

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE



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Summer 2024

SNEAK PREVIEW

Join us for Summer at the Osher Institute!

Our abbreviated, 4-week semester* offers respite from the heat and refreshment for the brain for lifelong learners ages 50+.

American History

American Prometheus: Robert Oppenheimer *Dan Sherman*

Independence – An Entertaining Proposition *Mark Howell*

NEW! Spotlight on Williamsburg: The World Discovers Our Town *Will Molineux*

Turbulent Times and Powerful Voices 1939-41: FDR, Charles Lindberg, and Isolationism vs. Internationalism *Sandy Menaquale*

NEW! Thomas Jefferson: Enlightenment Evangelist, Enigma & Ever Controversial *Rebecca Staton-Reinstein*

Art, Music & Film

NEW! Landscape as Art *Paula Henderson*

NEW Selections! Musical Recipes: 5 Pop and 5 Classical Ingredients *Tim Kloth*

NEW! William Hogarth at the Muscarelle *Sandra Stephan*

Finance & Economics

NEW! The Fed's Next Move *Keith Reagan*

Health & Wellness

Engaging in Life's Situations: Moving from woe to WOW! (Part 1) *Francis Bado*

NEW! Hands-Only CPR / AED Training *Williamsburg Fire Department & W&M Environmental Safety Staff*

Long-term Care: Evaluating your Options *Terry Sweaney, Liz Sarson*

Yoga and Mindful Meditation *Indira Ghosh*

Your Subconscious Mind – Getting to Know Your Dedicated Genie *Athena Staik*

Zumba Gold *Bess Williams*

Literature & Writing

NEW! Ancient Egyptian Literature *George DeRise*

NEW! Book Discussion: Cousins – Connected Through Slavery *Lauren Hill, Kate Slevins*

NEW! Emerson's Poet, Earthly Guides and Our Human Vulnerabilities *Christopher Chaves*

Religion & Philosophy

NEW! The Afterlife Unveiled: Insights from Islamic Teachings *Islam Bedir*

NEW! Plato and Paul: Reason, Faith & the Western Intellectual Tradition *Donald Matthewson*

NEW! Stoicism: A Way of Thinking and Living *Ingo Keilitz*

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)

Common Trees of Coastal Virginia *Jim Perry*

NEW! An Introduction to ChatGPT & Other Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools *Candice Benjes-Small*

NEW! Origins of Modern Science: From Copernicus to Newton *Lance Ozier*

Out of Africa: Where Did the *Homo Sapiens* Go? *Kirk Lovenbury*

Special Interests

NEW! Advanced Crafting with the Cricut® Cutting Machine *Rita Lysher*

NEW! Greening the Hearth: Enlivening Your Home with Houseplants *Kristi Dodson, Tony Orband*

The Hotel Del Coronado's "Beautiful Stranger Legend" – A Historical Mystery Revisited *John Streiff*

Swem: Not Your Father's (or Mother's) Library *Candice Benjes-Small*

World History

NEW! The Trial of Galileo Revisited – Yet Again *George DeRise*

Lessons from the Vietnam War *Ed Linz*

*Course offerings are subject to change.

Mark Your Calendar

May 15 Catalog available online
May 20 Registration opens at 8 am
June 3-28 Summer semester
June 19 Juneteenth (university closed)

Fees & Registration

Summer membership is \$40; allows enrollment in up to 4 multi-session courses and any number of one-time classes. Refer to the online course catalog for details.

Summer enrollment is first come, first served. Online registration is recommended for the best selection of available classes.

New to Osher? Create your user name and password at LearnAtOsher.wm.edu in advance to save time on registration day.

About the Osher Institute at W&M

We are a community of adults — mostly ages 50 and better — seeking knowledge, enrichment, and connection with the larger world through intellectually stimulating and socially engaging educational experiences.

Our program's hallmarks are a quality curriculum, extraordinary instructors, and a vibrant membership. Courses are offered through semester-based membership, with three semesters each year.

A department of William & Mary's School of Education, the program was founded in 1991 as the Christopher Wren Association and designated an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) in 2018. Today, we are one of 125 Osher Institutes located at select universities across the United States.

Visit LearnAtOsher.wm.edu to view our current course catalog, register for courses, learn about becoming an instructor, and more.