25 Years of Curiosity
by Connie Osterbaan, OLLI Board Chair

While planning the celebration of OLLI’s 25th anniversary, I have heard many testimonials about what OLLI has meant to members and course leaders who belonged to OLLI during the past quarter of a century. And, it made me wonder about our newer members. What is their experience? What about new course leaders? Are they finding the same rewards as their predecessors? I decided to ask a few of them.

Our new members say:

“I have been impressed with my OLLI learning experiences and am spreading the word to my friends, clients and colleagues. I believe in-person learning experiences are critical for both happiness and making meaningful connections in our second half!”

(George Dow)

“We recently moved back to the Twin Cities. High on my list of things to do for making a new life here was joining OLLI. I knew I would find stimulating courses but what I didn’t know was how fun and informative the tours would be or how easy it would be to meet new friends through the SIGs!” (Teri Hejny)

“I was worried about my adjustment to retirement. I was looking for ways to keep my mind active. I have taken a variety of OLLI classes at MIA and Weisman, a bird watching class, classes about the Skyways, Climate Change, and China Rising. All outstanding!” (Cherie Little)

“I was retiring from work and wanted to make more out of retirement than golf and reruns. Then I found OLLI and to quote Judy Garland, ‘Toto, I have a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore.’ My idea of a boring B&W retirement was transformed into a production with ‘glorious technicolor breathtaking cinemascpe and stereophonic sound.’ If I knew it was going to be this much fun, I would have retired earlier. (Dan Vogel)

And from our new course leaders:

“Teaching at OLLI is very rewarding. The students are so smart, knowledgeable, and inquisitive. As an instructor it’s fun to see such a thirst for learning and growth in so many students and how it truly keeps people active and engaged.” (Ken Winters, Ph.D., retired professor in Psychiatry, U of MN.)

“Two thumbs up. Way up! Support from staff was outstanding. And my adult learners lived up to what I had heard from others: highly motivated, knowledgeable and most interested in dialogue and discussion.” (Ken Winters, Ph.D., retired professor in Psychiatry, U of MN.)

“I taught an OLLI class on a topic of interest (but not expertise) to me, so it required a lot of research which I enjoyed. The class members were appreciative and supportive so overall it was a good experience.” (John Fredell, MD.)

“Teaching OLLI classes has rewarded me with new friendships, fresh ways of looking at our life’s journey and the opportunity to share my knowledge with indefatigable learners.” (Mimi Holmes, Certified Guided Autobiography Instructor.)

Whether you have been with us for the ‘Full 25’ or just one year, a member or a course leader, we hope you will join our September party to celebrate these amazing twenty-five years and launch OLLI into its next quarter century.

Lifelong Learner? OLLI Wants You!
Curiosity never retires!

OLLI offers an amazing array of noncredit courses for older adults on topics ranging from A to Z. No tests. No grades. Just the joy of learning. Until recently those courses have been held face-to-face. During the COVID-19 virus cocooning period, so that we all can contribute to community health and safety, OLLI will continue to provide opportunities for lifelong learning and making connections for older adults using other methods. How?

Online Courses. A few of our course leaders have learned, or are learning, to offer courses online via Zoom. We thank them and are working to find more - perhaps you’d like to teach one?

“OLLI Connections!” OLLI staff are putting together this weekly communication chock full of free educational lecture links, ideas for keeping the OLLI community connected, COVID-19 resources, etc.

Special Interest Groups. Several SIGs are meeting virtually by Zoom, phone or email.

Up-to-Dater. OLLI’s occasional newsletter is now appearing weekly with OLLI and University news.

Zoom Workshops for OLLI members. OLLI will be offering virtual workshops about Zoom for OLLI members soon to help you become more familiar with it. A great opportunity for lifelong learners to learn something new!
Welcome to OLLI!

OLLI at the U of M offers a wide array of noncredit courses, special interest groups, local and international trips, and volunteer experiences that add to the joy of retirement and healthy aging. We welcome you to our community of 1,200 engaged lifelong learners who enjoy more than 300 course sections per year, in more than 40 locations around the Twin Cities (usually with free parking!). Our OLLI is part of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies at the University of Minnesota and the network of 124 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) programs nationwide supported by the Bernard Osher Foundation.

Welcome to OLLI – where curiosity never retires!

How to Join OLLI!

We invite you to join OLLI to enroll in OLLI courses, attend events, participate in SIGs, join tours and travel opportunities, and meet other curious cohorts! Memberships are annual and expire 365 days from date of purchase.

Join Online: Go to OLLI.UMN.EDU and click on the Membership and Registration button on the right side of the page.

At the Sign-In Page, read instructions under New to OLLI and follow the prompts to set up and purchase your OLLI membership.

Join by Mail: Mail a check for $240, along with your course requests (directions for Requesting Courses by Mail are found inside back cover).

Scholarships: If you are interested in an OLLI membership scholarship, please call the OLLI office at 612-624-7847 for more information.

OLLI Member Benefits

1. High-Quality Courses! Taught by retired faculty, OLLI Scholars (grad students), and other experts, we explore topics from history to art to science. Without tests or papers!

2. Meet Others Who Share a Love of Learning. In courses, SIGs, events or trips, there are many great people to meet. Wear your name badge and introduce yourself. Invite others to coffee after a course. Invite your friends to join us—the more lifelong learners the better!

3. Special Interest Groups meet beyond the term! These peer-directed groups range from books to biking to bridge.

4. OLLI’s Events and Travel include social events, local tours, and national and international travel opportunities.

5. Volunteer! The Osher Foundation encourages strong volunteer opportunities to infuse OLLI programming with your talents and skills. We agree! Consdier being a course leader, course assistant, Advisory Board member, committee member (Curriculum Development, Events, Volunteer, etc.). Call us or sign up to contribute your talents on your member page.

6. The Latest Info. The Up-To-Dater e-newsletter provides announcements regarding OLLI course changes. The OLLI Facebook page includes invitations to participate in U of M community special events and research projects. Members are welcome to Board meetings or committee meetings.

7. Discounts, AKA “OLLI Perks.” At the University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA) OLLI members can join for a special fee (2 years for $50—includes a Bookstore and D’Amico’s discount, the Minnesota Alumni magazine, and free online webinars). Join the U of M Retirees’ Association at a $20 discount. Participate in Learning Life, a noncredit education program in CCAPS and receive a 10% discount on courses, seminars and immersions (does not include Headliners or Encore Transitions). Mention discount when registering.

Course Guide Key:

Course Categories

10000s: Arts
20000s: Science & Technology
30000s: Social Sciences
40000s: Interdisciplinary
50000s: Tours

Days of the Week

M – Monday
Tu – Tuesday
W – Wednesday
Th – Thursday
F – Friday
Summer 2020 Course Guide
June 1–June 26

"With OLLI going online for the foreseeable future, we are offering special training sessions on using ZOOM for our members. Learn how to join a ZOOM meeting, as well as etiquette best practices for joining and attending online courses. We will also address common security concerns that will ensure your OLLI term goes without a hitch! We will send out more information about these courses in the weekly Up-To-Dater."

HOW COURSES ARE LISTED:
Courses are listed by day of the week, start time, and start date. Some courses meet outside of the regular term. Please pay particular attention to session dates listed.

OLLI Scholars courses, so indicated in the title, are taught by exceptional graduate students and postdocs who are provided a paid opportunity to teach in OLLI.

Culture Corps courses, so indicated in the title, are led by international graduate students through a partnership with the International Student and Scholar Services program.

MONDAY

NEW 30664 Exploring Southeastern Minnesota: Winona, Wabasha, and Rochester
Two sessions designed for travelers who want to join the September 2020 (or whenever it is possible) OLLI bus trip to southeastern Minnesota. Professor Tom Fisher will speak about the Destination Medical Center in Rochester, the largest MN public-private economic initiative, and a MN Futures Pilot Project which helped Wabasha residents identify the town’s strengths and opportunities to position itself for a 21st century future. Background information will be provided about the additional attractions to be visited during the trip. Seats: 50

Marghe Tabar, convener and chair, OLLI Arts Affinity Group
Lynde Vespoli, director, Destinations & Tours

NEW 10559 Edward R. Murrow
Film followed by participant discussion. The first hero in American broadcasting, Edward R. Murrow forever set the industry gold standard through his unparalleled courage, integrity and news gathering excellence. This series chronicles and explores his groundbreaking career presented by some of Murrow’s celebrated disciples including Walter Cronkite, Mike Wallace and Dan Rather. Clips include Murrow paying a visit to soldiers in the Korean War, tracking the civil rights movement in the South, and interviewing Grandma Moses in her living room. Seats: 40

Bonnie Nelson, retired humanities and art history educator, loves to elicit lively discussion around literature and film, OLLI member who walks the lakes listening to birds and books

4 sessions | M | 6/1/2020-6/22/2020 | 12:30-3:30PM

NEW 30663 Healing with Psychedelic Assisted Therapy
There is a psychedelic renaissance going on. The FDA has designated psychedelic-assisted therapy as a Breakthrough Therapy for anxiety, depression, PTSD, and more. The course explores current research, practices, and the ways in which psychedelics medicines can heal emotional wounds. Seats: 40

Polly Sonifer, former corporate trainer, active member of the Psychedelic Society of Minnesota

4 sessions | Tu | 6/2/2020-6/23/2020 | 12:30-2:00PM

TUESDAY

NEW 10573 Master Composers
Learn more about some of history’s fascinating composers, as VocalEssence Artistic Director Philip Brunelle takes you on a tour of music history.

June 3: Handel’s MESSIAH. How was it possible for Handel to compose his masterpiece in less than a month? I will take you through the music and share some delightful insights about the great master composing this beloved oratorio!

JUNE 10: The Mendelssohns: Felix and Fanny. Brother and sister Mendelssohn were both musical geniuses, yet Fanny is hardly known. University Professor Peter Mercer-Taylor joins me to talk and hear the music of these great musicians.

JUNE 17: Benjamin Britten and the British era of song. The 20th century was a rich one for solo voice and England gave us so much to enjoy, culminating in the amazing music of Sir Britten. And a surprise guest will join me!

June 24: Aaron Copland. The man considered the “Dean of American Composers” and a man who I knew as a friend will be the theme of this final course as we explore his role in celebrating the rich heritage of the “American sound”. Seats: 100

Philip Brunelle, founder and artistic director, VocalEssence

4 sessions | W | 6/3/2020-6/24/2020 | Links to the videos will be sent to those who are confirmed registered for the course and will be available to view anytime during that day.

30115 African History: From Lucy to 1500
This is the first of three courses. This summer we will examine the ethno-history of Africa from its origins to 500 years ago. The second and third courses, eventually covering African History up to the present day, will be offered in subsequent terms. Seats: 35

Tom O’Toole, emeritus professor of sociology and anthropology, St. Cloud State University

4 sessions | W | 6/3/2020-6/24/2020 | 10:00-11:30AM
NEW 40035 Fantasy Sports
We will review the modern concept of fantasy sports, with emphasis on fantasy football. What are fantasy sports? What sports are involved? How does one play? We will also do a mock fantasy football draft and a simulated weekend of NFL fantasy football. No fantasy sports experience necessary. Seats: 20
Ron Tabar, fantasy football junkie, OLLI member
2 sessions | W | 6/3/2020 & 6/10/2020 | 10:00-11:30AM

NEW 20450 Chemistry in our Daily Life-OLLI Scholar
Why does ice float on water? Why do baking powder and baking soda make foods rise? Why as soon as we cut an onion, do tears begin to fall? How does DNA look like? Chemistry is a key element of everyday life. Even if Chemistry is still widely considered one of the trickiest subjects, the basic concepts, encountered in everyday life, can be easily demonstrated and explained. Seats: 40
Valeria Guidolin, Ph.D. candidate, Environmental Health, U of M
4 sessions | W | 6/3/2020-6/24/2020 | 12:30-2:00PM

NEW 20452 Nurturing the Voice
Techniques and exercises that keep one's voice strong during retirement: For those who have already "found their voice," Speech-Language Pathologist Lisa Butcher can help you keep it! This presentation will give you the skills and techniques you need to preserve your voice into retirement. Seats: 100
Lisa Butcher is a Speech-Language Pathologist and Vocolologist at the Lions Voice Clinic.
1 session | W | 6/17/2020 | 4:00-5:30PM

NEW 10555 Foyle's War, Season Three
Film followed by participant discussion. This British detective drama is set in 1941 as World War II rages over Europe. Michael Kitchen stars as Detective Foyle whose loyalties are put to the test as his investigations uncover unpleasant truths that powerful people would rather keep hidden. The action is grounded in historical fact and filmed in London and southern counties of England. Seats: 40
Gary Hanson, U of M and Stonier graduate, retired senior executive with Minneapolis Federal Reserve
4 sessions | Th | 6/4/2020-6/25/2020 | 2:15-3:45PM

NEW 20451 Research Topics in Biomedical Engineering
Have you ever been curious about cutting-edge stem cell research going on at the University of Minnesota? What about developments in deep brain stimulation technology? Or the newest findings in cancer research? In this course graduate students involved in biomedical research at the U will cover topics including the heart, brain, and cancer, and provide insights into how lab research affects your health and your healthcare. No science background is needed. Seats: 50
Sarah Anderson, Ph.D. candidate, biomedical engineering studying brain cancer, VP of Outreach for Graduate Women in Biomedical Engineering
Mikayla Hall, PhD candidate in biomedical engineering studying stem cells and arteries in the heart, VP of Outreach for Graduate Women in Biomedical Engineering
4 sessions | Th | 6/4/2020-6/25/2020 | 12:30-2:00PM

NEW 10572 Exploring Artistic Masterpieces
Explore in some depth, various artistic masterpieces of the Western Culture Tradition - - from the ancient Greeks up through the modern art of the 21st century. Each week we will examine 2-3 works of art in some detail - - including what the artist was trying to convey and the milieu in which the work was created. We will also include brief biographical sketches of the artists whose works we are discussing. Seats: 100
Gary Hanson, U of M and Stonier graduate, retired senior executive with Minneapolis Federal Reserve
4 sessions | Th | 6/4/2020-6/25/2020 | 2:15-3:45PM

FRIDAY

NEW 30668 The Arab Spring: Intellectual Antecedents and Upshots-OLLI Scholar
The Arab Spring, although momentous, was neither arbitrary nor abrupt – as claimed by many an ‘expert.’ The first half of this course addresses the intellectual antecedents, beginning with the aftermath of the 1967 Arab-Israeli War and closing after the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and the 2003 US invasion of Iraq. The second half offers an overview of political events that shook the region from 2011 into the present day. Suggested class readings primarily feature creative and analytic essays, thought-pieces, poems, and fiction. Seats: 40
Adey Almohsen Ph.D. candidate in history, specializing in the intellectual history of the Arab Left, social and political thought, Marxism, and media theories, U of M
4 sessions | F | 6/5/2020-6/26/2020 | 10:00-11:30AM

NEW 20449 Data Visualization in Logical and Radical Innovations-OLLI Scholar
Gain insights into the blackbox of science discovery, from introductory lessons and case studies that present how data visualization is instrumental in the world of innovation. During this class, there will be opportunities to explore data visualization techniques and outcomes in topical areas ranging from energy production, medical devices, service delivery, pollution, to material synthesis. Discussions of case studies will explore visual styles of communication, impact of outliers, what drives change from the status quo, and policy implications too. Seats: 40
Aduramo (Adura) Lasode, Ph.D. student, Mechanical Engineering, U of M
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JOIN A SIG (SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP)

About SIGs:
- Provide enriching opportunities beyond the OLLI classroom.
- Open to current OLLI members—contact the name listed for details.
- Meet year round (except where noted).

Can I Start a SIG? Yes! All is takes is a member or two willing to take the lead. We’ll help find other members who share the same interest.

Several OLLI members have been brainstorming new SIG ideas: museum hoppers, math enthusiasts, happy hour goers. If you are ready to take up the mantle for these or others, email or call Nancy Garland, SIG coordinator at 612-850-1495, nancyhgarland@gmail.com.

At the Theater: Weekend matinee live theater performances, followed by dinner nearby. Approximately once a month. Ron & Marghe Tabar, rjtabar@comcast.net.

Bridge/East Metro: Experienced players, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Falcon Heights. Kate Anderson, anderson1466@msn.com.

Bridge/West Metro: All skill levels, 1st & 3rd Mondays, 2:00 pm, Perkins, St. Louis Park. Carole Cranbrook, cranbrook61@msn.com.

Documentary Films: View and discuss. 3rd Fridays, 1:30–4:00 pm except June, July, August & Dec. Episcopal Homes, St. Paul. Joan Delich, sokadel@comcast.net.


Knitting/West Metro: 2nd Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, Shir Tikvah Congregation library, Minneapolis (usually). Nancy Garland, ng68@cornell.edu.

Memoir Writing: 3rd Thursdays, 1:00 pm Franklin Library, Minneapolis. Ken Rich, krich@gmail.com.

OLLI Qwesters – Biking: Weekly on Wednesdays, May–Sep., Nell Bean, nellalbean@gmail.com.

NEW/OLLI Stammtisch: Practice conversational German, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 1:00 pm, various locations, Deb Wentworth, wentw001@umn.edu.

Play Reading: 2nd Fridays, 10:00 am, Sep–June, Walker Place, Janet Kramer-Barr, janetkramer7@gmail.com; Jack Harkness, gjharkness@comcast.net.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN Discussion Group: 4th Fridays, 1:00 pm, Southdale Library, Edina. Cora Wortman, crwortman@earthlink.net.

Scrabble: Weekly Wednesdays, at 1:00 pm at the Lenox Community Center, St. Louis Park. On bus line 17, free parking behind the building. $2 fee per person, per session for use of room. Contact Marlyce Helm, 612-926-8178, tt237.nodak@yahoo.com.

St. Paul Chamber Orchestra: Attend four concerts (Series 4A, Ordway Concert Hall), Friday, 11:00 am, Sep–Apr 2019. Buy own tix www.thespco.org. Optional lunch nearby. Dave Bucheck, djbucheck@yahoo.com.

St. Paul Cats Orchestra: Attend four concerts (Series 4A, Ordway Concert Hall), Friday, 11:00 am, Sep–April 2019. Buy own tix www.thespco.org. Optional lunch nearby. Dave Bucheck, djbucheck@yahoo.com.

St. Paul Contemporary Fiction: Open for 3-4 members. 3rd Fridays, 10:30 am, St Paul JCC. Followed by optional lunch. Della Shupe, djshupe@gmail.com, 651-428-1492.

The Rather Odd Book Club: Oddly, members do not all read the same book. We choose a decade in history and pool our insights, perspectives, and information. 4th Fridays, 3:00 pm, Edina. Jeannie Hanson, jkhans913@gmail.com or Shawn Hartfeldt, shartfeldt@yahoo.com.

BOOK CLUB SIGs

American History Books: 1st Thursdays, 1:30 pm, Highland Park Library, St. Paul. No meetings in July or Aug. Bill Wittenbrenner wittenbr@gmail.com.

Awesome Book Club: Books by or about women. 2nd Tuesdays, 1:30 pm, April thru November, St Paul JCC. Deborah Tabert, ddtab7220@comcast.net, Dot Delegard, dotdelegard@gmail.com.

Fiction/St. Paul East: 3rd Mondays, 1:00 pm, Grateful Table, Roseville. Sharon Thronson, sathrons@q.com.

Fiction Minneapolis: Every month since 2003! 2nd Fridays, 1:00 pm, Franklin Library, Kate Anderson, anderson1466@msn.com.

Fiction St. Paul: 4th Thursdays, 1:00 pm, Grateful Table, Roseville. Sharon Thronson, sathrons@q.com.

The Literary Fiction Uptown: 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30–3:00 pm, Walker Library, Carla Waldemar, cwaldemar@comcast.net.

Mysteries: 1st Tuesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 pm, St Paul JCC, Karen Koepp, kkoepp11@gmail.com.

Nonfiction Minneapolis: Every month since 2003! 2nd Fridays, 1:00 pm, Franklin Library, Kate Anderson, anderson1466@msn.com.

Nonfiction St. Paul: 4th Thursdays, 12:30 pm, various locations & lunch. Ron Tabar rjtabar@comcast.net.

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OLLI Traditions & Tips

OLLI’s Values and Traditions:
High-quality volunteer-led educational programs and activities; promotion of friendships through active participation and social interaction; volunteer leadership and shared involvement; a welcoming, inclusive, supportive environment; affordable membership and accessible programs; an eagerness and curiosity for learning, creative thinking, and innovation, and a fun-loving, cooperative, open-minded and flexible spirit.

Be Kind. Help create a welcoming, inclusive, supportive environment. Greet others. And wear your name tag—it helps the course leader and everyone! Enter into each discussion with respect. Share the discussion time. Drop if you can no longer attend a course. (The office will contact the next person on the wait-list—and you may just make their day!) Check in on the roster that the course assistant or leader has before each class. Remember that OLLI is a guest at host sites, so please honor their policies so that we are invited to return. Clean up after yourselves. Complete the course comment forms you are sent truthfully and tactfully. We use your feedback in our future planning.

Accessibility. OLLI is committed to providing equal access to its programs. If you have vision, hearing, mobility, or other accessibility concerns that may interfere with your full participation in our courses and/or activities, please call the OLLI office in advance at 612-624-7847, to request accommodations.

Missing a Class? Please let your course assistant or course leader know.

Weather Cancellations. We cancel classes if either the Minneapolis Public Schools or the University of Minnesota are closed. If OLLI cancels courses due to inclement weather, we will email all course leaders and course participants by 8:00 a.m. the day of the class and post it to the OLLI home page. We call those without email. Yes, we’d prefer to not cancel any course, but we need to consider everyone’s safety and our many sites’ closure decisions.

Time or Location Changes. Periodically, class times or locations may change. The most updated info can be found in the online OLLI Course Guide and is sent in an Up-To-Dater.

Consider Teaching or Coordinating a Course! We are always looking for fresh, interesting, quality ideas! If you are interested in being a course leader, or coordinating a series of speakers, or know someone who may be interested, go to olli.umn.edu and click on the Suggest A Course/Leader button.

Membership Fees. Only $240 for a year of unlimited course requests, SIGs, etc. Memberships run one year from the date of purchase—365 days of OLLI.

Request Period. Enrollment is based on an equal opportunity allocation (i.e. we use a lottery system for the popular courses—and 98% of members get their first choice). So be sure and list your favorite course as your #1 priority, and have your friend do the same thing to increase your chances of being in the same class. However, this is not a guarantee.

Photographs. OLLI reserves the right to take photographs or videos and to use them for promotional purposes. If you prefer that your images not be used, please contact the OLLI office.

Going Green! We print about 28,000 pages each term which equals one-and-a-half trees! You can choose to reduce your carbon footprint, and eliminate our cost of printing and postage for a printed guide. To receive the course guide online only (now in an easy turn-the-page style too), log in, go to My Account, select My Profile and select the Go Green box. The planet thanks you!

Tell Others about OLLI! A diverse growing membership is vital to the quality and sustainability of OLLI. We invite you to talk about OLLI with your friends and colleagues, and connect us with groups (e.g. Rotary, hobby clubs, social groups) for our “OLLI Ambassadors” presentations.

Ask OLLI Llama

Answering member questions!

Dear OLLI Llama,

Q: What can you tell us about the OLLI National Conference in April? (What can you tell us about the OLLI National Conference in April?) OLLI National Conference was postponed due to COVID-19.

A: When the 124 OLLIs (two representatives each) gather in Florida, Connie Osterbaan, our Board President, and the College of Continuing and Professional Studies Dean Bob Stine, our E.D.’s supervisor, will attend to represent our OLLI. (Peg Lonnquist, our E.D. was unable to attend due to a wedding.) Each OLLI is asked to submit a 5-second video that is compiled into one long, fun OLLI introduction. OLLI at the University of Minnesota’s video was created by Tom Rooney and his Skol Vikings! course participants. You can be sure that no other OLLI in the country said “Skol OLLI!” Here it is: https://www.facebook.com/olliminn/videos/535869607332648/

P.S. Always inspiring to watch 84-years young Barney Osher learning to surf in Waikiki at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvE2gHio949A

Thanks for asking!
Course Requests, Allocation & Registration

Course Allocation Registration
OLLI uses an Allocation/Lottery to assign member requests to courses on an equal opportunity basis. (A lottery is only run on courses that have more requests than seats available.)

There are three periods: Request, Allocation, and Additional Registration.

1) Course Request Period
During this period, members decide which courses they want and enter their requests online or by mail. During this period, members are “requesting” the courses they want.

a. Request courses based on your preferences. A first request will be marked as Priority #1; a second request will be Priority #2, and so on. Members can request as many courses as they would like during the Course Request Period.

b. At any time during the Course Request Period, members may change priorities and add requests. To remove/drop a request, you must contact the office by email at olli@umn.edu or phone 612-624-7847.

2) Allocation Period
Allocation is only run on courses that have more requests than seats available. The computer software fills courses according to member priorities. The database is closed during this period to retain the integrity of member requests/priorities.

3) Additional Registration Period
 Begins after the Allocation Period is complete and ends two days prior to the course start date. Members may register for as many additional courses with seats still available as they wish. A list of courses with seats still available is sent via email through the OLLI Up-to-Dater before the Additional Registration Period begins.

Request Courses

1) How to request courses:

- Go to olli.umn.edu and click on the Membership/Registration button on the right side of the screen.
- On the Sign In page, find the Sign in to Existing Account option and enter your username and password.
- Follow the instructions listed under How to Request/Register for Courses.
- Select the Category from the column on the left of the page.
- Select a course from the list on the right.
- Click the Request Course box.

**TIP:** Be sure to click on the Request Course button for each course.
- Once all of your requested courses are added to your cart, check your selections. Remove unwanted courses by clicking on Remove. Once you are satisfied, click on Check Out.
- Verify your personal data on Check Out: My Information. Verify your email address. Click Next.
- Double-check your order and click Purchase.

**TIP:** Be sure to click Purchase or your requests will not be retained.
- You will receive a Course(s) Request Acknowledgement email listing the courses you have requested.

**TIP:** Members do not pay course fees during the Course Request Period. After you receive your course confirmation email you need to log in to your account and pay any course fees that may be due.

2) How to double-check your Requests and Priorities after you purchase:

- Click on My Account, then Course Priorities
- Check your course priorities and re-prioritize using the dropdown list under the column Priority

- Then click Save Priorities

**TIP:** Be sure to click Save Priorities or your prioritization will not be retained.

**TIP:** Look for the message Priority(-ies) Saved Successfully which will appear in green above the Priority column

3) How to change course requests during the Course Request Period:

- To add requests or change your priority order, access your online account any time during the Course Request Period.
- To remove a course, you must contact the office by email olli@umn.edu.

**TIP:** Congratulate yourself! You did it!

Requesting Courses by Mail

The office must receive course requests no later than **Monday, May 4, 2020**, at 4:00 pm to be included in the Allocation Period. Send the following information to: OLLI, U of M, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 SE Oak St, Ste 250, Minneapolis, MN 55455

- Contact Info: first and last name, mailing address, daytime phone and email address
- Course requests (course number and title) in order of your priority: #1 being your highest priority
- Do NOT send payment for course fees at this time.
- Do submit payment for New or Renewing Membership purchase, if necessary.

**TIP:** Is your membership current? Log in to your account, click on My Account and then My Membership to view your membership expiration date.

Support OLLI into the Future!

Consider a gift to keep OLLI strong into the future! Visit [www.olli.umn.edu](http://www.olli.umn.edu) to contribute to the OLLI Fund (for OLLI Scholars and projects) or Miriam B. Seltzer Fund (for member scholarships). Thanks to all of our generous donors!
We miss seeing our OLLI friends and look forward to being together again.