

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 119 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.

OLLI LOCATIONS

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

OLLI Central

Central Christian Church

3690 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO 80209

Directions: Cherry Creek Drive South, between Colorado Blvd and University Blvd.

Harvest Bible Chapel

3651 South Colorado Blvd, Englewood, CO 80112

Directions: Colorado Blvd, south of Hampden Ave., past First Plymouth Church.

Ruffatto Hall – University of Denver

1999 East Evans Avenue, Denver, CO 80210

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

OLLI South

Valley View Christian Church

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

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

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.

WELCOME TO OLLI MEMBERS!

This handbook is to provide you with all the information you need as an OLLI at DU member.

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. 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). Most academic classes are 8-weeks, although some may be shorter in duration.

WorldView classes are offered each year with a focus of exploring all aspects of one specific country. InterActive Learning classes are “extra curricular” classes which are usually shorter in length and include exciting subjects that are a complement to the academic focus. Additionally, we have a wellness program, Wellaware, offering members classes and activities to promote and maintain good health for 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 three sites for one membership fee 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. Numerous social events such as picnics, garden parties, member retreats and receptions occur throughout the year that give members opportunities to become further acquainted with their classmates.

VOLUNTEER STRUCTURE

OLLI has a volunteer Advisory Council at each of the three sites with consensus by the Executive Committee (officers from each

OLLI Advisory Council). Advisory Council members serve a three year term and may be re-elected once, but cannot serve more than two terms. Advisory Councils meet bi-monthly while the Executive Committee meets when necessary. The Advisory Councils and the Executive Committee report to the Executive Director, who has final authority.

The Advisory Councils' responsibilities are to represent the members, make advisements regarding policies and the annual budget, ensure coordination and strategic direction for their OLLI site. The Council also has committees that may include membership, site, marketing and others.

In addition to the Advisory Council, each OLLI site also has a Curriculum Committee whose task is to develop classes and secure facilitators. This committee is divided into subcommittees under various learning categories including– science, math, history, the arts, literature, politics, economics, philosophy, religion and current events.

HOW YOU CAN STAY INFORMED

The Curriculum Catalog

Each term OLLI publishes a catalog for each site containing the course information. Instead of requesting the catalog by mail, we ask that our members help us with printing/ mailing costs and view 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>

You may view the curriculum information each term, print out registration forms, find out about upcoming events, read current newsletters and much more!

E-Mail Blasts

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

OLLI Newsletter

Each OLLI site produces three newsletters throughout the year (fall, winter, spring) with information pertinent to all three OLLI sites as well as news from that site.

Membership Directory

At the beginning of the Academic Year, which starts with the fall term, a membership directory is distributed at each site listing the members who are taking classes. Supplements are published for the Winter and Spring terms.

VOLUNTEERING

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.

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!

OLLI MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT INFORMATION

Membership fee includes the following benefits:

- Participation in as many classes as desired at any of the three OLLI sites – Central, West & South (space permitting)
- Opportunity to participate in InterActive Learning classes & Wellaware classes/activities (extra-curricular classes - some additional per class fee may apply)
- Special member pricing for
 - InterActive Learning classes and seminars
 - The Summer Seminars of OLLI
 - Bill Beaney Annual International Symposium
- OLLI Newsletter (three editions per academic year)
- Notice of un-advertised DU events (many times at no cost because of DU affiliation).
- Invitations to annual social events
- 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.



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