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A Note From Tony Long

Dear OLLI at AU Members,

I hope you are getting excited about the upcoming OLLI Fall 2021 semester as the unofficial end to summer is upon us. OLLI [Study Group Leaders](#) have been busy preparing the incredible courses for which we are always grateful while OLLI's [Board of Directors](#), [numerous committees](#) and [staff](#) have been working hard to support them in order to provide you with another great OLLI at AU semester.

The fall semester will bring a return to the familiar while also opening new opportunities. We already know that we offer great courses in-person. We learned last year that we can offer great courses online. Now, it's time to expand our horizons to prove that we can offer great courses in-person, online, and as a combination of both (hybrid)—all at the same time. Offering courses using these three modalities gives us the best opportunity to accommodate the times we are living through and the needs of our OLLI community—some of us have been eager to be back together in-person while others have decided to continue online for now.

We have been coordinating with American University and have been guided by the University's

Covid-related protocols for their own faculty, staff, and students to ensure that we provide a safe environment for those who will be returning to in-person instruction for the fall semester. Below are the Covid-related protocols for the fall that we are currently following:

- To attend any in-person OLLI class or function on the American University campus, the person must be fully vaccinated, unless granted certain medical or religious exemptions;
- To attend any in-person OLLI class or function, the person must submit a brief OLLI online form assuring he/she has been fully vaccinated, unless granted certain medical or religious exemptions. The online form will be sent via email after lottery day (September 7) to anyone registered to take a class in-person;
- All classroom participants must wear masks;
- Study Group Leaders will NOT be required to wear masks provided they are sufficiently socially distanced from class participants—classrooms will be arranged for this purpose;
- Classrooms will be capped at 15 class members, plus the Study Group Leader (and Virtual Room Monitor for hybrid courses); and
- Any person exhibiting any Covid-related symptoms will be asked to stay home.

This is another semester of change and growth for OLLI at AU. We are prepared and excited to ring the proverbial bell to start classes.

I wish you a relaxing remainder to the summer and a wonderful upcoming semester.

Please stay well and take care,

Tony Long
Executive Director

Fall Registration Is Open

Registration is open on the OLLI [website](#) for the fall semester (September 20-December 3). The fall lottery is on September 7. Be sure to register by 8:00 AM on September 7 for the best chance of getting into your preferred study groups. Please note that registering during the open registration period before Lottery Day does not guarantee enrollment in your preferred classes. If a study group is oversubscribed on Lottery Day, registrations in that class are subjected to a random, computerized lottery. Given the greater number of options, you can now prioritize up to 12 classes for the lottery, instead of just six. As always, the lottery will then assign you to up to three classes. Members who are not selected for a study group are put on the waiting list and will be emailed by the office if space becomes available. We will continue to accept registrations on a space-available basis until October 1.

[View classes and register](#).

Introducing Hybrid Classes

In hybrid classes, the SGL and some members of the class are in-person while other members participate via Zoom. When registering for your classes, you may select a hybrid class either as "Hybrid In-Person" or "Hybrid Zoom." If you wish to attend the class regardless of the format, then select the class twice--one, as "Hybrid In-Person" and the other as "Hybrid Zoom," each as a separate selection. If your final registrant status for a hybrid class is "Hybrid Zoom" you may only attend the class over Zoom, due to classroom space constraints.

Fall Catalog Changes

- **201 Evolution of the Mind:** This study group is cancelled.
- **479 Understanding Environmental Issues:** This study group now starts on Wednesday, Sept. 22.
- **740 Race in America:** This study group is online only, as stated in the catalog. Please disregard the mention of hybrid in the sentence about class capacity in the description.
- **747 Poisonous Places:** This study group now starts on Oct. 14.
- **805 Meditation Class:** This study group now starts on Oct. 1.
- **806 Medical Chi Kung:** This study group now starts on Sept. 27.
- **292 Living Healthier and Happier in Retirement:** This study group will now meet online.

September 9: In-Person Happy Hour

Thursday, September 9

4:00-6:00 PM

Location: Pizza Paradiso, opposite OLLI at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Join OLLI and Jeff Porter, Chair of the Social Committee, for a hosted in-person happy hour on Thursday, September 9, from 4:00-6:00 PM, on the outdoor patio of Pizza Paradiso, located opposite OLLI at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. Refreshments will be served. Attendance is limited to the first 30 members that register. Tickets are \$10 per person. The [registration](#) cutoff is Wednesday, September 8, at 8:00 AM or 30 registrants, whichever comes first.

Fall Semester: Tips and Reminders

Print Catalog

OLLI's fall catalog has been mailed. Look for a copy in your mailbox soon.

Membership Fee

The fee paid each semester (or for both the fall and spring semesters) is a membership fee. The membership fee entitles you to all the benefits of membership at OLLI at AU and is not a fee per study group. The fee for Fall 2021 is \$270 and for Spring 2022 will be \$300. Members can either choose to pay separately for each semester or to pay \$550 during fall registration for both Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 (saving \$20).

Registering for Classes

Your registration is complete when you receive an email confirmation. If you registered and did not receive a confirmation, you may not have clicked on the "Submit Registration" button on the registration page. To verify, you should log back into your account, and if needed, complete the registration process.

Back-to-Back Classes

When registering for fall classes, please take note of each study group's format, especially for any classes that are back-to-back. For example, if you register for two classes in consecutive time slots,

and one is held in-person and the other online, there is only a 30-minute break between classes. Keep this in mind when reviewing your final registration letter post-lottery. If you need to make any changes to your registration, before or after the lottery, you can log into your account or contact the office.

Fourth Course

To add a fourth class after Lottery Day, September 7, you no longer need to contact the office—simply log into your account on the website.

American University News & Events

AU ARTS

Home of AU's performing, visual, literary, and media-based arts. [View the schedule and registration links.](#)

AU MUSEUM

The [museum](#) is again open to visitors. Patrons and university community members can now experience shows on display at the [Katzen Arts Center](#).

Follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). You will find e-book catalogs, artist-inspired children's art activities, playlists inspired by exhibiting artists, information on virtual events, and more.

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OLLI at AU is dedicated to the proposition that learning is a lifelong process and that *curiosity never retires.*

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