The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University (OLLI at AU) offers a unique opportunity to continue learning at the university level. Our approximately 1,600 members, many of whom are retired or semi-retired, come from various 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 group courses led by OLLI members, American University faculty, and experts from Washington think tanks and public policy organizations. OLLI at AU offers nearly 100 study groups each Fall and Spring semester. The Fall semester runs September through November and the Spring semester March through May. Study groups meet once a week for 8-10 weeks and run for 90 minutes during one of three time frames: 9:45-11:15 am, 11:30 am-1:15 pm, or 1:45-3:15 pm. Short-format courses are also offered between semesters and during the summer.

**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, journalists, and authors, OLLI lectures are open to the public and are free of charge.

**STAYING SAFE THROUGH THE PANDEMIC & BEYOND**
Customarily, OLLI programs take place at American University’s Spring Valley Building, 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. Since March 2020 and in accordance with public health guidelines, all programming has been conducted remotely via Zoom. Beginning with the Fall 2021 semester, OLLI programs will move to a hybrid format with both in-person and remote offerings.

**ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS**
When in-person activities fully resume, OLLI will again provide many opportunities to learn and to socialize outside the classroom. Educational field trips, social gatherings, book club, and shared interest groups 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 the 123 learning institutes nationwide funded in part by the Bernard Osher Foundation and dedicated to providing excellent educational opportunities for seasoned learners.