

## Reasons OLLI May be Just What You're Looking For

### Stay Curious!

### Choose from a Variety of Stimulating Courses

Classes are offered in many ways to fit your comfort level and scheduling needs and range from one to ten sessions in length.

Held at 9:40, 11:50 & 2:15 during our Fall, Winter, Spring & Summer terms:

- Live interactive **Zoom** classes and Webinars
- **In-person** classes in Fairfax, Reston, and Sterling
- **Hybrid** classes combining in-person & Zoom

OR – to fit your schedule:

- Most Zoom and hybrid classes are **recorded and available to watch whenever you please**, during the current term & for months after the live courses have concluded.

300-500 courses are offered every year in:

- Art & Music
- Economics & Finance
- History
- Literature, Theatre, and Writing
- Languages
- Religious Studies
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Current Events
- Science, Technology & Health
- Other topics such as Genealogy, Mah Jongg, Cooking, International Offerings, and more

**Instructors are professionals in their subjects:** GMU, NVCC, local members, or local experts from here or any part of the world.

### Socialize & Develop Friendships

We have approximately 1,000 members with many varied backgrounds and interests.

Opportunities for engaging with other members are plentiful:

- Classes
- Clubs, including
  - Art
  - Book Clubs: Fiction & Non-fiction
  - Bridge
  - Classic Literature
  - Cooking
  - Computers
  - Crafting
  - Current Events
  - Dining Out
  - Gardening
  - History
  - Homer
  - Investment Forum
  - Mah Jongg
  - OLLI Players (Acting)
  - Photography
  - Poetry
  - Recorder Consort
  - Spanish
  - Tai Chi
  - Theatre Lovers
  - Writing – Memoirs and More

Don't see one that interests you? Any member can create a new club. Join & start your own!



- Day trips and excursions are a great way to get to know fellow members. Recent & upcoming outings include:
  - Cooking lessons at a farmhouse outside of Leesburg
  - Behind-the-scenes tour of the Center of the Arts and Harris Theater at George Mason
  - Stratford Hall expert-led guided tour and luncheon
  - Winery trip to the Virginia countryside
  - Tour of the Antietam Battlefield
  - Tree-walk with a Forester
  - Docent-led tour of the National Gallery
- Social Events (Covid protocols permitting) including:
  - New member coffees
  - Holiday luncheons
  - Ice cream socials
  - Theatre excursions
  - Picnics



## **If You Enjoy Learning & Camaraderie, OLLI Provides a Great Bang for Your Buck**

- OLLI Mason's annual fee structure of one annual payment for unlimited classes and clubs is a great bargain. For example, in 2021, about 40% of OLLI membership took more than 35 courses over four semesters. At \$450 a year, that averages out to less than \$13 a course, and at the promotional rate of \$300 per year it's only \$8.50 per course. First-time members who are retirees of George Mason University or a northern Virginia school system are eligible for a one-time 12-month membership for only \$150. If you compare this to other organizations that charge on a per course basis, usually \$30-\$50 per course, this represents an enormous savings.
- OLLI offers a payment plan of monthly or quarterly installments by credit or debit card.
- OLLI offers financial assistance for members or prospective members who find it a hardship to pay the full membership fee. Email the registrar ([ollireg@gmu.edu](mailto:ollireg@gmu.edu)) to request an application. All inquiries are kept confidential.

## **Not Ready to Commit? Try Before You Buy!**

- Non-members can sample one or more classes during any consecutive two weeks of a term, provided the course is not oversubscribed.
- Check out a selection of previously recorded OLLI classes at <https://www.youtube.com/c/OLLIGeorgeMasonUniversity/videos>