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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you've had a pleasant holiday season! Welcome back to OLLI at AU. We have exciting news to share with you!

**This catalog includes two upcoming series:**

**OLLI Shorts on pages 41–48**— which are the week of February of 5–9, and  
**Spring semester courses on pages 6–40** — which begin March 5.

Covering a broad range of topics, there are 20 study groups in the Shorts and 95 in the Spring. For this we thank the Curriculum Committee, headed by Stan Newman, and as of January 1, Marianne Sponis, and the 11 committee members, each of whom is responsible for a specialized area. OLLI staff members have been indispensable, with Tony Long as a mainstay and Susan Kalil handling and organizing myriad daily matters.

This Spring we will have over 80 returning and 10 new study group leaders. We are grateful for our continued collaboration with American University to bring you a wide range of exciting lectures from two different departments. We once again have a course from the faculty of the AU School of International Service. And as a first, the Spring semester will feature a science study group by the faculty from the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics of the AU College of Arts and Sciences.

## Other Happenings

**January Lectures:** From January 9 through February 1, twice weekly we will present morning lectures by prominent speakers on art, health, civil rights, education, immigration, and national security. We're fortunate to have the larger 6th floor lecture hall for most of these lectures.

**New Enhancements:** In each of our six 5th floor classrooms, *hearing loops* will be installed. Members who participated in a late November demonstration of the loops in classroom 1 were amazed at the improved sound. In early December the Board approved a contract with the vendor, and the project is underway with completion anticipated this January. We offer a special thank you to OLLI staff members Mary Fran Miklitsch and Besith Pineda for turning a wish into reality.

**Class Registrations:** Please look through the catalog carefully. You will have a challenging time choosing your top picks! Remember for the Spring to list six choices in order of preference, as the best assurance of getting your favorites — whether you want three classes or fewer. **Registration deadlines are close of business on the dates as follow:**

**Shorts: January 25**

**Spring semester: February 9**

We are excited about these offerings, and we hope you, our members, will feel the same.

Myra Barron  
*Chair, Board of Directors*

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# MISSION

*The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at American University is an association of, by, and for the people in the Washington, DC area who wish to continue to study and learn.*

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

# EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

OLLI does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, religious preference, national origin, or sexual orientation.

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## PARKING

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## REFUNDS

The office must receive requests for refunds in a written note or an e-mail **no later than close of business on Friday, March 16.** A \$25 processing fee will be assessed.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 12** Lottery Day
- Feb. 15** Registration Letters Emailed
- Feb. 20** Open House  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- March 5** Classes Begin
- April 13** Annual Meeting
- May 11** Last Day of Classes

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

**OLLI classes will be CANCELLED ALL DAY whenever the District of Columbia Public School system announces delayed openings OR school closings.** Members are urged to check our website as well as local television and radio stations that broadcast bulletins for the District's public schools. **If classes are cancelled, notification will be posted to [olli-dc.org](http://olli-dc.org) and sent via email.**



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# WHAT IS OLLI AT AU?

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Drawing on the talent and experience of seniors in the Washington, DC area, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at American University offers a unique opportunity to continue learning at the university level. Members come from varied social, economic, and career backgrounds, ranging from business, academia, and homemaking to education, the arts, and government service. What they have in common is a genuine interest in continuing their learning experiences and intellectual stimulation by participation in an organization with other “seasoned learners.” There are no educational prerequisites for membership in OLLI.

## Learning Community

The basic concept of the program is that of peer learning and teaching. Members participate fully in study groups through preparation for, and involvement in, discussions on a wide variety of subjects. There are no tests and no grades; members participate purely for the joy of learning. Members are encouraged to discuss the possibility of leading a study group with members of the Curriculum Committee and by participating in our Study Group Leader Training Course.

## Study Group Leadership Training

We offer a two-session class to give participants the confidence and skills to become effective study group leaders, and to give current or past SGLs the opportunity to share their wisdom or to improve their instructional and leadership styles. The topics covered in the class will include gathering resources, organizing a syllabus, and sharpening presentation skills. Members will have an opportunity to practice, to be videotaped, and to get feedback from each other. Coordinated by Selma Rosenthal, this class will be held February 14 and 15 from 10:00 am–12:00 noon at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, 5th floor. If you are interested, please call the office at 202.895.4860 or email [OLLI@american.edu](mailto:OLLI@american.edu). (This training may be taken in addition to three other courses.)

## Membership Involvement

Members become involved not only as study group leaders or representatives but also as participants on an elected board and appointed committees. As a democratic membership organization, OLLI depends on the volunteer services of its members. Members are strongly encouraged to participate in one or more of the following:

The **Board of Directors** and its various committees develop and implement policies, procedures, and activities designed to enhance the overall program.

**Study Group Leaders (SGLs)** are members with special expertise or interests who wish to share these with other members by designing and leading study groups. They are entitled to free classes during the semester they lead a group or the following semester.

**Study Group Representatives (SGRs)** function as a liaison between their study group and the OLLI administration. They facilitate member participation, make announcements, and assist study group leaders.

## Expanded Social Experience

Membership in OLLI at AU provides an opportunity for increased social interaction and new friendships based on a shared interest in learning. Informal lunchtime discussions and special events such as open houses, guest speakers, and coffee hours provide some of the many occasions for socializing. Many outgrowths of OLLI have developed among members interested in pursuing a topic in depth. Each “OLLI Opportunity” or “OLLI Op” meets independently and provides an environment of continued friendship and learning.

# HOW IS OLLI AT AU ORGANIZED?

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OLLI at AU is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in Washington, DC, and is part of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute National Network, which now includes 120 Institutes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Members are eligible to use the university library, computers, parking, Metro shuttle service, campus store, dining facilities, and to join the Jacobs Fitness Center at a reduced rate.

**This semester, ALL OLLI educational activities take place at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW (see map on page 5), except for Study Group 237 India: Culture, Traditions and Gandhi, which will be held at the Gandhi Center, 4748 Western Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20016. (See map on page 5.)**

## Support of OLLI at AU

Membership fees (\$300 per semester, \$550 per year) support the program. OLLI is further supported by an endowment from the Osher Foundation given to, and managed by, American University. OLLI receives a percentage of the interest from the endowment annually to assist in funding OLLI’s operations.

The Friends of OLLI Fund (previously the Future Fund), established by the Board of Directors, is a reserve fund helping OLLI maintain affordable tuition, expand and enhance its physical facilities, and develop innovative and diverse programs.

# THE ABCs OF OLLI

## Accessibility

4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW is handicapped accessible.

## American University Benefits

### AU Computers

OLLI members may use the AU computers and WiFi free of charge.

### AU Library

All OLLI members may use the AU Library. The library is located on the main campus at the west end of the university quadrangle ([www.library.american.edu/](http://www.library.american.edu/)). Request a Special Borrowers Card from the Circulation Desk. Tell them you are an OLLI member. We send a list of our members to the library when the semester begins.

### AU Fitness Centers

OLLI members are eligible for an annual membership at the Jacobs Fitness Center (202-885-6267) at a discounted rate.

## Books

A list of assigned books is included at the back of this catalog. Books will be ordered through Politics and Prose bookstore at 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008, (202) 364-1919 or [politics-prose.com](http://politics-prose.com) online. Politics and Prose is offering OLLI members a **10% discount** on books for study groups.

Books also will be available through the AU Bookstore on campus. OLLI members are entitled to a **10% discount**. Books also can be ordered online (often at reduced prices) or purchased at other book stores. The following are some online suggestions for purchasing books, in alphabetical order: AbeBooks.com, AddAll.com, Alibris.com, Amazon.com, BookCloseouts.com, BookFinder.com, Half.com, and Powells.com.

## Contact Information

Please log into your OLLI account to ensure your contact information, including home and cell telephone number(s), email, as well as emergency contact name and relationship are current and accurate.

## Cost

The membership fee is \$300 for the semester.

## Directory of Members

We publish a membership directory each semester listing members' names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails. **Please fill out this section of the registration form carefully if you do not want your contact information included.** The directory is available online to download. Printed copies are available upon request.

## EVENTS

**Open Houses** occur each fall and spring, enabling new and continuing members to get together, learn about OLLI, and meet study group leaders.

A **New Member Breakfast** is held before each semester begins to welcome new members and to answer any questions.

The **Spring Lecture Series** takes place during the semester and features members of the greater Washington, DC community, each speaking on a field of interest. This semester, lectures are on Fridays from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Lectures are free and require registration.

**Interim Lecture Series** are held on weekday mornings in January and May — from 10:00 to 11:30 am — featuring speakers on a variety of subjects. Lectures are free and require registration.

**Special Events** include day trips, museum tours, and other activities.

**Town Hall** in the fall and **Annual Meeting** in the spring give members an opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions, and learn more about OLLI's future plans.

A **Holiday Party** is held in December.

## Email and E-Newsletter

We use email as our primary means of communication. Please make sure that you **check your email several times per week** during the semester. Also we send a weekly newsletter via email.

## Lecture Series

We offer four Lecture Series throughout the year. During each semester there is a lecture on Fridays. In January and May, there are lectures on various weekday mornings.

## Lost and Found

There is a lost and found box in the OLLI office. Please check there if you have misplaced something.

## Lunchtime Options

Brown bag lunch with OLLI friends in one of the social spaces on the fifth floor at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. Buy lunch to carry out or eat in at DeCarlo's Restaurant, Le Pain Quotidien, Millie's, Starbucks, Tara Thai, or Wagshal's Market — all within one block of 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW.

## Maps

Page 4 has a map of AU's campus and page 5 has a map showing OLLI's location at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC.

## Membership Fee

The fee paid each semester (or for the full academic year) is a membership fee. It allows members to take from one to three study groups for the semester. The fee is NOT a fee per study group. The membership fee entitles you to all of the benefits of membership at OLLI at AU.

## Minis

Minis are a new program of study groups held once-a-week for 4 weeks during the month of June. Each session is 1-1/2 hours long.

## Nametags

Please wear your OLLI nametag to all classes and events.

## Parking

See page 4 for information on parking.

## Privacy Policy

OLLI at American University is highly sensitive to the privacy interests of members and believes that the protection of those interests is one of its most significant responsibilities. We do not share member information with any outside groups. We only publish the member directory as a courtesy to members. We expect members to adhere to the same policy. If you have questions about this policy, please contact us by phone at 202-895-4860 or email at [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu).

## Refunds

**The office must receive requests for refunds, in a written note or an e-mail, no later than the end of the second week of the term for which the refund is requested. A \$25 processing fee will be assessed. This term the deadline for refunds is close of business Friday, March 16.**

## Shorts

In addition to the Spring and Fall semesters, we offer February Shorts, three- to five-day immersion study groups.

## Scholarships

If you need scholarship assistance, please write a note or an e-mail to the Executive Director with your request. All requests are confidential.

## Transfers

Membership in OLLI is not transferable. Spouses or partners must have their own individual memberships.

## Trips

Each academic year we try to offer several trips for members. Typically, buses are provided. Trips sometimes include boxed lunches or meals at a restaurant. Trip destinations have included:

- The Anderson House
- Baltimore Museum of Art
- Civil War sites in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania
- Library of Congress
- Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

## Waiting Lists

If a seat opens in a class which has a waitlist, members will be contacted by staff and offered a seat in the order in which they appear on the waitlist.

## Weather Policy for Class Cancellation

**OLLI classes will be CANCELLED ALL DAY whenever the District of Columbia Public School system announces delayed openings OR school closings.** Members are urged to check our website as well as local television and radio stations that broadcast bulletins for the District's public schools. **If classes are cancelled, notification will be posted to our website, [olli-dc.org](http://olli-dc.org), and sent via newsletter.**

## Website

Please visit the OLLI website at [www.olli-dc.org](http://www.olli-dc.org):

- to view our calendar, including lecture series and events,
- to register for classes and to pay membership dues with a Visa or MasterCard in an encrypted, secure transaction,
- to add, drop, or change classes, or to request a refund, and/or
- to volunteer, and/or
- to make a donation to the Friends of OLLI Fund.

# PARKING & TRANSIT

## Public Transportation

Visit the **Parking & Transit** page on our website at [https://www.oli-dc.org/parking\\_transit](https://www.oli-dc.org/parking_transit) for up-to-date information on using public transportation to attend OLLI activities.

## Parking

**Parking is available in the garage beneath 4801. In accordance with DC regulations and AU's "Good Neighbor Policy," all members of the AU community — including OLLI members — are required to park in AU lots while attending OLLI. Parking on the street while attending OLLI likely will result in a \$200 parking ticket from AU.** For full parking information, visit the Parking & Transit page at [https://www.oli-dc.org/parking\\_transit](https://www.oli-dc.org/parking_transit) on our website.

## Parking Payment Options

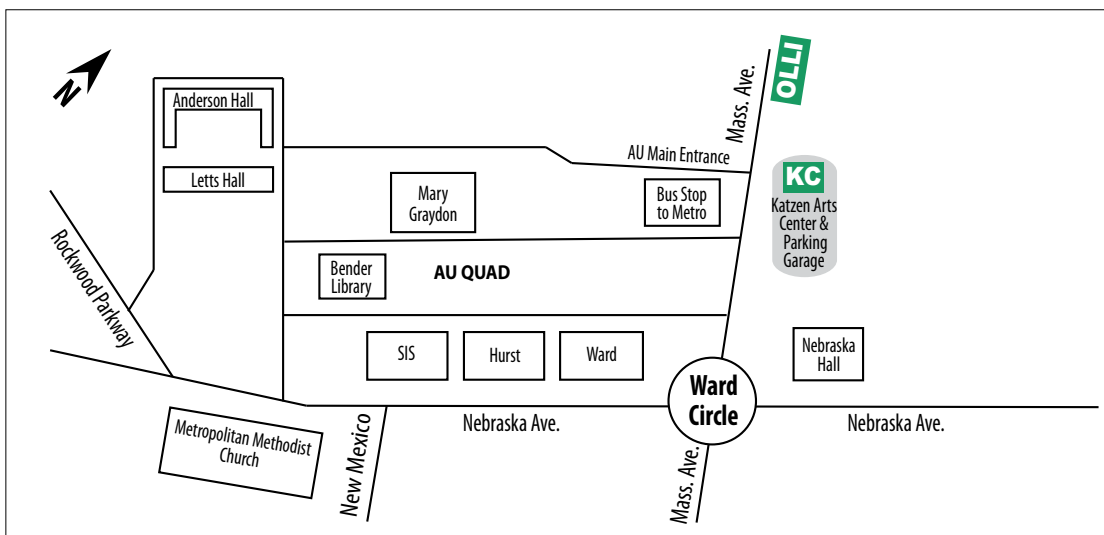
Parking is \$2 per hour. You must pay for parking BEFORE class. You must know your vehicle's license plate number. You may pay with cash or credit card at the kiosks located on each level of the 4801 garage or you may pay with credit card by phone or with the PayByPhone app.

### How to Use Pay By Phone

Dial 888-450-7275. The first time, you will be prompted to:

- Enter your cell phone number
- Create a 4-digit pin number
- Enter your 16-digit credit card number
- Enter your 4-digit expiration date
- Enter the 4-digit location code for Spring Valley Garage: 4889
- Enter your license plate number.
- Enter the number of hours you want to park.

# MAP OF AU CAMPUS



## AU SHUTTLE BUS FROM TENLEYTOWN METRO

For full information on the shuttle service, go to: <http://www.american.edu/finance/facilities/shuttle.cfm> on AU's website.

**The AU shuttle buses are kneeling buses and are handicapped accessible.**

A free, open-to-the-public AU shuttle bus leaves regularly from the Tenley Metro station, makes stops at the Katzen Center, and then at the Spring Valley Building (4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW), where OLLI is located. To return to the Katzen Center Garage or the Metro, catch the shuttle at the shuttle bus stop behind 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW.

### How to Use the PayByPhone App

You can download the free "PayByPhone" app from the App Store or Google Play Store to pay for parking via your smartphone.

The first time you need to:

- Enter your cell phone number
- Create a 4-digit pin number
- Enter your 16-digit credit card number
- Enter your 4-digit expiration date
- Enter the location code for Spring Valley Garage — 4889
- Enter your license plate number.
- Enter the number of hours you want to park.

# MAP OF OLLI MAIN LOCATION

