

GOOD TO KNOW (aka The Rules)

Policies & Procedures – Fall 2026

Important! When you sign or consent online to the Participation Agreement (p. 52), you are also agreeing to the policies stated here and for Zoom on p. 48.

Membership & Attendance

You must be an Osher Institute at W&M member to register for and attend courses, events, and special interest groups. Choose classes intending to attend every session. Absences result in loss of a seat for a member on a wait list or a less beneficial experience when a minimum number of members is essential to discussion or an activity.

Fees & Course Load

The Fall membership fee is \$200 and is due when you register. You may enroll in 16 courses total, with no more than 8 being multi-session. For classes with an added cost for materials or supplies, payment is due when you are confirmed with a seat in the class (i.e., after the early registration lottery) to hold your seat.

Early Registration

Early registration runs Aug. 14 at 8am through Aug. 25 at 5pm. Early registrants are included in the lottery for the most popular courses and are automatically wait-listed for classes they requested but were not assigned a seat. Class schedules are emailed to early registrants by Sep. 1.

Open Enrollment

If you missed early registration, don't worry! Enrollment reopens on Sep. 4 at 8am, and you can enroll immediately in classes with available seats. Early registrants may also add classes to fill out their schedule. The 16-course load limit (maximum of 8 multi-session courses) still applies.

We've Moved to Campus

If you mail or drop off your registration form(s) and payment, they must be in our hands in Campus Center, Suite 203, by 5pm on Aug. 21 to qualify for the lottery. This allows time for manual order entry by the lottery deadline on Aug. 25. There are no exceptions for registrations lost/delayed in the mail or otherwise received late.

Payment

Osher at W&M is self-funded; 100% of membership fees support our program. Membership fees apply each term. Payment is due when you register. We accept major credit cards and checks payable to William & Mary. Additional fees are due and payable at the time your seat in the class is confirmed.

Refunds

You may request a refund of your membership through 9am on Sep. 14 to osher@wm.edu with a reason for the refund. There are no "per class" fees; thus, no "per class" refunds. A \$20 service fee applies to all refunds. Parking permits, gift certificates, and fees for materials, events, special interest groups, featured lectures, etc. are nonrefundable.

Dropping a Class

To drop a class, notify us ASAP at osher@wm.edu so we may offer the seat to the next member on the wait list.

Wait List

When a seat opens in an oversubscribed class, we contact the first person on the wait list. Depending on the class date, we will hold the seat as long as we can (usually 2-3 days) before offering it to the next person. Thank you for replying promptly with "accept" or "decline." Please be respectful of our program, your peers, and instructors. Do not attend a course for which you are waitlisted or not enrolled in anticipation that you can take an open seat.

Name Badges

Wear your current semester name tag to all Osher classes/events. Attendance may be taken. Name tags are emailed a week prior to the semester start for you to print/cut to size. Plastic badge holders are available upon request.

Class Locations & Parking

See p. 54; [visit our website](#) for a campus map.

2026-27 Parking Permits

A W&M 2026-27 permit is needed to park for classes at School of Education and other select locations. The permit is valid August 2026 through August 2027. Cost is \$17. If you purchased a permit for any semester last year, it is no longer valid.

During early registration, you may apply online for a permit at learnatosher.wm.edu to pickup **at our office** starting on September 11. Permits purchased during early registration **MUST** be picked up at our office. **DO NOT** go to Parking Services.

If you wait to buy a permit, your first chance to do so is Sep. 11. Take the completed form (p. 53) to Parking Services, 104 Jamestown Rd. (Campus Center). Parking Services will not issue Osher parking permits before Sep. 11.

Member Parking on Campus

See p. 54 for information about class locations and campus parking options. If you have ADA credentials, an Osher hang tag plus a handicapped tag is required to park anywhere on campus.

If you are visiting the Osher office in Campus Center, you may park in a marked 1-hour space in the small Hunt Circle lot (at the rear entrance to Campus Center). Ask staff for a dated validation stamp to present to Parking Services should you be ticketed.

Instructor Parking on Campus

The Osher Institute at W&M will pay for a Fall 2026 Instructor's parking permit upon request. Email us for instructions.

Inclement Weather

Closures mirror W&M and are announced on our website and voicemail at (757) 221-1506. You are not notified personally.

Guest Requests

Guests are encouraged; pre-approval is required. Guests may attend once a term, for a single class on a single date, if the course is not fully subscribed. You must accompany the guest. Call (757) 221-1506 or email osher@wm.edu to request a guest.