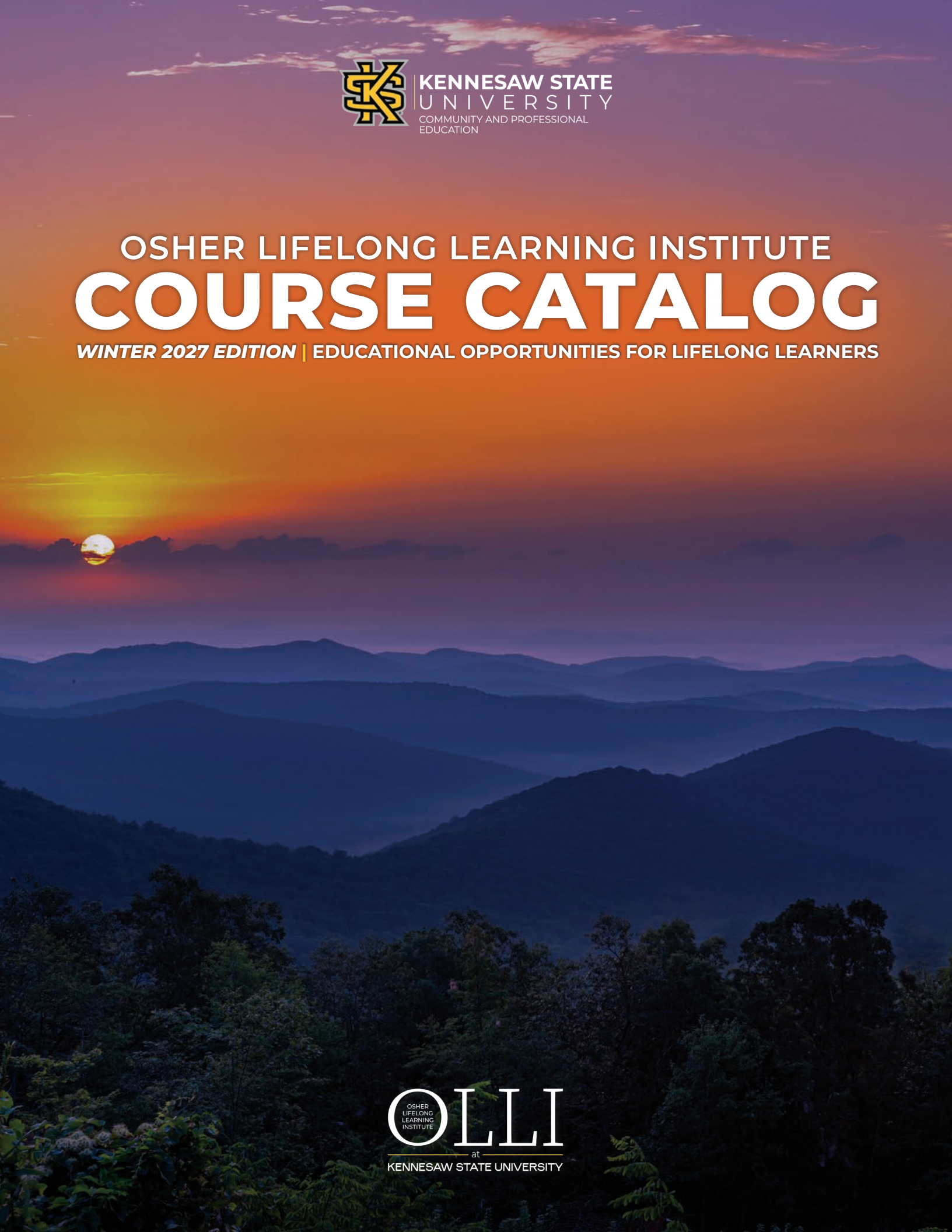
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WHAT IS OLLI?

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.

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WELCOME TO WINTER AT OLLI AT KSU!

By the time this catalog arrives in your mailbox, our OLLI travelers will be making their way along the Danube, visiting Christmas markets, exploring historic cities, and enjoying all the sights and sounds of the holiday season.

OLLI travelers are an adventurous bunch. Many have traveled all over the world, and they're still looking for the next great experience. A beautiful destination is part of it, but so are the people you meet, the stories you bring home, and the memories you make along the way.

And we already have more adventures planned for 2027.

In June, we're heading to Colorado to explore the Rocky Mountain region. Then, in October, we'll head to Tuscany, with its beautiful countryside, historic towns, food, and culture. We're excited about both trips and look forward to sharing all the details with you.

KSU Giving Day is March 16

Travel may take us to new places, but the heart of OLLI is right here at home.

Each quarter, our members get together to learn, share ideas, try something new, and enjoy time with friends. A class might introduce you to a new interest. Lunch and Learn might lead you to a great conversation. A special program might become the highlight of your week. And sometimes, you walk into a class without knowing anyone and walk out with a new friend.

KSU Giving Day on March 16 is an opportunity to help make those experiences possible.

Your gift to OLLI supports the program and helps us continue creating the kind of community our members have come to enjoy. Every contribution, at any level, makes a difference. As we get closer to Giving Day, we'll have information on the OLLI website about how to make your gift.

Thank you for being a part of OLLI at KSU. Wehave a lot to look forward to in 2027, both in the classroom and beyond it!

Melissa Conners

Melissa Conners,
Program Manager,
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

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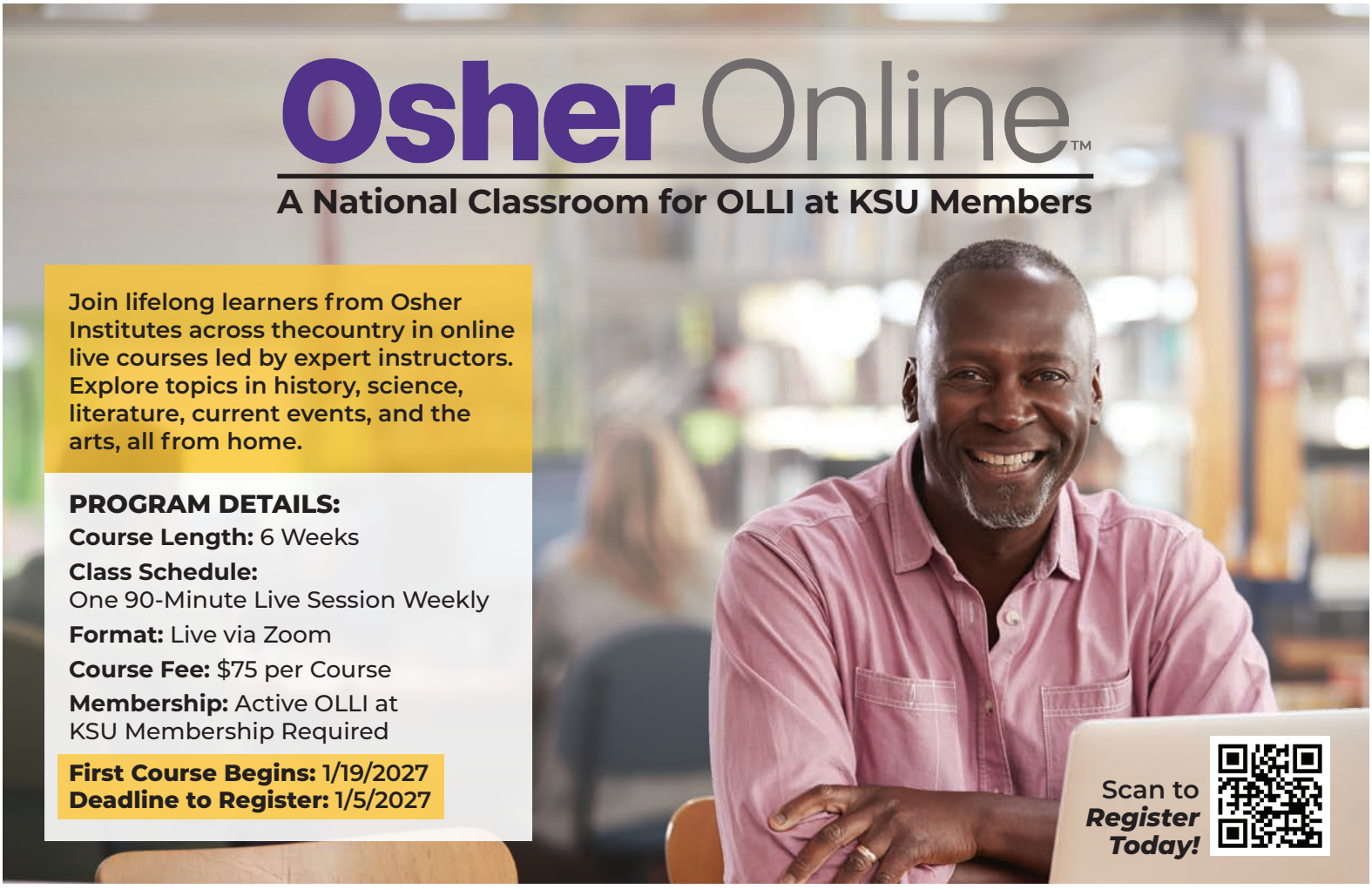

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PROGRAM DETAILS:

Course Length: 6 Weeks

Class Schedule:
One 90-Minute Live Session Weekly

Format: Live via Zoom

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Membership: Active OLLI at KSU Membership Required

First Course Begins: 1/19/2027
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Dec. 5-6, 2026 | Morgan Concert Hall

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THIRD COAST PERCUSSION
February 13, 2027 | Morgan Concert Hall

NEW WORKS & IDEAS FESTIVAL
February 18-23, 2027 | Onyx & Stillwell Theater

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JANUARY - MARCH

Open Studio – Advanced Instruction for Oil and Acrylic Painters

Monday | 1:30-4:30 PM | $189

- **Jan. 11-March 22, 2027**
  Omit Date: Jan. 18, 2027

An ongoing studio class for experienced painters provides an environment where you can create work based on your own vision. With the guidance of a professional painter, you can elevate your ideas to new heights using various media. Students are encouraged and challenged to develop their skills within the supportive community of fellow artists and the instructor.

Instructor: Ed Cahill

Painting 101! Beginning Painting in Oil and Acrylic

Monday | 10 AM-1 PM | $189

- **Jan. 11-March 22, 2027**
  Omit Date: Jan. 18, 2027

Enroll in a comprehensive painting course led by a full-time professional instructor. Each week, you will create a new painting while exploring diverse subjects such as landscapes, florals, still life, and portraits. Employ effective compositions by utilizing light, shadow, and color in a loose impressionist style. Bring your own supplies for the first week. Purchase additional supplies after the initial session to avoid unnecessary expenses.

Instructor: Ed Cahill

Instant Piano

Thursday | 1-4 PM | $59

- **Feb. 25, 2027**

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

Drawing Basics for Beginners

Thursday | 3:30-5:30 PM

$109

- **Jan. 14-Feb. 25, 2027**

In this course, we will explore the basics of drawing, utilizing fundamental techniques in quick sketching, refined drawings, and final renderings with light and shadow. As a class, we will construct and render basic geometric forms, and graduate to more complex objects with textures to give them a realistic three-dimensional appearance. The drawing medium we will be using for this course is graphite.

Instructor: Bryan Thompson

The Zentangle Method

Wednesday | 10 AM-1 PM

$105

- **Jan. 13-Feb. 17, 2027**
- **March 3-April 7, 2027**

The Zentangle Method is a form of meditative drawing that uses repetitive patterns called “tangles” in combination with dots, lines, curves, and orbs to create beautiful pieces of abstract art. Learning and practicing this form of art can increase the overall sense of personal well-being. Students will learn up to 32 tangles and complete eight projects. A recommended supply list is available.

Instructor: Marjorie Ryan



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KSU Giving Day 2027



Save the Date **March 16, 2027**

A DAY TO GIVE. A YEAR OF LEARNING.

Mark your calendar and join your fellow OLLI members in supporting the programs, spaces, and experiences that make our community special.

Every gift helps OLLI continue to thrive.

Photo I – Introduction to Photography

Tuesday | 6:30-8:30 PM

$179

- **Feb. 16-March 23, 2027**

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. Demystify 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

Tuesday | 1:30-3:30 PM

$179

- **Feb. 16-March 23, 2027**

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

Lightroom and Photoshop Introduction

Tuesday | 4-6 PM | $179

- **Feb. 16-March 23, 2027**

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

History takes on Hollywood

Wednesday | 11 AM-12:30 PM

$119

- **Jan. 13-March 3, 2027**

Attention all movie-loving history buffs! Take an in-depth look at how Hollywood portrays real-life historical events that took place, from c. 73 B.C. to c. 1960, focusing mostly on the 19th and 20th centuries. View excerpts from prominent films, followed by discussion of the historical accuracy of each.

Instructor: Fritz Hutchinson

Dreadnoughts and Unterseeboots

Tuesday | 11 AM-12:30 PM

$99

- **Jan. 12-March 2, 2027**

Explore the arms race between Britain and Germany before the Great War, following the introduction of HMS Dreadnought. Examine the revolutionary technology developments that changed naval warfare, including submarines, mines, and radio communications. Gain insight into how the Allies and Central Powers conducted the naval war and how those decisions contributed to the ultimate outcome of the conflict. Discuss how specific key players and "characters" influenced the battles and engagements at sea during World War I.

Instructor: Matt Kerns

For Kingdom's Sake: The Battle for Brazil

Tuesday | 11 AM-12:30 PM

$59

- **Feb. 23-March 16, 2027**

This course traces the seventeenth-century global conflict between the Dutch and the Portuguese. We'll examine how myth and chance spurred diverse people to action, and how the once-neglected colony helped save the Kingdom of Portugal. There are no required readings, but students might find the instructor's The Battle for Brazil: Resistance, Renewal, and the War Against the Dutch, 1580-1654 helpful enrichment.

Instructor: Suzanne Litrel

Family History Research Sources, Tools, and Verification

Tuesday and Thursday

1-3:30 PM | $119

- **Feb. 23-March 11, 2027**

Explore digital family history databases more effectively and examine AI chatbots that can help identify hard-to-find genealogical resources. Learn practical methods for organizing and researching a family-history archive and evaluate productivity tools that can improve research efficiency. Use technology thoughtfully as a research aid, while keeping human verification, source evaluation, and sound research practices at the heart of genealogical discovery.

Instructor: Karen Molohon

Profiles of the Founders II

Wednesday | 11 AM-12 PM

$69

- **Jan. 6-Feb. 24, 2027**

Due to the enthusiastic response to Part I, we'll continue exploring the lesser-known stories of the individuals who helped shape the United States. We'll take a closer look at additional Founders, their personal lives, relationships, challenges, and contributions during the Founding Era. As we discover more about these remarkable individuals, you may be surprised by what you learn about the people behind the history.

Instructor: Quentin Thomas



Medicare 101 – Navigating the Medicare Maze

Saturday | 10-11:30 AM | $39

- **Jan. 23, 2027**

Medicare plans can be confusing! Join us so that you can better plan your benefits strategy, or help you 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

Death and Taxes

Monday | 1-3 PM | $49

- **Feb. 22-March 1, 2027**

Two things are certain: death and taxes. This two-part class will help students learn how to stay in control, have their wishes carried out, and learn legal ways that may allow you to pay less tax. Covered topics: estate planning documents essentials, IRA, insurance, and annuity beneficiary planning, 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, and Roth in retirement.

Instructor: Nic Yeomans

Retirement, Tax, and Estate Planning

Tuesday | 10 AM-12 PM | $59

- **March 16-March 30, 2027**

An active and engaging class for individuals within five years of retirement or who have retired within the last three years. This class will focus on information needed to make important and lasting decisions for living your best financial life in retirement, including decisions on making the right pension choice, Social Security, and maximizing retirement income, 401(k) advantages and disadvantages, need for updating estate planning documents, how to keep your financial affairs private and avoid probate, asset protection, and more.

Instructor: Nic Yeomans

Retirement Income Planning and Social Security Strategies

Thursday | 9:30 AM-12 PM

$49

- **Jan. 28, 2027**

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, and tax-free retirement income strategies.

Instructor: Nic Yeomans

Retirement Income Planning and Social Security Strategies

Wednesday | 5:30-8 PM | $49

- **Feb. 10, 2027**

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, and tax-free retirement income strategies.

Instructor: Nic Yeomans

Retirement Planning Essentials for Ages 55+

Tuesday | 9:30-11 AM | $79

- **Jan. 19-Feb. 9, 2027**

Prepare for retirement with greater clarity and confidence in this practical 4-week educational course designed for ages 55+. Learn how taxes, income planning, Social Security, investments, Medicare/IRMAA, Roth strategies, charitable giving, and estate planning work together. Designed to help you understand tax-efficient planning considerations, align estate planning and financial objectives, and potentially reduce the risk of running out of money; this course empowers you to make informed retirement decisions. Reserve your seat and gain the knowledge to retire with confidence.

Instructor: Nic Yeomans

Pilates Basics

Monday | 7-8 PM | $99

- **Jan. 11-March 8, 2027**
  Omit Date: Jan. 18, 2027

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

Mindful Movement

Wednesday | 6:30-7:30 PM
$99

- **Jan. 13-March 10, 2027**
  Omit Date: Feb. 10, 2027

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 moving and breathing with intention can make in your life. Students must sign a waiver prior to class.

Instructor: Emily Berreth

Yoga and Pilates – Perfectly Combined

Saturday | 11 AM-12:30 PM
$109

- **Jan. 16-March 13, 2027**
  Omit Date: Feb. 13, 2027

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 moving and breathing with intention can make in your life. Students must sign a waiver prior to class.

Instructor: Emily Berreth

Qigong/Tai Chi I

Wednesday | 11 AM-12 PM
$119

- **Jan. 13-March 17, 2027**

Thursday | 7-8 PM

- **Jan. 14-March 18, 2027**

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 II

Wednesday | 9-10 AM | $119

- **Jan. 13-March 17, 2027**

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 III

Wednesday | 10-11 AM | $119

- **Jan. 13-March 17, 2027**

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

Ballet Barre and Low Impact Aerobic

Monday | 10-11 AM | $119

- **Jan. 11-March 22, 2027**
  Omit Date: Jan. 18, 2027

Friday | 10-11 AM | $119

- **Jan. 15-March 19, 2027**

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

Understanding Your Enneagram Type, Self, and Others (Part I)

Tuesday | 10 AM-12 PM | $59

- **Feb. 2-Feb. 9, 2027**

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 stress, decisions, and challenges. Attendance at any "Part 1" class during 2026 or 2027 is required to take any "Part 2" courses in 2027. Includes access to a free, fun Enneagram personality test.

Instructor: Tony Holmes

Enneagram Instincts Relationships Purpose and Aging Well (Part 2)

Tuesday | 10 AM-12 PM | $59

- **Feb. 16-Feb. 23, 2027**

Explore how the Enneagram can be applied to help you navigate life's biggest challenges: (1) A deep dive into Enneagram Instincts, Triads, and Personal Growth; (2) Relationships with Spouses and Others; (3) Find Your Purpose, "True Self," and Happiness in Aging Well. (Requires prior attendance at any Part 1 class during 2026 or 2027).

Instructor: Tony Holmes

Country Line Dancing

Tuesday | 6:30-8 PM | $109

- **Jan. 12-March 2, 2027**

Enjoy an energetic class learning popular line dances set to a mix of country music and familiar favorites. Open to adults ages 18 and up, this class is perfect for anyone looking to learn so you can confidently join in at local events and venues. All skill levels welcome. Just wear comfortable non-marking sneakers (or boots!). A waiver must be signed prior to the start of class.

Instructor: Linda Messing

Line Dancing for Fun!

Saturday | 9-10:30 AM | $109

- **Jan. 16-March 6, 2027**

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 and technique behind today's most popular line dances 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? Wear comfortable non-marking 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

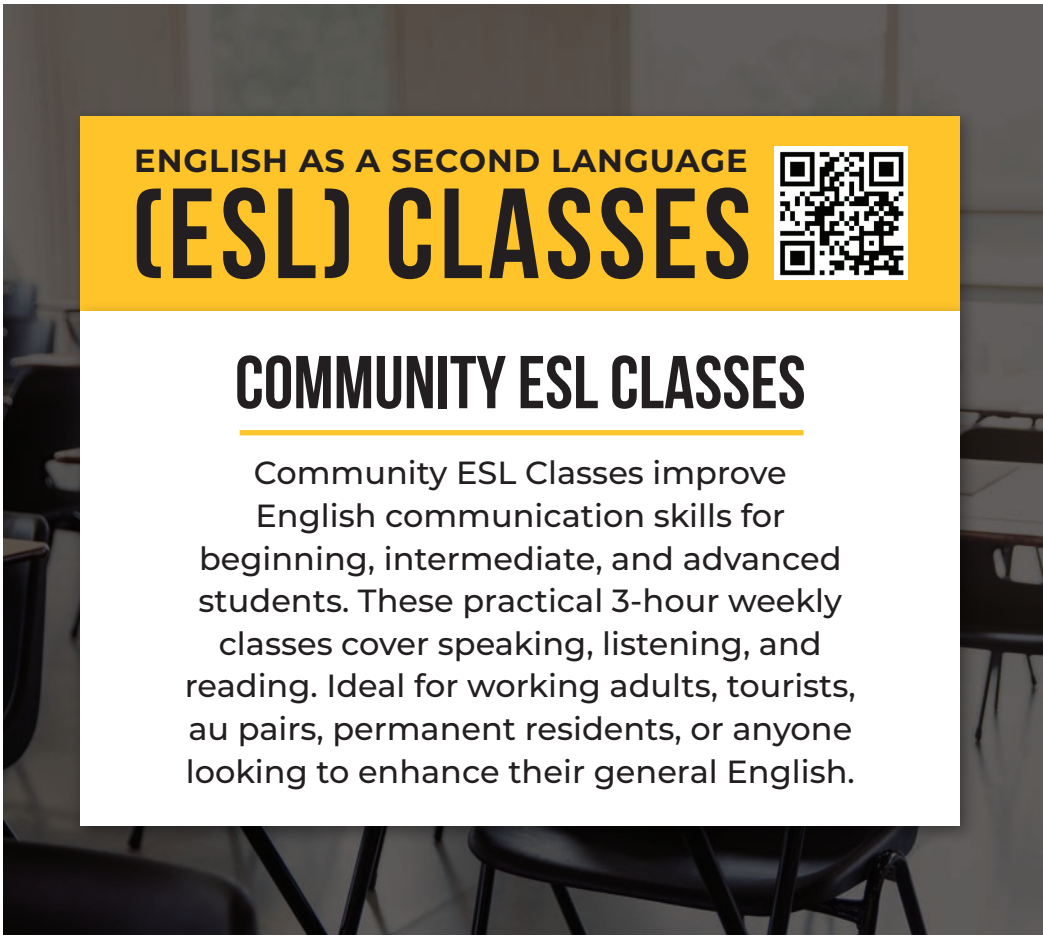
Wise Fitness

Tuesday and Thursday
9:30-10:30 AM | $189

- **Jan. 5-March 18, 2027**
  Omit Dates: March 2 and March 4, 2027

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



Bid and Play FOR FUN

Tuesday | 10 AM-12 PM | $99

- **Jan. 12-March 9, 2027**
  Omit Date: Feb. 9, 2027

Beginner/Intermediate. Returning to bridge after a life hiatus? This is the class for you! This is a class for students who want to be comfortable opening the bidding and responding to the opening bid of their partner. We will learn how to compete when our opponents get in the "auction." Overcalls, preemptive bidding, and takeout doubles will be introduced. The most popular bridge conventions – Stayman and Jacoby Transfers – will be covered. Textbooks: Audrey Grant's "Bridge Basics 1: An Introduction," "Bridge Basics 2: Competitive Bidding," "Bridge Basics 3: Popular Conventions," and "Bridge Basics 4: Play of the Deal" will be used. Students are responsible for the purchase of the texts, although purchase is not a prerequisite for the class.

Instructor: Reade White-Spunner



BRIDGE: Think DEFENSE

Wednesday | 10 AM-12 PM
$69

- **Feb. 17-March 17, 2027**

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

Tuesday | 10 AM-1 PM | $105

- **Jan. 12-Feb. 16, 2027**
- **March 2-April 6, 2027**

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

Intermediate Jewelry Making

Thursday | 10 AM-1 PM | $105

- **Jan. 14-Feb. 18, 2027**

Those with basic jewelry-making skills will advance techniques and stitches to make five to six projects. A supply fee of $70 is payable to the instructor at the first class.

Instructor: Marjorie Ryan

Explore a Career in Interior Decorating or Staging

Thursday | 6:30-8:30 PM
$119

- **Jan. 14-Feb. 4, 2027**

Are you considering interior decorating as a second career or ready for a professional change? Explore the step-by-step essentials of starting an interior decorating business, including services, client consultations, pricing, marketing, and working with vendors. Discover how window treatments can provide an additional source of income. Hands-on field trips to a fabric store and tile showroom will teach you to coordinate fabrics, paint colors, and kitchen finishes, and help you decide whether this creative career is right for you.

Instructor: Jan Britt

Cupboard Cash

Tuesday and Thursday
9 AM-12 PM | $119

- **Feb. 2-Feb. 4, 2027**

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



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EXPLORE NEW PLACES. MAKE NEW FRIENDS. KEEP LEARNING FOR LIFE.

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COLORADO | JUNE 2027

Kick off your summer surrounded by the beauty of the Rocky Mountains.

TUSCANY | OCTOBER 2027

Savor the fall in the heart of the Italian countryside.

Mark your calendar now and plan to travel alongside fellow OLLI members. *More details are coming soon.*

Write Your Life Story!

Tuesday | 10:30 AM-12 PM
$119

- **Jan. 12-March 2, 2027**

Nobody on Earth knows your story better than you, not your family, your friends, or anyone with whom you work. Some may think there's nothing in their lives that's spectacular enough to write about. While that may be true for some, it's beside the point. Telling your story provides those you love with a much better understanding about who you are, and where you came from. It could also tell them something about themselves! Josh Langston, bestselling novelist, editor, and long-time OLLI instructor will lead the class through the process of writing a memoir, from organization to execution, and just about everything in between. His humorous, easy-reading textbook, "The Naked Truth!" is required and available on Amazon.

Instructor: Josh Langston

Publish Your Own Book

Thursday | 10:30 AM-12 PM
$119

- **Jan. 14-March 4, 2027**

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

Write your novel, NOW!

Tuesday | 12:30-2 PM | $119

- **Jan. 12-March 2, 2027**

Discover the tricks and techniques novelist Josh Langston uses to produce a new novel every year. Learn how to write a gripping novel using storytelling techniques; gain insight on different styles of writing and tools for editing. Participants will also receive tips on finding an agent, editor, and publisher. Required textbook: "The Naked Novelist!" available on Amazon.

Instructor: Josh Langston

Android Smartphones Made Easy

Tuesday | 10 AM-12 PM | $49

- **Jan. 26, 2027**

Unlock the power in your pocket with a hands-on session for those new to the world of Android smartphones (e.g., Google Pixels and Samsung phones) or just looking for a refresher. This program will review basic set-up and customization options, navigating the phone's interface, using communication tools, and browsing the internet. Safety and security considerations will also be discussed.

Instructor: Alan Lebish

Digital Decluttering

Wednesday | 10 AM-12 PM

$49

- **Jan. 27, 2027**

This hands-on session will provide you with simple tips and tricks to cut down on the digital clutter on your phone and computer. Topics will include organizing files and home screen apps/widgets, and the options available to clear storage space on your local devices and in the cloud.

Instructor: Alan Lebish

Meet Your iPhone

Thursday | 9 AM-1 PM | $89

- **Jan. 14, 2027**

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

Beginning Basics of Microsoft Excel

Tuesday and Thursday

9 AM-2:30 PM | $199

- **March 9-March 11, 2027**

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

More About Excel

Tuesday | 9 AM-12 PM | $79

- **Jan. 12, 2027**

Picking up where Beginning Basics of Microsoft Excel leaves off, we will explore more complicated features with Excel such as charting, logical formulas such as if-then statements, formulas that reach through the sheets to summarize, and formulas that link to other files.

Instructor: Natalie Silver

How to Get Along with AI

Thursday | 9 AM-12 PM | $79

- **Feb. 25, 2027**

Let's face it, AI is here to stay. But which ones are realistic to use, and which ones are straight out of a sci-fi movie? We will discuss the ones that you have heard of, including Siri, Alexa, ChatGPT, Claude, and others, and discuss ways that you can implement them in your life to make things easier, not harder.

Instructor: Natalie Silver

Meet Your iPad

Thursday | 9 AM-1 PM | $89

- **Jan. 21, 2027**

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

Thursday | 9 AM-12 PM | $79

- **Jan. 28, 2027**

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Microsoft Office Tips and Tricks

Thursday | 9 AM-1 PM | $89
- **Feb. 18, 2027**

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

What the Heck Is OneDrive

Thursday | 9 AM-12 PM | $79
- **Feb. 11, 2027**

This workshop is designed to introduce long-time 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 login and password so you can access the files in class to get a more thorough understanding.

Instructor: Natalie Silver

Windows 11: Friend or Foe?

Tuesday | 9 AM-1 PM | $89
- **Feb. 23, 2027**

Do you miss Windows XP? Want to know how to get along with the newest version of Windows that seems to be nothing like her predecessor? Come for a workshop on controlling settings, managing Bluetooth and other connections, and understanding file structure. We will touch on OneDrive, iCloud, and Google Drive, and discuss the appropriate backup storage for your needs.

Instructor: Natalie Silver

Spanish is Fun! Part I

Monday | 10 AM-12 PM | $159

- **Jan. 11-March 22, 2027**

Omit Date: Jan. 18, 2027

This course covers Chapters 1-4 of the textbook. Students will first see words that are similar in English and Spanish. The lesson will transition into vocabulary related to school and the classroom. Students will study the family and how to express family relationships. Thereafter, regular "ar" verbs will be introduced, and students will practice forming simple sentences. Finally, students will have "hands-on" experience with certain components of Spanish culture. Required textbook: "Spanish Is Fun: Lively Lessons for Beginners, Book 1," fifth edition, (Heywood Wald / Lori Langer de Ramirez) ISBN: 978-1-63419-928-5.

Instructor: Nancy DeLisle-Brown

Spanish is Fun! Part II

Thursday | 10 AM-12 PM | $159

- **Jan. 14-March 18, 2027**

This course covers elements from Chapters 5-8 of the textbook. Students will study numbers 0-30 and then apply the numbers in telling time. Following a brief review of regular "ar" verbs, students will then study regular "er" and "ir" verbs. The lesson will explore colors, adjectives, and adjective opposites. Finally, students will study cultural customs and traditions of various Spanish-speaking countries. Required textbook: "Spanish Is Fun: Lively Lessons for Beginners, Book 1," fifth edition, (Heywood Wald / Lori Langer de Ramirez) ISBN: 978-1-63419-928-5.

Instructor: Nancy DeLisle-Brown

Spanish is Fun! Part III

Tuesday | 10 AM-12 PM | $159

- **Jan. 12-March 16, 2027**

This course covers selected components from Chapters 9-12 contained in Tercera Parte (Part III) of the textbook. 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: "Spanish Is Fun: Lively Lessons for Beginners, Book 1," fifth edition, (Heywood Wald / Lori Langer de Ramirez) ISBN: 978-1-63419-928-5.

Instructor: Xiomy Vehrs



Introduction to Italian I

Monday | 9:30-11:30 AM | $159

- **Jan. 11-March 22, 2027**
  Omit Date: Jan. 18, 2027

This is an introductory course for students with no previous experience in Italian. Students will learn basic vocabulary, phrases, pronunciation, and grammar while developing their skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The course is designed to help students build confidence and develop a love for the Italian language and culture. Required book: "Italian: A Self-Teaching Guide," second edition, ISBN: 978-0471359616.

Instructor: Antonella Giannasca

Introduction to Italian II

Wednesday | 9:30-11:30 AM
$159

- **Jan. 13-March 17, 2027**

This class is for students who participated in Italian for beginners or for those students who have a basic knowledge of the language. In this class, we will continue to study the way to interact with people in Italian and how to use verbs and new vocabulary. Required book: "Italian: A Self-Teaching Guide," second edition, ISBN: 978-0471359616.

Instructor: Antonella Giannasca

Introduction to Italian VI

Wednesday | 12-2 PM | $159

- **Jan. 13-March 17, 2027**

This is an advanced Italian course for students who have completed the first five levels of Italian. Students will continue developing their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills through engaging, real-world activities and conversations. The course also explores the rich culture and traditions of Italy, including regional foods, holidays and celebrations, music, art, and everyday customs. Students will develop a deeper appreciation for Italian culture.

Instructor: Antonella Giannasca

Italian Language through Simple Readers II

Monday | 12-2 PM | $159

- **Jan. 11-March 22, 2027**
  Omit Date: Jan. 18, 2027

This course is intended for students who have completed Italian Language Through Simple Readers I or who are comfortable reading short Italian texts and holding basic conversations in the language. Building on the foundation of Level I, students will read longer and more complex chapters with greater emphasis on fluency, comprehension, and discussion. Weekly readings will be provided by the instructor.

Instructor: Antonella Giannasca

Intermediate Italian Conversation

Thursday | 9:30-11 AM | $129

- **Jan. 14-March 18, 2027**

Benvenuti! Join us in this interactive class where you can build confidence and fluency through Italian conversation. This class focuses on building confidence and fluency by practicing real-life communication with classmates. Join us and enjoy the fun of speaking this beautiful language.

Instructor: Antonella Giannasca

Advanced Italian Conversation

Thursday | 11:30 AM-1 PM
$129

- **Jan. 14-March 18, 2027**

This class is open to students who have completed the Italian conversation classes and feel comfortable speaking Italian. You will continue to improve and grow in your Italian proficiency and become more confident by reading books and speaking in class. Ci vediamo in classe! A presto!

Instructor: Antonella Giannasca

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