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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Northwestern University



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This Week





IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ATTENTION ALL!

Fall Semester Registration Opens Monday, July 23 at 9:00am

Fall study group registration opens on Monday, July 23 at 9am. The fastest way to register is online. By using the OLLI Online Registration System, you will be immediately enrolled in a study group and receive a confirmation email shortly after check out. If a study group is full, you will be given an option to get on a waiting list or you may choose another study group.

If you need assistance registering, we strongly suggest you head to campus where we will have volunteers available to help you on Monday, July 23 from 9am to 2pm on both campuses.

Mail-in and walk-in registrations will still be accepted. However, no registration will be entered into the system until 9am on Monday, July 23. Any mail-in or walk-in registrations will be entered in the order they are received. We encourage you to use the Online Registration System for the fastest registration.

* For registration instructions - CLICK HERE

* For a registration form to print and fill out - CLICK HERE

OLLI Online Registration System Click Here



Registration FAQs

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Mail-in, walk-in, and faxed registrations will still be accepted. Forms received before 9am on July 23 will be entered into the Online Registration System in random order starting on Monday, July 23 at 9am, at exactly the same time as online registration opens. Forms received at or after 9am will be processed in the order in which they are received.

The OLLI offices are located at:

Chicago Office Osher Lifelong Learning Institute 339. E. Chicago Ave., Wieboldt Hall, Room 412 Chicago, IL 60611 Evanston Office Osher Lifelong Learning Institute 500 Davis Center Suite 700 Evanston, IL 60201

Fax: 312-503-4942

Fax: 847-492-8405

Can you explain the new OLLI Membership categories?

The OLLI Advisory Council and the OLLI Strategic Planning Committee have worked for the past year to overhaul the member fee structure, with a goal of ensuring that OLLI members get what they pay for. Four years worth of membership data was carefully analyzed in order to create the new pricing structure.

OLLI members now have three options - to take either one, two, or three study groups per

session. In addition, payment can be made for a full year or half year. All three categories of membership - Basic, Standard and Prime come with a Northwestern Wildcard. The Trial membership is still available for new members. We also have a number of need-based Scholarships available and encourage those with financial hardship to apply.

It looks like the fees have gone up, have they?

Yes and no - in most cases they have gone down. For **Basic** members (1 study group per session) the price has been raised by \$1, but in return members can take a study group in the summer and/or winter for no charge. The overall saving for Basic members therefore is \$210 (\$105 per session winter and summer).

The new category is **Standard**, which is \$525 for 2 study groups per semester. In previous years, members would have to purchase an All-Inclusive membership at \$565 to take two or more study groups, or this year \$600 for a Prime Membership. So, for many it represents a saving.

The **Prime** membership replaces the old All-Inclusive membership, and it has gone up in price by \$35. Please bear in mind that even with the price increase Prime membership still represents the best value for money. In addition, even with this year's increase, the Prime/All Inclusive membership has seen an average increase of 1.2% per year since 2011, less than the rate of inflation.

To put it into perspective, the cost per hour of study group for Prime Members is \$2.78, for Standard members is \$3.65 and for Basic members is \$5.55 (assuming a 14 week fall/spring semester, 4 week winter/summer session taking the maximum number of study

groups permitted under a given membership category), so Prime membership is the best value for money.

Why did you take away the Semester Rate? Now I have to pay for the Winter when I'm not here.

The Semester membership was eliminated because only a handful of members used it and it was difficult to administer. Instead it has been replaced with an option that is far better and will enable more to take the same membership package. Members who used to purchase the Semester rate paid \$370 for 3 study groups in the fall and did not receive a Northwestern Wildcard. Now, Semester rate members can purchase a "Prime half-year" membership, which is \$310, and will allow members to take 3 study groups in the fall and 3 in the winter (if they would like to). In addition, it comes with a Wildcard.

What is my Username and Password for the Online Registration System?

If you don't know your Username and/or Password please email olli@northwestern.edu prior to registration opening on Monday. Put "I need my registration username and password" in your subject line. Remember, the OLLI office can receive hundreds of emails a day during registration. We will answer your email as quickly as we can, but it may take a day to receive a reply during peak registration times.

How can I view the OLLI Online Registration System? To access and browse the OLLI Online Registration System - CLICK HERE

I don't know how to use the Online Registration System, can you help?

Yes. If you need assistance, we advise you to head to one of the OLLI campuses on Monday, July 23 from 9am-2pm. Volunteers will be available on both campuses to walk you through the registration process from start to finish. These are drop-in sessions and there is no need to register. Note: Online registration is by credit card only (Visa and MasterCard).

Quick Guides to our registration system can be found on the home page of our Online Registration System - **CLICK HERE**.

We also have instructional videos on our YouTube channel. To view them - CLICK HERE.

Can Northwestern Tech Support help me with the Online Registration System?

No. The OLLI Online Registration System is specific to OLLI and not managed by Northwestern Tech Support. If you are having difficulty with the system, please contact one of the OLLI offices for help.

I live near campus. Can I drop off my registration form in person?

Yes. Walk-in registrations will be accepted starting at 9:00am on Monday, July 23. Droppedoff registration forms will begin to be entered into the Online Registration System in random order starting on Monday, July 23 at 9am, at exactly the same time as online registration opens. You are not registered in a study group until your registration has been entered in the system. Make sure you have alternative study groups listed on your form in case your first choices are full.

I mailed my form a week before registration opened. Will I be first in line?

Not necessarily Mailed in registrations will begin to be entered into the Online Registration

System in random order starting on Monday, July 23 at 9:00am, at exactly the same time as online registration opens. You are not registered in a study group until your registration has been entered in the system.

How will I receive confirmation?

You will receive email confirmation of your study groups. It will come from the email address olli@northwestern.edu. If you do not have an email address it will be mailed to your home address.

Can I pay online?

Yes. You can pay online using a credit card (Visa or Mastercard).

Can I pay with a check?

Yes. If you wish to pay by check, please mail or drop off your registration form along with your check (made out to Northwestern University).

Can I email my registration form?

No. We cannot accept emailed registration forms (if payment is required) per Northwestern Policy.

Can I fax my registration form?

Yes. Faxed registrations will be accepting starting at 9am on Monday, July 23. Faxed registration forms will begin to be entered into the Online Registration System in random order starting on Monday, July 23 at 9am, at exactly the same time as online registration opens. You are not registered in a study group until your registration has been entered in the system. Make sure you have alternative study groups listed on your form in case your first choices are full.

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If I drop off my form on the first day, am I guaranteed to get in the study groups of my choice?

No. We receive upwards of 400 registration forms on the first day and we enter them into the Online Registration System as quickly as we can starting at 9am, exactly the same time that online registration opens. That said, your chances of getting your first choice of study group are greatly increased the sooner you send in the completed form! **The fastest way to register is by using our Online Registration System.**

I have changed my mind about study groups since I filled in my registration form, and want to change study groups. What do I do?

Changes may ONLY be made to your schedule during the first two weeks of the session by the OLLI office.

When can I buy the book for my study group?

Please do not purchase anything until you have received an official email confirming your place in a study group.

Why am I on the waiting list? I mailed my form a week before registration opened?

We receive upwards of 400 mailed-in, dropped-off and faxed registration forms on the first day of registration. They are entered into the Online Registration System as quickly as possible starting at 9am the first day of registration, at exactly the same time as online registration begins. In some cases, study groups fill up in the first few minutes of registration

and members are put on a waiting list. Please remember that coordinators set the maximum limits on the number of students in their study group, not the OLLI office. Limits are set in order to ensure an optimal study group learning experience. When numbers are too high, the quality of discussion may be reduced.

I am traveling for six weeks in the fall. Can I still register for fall study groups?

Yes, but please contact the coordinator ahead of time to let him or her know of your plans. Some study groups, such as film classes, may work out fine, but in study groups where the information learned each week is progressive, it may be detrimental to miss so many sessions. Also, if you are taking a popular study group with a large waiting list, consider giving your spot to someone who is willing and able to attend the entire 14 weeks.

I want to be in the same study group as last fall, with my friends. Am I guaranteed a spot?

No one is guaranteed a place in a study group, even if you have been in the same study group for 5 years. Registration is done strictly on a first-come first-served basis.

Why is OLLI registration so frustrating?

We live in a world where things happen instantly, and OLLI registration is not always instant! The OLLI office is using online registration but we still accept paper registrations. Please know that we will be working tirelessly to get members registered as quickly as possible. **Taking your frustrations out on the OLLI staff is unacceptable and will not make the process quicker.**

I am not sure what membership option is right for me. Can you help?

Please see pages 52-53 in the Fall Semester 2018 catalog for information on membership options, or **CLICK HERE** for frequently asked questions about the program.

OLLI Online Registration System Click Here

To download the Fall Semester 2018 catalog - CLICK HERE

To download registration instructions and form (to print and fill out) - CLICK HERE

Chicago - Parking Pass Reminder

A reminder that Parking Passes may be picked up ONLY between 11:30am -1:30pm. If you are in an afternoon study group you will need to pick up your pass prior to your study group starting.

Chicago - Superior Street Closing

Due to construction on the Simpson-Querrey Biomedical Research Center, the block of Superior Street east of Fairbanks and up to the former Rehab Institute Building will be closed to traffic starting. June 11 through August 17, 2018. Superior Street east of

the former Rehab Institute will remain open and the North Superior Street sidewalk will be open for pedestrian traffic into Wieboldt Hall. **For a map - Click Here.**

Evanston - Update on Sheridan Road Construction

The final stage of road construction on Sheridan Road in Evanston has started and will continue through October 2018. **To get more information - Click Here.**

Important Notice Regarding Wildcards:

It has been brought to our attention that some 2017-18 OLLI Net-Ids and Wildcards have accidentally been expired at the beginning of July rather than the beginning of September. As a result, some OLLI members have had difficulty renewing or checking out library books from Northwestern Libraries. Please know that the Wildcard office, Northwestern IT, and the NU libraries are aware of the error and are working to fix the problem. Unfortunately, we have not update yet.

Next Week



Summer Session Ends Friday, August 3

Other News

Kafé Kellogg - Chicago Campus

Chicago members: A reminder that Kafé Kellogg is closed for the summer. It will reopen in the fall on September 1.

Summer Writers' Conference

August 9-11, 2018

Special OLLI rate available!

Join a community of writers at Northwestern University for a three-day institute on writing fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. The program, which is now in its 14th year, includes a diverse array of workshops, panels, keynote speakers, networking events, and literary readings. For more information and to register - Click Here

Northwestern Diversity & Inclusion Events

A quick link to all the Northwestern community diversity and inclusion events. Northwestern encourages community members to take part in events like these to increase their cultural competency and understanding. **View All Upcoming Events**.

Northwestern Public Events

See what is going on at Northwestern this month and next. Concerts, lectures, athletic events - there is always something going on. View July Events.

Library Reminder for All Members

The Northwestern Libraries now require a chipped Wildcard for entrance. **However the library staff are aware that the OLLI students' cards are not chipped.** For entrance, simply present your Wildcard to the staff member at the desk and they will scan the barcode or just buzz you in.

Northwestern Shuttle Information

Shuttle schedules change for the summer. Remember to always check the shuttle website for the latest information on schedule changes and delays. You can also download a new TransLoc Shuttle Tracker app (iOS and Android) to track the shuttle on your phone. **View Northwestern Shuttle website.**

THE END

Northwestern PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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Please note: The submission deadline for articles in the OLLI newsletter is the Monday prior to the issue in which you would like your information to appear. For events that require registration, the deadline is 6wks prior. Inclusion is at the discretion of the Director. Send submission requests to lee.lawlor@northwestern.edu



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