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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I have to be 50 or older to join or take OLLI courses?

OLLI membership is open to lifelong learners of all ages, with programs designed especially for adults 50+.

2. Do I have to be a graduate of UA or affiliated with UA?

OLLI at UA welcomes everyone, with no requirement for University of Alabama affiliation or alumni status.

3. Are all OLLI courses located on campus in Tuscaloosa?

OLLI classes are held in person at various venues in Tuscaloosa, Greater Birmingham and Gadsden, unless otherwise specified. We also offer online classes for added flexibility and accessibility.

4. Do OLLI members need to have a college degree to take courses or teach?

OLLI at UA welcomes learners from all backgrounds; no college degree is required to participate. While some instructors may have professional qualifications, certifications or degrees, we value the desire for lifelong learning and invite everyone to explore new knowledge and ideas.

5. Do you have tests, homework or grades?

No! At OLLI, we prioritize the joy of learning without traditional classroom pressure. Our focus is on the pursuit of knowledge and the enjoyment of the learning process.



Follow us on Facebook! Interact with OLLI at UA members and friends in Tuscaloosa, Gadsden, Greater Birmingham and beyond! www.facebook.com/olli.ua.edu

Registration is required for all activities, and it's important to note that certain activities may have additional fees.

Chapter Color Guide - For Catalog

Birmingham

Gadsden

Tuscaloosa

Online

Explore the wide range of options and get ready to embark on your lifelong learning journey with OLLI at UA!

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Welcome to Spring 2026 with OLLI!

As we embark on 2026, the United States celebrates its **250th anniversary**. In honor of this milestone, **America 250 Alabama** is hosting a variety of educational, community and celebratory events. Learn more at america250al.org.

This spring and summer, OLLI programming will lean into the goals and guiding principles of America 250 Alabama. Look for **special classes and trips** marked with  that aim to “Educate, Engage and Unite Alabamians around our nation’s founding ideals.”

According to America 250 Alabama, the initiative’s goals include:

- **Awareness and Understanding:** Deepen understanding of the Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War and the foundations of American self-government.
- **Promoting Civic Engagement:** Promote civic knowledge and active citizenship to strengthen liberty and democratic values.
- **Celebrating Diverse Histories:** Share stories of all who have shaped Alabama’s past and ongoing pursuit of liberty and justice.
- **Honoring Veterans:** Recognize the service and sacrifice of those who’ve defended our freedoms.

A special thank you to our OLLI 250 America Committee for their efforts to ensure OLLI programming provides the opportunity to learn more about the past, present, and future United States.

OLLI 250 America Committee Members

Donna Boles

Steve Davis

Sharon Shelton

Elizabeth Brown

Cathy Quinn

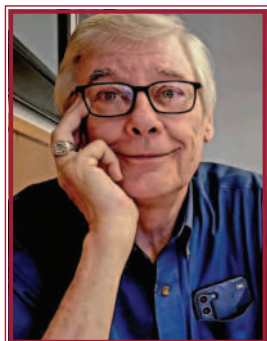
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Ian Crawford



“I’m really looking forward to the next term of University of Alabama OLLI! There’s something really energizing about the prospect of acquiring fresh knowledge, meeting fellow learners, making new friends and discovering new perspectives that help us understand ourselves and the world around us.”

– Richard Rhone

OLLI at a Glance

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Alabama is proud to be one of only 124 programs nationwide supported by the Bernard Osher Foundation, which is dedicated to lifelong learning for mature adults. Osher Institutes share a commitment to intellectual stimulation, social engagement and personal growth — without the pressure of grades or exams. We are a member-centered, member-led community.

Scan the code to watch a video about OLLI



OLLI at UA includes three local chapters serving the **Greater Birmingham, Gadsden and Tuscaloosa** areas. We invite you to explore our **Complimentary Public Programs**, listed within each chapter's offerings, including select online courses. These classes are great introductions to the OLLI experience, and you don't have to be a member to attend. Bring a friend!

Scan the code to learn more about Complimentary Public Programs



OLLI is a welcoming and enriching place to learn. Our classrooms are the cornerstone of our

community, where curiosity thrives and minds engage. Volunteer instructors generously share their knowledge, and members bring a genuine eagerness to learn, creating a dynamic, respectful environment. We value civil conversations and welcome diverse perspectives that help us grow as lifelong learners.

OLLI at UA offers enriching experiences beyond the classroom.

Our local and regional field trips come in all shapes and sizes. With activity levels ranging from light walking to very active adventures, you can choose what best suits your comfort and mobility!

In addition to travel, members enjoy opportunities to socialize and connect through cozy coffee gatherings, lunch and supper clubs, and lively after-hours socials. Whether you're exploring a museum or sharing a meal with friends, these experiences foster the curiosity, connection and community that define the OLLI experience.

Scan the code to learn more about activity levels



Scan the code to learn more about socials



OLLI Travels

OLLI members love to travel with friends, so pack your bags and let's go! Detailed descriptions of activity levels can be found on the OLLI website.

If you have questions about any of the trips, visit olli.ua.edu or call the OLLI office at **205-348-6482**.



March 8-16, 2027 – Spain's Costa del Sol & Madrid Discovery

Let yourself be charmed by the sunny Andalusian lifestyle and discover the culture, cuisine and charm of southern Spain. Revel in the magic of this historic region, from the sparkling waters of the Costa del Sol to the cosmopolitan elegance of Spain's historic city centers.

Book by Sept. 2, 2026 *Activity Level 3 – Active*

\$3,999 Double Occupancy Rate

\$4,699 Single Occupancy Rate



Open your camera app.
Point it at the QR code.
Tap the link that appears.

Complimentary Public Programming

These free, public courses are a great way to experience what OLLI at UA has to offer—no membership required. Whether you're curious about lifelong learning or considering joining, we invite you to explore these engaging sessions. Members are encouraged to bring friends and share the joy of learning together! Public programming is offered online, in Gadsden and in Tuscaloosa this semester.

Online Public Programs

OL 181 America250a: How Alabama is Celebrating America's 250th?



Jan. 21 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Jan. 27 • Noon-1:15 p.m.

Natalie Steed, Melanie Poole

Get an inside look at Alabama's role in the upcoming America250 celebration. This session offers updates on statewide initiatives, educational programs and commemorative events planned for the nation's 250th anniversary. Learn how OLLI members can engage with history and contribute to this milestone moment.

OL 182 The American Revolution and the Fate of the World



Feb. 2 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Richard Bell

Discover how the American Revolution reshaped global history. Author Richard Bell explores the far-reaching consequences of the Revolution, from its impact on international politics to its influence on democratic movements worldwide.

OL 183 Fourteenth Colony: The Forgotten Story of the Gulf South During American's Revolutionary Era



Feb. 9 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Mike Bunn

Historian Mike Bunn explores the overlooked story of West Florida, Britain's forgotten 14th colony — which included parts of Alabama. Discover its bold leaders, political struggles and dramatic battles that shaped Gulf Coast history during America's Revolutionary era.

Gadsden Public Programs

GAD 181 A History of Big Band Jazz in Birmingham — 1880 to Present Day

Jan. 22 • 1:30-2:45 p.m. • Church of the Holy Comforter
Mike Lingo

This class will cover the history of big band jazz in the Birmingham area, beginning in the 1880s. The class broadly covers four eras: The Vaudeville musicians, the immigrant bands, the college bands and the member-led bands. The timeline begins with the development of the first opera houses in Birmingham and ends with the current Super Jazz project and the Birmingham Heritage Band.

GAD 182 How Did the Piano Get to Gadsden?

Jan. 29 • 1:30-2:45 p.m. • Church of the Holy Comforter
John McFarland

All aboard for John's cruise along the rivers once dominated by the boats that carried cargo and passengers to all points north, south, east and west. We will learn the history of the riverboat, including historical tidbits, as well as the important people and places that have become legendary in the annals of riverboat lore. So how did the piano get to Gadsden? Come find out!

GAD 183 Eat It or Look at It — That's the Planting Question

Feb. 5 • 1:30-2:45 p.m. • Church of the Holy Comforter
Eric Schavey

Whether you have basketfuls of vegetables and berries on your mind or a perennial border, Eric will provide you with tips to get started. Deciding on the type of garden you want to plant is the first step. Herb, vegetable, flower or a combination — each one requires different effort and activities. From garden to table or from garden to vase, join us as we learn how to achieve the best results for our efforts.

GAD 184 Comic Books: How They Became a Multi-Million Dollar Hobby

Feb. 12 • 1:30-2:45 p.m. • Church of the Holy Comforter
Ray Wetzel

Did you read or collect comic books? What was your favorite? Did you know the first Superman (summer 1939) is now worth \$5.3 million? What about the fact that early comic books had strict rules? Discover the surprising history of comics in this fun and eye-opening class!

Enhance OLLI's Future

Give to OLLI

The success of OLLI depends on its members — their volunteerism, participation and financial generosity. While membership dues and course fees are kept low to ensure accessibility, philanthropic support from members and the community is essential for OLLI's future. Endowments from the Bernard Osher Foundation, which **requires 10% of members to make yearly financial contributions**, also play a crucial role. There are many ways to help ensure OLLI remains vibrant for future generations.

The following funds facilitate and enhance OLLI operations:



OLLI Support Fund: Contributions to this fund help maintain an affordable program for our members and adapt to the evolving landscape of lifelong learning.



Peter Peacock Memorial Scholarship Fund: Initiated by OLLI member Dorothy Peacock, this fund provides **scholarships** for individuals who need financial assistance to participate in OLLI.



Dennis James Travel Memorial Fund: A generous \$50,000 bequest supports OLLI travel and shares Dennis's passion for architecture and learning. Support this fund to help others embark on transformative journeys.



Dot Martin Endowed Support Fund for OLLI: OLLI member and leader Dorothy "Dot" Martin established this fund to support OLLI at UA's mission of providing adults with social, educational, travel and leadership opportunities.



Donna Boles Family Endowed Support Fund for OLLI: OLLI member and leader Donna Boles established this fund to support the Tuscaloosa chapter's mission and growth — funding transportation, speakers and community engagement opportunities.



Anne W. Rhone OLLI Endowed Support Fund: The Anne W. Rhone OLLI Endowed Support Fund was established by OLLI leader Richard Rhone to support the mission of OLLI at UA, to provide resources that help the program grow, adapt and enrich the member experience.

Ways to Give to OLLI:

- Mail a check to "OLLI at UA" at Box 870388, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487.
- Call OLLI Registration Services at 205-348-3000 to use a credit card.
- Visit "olli.ua.edu" and select "Give to OLLI" to choose a fund.



Scan the code to learn more.

For help with gift designations, contact Jennifer Hayes at **205-348-6482** or jhayes@ua.edu. For other gift options, visit giving.ua.edu.

Although The University of Alabama is a qualified 501(c)(3) consistent with IRS regulations, tax benefits vary by gift type and donor circumstances. Please consult your financial advisor for guidance.



In-Person Courses | Online Courses | Field Trips | Socials | Travel

The Value of an OLLI at UA Membership

- **Build** lasting friendships and **connect** with curious minds.
- **Discover** new interests and expand your knowledge in fun, supportive settings.
- **Access** hundreds of programs: courses, field trips, travel and special events each semester.
- **Travel** with exclusive OLLI groups, both nationally and internationally.
- **Invite** friends to free public programs.
- **Explore** in-person and online learning options.
- **Contribute** by joining chapter committees or becoming a volunteer instructor.
- **Stay informed** with our weekly e-newsletter.
- **Enjoy member perks:** discounts on books, parking and dining.

OLLI Membership Checklist & Fee Structure

	Ways to Customize Your OLLI Experience	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase your OLLI Membership. OLLI's annual membership begins Aug. 1 and expires July 31.	\$65
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase the Spring Term Course Package. This is not needed to register for socials, field trips or group travel.	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If financial assistance is needed, complete and submit a scholarship form. You may do so at olli.ua.edu/register or by calling the OLLI office 205-348-6482.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Register for each course you plan to take. *Some courses may have materials fees.	\$0*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase UA OLLI parking hangtag for the membership year (Aug 1-July 31). *Only needed for those taking courses at Bryant Conference Center. (Even those with ADA credentials need a campus hangtag.)	\$40*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Register for each social, lunch bunch or after-hours event you plan to attend.	Dutch treat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Register for each field trip you plan to take.	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	For Travel with OLLI , refer to the website or call the OLLI office at 205-348-6482.	Varies

OLLI at UA Spring 2026 Registration Form

[] Dr. [] Mr. [] Ms. [] Mrs. Name (First) _____ (Last) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Cell/Day Phone (_____) _____

Please circle your "Home Base"

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Annual Membership (\$65) \$ _____
 Course Package Fee (\$60) \$ _____
 UA Campus Parking (\$40) \$ _____
 Material Fee(s) \$ _____
 Field Trip Fee(s) \$ _____

Giving Back to OLLI:
 OLLI Support Fund \$ _____

Peter Peacock Memorial
 Endowed Support Fund
 (Scholarships) \$ _____

Dr. Dennis James Endowed
 Travel Support Fund (Travel) \$ _____

Dot Martin Endowed
 Support Fund \$ _____

Donna Boles Family
 Endowed Support Fund \$ _____

Anne W. Rhone OLLI
 Endowed Support Fund \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

*If you need a scholarship, apply online: olli.ua.edu/grants.

Method of Payment

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Note: The University of Alabama is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Requests for accommodation of physical and/or dietary needs should be made at least 30 calendar days in advance of the program date. Please email your request to jhayes@ua.edu. OLLI is not responsible for any damage or personal injury sustained while a member or guest is participating in an OLLI sponsored activity either on or off the UA campus. A portion of the invoice amount for this program will go to the Capstone Lifelong Learning Foundation to support the Office of Teaching Innovation and Digital Education.

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Helpful Information to Assist with Online Registration

\$65 Annual Membership

\$60 Spring Semester Course Package (Access to all in-person and online courses from all chapters) – OLLI Membership Required.

\$40 UA Parking Permit – OLLI Membership Required. OLLI members taking classes on The University of Alabama campus (Bryant Conference Center) need this permit. To park in any campus ADA parking space, this permit is required in addition to ADA credentials. Free parking is available for all other OLLI venues.

In-Person Courses – OLLI Membership and Course Package Required. Material(s) fee may apply.

Online Courses – OLLI Membership and Course Package Required.

Field Trips – OLLI Membership Required. Fees may apply.

Social Events – OLLI Membership Required.

Public Programs – Open to All.

Volunteers Make OLLI Magic Happen!

As a member-driven program, OLLI thrives on the passion and involvement of volunteers. From serving on a committee to volunteering as a greeter — and more! — explore ways to contribute:



Teach a Course – Share your expertise, inspire others and create engaging learning experiences —no grades, no homework, just curiosity.

Facilitate a Class – Support instructors, assist students and help courses run smoothly. Training provided each semester.

Join a Committee – Social, curriculum, travel and marketing committees welcome fresh ideas and enthusiastic members.

Share Your Skills – Love event planning, writing, photography or travel? Have other skills to share? Put your talents to use and make an impact!

Be an OLLI Volunteer!

To get started, call the OLLI office at 205-348-6482.

OLLI Spring 2026 Programs

Registration and attendance for online and in-person courses require an OLLI membership and the Spring course package fee. Registration and attendance for trips and socials require OLLI membership.



PREFIX LEGEND

BHM = Birmingham **TUS** = Tuscaloosa
GAD = Gadsden **OL** = Online



COURSES












Monday






- BHM 101** Unleash Your Inner Artist: A Creative Journey with Chris Cruz, \$60
- BHM 102** Preserving the Past: The Legacy and Impact of Alabama Heritage Magazine
- BHM 103** American Mahjong – A Beginner's Course
- BHM 104**  The Civil War and Beyond
- GAD 101** Monday Morning Sports Club
- GAD 102** Austen, Bridgerton and Revolutions: Hanoverian England and Its Monarchs (1714-1901)
- GAD 103**  The First 50 Years of American History
- TUS 101** The Philosophies of the World's Most Famous Investors
- TUS 102** Breathwork in Practice: Learn How to Breathe for Peace & Calm
- TUS 103** Improve Your Thinking and Your Breathing to Improve Your Health
- TUS 104** Need Help Understanding/Navigating Medicare, Long Term Care and Social Security
- TUS 105**  "What Could Have Been, the Founding Martyr"
- TUS 106** Welcome to OLLI: Member Q&A Roundtable
- TUS 107** Zoom Basics for Online Classes
- TUS 108**  Alabama Historic Preservation GIS Portal
- TUS 109** In the Wings: UA Theatre's Spring Semester Plays
- TUS 110** Talking About Books and OLLI Book Club

- TUS 111**  Three Degrees of Separation from Alabama to 1776
- TUS 112**  West Point: America's Treasure on the Hudson
- TUS 113**  Post Revolution: The Colonies Become a Nation
- TUS 114** Armchair Travel
- TUS 115** Yoga for Osteoporosis
- TUS 116** The Media, The Vote and Your Voice
- TUS 117**  Mad About These Movies
- OL 101** Zoom Basics for Online Classes
- OL 102**  Alabama Historic Preservation GIS Portal
- OL 103** Talking About Books and OLLI Book Club
- OL 104**  Three Degrees of Separation from Alabama to 1776
- OL 105** Austen, Bridgerton and Revolutions: Hanoverian England and Its Monarchs (1714-1901)
- OL 106** The Book(s) of Kathryn Harkup, "A is for Arsenic: The Poisons of Agatha Christie"

Tuesday

- BHM 105**  The History of America before July 4, 1776
- BHM 106** Shattered Light: The History of Stained Glass and Mosaics
- BHM 107**  The French Revolution 1789 – 1799
- BHM 108** Zentangle Borders and Fragments, \$25
- BHM 109** The Nuts and Bolts of the Law
- BHM 110** International Responses to Nazi Race and Jewish Policy in the 1930s
- GAD 104**  Famous and Infamous Biographies of the Civil War
- GAD 105** Siamese and Royale Siamese Mahjong, Purchase NL card \$14
- GAD 106** Love Stories that Made History
- GAD 107**  American Literature: The Colonial Period
- TUS 118** Reading the Bible as Literature

- TUS 119** Movie Music
□TUS 120 Wills, Trusts and Related Topics
□TUS 121 The Psychology of Aging: Mental Health and Wellness in Older Adulthood
□TUS 122 Line Dancing for the Experienced Dancers
□TUS 123 Israel State and Society
□TUS 124 Baseball: From Field to Clubhouse to Press Box to Hall of Fame
□TUS 125 Exploring Diverse Cultures
□TUS 126 Dementia and Care for the Caregiver
□TUS 127 Mini Medical School
□TUS 128 How They Live to be 100 in the Blue Zones
□TUS 129  The Mythical Life and Death of George Armstrong Custer
□TUS 130 Daylilies and Companions
□TUS 131 Spanish for Tourists
□TUS 132  A Roundup of Old West Characters (*OLLI Shares*)
□TUS 133  Closing the Frontier: The Apache Wars (*OLLI Shares*)
□TUS 134 Lithography – The World Wide Web of the 18th Century
□TUS 135 Legends & Lessons: The Rise and Fall of U.S. Entrepreneurs
□TUS 136 Downsize & Declutter with Movers & Shakers
□TUS 137 Discovering Alabama
□TUS 138 The Book(s) of Kathryn Harkup, “A is for Arsenic: The Poisons of Agatha Christie”
□TUS 139 Discover a Taste of India, \$30
□TUS 140 Technology and Photo/Video Editing
□OL 108  A Roundup of Old West Characters (*OLLI Shares*)
□OL 109  Closing the Frontier: The Apache Wars (*OLLI Shares*)
□OL 110 Love Stories that Made History
Wednesday
□BHM 111 Has the NCAA Lost Its Mind: Does This Madness Have an Off Ramp?
□BHM 112 A History of Big Band Jazz in Birmingham – 1880 to the Present
□BHM 113 Grow Wild with Forest Gardening: Creating Edible Ecosystems at Home
□BHM 114 Planning Ahead: A Roadmap for Life's Next Chapter
□BHM 115 Hitler's Last Gamble: Turning Point in the Ardennes
□BHM 116 Latino USA: The Long Little-Known History of Hispanics in the U.S.
□GAD 108 History Over Easy
□GAD 109  The War Continues...WWII
□GAD 110 A Quick Tour of Germany
□GAD 111 Games: The Hidden Story
□TUS 141 When Time is Short: The Final Days
□TUS 142 Taking the Mystery Out of NCAA Gymnastic Meets
□TUS 143 Memoir Writing as Mindfulness and Connection Practice: Telling our Stories to Ourselves and Each Other
□TUS 144 Consequential Conversations
□TUS 145 Ruler of the Barnyard, \$25
□TUS 146 Quilt as You Go, \$65
□TUS 147  Creating a Quilt Pattern Mosaic Stepping Stone, \$20
□TUS 148 Beginner Stained Glass, \$30
□TUS 149 Intermediate Stained Glass, \$30
□TUS 150 Hilarious, Sexy and Intriguing Classical Music
□TUS 151  Barbecue Communication: History, Science, Communities and Cultures, \$25
□TUS 152  The Cycles of History: America's Founding and the Great Reset
□TUS 153  America in Sound: 250 Years of Music and Identity (*OLLI Shares*)
□TUS 154  Lagniappe-Variou Topics
□TUS 155 Unlocking the Symbols of Revelation
□TUS 156 Neuroscience Explains Benefits of Traditional Eastern Practices (*OLLI Shares*)
□TUS 157 Balloon Sculpture, \$20
□TUS 158 Drawing to Paint 2 – Back to the Drawing Board, \$20
□TUS 159 One Day Hand-Building in Clay – Jan. 21, \$25

- TUS 160** One Day Hand-Building in Clay – Jan. 28, \$25
□TUS 161 One Day Hand-Building in Clay – Feb. 4, \$25
□TUS 162 One Day Hand-Building in Clay – Feb. 11, \$25
□TUS 163 Beginner Weaving, \$10
□TUS 164 Intermediate Weaving, \$10
□TUS 165 What is That Plant I Am Seeing?
□TUS 166 You Should Write a Book!
□TUS 167 Introduction to Archaeology: Out of the Past
□TUS 168 Yoga for Healthy Aging
□TUS 169 Intro to Mexican Train Dominoes
□TUS 170 Juggling for Fun and Fitness, \$20
□TUS 171  The Scots-Irish Influence on American Culture and Independence
□TUS 172 Laughter by Design: Applied Humor in Your Life
□TUS 173 Computer, Tablet, Smartphone Tech Help (Jan/Feb)
□TUS 174 Computer, Tablet, Smartphone Tech Help (Feb/Mar)
□OL 111  America in Sound: 250 Years of Music and Identity (*OLLI Shares*)
□OL 112  America250al: How is Alabama Celebrating America's 250th Birthday? (*OLLI Shares*)
□OL 113 Meeting Adult Health Needs; Lessons Learned
□OL 114 A Quick Tour of Germany
□OL 115 An Overview of Financial Planning — Whether DIY, or with Professional Help
□OL 116 Games: The Hidden Story
□OL 117 Neuroscience Explains Benefits of Traditional Eastern Practices (*OLLI Shares*)
Thursday
□BHM 117 Israel State and Society
□BHM 118 Ancient Egyptian Religion: The Foundation for Everything
□BHM 119 Brushstrokes of Genius: Van Gogh and the Dutch Masters
□BHM 120 Cooking Out: Smokin' Grillin' and Cuein'
□BHM 121 A Study in Sherlock
□GAD 112 Summer Nights at the Drive-In
□TUS 175 In the Kitchen
□TUS 176 Basics Bonsai, \$25
□TUS 177 Don't Get Euchred!
□TUS 178 Beaded Connections: A Collaborative Jewelry-Making Workshop
□TUS 179 Storybook Watercolors, \$20
□TUS 180 Beginning Guitar for Adults
□TUS 181 Beginning Crochet
□TUS 182 Sew Happy – Beginner Level Sewing/Quilting, \$20
□TUS 183 American Mahjong for Beginners
□TUS 184 Reading & Writing Poetry for Enjoyment
□TUS 185 Portrait Drawing Basics, \$15
□TUS 186 Save A Life Training (S.A.L.T.)
□TUS 187 Divine Divinity, \$10
□TUS 188 Cross-Themed Crafts – Pool Noodle Cross, \$10
□TUS 189 Cross-Themed Crafts – Two-Toned Wooden Cross, \$15
□TUS 190 Beginning Pickleball
□OL 118  The American Revolution and the Fate of the World
□OL 119  Fourteenth Colony: The Forgotten Story of the Gulf South during American's Revolutionary Era
□OL 120 The Health Span Blueprint
□OL 121 So You Want to be a Writer?

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Open to the public – Walk-ins Welcome

- GAD 181** A History of Big Band Jazz in Birmingham — 1880 to Present
□GAD 182 How Did the Piano Get to Gadsden?
□GAD 183 Eat It or Look at It — That's the Planting Question
□GAD 184 Comic Books: How They Became a Multi-Million Dollar Hobby
□GAD 185 The Unspeakable Radio
□GAD 186  E Pluribus Unum: Three American Prayers in Poem and Song
□GAD 187 The Life and Legacy of Big Sam Dale and Red Eagle

- ☐ **GAD 188** Did You Get a Strange Message? How to Spot and Stop
- ☐ **TUS 197** Mini Medical School
- ☐ **TUS 198**  Lagniappe-Variou Topics
- ☐ **OL 181**  America250al: How Alabama is Celebrating America's 250th Birthday
- ☐ **OL 182**  The American Revolution and the Fate of the World
- ☐ **OL 183**  Fourteenth Colony: The Forgotten Story of the Gulf South during America's Revolutionary Era

SOCIALIZE, SAVOR AND CONNECT

OLLI membership is required to register and attend these Dutch-treat social outings (see pages 22, 26 and 39).

- ☐ **BHM 301** Lunch Bunch at Bistro V
- ☐ **BHM 302** Lunch Bunch at Tre Luna
- ☐ **BHM 303** Lunch Bunch at North Italia
- ☐ **GAD 301** Supper Club at Pell City Steak House Restaurant
- ☐ **GAD 302** Supper Club at Seasons 52
- ☐ **GAD 303** Supper Club at Bama Bucks
- ☐ **TUS 301** Lunch Bunch at The Oasis Bar & Grill
- ☐ **TUS 302** Lunch Bunch at Lai Lai Restaurant
- ☐ **TUS 303** Lunch Bunch at Loco Lupes
- ☐ **TUS 304** After-Hours Social at The Sanctuary
- ☐ **TUS 305** After-Hours Social at Jakes Juke Joint
- ☐ **TUS 306** After-Hours Social at Southern Ale House
- ☐ **TUS 307** After-Hours Social at Baumhower's Victory Grill

FIELD TRIPS

OLLI membership is required to register for field trips (see pages 21, 25 and 37).

- ☐ **BHM 201** Eagle Awareness Weekend, \$350 DBL, only option
- ☐ **BHM 202** Symphony Coffee Series Event, Epic Melodies: Tchaikovsky and Brahms, \$29
- ☐ **BHM 203** Truffles and Nut Confections, \$105
- ☐ **BHM 204** Molded Bon Bons, \$105
- ☐ **BHM 205** Super Jazz Concert, \$7 pay at the door
- ☐ **BHM 206** The Birmingham Museum of Art
- ☐ **GAD 201** Alabama Cooperage, \$45
- ☐ **GAD 202** The Lehman Trilogy, \$99

- ☐ **GAD 203** "9 to 5: The Musical," \$57
- ☐ **GAD 204** Baker Bindery, \$35
- ☐ **GAD 205** Cherry Blossom Festival, \$335 DBL, \$495 SGL
- ☐ **GAD 206** Blount County Memorial Museum, \$35
- ☐ **TUS 201** Discover Prattville – Cotton Gins, Bamboo Forest and Prattville Pickers, \$24
- ☐ **TUS 202**  Exploring Wetumpka: Crater, Culture and Charm, \$30
- ☐ **TUS 203** Library & Information Science
- ☐ **TUS 204** UA Opera Theatre Rehearsal – Two One-Act Operas
- ☐ **TUS 205** One Day, Two Wonders, \$36
- ☐ **TUS 206** Come Visit the Carillon at Denny Chimes! Montgomery – A Smorgasbord of History and Culture, \$195 DBL, \$320 SGL
- ☐ **TUS 207** Nordic Walking at Aldridge Gardens, \$24
- ☐ **TUS 208** Treasure Hunting in Birmingham, \$24
- ☐ **TUS 209**  Vicksburg, \$230 DBL, \$340 SGL
- ☐ **TUS 210** Rama's Amazing Garden Tour, \$40
- ☐ **TUS 211** Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra (TSO) Rehearsal, Moody Hall
- ☐ **TUS 212** Flowers that Bloom in the Spring, Tra La!!
- ☐ **TUS 213** Tour of Mal Moore Football Facility — a.m.
- ☐ **TUS 214** Tour of Mal Moore Football Facility — p.m.
- ☐ **TUS 215**  Medal of Honor Appreciation: Nordic walking at Veterans Memorial Park



Online Classes

To register for OLLI classes, call **205-348-6482** or visit oli.ua.edu/register. OLLI membership is \$65/year. The semester course package is \$60, granting access to all OLLI at UA courses (in-person and online courses).

You will receive Zoom links by email after registering for your selected classes.

MONDAY

OL 101 Zoom Basics for Online Classes

Feb. 2 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Carol Prickett

Perfect for beginners or as a refresher, this one-session class covers essential Zoom features for OLLI online courses. Learn to manage audio, video and chat, and improve your virtual classroom experience. Join us and enjoy OLLI learning from the comfort of home or phone!

OL 102 Alabama Historic Preservation GIS Portal



Feb. 9 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Joseph Massey

Discover Alabama's historic places through interactive maps and data. This powerful tool promotes awareness, research, and preservation — encouraging users to explore their heritage and help protect it for future generations.

OL 103 Talking About Books and OLLI Book Club

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9 • Noon-1:15 p.m.

Carol Prickett

The happy place for book lovers! This course includes discussion of books we've chosen; introductions to UA Press books and authors; and book recommendations from class members. Guaranteed to stretch "the little grey cells!"

- *Jan. 26* — Extravaganza; recommendations from class members of books to read
- *Feb. 2* — "The Battle for the University of Alabama: The Perilous Path of Higher Education in the Reconstruction South" (April 2025) by William Warren Rogers, Jr.
- *Feb. 9* — "Space Monkeys! Remembering the Nonhuman Astronauts in US Space Exploration" (March 2026) by John A. Lynch
- *Feb. 16* — Fiction: "Theo of Golden" (October 2023) by Allen Levi
- *Feb. 23* — "The Single Life: Unpatriarchal Manhoods

in English Renaissance Literature" (July 2025) by Jordan Windholz

- *March 2* — "Ballad of Fiddling Tom Freeman: Music, Moonshine, and Murder in Bug Tussle, Alabama" (June 2026) by Joyce H. Cauthen
- *March 9* — "Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions" (October 2024) by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey (**OL 103 Continued**)

OL 104 Three Degrees of Separation from Alabama to 1776



Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9 • Noon-1:15 p.m.

Steve Davis

Explore the patriots and policies of the American Revolutionary War that became a driving force in the creation of the state of Alabama.

OL 105 Austen, Bridgerton, and Revolutions: Hanoverian England and Its Monarchs (1714-1901)

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9 • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Dusty Folds

Hanoverian England is often derided by many people. This is due to its rather dull monarchs — four Georges and a William. It was the time of Jane Austen, of "Bridgerton," of revolutions in both America and France. It was when the position of Prime Minister was truly established. And this dynastical line ended with Queen Victoria. We will explore the Age of Reason, the Age of Victoria and the Revolution.

OL 106 The Book(s) of Kathryn Harkup, "A is for Arsenic: The Poisons of Agatha Christie"

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9 • 3-4:15 p.m.

Dr. Russ Timkovich

Dr. Kathryn Harkup's book "A is for Arsenic" documents the detailed uses Agatha Christie, the queen of crime, made in her crime novels to dispatch victims by poisoning. We will follow along as she explains how Christie knew all the poison's properties, symptoms, actual cases that may have influenced Christie, how the poison kills and where she wove it into her novels.

TUESDAY

OL 108 A Roundup of Old West Characters (OLLI Shares)



Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10 • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Dr. Richard Rhone

Moving beyond the legends and myths, we will discover the complex lives of several diverse Wild West individuals. Through the stories of courage, ambition and survival of these trailblazers, we will hopefully gain insight into the social, political and cultural forces that fostered core American values that still help define the national identity.

ONLINE

OL 109 Closing the Frontier: The Apache Wars (OLLI Shares)



Feb. 17, 24; March 3, 10 • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Dr. Richard Rhone

For over 25 years, the American military was involved a violent struggle with the Apache for control of the southwestern frontier. At the end of this costly conflict, the frontier was open and the Apache leaders were imprisoned in Alabama, Florida and Oklahoma. We'll discuss the issues, the battles, the personalities and why this war was so important in American history.

OL 110 Love Stories that Made History

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10
1:30-2:45 p.m.

Keith Robinson

From royal weddings to star-crossed lovers, history's greatest romances prove that love isn't just personal — it's political. We'll explore the relationships that shifted nations, stirred up scandals and still capture our imaginations today. Spoiler alert: not every story ends with a kiss.

WEDNESDAY

OL 111 America in Sound: 250 Years of Music and Identity (OLLI Shares)



Feb. 18, 25; March 4, 11 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Dr. Amir Zaheri

Explore 250 years of American music — from classical and folk roots to jazz, Broadway, country and rock. This class examines how composers and communities use music to express freedom, struggle, innovation and national identity.

OL 112 America250al: How is Alabama Celebrating America's 250th Birthday? (OLLI Shares)



Jan. 21 • Noon-1:15 p.m.

Natalie Steed, Melanie Poole

Get an inside look at Alabama's role in the upcoming America250 celebration. This session offers updates on statewide initiatives, educational programs, and commemorative events planned for the nation's 250th anniversary. Discover how OLLI members can engage with history and contribute to this significant milestone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS!

The OLLI Office now sends text updates to participants. To receive updates on classes and field trips, provide your mobile number as your primary contact. Email olli@ua.edu to ensure your contact info is correct.



OL 113 Meeting Adult Health Needs; Lessons Learned

Jan. 21, 28; Feb 4, 11 • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Dr. Robert Pieroni

In his six decades of medical practice, Dr. Pieroni has encountered a wide variety of disorders. With the assistance of a medical librarian, we have selected and updated numerous illnesses, preventive measures, diagnostic criteria and appropriate treatments for an adult audience.

OL 114 A Quick Tour of Germany

Jan. 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11
1:30-2:45 p.m.

Dr. Robert Kane

Dr. Kane spent August 1987 to August 1990 at an American Air Force base near Frankfurt West Germany and traveled around the country. This session will provide a glimpse of the history, culture and food of Germany. We will examine the cities of Cologne, Heidelberg, Berlin, Würzburg and Munich. Our tour will also include the four castles of King Ludwig II of Bavaria and the Moselle River Valley.

OL 115 An Overview of Financial Planning — Whether DIY, or with Professional Help

Jan. 21, 28; Feb 4, 11 • 3-4:15 p.m.

Bryan Hancock

Participants will learn about the core components of a financial plan and gain the knowledge to make informed decisions in each area. Topics include tax planning, retirement planning, insurance and asset protection, investment planning, cash flow and debt, and estate and legacy planning. The workshop will also pull back the curtain on the financial advice industry, helping participants understand how to choose a professional, collaborate effectively and avoid common pitfalls.

OL 116 Games: The Hidden Story

Jan. 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11
3-4:15 p.m.

Dr. Derrick Griffey

Games are a part of human culture. An aspect of play, characterized by rules, competition and entertainment, has existed since ancient times. How old is the game you play? Where did it originate? Is it part of an ancient culture? This class will examine all types of games, including board games, card games, and video games. Where they began, and why they lasted.

OL 117 Neuroscience Explains Benefits of Traditional Eastern Practices (OLLI Shares)

Jan. 21, 28; Feb 4, 11 • Noon-1:15 p.m.

Dr. Dianne Mancus

Why do certain traditional Eastern practices make us feel better? Do they have positive physical and mental health effects? We will examine current research in the field of Neuroscience to better understand the benefits of ancient practices, including pranayama (breathwork), asana (yoga), meditation (mindfulness) and the mind-body connection.

THURSDAY

OL 118 The American Revolution and the Fate of the World



Jan. 22 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Richard Bell

Discover how the American Revolution reshaped global history. Author Richard Bell explores the far-reaching consequences of the Revolution, from its impact on international politics to its influence on democratic movements worldwide.

OL 119 Fourteenth Colony: The Forgotten Story of the Gulf South during American's Revolutionary



Jan. 29 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Mike Bunn

Historian Mike Bunn explores the overlooked story of West Florida, Britain's forgotten 14th colony, which included parts of Alabama. Discover its bold leaders, political struggles and dramatic battles that shaped Gulf Coast history during America's Revolutionary era.

OL 120 The Health Span Blueprint

Feb. 5 • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Dr. Abby Horton

Health span is "the period of life spent in good health, free from chronic disease and disability." Discover evidence-based strategies to extend your years of vibrant living. In this class, learn how to capitalize on nutrition, movement, mindset and lifestyle habits to prevent disease, enhance vitality and thrive at every stage of life.

OL 121 So You Want to be a Writer?

Feb. 5 • 3-4:15 p.m.

Ed Linz

This interactive course will provide suggestions and guidance on how to proceed from your initial idea for writing a book to its publication. We will discuss all genres and the different challenges of publication for each. For those interested in self-publication, a step-by-step process will be included.



A Collaboration of OLLIs at UA, Auburn and UAH

OLLI at UA, Auburn and UAH collaborate each semester to offer online courses through OLLI Shares. The program encourages collaboration between OLLI institutes and strengthens the lifelong learning community across Alabama.



Scan the code to learn more.

Current OLLI members from any of the three campuses who purchase a semester course package are eligible to register for OLLI Shares classes at no extra cost. These courses are a great way for members to expand their knowledge, explore new topics and engage with learners from other areas.

Details for Auburn and UAH courses will be posted at olli.ua.edu/olli-shares and shared in our weekly e-newsletter as they become available. UA's OLLI Shares courses — **OL 108, OL 109, OL 111, OL 112, OL 117** — are listed in the Online Classes section of this catalog in more detail.

Greater Birmingham In-Person Classes

OLLI at UA Greater Birmingham Chapter invites lifelong learners from all corners of Central Alabama, including Hoover, Vestavia Hills, Mountain Brook, and surrounding areas. Join us for a diverse range of engaging courses and events that cater to members from all walks of life and educational backgrounds. Expand your knowledge and connect with a vibrant community of lifelong learners in the Greater Birmingham area.



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Members of OLLI at UA may take courses in Tuscaloosa, Greater Birmingham, Gadsden, and Online.

Course Locations

- Monday** – Riverchase United Methodist Church – 1953 Old Montgomery Highway, Hoover
 – The OLLI classroom is upstairs in the adult ministry area. It is the same location as last year. From Old Montgomery Highway, turn onto Carl Raines Lake Road. On Carl Raines take the Second right, then next right into the parking lot. The entrance will be door #7 and OLLI signs will be posted.
- Tuesday** – North Shelby Library – 5521 Cahaba Valley Road, Birmingham
- Wednesday** – Vestavia Hills Civic Center – 1090 Montgomery Highway, Vestavia Hills
 – The driveway to the VHCC is best accessed by turning off 31N at the traffic light at the River Bank and Trust. Continue up the hill following the driveway to the large parking lot at VHCC. Follow the OLLI signs to the classroom.
- Thursday** – Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce – 3000 Galleria Cir #375, Hoover
 – You cannot enter from inside the mall. Instead, take the ramp marked OFFICES/3000 Riverchase on the north side of Von Maur. At the top, drive past the Professional Building and the OLLI sign to the South parking deck. Park in any visitor space (the gate will be open). Walk back to the OLLI sign and enter the Professional Building. The Chamber of Commerce office is to the left past the Security Desk.

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In-Person Courses

MONDAY

10 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

Come early and mingle with fellow OLLI members.

BHM 101 Unleash Your Inner Artist: A Creative Journey with Chris Cruz

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2

Riverchase United Methodist Church

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Material Fee: \$60

Chris Cruz

Discover your inner artist with celebrated instructor Chris Cruz for this inspiring, hands-on art class. Whether you are picking up a brush for the first time or expanding your skills, Chris will guide you step-by-step through the process of creating stunning works in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media. Her warm teaching style and expertise make this class a favorite. No experience necessary.

TUESDAY

10 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

Come early and mingle with fellow OLLI members.

BHM 102 Preserving the Past: The Legacy and Impact of Alabama Heritage Magazine

March 9

Riverchase United Methodist Church • 10:30 a.m. – Noon
Rebecca Minder

Since its founding in 1986, Alabama Heritage Magazine has become a cornerstone of historical storytelling in the South. From uncovering forgotten legends to spotlighting grassroots movements, Alabama Heritage offers more than articles — it's a bridge between generations. Whether you are a history buff or a curious reader, you are invited to discover Alabama's historical narrative.

BHM 103 American Mahjong – A Beginner's Course

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2

Riverchase United Methodist Church • 1-3 p.m.
Dr. Joan Smith

Ready to crack the code of one of the most beloved and brain-boosting tile games? Join us for a fun and engaging six-week beginner's course that introduces you to American Mahjong as played with the National Mahjong card. Each session includes hands-on practice, clear instruction and plenty of encouragement in a supportive group setting.

BHM 104 The Civil War and Beyond



March 9

Riverchase United Methodist Church • 1-2:30 p.m.
Jim Baggett and Kayla Jordan

Four years before murdering Abraham Lincoln, John Wilkes Booth performed in Montgomery, Alabama, and took part in the city's debates on secession. Jim Baggett will explore Booth's time in Alabama and the strange conspiracy theories about his death. Kayla Jordan will explore ghost stories in the South centered around the American Civil War and analyze their impact on our perception of the war.



BHM 105 The History of America before July 4, 1776



Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10

North Shelby Library • 10:30 a.m. – Noon
Sammie Cockrell

Explore the untold stories of America. Beginning with a deeper look at Indigenous peoples, their culture and contributions, tracing the arrival of early settlers, the complexities of colonization, and evolving dynamics between Natives and Europeans. Through a British lens, examine imperial motives and colonial tensions, ending with treason by the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

BHM 106 Shattered Light: The History of Stained Glass and Mosaics

Feb. 17, 24

North Shelby Library • 10:30 a.m. – Noon
Rhandie Weaver

Gain a deep understanding of the history of stained glass — from early windows to modern works — and the techniques used through the ages. We will focus on the art of mosaics, tracing their development from early designs to modern works and methods. Rhandie, a self-taught artist with over 25 years of experience, created the glass mosaic Indigenous Vulcan, on display at the Birmingham Zoo.

BHM 107 The French Revolution 1789 – 1799



March 3, 10

North Shelby Library • 10:30 a.m. – Noon
Dr. Stephen Miller

The French Revolution was a time of political and social upheaval in France that marked the end of absolute monarchy and the rise of modern democratic ideals. It was driven by economic hardship, social inequality and enlightenment ideas. Key events include the Storming of the Bastille, the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, and the Reign of Terror.

GREATER BIRMINGHAM

BHM 108 Zentangle Borders and Fragments

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10

North Shelby Library • 1-2:30 p.m.

Material Fee: \$25

Darla Williamson

Whether you're new to Zentangle or a seasoned tangler, join Certified Zentangle artist Darla Williamson for a creative course focused on border and fragment tangles. Learn how to use these elements to enhance and embellish your designs and projects. All materials needed to complete the projects are included.

BHM 109 The Nuts and Bolts of the Law

Feb. 17, 24

North Shelby Library • 1-2:30 p.m.

Mike Fliegel

This class will discuss the legal profession from both prosecution and defense perspectives and the role of the Judiciary. We will also discuss a wide variety of topics, including: What is a Contract? Wills and Estates, Civil and Criminal Trial practice and Appeals. Bring your questions — there will be open discussion.

BHM 110 International Responses to Nazi Race and Jewish Policy in the 1930s

March 3

North Shelby Library • 1-2:30 p.m.

Dr. Jonathan Wiesen

The Nazi regime encountered outrage at its racist policies. However, it also found many supporters. By 1938, global condemnation of Hitler had grown, but the international community was ultimately unwilling or incapable of organizing to save Europe's Jews. Learn the actions taken by many and how many failed to do so. Investigate how antisemitism and isolationism shaped immigration policies.

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

Come early and mingle with fellow OLLI members.

BHM 111 Has the NCAA Lost Its Mind: Does This Madness Have an Off Ramp?

Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4

Vestavia Hills Civic Center • 10:30 am – Noon

Debbie Corum

There are seismic shifts in the college sports world brought on by the rise of Name, Image, and Likeness rights, legal reforms and media influence. Beginning with an understanding of Title IX, Debbie Corum, retired Division I Assistant Athletic Director, will explore how these changes have disrupted NCAA structures and redefined boundaries between amateurism and professionalism.

BHM 112 A History of Big Band Jazz in Birmingham – 1880 to the Present

Feb. 11

Vestavia Hills Civic Center • 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Mike Lingo

From the streetcar rhythms of Tuxedo Junction to the avant-garde brilliance of Sun Ra, Birmingham's jazz story is one of resilience, innovation, and soul. This lecture traces the evolution of big band jazz in the Magic City, from its roots and ragtime ensembles to its golden age in the 1930s and '40s, and its vibrant revival today. Embark on a toe-tapping journey through this musical heritage.

BHM 113 Grow Wild with Forest Gardening: Creating Edible Ecosystems at Home

Feb. 18

Vestavia Hills Civic Center • 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Trevor Mann

Forest gardening is an indigenous agricultural technique adopted by permaculture. It is not gardening in the forest, it's mimicking the structure, function and evolution of natural forest ecosystems to yield food, fiber, fodder, habitat, pharmaceuticals, fuel, fertilizer and fun. You will learn the history, art and science and demystify the subject. Like fine wine, forest gardens improve with time.

BHM 114 Planning Ahead: A Roadmap for Life's Next Chapter

Feb. 25; March 4, 11

Vestavia Hills Civic Center • 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Karen Spears

This interactive class helps you prepare for life's next stage with confidence. You will learn about senior living and care options, the real costs of care, key legal and financial steps, downsizing strategies, and key transition skills. Week one focuses on the Roadmap of Aging; week two, The Financial and Legal Side of Care: Protecting your Assets and Your Wishes; and week three, How to Build a Care Plan.

BHM 115 Hitler's Last Gamble: Turning Point in the Ardennes

Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11

Vestavia Hills Civic Center • 1-2:30 p.m.

Michael Payne

This course will be an in-depth study of the last major German offensive of WWII. Exploring the surprise attack through the Ardennes, the fierce winter fighting, and the Allied response that turned the tide of the war will give you a clear understanding of the tactics and sacrifices that were made. History buffs and strategy enthusiasts welcome!

BHM 116 Latino USA: The Long Little-Known History of Hispanics in the U.S.

Feb. 18, 25; March 4, 11

Vestavia Hills Civic Center • 1-2:30 p.m.

Dr. Pam Murray

This course will cover topics related to Hispanics, who comprise almost 20% of the U.S. population, and chart their vital roles in contemporary society and culture. It also aims to provide insight into how recent immigration has transformed communities here and across the Southeast.

THURSDAY

10 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

Come early and mingle with fellow OLLI members.

BHM 117 Israel State and Society

Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12

Hoover Chamber of Commerce • 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Dr. David Shankman

View Israel through a multidimensional lens. This course provides a historical overview of Israel's role in the Middle East and examines its political system, economy and religious groups that distinguish it from surrounding Arab countries. If you want to know what it is like to live in Israel and understand its culture, this course is for you.

BHM 118 Ancient Egyptian Religion: The Foundation for Everything

Feb. 19

Hoover Chamber of Commerce • 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Dr. Dawn McCormack

Ancient Egypt was a complex society with a complicated religious framework that impacted kingship, literature, tombs, and much more. This lecture will explore the basics of the ancient Egyptian religion from creation myths to the nature of the gods. Dr. McCormack will share her experiences and knowledge discovered through her own archaeological excavations and those of her colleagues.

BHM 119 Brushstrokes of Genius: Van Gogh and the Dutch Masters

Feb. 26; March 5, 12

Hoover Chamber of Commerce • 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Beth White

Step into the luminous world of Dutch art, where bold color, quiet drama and emotional intensity collide. From the golden age of Rembrandt and Vermeer to the vision of Van Gogh, you will explore how these artists captured the soul of a nation and reshaped the language of art forever. Bring your curiosity and a love of beauty.

BHM 120 Cooking Out: Smokin' Grillin' and Cuein'

Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5

Hoover Chamber of Commerce • 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Tim Smith

Step into the smoke and sizzle of culinary mastery with grill master Tim Smith. Whether you are a weekend warrior or a curious cook, this course will transform your approach to cooking meat outdoors. Topics will include direct vs. indirect grilling, barbecuing and smoking techniques, proper temperature control, food safety and tips and practices for success.

BHM 121 A Study in Sherlock

Feb. 12, 19, 26; March 5

Hoover Chamber of Commerce • 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Kenneth Laeger

Take a deep dive into the first Sherlock Holmes mystery, "A Study in Scarlet." In the first half, Dr. John Watson and Sherlock Holmes meet, move into 221B Baker Street, and we learn Holmes' investigation techniques. And then... a murder in an empty house! The back half takes us to the origin threads of that murder into the U.S. and the Mormons. Bring your deerstalker hat and your nerves for a scandalous adventure.

Field Trips

Space is limited, so sign up early! Cancellations can be made by contacting Registration Services; substitutions aren't allowed. If a trip is full, you can be added to a waitlist. For any questions, call the OLLI office at 205-348-6482 or email the trip leader.

BHM 201 Eagle Awareness Weekend

Friday, Jan. 23 – Sunday, Jan. 25

Trip Leader: Annette Vazquez (drnocat@hotmail.com)

Refund Deadline: Jan. 2

Depart: 8:45 a.m. Friday, Jan 23 Riverchase United Methodist Church parking lot on the corner of Old Montgomery Hwy and Carl Raines Lake Rd.

Return: 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan 25

Fee: \$350 DBL, only option (Transportation, Package-Lodging, Wine Social, 2 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner, all bird programs for the weekend)

Activity Level: OLLI Level 2 – Moderate

Spend the weekend at Lake Guntersville State Park and see Alabama's largest concentration of American Bald Eagles. Your package includes a room with two queen beds, two breakfasts and one dinner. In addition, you will see live shows with speakers and birds of prey and participate in field trips to see eagle nesting sites and observation points. Packages are limited and fill up fast; register quickly and join us on this amazing excursion!

GREATER BIRMINGHAM

BHM 202 Symphony Coffee Series Event, Epic Melodies: Tchaikovsky and Brahms

Friday, Jan. 30

Refund Deadline: Jan. 15

Trip Leader: Annette Vazquez (drnocat@hotmail.com)

Meet: 10:45 a.m. at UAB'S Alys Stephens Center, Jemison Concert Hall, 1200 10th Ave. S, Birmingham. Concert begins at 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$29

Activity Level: OLLI Level 1 Easy/Light Walking

Experience the enchantment of the symphony without the late-night drive. In addition to the musical experience, you will be treated to coffee and muffins before the concert begins. The concert program will include Tchaikovsky's No. 4 and Brahms' Symphony No. 3. Join your OLLI cohorts for a magical, musical, mid-morning treat.

Elizabeth Moore Chocolate Making Classes

BHM 203 Truffles and Nut Confections – Friday, Feb. 6, 9:30 a.m.

BHM 204 Molded Bon Bons – Friday, Feb. 6, 1:30 p.m.

Refund Deadline: Jan. 22

Trip Leaders: Annette Vazquez (drnocat@hotmail.com)

Gail Sheppard (gakshepp@gmail.com)

Meet: 10-15 minutes prior to class time at the Elizabeth Moore Chocolate Shop, 2655 Pelham Pkwy, Pelham, AL.

Fee: \$105 each session

Activity Level: OLLI Level 1 Easy/Light Walking

Indulge your sweet tooth in a hands-on truffles or bonbons making class with Swiss chocolatier Susan Notter. In the first class, we will be making piped chocolate truffles, dipped in chocolate, and rolled in cocoa. Pecan pralines and almond nut clusters are also part of this class. Each participant will take home approximately 24 pieces. The second class will learn how to use cocoa butter colors to decorate molds, then use tempered chocolate for the cavities. We will make ganache fillings for the bonbons, fill, cap and turn out! Each participant will take home 21 molded pieces.



BHM 205 Super Jazz Concert

Sunday, Feb. 8

Trip Leader: Gail Sheppard (gakshepp@gmail.com)

Meet: 2:45 p.m. at John Carroll High School

auditorium, 300 Lakeshore Pkwy

The performance begins at 3 p.m.

Fee: \$7 Pay at the door.

Activity Level: OLLI Level 1 – Easy/Light Walking

Since 1978, Super Jazz has performed four concerts each year, showcasing big band arrangements from all eras. The band features a traditional instrumentation of five saxes, five trombones, five trumpets, a rhythm section and an endless stream of musical ideas. All concerts are performed in a family-friendly, smoke-free environment.

BHM 206 The Birmingham Museum of Art

Friday, March 6

Trip Leader: Gail Sheppard (gakshepp@gmail.com)

Meet: 10 a.m. at the main entrance to the Birmingham Museum of Art

Fee: Free; however, the museum appreciates donations.

Activity Level: OLLI Level – Easy/Light Walking

Our hometown museum was described by a visitor as a hidden gem, a diverse collection of over 27,000 pieces of artwork, free of charge, with easy parking. This museum is three stories and houses an eclectic selection of art. It has the largest collection of Asian art in the Southeast, as well as Native American, African, European, American and Alabamian art. Come join us on this fabulous artistic experience.

Dutch-Treat Lunch Bunch

Participation requires OLLI membership and registration. Meet at 11 a.m. at the restaurant.

Coordinator: Deborah Warnat (dohbaer@gmail.com)

BHM 301 – Lunch Bunch at Bistro V

Friday, Jan. 23 at 11 a.m.

521 Montgomery Hwy, Vestavia 35216

BHM 302 – Lunch Bunch at Tre Luna

Friday, Feb 20 at 11 a.m.

1021 Brocks Gap Pkwy, Ste. 145, Hoover 35244

BHM 303 – Lunch Bunch at North Italia

Friday, March 20

225 Summit Blvd., Ste. 1100, Birmingham 35243

Gadsden Chapter

Experience the charming small-town atmosphere of OLLI at UA Gadsden Chapter. Discover a diverse range of courses, engaging socials like our supper club, and exciting travel opportunities. Enjoy the convenience of free parking at all our locations. Join us for a vibrant and enriching lifelong learning community in Gadsden and its surrounding area.



Scan the code to learn more.

Members of OLLI at UA may take courses in Tuscaloosa, Greater Birmingham, Gadsden and online.

Course Locations

- **Church of the Holy Comforter** –
156 S 9th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901
– Parking along the street and a few adjacent public lots are available, including the downtown courthouse.
- **Gadsden Public Library** –
254 College Street, Gadsden, AL 35901
– Parking available onsite.

In-Person Courses

To register, call **205-348-6482** or visit olli.ua.edu/register. OLLI membership is \$65/year. The semester course package is \$60, granting access to all OLLI at UA courses (in-person and online courses). A material fee may apply for select classes. Public programs are free and open to the public.

MONDAY

GAD 101 Monday Morning Sports Club
Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9
Gadsden Public Library • 10-11:30 a.m.
Shirley du Pont

Sports affects us all — the clothes we wear, the games we watch on TV, the teams we follow. Come join us as we talk about what's going on in the world of sports. We cover football, baseball, pickleball — you name it, we will discuss it. Special guests will even drop in from time to time. If you love sports, you are invited.

Gadsden Leadership

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Volunteer leadership opportunities are available for the following position: **VP Long Range Planning**

GAD 102 Austen, Bridgerton, and Revolutions: Hanoverian England and Its Monarchs (1714-1901)

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9
Church of the Holy Comforter • 1:30-2:45 p.m.
Dusty Folds (via Zoom)

Hanoverian England is often derided by many people. This is due to its rather dull monarchs — four Georges and a William. It was the time of Jane Austen, of “Bridgerton,” of revolutions in both America and France. It was when the position of Prime Minister was truly established. And this dynastical line ended with Queen Victoria. We will explore the Age of Reason, the Age of Victoria and the Revolution.

GAD 103 The First 50 Years of American History



Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9
Church of the Holy Comforter • 3-4:15 p.m.
Dr. Richard Rhone (Pre-Recorded Class)

A little-known era of American History is the first 50 years of our country's existence. Covering the period from the end of the Revolution until the 1820s, our focus will be on the people, personalities, culture, opinions, triumphs and tragedies of the time. Our goal is to learn and cherish the lessons of history. Perhaps we will gain an appreciation for our ancestors and the liberty we enjoy.

GADSDEN

TUESDAY

GAD 104 Famous and Infamous Biographies of the Civil War

AMERICA 250 ALABAMA

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10
Church of the Holy Comforter • 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Norman Dasinger, Jr

Many people involved in the Civil War received little or no recognition, yet influenced battles or decisions in the war. We will examine the biographies of some of these players and the impact they had during this time in our history. You might be surprised who you will meet and what they did, as they live on the other side of the story.

GAD 105 Siamese and Royale Siamese Mahjong

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10
Church of the Holy Comforter • 1-3 p.m.
Susan Davidson

If you like American Mahjong, then you will love Siamese and Royale Siamese Mahjong. These versions of the popular game offer an entire set of new strategies, with twice the hands, tiles and, of course, twice the fun! You must be familiar with the basics; this class is not for beginners. Each participant must have a current (2025) National League card. Call 212-246-3052 or order at nationalmahjongleague.org. Cost is \$14.

GAD 106 Love Stories that Made History

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10
Church of the Holy Comforter • 1:30-2:45 p.m.
Keith Robinson (via Zoom)

From royal weddings to star-crossed lovers, history's greatest romances prove that love isn't just personal — it's political. We'll explore the relationships that shifted nations, stirred up scandals and still capture our imaginations today. Spoiler alert: not every story ends with a kiss.



GAD 107 American Literature: The Colonial Period

AMERICA 250 ALABAMA

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10
Church of the Holy Comforter • 3-4:15 p.m.
Dave Murdock

Early American writers likely did not view themselves as “Americans,” but rather as “Colonials.” Their literature reflects strong British influence; however, they gradually develop a distinct American voice over time. When does this transformation occur, and what form does it take? This course explores both familiar and lesser-known writers to trace the emergence of an American literary identity.

WEDNESDAY

GAD 108 History Over Easy

Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11
Gadsden Public Library • 10-11:30 a.m.
Randy Holland

In this class, the participants introduce the subject each week; thus, it is always new and interesting. Artifacts and collectibles occasionally find their way into the discussions, as do old Native American relics, Civil War items, and paintings — you never know what interests someone in the class. Religion and politics are intentionally not discussed to keep things light and fun.

GAD 109 The War Continues...WWII

AMERICA 250 ALABAMA

Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11
Church of the Holy Comforter • 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Dr. Linda York

We will look at World War II as a continuation of WWI. Contributing to WWII were unresolved tensions in the aftermath of WWI. This global war transformed the political, economic, and social structures of the world, and established the foundation of international relations for the rest of the 20th century and into the 21st. Our focus will be the consequences of war rather than the war itself.





GAD 110 A Quick Tour of Germany

Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11
Church of the Holy Comforter • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Dr. Robert Kane

Dr. Kane spent August 1987 to August 1990 at an American Air Force base near Frankfurt West Germany and traveled around the country. This session will provide a glimpse of the history, culture and food of Germany. We will examine the cities of Cologne, Heidelberg, Berlin, Würzburg and Munich. Our tour will also include the four castles of King Ludwig II of Bavaria and the Moselle River Valley.

GAD 111 Games: The Hidden Story

Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11
Church of the Holy Comforter • 3-4:15 p.m.

Dr. Derrick Griffey (via Zoom)

Games are a part of human culture. An aspect of play with rules, competition and entertainment has existed since ancient times. How old is the game you play? Where did it originate? Is it part of an ancient culture? This class will look at all types of games: board games, card games and video games. We will cover where they began, and why they lasted.

THURSDAY

GAD 112 Summer Nights at the Drive-In

Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12
Church of the Holy Comforter • 3-4:15 p.m.

Forrest Hinton

Remember the drive-in? They had a snack bar, a speaker that clipped to your window (not always good if it rained), and two movies. Dress as you like, bring your own food and maybe even watch the movie. In each session, we will review several iconic movies of the time. Who could forget “Where the Boys Are,” “Whatever Happened to Baby Jane,” “G.I. Blues,” “The Dirty Dozen,” “The Raven” and “A Summer Place?” Let's go to the drive-in!

Field Trips

Space is limited, so sign up early! Cancellations can be made by contacting Registration Services; substitutions aren't allowed. If a trip is full, you can be added to a waitlist. For any questions, call the OLLI office at 205-348-6482 or email the trip leader.

GAD 201 Alabama Cooperage

Trinity, AL

Friday, Jan. 30

Refund Deadline: Jan. 22

Trip Leader: Shirley du Pont (slild01@aol.com)

Depart: 8:30 a.m. 121 N 1st St (formerly UA Center)

Return: 6 p.m.

Fee: \$45 (Transportation)

Activity Level: OLLI Level 1-Easy/Light Walking

Did you know Jack Daniel's whiskey barrels are made in Alabama? Join us for a fascinating tour and see firsthand how these iconic barrels are crafted. Explore the barrel-making process, learn how the wood influences the flavor of whiskey and watch skilled coopers assemble the barrels. Discover the legal requirements for bourbon barrels — including the specific type of wood used and how many times a barrel can be reused. Because of its unique role in aging spirits, the whiskey barrel has even been called a “breathing time machine.”

GAD 202 The Lehman Trilogy

Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery, AL

Saturday, Feb. 14

Refund Deadline: Jan. 23

Trip Leader: Shirley du Pont (slild01@aol.com)

Depart: 9:30 a.m. 121 N 1st St (formerly UA Center)

Return: 6 p.m.

Fee: \$99 (Transportation, Ticket)

Activity level: OLLI Level 1-Easy/Light Walking

A sweeping theatrical adventure, tracing the rise and fall of an immigrant family from Montgomery, Alabama, to Wall Street. From a small general store on Montgomery's Commerce Street to unimaginable wealth on Wall Street, the Lehman Brothers epitomized the American Dream. Together, they built a firm that would shape — and later shake — the very foundation of global finance.

GADSDEN

GAD 203 “9 to 5: The Musical”

The Whole Backstage, Guntersville, AL

Friday, Feb. 20

Refund Deadline: Feb. 5

Trip Leader: Shirley du Pont (slild01@aol.com)

Depart: 12:30 p.m. 121 N 1st St (formerly UA Center)

Return: 6 p.m.

Fee: \$57 (Transportation, ticket)

Activity level: OLLI Level 1-Easy/Light Walking

Featuring the unforgettable music of Dolly Parton and a book by Patricia Resnick, “9 to 5: The Musical” follows three coworkers pushed to the edge by their sexist, egotistical boss. What follows is a hilarious and empowering tale of revenge, friendship and workplace justice. Join us for a time of laughs and music.

GAD 204 Baker Bindery

Anniston, AL

Friday, Feb. 27

Refund Deadline: Feb. 12

Trip Leader: Shirley du Pont (slild01@aol.com)

Depart: 8:30 a.m. 121 N 1st St (formerly UA Center)

Return: 6 p.m.

Fee: \$35 (Transportation)

Activity level: OLLI Level 1-Easy/Light Walking

Baker Bindery is a renowned bookbinding and restoration company specializing in traditional, hand-worked techniques. They provide meticulous restoration services that ensure preservation for future generations to enjoy. Do you have a family Bible, a first edition, or a favorite book that is in poor condition? They can restore it for you. We will see the process as we watch a master craftsman work.

GAD 205 Cherry Blossom Festival

Macon, GA

Friday, March 27- Sunday, March 29

Refund Deadline: Feb. 27

Trip Leader: Shirley du Pont (slild01@aol.com)

Depart: 8:30 a.m. 121 N 1st St (formerly UA Center)

Return: 6 p.m.

Fee: \$335 DBL, \$495 SGL(Transportation, lodging, tickets)

Activity level: OLLI Level 2-Moderate

Each March, Macon becomes a pink, cotton-spun paradise as over 350,000 Yoshino cherry trees bloom in all their glory. Festival lovers are treated to one of the most extravagant displays of color in the nation as they visit the cherry blossom capital of the world. We will take a guided tour of the Cannonball House, named for damage sustained during the Civil War. It is an example of Greek Revival architecture, featuring period furniture and an English garden. Its rich history includes the Adelphian Collection, a Civil War and General Museum, and more.

GAD 206 Blount County Memorial Museum

Friday, March 13

Refund Deadline: Feb. 26

Trip Leader: Shirley du Pont

Depart: 8:30 a.m. 121 N 1st St (formerly UA Center)

Return: 6 p.m.

Fee: \$35 (Transportation)

Activity level: OLLI Level 2-Moderate

The Blount County Memorial Museum, opened in 1971, is dedicated to preserving and teaching history, while also honoring our military veterans. On permanent display is an example of FDR’s New Deal Arts Program. We will go back in time and have lunch at the Greasy Cove General Store. You will find vegetables, flowers, food and ice cream at the Cove. It’s a wonderful place to look around and pick up a treasure.

Dutch-Treat Supper Club

GAD 301 – Supper Club at Pell City Steak House Restaurant

Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 5 p.m.

2401 Comer Ave, Pell City, AL 35125

GAD 302 – Supper Club at Seasons 52

Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 5 p.m.

245 Summit Blvd, Birmingham, AL 35243

GAD 303 – Supper Club at Bama Bucks

Thursday, March 5 at 5 p.m.

292 Bryant Rd, Sardis City, AL 35956

Tuscaloosa Chapter

Expand your horizons with OLLI at UA's Tuscaloosa Chapter in the heart of the Crimson Tide! As the home for OLLI at UA, the Tuscaloosa chapter maintains a robust schedule of 75-100 courses, 10+ field trips, and 6+ social events each semester. Join our community of active members and explore the rich educational and social opportunities offered in Tuscaloosa.



Scan the code to learn more.

Members of OLLI at UA may take courses in Tuscaloosa, Greater Birmingham, Gadsden, and Online.

Course Locations

- Bryant Conference Center (see parking options)
240 Paul W. Bryant Dr., Tuscaloosa
- Druid City Makerspace
813 31st Ave, Tuscaloosa
- First United Methodist Church
800 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa
- FOCUS50+/McAbee Activity Center
3801 Loop Rd., Tuscaloosa
- Grace Presbyterian Church
113 Hargrove Rd., Tuscaloosa
- Kentuck Art Center, Clarke Bldg., Clay Studio
503 Main Ave., Northport
- Tuscaloosa County Extension Office
1800 McFarland Blvd. E, #342, Tuscaloosa

Parking

Free parking is available at all non-UA course venues.

All OLLI members taking classes on The University of Alabama campus (Bryant Conference Center) have two parking options.

Option 1: Purchase a UA 2025-2026 OLLI parking permit, which is valid through Aug. 15, 2026. This permit allows you to park in the Capstone Deck and the adjacent surface lot. All UA campus ADA parking spaces require you to have both valid ADA credentials and an OLLI parking permit.

Two important steps to complete this process:

1. Purchase the UA Campus Parking Permit at time of registration.
2. Using the link in the confirmation email of the purchase, complete the online Parking Permit registration form.

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You will be notified by OLLI Staff when your hangtag is ready to be picked up from the OLLI office.

Option 2: Pay daily at the Capstone Parking Deck Hourly Visitor Parking Deck rates – \$1.50/1st hour; \$2.50/each additional hour; \$15 maximum per day (resets upon exiting the deck)

In-Person Courses

MONDAY

TUS 101 The Philosophies of the World's Most Famous Investors

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • 9-10:15 a.m.

Morgan Mann

A deep dive into the techniques and strategies employed by history's most famous investors. Subjects include Benjamin Graham, Burton Malkiel, Jeremy Siegel, Warren Buffett and John Bogle.

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TUS 102 Breathwork in Practice: Learn How to Breathe for Peace & Calm

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • 9-10:15 a.m.

Dr. Catherine Walsh

Discover the power of breath for your well-being! In this four-week course, explore breathing mechanics, breathwork for anxiety and stress reduction, enhancing focus and energy, and establishing a daily breathwork routine. The sessions will emphasize demonstrations and practice of breathing techniques, with time for questions and discussion. All experience levels are welcome. Dress comfortably.

TUS 103 Improve Your Thinking and Your Breathing to Improve Your Health

Feb. 16, 23; March 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • 9-10:15 a.m.

Lyle Aitken, Coordinator

Explore how your thoughts and breathing affect your health. Dr. Ed Shotts explains the mind-body connection and stress's impact on well-being. Dr. Catherine Walsh demonstrates breathwork techniques, and Dr. Rama Pitikiti introduces meditation's health benefits. Learn practical tools to share with loved ones for better mental and physical wellness.

TUS 104 Need Help Understanding/Navigating Medicare, Long Term Care and Social Security

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Babs Hart

Learn the essentials of Medicare, long-term care and Social Security — how they work together, what they cover, and where the gaps are — so you can make informed decisions for a secure and confident retirement.

TUS 105 "What Could Have Been, the Founding Martyr"



Feb. 16, 23; March 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Craig Patterson

Discover the life of Dr. Joseph Warren, a patriot leader and member of the Sons of Liberty, whose early death left many wondering what might have been. Explore his role in shaping the Revolution and consider how history could have changed had he lived to help build the new nation.

TUS 106 Welcome to OLLI: Member Q&A Roundtable

Jan. 26

Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

OLLI Leadership

New and returning members are invited to join a

casual roundtable discussion. Bring your questions, share ideas and learn how to make the most of your OLLI membership. The conversation centers around what matters most to you. **(TUS 106 Continued)**

TUS 107 Zoom Basics for Online Classes

Feb. 2

Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Perfect for beginners or as a refresher, this one-session class covers essential Zoom features for OLLI online courses. Learn to manage audio, video and chat, and improve your virtual classroom experience. Join us and enjoy OLLI learning from the comfort of home or phone!

TUS 108 Alabama Historic Preservation GIS Portal



Feb. 9

Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Joseph Massey

Discover Alabama's historic places through interactive maps and data. This powerful tool promotes awareness, research, and preservation — encouraging users to explore their heritage and help protect it for future generations.

TUS 109 In the Wings: UA Theatre's Spring Semester Plays

Feb. 16, 23; March 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Dr. Michelle Butler

Enhance your enjoyment and understanding of UA Theatre Department's spring semester productions by reading and discussing the plays "A Doll's House, Part 2" and "Godspell" before performances begin. We may even have visits from cast and crew working on the shows!

TUS 110 Talking About Books and OLLI Book Club

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • Noon-1:15 p.m.

Carol Prickett

The happy place for book lovers! This course includes discussion of books we've chosen; introductions to UA Press books and authors; and book recommendations from class members. Guaranteed to stretch "the little grey cells!"

- *Jan. 26* — Extravaganza; recommendations from class members of books to read
- *Feb. 2* — "The Battle for the University of Alabama: The Perilous Path of Higher Education in the Reconstruction South" (April 2025) by William Warren Rogers, Jr.
- *Feb. 9* — "Space Monkeys! Remembering the Nonhuman Astronauts in US Space Exploration" (March 2026) by John A. Lynch
- *Feb. 16* — Fiction: "Theo of Golden" (October 2023) by Allen Levi

- *Feb. 23* — “The Single Life: Unpatriarchal Manhoods in English Renaissance Literature” (July 2025) by Jordan Windholz
- *March 2* — “Ballad of Fiddling Tom Freeman: Music, Moonshine, and Murder in Bug Tussle, Alabama” (June 2026) by Joyce H. Cauthen
- *March 9* — “Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions” (October 2024) by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey (**TUS 110 Continued**)

TUS 111 Three Degrees of Separation from Alabama to 1776



Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • Noon-1:15 p.m.

Steve Davis

Explore the patriots and policies of the American Revolutionary War that became a driving force in the creation of the state of Alabama.

TUS 112 West Point: America's Treasure on the Hudson



Feb. 16, 23; March 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • Noon-1:15 p.m.

Dr. Leroy Hurt

Become acquainted with West Point's history, including its pivotal role during the American Revolution.

This four-session course will introduce members to historical developments in West Point's academic, physical, military and character pillars that continually evolve to prepare graduates for service to the nation.

TUS 113 Post Revolution: The Colonies Become a Nation



Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Larry Fagen

Once the United States' borders had been set, the time came to fill in the spaces. This course will explore the "good, the bad and the ugly" of those efforts. From governmental-inspired plans and profit-driven projects to groundswell pressures from a growing populace, we will see how a great, but imperfect, new nation emerged.

TUS 114 Armchair Travel

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

JoAnn Cook

Travel the world without leaving your seat! OLLI members bring their recent adventures to life through personal stories, history, culture and photos.

- *Jan. 26* — African Kenyan Safaris, Becky Hardesty
- *Feb. 2* — Canoeing the Okefenokee Swamp, Raphael Sneed
- *Feb. 9* — Sailing to Meet the Friendly Gray Whales off Baja, Mexico, Raphael Sneed
- *Feb. 16* — Alaska Adventures, Lucy Sellers and James Sellers
- *Feb. 23* — Europe 2019: Germany, Switzerland & Austria, Gary and Mary Ann Hankins
- *Mar. 2* — Europe 2019: Italy, Part 1, Gary and Mary Ann Hankins
- *Mar. 3* — Europe 2019: Italy, Part 2, Gary and Mary Ann Hankins (**TUS 114 Continued**)

TUS 115 Yoga for Osteoporosis

Feb. 16, 23; March 2, 9

Grace Presbyterian Church • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Gail Portrey

Designed for those with osteoporosis or osteopenia, this class improves posture, balance, flexibility and strength. Using the Fishman method and Iyengar yoga, participants practice techniques shown to support bone health and increase bone mass.

TUS 116 The Media, The Vote and Your Voice

Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • 3-4:15 p.m.

Dr. George Daniels

2026 is an election year for Alabama. In addition to electing a governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, Alabamians will choose someone to serve as U.S. Senator. This class focuses on news stories, political research and current thinking about voter enfranchisement.

TUS 117 Mad About These Movies



Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2, 9

Bryant Conference Center • 3-4:15 p.m.

Amelia Yessick, Coordinator

Join us for a fun movie series featuring both classics and modern favorites. Class members select the films and provide brief instructions to set the stage for each screening.

- *Jan. 26* — “The Living Sea” (1995), Documentary, PG — Presenter: Peggy Hamner
- *Feb. 2* — “The Miracle Club” (2023), Irish/UK Drama, PG — Presenter: Amelia Yessick
- *Feb. 9* — “Drums Along the Mohawk” (1939), PG — The American Revolution from a family perspective — Presenter: Nancy Dupree



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- *Feb. 16* — “The Ultimate Gift” (2006), PG — Coming-of-age drama — Presenter: Ron Wilson
- *Feb. 23* — “23 Walks” (2020), British Adult Romance, PG — Presenter: Carole Byars
- *March 2* — “Yankee Doodle Dandy” (1942), PG — Featuring the song considered the anthem of the American Revolution — Presenter: Ron Wilson



- *March 9* — “The Man in the Glass Booth” (1975), Drama, Nazi War Crimes, PG — Presenter: Travis McCulley (**TUS 117 Continued**)

TUESDAY

TUS 118 Reading the Bible as Literature

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10
9-10:15 a.m.

Bryant Conference Center
David Chumney

The Bible is an anthology of ancient texts, composed by diverse peoples in archaic languages over the course of a thousand years. These texts include multiple genres, some of which rely on literary conventions no longer readily understood by readers today. This class introduces appropriate interpretive strategies designed to help modern readers more fully appreciate and more easily navigate these ancient texts.

TUS 119 Movie Music

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10
Bryant Conference Center • 9-10:15 a.m.

Dr. Ronald Terry Olivet

A historical and contemporary look at the use of music in motion pictures. The course will include technical developments in the process of using sound for films and biographical background of some of the great cinematic music composers. Most of the class time will be spent watching and listening to memorable examples of the songs, themes and musical scores that have been composed for the movies. A nostalgic visual and auditory trip!

TUS 120 Wills, Trusts and Related Topics

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10
Bryant Conference Center • 9-10:15 a.m.

Steve Wiggins

This course will help you understand how wills and trusts work and how to best achieve your planning goals. You will also learn how to address common legal issues and ways to avoid unintended consequences for your family.

TUS 121 The Psychology of Aging: Mental Health and Wellness in Older Adulthood

Feb. 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10
Bryant Conference Center • 9-10:15 a.m.

Olivia Daidone

Explores cognitive, emotional and social changes in older adulthood, emphasizing mental health, resilience, and strategies for promoting wellness, quality of life and positive aging.

TUS 122 Line Dancing for the Experienced Dancers

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10
10-11:15 a.m.

FOCUS50+/McAbee Center

Betty Fagen

This class is for dancers with prior experience. Learn a wide variety of dances to pop, country, contemporary, and '50s and '60s music. The steps may be challenging but always fun! Stay fit, make friends and keep young at heart. Dancing is a great way to exercise your body and your mind.

TUS 123 Israel State and Society

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10
Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Dr. David Shankman

This course includes a historical overview of Israel's place in the Middle East and examines its political system, economy and religious groups that distinguish it from surrounding Arab countries.

TUS 124 Baseball: From Field to Clubhouse to Press Box to Hall of Fame

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10
Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Dick Mahoney

Follow Dick Mahoney's baseball experiences as a player, coach, manager, MLB feature writer and Hall of Fame Symposium presenter as he relates little-known historical, humorous and behind-the-scenes perspectives on America's Game. Meet numerous players and explore field strategies, rules evolution, and financial issues among the topics. Interactive involvement is encouraged.

TUS 125 Exploring Diverse Cultures

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10
Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Dr. Jackie Walsh, Coordinator

What are the distinctive features of the Brazilian, Indonesian, Nigerian and Pakistani cultures? Each week, a different UA international student will offer insights into the beliefs, customs, arts and behaviors that comprise their country's national character. Graduate School Dean Susan Carvalho will introduce the series. Time will be allocated for Q&A.

TUS 126 Dementia and Care for the Caregiver**Feb. 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10****Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.****Dr. Beverly Thorn**

In this course, we will cover 1) dementia (cognitive impairment): what it is, and what it isn't; 2) dementia caregiving; and 3) the importance of caring for the caregiver. We will talk a lot about adjusting to a diagnosis of dementia, the crucial role of family communication and planning, and how to protect the well-being for the caregiver while caring for someone with dementia.

TUS 127 Mini Medical School**Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10****Bryant Conference Center • Noon-1:15 pm****Kandis Snyder, Coordinator**

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TUS 128 How They Live to be 100 in the Blue Zones**Feb. 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10****Bryant Conference Center • Noon-1:15 pm****Mark Marker**

The five areas in the world with the highest concentration of people 100 years old or more are called the Blue Zones. We will examine their diet, exercise and social activity.

TUS 129 The Mythical Life and Death of George Armstrong Custer**Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10****Bryant Conference Center • Noon-1:15 pm****Lowell Smith**

George Custer had an eventful but very short life. The facts of many of the events in his life are shrouded in myth, whether his time as a cadet at West Point or his death at Little Bighorn. This course examines the myths and discusses the facts.

TUS 130 Daylilies and Companions**Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10****Bryant Conference Center • Noon-1:15 pm****Rene Holliman**

Starting with daylilies and expanding to cover favorite companion plants. Explore the how, when, where and why's of achieving garden success.

TUS 131 Spanish for Tourists**Feb. 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10****Bryant Conference Center • Noon-1:15 pm****Dr. Barry Peterson**

On your next trip to a Spanish-speaking country, make sure you won't be considered an "ugly American." Learn polite Spanish phrases to help you express your requests and watch out for words that have double meanings.

TUS 132 A Roundup of Old West Characters (OLLI Shares)**Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10****Bryant Conference Center • 1:30-2:45 p.m.****Dr. Richard Rhone**

Moving beyond the legends and myths, we will discover the complex lives of several diverse Wild West individuals. Through the stories of courage, ambition and survival of these trailblazers, we will hopefully gain insight into the social, political and cultural forces that fostered core American values that still help define the national identity.

TUS 133 Closing the Frontier: The Apache Wars (OLLI Shares)**Feb. 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10****Bryant Conference Center • 1:30-2:45 p.m.****Dr. Richard Rhone**

For over 25 years, the American military was involved a violent struggle with the Apache for control of the southwestern frontier. At the end of this costly conflict, the frontier was open and the Apache leaders were imprisoned in Alabama, Florida and Oklahoma. We'll discuss the issues, the battles, the personalities and why this war was so important in American history.

TUS 134 Lithography – The World Wide Web of the 18th Century**Feb. 3****Bryant Conference Center • 1:30-2:45 p.m.****Sarah Marshall**

Developed in the 18th century, lithographic printing relies on the principle that grease and water repel each other. Faster and more direct than earlier techniques, lithography changed the world by enabling graphic art to keep pace with daily, modern life.

TUS 135 Legends & Lessons: The Rise and Fall of U.S. Entrepreneurs**Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10****Bryant Conference Center • 1:30-2:45 p.m.****Haley Heiche**

Discover the bold, brilliant and sometimes bizarre stories behind America's greatest entrepreneurs. From iconic successes to spectacular failures, this lively course explores innovation, risk-taking and resilience, designed to spark conversation, inspiration and laughter along the way. Sign up and be inspired!

TUS 136 Downsize & Declutter with Movers & Shakers**Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10****Bryant Conference Center • 3-4:15 p.m.**

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Alice Maxwell

Downsizing can be a daunting task on your own. Join Alice Maxwell, who has 30 years of experience in helping people downsize and declutter the right way. Get tips and tricks for moving on or moving out – from decorators to movers to estate sales and everything in between. Walk away as an expert downsizer, with a few goodies and coupons, too. **(TUS 136 Continued)**

TUS 137 Discovering Alabama

Feb. 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10

Bryant Conference Center • 3-4:15 p.m.

Dr. Doug Phillips

The course includes viewing selected “Discovering Alabama” programs together with instructor commentary and participant interaction to highlight Alabama's exceptional natural diversity.

TUS 138 The Book(s) of Kathryn Harkup, “A is for Arsenic,” the Poisons of Agatha Christie

Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10

Bryant Conference Center • 3-4:15 p.m.

Dr. Russ Timkovich

Dr. Kathryn Harkup's book “A is for Arsenic” documents the detailed uses Agatha Christie, the queen of crime, made in her crime novels to dispatch victims by poisoning. We will follow along as she explains how Christie knew all the poison's properties, symptoms, actual cases that may have influenced Christie, how the poison kills and where she wove it into her novels.

TUS 139 Discover a Taste of India

Jan. 27

Bryant Conference Center • 3-4:15 p.m.

Material Fee: \$30

Dr. Rama Pidikiti

Take a journey through Indian culture. Learn of the rich traditions, foods and customs of India. Taste savory food samples and enrich your experience by using the spice mix blend with your favorite dishes at home. Each participant will leave with their choice of one of the six ready-made spice mixes.

TUS 140 Technology and Photo/Video Editing (with Workshop/Hands-On Help)

Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10

Bryant Conference Center • 3-4:15 p.m.

Dr. Jennifer Baggett

Participants will learn essential skills in editing photos and videos, exploring industry-standard tools and techniques to enhance visual storytelling. The course also introduces emerging technologies and innovative opportunities, helping learners stay ahead of trends and harness new tools. Hands-on help with photo or video editing projects can/will be

provided. Additional topics, including general technology help, can also be included. **(TUS 140 Continued)**

WEDNESDAY

TUS 141 When Time is Short: The Final Days

Jan 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 9-10:15 a.m.

Dr. Sarah Pederson

Although we all face the death of loved ones throughout our lives, many of us are not accustomed to understanding the dying process. While it was common centuries ago for loved ones to pass at home with family keeping vigil, the dying process is now often removed from the home or relegated to hospice care. Many families are generally unaware of what happens to the body during this stage. This class is designed to walk through the signposts of dying, from the early changes that occur months to weeks before death to the final hours. Dr. Pederson will also offer recommendations for families on ways to participate in the process, as well as resources for grief and bereavement.

TUS 142 Taking the Mystery Out of NCAA Gymnastic Meets

Feb. 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 9-10:15 a.m.

Judy Dobransky

Get an up-close and personal look at Alabama gymnastics in this four-session course. Explore content, artistry and style across four events, learn shorthand and scoring rules, meet athletes and enjoy routine films for a true behind-the-scenes experience.

TUS 143 Memoir Writing as Mindfulness and Connection Practice: Telling our Stories to Ourselves and Each Other

Jan 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 9-10:15 a.m.

Dr. Lynn Snow

We will enjoy writing together as a journey — as a practice — to connect to ourselves and each other. So please join us, and know that whether you think of yourself as a writer or not, we all have stories to share! We will use a mindfulness practice to support our remembering, writing and sharing. Come join us on the journey!

TUS 144 Consequential Conversations

Feb. 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 9-10:15 a.m.

Dr. Jackie Walsh

Good conversations don't just happen. They result when curious, sincere individuals intentionally use identifiable skills and dispositions. Tapping into best practice and participant experience, we'll explore such questions as:

How can we counter opinions with which we strongly disagree without losing friends? How can we encourage others to voice their ideas? How can we create safe, comfortable spaces for positive, productive interactions? Classes will include opportunities to practice effective strategies. **(TUS 144 Continued)**

TUS 145 Ruler of the Barnyard

Jan. 22, 23 (Wed/Thurs)

Kentuck Art Center, Clarke Building • 9:30 a.m. – Noon

Material Fee: \$25

Jack Kidd

A rooster will be the subject of this oil painting class. The class will face the challenge of painting delicate feathers, a fleshy red comb, small eyes and scaly feet. This is a hands-on class and beginners are welcome.

TUS 146 Quilt as You Go

Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4

Kentuck Art Center, Clarke Building • 9:30 a.m. – Noon

Material Fee: \$65

Elise Brasseale

Make a small table topper quilt from start to finish using your domestic sewing machine. Learn the Quilt as You Go method — scrap quilting in sections, joining pieces and binding — while gaining the skills and confidence to complete larger quilts on your own.

TUS 147 Creating a Quilt Pattern Mosaic Stepping Stone



March 11, 12 (Wed/Thurs)

Kentuck Art Center, Clarke Building

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Material Fee: \$20

Dr. Sharon Shelton

To celebrate our country's 250th anniversary, students will design their stepping stone using a quilt pattern. Participants will select and glue the glass, and enjoy selected colors and patterns for the stone.

TUS 148 Beginner Stained Glass

Jan 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11

Druid City Makerspace • 10-11:30 a.m.

Material Fee: \$30

Tiffany Amirkhanian

Learn the basics of stained glass! Cut, grind, foil and solder colorful glass into a sparkling suncatcher. Perfect for beginners ready to turn shards into shining art. Students will complete all steps and take home a finished piece!

TUS 149 Intermediate Stained Glass

Feb. 18, 25; March 4, 11

Druid City Makerspace • 10-11:30 a.m.

Material Fee: \$30

Tiffany Amirkhanian

Have you worked with stained glass in the past and want to try something slightly more advanced? Cut, grind, foil and solder. This time, try a pattern with more intricate cuts and wirework detail. Participants will complete all steps in the process and bring home a finished piece! **(TUS 149 Continued)**

TUS 150 Hilarious, Sexy and Intriguing Classical Music

Jan 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Donna Boles

Do you think classical music is stuffy? Come join me as I share some of the funniest, most passionate and powerful moments in classical music. Unusual instruments can take us by surprise and silly antics abound, whether they were intentional or not. Music can express anything and everything, which is why it's considered a universal language. Let's speak it together for a few weeks!

TUS 151 Barbecue Communication: History, Science, Communities, and Cultures



Feb. 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Material Fee: \$25

Dr. Darrin Griffin

This class explores barbecue as a form of communication — examining its history, science, and cultural traditions. Participants discover how food shapes communities and expresses identity while also learning hands-on cooking techniques and tasting barbecue along the way.

TUS 152 The Cycles of History: America's Founding and the Great Reset



Jan 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Landon Miller

Explore the founding era of the United States through the lens of historical cycles. This four-session course links the Colonial South to today's global shifts, revealing how America stands at the center of a transformative moment in world history.

TUS 153 America in Sound: 250 Years of Music and Identity (OLLI Shares)



Feb. 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Dr. Amir Zaheri

Explore 250 years of American music — from classical and folk roots to jazz, Broadway, country and rock. This class

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examines how composers and communities use music to express freedom, struggle, innovation and national identity. **(TUS 153 Continued)**

TUS 154 Lagniappe-Variou Topics



Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11
Bryant Conference Center • Noon-1:15 p.m.
Sandra Ray, coordinator
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TUS 155 Unlocking the Symbols of Revelation

Feb. 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11
Bryant Conference Center • Noon-1:15 p.m.
Sam Bowman
Let's decipher the seven visions the Apostle John had on the Isle of Patmos. Join Sam as he demystifies the book of Revelation. He presents what he's learned from over five decades of research. This is not an end-times study, but useful for any time. Your textbook will be the Holy Bible. Purchase of Sam's book "Symbols of Revelation, A Biblical Guide" is highly recommended (Hardcopy for \$10 is available at the class).

TUS 156 Neuroscience Explains Benefits of Traditional Eastern Practices (OLLI Shares)

Jan 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11
Bryant Conference Center • Noon-1:15 p.m.
Dr. Dianne Mancus
Why do certain traditional Eastern practices make us feel better? Do they actually have positive physical and mental health effects? We will examine current research in the field of Neuroscience to better understand the benefits of ancient practices, including pranayama (breathwork), asana (yoga), meditation (mindfulness), and mind-body connection.

TUS 157 Balloon Sculpture

Feb. 18, 25; March 4, 11
FOCUS50+/McAbee Center • Noon-1:15 p.m.
Material Fee: \$20 for New, \$0 for returning students with equipment.
Emory Kimbrough

From poodles to teddy bears, monkeys to pot-bellied pigs, learn from a professional magician to make a variety of fun balloon animals and hats. We'll provide you with balloons and a pump.

TUS 158 Drawing to Paint 2 – Back to the Drawing Board

Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11
Kentuck Art Center, Clarke Building • 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Material Fee: \$20
Anne Stickney
Continue your drawing journey with a focus on improving

skills to enhance your painting. No prior experience required — catch up quickly if you missed the first class. Bring a pencil and your curiosity as we explore strategies for accurate drawing, focusing on landscapes, still life and pets. **(TUS 158 Continued)**

TUS 159 One Day Hand-Building in Clay – Jan. 21

TUS 160 One Day Hand-Building in Clay – Jan. 28

TUS 161 One Day Hand-Building in Clay – Feb. 4

TUS 162 One Day Hand-Building in Clay – Feb. 11

Kentuck Art Center Clay Studio • 1-2:30 p.m.

Material Fee: \$25 each session

Amy Smoot

In this course, students will get the opportunity to create a piece of art or functional pottery using hand-building methods. Each one-day class will offer a different technique or building method to create unique clay works. Students can expect to create one to two small works during each class. These classes can be taken as a series or as a stand-alone.

TUS 163 Beginner Weaving

Jan 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11
Druid City Makerspace • 1-2 p.m.
Material Fee: \$10

Tiffany Amirkhanian

Learn the basics of weaving on a simple frame loom. You'll warp, weave and experiment with textures and colors while creating your first wall hanging. A fun, beginner-friendly class that turns yarn scraps into beautiful, one-of-a-kind art.

TUS 164 Intermediate Weaving

Feb. 18, 25; March 4, 11
Druid City Makerspace • 1-2 p.m.
Material Fee: \$10

Tiffany Amirkhanian

Explore Krokbragd weaving through color play! Learn to warp, weave, and design striking patterns where every color choice shapes the final piece. This class will follow a set pattern for a spring wall hanging – if you like color, this is the class for you!

TUS 165 What is That Plant I Am Seeing?

Feb. 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11
Bryant Conference Center • 1:30-3 p.m.
Rosemary Blethen

Identification techniques for plants you see in yards and on roadsides. How to find out the plant name and characteristics for bulbs, shrubs and roadside plants you might encounter.

TUS 166 You Should Write a Book!

Jan 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Linda Daniel

If you've always wanted to write a book but didn't know where to start, this is it! All you need is a notebook or journal and something to write with to get started. Everybody has a story that someone else wants to hear, and there's no better time than right now to make it happen!

TUS 167 Introduction to Archaeology: Out of the Past

Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Dr. Richard Diehl and Nancy Little

How do archaeologists study critical aspects on ancient cultures, including diet, family life, crafts, political organization, religion and writing? "Out of the Past" is an eight-part PBS video program that addresses such issues through actual field research projects.

TUS 168 Yoga for Healthy Aging

Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11

First United Methodist Church Tuscaloosa • 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Linda Dunn

Discover the numerous benefits of practicing yoga. Yoga is an art and science of movement and breathing that can be practiced for a lifetime. Yoga can improve your balance, strength, flexibility and concentration. Please wear comfortable clothing to try yoga asanas (exercises). Bring your own yoga mat! A chair will be provided during class if you prefer to practice yoga in a chair rather than on a mat on the floor. Beginners are welcome.

TUS 169 Intro to Mexican Train Dominoes

Jan 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11

FOCUS50+/McAbee Center • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Sheree Miller

What's Mexican Train Dominoes? Just the hottest domino game around that adults and children alike can enjoy! We will cover the history, rules and how easy and quick this game is to learn. Meet and connect with fellow OLLI members. This course will be four afternoons of pure fun!

TUS 170 Juggling for Fun and Fitness

Feb. 18, 25; March 4, 11

FOCUS50+/McAbee Center • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Materials Fee: \$20 for New, \$0 for returning students with equipment

Emory Kimbrough, Dr. Norvin Richards

Learning to juggle three balls is a fun way to maintain or improve your fitness, coordination and mental focus. Begin with easy exercises with one ball and learn at your own pace.

TUS 171 The Scots-Irish Influence on American Culture and Independence

Feb. 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 3-4:15 p.m.

Dr. Lee Keyes

Follow the Scots-Irish from Celtic roots through Scotland and Ulster to colonial America. Discover their passion for liberty, role in shaping the Declaration of Independence and eagerness to fight in the Revolutionary War. Their culture and traditions live on among 35 million descendants today.

TUS 172 Laughter by Design: Applied Humor in Your Life

Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 3-4:15 p.m.

Dr. Pete Ludovic

Learn various uses of humor and their application to improve your life from the world's only engineering professor by day, and stand-up comedian by night, who studies the application of humor to improve education, innovation and communication.

TUS 173 Computer, Tablet, Smartphone Tech Help

Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11

Bryant Conference Center • 3-4:15 p.m.

LIFT Students

Boost your technology skills with personalized support from a UA LIFT student, paired one-on-one with you for the session. Bring your own laptop, smartphone or tablet along with your questions, and gain confidence using your devices effectively.

TUS 174 Computer, Tablet, Smartphone Tech Help

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THURSDAY**TUS 175 In the Kitchen**

Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 4, 11

Tuscaloosa County Extension Office • 10-11:30 a.m.

Vickie Baldwin, Coordinator

Learn to cook a variety of warm winter foods. This course is perfect for cooking enthusiasts of all skill levels. You'll see a live demonstration followed by hands-on practice. These recipes are sure to delight family and friends.

- Jan. 22 – Vickie Baldwin – Homemade caramel icing
- Jan. 29 – Debbie Sanchez – Chocolate angel food cake
- Feb. 5 – Vickie Baldwin – Chicken noodle soup
- Feb. 12 – Angel Carter – Easy from-scratch pizza

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TUS 176 Basics Bonsai

Feb. 19, 26; Mar. 5, 12

Tuscaloosa County Extension Office • 10-11:30 a.m.

Material Fee: \$25

Leo Wagner

Participants will learn the basic principles of training and caring for a bonsai. Each person will get an opportunity to design, train and care for their own bonsai tree.

TUS 177 Don't Get Euchred!

Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12

FOCUS50+/McAbee Center • 10 a.m. – Noon

Diane Freeman

Euchre is a fast, fun card game with just five cards per hand. It's easy to learn and full of strategy and laughs — perfect for game lovers looking to try something new. Warning: It's highly addictive!

TUS 178 Beaded Connections: A Collaborative Jewelry-Making Workshop

Jan. 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19

Kentuck Art Center, Clarke Building • 10 a.m. – Noon

Suzanne Koski

Join fellow beading enthusiasts in a collaborative workshop designed to spark creativity and connection. Guided projects and peer sharing will help you refine techniques and explore new designs. Bring your own tools, beads and works-in-progress to craft personal pieces and grow your skills in a supportive, inspiring environment.

TUS 179 Storybook Watercolors

Mar. 5

Kentuck Art Center, Clarke Building • 10 a.m. – Noon

Material Fee: \$20

Abi Brewer

In this course, participants will learn how to use basic watercolor techniques to create whimsical compositions. The drawings will be created beforehand by Abi Brewer, who will then lead and instruct participants step by step on how to achieve different effects with watercolors.

TUS 180 Beginning Guitar for Adults

Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

FOCUS50+/McAbee Center • 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Scott Hilliker

Discover the joy of playing guitar in this fun, beginner-friendly class for adults. Learn tuning, care, basic chords, strumming patterns, song accompaniment and essential music theory. Bring your own acoustic guitar — no experience required. Get ready to strum and play!

TUS 181 Beginning Crochet

Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; Mar. 4, 12

FOCUS50+/McAbee Center • 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Dolores Crawford and Irene Crawford

Unleash your creativity with crochet! Learn the basics and understand how to choose and read simple patterns. Bring scissors, a crochet hook (size H, I, or J), and a light-colored skein of acrylic yarn. **(TUS 181 Continued)**

TUS 182 Sew Happy – Beginner Level Sewing/Quilting

Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12

Kentuck Art Center, Clarke Building • 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Material Fee: \$20

Mary Arvay and Elise Brasseale

Whether you are seasoned at sewing or a newbie, these beginner-level projects leave you with a sense of accomplishment. Fabric and sewing supplies are provided, but if you prefer your own, that's okay. Four sewing machines are available — if you bring your own, it must be in working condition.

TUS 183 American Mahjong for Beginners

Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12

FOCUS50+/McAbee Center • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Peggy Hamner, Lib Davis, Denise Downs, Susan Fleming

Learn to play American Mahjong, a version of the ancient Chinese game standardized by the National Mahjong League and played across the U.S. Appreciate the luck and skill required while socializing with other players! Materials will be provided.

TUS 184 Reading & Writing Poetry for Enjoyment

Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12

FOCUS50+/McAbee Center • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Dr. Hank Lazer

Want to learn to enjoy poetry? This class will do the trick. We'll explore and enjoy poems in the book "Abundant Life" and write some poems too. Participants will be sent the details to purchase a book prior to class.

TUS 185 Portrait Drawing Basics

Jan. 22 and 29

Kentuck Studio 2 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Material Fee: \$15

Molly Nelko

Learn to draw a realistic portrait! No drawing experience is necessary; this is a class for beginners. You will receive step-by-step instructions on drawing and shading a portrait using a variety of graphite pencils. You may bring a photo, but it is not required. All other supplies will be provided. Class Limit 10

TUS 186 Save A Life Training (S.A.L.T.)

Jan. 22

Tuscaloosa County Extension Office • 1:30-3 p.m.

Glenn Davis and Travis Parker

In SALT training, participants will learn how to recognize cardiac arrest, perform high-quality chest

compressions and use an AED. The Stop the Bleed portion teaches participants how to control life-threatening bleeding using direct pressure, wound packing and tourniquets. **(TUS 186 Continued)**

TUS 187 Divine Divinity

Jan. 29

Tuscaloosa County Extension Office • 1:30-3 p.m.

Material Fee: \$10

Cathy Quinn

Enjoy a hands-on candy-making experience! This class teaches you how to whip up divinity — light, fluffy and irresistible. Sweet memories and sweet treats guaranteed.

TUS 188 Cross-Themed Crafts – Pool Noodle Cross

Feb. 26

Tuscaloosa County Extension Office • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Material Fee: \$10

Carole Byars

Enjoy a fun, hands-on craft session with friends as you create unique décor. All materials are provided — just bring your creativity!

TUS 189 Cross-Themed Crafts – Two-Toned Wooden Cross

Mar. 5, 12

Tuscaloosa County Extension Office • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Material Fee: \$15

Carole Byars

See description of TUS 188.

TUS 190 Beginning Pickleball

Mar. 5

FOCUS50+/McAbee Center • 2:30-4 p.m.

Scott Hilliker

Discover why pickleball is America's fastest-growing sport! This beginner-friendly class teaches the basics and gets you playing right away. Enjoy fun, fitness and friendship on the court. Equipment is provided — just bring comfortable clothes, tennis shoes and your enthusiasm!

Field Trips

Space is limited, so sign up early! Cancellations can be made by contacting Registration Services; substitutions aren't allowed. If a trip is full, you can be added to a waitlist. For any questions, call the OLLI office at 205-348-6482 or email the trip leader.

TUS 201 Discover Prattville – Cotton Gins, Bamboo Forest and Prattville Pickers

Friday, Jan. 23

Refund deadline: Jan. 8

Trip Leader: Becky Hardesty (bexmail@yahoo.com)

Depart BCC: 7:30 a.m. • Return BCC: 5:15 p.m.

Fee: \$24 (Transportation)

Activity Level: OLLI Level 2 – Moderate

Your morning will start off with a guided tour of the Prattaugan Museum and time to investigate the on-site archives. We will then travel to the Wilderness Park/Bamboo Forest for a short walk through the park. Lunch will be at the Oak Tavern (part of the Marriott), after which we will go to the Prattville Pickers Antique Mall. **(TUS 201 Continued)**

TUS 202 Exploring Wetumpka: Crater, Culture and Charm



Friday, Feb. 6

Refund deadline: Jan. 22

Trip Leader: Gary and Mary Ann Hankins

(garylh331@gmail.com)

Depart BCC: 7:30 a.m. • Return BCC: 5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$30 (Transportation, Admission)

Activity Level: OLLI Level 1 – Easy/Light Walking

Please note: The terrain around the crater is uneven and may not be suitable for those with mobility issues or assistive devices.

Explore the Wetumpka Impact Crater, formed 85 million years ago, then enjoy a Dutch-treat lunch. Visit historic Fort Toulouse (1717), see filming sites from “Big Fish,” and experience Wetumpka’s charming downtown, restored by HGTV’s “Home Town Takeover,” with time for shopping.

TUS 203 Library & Information Science

Friday, Feb. 20

Refund deadline: Feb. 5

Trip Leader: Peggy Hamner (sswims2001@gmail.com)

Depart BCC: 9:15 a.m. • Return BCC: 11:45 a.m.

Fee: None

Activity Level: OLLI Level 2 – Moderate

Experience firsthand how the University’s School of Library and Information Science inspires discovery, creativity and community engagement in its new home, the renovated McLure Library. Tour its collaborative archival digitization lab, Book Arts studios and a Youth Literature Reading Room, all designed to prepare students for evolving careers in library and information science in a changing world.

TUS 204 UA Opera Theatre Rehearsal – Two One-Act Operas

Thursday, Feb. 26

Refund deadline date: Feb. 16

Trip Leader: Peggy Hamner (sswims2001@gmail.com)

Meet: 6:30 p.m. at Bryant Jordan Hall, 285 Kilgore Ln

End: 9:30 p.m.

Fee: None

Activity Level: OLLI Level 1 – Easy/Light Walking

Watch talented UA Opera Theatre students and faculty perform two one-act operas, Victor Ullman’s “Der Kaiser

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von Atlantis” and Giacomo Puccini’s “Suor Angelica.” This rehearsal will be accompanied by piano, and Paul Houghtaling, director of Opera Theatre at the University, will talk with us before the music begins. **(TUS 204 Continued)**

TUS 205 One Day, Two Wonders

Friday, March 6

Refund deadline: Feb. 18

Trip Leader: Amelia Yessick (ameliaheath@hotmail.com)

Depart BCC: 8:30 a.m. • Return BCC: 4 p.m.

Fee: \$36 (Transportation, Admission)

Activity Level: OLLI Level 2 – Moderate

Step into the past as we visit a 2-million-year-old wonder, Natural Bridge in Lynn, Alabama, to walk the one-mile loop thru the unique forest, visit the gift shop and drink from the artesian well. Leaving there, we travel to Fayette for a Dutch-treat lunch at newly renovated Lisa’s Barbeque (lots more on the menu) followed by a tour learning about the arts and culture of this small town, which is embracing its heritage through frogs — yes, frogs!

TUS 206 Come Visit the Carillon at Denny Chimes!

Friday, March 27

Refund deadline: March 12

Trip Leader: Donna Boles (donna-boles@comcast.net) and Cathy Quinn

Depart BCC: 1:30 p.m. OLLI Van shuttle begins at 1:30 p.m. Return BCC: 3 p.m.

Fee: None

Activity Level: OLLI Level 1 – Easy/Light Walking

Visit Denny Chimes with Dr. Amir Zaheri, the University’s carillonneur. He will share the history of the landmark and demonstrate how the carillon is played. It’s a campus icon and a treasure for the community, with national and international renown. A few in the group may even have the chance to play the chimes with Dr. Zaheri!

TUS 207 Montgomery – A Smorgasbord of History and Culture

Wednesday-Thursday, April 8-9

Refund deadline: March 2

Trip Leader: David Maxwell (dhmaxwell1@gmail.com)

Depart BCC: 7:30 a.m. • Return BCC: 5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$195 DBL, \$320 SGL

Activity Level: OLLI Level 3 – Active

Get a taste of Alabama’s history and culture in Montgomery. Explore the nationally renowned Legacy Museum, National Memorial, Sculpture Park, the Capitol, and the Museum of Alabama. Enjoy free time to discover downtown at your own pace. On day two, visit the Tuskegee Airmen Museum, followed by lunch in Wetumpka and Ft. Toulouse-Ft. Jackson before returning home.

TUS 208 Nordic Walking at Aldridge Gardens

Tuesday, April 14

Refund deadline: March 31

Trip Leader: Leroy Hurt (Leroy.T.Hurt@gmail.com)

Depart BCC: 8:30 AM • Return BCC: 1:30 PM

Fee: \$24 (Transportation)

Activity Level: OLLI Level 2 – Moderate

Enjoy a Nordic walking excursion at Aldridge Gardens in Hoover. Learn to use walking poles for a full-body workout, then take a guided walk around the lake with the Gardens’ director of education, highlighting the gardens’ beauty. Poles provided; dress for the weather. Group Dutch-treat lunch follows the walk. **(TUS 208 Continued)**

TUS 209 Treasure Hunting in Birmingham

Friday, April 17

Refund deadline: April 2

Trip Leader: Sheree Miller (Evergreens3@yahoo.com) and Danielle Houston

Depart BCC: 9 a.m. • Return BCC: 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$24 (Transportation)

Activity Level: OLLI Level 2 – Moderate

Get ready for a day of shopping and picking! Who knows what treasures or bargains you may discover... a rare antique, an addition to a much-loved collection or a beautiful fashion statement! Join us as we hunt through the Irondale Pickers and the Lovelady Thrift Store. Enjoy a delicious Dutch-treat lunch at the famous Irondale Cafe (home of the film “Fried Green Tomatoes”). Put on your walking shoes and come along!

TUS 210 Vicksburg



Tuesday-Wednesday, April 21-22

Refund deadline: March 13

Trip Leader: Leroy Hurt, (Leroy.T.Hurt@gmail.com)

Depart BCC: 8 a.m. • Return BCC: 6 p.m.

Fee: \$230 DBL, \$340 SGL (Transportation, Lodging, Admission)

Activity Level: OLLI Level 2 – Moderate

Discover the charm of historic downtown Vicksburg with time to explore and shop, then enjoy dinner at the iconic Beechwood Restaurant before a breathtaking sunset walk. Day two starts with Nordic walking portions of the Military Park landmarks and a guided tour of Vicksburg National Military Park. Conclude your adventure with a Dutch-treat lunch before returning.

TUS 211 Rama’s Amazing Garden Tour

Friday, April 24

Refund deadline: April 9

Trip Leader: Peggy Hamner (sswims2001@gmail.com)

Meet: 9 a.m. at Rama Pidikiti’s home near Cottondale End: 2 p.m.

Fee: \$40 (Tour and lunch)

Activity Level: OLLI Level 3 – Active

Walk with Rama around her extensive property that she and her husband began landscaping over 30 years ago.

Hear Rama's tips on plants and landscaping and admire her unusual and lovely garden. Then, on Rama's patio, enjoy delicious East Indian dishes, with recipes and spice packets to take home. **(TUS 211 Continued)**

TUS 212 Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra (TSO) Rehearsal, Moody Hall

Sunday, April 26

Refund deadline: April 16

Peggy Hamner (sswims2001@gmail.com) and

Donna Boles

Depart BCC: Meet: 6:30 p.m., Moody Music Building, UA

Return BCC: End: 9:30 p.m.

Fee: None

Activity Level: OLLI Level 1 – Easy/Light Walking

Enjoy watching a fine orchestra prepare for a concert as TSO rehearses some of the music to be played in its final performance of the 2025-'26 season, including "A Time for Jubilee," commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Selma marches, and pieces by Giuseppe Verdi and Pyotr Tchaikovsky.

TUS 213 Flowers that Bloom in the Spring, Tra La!!

Wednesday, April 29

Cancellation deadline: April 16

Trip Leader: Peggy Hamner (sswims2001@gmail.com)

Depart BCC: Meet: 9:30 a.m., Bobby Babb's home, Tuscaloosa

Return BCC: End: 11:30 a.m.

Fee: None

Activity Level: OLLI Level 1 – Easy/Light Walking

Enjoy the springtime burst of color in Bobby Babb's beautiful garden of roses and other flowering plants. Admire the blooming flowers while Bobby provides tips on growing roses based on his years of cultivating more than 150 varieties. It's a lovely way to start the day!

TUS 214 Tour of Mal Moore Football Facility-AM

TUS 215 Tour of Mal Moore Football Facility-PM

Monday, May 11

Refund deadline: April 24

Trip Leader: Linda Lyerly (linda.p.lyerly@gmail.com)

AM Tour Depart BCC: 9:45 am

PM Tour Depart BCC: 1:45 pm

Fee: None

Activity Level: OLLI Level 1 – Easy/Light Walking

Step into the shoes of a talented football recruit by touring the UA Football Facility! See the indoor practice facility, weight room, physical therapy facilities, team meeting room (with promotional videos), motivational corridors, UA-NFL player wall, national championship trophies, rings and more!

TUS 216 Medal of Honor Appreciation: Nordic walking at Veterans Memorial Park



Monday, May 25

Refund deadline: May 8

Trip Leader: Leroy Hurt (Leroy.T.Hurt@gmail.com)

Meet: 8:30 a.m. Meet at Veterans Memorial Park, Tuscaloosa

End: 10:30 a.m.

Fee: None

Activity Level: OLLI Level 1 – Easy/Light Walking

Learn and practice Nordic walking at Veterans Memorial Park on National Medal of Honor Day as we also learn about Alabama's Medal of Honor recipients and about historic military equipment displayed at the park. **(TUS 216 Continued)**

Dutch-Treat Lunch Bunch

Participation requires OLLI membership and registration. Lunch Bunch meets on Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Lunch Bunch Coordinator: Anne Trawick
(annetrawick46@yahoo.com)

TUS 301 – Lunch Bunch at The Oasis Bar & Grill

Thursday, Jan. 29 at 11 a.m.

6720 University Blvd E, Cottdale, AL 35453

TUS 302 – Lunch Bunch at Lai Lai Restaurant

Thursday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m.

1223 McFarland Blvd NE, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

TUS 303 – Lunch Bunch at Loco Lupes

Thursday, Mar. 12 at 11 a.m.

2370 Jack Warner Pkwy #101, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

After-Hours Social and Dinner

Participation requires OLLI membership and registration. After-Hours Social and Dinner meets on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.

After-Hours Social Coordinator: Lou Ann LeMaster
(lemasterlouann@gmail.com)

TUS 304 – After-Hours Social at The Sanctuary

Tuesday, Jan 20 at 4:30 p.m.

1710 25th Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

TUS 305 – After-Hours Social at Jakes Juke Joint

Tuesday, Feb 17 at 4:30 p.m.

5675 US-43, Northport, AL 35473

TUS 306 – After-Hours Social at Southern Ale House

Tuesday, March 10 at 4:30 p.m.

1530 McFarland Blvd N, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

TUS 307 – After-Hours Social at Baumhower's Victory Grill

Tuesday, April 14 at 4:30 p.m.

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