



*Where Curiosity Never Retires*



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## Fall Semester Information

### Registration

Registration is OPEN on the OLLI website for the **fall semester (September 19-December 2)**. The semester membership fee is \$300. **However, each fall, members have the option to receive a discount and pay \$550 for both the fall and spring semester.** The membership fee allows you to register for three study groups before the lottery and then add a fourth after you receive your registration confirmation letter.

Classes are offered online, in-person, and hybrid. In the catalog, each course description lists the format. When registering for a hybrid class, you must select whether you want to attend in-person (Hybrid In-Person) or by Zoom (Hybrid Zoom). List both formats if the class is a priority and you are willing to attend either format. You can prioritize up to 12 classes for the lottery, which will then

assign you to up to three classes. To add a fourth class after the lottery, you no longer need to contact the office—simply log into your account on the website.

The **fall lottery is September 6**. Be sure to **register by 8:00 AM on September 6** for the best chance of getting into your preferred study groups. [View classes and register for the fall semester.](#)

### Catalog Changes

Below are changes made to classes after the catalog went to print. Class changes are also available on the [fall catalog changes](#) page of the OLLI website and are updated there as they occur.

**171 *Current Events and Public Policy I***: This study group is now ONLINE.

**185 *What Is Rural?***: This study group is now ONLINE.

**292 *How to Live Healthier and Happier in Retirement***: CANCELLED

**530 *War Songs of the 20th Century***: This study group is now ONLINE.

**626 *Poetry Craftshop: We Are Made of Circles and Rectangles***: This study group is now ONLINE.

**688 *Shakespeare in Performance: The Scottish Play***: CANCELLED

**697 *Star Crossed: Tragic Tales of Love From Around the World***: This study group is now ONLINE.

**764: *The "Eastern Question": Then and Now***: CANCELLED

**841 *The Philosophy of Science***: CANCELLED

### Volunteer as an SGR!

OLLI is excited to once again have a Study Group Rep (SGR) assigned to each class in the fall, no matter the format (in-person, online, or hybrid). As you register for the fall semester, please consider volunteering to serve as SGR for one (or more!) of your study groups. SGRs play an important role in helping to ensure each study group runs smoothly.

Duties vary slightly depending on the study group's format, but generally include:

- Making announcements of OLLI news, weekly lectures, and upcoming events;
- Taking attendance (in-person classes) by making sure members place a check by their name on the attendance sheet;
- Collecting money from class members (as applicable) for any copied materials fee;
- Informing the office of problems in the classroom, including heating/AC, lighting, and sound; and
- Reminding class members of the feedback form and online SGL gifts at the end of the session

If you're interested in serving as SGR for one or more of your fall study groups, please select "SGR" in the pop-up menu of volunteer roles after selecting your classes online.

## AU Mask Policy Update

American University has revised their mask policy. As of August 11, 2022, **masks are required in classrooms** to support the continuity of the learning experience, but are not required in public spaces. Thus, in accordance with AU policy, **masks will be required in the classroom** for OLLI's fall semester. Masks will be **optional in the social space**.

**SGLs can remove masks while lecturing** if there is sufficient distance (generally six feet) between them and their class members. Eating in the classroom remains prohibited, but SGLs and participants may briefly raise their masks to drink.

If you are attending a class in-person and did not attest to your Covid-19 vaccination/booster during the registration process, you will be required to fill out an attestation form, which will be sent out closer to the start of the fall semester.

## Open House

**Tuesday, September 13**

**10:00 AM**

**Hybrid format**

Join us for OLLI's Fall Open House and hear from Dave Hensler, Board Chair and Tony Long, Executive Director. Catch up with OLLI friends, welcome new members, and ask questions. The meeting format will be hybrid (members both in-person and online) and will take place in Room A on the first floor. In-person attendees will be required to wear a mask at all times. You do not need to register to attend this event in either format. The Zoom link will be sent to all members the morning of the Open House.

## Fall Music-Theatre Group

Alliance for New Music-Theatre is pleased to announce that they are re-launching their "Live & About" series in collaboration with OLLI at AU for this special outreach and community engagement series.

As in past years, there will be the choice of midweek evening shows or weekend matinees for each outing. They have put together a very energetic and eclectic program for this fall season with outings to four different productions in the DC area and introducing our group to new hosting theatre venues. The first session of the group will be in a classroom at OLLI.

[View more information and register.](#)

## June Minis and Spring Classes are in the Digital Library

Selections of our 2022 June minis and spring classes are now available for viewing in the Digital Library. Please note that in order to incorporate closed captions, we did not edit down the videos. To view the start of the class, fast-forward approximately 20 minutes as you would when viewing recordings during an academic session. To enable closed captioning, click the "CC" icon to the far right of the play button and select "English (auto-generated) CC."

Go to the [Digital Library](#)

## Staff Working Remotely

The OLLI staff will continue to work remotely through the end of August. We are reachable by email and the office phone.

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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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