



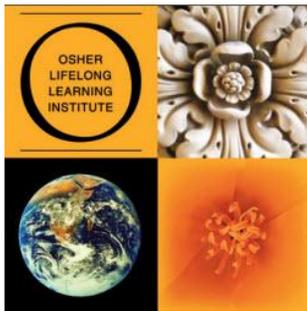
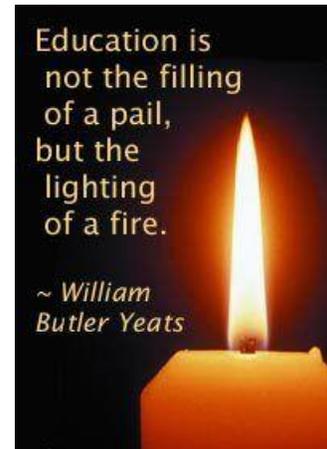
Lifelong Learning for Retirees

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Re-read any books as an adult and come away with a completely different understanding of the story than when you read the books in college?

Adults learn differently than children. That's because adults come to learning with experiences. The older the person, the more the experiences. And those experiences color how adults see the world around them.

As an Intel retiree, you have multiple opportunities to see things through new, more experienced eyes by enrolling in free, or discounted, classes offered at state and private colleges and universities across the country.



The Bernard Osher Foundation, for example, supports 119 lifelong learning programs through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) on university and college campuses across the country, with at least one grantee in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

To give you an idea of adult learning opportunities available to retirees across the country, OLLI is affiliated with several schools in Oregon. Focused on adults, it charges a low annual fee to attend courses year-round in an informal setting.

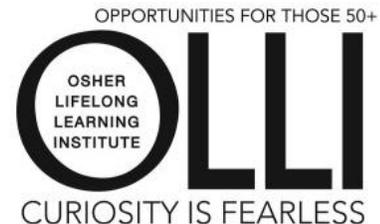
The classes are taught by current and retired university faculty, professionals in the community, and members. Membership is open to all interested adults for \$120 for an individual.

OLLI at the University of Oregon (OLLI-UO) offers classes in Eugene/Springfield and Central Oregon. During August, for example, the Central Oregon program offered a Mysticism and Philosophy Salon and part of a 24-lecture class, "The Science of Information: from language to black holes taught" by Professor Benjamin Schumacher, a Professor of Physics at Kenyon College.

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Portland State University (PSU), along with the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, other Oregon state universities and private colleges, invite seniors to audit classes at low, or no, cost. What a deal!

The Senior Adult Learning Center at PSU offers access to most of the school's 5,000 classes to Oregon residents who are 65 and older and don't want to earn credit. Whether you are interested in History, Jazz, Literature, Geography, Phys Ed classes, or many more, PSU has a class for you.



Seniors can audit classes at PSU without paying tuition if space is available. Seniors taking classes for credit pay tuition according to the established tuition schedule. As an added benefit, your registration receipt can be used to apply for a library card and to authorize use of the Peter Stott Center facilities at staff/faculty rates.



The arrangement at the University of Oregon is similar. Senior citizen registration classification is designed for Oregon residents age 65 or older who are not seeking academic credit or working toward a degree. Senior citizens may audit classes at no charge, on a space available basis if the department gives approval.

Some departments only approve senior auditors for summer courses (e.g., Creative Writing). Incidental fee privileges are not provided and participants must pay any required special course materials fees.

There are, however, some exceptions. Senior citizens who want to audit a self-support course have to pay fees that entirely replace tuition and mandatory resource fees. A “Human Trafficking” course that meets on weekends, for example, has a \$152 self-support fee.



Some private schools also offer free courses, principally to alumni.



At Reed College in Portland, OR, alumni can audit most classes with instructor approval and payment of a \$100 fee. Auditing a class requires approval of the professor teaching the class. Once that’s obtained, alumni have to pick up an auditing form from the Admission Office.

At George Fox University in Newberg, OR, alumni who have graduated from the school can audit most undergraduate or graduate courses at a special rate. Alumni enrollment is on a space-available basis, and is at the discretion of the University.



The fee for auditing undergraduate courses is \$50 per credit in Fall and Spring semesters. In the May term and Summer Online sessions, alumni pay 50% of traditional undergraduate per credit tuition. Auditing graduate courses costs \$50 per credit for fall, spring, or summer.



Similarly, a 65+ adult can audit an undergraduate class at Marylhurst University near Portland, OR for \$50 a credit, rather than the regular per credit cost of \$463.

So get to it. Find out what’s out there. Sign up for a class. Light your fire!