



OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE COURSE CATALOG

FALL 2026 EDITION | EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFELONG LEARNERS



WHAT IS OLLI?

The **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)** at Kennesaw State University is proud to be part of a national network of 124 Lifelong Learning Institutes at colleges and universities across the United States made possible by an endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

OLLI at KSU offers a wide mix of noncredit courses, lectures, special events, travel programs, and volunteer opportunities for adults aged 50 and older, without the homework, tests or grades. Whether you're interested in Art, Foreign Languages, Health & Fitness, History, Language Arts, Technology and more, we welcome every adult learner regardless of previous college experience.

Beyond the classroom, OLLI is a lively, social community that offers opportunities to connect with others that share your same enthusiasm through special interest groups, clubroom games like Bridge and Mah Jongg, travel and more. At OLLI at KSU, it's not just about learning, it's about belonging.

3333 Busbee Dr NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144



WELCOME TO FALL AT OLLI AT KSU!

Dear OLLI Members and Friends,

There is something special about fall. The leaves begin to change, the temperatures finally start to cool, and one of the best parts is that we can finally enjoy being outdoors without the constant battle with mosquitoes! (I know I'm not the only one who looks forward to that!) But beyond the changing weather, fall has a way of bringing us together. It is a season that feels like family, community, and reconnecting with people and activities that bring us joy.

This fall, we're excited to continue expanding the many ways you can engage with OLLI at KSU. In addition to our local courses and events, we invite you to explore **Osher Online**, where live virtual courses connect you with exceptional instructors and fellow lifelong learners from Osher Institutes across the country. It's another way OLLI brings the joy of learning to you while connecting you with a larger community of lifelong learners.

We're also excited to continue growing our **OLLI Travel Program**. Some of the best memories are made when we learn together beyond the classroom while exploring new places, cultures, and experiences. Even if you're not ready

to pack your suitcase, I encourage you to sign up for our **Travel Email List**. Call 470-578-6881 to sign up or for more information. You'll receive early announcements about upcoming trips, invitations to travel presentations, and destination updates before registration opens. Joining the list doesn't commit you to travel. It simply ensures you'll be among the first to hear about our next adventure.

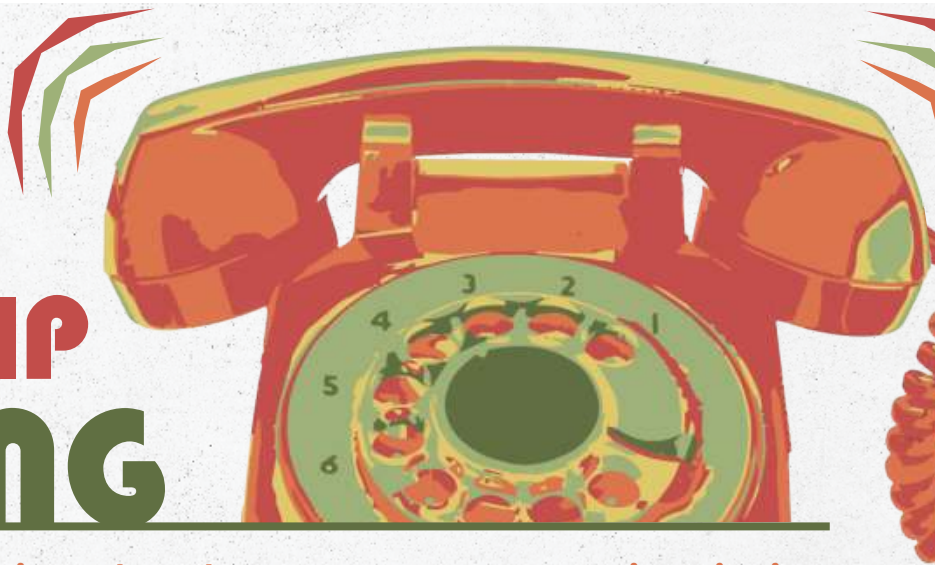
As you browse through this catalog, we invite you to discover all that OLLI at KSU has to offer. Maybe it's a class you've been wanting to take, a new topic you've never explored, a Special Interest Group where you can connect with others who share your interests, or perhaps an adventure waiting for you through OLLI's travel opportunities.

Thank you for choosing OLLI at KSU as a place to learn and to connect. After all, the heart of OLLI is not just what we learn, but the people we meet and the experiences we share along the way.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Melissa Conners".

Melissa Conners,
Program Manager,
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

YOUR OLLI MEMBERSHIP IS CALLING



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Kennesaw State University is now a member-based community! Get access to workshops, courses, social events, etc., when you become an OLLI member.

OLLI BASIC MEMBERSHIP

\$20 per year

Includes:

- ✓ Eligibility to register for OLLI classes and programs
- ✓ Access to Special Interest Groups
- ✓ Invitations to OLLI events, social gatherings, trips, and lectures
- ✓ OLLI Newsletter

OLLI PLUS MEMBERSHIP

\$80 per year

Includes OLLI Basic Membership benefits, plus:

- ✓ Clubroom access
- ✓ Free coffee, tea, and water
- ✓ 10% off OLLI classes*
- ✓ Free computer and printer access
- ✓ Scheduled Bridge games
- ✓ Scheduled Mah Jongg games

* 10% off is only for classes and does not apply to travel, socials, or day trips.



ANSWER THE CALL

Enrich your life by
signing up for an
OLLI membership today!



LEARN MORE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Community ESL Classes

Community ESL classes improve English communication skills for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students.

These practical 3-hour weekly classes cover speaking, listening, and reading. Ideal for working adults, tourists, au pairs, permanent residents, or anyone looking to enhance their general English.

Register Today for ESL Classes

Monday and Wednesday | 7:30 - 9 PM,
OR Saturday 9 AM - 12 PM
3 hours/week for 8 weeks | \$275

Contact the Intensive English Program

at 470-578-2214
iep@kennesaw.edu | cpe.kennesaw.edu/iep

FREE HEARING SCREENING With Dr. Laurie Nelson, Au.D Friday, October 16 | 9 AM - 12 PM

Enjoy a free 10-minute hearing screening with Dr. Laurie Nelson, Au.D., of Marietta Hearing Center. Open to OLLI members.

Space is limited; registration required in advance.

OCTOBER-DECEMBER

Lightroom and Photoshop Introduction

Tue | 4 - 6 PM | \$179

• 11/03/2026 - 12/15/2026

Omit Date(s) 11/24/2026

In this course, you will learn how to process all the photographs that you take with your digital camera, manage them for easy access and prepare them for whatever project you so choose. The course will go through the layout and functions of the main editing tools in each program. Then we will work through the seven different modules of Lightroom (Library, Develop, Map, Book, Slideshow, Print, and Web). Finally, you will learn how Photoshop can be used in conjunction with Lightroom to create Panorama, HDR, and other composites for more advanced projects. Adobe software subscription is not included in course fee.

Instructor: Martin Longstaff

Instant Piano

Thu | 1 - 4 PM | \$59

• 10/15/2026

Learn secrets your piano teacher never told you in this 3-hour session. Students will learn all the chords needed to play any song, any style, and any key. Students will then perfect their technique at home using the student manual. A cash or check payment of \$29 is required for manual and supplies.

Instructor: Michael McMillan

Photo I – Introduction to Photography

Tue | 6:30 - 8:30 PM | \$179

• 11/03/2026 - 12/15/2026

Omit Date(s) 11/24/2026

If you have ever looked at a photo and thought, "I wish I could take pictures like that!" Then this course is your first step. Dive into the world of photography and learn with us how to operate and care for a camera. De-mystify what f-stops, aperture, and shutter speed mean. Learn the basics of composition and how to use depth of focus to your advantage. Join us and submerge yourself into the world of light. Start taking the kind of photos that you want. Bring a camera with a manual mode if you have one (digital or film).

Instructor: Martin Longstaff

Photo II – Photography as Art

Tue | 1:30 - 3:30 PM | \$179

• 11/03/2026 - 12/15/2026

Omit Date(s) 11/24/2026

In this course, we continue our journey of learning and move well beyond the basic functions and care of your camera. We take an exciting journey into the world of photography as art and the development of your artistic eye. We talk in depth about composition and find out how to control and use light and shadow. We create art from common objects, learn about portraiture and group arrangement, spend a whole session on photo editing and learn about how to succeed in photo competitions. Come join us and learn how to create art with your photography.

Instructor: Martin Longstaff



BROWN BAG LUNCH AND LEARN LECTURE SERIES

The Story of Waffle House: *A Southern Icon*

Join OLLI at KSU for an inside look at the history of Waffle House, one of America's most recognizable restaurant chains. Guest speaker Julia Buschman, Archivist and Museum Curator for Waffle House, shares the story of the company's founders, its growth from a single restaurant into a beloved institution, and the culture that has made Waffle House a symbol of Southern hospitality for more than 70 years.

Bring your lunch, invite a friend, and join us for this free and engaging lecture.

W A F F L E
H O U S E

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 12-1 PM

KSU Center | Room 213/217
3333 Busbee Dr. NW
Kennesaw, GA 30144

Registration Required



Scan to Register

WAFFLE HOUSE



Julia Buschman

Open Studio – Advanced Instruction for Oil and Acrylic Painters

Mon | 1:30 - 4:30 PM | \$189

- 10/05/2026 - 12/14/26
- Omit Date(s) 11/23/2026

For oil and acrylic painters with some experience. Work on your own projects with guidance and technical assistance from a practicing professional painter. The instructor will stress design, value relationships, color, and emotional impact. There will also be opportunities for alla prima still life and plein air to keep your skills growing. Through a combination of individual and group critiques, you can judge the effectiveness of your work and find solutions and inspiration to move to the next level in your art. Join us in this casual but productive class.

Instructor: Edward Cahill

Painting 101! – Beginning Painting in Oil and Acrylic

Mon | 10 AM - 1 PM | \$189

- 10/05/2026 - 12/14/26
- Omit Date(s) 11/23/2026

Learn how to paint quickly and accurately from life in your choice of media. Every week we will paint a new composition with emphasis on realism/impressionism using a limited palette. Subjects to be explored are still life, landscape, interiors, portraits, and florals. Perfect for new students or intermediate painters wanting to fine tune their skills. Supply list available, but do not purchase supplies until after the first class.

Instructor: Edward Cahill

Portrait Drawing for Beginners

Thu | 3:30 - 5:30 PM | \$149

- 10/01/2026 - 12/10/26
- Omit Date(s) 11/26/2026

This course will focus on the fundamentals of constructing the underlying armature of the head and how to place the features accurately using the basic rules of human proportions to ultimately achieve a realistic portrait. In this class, we will also cover how to construct and render the individual features of the head (eyes, ears, nose, and mouth) from different perspectives. The primary medium used in the class will be graphite. A suggested supply list is available.

Instructor: Bryan Thompson



Retirement Income Planning and Social Security Strategies

Wed | 9:30 AM - 12 PM | \$49
• 11/18/2026

Thu | 4:30 - 7 PM | \$49
• 11/19/2026

The instructor will delve into both the history and the basics of Social Security to assist students in making important lifetime decisions. In this fast-paced class, students will learn the following: History and basics of Social Security; Social Security income strategies for married couples; Taxation (and double Taxation) on Social Security; Penalties on your Social Security; Retirement Income Strategies with 401(k)s and IRAs; New Required Minimum Distribution Rules – The Secure Act; Tax-Free Retirement Income Strategies.

Instructor: Nic Yeomans

Death and Taxes

Tue | 10 AM - 12 PM | \$49
• 10/06/2026 - 10/13/2026

Two things are certain: death and taxes. This two-part class will help students learn how to stay in control and have their wishes carried out, and learn legal ways to pay less tax. Students will receive handouts and a workbook. Covered Topics: Estate planning essentials: wills, powers of attorney, and trusts; IRA, insurance, and annuity beneficiary planning (Tax Timebomb if done wrong); Simplifying probate and estate administration; New Tax Law = New Tax Opportunities for retirees; Charitable giving strategies – Income and tax benefits; Tax-Free and Tax-Advantaged Strategies for Retirees; Roth in Retirement: Is it too late for something great?

Instructor: Nic Yeomans

Year End Tax Strategies for Estates, IRAs, 401(k)s, and Traditional Investments

Tue | 9:30 AM - 12 PM | \$49
• 11/03/2026

In this informative class, students will learn strategies and techniques that may reduce or eliminate certain tax liabilities. Have you ever wondered what strategies you could use that some of the richest Americans have used for decades? Many of the strategies discussed include: How to reduce and eliminate taxes on Retirement Account Distributions; How to reduce and eliminate Capital Gains taxes; Take Required Minimum Distributions in the most tax-advantaged way; Avoid Inheritance Tax Traps with IRAs, 401(k)s and other Retirement Accounts; How to pass assets generationally while minimizing taxes and providing asset protection; Learn some of the most tax-favored ways to give money to charity and heirs; How have wealthy Americans passed assets generationally tax-free, even before Roth IRAs were created. This class will be interactive and high energy... which you need when discussing Taxes!

Instructor: Nic Yeomans

Medicare 101 – Navigating the Medicare Maze

Sat | 10 - 11:30 AM | \$39
• 10/10/2026

Medicare Plans can be confusing! Join us so that you can better plan your benefits strategy or help guide your parents in their choices. Learn the many facets and particulars of Medicare. Gain a foundation of Medicare Part A, B, C (Medicare Advantage), and D (Prescription Drug Plan) and Medicare Supplement plans. Learn what factors to include in choosing the right plan. We discuss Pros and Cons of the growing trend of working past age 65 at your employer but leaving employer benefits plan to enroll in Medicare plan to save money on premiums.

Instructor: Robert Cox Jr





Fiction Writers Workshop

Tue | 10:30 AM - 12 PM | \$119

- 10/06/2026 - 12/01/2026

Omit Date(s) 11/24/2026

Fiction writing can be a lonely business, but it doesn't have to be. A great way to recharge your creative battery is to work with other writers. The Fiction Writers Workshop is all about that. For eight weeks, you'll have the opportunity to share your work in progress with others who are also looking for insight and inspiration. Their feedback and yours can be a powerful motivator. Josh Langston, best-selling novelist, editor, and longtime writing instructor, will lead the gatherings and offer tips and techniques to strengthen your work and make it marketable.

Instructor: Josh Langston

Memoir Writers Workshop

Tue | 12:30 - 2 PM | \$119

- 10/06/2026 - 12/01/2026

Omit Date(s) 11/24/2026

Memoir writing can be a lonely business, but it doesn't have to be. A great way to recharge your memory and your creative battery is to work with others engaged in similar projects. The Memoir Writers Workshop is designed for that. Over eight weeks, you'll have the opportunity to share your work in progress with others who are also looking for insight and inspiration. Their feedback and yours can be a powerful motivator. Josh Langston, best-selling novelist, editor, and longtime writing instructor, will lead the weekly gatherings and offer tips and techniques to strengthen your work.

Instructor: Josh Langston

Publish Your Own Book

Thu | 12:30 - 2 PM | \$119

- 10/08/2026 - 12/03/2026

Omit Date(s) 11/26/2026

This course focuses on the many facets of independent publishing. In addition to the most common forms, novels and memoirs, the instructor will offer expertise in developing other subject material and alternative formats. Students will have the opportunity to find the best platform for their work and develop useful publishing strategies.

Instructor: Josh Langston



Ballet Barre and Low Impact Aerobic

Fri | 10 - 11 AM | \$119

- 10/02/2026 - 12/11/2026
Omit Date(s) 11/27/2026

Mon | 10 - 11 AM | \$119

- 10/05/2026 - 12/14/2026
Omit Date(s) 11/23/2026

This class is specifically designed for senior adults, focusing on building strength, flexibility, and balance through gentle ballet movements. We begin with a warm-up to prepare the body, followed by a ballet barre session to enhance balance and coordination. Next, we engage in low-impact aerobics to boost stamina and then move on to floor stretches at your own pace, concluding with a calming cool-down. Our noncompetitive, supportive environment fosters brain health and emotional well-being, making it a perfect choice for maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle.

Instructor: Barbara Hancock

Wise Fitness

Tue and Thu | 9:30 - 10:30 AM | \$189

- 10/01/2026 - 12/15/2026
Omit Date(s) 11/24/2026, 11/26/2026

This class features exercises that focus on strength and flexibility as well as balance and range of motion, using your own body weight or light dumbbells. Wise Fitness accommodates all fitness levels to help build a stronger core, tone muscles, improve posture, and encourage a confident smile. Wear exercise clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. A signed waiver is required at the start of the first class session.

Instructor: Carla Rumley

Mindful Movement

Wed | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | \$99

- 10/14/2026 - 12/16/2026
Omit Date(s) 11/04/2026, 11/25/2026

A gentle combination of Pilates and yoga designed to provide a full-body stretch, strengthen your core muscles, and keep you energized for the rest of your week. Feel the difference that moving and breathing with intention can make in your life. Students must sign a waiver prior to class.

Instructor: Emily Berreth

Pilates Basics

Mon | 7 - 8 PM | \$99

- 10/12/2026 - 12/14/2026
Omit Date(s) 11/02/2026, 11/23/2026

Joint-friendly Pilates increases core strength and flexibility through gentle toning exercises and can be adjusted to suit all fitness levels. Boost your stamina and muscle tone without the risks of high impact exercise. Students must sign a waiver prior to class.

Instructor: Emily Berreth

Yoga and Pilates – Perfectly Combined

Sat | 11 AM - 12:30 PM | \$109

- 10/10/2026 - 12/12/2026
Omit Date(s) 11/07/2026, 11/28/2026

An invigorating combination of Pilates and yoga designed to provide a full-body stretch, strengthen your core muscles, and keep you energized for the rest of your week. Feel the difference that moving and breathing with intention can make in your life. Students must sign a waiver prior to class.

Instructor: Emily Berreth

Understanding Your Enneagram

Tue | 10 AM - 12 PM | \$59

- 11/10/2026 - 11/17/2026

Learn how your personality “type” masks how we all see the world differently, and how to use your “type” to improve your ability to manage your relationships, emotions, behavior, and life’s challenges. Access to a free, fun Enneagram personality test included.

Instructor: Tony Holmes

The Enneagram: Aging Well and Life Transitions (Part II)

Tue | 10 AM - 12 PM | \$69

- 12/01/2026 - 12/15/2026

Learn how the Enneagram helps you navigate life’s transitions. Find your own aging-well path to better relationships, health, stress, handling loss, and finding identity, purpose, growth, and happiness. (Requires prior attendance at Part I).

Instructor: Tony Holmes

Line Dancing for Fun!

Sat | 9 - 10:30 AM | \$109

- 10/03/2026 - 11/21/2026

Kick off your weekend with a little yeehaw and a whole lot of fun at our Saturday morning Line Dancing class! You’ll learn the proper steps, rhythm, and technique behind today’s most popular line dances — plus a few of the classics — so when it’s time to hit the floor at weddings, parties, or country line dancing nights, you’ll be ready to shine! Each class is taught by an experienced instructor who breaks each dance down step by step. New to line dancing? We recommend wearing comfortable sneakers to help you move safely while learning the steps. No partner is needed, and no experience is required. Come for fun, leave with real skills (and some great new friends)!

Instructor: Linda Messing

Qigong/Tai Chi for Seniors I

Wed | 11 AM - 12 PM | \$119
 • 10/07/2026 - 12/16/2026
 Omit Date(s) 11/25/2026

Thu | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | \$119
 • 10/08/2026 - 12/17/2026
 Omit Date(s) 11/26/2026

Beginning Qigong and Tai Chi forms and movements that improve balance, strength, concentration, and encourage an overall sense of health and well-being. Also includes Qigong breathing and relaxation techniques. A signed waiver is required prior to the start of class.

Instructor: Lynn Cunningham

Qigong/Tai Chi for Seniors II

Wed | 9 - 10 AM | \$119
 • 10/07/2026 - 12/16/2026
 Omit Date(s) 11/25/2026

Beginning Yang 24 forms Tai Chi with an emphasis on skills helpful to becoming proficient and comfortable. Completion of Qigong/Tai Chi I recommended but not required. A signed waiver is required prior to the start of class.

Instructor: Lynn Cunningham

Qigong/Tai Chi for Seniors III

Wed | 10 - 11 AM | \$119
 • 10/07/2026 - 12/16/2026
 Omit Date(s) 11/25/2026

Advanced Yang 48 Tai Chi expanded from Yang 24, completion of Qigong/Tai Chi II recommended unless there is prior Tai Chi experience. Utilizes the same breathing and forms but with additional learned skills. A signed waiver is required prior to the start of class.

Instructor: Lynn Cunningham

INTRODUCING Osher Online™

A National Classroom for OLLI at KSU Members

Join lifelong learners from Osher Institutes across the country in live online courses led by expert instructors. Explore topics in history, science, literature, current events, and the arts, all from home.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Course Length: 6 Weeks

Class Schedule: One 90-Minute Live Session Weekly

Format: Live via Zoom

Course Fee: \$75 per Course

Membership: Active OLLI at KSU Membership Required

**First Course Begins
September 28**

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



Studies Show... (Or Do They?): Under the Hood of a Scientific Study

Thu | 3 - 4:30 PM | \$75
• 10/01/2026 - 11/05/2026

What really changes when we read beyond the abstract? In this interactive course, we will open real research papers (many in health and nutrition) and explore what scientists actually look for. We will explore how small design choices can dramatically shape a study's meaning, and why headlines rarely tell the full story. No technical background is required — just curiosity. By the end of the course, we will never read “studies show...” the same way again.

Instructor: John Hendrickson

The Invisible Thread: 3,500 Years of Global Supply Chain

Mon | 11 AM - 12:30 PM | \$75
• 10/19/2026 - 11/23/2026

We often only notice the global supply chain when it breaks. Yet, for millennia, the movement of goods has been the silent engine of civilization. In this course, we will track the evolution of trade from an executive's perspective. From the sunken treasures of Bronze Age merchant ships to the high-tech intermodal systems of today, we will explore the vessels that carried the world's wealth and the complex networks that keep our modern shelves stocked.

Instructor: Scott Jones

The History and Experience of Route 66

Mon | 7 - 8:30 PM | \$75
• 10/05/2026 - 11/09/2026

Route 66 is as much an idea as it is a place. Since 1926, it has evolved from a busy highway into a symbol of nostalgia, travel, and the American road. Today, it serves as a kind of pilgrimage route, marked by neon signs and preserved roadside landmarks. In this course,

we will explore its history, cultural meaning, rise and decline, revival, and preservation, while considering the future of this iconic American highway.

Instructor: Peter Dedek

The 60s Through the Great Speeches

Fri | 11 AM - 12:30 PM | \$75
• 10/09/2026 - 11/13/2026

The 1960s is a decade wrapped in myth and misunderstanding. In this course, we will cut through that haze by turning to something powerful and concrete: the speeches of the era. The times and the conditions demanded these significant speeches. Together, we will listen to the voices that moved a nation and shaped history. With recordings preserved through television, video, and YouTube, we will discover what these speeches still have to teach us today.

Instructor: Arthur (Buck) Benedict

Sacred Mountains of the World

Mon | 3 - 4:30 PM | \$75
• 10/05/2026 - 11/09/2026

Across cultures and throughout history, mountains have held powerful symbolic meaning. In this course, we will explore how the Buddhists of the Himalayas, the Inca of the Andes, the Inuit of the far north, and European Romantics understood and approached these landscapes. Through an interdisciplinary lens, we will examine the beliefs, traditions, and mythologies inspired by the world's mountains, using illustrated lectures, short readings, and discussion to deepen our connection to these high and wild places.

Instructor: Jonathan Duncan

Power and the People: The Evolution of the U.S. Federal Judiciary

Thu | 1 - 2:30 PM | \$75
• 10/15/2026 - 11/19/2026

The American Experiment began with the Declaration of Independence and led to the creation of the federal judiciary, one of the country's greatest experiments. In this course, we will trace the evolution of the courts from their English roots to their formal establishment in the Constitution. We will explore how the Supreme Court, lacking the power of the purse or military, derives its authority from its ability to connect with the people of the U.S. and protect democracy. We will examine creation of the federal judiciary and the power of the Marshall Court, the Court's evolution through the New Deal, the Vinson Court, the Warren Court's “Rights Revolution,” and the role of today's U.S. Supreme Court.

Instructor: Lauren Andersen

Post-War Architecture: The Innovative Architects of the Midcentury Modern Period

Wed | 1 - 2:30 PM | \$75
• 10/07/2026 - 11/11/2026

From new industrial materials to innovations in housing, mid-20th-century designers worked to shape an aesthetic that reflected post-World War II ideals. In this course, we will explore the optimism linking design and lifestyle, especially through open living spaces. We will examine the Case Study Program and the work of designers such as Charles and Ray Eames, John Lautner, Eero Saarinen, E. Fay Jones, and Donald Wexler, within the context of rapid social change.

Instructor: Eleanor Schrader

Living off The Laughter: History of Comedy in America

Wed | 3 - 4:30 PM | \$75
• 10/14/2026 - 11/18/2026

This course is a history class with a laugh track. We will analyze the 20th and 21st centuries against their historic context, using humor as the platform. We will discuss how comedy was shaped by and responsive to American society, and how comedians influenced and shaped American life. We will cover Silent Films, Vaudeville, Radio, Screwball and Romantic Comedies, and the Golden Age of Television. We will study how each generation's identity influenced what (and whom) they laughed at.

Instructor: Eddy Friedfeld

Early 20th Century Avant-Garde: From Rebellion to Abstraction

Thu | 5 - 6:30 PM | \$75
• 10/08/2026 - 11/12/2026

Journey into the vibrant world of early 20th-century art and witness the birth of abstraction. This transformative period reshaped the cultural landscape, from the bold colors of Fauvism, the fractured forms of Cubism, to the dreamlike realms of Surrealism. Each session focuses on the movements' leading artists including Matisse, Kandinsky, Picasso, Mondrian, Duchamp, and Dali. We will explore their aesthetic goals and the social and cultural currents that influenced them.

Instructor: Lauren Weingarden

Cults and New Religious Movements in America

Tue | 3 - 4:30 PM | \$75
• 10/06/2026 - 11/10/2026

America has long been fertile ground for new and alternative religions. In this course, we will examine New Religious Movements, often labeled "cults," within the U.S. context. We will explore why some became accepted, others faded, and some led to controversy or tragedy. We will consider both insider perspectives and outsider views while analyzing their history, beliefs, and practices. Focusing on the 18th and 19th centuries, we will work to better understand these movements and challenge common misconceptions.

Instructor: Kathryn (Kate) Davis

The Search for an American Sound

Mon | 5 - 6:30 PM | \$75
• 10/12/2026 - 11/16/2026

Since the 1890s, when Americans were beginning to develop their own traditions in classical music, composers have recognized the dilemma of creating the American sound. We will explore how classical musicians, and Broadway and Hollywood composers, most of them Jewish, followed parallel paths in creating sounds that reflect these lands and its people. Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, William Grant Still, Florence Price, Alex North, Elmer Bernstein and others will be the protagonists of this lecture.

Instructor: Emanuel Abramovits

Biology and Society

Thu | 11 AM - 12:30 PM | \$75
• 10/01/2026 - 11/05/2026

This course introduces the scientific study of life, emphasizing real-world applications and the societal, ethical, and legal consequences of biological advances. We will place key principles within the context of issues that affect society. Designed for non-scientists with little or no recent science experience, the course encourages discussion and reflection. Many topics are at the leading edge of discovery, and we will consider the ongoing ethical and legal debates surrounding their application.

Instructor: Eric Simon

August Wilson and His American Cycle-The First Five: 1904-1957

Wed | 5 - 6:30 PM | \$75
• 10/07/2026 - 11/11/2026

August Wilson was the first African American playwright to have a Broadway theater bear his name, honoring his powerful portrayal of African American culture. In this course, we will read, watch, and examine plays from Wilson's American Cycle, which represents each decade of the 20th century. We will explore his life and influences while focusing on Gem of the Ocean, Joe Turner's Come and Gone, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, and Seven Guitars, tracing his interpretation and celebration of African American culture.

Instructor: Ladrice Menson-Furr

Classes Fill Up Fast
JOIN AND REGISTER TODAY!

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
BY WEB:
olli.kennesaw.edu

BY PHONE:
470-578-6765
Select option 1,
then option 3.

Naval Operations of the Revolution

Tue | 11 AM - 12:30 PM | \$99

• 10/13/2026 - 12/08/2026

Omit Date(s) 11/24/2026

American Revolution naval operations involved the British Navy, Continental and State Navies, Privateers, and French Navy. The course will cover blockades, commerce raiding, amphibious, and fleet actions.

Instructor: Loren Plisco

Profiles of the Founders

Wed | 11 AM - 12 PM | \$69

• 10/07/2026 - 12/02/2026

Omit Date(s) 11/25/2026

Besides the official services provided by the founders of the United States, there is the rest of the story that allows us to see them as individuals. We'll explore the lesser-known personal stories, relationships, and challenges of America's Founding Fathers.

Instructor: Quentin Thomas

America's War on Terror Part II

Wed | 11 AM - 12:30 PM | \$89

• 10/14/2026 - 11/18/2026

This lecture/discussion course continues the study of America's war on terror from 1978 to the present. Topics include the Unabomber, the roots of 9/11, key terrorist attacks, U.S. and Israeli responses, and major counterterrorism operations. Video segments and films will enhance the discussion, and students are encouraged to share their thoughts and questions. Attendance in Part I is not required.

Instructor: Fritz Hutchinson

Women in the Holocaust

Mon | 1 - 2:30 PM | \$99

• 10/05/2026 - 11/09/2026

This course explores the Holocaust through the experiences of women as victims, perpetrators, rescuers, and resisters. Participants will examine how Nazi ideology shaped expectations of women and how gender influenced women's lives during this period.

Instructor: Katy Matello

What is for Sale? A Commercial History through the 21st Century

Tue | 11 AM - 12:30 PM | \$49

• 12/01/2026 - 12/15/2026

This second installment of What is for Sale? A Commercial History of the Modern World explores how the trade in steel, oil, coffee, and more drove local, regional, and global encounter and exchange.

Instructor: Suzanne Litrel

Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi Theater: 1863-1865

Tue | 6 - 7:30 PM | \$69

• 10/06/2026 - 12/01/2026

Omit Date(s) 11/24/2026

This course explores the Trans-Mississippi Department, which encompassed the Confederate states of Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, and western Louisiana, along with the Indian Territory (modern-day Oklahoma). After the Union gained control of the Mississippi River in 1863, this region became isolated from the rest of the Confederacy, creating unique military and political changes. As the Confederacy collapsed east of the river, Trans-Mississippi forces continued to fight, ultimately engaging in the final battle of the Civil War at Palmito Ranch in Texas on May 12-13, 1865, weeks after General Robert E. Lee's surrender. Join us as we examine the overlooked campaigns, leadership, and legacy of this isolated Confederate frontier and its significance in ending the war.

Instructor: Gerald Flinchum





Mah Jongg

Wed | 1 - 4 PM | \$149
 • 10/07/2026 - 11/11/2026

Mon | 1:30 - 4:30 PM | \$149
 • 10/05/2026 - 11/09/2026

Learn to play American Mah Jongg in this fun, hands-on course. Explore the game's history, tiles, manners, and strategies while practicing gameplay in a supportive classroom setting.

Instructor: Marie Ellsworth

Tracking Your Ancestors: Family History Research with AI Assistance

Mon and Wed | 1 - 3:30 PM | \$99
 • 11/02/2026 - 11/18/2026

Discover how to research your family history with confidence. This course combines proven genealogy methods with modern AI tools, guiding you through records, organization, and storytelling. Learn how to build a research plan, evaluate resources, and bring your ancestors' histories to life.

Instructor: Karen Molohon

Interior Design Masterclass: Beginners to Advanced

Thu | 6:30 - 8:30 PM | \$119
 • 10/08/2026 - 10/29/2026

This hands-on course is designed to enhance your interior decorating skills, whether you are a beginner or have more advanced knowledge. This class offers a step-by-step educational plan to help you transform your home with confidence. You will learn how to create a detailed mood board, master color palettes and color flow, and design spaces that reflect your unique style. From creating a relaxing outdoor area to developing a home theater or planning a kitchen makeover, this course will provide fresh ideas and practical tips to elevate your projects. Discover where and how to shop, avoid costly mistakes, and achieve professional-looking results. You will see inspiring before-and-after examples and participate in a hands-on field trip to Fringe Benefits in Marietta (transportation not included).

Instructor: Jan Britt

Cupboard Cash

Tue and Thu | 9 AM - 12 PM | \$119
 • 10/27/2026 - 10/29/2026
 • 12/01/2026 - 12/03/2026

Have you collected lots of treasures over the years? Want to know how to value them? Want to know how to dispose of them? This class is a workshop designed to help people downsize their treasures without giving the valuable ones away. We will discuss what is currently selling, how to research the values of specific items, and the pros and cons of estate sales.

Instructor: Natalie Silver

Bridge: Two-Over-One Game Force, ETC.

Tue | 10 AM - 12 PM | \$69
 • 10/20/2026 - 11/17/2026

Intermediate. This is a class for students wishing to learn Two-Over-One Game Force, an adaptation of Standard American Bidding. Two-Over-One has become popular as it allows more bidding room to find the best game contract and explore slam possibilities. Textbook: Audrey Grant's "2/1 Game Force." Students are responsible for the purchase of the textbook, although purchase is not a prerequisite for the class.

Instructor: Reade White-Spunner

BRIDGE: Think DEFENSE

Mon | 10 AM - 12 PM | \$69
 • 10/19/2026 - 11/16/2026

Intermediate. More tricks are lost due to poor defense than to inaccurate bidding or clumsy play of the hand. Learn with your partner, hopefully, to communicate through your leads, discards, and count signals how to defeat what appears to be a solid contract. Textbook: Barbara Seagram's "The Magic of Defense." Students are responsible for the purchase of the textbook although purchase is not a prerequisite for the class.

Instructor: Reade White-Spunner

Jewelry Making for Beginners

Mon | 11 AM - 1 PM | \$49
 • 10/05/2026 - 10/19/2026

Those with no previous experience will make three to six projects while learning basic techniques like reading instructions, stringing, and crimping to make earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. Supply fee is \$35, payable to the instructor at the first class.

Instructor: Marjorie Ryan



Spanish is Fun! Part I

Mon | 10 AM - 12 PM | \$159
 • 10/05/2026 - 12/14/2026
 Omit Date(s) 11/23/2026

This course covers Chapters 1-4 contained in Primera Parte (Part I) of the Textbook (see Required Textbook below). Students will learn basic greetings and exchanges and vocabulary related to family, school, and the classroom. Regular “ar” verbs will be introduced and practiced, and students will have “hands-on” experience with certain cultural components. Required textbooks: SPANISH IS FUN, Lively Lessons for Beginners, Book 1, Fifth Edition, (Heywood Wald / Lori Langer de Ramirez) ISBN: 978-1-63419-928-5 and SPANISH IS FUN, Cuaderno de ejercicios, Lively Lessons for Beginners, Book 1, Fifth Edition, (Heywood Wald / Lori Langer de Ramirez)

Instructor: Nancy DeLisle-Brown

Spanish is Fun! Part II

Thu | 10 AM - 12 PM | \$159
 • 10/01/2026 - 12/10/2026
 Omit Date(s) 11/26/2026

This course covers Chapters 5-8 contained in Segunda Parte (Part II) of the Textbook (see Required Materials below). These chapters will feature numbers 0-30, which will be important for the lesson on Telling Time. As practice of “ar” verbs continues, students will be introduced to regular “er” and “ir” verbs. A lesson will follow on how to form adjectives when describing others, and students will have “hands-on” experience with certain cultural components. Required textbooks: SPANISH IS FUN, Lively Lessons for Beginners, Book 1, Fifth Edition, (Heywood Wald / Lori Langer de Ramirez) ISBN: 978-1-63419-928-5 SPANISH IS FUN, Cuaderno de ejercicios, Lively Lessons for Beginners, Book 1, Fifth Edition, (Heywood Wald / Lori Langer de Ramirez) ISBN: 978-1-5311-0633-1.

Instructor: Nancy DeLisle-Brown

Spanish is Fun! Part III

Thu | 10 AM - 12 PM | \$159
 • 10/01/2026 - 12/10/2026
 Omit Date(s) 11/26/2026

This course covers selected components from Chapters 9-12 contained in Tercera Parte (Part III) of the Textbook (see Required Textbook below). Students will examine the names of various professions and practice expressing one’s and others’ professions. Students will then study how to describe location and temporary conditions of people and things versus permanent traits of people and things. The lesson will expand into a study of the present tense of “ir” verbs along with a study of expressing actions that are happening in real time. Students will study how to express dates as well as the months of the year. Students will then identify celebrations and events that take place during specific months. Finally, specific components of Spanish/Latino culture will be examined and discussed. Required Textbook: 978-1-63419-928—5 SPANISH IS FUN / LIVELY LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS (Book 1)

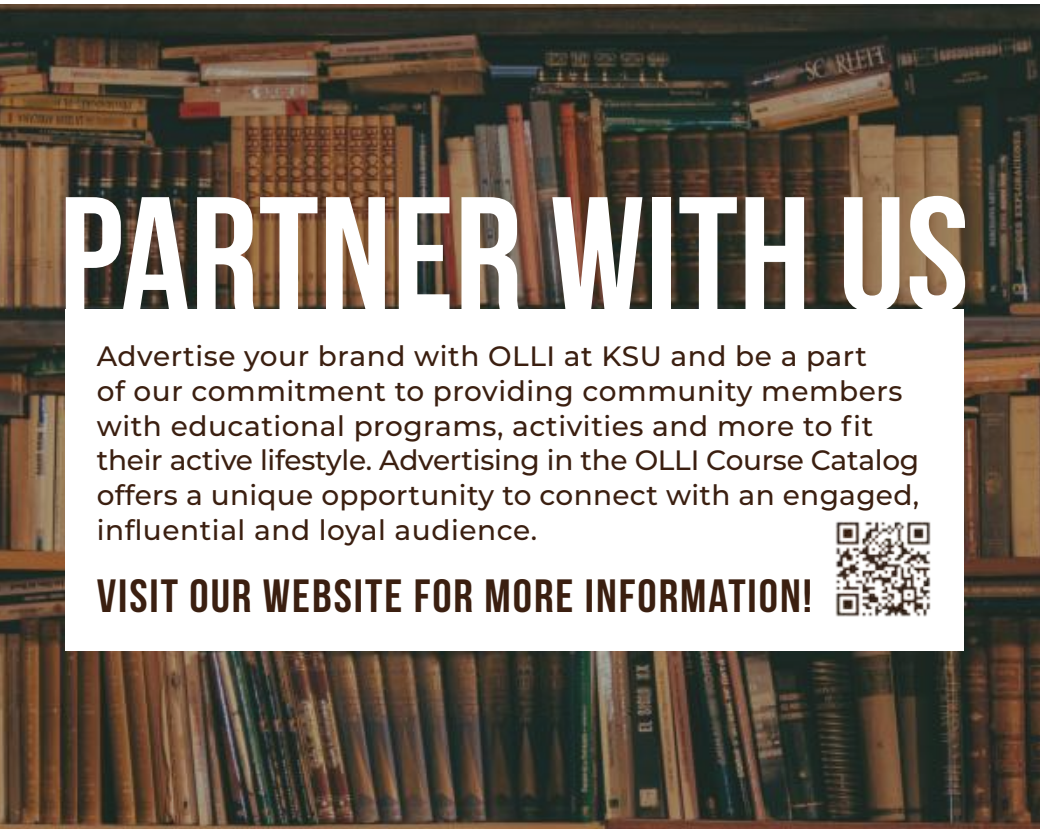
Instructor: Xiomy Vehrs

Spanish is Fun! Part IV

Tue | 10 AM - 12 PM | \$159
 • 10/06/2026 - 12/15/2026
 Omit Date(s) 11/24/2026

Spanish is Fun! parts I to III are required prior to the enrollment of this course. Students will be provided with new vocabulary related to conversation, dining, and vocabulary when travelling. In addition to this knowledge, students will acquire language skills, such as: more complex sentence structures and vocabulary.

Instructor: Xiomy Vehrs



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Beginning Basics of Microsoft Excel

Tue and Thu | 9 AM - 2:30 PM | \$199
 • 11/17/2026, 11/19/2026

This course teaches students how to use the Microsoft Office Program, Excel. Students will learn how to: make columns of information, manipulate large amounts of data, insert basic formulas, use auto format and auto fill, and create a presentable spreadsheet. Additionally, students can learn how to make a graph from their data.

Instructor: Natalie Silver

Meet Your iPhone

Thu | 9 AM - 1 PM | \$89
 • 10/01/2026

Want to use your iPhone for more than making phone calls? Learn about the built-in apps of calendar, camera, messaging, email, and Safari. Learn the proper care for your battery, how to install/delete/rearrange apps, and discuss cloud storage.

Instructor: Natalie Silver

Meet Your iPad

Thu | 9 AM - 1 PM | \$89
 • 10/08/2026

Join us for this fun and informative class with all sorts of tips, tricks, tools, and how-tos for your iPad. You will learn how to navigate your device like a pro. We will take you through the latest features of home screen customization, explore a few functions of the Camera and Photo apps, guide you through the App store, and share a few of our favorite tips. Bring your own iPad or use one of ours.

Instructor: Natalie Silver

Meet Your Apple Watch

Thu | 9 AM - 12 PM | \$79
 • 10/15/2026

Get the full advantage of this neat gadget! We cover all the following in this quick 4-hour class: Setup – connection to phone; Review of controls within the phone for the watch; Review of buttons/dials on watch; Common uses – answer call, receive a text, ping my phone; Fancier Features – check my heart rate, emergency contacts.

Instructor: Natalie Silver

What the Heck is OneDrive

Thu | 9 AM - 12 PM | \$79
 • 11/12/2026

This workshop is designed to introduce longtime computer users to the realm of OneDrive and show how to best use it. We will discuss the pros and cons of the service as well as the effects it has on locating files within your computer. Please bring your Microsoft log in and password so you can access the files in class to get a more thorough understanding.

Instructor: Natalie Silver

Microsoft Office Tips and Tricks

Thu | 9 AM - 1 PM | \$89
 • 11/05/2026

Unlock the full potential of Microsoft Office 365 in this hands-on, tips-and-tricks-focused class designed for users of all experience levels. Learn how to streamline your workflow, boost productivity, and take advantage of powerful hidden features in Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint. This course will help you work smarter, not harder. Whether you're using Office 365 for school, work, or personal projects, you'll walk away with practical knowledge that can be applied immediately.

Instructor: Natalie Silver

Basics of Amazon Selling

Sat | 9 AM - 3:30 PM | \$119
 • 11/07/2026

This course offers an introduction to Amazon and the selling opportunities available for third-party merchants. Students will learn how to set up a merchant's account and which type is best for you, and how to list and price products on the Amazon platform. Class will also cover how to use Amazon's fulfillment service and why.

Instructor: James Daniel

Selling on the Internet

Sat | 9 AM - 3:30 PM | \$119
 • 10/17/2026

This course is designed for those with a desire to learn how to sell on the internet. This class will introduce students to topics such as: how to get started, what options are available for a quick start up, proven methods for fast entrance into the world of e-commerce, and the utilization of various platforms.

Instructor: James Daniel

Basics of eBay Selling

Sat | 9 AM - 3:30 PM | \$119
 • 10/03/2026

Participants enrolled in this seminar will learn all about eBay. This includes: an introduction to eBay, eBay safety, a synopsis of opportunities available on eBay, setting up a secure seller's account, pricing strategies, putting together a complete listing, and completing the sale.

Instructor: James Daniel





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