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If you are new, welcome!, and if you  
have been with us, thank you!  
Your OLLI has been busy making your  
learning experience better than ever.

If you need help with online learning,  
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help!

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the joy of a vibrant learning community.





# ONLINE CLASSES

## Osher Lifelong Learning

## New to Online?

OLLI uses Zoom for all of its online courses. Zoom is an online meeting platform that allows you to gather with others from the safety and ease of your own home using your computer, tablet or smart phone. Zoom courses are live, interactive, and provide a collaborative learning environment.

Zoom is free and easy to use. OLLI offers free training. Email us for more information:

[unfolli@unf.edu](mailto:unfolli@unf.edu)

### Current Events

Tuesdays, Jan. 5 – Feb. 23, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. 8 sessions, \$70

Tuesdays, March 2 – April 27, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. 9 sessions, \$80

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Discuss significant news events of the day. Gain an appreciation of diverse opinions on each topic. Your active participation is essential. Bring at least one article each week to present as a potential topic. Your facilitator assists by keeping the discussion on track and open to all.

**Facilitators:** Jay Melesky

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### NEW!

### Beginning Bridge II

Wednesdays, Jan. 6 – Feb. 24, 9 to 11 a.m. 8 sessions, \$70

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Learn to play bridge and to play online! Play in a private online bridge room. Course follows the American Contract Bridge League's (ACBL) foundational curriculum for modern rebids, overcalls, takeout doubles, promotions and finesses. In this highly interactive class, you take

turns playing under the instructor's supervision. Absolute beginners should wait for Beginning Bridge I.

**Required:** Computer skills to create and manage a free Bridge Base account and OLLI-supplied ACBL textbook

**Instructor:** Faye Barkan

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### Everything You Want to Know About Knitting But Are Afraid to Ask

Wednesdays, Jan. 6 – March 3, 1:30 to 3 p.m. (Class meets bi-weekly.) 5 sessions, \$45

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Learn advanced knitting techniques including short rows, edges, reading patterns and charts, and correcting errors. You're ready for this class if you're comfortable with basic techniques of casting on and binding off as well knit and purl stitching.

**Required:** Student-supplied yarn, knitting needles, stitch markers, yarn gauge and scissors

**Instructor:** Karen Backilman

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### UPDATED!

### Intermediate French: Level II, Part B

Mondays, Jan. 11 – March 22 (No class Jan. 18), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 8 sessions, \$60

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Enhance your French proficiency through practice of the foundational skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. Read articles, listen to songs and catch up with French news. Class conducted largely in French to build your confidence with the language. Active participation in class, some outside study and completion of textbook exercises enhance your success. If you have completed the beginning French sequence or have equivalent proficiency, this course is for you!

**Required:** "Façon de Parler 2 Coursebook (Intermediate French)", 5th edition by Angela Aires and Dominique Debney (ISBN 978-1-4441-8122-7)

**Instructor:** Anne-Marie Laine

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**NEW!****Advanced Spanish: Level I**

Tuesdays and Thursdays,  
Jan 12 – Feb. 11, 9:30 to 11 a.m.  
(Class meets twice weekly.)  
10 sessions, \$70

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Stretch your proficiency to new heights. Instructor presents correct grammar as needed for greater comprehension. Course is conducted in Spanish to build your confidence and comfort with the language. Your active participation is essential.

Required: Intermediate or equivalent Spanish language proficiency; "Spanish for Mastery: Student Edition: Situaciones Level 3 1994 (Spanish Edition)" edited by McDougal Littel

**Instructor:** Alice Hill

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**What is a Smart City?**

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1:30 to 3 p.m.  
1 session, \$20

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Technology promises to improve the future of cities. Learn how it will come together with data and people to change the way we live and travel. Understand increased safety, mobility and ease of connection to public services. Consider how people are influencing smart community efforts to tackle challenging social issues. Gather for a program that transcends technological matters.

**Instructor:** Jeff Sheffield

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**A LOT OF EFFORT IS BEING MADE BY OLLI INSTRUCTORS  
TO MAXIMIZE THE VIRTUAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND  
IT'S PAYING OFF. — OLLI MEMBER**

**NEW!****Le Petit Bistro Français**

Tuesdays, Jan. 12 – March 9, 1:30 to 3 pm.  
(Class meets alternate weeks)  
5 sessions, \$45

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Calling intermediate and advanced students of French looking to boost proficiency. Engage in conversations and learn to be understood in discussions about movies, articles, books, ideas, philosophy and culture drawn from French-speaking countries. Expect to be acquainted or reacquainted with icons including Edith Piaf and Charles Aznavour among others. Each session's theme is universal or relevant. The light, social tone encourages you to take some risks in a mutually supportive environment.

**Instructor:** Anne-Marie Laine

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**NEW!****Just What Were They Thinking?**

Fridays, Jan. 15 – Feb. 26, 9:30 to 11 a.m.  
7 sessions, \$55

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Learn what famous literature including works by Sherwood Anderson, Jorge Luis Borges, Simone de Beauvoir, Grace Paley, Wislawa Szymborska, Michel Foucault and Jhumpa Lahiri. In this highly participatory class, you answer questions and share your thoughts, insights and reflections. Impart how the readings resonated with you and what you learned from them. Each term's content is new and independent from those offered in prior terms. Expect to read about 30 pages per week. Your inquiring mind and delight in stimulating discussion are all that's required to participate in this class.

**Required:** "Great Conversations 3" ISBN 1-880323-17-6 for \$25 from [www.greatbooks.org](http://www.greatbooks.org)

**Facilitator:** Ralph Sawyer

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**Inches and Miles**

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

1 session, \$20

**Location:** Online Zoom course

You use those familiar units of measurement every day. Have you ever wondered about their origins or relative uniqueness? Consider how they developed. Ponder the basis for more effective alternatives. Reflect on the ways in which the physical and cultural world informed the construction of measurements for distance, time and temperature. Your questions and perspectives are welcome in this lecture and discussion class.

**Instructor:** Joe Varon

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**NEW!****Passport to Travel**

Thursdays, Jan. 14 – March 4,

9:30 to 11 a.m.

8 sessions

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Love to travel? Gather for a unique exploration of United Arab Emirates, India, Morocco, Madagascar, Tanzania, South Africa and Egypt. Screen professional quality DVDs produced by your instructor. Share travel tips and stories of adventures and experiences. Bring your curiosity about the world, history and culture to this lecture and discussion program.

**Instructor:** Virginia Roemhild

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**NEW!****Great Decisions 2021**

Tuesdays, Jan. 26 – March 16

9:30 to 11 a.m.

8 sessions, \$60

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Calling all inquisitive global citizens!

Stretch your knowledge of current affairs with an in-depth discussion on specific national and international topics of current foreign policy concern. Each year's course is new and independent from those offered in prior terms. Topics include the role of international organizations in a global pandemic, global supply chains and national security, China and Africa, Korean peninsula, Persian Gulf security, Brexit and the European Union, the end of globalization?, and fight over the melting Arctic. Each session begins with a 30-minute film of expert commentary, followed by an hour of highly participatory collegial discussion. Weekly preparation involves advance reading of 10 to 12 pages from the course booklet and supplemental reading materials provided by course facilitators via email.

**Required:** "Great Decisions 2021" available online from the Foreign Policy Association's bookstore ([www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org)) or by calling (212) 481-8100. Enrolled students must purchase the booklet at least two weeks prior to the first session.

**Facilitator:** Dennis Egan

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**NEW!****Only Hope: My Mother and the Holocaust Brought to Light**

Monday, Feb. 1, 1:30 to 3:30

1 session, \$25

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Your instructor's mother, Felicia Bornstein Lubliner, wrote about her internment in Polish ghettos and two Nazi concentration camps, Auschwitz and Gross-Rosen, before she passed away in 1974. Listen to powerful stories that shed light on Lubliner's experiences as well as her indomitable spirit. Hear about your instructor's experience as a child of Holocaust survivors and his efforts to bring his book to fruition. Class format encompasses presentation and discussion. Visit [www.onlyhopebook.com](http://www.onlyhopebook.com) for excerpts and interviews.

**Instructor:** Irving (Irv) Lubliner

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**NEW!**

## Are You Ready for the Old Folks Home?

Tuesdays, Feb. 9 – 23, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

3 sessions, \$35

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Weigh the advantages and drawbacks of moving into a senior living community. Identify ingredients in successful aging and how that affects decision-making. Reflect on other considerations that lead to making the best choice. Class format encompasses brief presentations, discussion, outside reading and creation of an action plan.

**Instructor:** Bob Rothberg

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Marjorie Harris Carr and Luther Goldman,  
National Geographic photographer

**NEW!**

## Marjorie Harris Carr: Defender of Florida's Environment

Thursday, Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

1 session, \$20

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Boston-born Carr (1915 – 1997) was a pioneering scientist and environmental activist. Best known for her conservation work in Florida, she led a coalition in a battle to protect and restore the Ocklawaha River in the heart of central Florida. Construction of the Cross Florida Barge Canal was intended to connect the Atlantic and Gulf Intracoastal Waterways. Carr, cofounder of Florida Defenders of the Environment, blocked the construction in 1971 prior to its completion on the grounds that the river's health, still imperiled, would be significantly impaired. The project was deauthorized by Congress in 1990. Gather virtually for an overview of Carr's life and legacy.

**Recommended:** Author's book, "Marjorie Harris Carr: Defender of Florida's Environment" available at [www.peggymacdonald.com](http://www.peggymacdonald.com)

**Instructor:** Peggy MacDonald

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## Women Artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Georgia O'Keeffe and Elizabeth Murray

Fridays, Feb. 26 – March 12

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

3 sessions, \$35

**Location:** Online Zoom course

Women artists often encountered difficulties in training, traveling and gaining recognition for their work. Moreover, their work was overlooked and undervalued. Twentieth-century women artists who wished to introduce modernism into the male-dominated fine arts world had an especially challenging time. Examine two artists who sought to fuse abstraction with realism and played pivotal roles in the development of American modern art. Consider how women artists influenced society and the art world. Intensify your understanding of Georgia O'Keeffe as an art world game changer. Explore Elizabeth Murray's life and her bright, often silly, works. Bring your curiosity and perspectives to this lecture and discussion class.

**Instructor:** Julie Giuliani, Kathy Scott and Jeanette Toohey

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- Members can participate in affordable, high-quality classes and experiences.
- \* Members receive priority access to remote learning opportunities.
- Members learn first about upcoming programs and events.
- Members have the opportunity to shape OLLI's future and programming.
- Members are part of a growing, active community dedicated to the joy of learning

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## ED-VENTURE, EXPLORE MORE

### Various locations

#### NEW: ED-VENTURE

##### **Historic Mandarin Bike Tour**

Thursday, Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

1 session, \$55

Magnificent tangled oaks line this neighborhood laced with magnolia trees, orange groves, bird life and butterfly gardens. Mandarin, named after the orange, is nestled along the St. Johns River. Learn about the area's rich history as it has been captured and preserved. The area once served as a primary exporter of cotton and oranges in the 1800s. Olde Mandarin was called "a tropical paradise" by Harriet Beecher Stowe who wintered here from Connecticut for 17 years. Beecher-Stowe (author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin") instilled her spirituality and passion for community and it still lives on. Visit the nearby Walter Jones Museum. Leigh Burdett, owner-operator of e2ride bike tours, is your expert guide. She received a preservation service award from the City of Jacksonville in 2016 for her efforts to celebrate and promote the city's history. Debrief with fellow riders over a Dutch-treat lunch. You ride in drizzle but reschedule for more severe weather. Flat terrain suits all levels of riders. Transportation is on your own. Parking is free.

**Required:** Bicycle, stamina to ride 10 miles making frequent stops, dress for the weather including attire appropriate for bicycle riding

**Recommended:** Bike helmet

**Coordinators:** Chris Lewitzke and Jean Moyer

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## Explore MORE

#### UPDATED!

##### **The Thrill of the Hunt Continues**

Wednesdays, Feb. 10 - 24, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

3 sessions, \$40

Locations vary

Calling all lovers of antiques, vintage objects and collectibles. Is your home already filled with wonderful pieces you've collected over the years? Would you like to stop collecting but find the thrill of the hunt irresistible? Gather with others who share the affliction. You're bound to be excited by what you learn!

##### **Feb. 10 Location: Online**

Begin in your virtual classroom for an overview of the ever-changing world of vintage and antiques. Learn what's popular and what's not. Bring your treasured piece to class to share the story of its acquisition and what it means to you.

##### **Feb. 17 Location: Antique Market of San Jose and The Consignment Barn, 5107 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville**

Kelley Mullen and Wendy Wright, owner-operators, orient you to a 13,000-square-foot venue that features art, furniture, silver, china and architectural objects. Several dealers share their expertise and perspectives. Explore the nooks and crannies of this vast venue. Afterwards, debrief over coffee and dessert. Venue is handicap accessible. Field trip transportation is on your own. Parking is free.

##### **Feb. 24 Location: Online**

Return to your virtual classroom to discuss how to feature your treasures in your home décor. You're invited to once again bring a treasured piece to class to share the valued memories you associate with it.

**Coordinators:** Judi Branch and Marlene Kenney

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## What are ED-Venture and Explore More Classes?

OLLI provides an amazing variety of activities and courses that take place outside the classroom.

Students meet together at a safe distance and with all safety measures in effect. Please see the OLLI website for more information about safety practices.

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# CLASSROOM CLASSES

University of North Florida, Bldg. 43

## Classroom classes are held at UNF

the University of North Florida is located at

Adam W. Herbert University Center  
12000 Alumni Drive, Jacksonville, FL  
32224, Building 43.

All CDC guidelines are in effect. Be sure to wear a facemask and practice safe social distancing. Learn more at

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### NEW!

#### Bridge Basics for Beginners: Part II

Tuesdays, Jan. 19 – Feb. 2  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

3 sessions, \$35

**Location:** University of North Florida

Does your brain need some exercise? The game of bridge tests your mental abilities while offering a lot of fun. Focus on counting your points, bidding and scoring a hand. Expect demonstration and discussion. While your active participation is essential, card play is not an element. Course is designed for true beginners who've played fewer than 100 hands of bridge. If you're a true novice, enroll for Bridge Basics for Beginners offered in March 2021. If you've played bridge in the past, try the Bridge Refresher for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century class.

**Instructor:** Lynne Warfield

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### NEW!

#### First Amendment Freedom of Religious Practice: The Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses

Fridays, Jan. 22, Feb. 5 and 26, March 12,  
April 2, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

5 sessions, \$45

**Location:** University of North Florida

Take a deep dive examination into the prohibition of the establishment of a national religious institution, and the corresponding right of religious expression. Cultivate an understanding of the history of these freedoms. Consider the constitutional and state ratification conventions as well as historical and present-day legal battles over these fundamental and deeply personal protections. Your instructor guarantees a lively learning opportunity and supplies helpful resources via email to enhance your knowledge of the subject. Your active participation is invited in this lecture and discussion class.

**Instructor:** Gary Wilkinson

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### NEW!

#### Amazing Hormones: How They Work in Health and Disease

Mondays, Feb. 1 and 8, 9:30 to 11 a.m.  
2 sessions, \$30

**Location:** University of North Florida

Learn how your body endeavors to keep internal conditions constant. Understand how endocrine glands and the hormones they produce function. Consider how blood pressure and diabetic medications interact with your hormones to achieve optimal health. Appreciate counterbalancing hormones and how they keep your body humming. Your questions welcome in this lecture and discussion class.

**Instructor:** Joseph T. Stepp

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— OLLI MEMBER



**Bridge Refresher for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Mondays, Feb. 8 - 22, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
3 sessions, \$35

**Location:** University of North Florida

Has it been a while since you played? Would you like to get back into the game? Or, are you looking to upgrade your skills? Refresh your knowledge of current bidding practices, play strategies and defensive moves in both social and duplicate games. Expect demonstration and discussion. While your active participation is essential, card play is not an element. Course is designed for those with experience. If you'd played fewer than 100 hands of bridge, enroll for Bridge Basics for Beginners: Part II. True novices should enroll for Bridge Basics for Beginners.

**Instructor:** Lynne Warfield

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**NEW!****Ways of the Saints: Pilgrimage Routes in Italy and Spain**

Thursdays, Feb. 18 - March 4  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
3 sessions, \$35

**Location:** University of North Florida

Learn about major pilgrimage routes in the Middle Ages. Focus on the Way of St. Francis, the route to Rome via Assisi in the Italian province of Perugia in the Umbria region, and the Way of St. James to Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwest Spain. Delve into the histories and iconographies of two saints who lived 1,200 years apart. Examine the influences of their lives on religious culture. Join fellow OLLI members for an informative virtual Buon Cammino or Buen Camino. Your instructor provides an extensive bibliography to complement visual presentations and class discussion. Your interest and curiosity are all that's required.

**Instructor:** David Dufresne

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**OLLI IS A BIG HIT!**

"In this Zoom class, I had the opportunity to be with a group of interesting participants. They were considerate, well informed and diverse."

"DL classes are a way to keep in touch with OLLI participants and teachers and still have a meaningful experience while staying home."

"I found that we were able to use Zoom to communicate and participate in a meaningful class. I benefitted and believe that the other students found the experience richly rewarding too. We all want to continue with our excellent teacher next session."

"I live some distance from UNF which limits the number of classes I can take. Being able to take distance learning classes has been a real gift."

"I love OLLI. It has been such a life line for me in COVID-19 time!"

**Enrollment is easy!**

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