



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University (OLLI) offers a unique opportunity to continue learning at the university level. Our nearly 1,400 members come from varied careers, ranging from business and academia to medicine, government service, and the arts. We share a deep desire to continue to learn about the world around us in an engaged community of informed and seasoned learners.

STUDY GROUPS

At the heart of the OLLI program are the study groups led by OLLI members, American University faculty, scholars from other institutions, and by experts from Washington's think tanks and public policy and research organizations. OLLI has three types of programming:

- Fall Semester (Sept.-Nov.) and Spring Semester (Mar.-May)—study groups meet once a week for 8-10 weeks
- February Shorts and July Shorts—study groups meet 3-5 times over the course of one week
- June Minis—study groups meet once a week for 4 weeks

Study groups always meet for 90 minutes during one of three time frames: 9:45-11:15 am, 11:45 am-1:15 pm, or 1:45-3:15 pm. Class sizes range from 120 in lecture format to 10 in small discussion groups.

LECTURES

In addition to the study groups, OLLI offers four lecture series throughout the year. Drawing on Washington's extraordinarily rich resource of senior public officials, policy experts, diplomats, journalists, and authors, OLLI lectures focus on current issues in public policy, the arts, education, economics, and international affairs. Study groups and lectures take place on the AU campus.

ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS

OLLI provides many opportunities to learn and to socialize outside the classroom. Educational field trips, social gatherings, shared interest groups, and trips to local theater performances are just a few of the special events OLLI members organize each year.

OUR HISTORY

Originally established in 1982 as the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR), as part of the Continuing Education Department at American University, OLLI at AU was invited to become an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in 2005. As a member of the larger Osher Lifelong Learning Institute network, we are one of 122 learning institutes nationwide funded in part by the Bernard Osher Foundation and are dedicated to providing excellent educational opportunities for seasoned learners.

RECENT STUDY GROUP SAMPLER

- Today's Supreme Court: A Course for Citizens
- Science and Public Policy
- Introduction to the Cloud
- 19th Century French Art and Early 20th Century Art in Germany
- Reading Classic American Short Stories
- Slavery in America: 1619-1820
- The Qur'an and Modern Society
- The Life and Times of Winston Churchill
- Enjoying American Literature by Contemporary African-American Authors

RECENT OLLI LECTURES

- *What's Next? Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases: A Perpetual Challenge*, Anthony Fauci
- *Saving American Democracy: Can We Bridge the Partisan Divide*, Alice Rivlin, Senior Fellow in Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution and former Chair of the DC Control Board
- *Women's Rights, Where Have We Been, Where Are We Going?* Marcia Greenberger
- *Truly Unknown Soldiers—African Americans in the Civil War*, Frank Smith Jr.