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Fall 2024
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at FIU is dedicated to enriching the intellectual and social lives of seasoned adult learners by offering stimulating educational opportunities, taught by university faculty and guest lecturers, designed to broaden students' understanding of diverse cultural, societal, scientific, and global issues.

Curious? New programs and announcements are shared in the OLLI newsletter (sign up at olli.fiu.edu/newsletter)

Locations

OLLI Courses are held across various locations. Exceptions to the above are noted on the website and in confirmation letters. Selected online sessions are recorded and available to registrants unless otherwise noted. Detailed descriptions, instructor biographies, dates, times, locations and updates can be found at: olli.fiu.edu

Benefits of an OLLI Membership

Your **\$50** annual individual membership fee includes:

- Registration priority
- Free access to OLLI at FIU social activities
Discounted rates on fee-based courses
- On-campus lending library privileges
- Free parking for classes at Biscayne Bay Campus
- Discounted annual membership for the BBC Wellness & Recreation Center
- Discount to select FIU affiliated events
- Promotional discounts with select FIU partners, as available
- E-newsletter

Please note: On the following pages, you will find a delightful array of our fall term classes. While we have carefully curated this list, please be aware that details might evolve. For the most up-to-date information and a complete listing, please visit our website (olli.fiu.edu) We look forward to sharing this exciting term with you!

FIU Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC)

American Gangsters - A Journey Through Infamy

Instructor: Stephen Singer

Thursday, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 / FIU BBC

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$65 / Non-members \$85

Join Stephen Singer for an in-depth exploration of America's most notorious gangsters in this engaging four-week course. Dive into the thrilling world of crime as you uncover the daring exploits of John Dillinger, the tragic story of Bonnie and Clyde, and the criminal masterminds behind the scenes, including Al Capone and Meyer Lansky.

Art Your Way: Acrylics and Pastels

Instructor: James Warwick

Fall A - Tuesdays, Sep. 10 - Oct. 15 / FIU BBC

Fall B - Tuesdays, Nov. 5 - Dec. 10 / FIU BBC

11:30 am - 1:00 pm / Members \$110 / Non-members \$135

Develop your creativity with acrylics and pastels. Students will learn techniques, design, composition and keeping a sketchbook.

The Apple in Art: An Artistic Journey with Delectable Apple Desserts

Instructor: Armando Droulers

Friday, Sept. 20 / FIU BBC

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm / Members \$30 / Non-members \$40

Explore the fascinating journey of the apple as it has been celebrated and transformed in masterpieces from ancient mythology to the works of Modern Masters. Delight your taste buds with a selection of delicious apple desserts, and immerse yourself in this rich and flavorful experience.

Coffee, Cookies, and Conundrums:

Solving the World's Dilemmas

Facilitator: Berta Castaner

Last Monday of the month, Sept. 30 - Dec. 16 / 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Members \$10 / Non-members \$15

Join our monthly discussion of thought-provoking questions from the New York Times' "The Ethicist" and "Social Qs" columns.

Secure Your Condo: The Essentials of CPTED and HB 837

This session is highly recommended for all Condo owners!

Instructor: Ernest Long

Thursday, Oct. 10 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$15 / Non-members \$25

Law enforcement expert Ernest Long will present on CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) and the impact of Florida House Bill 837. This session will assess condo security, including life safety, lighting, and overall safety, providing essential insights for South Florida condo owners.

Watercolor without Limits

Instructor: Pamela Gilmour

Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm / Members \$90 / Non-members \$110

Unleash your creativity in a fun watercolor class, exploring various styles and techniques with personalized guidance—no experience needed!

Crafting your Life Story: Writing Your Autobiography

Instructor: Merridy Kotler-Robinson

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm / Members \$80 / Non-members \$100

This 4-week course will guide you in writing your autobiography by helping you reflect on your life, organize your memories, and craft a compelling narrative. By the end, you'll have the tools and confidence to create a meaningful account of your life for publication or as a personal legacy.

Notes of Legacy: Revisiting Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn's Marvelous Musical Journey

Instructor: Anette Isaacs

Friday, October 18 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm / Members \$15 / Non-members \$25

Explore the extraordinary musical journey of Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn, 19th century German siblings and prolific composers. Additionally, discover Mendelssohn's renowned ballet "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which we will be attending on Saturday, October 19th at 2 p.m. at the Arsht Center in Miami. Each registered participant for this excursion will receive complimentary admission to Ms. Isaacs' lecture.

Music: Exploring Fascinating Controversies and Curiosities - in person course! (Hybrid)

Instructor: Emanuel Abramovits

Friday, Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$55 / Non-members \$75

Music often stirs controversy as musicians push boundaries, leading to attempts to censor or ban pieces deemed offensive. In this course, Emanuel Abramovits will analyze controversial music across genres, using audiovisual examples to explore how these works challenged norms and sparked public outrage.

Why is Murder Wrong? A Study in Philosophical Ethics

Instructor: Dr. Michael Gold

Wednesday, Oct. 23 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$20 / Non-members \$30

It is a harder question than most of us think. In trying to answer that question, we will explore the branch of philosophy called ethics. What makes certain behaviors right or wrong, good or bad?

Cinema at FIU - In person

Instructor: Shelly Isaacs

Tuesdays, Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm / Members \$90 / Non-members \$125

Join Shelly Isaacs for this IN-PERSON cinema series, where he will host the screening of a film and a lively post-discussion.



Always at your service: OLLI Staff Mabel and Maggie

The Next Generation's Legacy of the Holocaust

Instructors: Rita Benn & Ruth Finkel Wade

Thursday, Oct. 24 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm / Members \$15 / Non-members \$25

Children of Holocaust survivors, as explored in the award-winning anthology *The Ones Who Remember*, strive to keep their parents' stories alive while teaching lessons on dehumanization through their own experiences. This class will discuss themes such as post-traumatic growth, healing, and the impact of intergenerational trauma.

Spies Among Us: Notorious Espionage Cases of the 20th Century

Instructor: Stephen Singer

Thursday, Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 8, 14 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$60 / Non-members \$90

Join Stephen Singer to explore the world of espionage through notorious 20th-century spy cases, including the Rosenbergs' atomic espionage, Rick Ames' betrayal, Robert Hansen's treachery, and Jonathan Pollard's controversial actions.

Please note: there won't be a class on November 7th! That week's class will be on November 8 instead!

Jews and the White House

Instructor: Sylvia Gurinsky

Tuesday, Oct. 30 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$15 / Non-members \$25

The end of the Cold War brought hope with advancements like the Oslo Accords, but the 21st century introduced significant challenges including September 11, wars, and growing divides. Sylvia Gurinsky explores the evolving relationship between recent American presidents and the Jewish community, from George H.W. Bush to Joe Biden, and discuss future prospects.

George Washington: Man, Myth and Much More

Instructor: Dr. Rebecca Staton-Reinstein

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 13, 20 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$60 / Non-members \$75

Explore George Washington's complex life in a three-session course, revealing how his early experiences and self-education influenced his presidency and innovations. The course also examines his evolving views on race and liberty through his interactions with Native Americans and African Americans.

The Jews of Eastern Europe 1200 - 1914: “A Roller Coaster of Good and Bad Times”

Instructors: Dr. Desi Rosenthal & John Ury

Fridays, Nov. 15 - Nov 22 / FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$30 / Non-members \$50

Discover the history of Eastern European Jews from 1200 to 1914, exploring their refuge in Poland and Lithuania, the rise of persecution, and the impact of movements like Hassidism. The course also covers their suffering under Russian rule, including pogroms and emigration, enhanced with movie clips, animated documentaries, and original slides.



Aventura

Everyday Life in East Germany: A Look Across the order

Instructor: Anette Isaacs

Monday, Sept. 9 / Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Join Anette Isaacs to explore daily life in former East Germany—its food, culture, education, consumerism (or lack thereof), and everyday items that shaped its distinct identity compared to West Germany.

The Baroque Suite: A Fusion of Europe Dance

Instructor: Dr. Alan Mason

Monday, Sept. 23 / Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Discover how the German Allemande, Italian Corrente, Spanish Sarabande, and English Gigue combined to form the Baroque Suite, a revolutionary musical design of the 17th century.

Virginia Woolf and the Bloomsbury Bohemians

Instructor: Lauren Radick

Monday, Oct. 7 / Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Virginia Woolf, Vanessa Bell, and others of The Bloomsbury Group met weekly in London to discuss art, literature, and social issues. Lauren Radick explores Woolf's relationships, revealing insights into her vibrant characters and settings.

The Musical Zoo: Discovering Saint-Saëns' Carnival of the Animals

Instructor: Dr. Alan Mason

Monday, Oct. 21 / Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Join Dr. Alan Mason for a delightful auditory adventure through Saint-Saëns' playful and imaginative compositions!

OLLI Singers with Eric Guitian

Aventura Library

Monday, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm / \$25

Postcards: the Original Social Media

Instructor: Sylvia Gurinsky

Monday, Nov. 4 / Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Explore the history of postcards, from their 19th-century origins to their evolution from artwork to photography. This program covers the rise of postcard collecting and highlights memorable postcards of iconic places and events.

100 Years of Rhapsody in Blue: An Experiment in New Music

Instructor: Dr. Alan Mason

Monday, Nov. 18 / Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Dr. Mason discusses the creation, impact, and enduring legacy of this groundbreaking composition that fused classical and jazz elements. Discover how "Rhapsody in Blue" transformed American music and remains a beloved masterpiece a century later.

Columbus Uncovered: The Secret Jewish Ties Behind the Voyage

Instructor: Idan Peysachovich

Monday, Dec. 2 / Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Discover the hidden history of Christopher Columbus's journey to the New World and the surprising involvement of Spain's Jewish community.

Holiday Harmonies: Exploring Bach and Vaughan Williams

Instructor: Dr. Alan Mason

Monday Dec. 16 / Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Dr. Alan Mason's lecture will explore the musical brilliance and historical context of these beloved classical masterpieces. Join us for an insightful journey through Baroque and English folk music traditions during the festive season.

Miami Shores

Foreign and Domestic Events (Hybrid: via Zoom and in person)

Instructor: Dr. Mitra Raheb

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15 / Miami Shores Community Center

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$100 / Non-members \$125

Dr. Raheb examines the cultural, socio-economic and political issues of emerging and traditional powers, as well as the impacts of these decisions and policies on the international community.

The Life and Times of Literary Favorites

Instructor: Lauren Radick

Thursdays, Nov. 14 - Dec. 19 / Brockway Memorial Library

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm / Members \$50 / Non-members \$75

Lauren Radick's lectures will introduce key ideas, themes and literary techniques of each figure, revealing the imaginations and personalities behind their work, providing a compelling glimpse into the lives of the people behind the page.

Drawing for Longevity

Instructor: James Warwick

Miami Shores Community Center

Fall A - Fridays, Sept. 6 - Oct. 4 at 10: am - 12:00 pm

Fall B - Fridays, Nov. 1 - Dec. 6 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Members \$90 / Non-members \$115

Exercising your creativity leads to increased quality of life as people age. Discover your inner artist with Mr. Warwick's class.

Jewish Museum of Florida, Miami Beach:

Fiddler on the Roof: 60 years of Tradition and Triumph

Instructor: Dr. Alan Mason

Tuesday, Dec. 10 / Jewish Museum of Florida, Miami Beach

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm / Members \$15 / Non-members \$25

Join us as we honor the timeless triumph of Fiddler on the Roof and its profound influence on both stage and screen. Discover behind-the-scenes stories, memorable performances, and the enduring legacy of this theatrical masterpiece.

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1 – 2

Emeline Hotel Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

Day 3 – 4

The DeSoto Savannah, Savannah, Georgia

Day 5 – 6

Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, Georgia

Link for the Collette trip to Savannah:

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For more information call 305-919-5900

OLLI Day Trips

Dive into the Magic: Experience the Miami City Ballet and Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream (includes performance, lecture and bus transportation)

October 19 / FIU BBC / Miami Shores

12:30 pm - 4:30 pm / Members \$160 / Non-members \$ 185

This season, the Miami City Ballet presents a captivating reimagining of Balanchine's A Midsummer Night's Dream set in Florida's underwater world. With Michele Oka Doner's stunning costumes and sets, the fairies' realm transforms into a vibrant marine ecosystem, enhanced by Mendelssohn's enchanting score and the ballet's dazzling performance.

Miami's MIMO Treasures: A Guided Tour with Sylvia Gurinsky

Thursday, November 7 / FIU BBC / Miami Shores

10:00 am - 3:00 pm / Members \$69 / Non-members \$89

Join us for an exclusive bus tour showcasing the legendary works of Morris Lapidus, the mastermind behind Miami Modern, or MiMo. And that's not all! We will make a stop for lunch on Lincoln Road, where you can indulge in your individual culinary cravings at any of the fantastic eateries, explore unique shops, or simply soak in the lively atmosphere.

Vibrant Little Havana: An Immersive Cultural Tour

Friday, December 13 / FIU BBC / Miami Shores

9:30 am - 3:30 pm / Members \$99 / Non-members \$124

Be part of an unforgettable excursion through the vibrant heart of Little Havana! This immersive journey will take you to some of the most iconic and culturally rich spots in the area.

Curtain Call with John Dalton: "Both Sides Now: Joni Mitchell and Leonard Cohen"

Wednesday, December 18 / FIU BBC / Miami Shores

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

(with Bus) Members \$100 / Non-members \$ 125

(without bus) Members \$80 / Non-members \$100

This intimate theatrical cabaret, developed at Washington D.C's Signature Theatre, weaves together the lives and iconic music of long-time friends and one-time lovers, Joni Mitchell and Leonard Cohen.

Pembroke Pines Jewish Center,
Century Village

Conventional Wisdom: How we ended up with our Constitution & the struggles to bring it into existence

Instructor: Rebecca Staton-Reinstein

Tuesday, Sept. 17 / Pembroke Pines Jewish Center

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

In 1787, delegates from eleven states convened in Philadelphia with the intention of amending the Articles of Confederation. This pivotal document remains central to our nation's ongoing debates and advancements. Join Dr. Rebecca Staton-Reinstein as she delves into the enduring impact of the Constitution.

Bach, Beethoven, and ...Billy? Classical Turns Pop

Instructor: Dr. Thomas Cimarusti

Monday, Sept. 23 / Pembroke Pines Jewish Center

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Come join Dr. Cimarusti as we explore how Bach, Beethoven, and others have been immortalized in popular music culture!

100 Years of Rhapsody in Blue: An Experiment in New Music

Instructor: Dr. Alan Mason

Tuesday, October 1 / Pembroke Pines Jewish Center

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

This lecture will explore the creation, impact, and enduring legacy of this groundbreaking composition that fused classical and jazz elements. Discover how "Rhapsody in Blue" transformed American music and remains a beloved masterpiece a century later.

Contemporary Jewish Women Novelists

Instructor: Lauren Radick

Tuesday, Oct. 15 / Pembroke Pines Jewish Center

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Lauren Radick uncovers the personal lives and literary contributions of significant figures such as Alice Hoffman, Dara Horn, Gabrielle Zevin, Judy Blume, Naomi Ragen, and other well-regarded women in the fascinating world of Jewish literature.

The Dead Sea Scrolls Discovery -- New Perspectives

Instructor: Idan Peysachovich

Tuesday, October 22 / Pembroke Pines Jewish Center

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

The Dead Sea Scrolls are considered one of the most important archaeological finds of the 20th century. This lecture aims to explore how they can enhance our understanding of historical events from our shared past.

Jews and the White House

Instructor: Sylvia Gurinsky

Tuesday, Oct. 29 / Pembroke Pines Jewish Center

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

The end of the Cold War brought hope to U.S. Presidents and the American Jewish community, but the 21st century introduced new challenges like 9/11, wars, and increasing divides. Sylvia Gurinsky examines the relationships between recent American presidents and the Jewish community, from George H.W. Bush to Joe Biden, and consider future prospects.



The Bard of Broadway: Stephen Sondheim and the Reinvention of Musical Theater

Instructor: Dr. Thomas Cimarusti

Thursday, Nov. 7 / Pembroke Pines Jewish Center

10:00 am - 11:00 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Come explore the musical and lyrical world of the "Bard of Broadway" as Dr. Cimarusti examines how Sondheim's more sophisticated style earned him numerous accolades, including 8 Tony Awards and a Pulitzer Prize.

Max Steiner and Erich Korngold: The Fathers of Film Music

Instructor: Emanuel Abramovits

Tuesday, Nov. 19 / Pembroke Pines Jewish Center

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Through audiovisuals, anecdotes, and stories, discover how these pioneers crafted beloved scores for films like *Gone with the Wind*, *Deception*, *Casablanca*, and many more.

Notes of Legacy: Revisiting Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn's Marvelous Musical Journey

Instructor: Anette Isaacs

Tuesday, Nov. 26 / Pembroke Pines Jewish Center

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

Explore the extraordinary musical journey of Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn, 19th century German siblings and prolific composers, as you join German historian and OLLI Director Anette Isaacs in unraveling their family's rich legacy.

Why is Murder Wrong? A Study in Philosophical Ethics

Instructor: Dr. Michael Gold

Tuesday, Dec. 3 / Pembroke Pines Jewish Center

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

It is a harder question than most of us think. In trying to answer that question, we will explore the branch of philosophy called ethics. What makes certain behaviors right or wrong, good or bad?

OLLI at FIU Virtual (via Zoom)

Foreign and Domestic Events (Hybrid: via Zoom and in person at the Miami Shores Community Center)

Instructor: Dr. Mitra Raheb

Fall A: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15

Fall B: Tuesday, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10 / via Zoom

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$100 / Non-members \$125

Dr. Raheb examines the cultural, socio-economic and political issues of emerging and traditional powers, as well as the impacts of these decisions and policies on the international community.

Pundits, Polls, and Politics!

The '24 Election!

Instructor: Doug Stowell

Friday, Oct. 4 / via Zoom

10:30 am - 12:00 pm / Members \$15 / Non-members \$25

Explore the history of presidential approval from 1945 to 2020, delve into voter polling methods, and discuss the role of pundits and generations in the 2024 Election. The course includes current polls, in-class voting exercises, a Corporate Assessment Model, and a class electoral vote prediction, all in a non-partisan setting.

How Modern Art Started: Post Impressionism

Instructor: Dr. Deborah Robin

Monday, Oct. 14, 21 / via Zoom

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm / Members \$30 / Non-members \$50

Art historian Deborah Robin looks at how these Post-Impressionist artists portrayed the world and at the same time revealed what was in their souls. After examining the best-known works of these late 19th century artists, you will have a better understanding why their art sells in the millions.

Cinema Post Discussion - via Zoom

Instructor: Shelly Isaacs

Fall A: Monday, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 / via Zoom

Fall B: Monday, Nov. 4, 18, 25, Dec. 9 / via Zoom

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm / Members \$70 / Non-members \$90

This series features four live, virtual post-discussions each term. If you are unable to attend a session, we will provide a video recording so you will not miss any part of the conversation!

Osher Online

Members \$70 / Non-members \$90 for a 6 session course.

With Osher Online programs, hosted by our “big sister” the Osher National Resource Center at Northwestern University in Chicago, OLLI at FIU members can enjoy national speakers and interact with fellow OLLI members across the county.

Medieval Science: Exploring Insights and Discoveries

Instructor: Ilya Dines, PhD

Mondays, Sept. 30 - Nov. 4 / NRC OLLI Online

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm / Members \$70 / Non-members \$90

This course delves into medieval science, exploring medicine, astronomy, and geography through figures like Alhazen and Hildegard of Bingen. Engage in discussions and analysis to deepen your understanding of the medieval worldview.

The Power of Introverts

Instructor: Jeri Bingham

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6 / NRC OLLI Online

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm / Members \$70 / Non-members \$90

This course will debunk myths about introversion and explore how introverts can thrive in a society that often celebrates extroversion. Instructor Jeri Bingham will discuss the power of introverts, how to balance relationships with extroverts, and strategies for embracing one's true self.

Architecture, Engineering, Design, and Technology: Case Studies from the Past, Present, and Future

Instructor: John Zukowsky, PhD

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6 / NRC OLLI Online

11:00 am - 12:30 pm / Members \$70 / Non-members \$90

Explore case studies in architecture, civil engineering, and industrial design, covering topics such as skyscrapers, airports, and spacecraft. Each session will delve into the design and construction technology of different eras, discussing their socio-cultural, political, and technological contexts, with lectures followed by discussions.

Gender and the Law

Instructor: Lauren Andersen, PhD

Thursday, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7 / NRC OLLI Online

11:00 am - 12:30 pm / Members \$70 / Non-members \$90

Examine the legal history of gender, including sex, sexuality, and gender identity, through U.S. Supreme Court decisions and key federal laws like Title VII and Title IX. Delve into the impact on gender minorities in employment, education, and healthcare, highlighting the work of prominent advocates and using film clips to enrich the discussion.

Wellness from Within

Instructor: Monica Gomez

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12 / NRC OLLI Online

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm / Members \$70 / Non-members \$90

Engage in mental, spiritual, and physical wellness through interactive discussions, meditation, creative writing, and humor, while addressing universal human issues. Classes emphasize meaningful interaction and practical techniques for enhancing communication, including stress management, self-expression, and healthy boundaries.

Language Myths Debunked

Instructor: Asya Pereltsvaig, PhD

Monday, Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 / NRC OLLI Online

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm / Members \$70 / Non-members \$90

In this course, we will investigate common beliefs about language, such as "Eskimos have many words for snow" and "English has the world's richest vocabulary," examining their accuracy and exploring related topics like language diversity, history, and communication. We will also delve into the origins of these myths and why they persist despite scientific evidence to the contrary.

Exploring Crosswords

Instructor: Steve Weyer

Thursday, Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21 / NRC OLLI Online

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm / Members \$70 / Non-members \$90

Join us to enhance your crossword skills, boost cognitive flexibility, and explore crossword history and culture. We will cover solving strategies, types of crosswords, online resources, and construction techniques, while solving puzzles together in each session.

**Become a new OLLI member
before the year's end and
receive a \$20 program credit!
Curious about what we offer?
Your first class is always free, so
come explore with us!**

(max. value of \$20)

Specials Interest Groups

Member-led groups promoted by OLLI at FIU. Members are welcome to attend any session of interest or all sessions.

Registration required to receive the Zoom information for the online book groups.

OLLI at FIU Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays, Aug. 20 - Dec. 17 . 1 - 2:30 pm via Zoom

OLLI at FIU Conversation Circle Group

Tuesdays, Sept. 10, 24, Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 12, 26, Dec. 10
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
on FIU Biscayne Bay Campus.



Join us for A Taste of OLLI --Octoberfest Edition

Wednesday, September 25

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Celebrate with us at this Octoberfest-themed event featuring free food and drinks, and a chance to discover all the exciting programs our OLLI has to offer. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet fellow members, enjoy some festive fun, and explore our vibrant community. Bring your friends and acquaintances so that they, too, can experience the wonderful spirit of OLLI!

Gift of OLLI

Do you enjoy OLLI programs and the benefits of lifelong learning?

We invite you to consider making a gift to OLLI at FIU to support our ongoing program development and operations.

Visit olli.fiu.edu/give-back/index.html for more information.

Volunteer

Help us by sharing your expertise with our administrative staff and your peers. We welcome our OLLI at FIU members to volunteer in the following capacities:

- *Course Instructor* - Do you have a skill or area of expertise that would be of interest to our members?
- *Attendance* - We have opportunities to welcome members and take attendance at the start of our in-person classes.
- *Virtual facilitator* - Are you comfortable with technology? Join us virtually to help greet and facilitate one of our virtual sessions.
- *Office Support* - Use your communication or clerical skills to assist us with general administrative tasks.

Cancellation Policy

Pre-Program Cancellations: If you need to cancel your registration before the program officially begins, please notify us at least 24 hours in advance. In such cases, we will be happy to process a full refund or credit towards future programs.

Program Commencement:

Once the program has commenced, we are unable to issue any credits or refunds, regardless of the circumstances.

Field Trips, Excursions, and Special Events:

For field trips, excursions, and special events, cancellations must be made at least 7 business days in advance. We regret that we cannot offer any refunds for cancellations made after this period.

OLLI AT FIU CODE OF CONDUCT

Please treat everyone with kindness, dignity, and respect to foster a positive and safe environment for all. OLLI at FIU values a supportive atmosphere and does not tolerate behavior that undermines this, such as offensive language, harassment, or disruptive actions. Personal attacks are also not acceptable. We aim to create a welcoming space where diverse perspectives can be shared respectfully. Those who do not uphold these values may be asked to leave classes or may not be permitted to participate in future programs. Our goal is to enhance the learning experience through mutual respect and open, respectful dialogue.

NOTES

Explore our classes across various locations:

FIU Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC)

3000 NE 151st Street
North Miami, FL. 33181

Plaza at Park Square

2940 NE 207th Street
Aventura, FL. 33180

Miami Shores Community Center (MSCC)

9617 Park Drive
Miami Shores, FL. 33138

Brockway Memorial Library

10021 NE 2nd Ave
Miami Shores, FL. 33138

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