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Annual Full Membership ($275): valid for one year or three academic terms. Annual membership starts in fall or spring.
Term Full Membership ($150): valid for one academic term (spring, summer, or fall).

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Non-members may take one individual course on the main campus for $75.

Registration Process
Register online:
https://go.widener.edu/register/fall2019ollireg
There is a registration page in this catalog if you prefer to mail in your registration.

Parking and Building Access
Parking is reserved for OLLI events on campus. Parking is in the Old Main lot, across the street from University Center (where classes are held). Shuttles are available for members with mobility concerns. OLLI members are issued student ID cards, which give access to University Center, academic buildings, Wolfgram Memorial Library, Pride Recreation Center, and other Widener facilities.

Important Message about E-mail
OLLI at Widener uses e-mail to communicate important information throughout the year. OLLI at Widener will never share members’ e-mail addresses with outside organizations. You can expect to see e-mails regarding:
• News and updates about OLLI at Widener.
• Class confirmation and room locations.
• Changes to classes including unforeseen cancellations.
• Invitations to OLLI and Widener University events.
If you do not have access to a computer or e-mail, we strongly recommend you connect with someone in your class, or in the Institute, to learn about program updates.

Course Cancellation
OLLI at Widener reserves the right to cancel a scheduled course due to low enrollment, non-availability of an instructor, or other unavoidable circumstances. Members will be notified as early as possible.

General OLLI Info
• OLLI classes meet once a week for five weeks.
• Classes are held in the Wyman Room, on the 1st floor of University Center, unless otherwise noted.
• The OLLI office is on the first floor of Kapelski Learning Center, across the street from University Center.
• If you ever need assistance while on campus for OLLI programming, please call the main office at 610-499-4282 to reach someone who can help.
• For information about OLLI or assistance with registration, call 610-499-4279 or e-mail olli@widener.edu
# OLLI at Widener
## Main Campus Schedule
### Fall 2019
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Roberta George

Brats, Fast Food, and Workaholics: How Au Pairs See American Families
Day: Mondays (No class Sept. 23)
Time: 10:30–11:40 a.m.
Take a look at how people raised in other cultures see American families. This course uses original research with foreign au pairs working in the United States, and considers the roles of culture and social network in establishing and maintaining a personal value system and world view.
Marian Eberly

Swing That Music!
Day: Mondays
Time: 1:00–2:10 p.m.
From the early bands of Whiteman, Selvin, Ellington, and Henderson, through the peak of the swing era and its fading years in the forties, we’ll listen to big bands and small groups, sample the instrumentals and vocalists and appreciate the importance of the imaginative arrangers of the period. For some great toe-tapping to go along with the vintage recordings and film clips, we’ll turn back the clock to enjoy great swing.
Dick Smolens

Broadway Revisited
Day: Mondays
Time: 2:30–3:40 p.m.
The classic musicals of Kern, Rodgers, the Gershwins, Berlin, Porter & others provided us with much of our great musical heritage. We’ll explore how some of the most played songs were first performed and how instrumentalists & vocalists have reinterpreted & reinvented these wonderful tunes.
Dick Smolens

Wake Up and Walk
Day: Tuesdays
Time: 9:00-10:10
Location: Taylor Arboretum
Get your steps in and enjoy the beauty of the Taylor Arboretum. Our group will meet weekly (weather permitting) for a guided walk through the arboretum. Walkers should be moderately fit to enjoy the experience.

Understanding the Other: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Day: Tuesdays
Time: 10:30–11:40 a.m.
In these days of globalization and immigration, it is important to understand how to interpret the thoughts and actions of people raised in a culture other than one’s own. This course will introduce students to the anthropological concept of culture, and some related concepts to better understand other cultures and in that way to better understand our own.
Mitchell Rothman

T’ai Chi Chih
Day: Tuesdays
Time: 10:30–11:40 a.m.
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Learn the centering beauty of T’ai Chi Chih, a soft, flowing, moving meditation practiced by tens of thousands of people worldwide. It’s easy to learn and brings many benefits, including peace of mind, improved health, and joy. It requires no particular level of fitness, no special equipment or clothing, and may be done seated.
April Leffler

Tuesday Travel
Day: Tuesdays
Time: 1:00–2:10 p.m.
Enjoy armchair travel with a new destination and presenter each week. Select your destinations or attend them all. Visit Egypt, Aix-en-Provence, the Mayan Ruins of Mexico, Greece, and the NY Finger Lakes without leaving town! A full list of destinations will be provided to registrants.

Medicare Options in Retirement
Day: Tuesdays
Time: 2:30–3:40 p.m.
Strategies for your health insurance and Medicare needs in retirement. We will address Medicare changes, how to comprehend all the choices, all the letters (A, B, C, and D) and all the Plans (F, G, and N). Time frame for when to sign up for Medicare will be discussed, as well as penalties, and a review if you are currently on Medicare.
Joseph Cisco

Mindfulness Through Birdwatching
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 9:00–10:10 a.m.
Location: Taylor Arboretum
Birdwatching requires you to slow down, become fully present in the moment, and witness the beauty of nature. Join Karin for 5 walks, 3 at Taylor Arboretum and 2 at John Heinz NWR. Indoor meeting space is available in case of inclement weather.
Karin Marcus
What Were They Thinking? Mistakes, Blunders, and Misguided Decisions that have Changed History
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 10:30–11:40 a.m.

We like to think history moves along a relatively straight path progressing to the present. The historical record challenges this view by revealing a path frequently interrupted with errors of judgement or unbelievable stupidity. We will look at a few of the most notorious blunders with the benefit of hindsight.

Michael Simeone

The Creative Acting Experience
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 1:00–2:10 pm.

Students will create vivid, complex characters using different voice/body techniques. You will learn acting, writing and creative thinking using scenes and improvisations. We will write and perform a One Act Play using scripts in hand.

Loretta Wehbe

Arabic Language and World Culture A
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 2:30–3:40 p.m.

This class provides an introduction to the Arabic language, culture, and religion. It explores the connections between the language and countries that speak the Arabic language. Both continuing students and new students are welcome.

Ghada Zakaria

Understanding the Brain
Day: Thursdays
Time: 9:00–10:10 a.m.

The gross anatomy of the human brain is organized into distinct parts with specific functions, much like the gross anatomy of the human body. Using a variety of modes, the course examines basic neurobiology and the major parts of the brain and their functions. The basis of disabling conditions like Bipolar Disorder, Clinical Depression, Parkinson’s Disease, and Alzheimer’s disease is explained. The use of animal models to determine brain functions and to develop possible drug treatments is examined.

Theodore O’Tanyi

Presidential Children
Day: Thursdays
Time: 10:30–11:40 a.m.

The stories of Presidential children are as varied as those of our Presidents. Some became prominent; others faded into obscurity. Some became America’s sweethearts; others were subjects of controversy and vilification. Some benefited from the prominence of their Presidential parents; others were crushed by the weight of expectations. This course examines the lives of Presidential children from our country’s earliest days to the present. In doing so we will gain an understanding not only of the offspring but of their famous parents.

David Hudiak

Session B (Main Campus)
October 14 – November 15

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Day: Mondays
Time: 9:00–10:10 a.m.

Basic conversation with emphasis on pronunciation and vocabulary through dialogues, interaction, music, & videos. Students should have taken Introductory Spanish A.

Roberta George

Islam
Day: Mondays (No Class October 21)
Time: 10:30–11:40 a.m.

Jeff presents the origins of Islam plus a deeper understanding of terms such as Jihad, Sunni, Shia and Caliphate. Members of the local Muslim community present on beliefs and practices, gender and family. The real opportunity is face to face open and friendly interaction.

Jeff Heim

Off the Beaten Path: Interesting Travel Destinations
Day: Mondays
Time: 1:00–2:10 p.m.

This course presents impressions of places in the world that you might not have thought of as destinations for foreign travel. Included will be visits to two primitive cultures: Tari (Papua New Guinea) and Bunlap (Vanuatu), and to two remote Asian cities: Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) and Irkutz (Siberia) as well as a visit to nearby Baddeck (Nova Scotia).

Robert Cockfield

Aircraft Successes and Failures
Day: Mondays
Time: 2:30–3:40 p.m.

This course traces the history of aviation through examples of some of the most successful aircraft, such as the DC-3, P-51, F-86, and Spitfire, as well as some notable failures, such as the Caproni flying boat, Convair 880, Lockheed Electra, and Avro Saucer. Problems with the Boeing 737 will also be discussed.

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Rob Fergus

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Birds have fascinated and inspired humans for millions of years. This course will explore the surprising connections between birds and people, including how birds influenced human evolution, how birds have inspired human technologies and cultures, birds in modern popular culture, how birds adapt to cities and other human environments, and how birds can still help us solve some of our biggest problems as a society.

Rob Fergus

How to Sell a House in 30 Days
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 9:00–10:10 a.m.

Have you ever wondered why some homes sell quickly and others linger on the market? Learn how to appeal to today’s buyers and tips to prepare to sell now or in the future. A workbook will be given to all participants.

Madeline Dobbs

Almost History: Events That Might Have Changed Our Past
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 10:30–11:40 a.m.

We know the events of our history because they have been recorded and studied over the years. But what about the close calls, the decisions not made or the chance occurrences that could have had a major impact on the past? We will look at a few of these almost events and see how easily history could have been rewritten.

Michael Simeone

The Art and Craft of Storytelling
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 1:00–2:10 p.m.

Students will tell Funny, Sad, Genuine stories about life’s adventures. Your voice and body are instruments of your art. Learn to use gestures and movements to enhance your story.

Loretta Wehbe

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Ghada Zakaria

Understanding the Human Living Cell
Day: Thursdays
Time 9:00–10:10 a.m.

Our bodies include over twelve trillion cells, tiny life units originating from the ancestral cell formed by one of our mother’s eggs and one our father’s sperm cells. That ancestral cell was about the size of a dot made by a very sharp pencil point. While cells are very small, scientists have learned much about their internal structure and how they carry out their “responsibilities” to maintain our health and wellbeing. This course is a lay person’s exploration of the structure of living cells and how cells work internally under normal conditions. What underlies a variety of conditions such as cancer, mental illness, and infectious disease also is covered.

Theodore O’Tanyi

Wine Trails of Europe
Day: Thursdays
Time: 10:30–11:40 a.m.

Take an imaginary trip through the wine trails of Europe. Explore the wine regions of Germany, Italy, Portugal, France and Spain. Enjoy learning about the history, geography, climate,
grape varieties, classifications and viticultural practices of these countries. Discover the varieties of wines from these various regions and learn about their characteristics. Some of these wines include Liebfraumilch, Riesling, Zinfandel, Pinot Noir, Rioja, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Port and Moscatel. Finally, we will learn how to enjoy these wines with specific foods.

Peggy Place

OLLI Events and Activities

OLLI Book Club
The OLLI Book Club, facilitated by Susan Tsiouris, from Widener’s Wolfram Memorial Library, has read and discussed more than twenty books. The club is open to OLLI annual or term members. Participants choose the books they will read. The club typically meets on the last Friday of the month. Contact Susan at sctsiouris@widener.edu for details.

OLLI Committees
The OLLI Hospitality Committee plans activities and assists with member recruitment. The OLLI Curriculum Committee reviews new courses and seminars, recommends topics and speakers, and advises on scheduling.

OLLI Seminar Series
Seminars are open to all! Register with the OLLI office to reserve your seat and parking. E-mail olli@widener.edu or call 610-499-4279. Seminars meet in the Wyman Room in University Center unless otherwise noted.

Getting to Know Your Local Birds
Thursday, September 12 — 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Learn about the characteristics, habitat and behaviors of common local birds, featuring some you may spot or hear in your backyard or in locations such as Widener’s Taylor Arboretum.

Rob Fergus

Origami Pine Tree Workshop
Thursday, September 26 — 1:00–2:30 p.m.
In this hands-on seminar, you will learn to make an origami pine tree. All supplies provided by the instructor.

Linda Sivilich

Christmas in October: Snowflake Making
Thursday, October 3 — 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Make a beautiful snowflake to display for the holidays or every day. All supplies provided by the instructor.

Linda Sivilich

A Witch in Time
Thursday, October 10 — 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Europe in the 16th & 17th centuries was a world of wonders-the scientific causes for weather, accidents, & illness were unknown. Instead, catastrophes were attributed to the work of Satan & his minions, the witches. Accusations, trials, & executions for witchcraft swept over the continent. Your narrator will be a Scottish woman accused of being one of a circle of witches who tried to bring about the death of a king in 1589. She will then discuss the European witch craze of 1560-1660. What factors led to the witch craze? Who were the accused? Who were the accusers? Why were women the primary victims of the witch hunts?

Jaan Ingle-Troltenier

The Cold War
Thursday, October 17 — 1:00–2:30 p.m.
The Cold War--we lived it, experienced it, survived it. For half a century the political, ideological & military rivalry between the U.S. & the Soviet Union shaped American and Soviet history, world events & the lives of millions. Tensions between East & West rose & subsided, causing times of hope and days of despair. This seminar traces the Cold War from 1945 through such crises as the building of the Berlin Wall and the installation of Soviet missiles in Cuba, various thaws & agreements, & the ultimate collapse of the Soviet Union.

David Hudiak

Holiday Card Making
Thursday, October 17 — 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Room D (across the hall from the Wyman Room)
Make lovely holiday-themed cards. Instructor provides all materials.

Linda Sivilich

Building Blocks of Culture
Thursday, October 24 — 1:00–2:30 p.m.
This session assists participants in communicating more effectively across cultures through learning about cultural building blocks and providing a deeper understanding of culture as a concept. This session will also provide tools for solving a miscommunication.

Kandy Turner

Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease
Thursday, October 31 — 1:00–2:30 p.m.
The variety of types of dementia and the current insights on Alzheimer’s disease will be discussed.

Theodore O’Tanyi
Seasons of Change
Thursday, November 7 — 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Is your life changing? Are you experiencing changes in your relationships, family, health, home, spiritual life, or finances? When you know where you are on the Seasons Path, you’ll have an easier time knowing what to do next, how to avoid time consuming detours, and how to support yourself through unsettling times of change.
Karin Marcus

The Bible as Literature
Thursday, November 14 — 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Recent scholarship sheds light on the literary styles in various books of the library commonly known as The Holy Bible. We’ll look at versions of creation and the great flood in the Book of Genesis as well as the love poetry of the Song of Solomon. Contradictions and their implications will be examined in books of the “New Testament.” The Apocrypha, Books of the “Old Testament” that are not included in some versions of the Sacred Scriptures, will be explored.
Theodore O’Tanyi

Who Cooks for You? Adventures with Barred Owls
Day: Monday, September 23
Time: 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Location: Wyman Room, University Center
Pamela Dimeler is a photographer and videographer, specializing in wildlife, with a particular interest in owls. She will present a brand new program, sharing her observations of a family of Barred Owls in a local park in Delaware County. Barred owls are known for their call that sounds like the phrase, “Who cooks for you?” In this multi-media program you will learn all about this secretive, unique and very inquisitive owl. Pam will share her photographs and videos of the Barred Owls’ many behaviors in the wild, including her close encounter with two juvenile Barred Owls.

Pamela Dimeler

The Royal Family: A Parliament of Owls
Day: Monday, October 21
Time: 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Location: Wyman Room, University Center
Pamela Dimeler will present a brand new program featuring her photography and videography of her continuing journey with a family of Great Horned Owls. When two or more owls are together it is called a Parliament. This year Pam has observed four owls: King Tuft (male adult), Queen Anne (female) and two young owlets. Come and experience this incredible journey from October of 2018 through the fall of 2019. You will fall in love with “The Little Prince” as he grows up, leaves the safety of the nest and eventually learns to hunt on his own in the Enchanted Forest.

Who’s Who?
The OLLI Instructors

Joe Cisco — BS, Widener University — Joe is the president of Caise Benefits, health insurance advocates and consultants with over 25 years of experience. He teaches at the Temple, Immaculata, and University of Delaware (both Wilmington & Lewes) OLLIs.

Robert Cockfield — BASc, University of Toronto; MS, The Pennsylvania State University; Graduate Studies, University of California, LA — Robert retired after 50 years in the aerospace industry. His projects included the Tektite Underwater Laboratory, the Mod 1 Wind Turbine Generator in Boone, NC, and the radioisotope thermoelectric generator that powered spacecraft to Jupiter, Saturn, and Pluto.

Pamela Dimeler — BS, Lebanon Valley College — Pam has been playing the Celtic harp since 2001 and is a member of the Brandywine Harp Orchestra. Pam is the director and founder of Parkside Academy of Music and Dance, teaching music and dance to children of all ages. A photographer and nature enthusiast, Pam has been observing and documenting a pair of Great Horned Owls since 2012.

Madeline Dobbs — MBA, Wilmington University — Madeline is a local realtor with a background in marketing in the arts & culture world. She has used her skills to help educate home sellers about the guest experience and has successfully helped many of her clients, including those who failed to sell their house previously.

Marian Eberly — BS, Eastern Mennonite University; MA, Michigan State University; EdD, Rutgers, the State University of NJ — Dr. Eberly taught English, French, and ESL in various schools and colleges and in 3 countries. She spent the past 20 years in college administration, and joined Widener in 2018 as the Assistant Director for Extended Learning/OLLI.

Rob Fergus — PhD & MA, University of Texas at Austin; BA, Brigham Young University — Rob teaches Geography and Environmental Studies at Rowan University, and has 15 years of college teaching experience. He was the founding Director of the Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory in Austin, Texas and the first Executive Director of the Travis Audubon Society. He previously worked as the Senior Scientist for Urban Bird Conservation at the National Audubon Society.

Roberta George — BA, West Chester University; MA, Immaculata University — Roberta has taught ESL and Spanish at Delaware Technical Community College in Wilmington, DE and has tutored students at the English Language Institute of the University of Delaware. She has also volunteered on archaeological projects in Central America.
Jeff Heim — BA, The Pennsylvania State University; MA, The Pennsylvania State University; MA, Temple University — Jeff taught high school for 37 years in Maryland and Pennsylvania. He was an NEH Fellow and spent a year as a Fulbright Fellow in India. He teaches for OLLI at Widener and the LLI at Immaculata University.

David Hudiak, Esq. — BA, Haverford College; JD, Univ. of Pennsylvania Law School — Mr. Hudiak is a licensed attorney and a member of the Bars of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey. His teaching experience includes numerous paralegal classes and seminars in law school admission test preparation.

Tom Kirk (Taylor Arboretum) — Taylor Memorial Arboretum is a reserve of plantings and natural lands in Nether Providence Township dedicated by J.C. Taylor to the memory of his wife, Anne Rulon Gray, and intended to promote “health, enjoyment and education.” The arboretum is held in trust by Widener University. Tom Kirk, manager and naturalist, has been with the Arboretum since 2001.

April Leffler — April is an accredited T’ai Chi Chih teacher and has been teaching since 2000. She teaches Widener students on the main campus during the school year.

Karin Marcus — Karin’s coaching style combines love of the outdoors and respect for the human spirit. Her goal is to help everyone become an environmentalist of the heart. She is a Professional Certified Coach, a Master Certified Retreat Coach, a Purpose Clarity and Season of Change Master Trainer and a faculty member of The Institute for Life Coach Training. She volunteers at John Heinz NWR and authored Birding Through Cancer: A Seasons of Change Journey.

Theodore O’Tanyi — PhD & MS, Lehigh University; BS, Pennsylvania Military College — Ted O’Tanyi studied the electrical activity of single nerves and taught at Lehigh University, Temple University, and Widener University.

Peggy Place — MS, Kutztown University; Principal Certification, Lehigh University; Supervisor C&I, Supt. Letter, Widener University — Peggy spent 50 years in all phases of education including elementary teacher, principal, administrator, college instructor and consultant. She supervised student teachers and field students at Albright College in Reading, PA.

Mitchell Rothman — BA, University of Michigan; MA, Hunter College; PhD, University of Pennsylvania — Mitchell has spent the last 25 years as Professor, Founder, and Chair of the Department of Anthropology at Widener University.

Michael Simeone — AB, Ohio University; MEd, Temple University — Michael started his career in education as a high school social studies teacher. He was a member of the faculty at Temple University and at Widener University. He served as a program administrator at Glassboro State College and was a management consultant for 22 years. He completed doctoral course-work in history at Temple University. He teaches history and film courses in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes at Temple and Widener.

Linda Sivilich — Old Dominion University — Linda retired from American Airlines after 35 years. Her interests include jewelry making, origami, mosaics, furniture refinishing, cooking, sewing and crocheting.

Richard Smolens — BS, City College of NY; MS, NYS Teachers College; EdD, Columbia University — Dick taught for 37 years, and was a lecturer/performer on “Golden Age of American Popular Song” after retirement. He was DJ for “The Swing Era” on WVUD and vocalist for small jazz groups in three states. He specializes in the popular music of the first half of the 20th Century; performers, composers, personalities & bands of the Roaring 20’s, Depression & Swing eras musical theater, and WWII.

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Loretta Wehbe — BA, St. Joseph’s College; Actor, Singer, Director, Playwright — Loretta is the founder and director of the Performing Arts Youth Theatre, co-founder of the Philly Youth Theatre, and director of the Young People’s Theater Workshop.

Ghada Zakaria — BA, Temple University; MA, Cabrini University; MA, West Chester University — Ghada has served as Arabic educator at the University of Villanova, as instructor of Arabic Language and World Culture for Cheney University, and as Arabic translator and interpreter for the School District of Philadelphia.
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