

OLLI Mason Fall 2026 Courses and Events

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Category	Course	Number of Sessions	Day	Dates	Time	Location
Art and Music	101F Knitting 101	6	M	9/21-11/2	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	102F Watercolor: Building on Beginning Skills	7	M	9/21-11/9	2:15-3:40	Fairfax
	103F/103Z Music Sampler	8	T	9/22-11/10	9:30-10:55	Fairfax, hybrid
	104F/104Z David Boul on the Legacy of his Father:	1	T	9/22	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	DC Artist Jack Boul					
	105F Intermediate Watercolor Painting	8	T	9/22-11/10	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	106F/106Z American Jazz: Five of the Greats	5	W	9/23-10/21	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	107R Seeing Deeply: Slow Looking and Contemporary Art at Tephra ICA	4	TH	9/24-10/15	10:00-11:30	Reston
	108F Rhythm & Nature: Drumming and Garden-based Programming to Promote Connection, Confidence, and Self-expression	8	TH	9/24-11/12	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	109R Meet the Artists	6	TH	9/24-10/29	2:15-3:40	Reston
	110F Singing for Fun	8	TH	9/24-11/12	2:15-3:40	Fairfax
	111Z The Magic Behind Film Music, Part One	6	W	9/30-11/4	11:50-1:15	Zoom
	112F/112Z A Gentle Introduction to Richard Wagner	1	W	10/28	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	113F "Is This a Book?" Exploring and Creating Artists' Books with George Mason Libraries' Special Collections Research Center	1	T	11/10	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	1201F Lunch and Lecture: The Glorious History of Popular Music in Northern Virginia	1	T	10/20	11:50-2:00	Fairfax
Economics	201Z Protect Your Money: Can You Spot the Red Flags of Investment Fraud?	1	M	9/21	9:40-11:05	Zoom
	202F Absolute Basic Financial Analysis	2	M	9/21-9/28	2:15-3:40	Fairfax
	203F/203Z The Investment Forum	7	W	9/23-11/4	11:50-1:15	Fairfax, hybrid
	204Z Equity Investment Ideas from GMU Finance Students	2	W	9/23-9/30	3:30-4:30	Zoom
	205F/205Z Estate Planning Basics	4	TH	9/24-10/15	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	206F/206Z Economic Current Events and Their Effect on You	8	TH	9/24-11/12	2:15-3:40	Fairfax, hybrid
	207F Direct Indexing: Does It Make Sense for You?	1	M	9/28	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	208Z Economics Potpourri	4	T	9/29-10/20	9:40-11:05	Zoom
	209R Senior Medicare Patrol Fraud Education Series	4	W	9/30-10/21	9:40-11:05	Reston
	210Z Preparing for the Rest of Your Life	1	TH	11/5	9:40-11:05	Zoom
History	301F History vs. Fiction: The Dilemma of Ordinary People in Hitler's Germany	3	M	9/21-10/5	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	302R Caesar Augustus and Rome's Transition to Autocracy	3	T	9/22-10/6	2:15-3:40	Reston
	303F The Unlikely War Hero: The Incredible Vietnam War Story of Navy Seaman Apprentice Doug Hegdahl	1	W	9/23	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	304R/304Z The Mexican American War 1846-1848	3	W	9/23-10/7	11:50-1:15	Reston, hybrid
	305F/305Z GMU Retired Faculty Association: The Tory's Wife: A Woman and Her Family in Revolutionary America	1	M	9/28	2:15-3:30	Fairfax, hybrid

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	306F More Walk, Less Talk: How a Japanese Immigrant Helped Create the Appalachian Trail and Great Smoky Mountains National Park	1	M	10/5	2:15-3:40	Fairfax
	307Z Fall for the Book: The True Tale of Mary Kay and the Rise of MLM Empires	1	W	10/7	11:50-1:15	Zoom
	308Z Fall for the Book: Fuji Fire: Sifting Ashes of a Forgotten U. S. Marine Corps Tragedy	1	TH	10/8	2:15-3:40	Zoom
	309R/309Z Park Ranger Potpourri	3	T	10/13-10/27	2:15-3:40	Reston, hybrid
	310F/310Z Exploring the Global Scope of the Revolutionary War	1	W	10/14	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	311F USS Houston CA-30/POW Experience	1	W	10/14	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	312F Mason Oral History: Revolutionary Conversations: Exploring the Values of the American Revolution through Intergenerational Conversation	1	W	10/14	2:00-4:00	Fairfax
	313Z The Soviet/German War: One Historian's 50-year Study of Evolving Interpretations and Source Materials	1	TH	10/15	11:50-1:15	Zoom
	314F/314Z The New Imperial Presidency	4	M	10/19-11/9	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	315F/315Z Continuity and Change in U.S. Foreign Policy	4	M	10/19-11/9	11:50-1:15	Fairfax, hybrid
	316F Religion and the American Experiment	4	M	10/19-11/9	2:15-3:40	Fairfax
	317F/317Z The Civil War Beyond the Battles, Part III	3	W	10/21-11/4	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	318F Caesar Augustus and Rome's Transition to Autocracy	3	W	10/21-11/4	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	319F/319Z The Vote: Then and Now	4	TH	10/22-11/12	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	320F/320Z The British Side of the American Revolution	4	TH	10/22-11/12	11:50-1:15	Fairfax, hybrid
	321F The Rescue of Mount Vernon	1	T	10/27	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	322Z 1776: A Tale of Two Worlds: George Washington's America and Qing China	1	T	11/3	9:40-11:05	Zoom
	323Z Oh, the Stories I've Heard	1	T	11/3	2:15-3:40	Zoom
	324R/324Z The Suffrage Movement on Two Continents	1	W	11/4	11:50-1:15	Reston, hybrid
Literature, Theater, and Writing	401F/401Z The Joy of Reading Aloud to Young Children	1	M	9/21	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	402F Theatre Potpourri	4	M	9/21-10/19	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	403F Memoir Writing	4	T	9/22-10/1	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	404F Staging England's Story: Shakespeare's Major History Plays	8	T	9/22-11/10	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	405Z Charles Dickens's Bleak House	8	T	9/22-11/10	11:50-1:15	Zoom
	406F Fun and Games: The Fundamentals of Improvisational Theater	6	T	9/22-10/27	2:15-3:40	Fairfax
	407Z Poetry Workshop	8	T	9/22-11/10	2:15-3:40	Zoom
	408Z Writers' Workshop	8	W	9/23-11/18	9:15-11:05	Zoom
	409Z Literary Roundtable	7	W	9/23-11/4	11:50-1:15	Zoom
	410R Classic Film Festival	7	W	9/23-11/4	1:45-4:00	Reston
	411Z "Such Friends": James Joyce, Sylvia Beach and Ulysses	3	TH	9/24-10/8	11:50-1:15	Zoom
	412F/412Z Pondering Poe's Fingerprints: From Murders in Rue Morgue to the Modern Detective Novel	5	TH	9/24-10/15	2:15-3:40	Fairfax, hybrid
	413Z Feast of All Fools: The Iceman Cometh and Tragic Ambiguity	7	TH	10/1-11/12	11:50-1:15	Zoom

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	414Z Dr. Strangelove, or I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb	1	M	10/5	2:15-3:40	Zoom
	415F Why 1984 Still Matters: Revisiting Orwell in Modern America	4	T	10/20-11/10	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	416Z So You Wanna Write Poetry	4	TH	10/22-11/12	11:50-1:15	Zoom
	417F From Idea to Page: A Mystery Author's Journey	1	TH	10/29	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	418Z Beauty, Wisdom, and Worldviews in Classical Chinese Poetry	2	TH	11/5-11/12	2:15-3:40	Zoom
	419F/419Z How a Trip to Japan Inspired the Poet in Me	1	T	11/10	2:15-3:40	Fairfax, hybrid
Languages	501F/501Z Italian Culture and Conversation	8	T	9/22-11/10	11:50-1:15	Fairfax, hybrid
	502F/50Z Beginning Italian Language	8	T	9/22-11/10	2:15-3:40	Fairfax, hybrid
	503F Japanese for Beginners	8	TH	9/24-11/12	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	504Z Active French: Easy interactive Travel Dialogs	4	TH	10/22-11/12	3:30-5:00	Zoom
Philosophy and Religious Studies	601Z The Bible's Boldest Women: Heroes, Rebels, Sinners and Survivors	3	M	9/21-10/5	2:15-3:40	Zoom
	602Z Sacred Gravities: The Holy in a Disenchanted World	4	T	9/22-10/13	9:40-11:05	Zoom
	603F Jesus' Final Week and the Beginnings of Christianity	6	T	9/22-10/27	2:15-3:40	Fairfax
	604F/604Z Christian Movies	4	W	9/23-10/14	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	605Z Jesus and Mohammad	2	W	9/23-9/30	11:50-1:15	Zoom
	606F/606Z Old God-New Ideas: Rethinking the Divine	4	TH	9/24-10/15	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	607F/607Z It's Time to Think Biblically About Artificial Intelligence	2	M	9/28-10/5	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	608F/608Z Six Exceptional Human Beings For Us to Get to Know Better	4	M	10/19-11/9	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
Humanities and Social Sciences	651Z Big Issues, Complex Challenges, and No Simple Solutions	7	M	9/21-11/9	9:40-11:05	Zoom
	652Z TED Talk Discussions	4	T	9/22-10/13	11:50-1:15	Zoom
	653Z World War II in France: Occupation; Persecution and Resistance; and Transitional Justice	3	TH	9/24-10/8	9:40-11:05	Zoom
	654F/654Z Conspiracy Theories, Secret Societies, and Cults	4	TH	9/24-10/15	11:50-1:15	Fairfax, hybrid
	655F/655Z Resilient Civilizations	3	W	10/21-11/4	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
	656F/656Z From Rails to Trails: The W&OD Trail and a Whole Lot More	1	M	11/9	11:50-1:15	Fairfax, hybrid
	657F/657Z Six Months in North Korea: Reflections and Relationships	1	TH	11/12	9:40-11:05	Fairfax, hybrid
Current Events	701Z What's in the Daily News?	8	M	9/21-11/9	9:30-11:00	Zoom
	702F/702Z Russia's Continuing Wars with the West	1	M	9/21	2:15-3:40	Fairfax, hybrid
	703F/703Z Great Decisions	8	T	9/22-11/10	11:50-1:15	Fairfax, hybrid
	704F/704Z All the News That's Fit to Print	8	TH	9/24-11/12	11:50-1:15	Fairfax, hybrid
	705F Protect Yourself From Fraud	1	M	9/28	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	706F/706Z Contested Lands: Israel, Palestine, and the Struggle for Sovereignty	1	M	11/2	2:00-4:00	Fairfax, hybrid

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Science, Technology, and Health	801F Aging in Place or Find a New Space	1	M	9/21	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	802R/802Z Hearing Aids: Beware and Be Wise!	1	W	9/23	9:40-11:05	Reston, hybrid
	803F Spatial Information/Where Am I?	3	W	9/23-10/7	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	804F Stop Mumbling! I Can't Understand You!	1	W	9/30	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	805R Finding Earth	1	W	10/14	11:50-1:15	Reston
	806Z Everything You Wanted to Know About Anesthesia and Never Asked	5	TH	10/15-11/12	2:15-3:40	Zoom
	807F Chromosomes, DNA and Genes-Simplified	4	M	10/19-11/9	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	808F/808Z Medical Imaging Methods and Applications	2	M	10/19-10/26	2:15-3:40	Fairfax, hybrid
	809R Behind the Prize...Nobel, That Is	2	W	10/21-10/28	11:50-1:15	Reston
	810F From Lab to Life: Virtual Reality to Manage Craving Reactivity and Reduce Substance Use	1	TH	10/22	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	811F Preventing Fraud and Abuse in the Medicare System	1	M	10/26	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
	812R Depression in Older Adults	1	W	10/28	9:40-11:05	Reston
	813F Chasing the Data: How Climate Change is Reshaping Our Storms	1	W	11/4	9:40-11:05	Fairfax
Other Topics	901Z Monday Lecture Series	8	M	9/21-11/9	11:50-1:15	Zoom
	902F Downsizing and Decluttering: You Can't Take It With You	1	M	10/5	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	903F Rediscover Play: An Introduction to Modern Board Games	3	W	10/7-10/21	11:50-1:15	Fairfax
	904Z The Journey That Changed Everything	1	T	10/20	9:40-11:05	Zoom
	905R/905Z Sorting Facts from Fiction Online	1	W	11/4	9:40-11:05	Reston, hybrid
	906F Funeral Pre-Arrangements: Why, When and How?	1	M	11/9	2:15-3:40	Fairfax
	907Z Let's Get Cozy for Winter	1	TH	11/12	9:40-11:05	Zoom

Special Events

Category	Course	Day	Dates	Time	Location
Lunch & Lecture	1201F The Glorious History of Popular Music in Northern Virginia: From Plantations to Punks.... And Everything In-Between!	T	10/20	11:50-2:00	TBD
Diversions	1101F Let's Get Dicey: Autumn Edition Game Day Bash	T	9/15	10:00-1:00	Fairfax
	1102F OLLI Kick -Off Coffee	TH	9/17	10:00-11:30	Fairfax
	1103F Third Annual Oktoberfest at OLLI Mason	F	10/16	12:30-2:30	Fairfax
	1104F OLLI Ink Reading	F	10/30	1:00- 2:30	Fairfax
	1105F Annual Town Hall Meeting	F	11/6	10:00-11:30	Fairfax
	1106F Annual Holiday Party	F	12/4	11:30-2:30	Country Club of Fairfax
Excursions	1001E Guided Tour of Culpeper National Cemetery	W	9/9	10:00-11:30	Off-site
	1002E Tour of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum	M	9/14	12:45-2:00	Off-site
	1003E Tree Walk With a Forester	F	9/25	1:00-2:30	Off-site
	1004E Four Founders & A Tea Party	F	10/2	9:00-5:00	Bus Trip
	1005E Commemorate America's 250th Birthday at Mt. Vernon	F	10/9	9:30-2:00	Off-site
	1006E Walking with Washington: A Journey Through Historic Pohick Church	F	10/23	10:00-11:30	Off-site

OLLI Mason Fall 2026 Club Offerings

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Club Name	Day	Dates	Time	Location
All the News That's Fit to Print Club	TH	9/3–9/17, 11/19–12/31	11:50–1:15	Zoom
Artists Club	W	9/ 9, 11/18, 12/ 2, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4	9:15–10:45 1:30–3:30	Fairfax, hybrid
Board Game Club	W	9/2–9/16, 11/18–12/9 9/23–11/4	10:00–12:00 1:30–3:30	Fairfax
Bridge Club	W	9/2–9/16, 11/18–12/9 9/23–11/4	10:00–12:00 1:30–3:30	Fairfax
Caregivers Support Group	T–Biweekly	9/1–11/10, 11/17, 12/1–12/29	3:45–4:45	Zoom
Chair Yoga and More Club	M T W TH F	9/ 7–12/ 28 9/1–12/ 29 9/2–12/30 9/3–12/31 9/4–1/1	4:00–5:00 Zoom 2:00–3:00 12:00–1:00 3:00–4:00 12:00–1:00	
Classic Literature Club	F	9/25–11/13	2:00–3:30	Zoom
Cooking Club	F	9/11, 10/ 9, 11/13, 12/11	11:30–1:00	Offsite
Craft and Conversations Club	F	9/ 4–12/11	9:30–11:00	Fairfax, hybrid
Dirty Knee Club	TBD	As possible during term		Fairfax
Ethnic Eats Club	TH	9/17, 10/15, 11/12, 12/10	6:00–7:00	Zoom
Family History/Genealogy Club	M–Biweekly	9/14–12/ 7	4:00–5:00	Zoom
French ConversationClub	F	9/11, 9/ 25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 12/11	1:30–3:00	Zoom
Game On: Talking Sports Club	F	9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 11/20, 12/4, 12/18	10:00–11:15	Zoom
Hiking Club	TBD	As possible during term		
History Club	W	10/7, 11/4, 12/ 2	4:00–5:30	Zoom
Homer, etc. Club	F	9/ 4–12/18	11:00–12:30	Zoom
Literary Fiction Book Club	T	9/24, 10/22, 11/12	4:00–5:30	Zoom
Mah Jongg Club	F	9/4–12/11	10:00–12:00	Fairfax
Memoir–and More–Writing Group Club	W–Biweekly	9/2–12/9	2:00–4:30	Zoom
Personal Computer User Group Club	S	9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/12	1:00–3:30	Fairfax, hybrid
Photography Club	F	9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 12/11	9:30–11:30	Fairfax, hybrid
Poetry Reading Club	M	11/16, 12/7, 12/21	11:00–12:30	Zoom
Poetry Writing Club	M	9/1414, 11/30	11:00–12:30	Zoom
Spanish Club	W	9/ 2, 9/16, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16	4:00–5:30	Zoom
Spanish Page Turners Club	W	9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9, 12/23	4:00–5:30	Zoom
Tai Chi Club	T, TH, S	9/ 8–12/29, 9/3–12/31, 9/5–12/26	4:30–5:30 (T, TH) 10:30–11:30 (S)	Zoom
Tallwood Book Club	F	9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11	2:30–4:00	Zoom
The Investment Forum	W	9/ 2–9/16, 11/18, 12/2–12/9	10:30–12:00	Fairfax, hybrid
Theater Lovers' Group Club	W	9/23, 10/28	4:00–5:30	Zoom
Walk and Talk Club	TBD	As possible during term	Between 9:00 and 2:00	TBD
What's in the Daily News Club	M	9/ 7–9/14, 11/16–11/23, 12/7–12/21	9:30–11:00	Zoom