

Membership and Registration

**** Special ****

Fall 2026 Promotion!

OLLI Mason is offering a low fee of \$300 for those new to OLLI Mason who purchase an annual membership. (Available as a one-time discount to those who have never been OLLI Mason members, are returning to OLLI Mason after a hiatus of more than one year, or have previously been introductory members and have not converted to an annual membership).

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George Mason and Northern Virginia Public School Retirees!

OLLI Mason is offering a one-time annual membership discount of \$100, which may be applied to the special \$300 promotion. George Mason and Northern Virginia Public School retirees who have not previously joined OLLI Mason may receive an annual membership for just \$200.

Two Types of OLLI Mason Membership

Memberships at OLLI Mason can be purchased at any time during the year and are renewed on a rolling basis.

- **Annual membership.** Register for unlimited courses and activities for four consecutive terms. Members are eligible for a Mason ID card to receive certain university privileges and discounts (see page ii). The cost is **\$450**.
- **Introductory membership.** Register for unlimited courses and activities for just one term, one time only. An introductory membership is not available to former OLLI Mason members; it is intended for new members who want to sample OLLI Mason before committing to a full year. Introductory members are not eligible for a Mason ID card or its privileges. The **onetime** introductory membership is **\$150**.

The term date on your catalog mailing label reflects the end of your current membership. If it is time to renew, you may not be able to view offerings or register on the Member Portal until you purchase your membership renewal.

Payment Options

- **Online.** You may join online at olli.gmu.edu. Click the yellow 'Join Olli' tab at the top right corner. When renewing online, log in to your Member Portal account. Click the 'Join OLLI!' tab on the left green banner and purchase your membership. Credit card or electronic check payment is required when joining online.
- **Paper Copy Registration Form.** Using the registration form to join or renew, payment can be made by check or credit card. If paying by check, submit a separate check for each unique expense (class fee, membership renewal, etc.) The form can be dropped off or mailed to: **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 4210 Roberts Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032.**
- **Installments.** OLLI Mason encourages members to pay in full at time of registration. However, OLLI Mason offers a payment plan of monthly or quarterly installments by credit or debit card. Your application for the installment plan must be filled out completely, mailed to the address on the form, and approved each year before you can register for courses or activities. For security reasons, we cannot accept the form by email. Installment applications are available on the OLLI Mason website at olli.gmu.edu/installment-plans/
- **Financial Assistance.** OLLI Mason 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) to request an application. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Refunds

Members may only obtain a full refund of their membership fees by applying in writing to the executive director before the beginning of the third week of classes in the first term after enrollment or re-enrollment. We cannot honor proration or refund requests after this deadline.

Prospective Members

Not ready to commit? Prospective members may experience OLLI Mason by sampling one or more courses during any consecutive two weeks of a term, provided the course is not overenrolled. Contact the registrar for more information at ollireg@gmu.edu or 703-544-0085.

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REGISTRATION PROCESS

- **Online.** You may register for OLLI Mason courses and activities (diversions, excursions, and clubs) online at olli.gmu.edu. Click **Sign In** at the upper right-hand corner of the home page.

Mail-In Registration Form. You may also register for courses and activities using the registration form. The form can be dropped off or mailed to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 4210 Roberts Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032.

****Emailed registration forms will not be accepted. ****

When to Register

Members are encouraged to register for courses and activities as soon as registration opens (the date is listed on the front and back cover of the catalog and on page ii). **IMPORTANT NOTE: Register early for courses and activities. Popular offerings can fill up quickly, even on the first day of registration.** Although registration continues throughout the term, low enrollment courses and activities are subject to cancellation, so please register early. You must click **Add to Cart** as detailed below:

- **Each time you select a course or activity, you must click Add to Cart.**
- After adding all courses and activities to the cart, be sure to check out. The ☒ "CHECKOUT" button is in the upper right-hand corner of the Member Portal.
- Courses and activities with fees will have a dollar sign \$ next to their descriptions.
- Payment for courses and activities with fees must be made at the time of registration.

Making Changes to Your Registration (Add/Drop)

- You may add offerings (courses, special events, and clubs) at any time online through the Member Portal.
- You may drop offerings by filling out the online form at: olli.gmu.edu/add_drop_form or by emailing ollireg@gmu.edu.

Emails Confirming Class Enrollment and Payments

You will receive email confirmations for your enrollment in OLLI Mason courses and activities per below. If you want to see your enrollments thereafter, log in to the Member Portal (olli.gmu.edu; Member Portal button) and click **"CURRENT REGISTRATIONS"**.

- Confirmation emails for all of your selections will be sent immediately after checkout; please read your confirmation notes carefully.
- If you do not have an email address on file, the confirmation notes will be mailed to you.
- Special Event fees: OLLI Mason cannot guarantee a refund for courses or activities once you have paid and enrolled. As such, please consider carefully before signing up for offerings with fees. If you need to drop an activity, you should contact the registrar. In some cases, refunds will be granted if your reserved spot is filled by someone else or the event is canceled.

Wait Lists

- OLLI Mason does everything possible to maximize enrollment. Members will be wait-listed if a course or activity is full.
- If space opens in a course or activity, the OLLI Mason office will contact members on the wait list until the vacancy is filled. In most cases, the office will not leave a message.