



HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

This 2022 February Shorts and Spring Catalog marks the beginning of a special year—our 40th anniversary. In 1982, OLLI at AU's predecessor organization started as the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR). It offered 11 courses for 80 members. Forty years later, OLLI at AU will offer over 250 classes to over 1,600 members during this year.

The excitement and inspiration of ILR as a volunteer membership organization with intellectually stimulating peer-led study groups that encourages a sense of community remain the beating heart of OLLI at AU today. Much has happened over these 40 years, complete with setbacks, detours, forward surges, and, more currently, lingering uncertainty. From early space constraints to joining the Osher network, and from moving to our current home to transitioning to a virtual format, OLLI at AU has not only endured, but it has become stronger. This past fall, we returned to limited in-person classes and had our largest enrollment ever.

As for the upcoming sessions' offerings, we are all—Curriculum Committee, Study Groups Leaders, Board, and Staff—excited. We have 33 February Shorts and 23 new SGLs for February and spring, who will introduce new subjects, ideas, and perspectives. Perhaps most exciting, slightly more than half of our classes will be in-person. This is an important step for our community to return to “normal.” In the Fall Semester, we welcomed you to the “New Normal.” Think of the Spring Semester as the “New Normal: Version 2.0.” This means continuing to follow the University's Covid-related protocols: any person attending in-person, OLLI-related classes must be fully vaccinated, including a booster shot, and be masked.

We know you will enjoy the course offerings on the following pages. Once you winnow down your choices, be sure to register for February Shorts by January 13 and for spring by February 15. We have resumed the \$300 semester fee that was reduced during the early days of the pandemic. In addition to all the other benefits of OLLI at AU membership, we will continue to offer access to all recorded classes for the semester.

We have come a long way since those first classes in 1982, and we have much to celebrate. It's been 40 years of innovations, opportunities and challenges, and successes. And if the past two years have taught us anything, we know that OLLI at AU is ready for what comes next. Indeed, OLLI's future is bright. We will grow and adapt to a changing world while holding true to what is most important to us—being a community of lifelong learners.

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MISSION

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) 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.***

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

OLLI does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, religious preference, national origin, or sexual orientation.

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PARKING

Parking is available in the garage beneath 4801. In accordance with DC regulations and AU's "Good Neighbor Policy," **OLLI members are required to park in AU lots while attending OLLI.**

SPRING IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 13	Registration forms due by 8:00 AM for the February Shorts Lottery
Jan. 15	February Shorts class assignment letters emailed
Feb. 4	February Shorts refund deadline
Feb. 7–18	February Shorts
Feb. 15	Registration forms due by 8:00 AM for the Spring Lottery
Feb. 17	Spring class assignment letters emailed
Feb. 22	Open House: 10:00 AM
March 7	Spring classes begin
March 18	Spring refund deadline
April 8	Annual Meeting
May 13	Last day of classes

REFUNDS

The office must receive requests for refunds in a written note or an e-mail **no later than close of business on the dates listed above.** A \$10 processing fee will be assessed.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

We follow American University's weather policy. **If an online OLLI class is scheduled, it will still be held. If an in-person or hybrid OLLI class is scheduled, and AU has a delayed opening, 9:45 AM classes are cancelled and the 11:45 AM and 1:45 PM classes are held. If AU is closed, OLLI is also closed and all classes are cancelled.**



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WHAT IS OLLI AT AU?

Drawing on the talent and experience of seniors in the Washington, DC area, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at American University offers a unique opportunity to continue learning at the university level. Members come from varied social, economic, and career backgrounds, ranging from business, academia, and homemaking to education, the arts, and government service. What they have in common is a genuine interest in continuing their learning experiences and intellectual stimulation by participation in an organization with other “seasoned learners.” There are no educational prerequisites for membership in OLLI.

Learning Community

The basic concept of the program is that of peer learning and teaching designed, specifically, for people who are 50 years of age or older. Members participate fully in study groups through preparation for, and involvement in, discussions on a wide variety of subjects. There are no tests and no grades; members participate purely for the joy of learning. Members are encouraged to discuss the possibility of leading a study group with members of the Curriculum Committee and by participating in our Study Group Leader Training Orientation.

Membership Involvement

Members become involved not only as study group leaders or representatives but also as participants on an elected board and appointed committees. As a democratic membership organization, OLLI depends on the volunteer services of its members.

Members are strongly encouraged to participate in one or more of the following:

The **Board of Directors** and its various **committees** develop and implement policies, procedures, and activities designed to enhance the overall program.

Study Group Leaders (SGLs) are members with special expertise or interests who wish to share these with other members by designing and leading study groups. They are entitled to free classes during the semester they lead a group or the following semester.

HOW IS OLLI AT AU ORGANIZED?

OLLI at AU is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in Washington, DC, and is part of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute National Network, which now includes 125 Institutes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Support of OLLI at AU

Membership fees (\$300 this semester) support the program. OLLI is further supported by an endowment from the Osher Foundation given to, and managed by, American University. OLLI receives a percentage of the interest from the endowment annually to assist in funding OLLI's operations.

The Friends of OLLI Fund, established by the Board of Directors, is a reserve fund helping OLLI maintain affordable tuition, expand and enhance its physical facilities, and develop innovative and diverse programs.

THE ABCs OF OLLI

Accessibility

OLLI makes every effort to accommodate members with visual and hearing impairments. We provide documentation in large print format, ask our Study Group Leaders to turn on captions for all videos, and offer technical support. We continue to research and monitor Zoom and its third-party providers to identify additional plug-ins for captioning, transcription, etc. Please contact the office if you need accommodations to access classes, handouts, or any OLLI materials.

Adding or Dropping Study Groups

Members may add, drop, or change study groups through the second week of a semester.

Books

Books are available through Politics and Prose bookstore at 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008, 202-364-1919 or <http://politics-prose.com> online. Books also can be ordered online (often at reduced prices) or purchased at other book stores. The following are some online suggestions for purchasing books, in alphabetical order: <http://AbeBooks.com>, <http://AddAll.com>, <http://Alibris.com>, <http://Amazon.com>, <http://BookOutlet.com>, <http://BookFinder.com>, <http://eBay.com>, and <http://Powells.com>.

Contact Information

Please log into your OLLI account to ensure your contact information, including home and cell telephone number(s), email, as well as emergency contact name and relationship, are current and accurate.

Directory of Members

We publish a member directory each semester listing members' names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails. Please fill out this section of the registration form carefully. The directory is available online to download during the second week of class. Printed copies are available upon request.

Email and E-Newsletter

We use email as our primary means of communication. Please make sure that you check your email several times per week during the semester. Also we send a weekly newsletter via email.

Fourth Study Group

After class assignment letters are emailed to members (on Jan. 14 for February Shorts and on Feb. 17 for the Spring semester), members may login to the website to add a free fourth study group or email the office at olli@american.edu. You can only add a fourth study group **after class assignment letters have been emailed to all members.**

Hearing Loops

All of OLLI's classrooms are equipped with hearing loops, a state-of-the-art assistive listening technology. Most recent hearing aids are equipped with a t-coil. Your audiologist can tell you whether or not your hearing aid has a t-coil and, if it does, your audiologist can activate the t-coil.

With the t-coil turned on, a member can hear others in the room very clearly. Members who do not have hearing aids or who have hearing aids without t-coils, can use a loop receiver with a headset, to benefit from the loop. Each classroom is supplied with a number of loop receivers.

Lecture Series

We offer four Lecture Series throughout the year. During each semester there is a lecture on Fridays from 1:30-2:30 PM. In January and May, there are lectures on various weekday mornings from 10:00-11:00 AM.

Lost and Found

There is a lost and found box in the OLLI office. Please check there if you have misplaced something.

Lunchtime Options

There is a cafeteria on the 6th floor which serves hot and cold breakfast and lunch. Members can also brown bag lunch with OLLI friends in one of the social spaces on the 5th floor. Buy lunch to carry out or eat in at Le Pain Quotidien, Millie's, Starbucks, or Wagshal's Market — all within one block of 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW.

Membership Fee

The fee paid each semester (or for the full academic year) is a membership fee. It allows members to take from one to three study groups for the semester. The fee is NOT a fee per study group. The membership fee entitles you to all of the benefits of membership at OLLI at AU.

Minis

Minis are study groups held once-a-week for four weeks during the month of June. Each day's session in the four weeks is 1½ hours long.

Identification in Classes

For in-person and hybrid classes, please wear your OLLI nametag. Lanyards and plastic nametag holders are available in the hallway outside the office.

For online classes, click on the Participants Panel and rename yourself with your full name so that the Study Group Leader can call on you.

Parking

See page 5.

Privacy Policy

OLLI at American University is highly sensitive to the privacy interests of members and believes that the protection of those interests is one of its most significant responsibilities. We publish the member directory as a courtesy to members. We expect members to respect

EVENTS

Open Houses held each fall and spring, enable new and continuing members to get together, learn about OLLI, and meet study group leaders.

The **Semester Lecture Series** features members of the greater Washington, DC community, each speaking on a field of interest. Semester lectures are free held on Fridays from 1:30 to 2:30 PM.

Interim Lecture Series are free and held on weekday mornings in January and May — from 10:00 to 11:00 AM — featuring speakers on a variety of subjects.

Special events include Serendipities! which are held at various times as well as virtual trips and tours.

The **Town Hall** in the fall and **Annual Meeting** in the spring give members an opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions, and learn more about OLLI's future plans.

other members' privacy. The directory is not to be shared with others outside of OLLI. If you have questions about this policy, please contact us by phone at 202-895-4860 or email at olli@american.edu.

Recordings

Any member with a payment record for the academic session may view any recorded courses from that session. You do not have to be a class participant to view recordings. Visit our website at <http://olli-dc.org> to view recordings throughout each session.

Refunds

The office must receive requests for refunds by the deadline specified on the second page of the catalog, opposite the table of contents. A \$10 processing fee will be assessed.

Shorts

We offer February and July Shorts, three- to five-day immersion study groups. Each day's session is 1½ hours long.

Scholarships

If you need scholarship assistance, please download and complete the scholarship request form on the website. All requests are confidential.

Semesters

OLLI at AU has two regular academic semesters: Spring, which begins in March, and Fall, which begins in September. Semester study groups run from 8 to 10 weeks long. Each class session is 1½ hours long.

Serendipities!

OLLI at AU members and their friends are invited to give a talk or presentation to the OLLI membership as part of our Serendipities! program. Serendipities! are scheduled through the OLLI office and are currently being held remotely via Zoom.

Special Events

OLLI will continue to offer tours and trips, virtually if necessary, depending on the pandemic. These are arranged by Tammy Belden, Trips Coordinator. Please contact the office if you have a suggestion for a virtual trip or tour.

Spring Valley Building (SVB)

American University and OLLI at AU refer to 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW as the Spring Valley Building (SVB).

Texting

Sign up to receive text messages regarding delayed openings, closings, cancelled classes, etc.

1. Login to your account. Click on "Edit Account" in the menu on the left. Add your cell phone number to your account if it is not there, then click "Submit." A blank page titled "Overview" appears.
2. Click on "Text Messaging." Click on the blue button that reads "Opt In for Text Messaging." You will receive a text to confirm.
3. Reply "YES." You can opt out at any time.

Transfers

Membership in OLLI is not transferable. Spouses or partners must have their own individual memberships.

Trips

Each academic year we try to offer several trips for members. Typically, buses are provided. Trips sometimes include boxed lunches or meals at a restaurant. Trip destinations have included:

- Arlington Cemetery
- National Cathedral
- Museum of the American Revolution
- Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

During the pandemic while we have been unable to travel, we have offered virtual tours:

Vending Machines

There are vending machines with water, soda, and snacks on the 4th and 6th floors.

Waitlists

If a seat opens in a class which has a waitlist, members will be contacted by staff and offered a seat in the order in which they appear on the waitlist.

Weather Policy for Class Cancellation

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Website

Please visit the OLLI website at <http://olli-dc.org>:

- to view our calendar, including lecture series and events;
- to register for classes and to pay membership dues with a credit card in an encrypted, secure transaction;
- to add, drop, or change classes; to request a refund; to volunteer; and/or
- to make a donation.

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi at OLLI is free. The Network Name is AUGuest-ByRCN. No password is required.

PARKING & TRANSIT

Public Transportation

Visit the **Parking & Transit page on our website at https://www.oli-dc.org/parking_transit** for up-to-date information on using public transportation to attend OLLI activities.

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Parking Payment Options

Parking is \$2 per hour. You must pay for parking BEFORE class. In order to pay, you must know your vehicle's license plate number.

You may pay for parking:

- with credit card or cash at the kiosks located on each parking level, or
- by credit card using a smartphone and the PayByPhone app (see below), or
- with a credit card by calling PayByPhone at 888-450-7275.

How to Pay By Phone

Dial 888-450-7275. The first time, you will be prompted to:

- Enter your cell phone number
- Create a 4-digit pin number
- Enter your 16-digit credit card number
- Enter your 4-digit expiration date
- Enter the 4-digit location code for Spring Valley Garage: 4889
- Enter your license plate number.
- Enter the number of hours you want to park.

AU SHUTTLE BUS

For full information on the shuttle service, go to: <http://american.edu/finance/facilities/shuttle.cfm> on AU's website.

The AU shuttle buses are kneeling buses and are handicapped accessible.

A free, open-to-the-public AU shuttle bus leaves regularly from the Tenley Metro station, makes stops at the Katzen Center, and then at the Spring Valley Building (4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW), where OLLI is located. To return to the Katzen Center Garage or the Metro, catch the shuttle at the shuttle bus stop behind 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW.

How to Use the PayByPhone App

You can download the free "PayByPhone" app from the App Store or Google Play Store to pay for parking via your smartphone.

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- Enter your 16-digit credit card number
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MAP OF OLLI MAIN LOCATION



MAP OF AU CAMPUS

