Matthew Sink
tenor



Wei-Han Wu
piano

Sunday, May 31, 2026 | 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Katzen Arts Center, American University

This annual recital offers a wonderful opportunity to hear the next generation of Wagnerian singers emerging from the WSWDC-supported training program led by Luana DeVol and Dolora Zajick. This year's program features soprano Heather Hjelle and tenor Matthew Sink accompanied by pianist Wei-Han Wu. *We show you will pick up for what promises*

[REGISTER](#)



250+ AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

The 250+ at American initiative offers a year of multidisciplinary programs that invite AU's community to reflect on the nation's past, engage in the present, and imagine the future. [More Info/Events.](#)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University

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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