

NEW PASSIONS THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY OFFICE OF LIFELONG LEARNING

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OFFICE OF LIFELONG LEARNING

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI)

- Open to adults **50 and older**
- Programming consists of courses, lectures, shared interest groups, travel opportunities, and social events
- Membership — **\$50 annual fee**
- Membership year begins in **August** for the Fall, Spring, and Summer semester.
- Courses are taught by volunteer instructors
- Course proposals are accepted each semester

DONOVAN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

- Open to adults **65 and older** enrolling in UK academic courses
- Covers tuition and mandatory fees for students at the university
- Donovan Scholars are permitted to audit courses or pursue a degree alongside traditional students



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE



THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING NETWORK

- 120 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes across the United States
- They Operate in 350 cities and towns across the U.S. with roughly 135,000 active members
- Every institute is affiliated with a college or university
- Each receives financial support from the Bernard Osher Foundation
- Programming is designed for adults 50 and older
- National Resource Center at Northwestern University maintains oversight of the programs in the Network

OLLI AT UK

- 1,400 members that participate annually across Kentucky
- We offer over 200 courses, shared interest groups, lectures, social events and travel opportunities each academic year
- Class sizes range from 10-30 members
- Courses are offered in person in various locations across Fayette and Rowan County
- Some courses are offered fully online or in hybrid formats
- We have over 150 volunteers and Instructors



MEMBERSHIP

- OLLI at UK is a membership program with an annual fee of \$50.
- OLLI Members are eligible to register for courses and shared interest groups, socials, trips, special events, and access UK Wellness Centers
- Membership begins in August each year and includes access to all Fall, Spring and Summer programming.
- Membership may be purchased throughout the year.
- Registration site:
<https://olli.uky.edu/uky/course/course.aspx?catId=6>



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

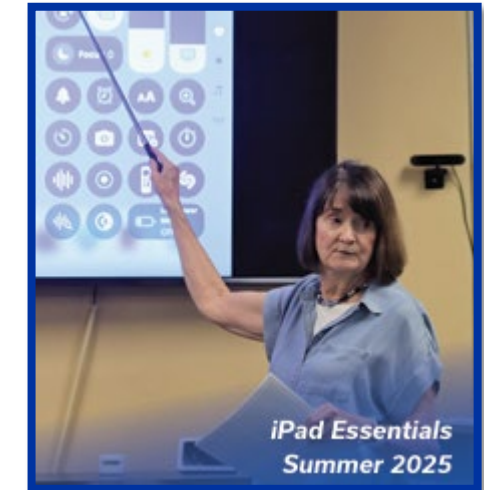


COURSES

OLLI courses vary every semester, and formats range from weekly classes to one day lectures.

Courses are offered in the following categories:

- Computers & Technology
- Culture
- Health & Wellness
- History & Government
- Languages
- Literature / Writing
- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts
- Science & Environment



TRAVEL

International Travel through Go Ahead Tours

- Italy April 30 – May 12 2024
- Greece May 2 – May 13, 2025
- United Kingdom April 30 – May 11, 2026
- Scandinavia – August 20th – August 2027

Domestic Trips through Premier World Discovery

- New York City – Spring 2027

Day Trips organized by OLLI Travel Committee

- Louisville, KY
- Cincinnati, OH
- Bardstown, KY
- Knoxville, TN



DONOVAN FORUM SERIES

Lexington Senior Senter | Thursdays during Fall and Spring semester | 2:00-3:00 pm

- Since 1970, the OLLI at UK's Donovan Forum Series has offered educational and entertaining presentations on Thursdays every Fall and Spring.
- These forums are free and open to the public, however registration is required prior to each forum.



October 1

Adaptive Equipment for Independent Living
Linda Pratt, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

October 8

Kentucky Elections: The ABC's of Voting
Cory Skolnick, Partner

October 15

The Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame
Tom Eblen, Library Liaison

October 22

Powering the Future with Kentucky Waste
Marcelo Castrano, Dr. Professor of Chemistry and Josiel Barrios Cossio, PhD Candidate

October 29

The Power of Kentucky's Charitable Nonprofit Sector
Danielle Clore, CEO

November 5

CivicLex: Strengthening Civic Health in Lexington, KY
Richard Young, Executive Director

November 12

From Your Heart: Only the Stories You Can Share
Sylvia Lovely, Founder and President

November 19

Kentucky History on a Stick! An Introduction to the Kentucky Historical Society's Historical Marker Program
James B. Seaver, Public Engagement Coordinator

December 3

The Young At Heart Big Band
Terry Wild, Musician

GETTING INVOLVED

- Become a member — \$50 annual membership, begins in August participate in the academic year programming
- Become an instructor or facilitator — proposals accepted each semester
- Join a shared interest group or attend a free Donovan Forum
- Travel with OLLI or contact the office to get started
- Volunteer on a committee or our advisory board





UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY DONOVAN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

DONOVAN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

- State mandated tuition waiver for Kentucky residents age 65 and older
- Covers tuition, mandatory university fees
- Students may audit, take courses for credit, or pursue a degree
- At UK students can pursue undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees

DONOVAN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

180

Active Donovan
Scholars

286

Enrolled in
Courses

821

Credit Hours

\$500K

Tuition Waived

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

Donovan Scholarship Application

- Accepted year-round
- Confirms age 65+ and Kentucky residency

University of Kentucky Application

Submit Degree Program Application or a Non-degree Seeking Application

Adhere to admissions deadlines for your program

Both applications are required. Registration is based on available space and may require instructor consent and prerequisites.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

