

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)
at the University of Denver



Member Handbook

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Directions: I-25 to University Blvd – south on University to Warren, east on Warren one block to Josephine- right on Josephine – second building on the west side.

About the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

The Bernard Osher Foundation makes grants and endowment gifts to colleges, universities, and other non-profit organizations in four program areas: post-secondary scholarships, lifelong learning institutes for seasoned adults (OLLI), select integrative medicine programs, and arts and educational organizations.

In the fall of 2000, the Foundation began to consider programs targeted toward more mature students not necessarily well served by standard continuing education curricula. Courses often attract students of all ages eager to accumulate units to complete degrees or to acquire specific job skills. By contrast, the interest of many older adults, especially those who have retired, is in learning for the joy of learning – without examinations or grades – and keeping in touch with a larger world.

At present, the Foundation supports over 120 lifelong learning programs on university and college campuses across the country, with at least one grantee in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Foundation also supports a National Resource Center for Osher Institutes which is located at Northwestern University, in the Chicago, Illinois area.

OLLI at DU LOCATIONS

OLLI at DU currently has nine convenient locations covering the expanded metro Denver area:

OLLI Central

First Universalist Church (#1 on the map)

4101 East Hampden Avenue

Denver, CO

Directions: at the corner of Colorado Boulevard and Hampden Avenue West of I-25.

Park Hill United Methodist Church (#2 on the map)

5209 Montview Boulevard

Denver, CO

Directions: Colorado Blvd, north to Montview Blvd. then East to Glencoe Street.

Ruffatto Hall – University of Denver (#7 on the map)

1999 East Evans Avenue

Denver, CO 80210

Directions: from University, turn west on Evans, NE corner of Evans Ave & High St

OLLI South

Valley View Christian Church (#3 on the map)

11040 Wildfield Lane

Littleton, CO 80120

Directions: South from C470 on Santa Fe Dr to Titan Rd. Left over the overpass, left up the hill on Wildfield Lane.

OLLI West

Jefferson Unitarian Church (#4 on the map)

14350 West 32nd Avenue

Golden, CO 80401

Directions: I-70 & 32nd Avenue – west on 32nd approximately one mile from I-70 – past the round-about – one block on the left.

Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church (#5 on the map)

11500 West 20th Avenue

Lakewood, CO

Directions: 6th Avenue west to Simms. Right (north) on Simms to 20th Avenue – right on 20th Avenue one block to Robb – right on Robb into parking lot.

OLLI-on-Campus

Ruffatto Hall – University of Denver (#7 on the map)

1999 East Evans Avenue

Denver, CO 80210

Directions: from University, turn west on Evans, NE corner of Evans Ave & High St

OLLI East

Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church (#6 on the map)

13231 E Mississippi Ave,

Aurora, CO

Directions: I225 North to Mississippi Avenue exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Mississippi Avenue and travel approximately two blocks West.

OLLI Boulder (#8 on the map)

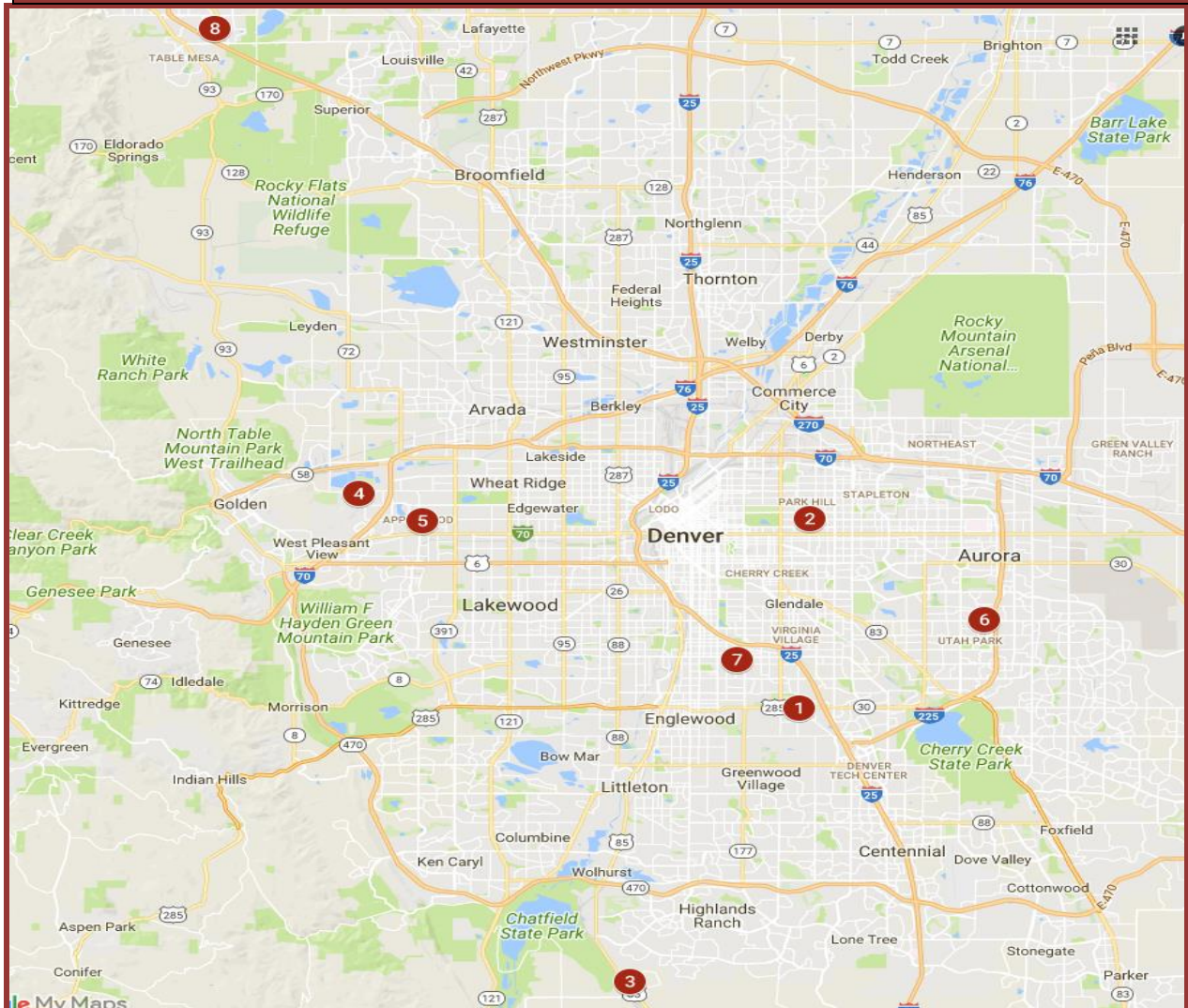
Mountain View United Methodist

355 Ponca Place,

Boulder, CO

Directions: From Hwy 93 or Hwy 36 (Denver/Boulder Turnpike) – head east on Baseline to Mohawk Drive (which is one block west of Foothills Pkwy). Turn south on Mohawk to Pawnee Dr. Follow Pawnee around to the Church parking lot on the west side of the building.

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OLLI Central

- 1 First Universalist Church of Denver
4101 East Hampden, Denver, CO 80222
- 2 Park Hill United Methodist Church
5209 Montview Blvd, Denver 80207
- 7 Ruffatto Hall on DU Campus
1999 East Evans Avenue, Denver, CO 80210

OLLI South

- 3 Valley View Christian Church
11004 Wildfield Lane, Littleton, CO 80125

OLLI West

- 4 Jefferson Unitarian Church
14250 West 32nd Avenue, Golden, CO 80401
- 5 Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church
11500 West 20th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215

OLLI East

- 6 Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church
13231 East Mississippi Ave, Aurora, CO 80012

OLLI-on-Campus

- 7 Ruffatto Hall on DU Campus
1999 East Evans Avenue, Denver, CO 80210

OLLI Boulder

- 8 Mountain View United Methodist Church
355 Ponca Place, Boulder, CO

WELCOME TO OLLI MEMBERS!

This handbook is to provide you with all of the basic information you need as an OLLI at DU member. As you enjoy your membership you will become much more acquainted with the organization and hopefully more engaged in its growth and health!

OLLI PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

OLLI is a lifelong learning program of University College at the University of Denver. The original program, VIVA! was created in 1996 for University College as an outreach program of the University of Denver. In November 2006 the Bernard Osher Foundation accepted VIVA! as a part of the nationwide Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and awarded them a grant. A requirement of the grant was to change the name to OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute). After a six-month transition period the name change was final September 2007. A second site, OLLI West, began operation in September 2007. A third site, OLLI South, began in 2009. The fourth OLLI site is a 2010 addition to the Central OLLI program, increasing the classrooms available. In 2017 the OLLI-on-Campus site was launched for those individuals who prefer an on-campus experience. In 2018 the OLLI East site was launched expanding the reach of OLLI to the Aurora suburban area. And in 2019 the OLLI Boulder site is planned to be launched as the desire for Life Long Learning continues throughout the expanded Denver metro area.

The full OLLI program is funded by membership fees, supplemented with funds from the Osher Foundation and in-kind support from the University of Denver.

OLLI is a membership program, providing an opportunity for members to participate in all aspects of the program and its delivery. Member input drives decisions about the learning experiences, including their design, content, methods and format. An array of programs, classes, seminars and special learning opportunities are offered by OLLI throughout the year. OLLI is committed to bringing its members together in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere to discover new things about the world and themselves.

WHO IS AN OLLI MEMBER?

OLLI members are 50+ years and are considered a member if they take at least one class during any of the three (fall, winter, spring) terms. As an OLLI member, they are

entitled to all OLLI membership benefits throughout the academic year – July 1 – June 30.

HOW DOES OLLI WORK?

Each term, OLLI members register for classes that appeal to their intellectual curiosities. The majority of OLLI classes are peer-led by “facilitators” who are volunteer OLLI members. Class sessions are held on week days in the morning (9:30-11:30 am) and afternoons (1:00-3:00 pm) for two hours at each of the OLLI sites (Central, South, West, On-Campus, East and Boulder). Most academic classes are 8-weeks, although some may be shorter in duration.

In addition, OLLI sites offer Extracurricular classes. These classes include are a complement to the academic focus. Additionally, we often have classes focused on the health and well-being of our members.

Each site encourages their members to consider facilitating an OLLI course. Facilitator training is provided, and other seasoned OLLI facilitators are ready to help mentor new ones. Without our volunteer facilitators, OLLI would not exist.

OLLI members may take classes at any of the sites for one membership fee of \$130 per term (some classes may require extra fees for materials, etc.). Once registered for classes, new OLLI members receive an OLLI Membership Card which is used to access many benefits.

FRIENDSHIP

Who said you can't make new friends later in life?

OLLI members form strong bonds around mutual interests. Social events, such as picnics, pot luck luncheons, and plays, occur throughout the year giving members the opportunities to become further acquainted with their classmates.

OLLI at DU – A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

OLLI at DU is a Volunteer Organization. OLLI members and volunteer instructors are the heartbeat of the institute and are the reason it will thrive while keeping the fees low.

- Volunteering is a direct way for members to have input into the decisions and direction of OLLI.

- Volunteering is a rewarding and stimulating experience, and another way to meet new people.

There are many ways to become involved in any of the OLLI at DU sites. Your involvement supports the continuation of OLLI at DU and its growth and health.

Some of the Volunteer opportunities include:

- Facilitating a class on a subject you enjoy, whether it is from your career experience or simply a passion. Facilitators are the lifeblood of this OLLI at DU!
- Volunteering to be a Class Assistant;
- Volunteering to be a part of a Social Committee;
- Becoming involved with the term publications;
- Assisting as a Greeter at the OLLI events;
- And more.

If you are interested in helping out on a committee or just one time at an event, contact the OLLI manager at your preferred site for more information. We need you!

HOW YOU CAN STAY INFORMED

The Curriculum Catalog

Each term OLLI publishes a catalog for each site containing the course information. More and more, we are asking our members to assist us with reducing our printing/ mailing costs by viewing all the curriculum information on our OLLI website.

The OLLI Website

The OLLI website – www.universitycollege.du.edu/olli - contains a wealth of information about OLLI in general. You may also go directly to the OLLI site you are interested in learning more about by visiting:

Central - <https://portfolio.du.edu/olli>,

West - <https://portfolio.du.edu/olliwest>,

South - <https://portfolio.du.edu/ollisouth>,

On-Campus - <https://portfolio.du.edu/ollioncampus>

East - <http://portfolio.du.edu/ollieast>

Boulder - <http://portfolio.du.edu/olliboulder>

You may view the curriculum information each term, complete your online registration or print out registration forms, learn about upcoming events, read current newsletters and much more!

E-Mail Blasts

Members receive occasional emails from OLLI with updated news about curriculum, newsletters, events, and more.

OLLI Newsletter

Each OLLI site produces three newsletters throughout the year (fall, winter, spring) with information pertinent to specifically that OLLI at DU site. In addition, the Executive Director produces four Newsletters. These are shared with the members via an E-Mail Blast.

OLLI MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT INFORMATION

OLLI Membership includes the following benefits:

- Participation in as many classes as desired at any of the OLLI sites, space permitting.
 - Due to our \$130 'fixed fee' term pricing, OLLI at DU utilizes a lottery type system to register members into the classes they desire each term. This system recommends early registration before a 'draw' date (noted on the websites). On this date, the classes that are overfilled are reviewed and members removed from the classes as needed. It is the intent of the staff to ensure as many members are able to attend as many classes as possible. In the instance of a class being overfilled, staff strives to ensure no member is taken out of all of their registered classes.
 - After the date of 'First Draw', members are unable to register for classes that are filled through the online system. Those registering via the manual system, it is wise to check the website to see which classes are still available. Any manual registration after 'First Draw' for a class that is full will be returned.

- Opportunity to participate in Extracurricular classes and activities (some additional per class fee may apply),

- Special member pricing for
 - The Summer Seminars of OLLI
 - Annual International Symposium
 - And other offerings throughout the year

- OLLI Executive Director and OLLI Site Newsletters

- Invitations to social events and the opportunity to contribute to their creation
- Community discounts
- Ability to check out materials in the OLLI Library (located at the OLLI office, 2211 South Josephine Street, Denver) for both personal and class use.

University of Denver Benefits:

- DU Newman Center Presents Concerts – 20% discount
- DU Penrose Library – Borrowing privileges
- The Enrichment Program – 20% discount (some restrictions)
- DU Athletics – 10% off athletic tickets
- DU Bookstore – Participate in “Pioneer Perks” program
- Opportunity for full-year membership to the Coors Fitness Center on the DU campus at the special OLLI price of \$25 per month for unlimited use of facility.
- See the OLLI at DU website for additional discounts and benefits.

OLLI at DU members are engaged and engaging. We come for the Life Long Learning. We stay for the community, the opportunity to contribute and the joy of learning.

We look forward to seeing you in the halls of OLLI at DU.



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