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OUR 36TH YEAR!

Welcome back to “college”! We begin our second year on our new “campus” in the former AU law school at 4801 Massachusetts Avenue NW. For the first time all our smaller classrooms will be on the same floor. We welcome new and returning students to the familiar ritual of examining the catalog to register for classes. Over 90 offerings provide options for us to select a series of related courses; venture into new and uncharted areas; deepen our understanding in areas where we’re already strong; and select large lectures, small discussion groups, or both.

We thank the Curriculum Committee for this richness and diversity of choice, and our study group leaders who generously volunteer their time and talent to make all this possible. To best accommodate the course selections of nearly a 1000 members each semester, we use a lottery course assignment system. We can each register for up to three courses, though we recommend initially selecting six in order of preference.

Combined with Spring classes, February Shorts, June Minis, and weekly lectures, these Fall classes offer a rich academic calendar. Supplemented by a July Fun schedule, clubs, field trips, and social gatherings — be it coffee in our expanded social space or our annual holiday party, OLLI offers many things to many people.

This year’s approximately 10% tuition increase only partially covers our increased operational expenses. Nor will other income sources fully cover rising costs. Therefore, we’re beginning Campaign 2020, with a two-and-a-half-year, \$1.5 million fundraising goal to maintain an affordable tuition and expand scholarships, enhance our academic programs as well as our physical facilities, and expand in new and innovative areas. Through our volunteer committees developing among other things a strategic plan, we will be able to formulate more detailed plans as the year progresses.

We’ll be communicating with you throughout the year through mailings, flyers, class announcements, and of course our website. And we look forward to talking and hearing from you in many ways — not only in class and at coffee hours, but through the website’s “Get Involved” link, as volunteers, via periodic feedback forms, and our Fall Town Hall meeting.

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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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IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 6** Lottery Day
- Sept. 8** Registration Letters Emailed
- Sept. 18** Open House/Tours of OLLI
9:30-11:30 am
- Sept. 25** Classes Begin
- Oct. 27** Town Hall
- Nov. 22-** Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 24**
- Dec. 1** 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 and sent via newsletter.**



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WHAT IS OLLI AT AU?

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 September 12 and 13 from 10:00-12:00 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. (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?

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.

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/). 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 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 for the is \$300 for the semester or \$550 for the full academic year.

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 **Fall 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.

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, October 6.

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

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Website

Please visit the OLLI website at 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

Parking

For full parking information, visit the **Parking & Transit** page at https://www.oli-dc.org/parking_transit on our website.

Parking is available in the garage beneath 4801. In accordance with Washington, 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 Payment Options

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

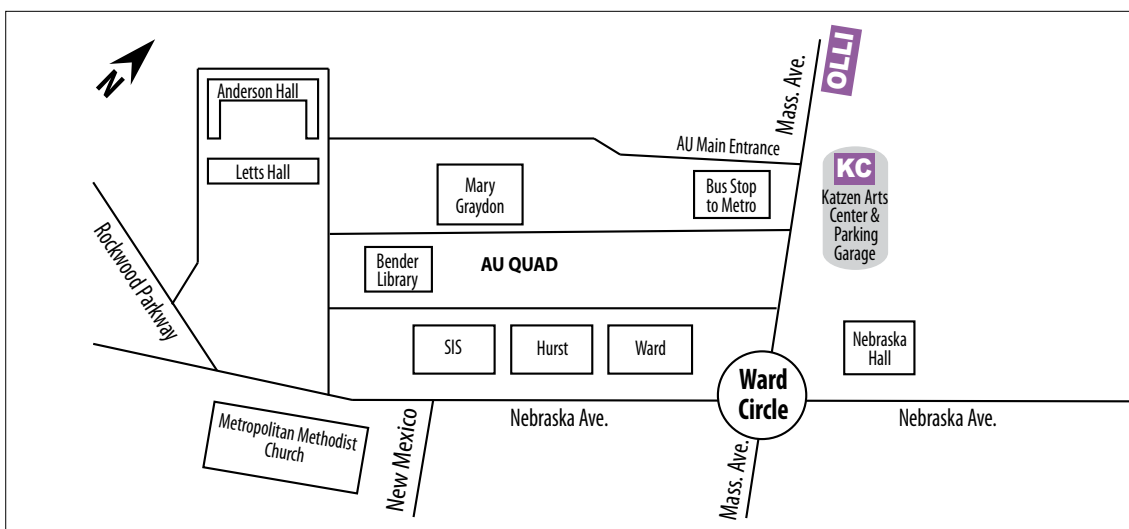
Thereafter, when you call 888-450-7275, you only need to:

- Enter your pin number or the last 4 digits of your credit card
- Enter the location code: 4889
- Enter the number of hours you want to park.

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.

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.

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.

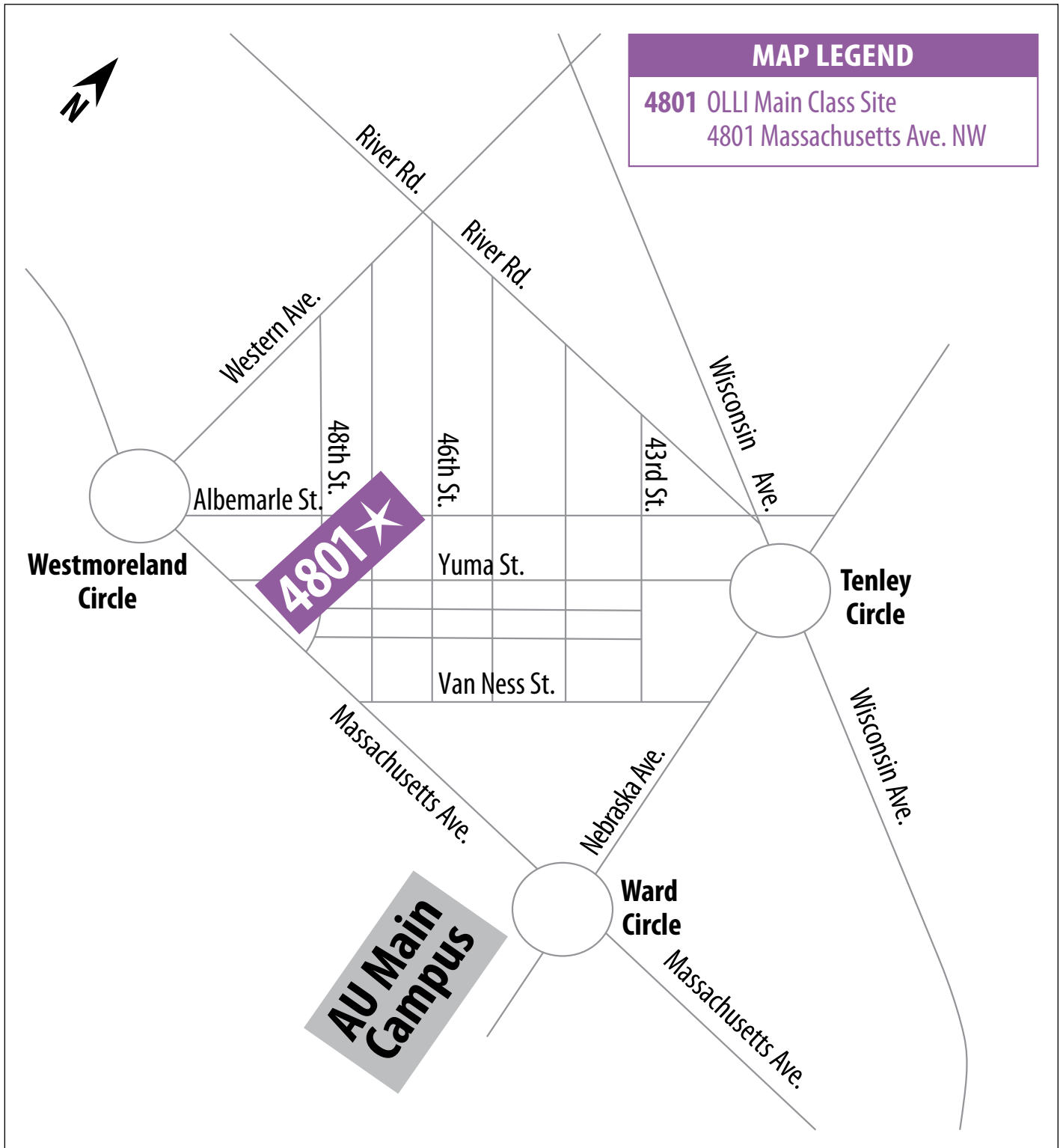
Thereafter, when you call, you only need to:

- Enter your pin number or the last 4 digits of your credit card
- Enter the location code: 4889
- Enter the number of hours you want to park.

Public Transportation

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

MAP OF OLLI MAIN LOCATION



REGISTRATION PROCESS

We highly recommend that members get their registrations into our office BEFORE Lottery Day, Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Class sizes are determined by Study Group Leaders' requests and available space. If a study group is oversubscribed on Lottery Day, the registrations in that class are subjected to a random computer lottery process. Members who are not selected for said study group are put on a waiting list and will be called by the office if space becomes available. Registration confirmation notices and your nametag will be emailed by **September 8**. We will continue to accept registrations on a space-available basis until the semester begins. **OLLI reserves the right to cancel any study group. Members registered in a study group that is cancelled will be notified immediately so that they may select an available alternate.**

JOIN OLLI AT AU

You may join OLLI, pay for membership, register for study groups, and donate to OLLI, all at once. To do so, complete the form on pages 7 and 8. Mail the form with a check made payable to OLLI to the address on the form. Or use our online registration system at www.OLLI-DC.org to join and to pay with a credit card in an encrypted, secure transaction.

To keep your information confidential, you will need to create a user account. Follow the steps below to create your user account.

1. Go to <http://www.OLLI-DC.org>
Click on "**Membership**" in the menu at the top of the page.
A submenu appears. Click on "**Join OLLI**."
2. A new screen appears titled Join OLLI. Click on "**create an account**" in the first paragraph.
3. Fill in the contact information form including entering a username and password. Write your username and password below. If you lose your username, the OLLI office can give it to you. You can reset your password or ask the office to do so.
Username _____
Password _____
You only need to create your username and password once. You will use the same ones for all subsequent semesters.
4. Follow the instructions under Register for Study Groups.

REGISTER FOR STUDY GROUPS

1. Identify the number of study groups you are interested in taking.
(You must select 1, 2, or 3 study groups.)
2. **Prioritize up to 6 study groups** based on your preference for taking the study groups.
(1 = highest priority and 6 = lowest priority).
Note: Prioritize your study groups by whichever method works best for you: subject matter, time/day, location, or Study Group Leader. Even if you have marked that you only want to take one study group, you may still prioritize up to six study groups. When the system processes your registration, it will assign you to your highest level priority study groups that are available.
Note: All members have an equal chance at getting into a class. There is no longer a restriction if a member has taken a Study Group or Study Group Leader previously.
3. Prior to submitting your registration, please ensure that you have completed all items with an asterisk (*). These are **required** items.
4. Submit your registration.
5. You will receive email confirmation of your **PENDING** registration.
6. After Lottery Day, you will receive email confirmation of your **ASSIGNED schedule with your name tag. Please print both.**
You can change your schedule after registration day by going online or calling the office.

Please email or call the office to register for a fourth course AFTER the second week of classes.

Do not assume there is space available if you see an empty seat. The number of participants for each study group is determined by the study group leader, by available space, and by the office.

Our study group leaders spend a prodigious amount of time preparing their classes. Please attend the classes for which you are registered and ONLY the classes for which you are registered.

OLLI AT AU REGISTRATION FORM

FALL 2017: SEPTEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 1

4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW • Washington, DC 20016

Phone 202.895.4860 | Email: OLLI@american.edu • website: www.OLLI-DC.org

Register **BEFORE**
Lottery Day
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017

Please complete all parts of the registration form. See directions on the previous page. You can also register online at www.oli-dc.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ APARTMENT NUMBER _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER - -
CELL PHONE NUMBER - -

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP TO EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBER - -

REGISTER FOR STUDY GROUPS

1. **SELECT** whether you want to register for 1, 2, or 3 study groups.

Check only one box: 1 2 3

2. **List up to 6 study groups in priority order.**

STUDY GROUP NUMBER	STUDY GROUP NAME	VOLUNTEER TO BE STUDY GROUP REPRESENTATIVE
1. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Study Group Leaders: To register for Study Group Leadership training, please call the office at 202-895-4860.

***To register for a 4th class,** you must call or e-mail the OLLI office **AFTER October 6, 2017.**

PAYMENTS

Please make checks payable to OLLI. Payment must accompany registration or register with a credit card online at: www.OLLI-DC.org. Financial assistance is available. Contact the OLLI office for information.

\$ _____ \$550: Full 2017–2018 Academic Year

\$ _____ \$300: Fall 2017 Semester

\$ _____ **TOTAL**

See reverse side for name and image releases.

DIRECTORY LISTING

Please check the boxes below if you do NOT want your contact information included in our Membership Directory, which is produced as a courtesy to our members and is intended for internal use only.

DO NOT include the following in the OLLI Membership Directory.

My Name My Phone Number My Street Address My E-mail Address

PUBLICITY RELEASE

Check this box if you **DO NOT** authorize OLLI to use your photo and name in its marketing and publicity.

BECOME A STUDY GROUP LEADER

If you are interested in becoming a Study Group Leader, please identify the appropriate academic area from the Curriculum Committee list on the front page. Then email or call the office to obtain the contact information for the individual responsible for that academic area.

VOLUNTEER

See the "Get Involved" page on the OLLI website, <https://www.ollie-dc.org/volunteer>.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM

Mail completed form to:

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20016

Or deliver completed form to the OLLI office at:

4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Suite 502
Washington, DC