

# Riding the Asheville City Bus to and from OLLI

The Asheville city bus system (called ART = Asheville Redefines Transit) can be used to get to and from OLLI and the Reuter Center. Here are some frequently asked questions:

## Q. Why would I want to ride the city bus to and from OLLI?

There are at least five reasons:

1. You can avoid driving around looking for a parking space.
2. It is good for the environment.
3. Save money. Try riding the bus a few times this year and next year you may decide to save the \$125 UNCA yearly parking fee.
4. You will be supporting a system that is important for those who have limited resources.
5. You can experience a wonderfully diverse group of people.

## Q. What is the nearest Asheville city bus stop to OLLI / Reuter Center?

The closest bus stop to the Reuter Center is the Sherrill Center bus stop at the corner of University Heights and Campus Drive (the bus stop is across Campus Drive from the bulldog statue). The bus stop is about 100 yards from the Reuter Center and involves climbing a steep hill.

## Q. Can I use the UNCA campus shuttle instead of climbing the steep hill?

Yes, the **Purple** Shuttle will pick you up Sherrill Center bus stop and take you directly to the Reuter Center. It runs every 12 to 15 minutes and is wheelchair accessible. When you see the shuttle, it is good to signal the driver by holding your arm straight out.

You can also use the **Purple** Shuttle when leaving the Reuter Center by exiting the Reuter Center's top floor. Tell the shuttle driver you wish to be let off at the bulldog statue. The Sherrill Center bus stop is across Campus Drive from the bulldog statue.

## Q. How many Asheville city bus lines serve the UNCA Campus?

Two bus lines, N1 and N2, serve UNCA. If OLLI members do not live on the N1 or N2 route they will need to get to the downtown bus station (called the ART Station) and transfer to N1 or N2.

Both bus lines, N1 and N2, run before and after OLLI classes.

Q. How do I find out if bus lines N1 and N2 go near my home and, if not, what bus line would I take to get the ART Station for a transfer to N1 or N2?

To access maps and bus schedules for ART visit the web site:  
[http://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/transit/maps\\_schedules.htm](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/transit/maps_schedules.htm)

Q. How do I get to OLLI / Reuter Center from the ART Station?

The bus ride from the ART Station to the Sherrill Center bus stop is 10 minutes.

Bus line N1 leaves the downtown ART Station at the top of the hour (7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., etc.) and arrives at the Sherrill Center stop at 10 minutes after the hour.

Bus line N2 leaves the downtown ART Station at 30 minutes after the hour (7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., etc.) and arrives at the Sherrill Center bus stop at 40 minutes after the hour.

Q. How do I get to the ART Station from OLLI / Reuter Center?

The bus ride from the Sherrill Center bus stop to the ART Station is 15 minutes.

Bus line N1 leaves the Sherrill Center at 35 minutes after the hour and arrives at the ART Station at 50 minutes after the hour.

Bus line N2 leave the Sherrill Center at 5 minutes after the hour and arrives at the ART Station at 20 minutes after the hour.

Q. How much does it cost to ride Asheville city busses?

Riding Asheville busses is free for members of OLLI. To use this service, OLLI members must go to the campus police department in Weizenblatt Hall (a short walk from the Reuter Center) and the police will place a sticker on your OneCard (your UNCA campus ID). The red sticker says Passport 18-19.

Q. How do I find out when the next bus will arrive at a specific bus stop?

Each bus stop has unique ID. For example, the ID for the Sherrill Center bus stop is 214. To find out when the next bus is coming text "41411" and then enter "nextART 214" or call (828) 253-5691. **Caution:** Listen carefully to determine which busses are going to the ART Station (inbound) or away from the ART Station (outbound).

Q. Is there a way I can learn about changes in bus service?

Yes, you may sign up for service alerts at the following web site:  
[http://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/transit/service\\_alerts.htm](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/transit/service_alerts.htm)

Q. Who can I contact if I have questions?

Jeff Jones, a new member and new instructor at OLLI, will do his best to help answer your questions. You can contact him at [jeffjonesuu@aol.com](mailto:jeffjonesuu@aol.com)