

Sample Courses

Here are just a few of the courses previously offered by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Iowa State University:

Native Plants of the Midwest
Antiques and Collectibles
Art History
Preserving Documentary Heritage
Iowa Roots
Beginning and Intermediate Computers
Accessing the Internet
Understanding People of the Middle East
Broadway Shows
Great Decisions
Digital Photography
Computer Security
Astronomy
Bridge
German Language and Culture
World Religions
America's Music
Global Warming
Healthier Lifestyles
Calligraphy
Going Green and Making Green Choices
Geology and field trips to U.S. National Parks
Wine
Literature
Railroad Fascination
Mark Twain
Travels and Travails of George Washington
Watercolor
Romance of the Opera
Native American Culture & Archeological Digs in Iowa
History of Iowa State & the Ames Community

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AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
(Formerly College for Seniors)



What is Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Iowa State University?

In the fall of 1993, the ISU Retirees Association founded College for Seniors. For 15 years the program provided a learning experience for persons from across the state of Iowa who are aged 50 years and older. In 2007, College for Seniors became a constituent program of the Iowa State University Alumni Association, and in July 2008, College for Seniors received a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation becoming the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Iowa State University (OLLI at ISU). A nominal membership fee is charged to become a member of OLLI, and special benefits are available to its members.

Each term, classes are offered in a variety of subjects selected to appeal to many interests and backgrounds. Some courses are “how to,” such as computer instruction, learning to play bridge, or how to paint in watercolors. Other courses enhance knowledge of the local community with tours of local industries, businesses, and religious congregations. Surveys of both classical and popular music enrich students’ enjoyment of music. The “Great Decisions” courses clarify the complexity of major current issues while providing students an opportunity to exchange their views on public policy.

What’s great about the OLLI at ISU courses is that students learn about whatever fascinates them and they can learn at their own pace. There are no term papers and no final exams. Courses generally meet once a week or 4 to 8 weeks during three terms (fall, winter, and spring) each year.

The OLLI courses are not just for those who have retired from Iowa State University. In fact, a majority of the students have no connection with ISU. Anyone 50 years of age or older is eligible.

Where are classes held?

Most classes meet in the ISU Alumni Center at the Iowa State Center complex. Located just south of Lincoln Way at 420 Beach Avenue, the Alumni Center has easy access with ample parking on the east side of the building and is receptive to those with mobility limitations. Other locations are used in and around Ames for some courses and at various locations in Des Moines.

Who are your instructors?

Most of the instructors are current or retired ISU faculty. Other knowledgeable people are recruited to teach courses related to their expertise. Elected officials, community leaders, media personalities, and others have presented course sessions.

How are courses selected?

The Curriculum Committee for OLLI at ISU has the responsibility for course selection. Suggestions for possible courses and instructors come from many sources: students, members of the committees, and similar lifelong learning programs at other institutions around the nation. The committee always welcomes suggestions for class offerings.

How can I register for a course?

Catalogs listing course offerings are mailed to each OLLI at ISU member prior to the beginning of each term. All courses are listed in the catalogs along with membership information and a registration form. On-line registration is also available on the ISU Alumni Association’s Web site www.isualum.org/OLLIatISU.

How can I volunteer?

Volunteers are key to the success of OLLI at ISU. If you are interested in volunteering your services, please call the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Iowa State University office at **(515) 294-3192**.

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