

## Our Instructors

Our instructors and facilitators are volunteers; teaching for the sheer satisfaction of sharing their expertise with enthusiastic adults. Some are retired educators, some share the expertise they gained in their work experience, while others have an avocation they wish to share. Our facilitators have an intense interest in a subject, but oversee the presentation of the course material by other presenters or by using instructional materials.



## Our Participants

To become one of our participants, all you need is curiosity and the desire to satisfy it. Some adults doubt they still have the capacity to learn. OLLI at CU will help you dispel this doubt. Our participants quickly discover that learning is a lot more fun when no one is measuring the pace at which you do it.

Interaction is encouraged among our participants, so you will learn not only from your instructor, but from each other as well. We will help keep you in touch with each other and the program via our newsletter, emails, social events, and membership meetings.

I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive.

Eleanor Roosevelt

**Go ahead - you deserve it.  
Register for a class, meet others  
with similar interests, and discover  
that learning is one of the best gifts  
you can give yourself.**

Clemson University Lifelong Learning became Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Clemson University in 2005 upon receiving a grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation. Established in 1977, this foundation benefits a wide range of educational, cultural, and other nonprofit organizations. In 2001, the Osher Foundation began funding programs targeting the interests of seniors, many of whom, at retirement age, have put the climbing of career ladders behind them, learning only for personal fulfillment.

The Osher Foundation has assisted both in the formation of new programs and the strengthening of existing ones. There are over 60 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes nationwide (including universities such as Harvard, Tufts, Brandeis, Northwestern, and Duke) which are part of a network that provides a forum for the exchange of information and the encouragement of cooperation among its members.



The academic home of OLLI at Clemson University is in the Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management in the College of Health, Education, and Human Development

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## Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Clemson University

Because  
Curiosity Has No Age Limit



Tillman Hall at Clemson University



## Our Purpose

OLLI at CU exists so that no adult in the upstate of South Carolina ever has to give up the joy of learning. We are dedicated to providing opportunities for adults to gain knowledge and expertise in a wide variety of academic and recreational pursuits that match our participants' interests and way of life. Our goal is to do this so that learning is fun and interactive, and so that it promotes the formation of lasting friendships.



## Our Program

OLLI at CU is a membership-led program; one in which members are encouraged to participate in its planning, operation and evaluation. You become a member simply by taking a course.

Our paid director and office staff ensure continuity and a professional level of organization to support our volunteers' efforts.

Our program prides itself on offering low registration fees and a plethora of courses each semester.

There are no exams, no prerequisites, no credits, no formal lecture halls, and no age requirements other than being an adult.

The quickest way to become an old dog is to stop learning new tricks.

John Rooney

## Our Classes

Our Classes are as interesting and innovative as we can make them; limited only by our member's imaginations and the availability of an instructor.



The Curriculum Committee, with feedback from our membership, selects as wide a variety of class topics as possible, keeping in mind the interests of the the population we serve.



We believe that learning should be an interactive experience; one that guides you through a process of discovery - not one that pushes you along a path someone else selects for you. Whenever possible, there is lots of hands-on learning.

# There is Something For Everyone Here are just a few

### Crafts

This is not your Grandmother's Needlepoint  
Woodturning - the Basics

### Arts & Music

A History of Impressionism  
How to Appreciate Great Opera

### Finance & Economics

Taking Charge of Your Financial Health  
It's Your Future: The Economy in Uncertain Times

### Computer & Digital Photography

EEEE! It's a Computer  
Photoshop Elements

### Health & Fitness

Yoga For Guys  
Herbs, Neutraceuticals, and Health

### Language Arts

The Story of Modern Southern Literature  
Conversational Spanish for Travelers

### Leisure Activities

Boating: Everything You've Wanted to Know  
Introduction to Chinese Cooking

### Philosophy & Religion

Many Paths - Topics in Comparative Religion  
Who Needs Morality and Why

### History & Government

Technology and the Spooks  
The American Revolutionary War

### Science, Nature & the Environment

The Jocassee Gorges  
A Southern Appalachian Experience

## More About Classes

No stuffy, impersonal lecture halls! While some of our classes are held on the Clemson University campus, others are held in a wide variety of venues located in two counties; Oconee and Pickens.

Some courses never see a classroom. Others mix classroom settings and field trips. We hold courses in what ever setting is most conducive to learning about the subject.



Every participant is asked to anonymously fill out a class evaluation form, the results of which are compiled by our office staff and presented to the Curriculum Committee. Any pertinent criticisms or suggestions are considered when future courses are planned. The evaluations are also read by the instructors, so that they may better meet the expectations of the participants.

*The beginning of wisdom is found in doubting;  
by doubting we come to the question, and by  
seeking we may come upon the truth.*

*Pierre Abelard*