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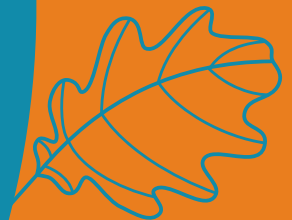
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**On-campus and
online learning
designed for those
age 50 and better**

Introducing Something New — Osher After Hours

This fall, we are launching something new — Osher After Hours. Not retired yet? No problem. Osher After Hours brings lifelong learning to the early evening, with select courses offered from 6 to 7 p.m.

Designed for adults 50 and better who are still working or juggling busy schedules, this new option makes it easier to sample the OLLI experience after the workday ends. It's a chance to learn something new, connect with others, and see what OLLI is all about — on *your* time. Look for the moon icon throughout the catalog to identify these courses. 🌙

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Fresno State is a unique community of lifelong learners, designed for lifelong learners who are eager to explore traditional and new areas of knowledge without the stress of tests or grades.

OLLI offers a wide variety of topics with courses in art, history, literature, health, music, science, current events and so much more. Our offerings are a mix of in-person, online and hybrid courses and activities. Our curriculum is designed to keep minds and bodies active.

You pay a membership fee to participate in the full range of offerings. Your \$45 fall OLLI membership includes:

- ▶ Admission to all keynotes
- ▶ One guest pass per keynote
- ▶ Fresno State Library Card
- ▶ Opportunity to enroll in all OLLI courses and activities
- ▶ FREE parking for OLLI campus events
- ▶ Weekly Updates and Monthly Newsletter

Membership fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.



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There are more than 120 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes on college and university campuses spanning all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our support comes from a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation, Fresno State, membership and class fees, and donations.

Let's unlock learning together!

We believe learning is something we continue to unlock throughout life. By creating opportunities designed for adults 50 and better, we make it easier to explore new ideas, gain fresh perspectives, and stay engaged. That's what unlocking learning is all about.



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Principles of Community:

How We Treat Each Other

We all play a role in fostering an inclusive work and learning environment of respect, kindness, collaboration and accountability where every member of the student body, faculty, staff, and administration can thrive. Our Principles of Community reflect our core values of **Exploration, Excellence, Inclusion and Community** as well as our deep commitment to our mission “to empower students for success through a transformative education rooted in active service with diverse communities.” These Principles were developed collaboratively by faculty, staff, and administrators. They exemplify what we aspire to be.

● WE ARE RESPECTFUL

To approach interpersonal interactions with collegiality and integrity, we strive to...

- Value all employees and welcome their contributions.
- Listen with attention to all perspectives with the intent to understand.
- Consider the impact of our communication.
- Honor our word and commitments.
- Maintain confidentiality and privacy as appropriate.

● WE ARE KIND

To foster a sense of belonging and demonstrate compassion, empathy, care and concern, we strive to...

- Contribute to making Fresno State a welcoming community for all.
- Use words thoughtfully and be mindful of our actions.
- Assume good intentions.
- Acknowledge the contributions of others.
- Be patient and supportive.

● WE ARE COLLABORATIVE

To work together to achieve common goals, support the greater good and embrace Fresno State's mission, we strive to...

- Build relationships to create a positive work and learning environment.
- Communicate to engage and be supportive of each other's goals.
- Consider diverse ideas and opinions.
- Participate fully as a team member, do our share and make space for others to shine.

● WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE

To hold ourselves and our colleagues accountable for behaviors and outcomes, we strive to...

- Clearly communicate expectations and, when appropriate, jointly develop goals and objectives.
- Explain the purpose of decisions and actions.
- Share honest, meaningful feedback in a timely manner and receive feedback with an open mind.
- Own responsibility for our behaviors and actions.

University's Definition of Diversity: Individual differences (e.g., personality, language, learning styles and life experiences) and group/social differences (e.g., race/ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation/sexual identity, country of origin and ability status as well as cultural, political, religious or other affiliations) that can be engaged in the service of learning.

Code of Conduct

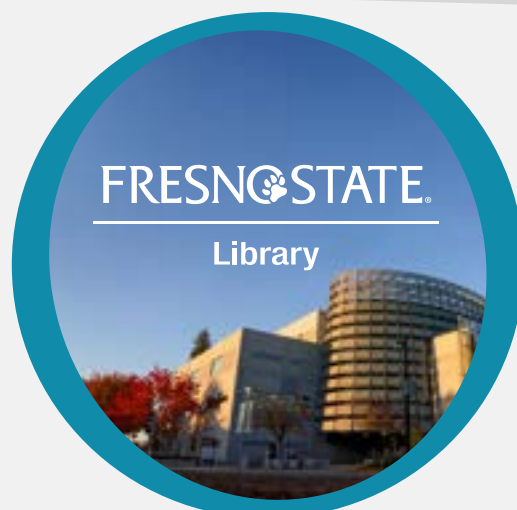
Members of OLLI at Fresno State agree that the program maximizes learning and enjoyment for all members. Opposing viewpoints must be respected, the dignity of others maintained at all times, and members must be sensitive to the desire for everyone to have a voice in classroom discussions. OLLI staff and instructors reserve the right to limit or disallow participation in OLLI classes, events, and/or activities, including online synchronous (Zoom) activities. If a member is disruptive, interrupts classroom discourse or creates a safety concern, they may be asked to leave the class/event/activity and potentially banned from future OLLI participation.



By registering for and participating in OLLI offerings, you grant permission for your name and/or likeness to be shared with OLLI staff, instructors, members, and, in some cases, the public. Photos or recordings may be used for marketing and social media. If you prefer not to be photographed or recorded, please notify OLLI staff at osher@csufresno.edu.

Don't Forget Your FREE Fresno State Library Card!

All OLLI members may receive a free library card, renewable each semester with your paid membership. Pick up your card in our office, ED133.



Keynote Speakers



Training Fire-Death Investigators

Presenter: **Dr. Chelsey Juarez**

Thursday, Sept. 10 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Satellite Student Union



California is the most advanced state in the United States in fire response, yet many search-and-recovery first responders have never seen a human body burned in a wildfire. Unlike most urban fires, wildfires often burn much longer unsuppressed, resulting

in extensive damage to structures and human remains. Fresno State, in partnership with the Fresno Fire Department and Fresno City College created an academy focused on wildfire research and training first-responder teams to find and identify human remains. Our speaker is Dr. Chelsey Juarez, a Fresno State anthropology professor, founder of the Central California Forensic Fire Death Investigation Academy and one of a handful of forensic anthropologists in the state with fire crime-scene investigative expertise.

Breaking Golf's Color Barrier

Presenter: **Dan Taylor**

Thursday, Sept. 24 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Satellite Student Union



"Out of the Rough: Ted Rhodes and His Fight Against Golf's Color Barrier" is the story of pro golf's Jackie Robinson and latest book by former TV sports director Dan Taylor. Barred from golf courses by Jim Crow laws and relegated to the all-Black United Golfers Association by a Caucasians-only PGA Tour membership policy, Rhodes was the first Black golfer in more than 50 years to play in the U.S. Open and also broke racial barriers on the pro golf tour. Taylor, executive director of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame, will introduce us to Rhodes' challenges and triumphs as well as his Fresno connection.

Money in Elections

Presenter: **Dr. Thomas Holyoke**

Thursday, Oct. 15 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Alice Peters Auditorium (PB191)
in the University Business Center and Zoom



Can you buy elections? Most Americans think you can. However, the role of money in U.S. politics is not as clear-cut as you might think. In this election year, Dr. Thomas Holyoke, a Fresno State political science professor, presents the latest data on campaign spending in the mid-term congressional elections. He'll talk about who's giving it, how, and what they might expect in return for their considerable donations and discuss the possibility of reform besides answering our questions about that and other aspects of our political system.

Keynote Speakers



A Legacy of Valley Legends

Presenters: **Elizabeth Laval and Mark Standriff**

Thursday, Nov. 5 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Satellite Student Union

"Valley Legends and Legacies" is back on KMJ radio with a new name, stories and host. Now it's "Valley Legends – The Legacy Continues," airing stories about the people, places, and events that shaped our region. The vignettes were based on the writing of the late Cathy Rehart, and voiced for more than three decades by Al Smith, former KMJ general manager and Fresno Chamber of Commerce CEO. Joining us to discuss the revival are researcher, writer, and photo editor Elizabeth Laval and on-air host Mark Standriff, director of Beautify Fresno and a local actor.

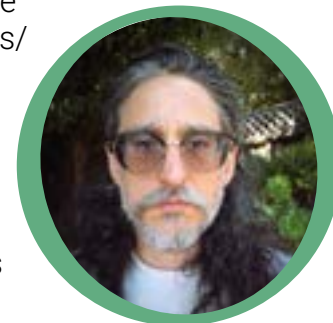


Your Favorite Band (A Tribute)

Presenter: **Joshua Tehee**

Thursday, Nov. 19 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Satellite Student Union

Veteran Fresno Bee culture reporter has covered his share of tribute bands over the decades. He'll share the history and current state of tribute groups as a legitimate form of live entertainment, from Las Vegas variety shows to national (even international) concert tours and local performances. His topics include various types of tributes (novelty acts and mashups vs. the clones); the most famous/successful tribute acts; crossovers from tribute to mainstream acts; box-office sales; and Fresno-famous tributes, such as Jeremy Pearce's Elvis Presley.



Pack Light, Live Large on Life's Unexpected Journeys

Presenter: **Dianne Callahan**

Wednesday, Dec. 2 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Satellite Student Union

Whether it's a health diagnosis, a personal loss, or an unexpected change in work or relationships, these moments can feel like being suddenly switched to a new track on a train ride you didn't choose. In this inspiring and transformative keynote, author, four-time cancer survivor, and Fresno OLLI favorite Dianne Callahan invites us to reflect on what we carry with us through life's unexpected trips. We'll learn what lightens our journey by packing hope, humor, resilience, connection, and urgency. Using powerful storytelling, vivid metaphors, and tangible symbols pulled from her "suitcase on stage," participants learn to identify the attributes that lighten the journey – and the baggage that holds us back.



Once A Month



Let's Talk Sports

\$40 **Wednesdays, Sept. 2, Oct. 7 (Resnick Student Union, Room 207), Nov. 4, Dec. 2 1 to 2:30 p.m. | ED140**
Max. 32 participants in person

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Presenter: Ken Robison

When former Fresno Bee sports reporter Ken Robison presides, be ready for insight into what's happening throughout the world of athletic competition, especially what's happening close to home. Each month, participants gather in person for their opportunity to participate in lively discussion of current sports news; ask guests whatever's on their mind; and learn from Ken's experience in reporting, participating, youth coaching, and being a fan. Each class is an opportunity unavailable on sports-talk shows to share our passions and hear what other fans our age believe just as passionately.

Book Club

\$40 **Fridays, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 4 | 9:30 to 11 a.m.**
ED140 and Zoom
Max. 26 participants in person

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Presenter: Kay Davies

One of the most popular monthly OLLI offerings is our Book Club. OLLI members choose the books that the succeeding term's participants will obtain and read and then we gather in person and via Zoom to share our thoughts about each title. Educator Kay Davies is the facilitator of each session, raising provocative topics about each book to ensure a lively discussion. This time around participants will read "The Doctors Blackwell" by Janice Nimura (September); "The Round House" by Louise Erdrich (October); "Autocracy Inc: The Dictators Who Want to Run the World" by Anne Applebaum (November); and "The Correspondent: A Tale of Silent Letters" by Virginia Evans (December).

Current Events

\$40 **Thursdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 3 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.**
ED140 and Zoom
Max. 26 participants in person

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Presenter: Lanny Larson

OLLI members have a monthly opportunity to discuss what's making news globally, nationally, and closer to home and how it's covered by media. We get to express our opinions about what's happening outside our usual personal circle and to learn from peers, some of whom offer different viewpoints. In contrast to many other discussions of what's happening, we encourage spirited, informed discourse and insist it be civil and respectful. Lanny Larson, who continues writing and editing and keeping tabs on current events after retiring from a career in broadcast, news service and print journalism, leads our sessions, offered in-person and via Zoom.

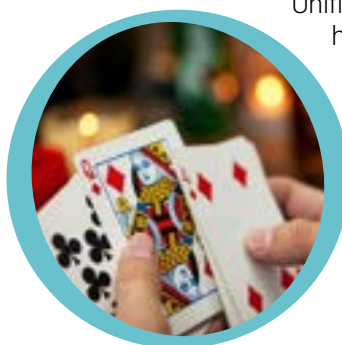
Games You Love to Play

\$40 **Fridays, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 4 1 to 3 p.m. | ED140**

Presenter: Cathy Self

In short order, this has become one of the most popular activities in the Fresno State OLLI Once a Month lineup. It's a get-together to learn table games in a relaxed, convivial atmosphere that promotes socialization and interaction.

Fresno State alumna and retired Central Unified educator Cathy Self is the host for this super-casual course. Her goal is that class members "go home and teach their grandchildren and neighbors the games and then continue playing at home." She adds that each session "we play and laugh and tease each other, and just have fun."





Short Courses

Beginning Watercolor Painting

\$55 Wednesdays, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23
3 to 4:30 p.m. | **ED140**
Max. 15 participants

If registering by mail, please call the office first to confirm availability and avoid delays or refunds.

Presenters: **Nancy Pressley and Shelia Earl**

Unlock your creativity! Did you know that making art enhances emotional and physical well-being? Art is non-competitive, authentic self-expression. You don't need any painting experience to benefit from this course.

You will be provided with all the tools and supplies you need that will be yours to keep. Shelia and Nancy have been teaching watercolor classes for two years. Artistic endeavors, friendship, and laughter have flourished in these classes. They hope that you will experience that joy in this short course.



Levi Strauss, the Gold Rush, and the World's Most Famous Pair of Pants!

\$15 Thursday, Sept. 3
3:30 to 5 p.m. | **Zoom**

Presenter: **Anette Isaacs**

In this 21st century, 19th-century denim pants are much loved and worn all over. Since their introduction during California's Gold Rush, jeans have become an iconic garment. But did you know that jeans were made world famous by an adventurous Bavarian Jew who combined his marvelous business sense with German ingenuity? German historian Anette Isaacs, a frequent presenter to Fresno State OLLI, will lead us on a fascinating journey back to the days of the Gold Rush and Levi Strauss's amazing life.

Write. Edit. Publish.

\$40 Thursdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24
1 to 2:30 p.m. | **ED140** and **Zoom**

Presenter: **Bonnie Hearn Hill**

Whether you're an experienced or beginning writer, writing poetry, essays, a memoir, or a novel, this workshop will help you reach the next step. Instructor Bonnie Hearn Hill is a Fresno-based multipublished novelist and professional editor who will help participants shape and submit their work for today's market. Classes will offer lectures, discussions, readings, and submission tips, while optional homework assignments will focus on varied aspects of writing and will be edited by the instructor, who understands that writing in a vacuum can be lonely. She intends for this course to be supportive, informative, and fun. Students should bring writing utensils, paper or laptop. So far, three previous class members have published in literary magazines since the end of the spring session. And many more are excitedly submitting.

History of America's National Park System

\$15 Thursday, Sept. 17
9 to 10:30 a.m. | **Zoom**

Presenter: **David Kroese**

Presenter David Kroese's distinction of being one of only a few Americans to visit more than 400 sites in our National Parks System makes him distinctly qualified to present this class on its rich history. Naturalist Wallace Stegner wrote that our parks system was "the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst." Kroese will guide us from before the creation of the National Park Service in 1916 to its stewardship of 433 parks, monuments, seashores, battlefields, parkways, preserves, wild rivers, trails, and other sites across America and its territories.





Short Courses

The Sierra Railroad - Steam Days

\$15 **Thursday, Sept. 17**
3 to 4:30 p.m. | ED140
Max. 80 participants in person

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Presenter: Dan Carrion

The Sierra Railroad has been a fixture of the Sonora area for over 100 years. Besides its contribution to the general economic development of Tuolumne County, the Sierra Railroad has provided lumber and mining companies with an outlet to the rest of the world and has been a huge part of the creation of over a hundred Hollywood western movies and TV series. Steam locomotives have played a huge part in the rich history of the railroad, and the creation of Railtown 1897, as a California State Park, preserves a glimpse into the actual steam era nerve center of the railroad. Local historian Dan Carrion, whose passions include steam locomotives, will be our guide.

Writing Your Way Back to Yourself

\$60 **Wednesdays, Sept. 23, 30,**
Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
1 to 2:30 p.m. | ED140
Max. 20 participants in person

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Presenter: Armen Bacon

Meet yourself honestly on the page in this six-session memoir-writing course led by author and OLLI fave Armen Bacon. We will slow down and listen to the stories that have shaped us and discover those waiting to be told. Through engaging prompts, creative writing exercises, and meaningful assignments, we'll explore the landscapes of our past, reflect on present realities, and imagine the hopes, dreams, and possibilities that lie ahead. We'll help you uncover memories, find deeper meaning in your experiences, and reconnect you with the person you've been, the person you are, and who you are becoming. All you need are curiosity, openness, and a willingness to put pen to paper.

Jazz: America's Music

\$40 **Tuesdays, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13**
3 to 4:30 p.m. | ED140
Max. 80 participants in person

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Presenter: Dr. Matthew Darling

Jazz is truly an American art form, born from the blending of two distinctly different and non-American musical forms: Western European art music and West African music. Popular OLLI instructor, Dr. Matthew Darling, a Fresno State professor of music, leads our exploration. We'll listen to and discuss many styles of American music from the late 19th century through the 20th century, including Blues, Ragtime, Boogie-Woogie, Stride, Early Jazz (aka Dixieland), Big Band and the Swing Era, Bebop, Cool, Hard Bop, Free Jazz, Funky Bop, Latin Jazz, and Contemporary Jazz.



The Music of Poetry

\$40 **Thursdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15**
6 to 7 p.m. | ED140

Presenter: Karigan Wann

Fresno State OLLI surveys indicate our appreciation of poetry and music, so Fresno State alumna and staff member Karigan Wann, a soprano who has performed internationally, has created a class that incorporates both art forms and focuses on the 19th century. In each session, she will introduce a poem and poet and a composer and his or her music. Wann plans to illuminate how the connection to emotion and human experience became a focal point for the intention of writing poetry and composing songs and discuss how the composer interpreted the poetry to give it musical life.



Short Courses

Bob Dylan 101

\$40 Mondays, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26,
Nov. 2 | 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Jannie Dresser**

With a Nobel prize, 10 competitive Grammys and other awards, as well as over 100 million records sold, Bob Dylan has been well-honored, yet many people only know his folksy repertoire or stopped listening when he was born again. Our class, taught by Bay Area poet Jannie Dresser, will be a deeper dive into Dylan's vast repertoire encompassing folk, rock, blues, country, trad, and other genres of musical expression. Still touring at 84, Dylan is also an accomplished visual artist. A true genius in our time.

Culinaria Germania — the Delicious Dish on German Food

\$15 Thursday, Oct. 1
3:30 to 5 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Anette Isaacs**

Many cuisines sampled outside where they originated tend to be limited to the few things that the most people of enjoyed. As a result, most Americans probably think of German food as the familiar bratwurst, sauerkraut, beer, and all kinds of breads, especially flavorful dark grains. However, that's just a tiny sliver of what Germans enjoy. We have the opportunity to expand our culinary knowledge about Germany, guided by Fresno State OLLI popular presenter and German historian Anette Isaacs. She'll introduce us to German regional food and drink favorites and to foods popular in her native country, if not widely sampled in the United States.

International Folk Dance

\$40 Mondays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
3 to 4 p.m. | ED140 | Activity Level 3

Presenter: **Michael Tompkins**

Explore the joy of movement through traditional folk dances from across Europe in a low-pressure environment designed to offer light cardiovascular activity while supporting coordination, balance, and memory. No prior dance experience is necessary. Participants will learn accessible dances in circle, line, and partner formations, including opportunities to change partners and experience the social nature of folk dancing. Each session introduces a new dance along with its cultural background and musical style, with an emphasis on enjoyment rather than performance.

Avant-Garde Women Artists of 1920s Paris

\$15 Wednesday, Sept. 30
3 to 4:30 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Eleanor Schrader**

1920s Paris, emerging from the devastation of a World War and with Art Deco era optimism, was an innovative place in which women artists engaged in complex ways. Artists from across the world flocked to Paris, and as women enjoyed a more accepting atmosphere in Paris, they participated in a continuing artistic enlightenment that increased their presence and visibility. OLLI favorite Eleanor Schrader will explore the unorthodox lives and radical art of artists such as Tamara de Lempicka, Romaine Brooks, and Suzanne Valadon as they worked within the context of the rapidly changing times in which they lived.

Taiwanese Culture and Conversational Mandarin

\$30 Mondays, Oct. 5, 12, 19
11 to 12:30 p.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Dr. Pei-Ying Wu**

This engaging introduction to Taiwanese culture and conversational Mandarin Chinese is taught by Dr. Pei-Ying Wu, a native of Taiwan, Fresno State faculty member and co-facilitator of the university's international student-exchange program. Our course is designed for beginners with no prior language experience required and focus on practical communication skills, hopefully including a virtual language exchange with Taiwanese high school students. The curriculum also includes key aspects of Taiwanese life, including geography, family traditions, festivals, tea culture, night markets, food customs, education, and everyday social and cultural practices.





Short Courses

Science, Industry, and Labor Lessons

\$15 Tuesday, Oct. 6
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **David Kroese**

Only 63 of the 433 units operated by the National Park Service are designated national parks – less than 15 percent. However, across the more than 19 different designations in the national parks system are numerous bits of Americana that extend far beyond scenic beauty and intertwine to teach valuable history lessons, too. Dave Kroese has visited all the National Park Service units and now provides courses that focus on various facets of what we can learn from them individually and collectively. This time, we'll visit more than 30 places that tell the story of scientific discovery, the Industrial Revolution, and the labor that built America.

Archetypes of Wisdom

\$40 Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
3 to 4:30 p.m. | ED140
Max. 80 participants in person

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Presenter: **Dr. Andrew Fiala**

Philosophy professor, author, and columnist Dr. Andrew Fiala will lead participants on a discussion of the history of philosophy and the world's wisdom traditions. The course is based upon Fiala's co-authored book, "Archetypes of Wisdom" (with Doug Soccio). It will

consider the thinking of Western philosophers, Asian sages, and modern thinkers, while considering perennial wisdom about wisdom, skepticism, faith, and knowledge, as well as the idea of philosophy as a way of life.



Understanding Religions in the Central Valley

\$30 Wednesday, Oct. 7
10:30 a.m. | ED 140
Tuesday, Oct. 13 | 10:30 a.m. to noon
Community United Church of Christ
5550 N. Fresno St.
Thursday, Oct. 15 | 10:30 a.m. to noon
Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church
2226 Ventura Ave.

Presenter: **Ron Orozco**

Former Fresno Bee religion reporter Ron Orozco continues his popular OLLI courses with a look into stained-glass windows, big and small, and how they inspire people at places of worship and educate others about core beliefs practiced there. The course will include stories about the stained-glass windows Ron has seen visiting scores of churches, synagogues, temples and other places of worship during 14 years of reporting. We'll take field trips to a north Fresno church featuring windows created by award-winning local artist Corky Normat and to downtown Fresno, where the church in old Armenia Town is on the National Registry of Historic Places.



Fun Photo Projects You Can Do with Any Camera

\$40 Thursdays, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29
1 to 2:30 p.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Ken McCoy**

The projects list is endless. It could include home inventory, travel, family, greeting cards, snapshots, documentary photography, life chronicles, and more. Presenter Ken McCoy invites us to bring our camera and create a fun workflow for a wide range of photo projects. Ken also will draw on his extensive career experience as a photojournalist and instructor to show and share about historical images he's captured, such as the Academy Awards, breaking news, and stock photography. A fun highlight of each class is the review of students' weekly idea assignments.



Short Courses

Origins of Modern Science: How We Learned to See the World

\$40 Tuesdays, Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3
1 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Dr. John Hendrickson**

Scientific discoveries do not emerge in isolation, but are shaped by the people who make them and the worlds those people inhabit. Much-requested Dr. John Hendrickson of Arizona State University, leads this exploration of how some of the most familiar scientific discoveries arose through individual personalities, cultural pressures, philosophical assumptions, and historical accidents. We'll follow the human stories behind ideas that changed how we see life and the universe, while examining how knowledge is built, challenged, and revised, as we come to understand the deep entanglement of science and society.

Interest Groups and Political Parties

\$40 Tuesdays, Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10
3 to 4:30 p.m. | ED140 and Zoom

Presenter: **Blake Zante**

If you aren't at the table, you're on the menu." It's how many Americans feel about interest groups and lobbyists, but Maddy Institute Executive Director Blake Zante says both groups play a crucial role in our democratic institutions and system of government. Our course explores the role, strategy, and influence of interest groups and political parties and will examine why they form, how they shape policy, and how they contribute to – and challenge – the health of democratic institutions.

Silent Speech!

\$15 Wednesday, Oct. 21
10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Dr. Stephenie Slahor**

We've all said to ourselves – even out loud: What's that person really thinking? Dr. Stephenie Slahor offers us a class about how we may be able to answer our own question fairly easily by learning how to read true intent or meaning by observation. We'll explore how gestures, facial expressions, and body movements sometimes speak more eloquently and truthfully than words ever could about true reactions, rather than what others want us to believe. Dr. Slahor is a much-requested Fresno State OLLI presenter whose courses have ranged from the American Southwest to sleep and speleology.

History and Mystery of Color: White

\$15 Tuesday, Oct. 20
10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Eleanor Schrader**

It's all in how you look at it, but white is its own controversy. Ask an artist and you'll hear white's a color. Ask a scientist and you might be told it's an absence of color or that it's a grand amalgam of all the colors at once. One of Fresno State OLLI's most requested Zoom presenters, Eleanor Schrader, will help us understand varied perspectives. She taught art and architectural history in college classrooms before opting to deliver illuminating courses to OLLI members across the nation. This course adds to the color palette she's presented here the past few years.



Tree Fresno: Celebrating 40 Years of Urban Forestry in the Valley

\$15 Thursday, Oct. 22
10 to 11:30 a.m. | ED140



Presenter: **Mona Cummings**

Tree Fresno is a non-profit founded in 1985 by a group of people who concluded that planting more urban trees could benefit the Valley by beautifying the area, increasing shade, improving community health, and improving air and water quality. Since that time, with help from partnerships and volunteers, the organization has planted over 55,000 trees throughout Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties. CEO Mona Nyandoro Cummings will share more about how Tree Fresno contributes to the health of our environment and how you can get involved.



Short Courses

The Eyes (And Ears and Noses) in the Sky: A History of Spying in the Space Age

\$30 Mondays, Nov. 2, 9, 16
3 to 4:30 p.m. | **ED140** and **Zoom**

Presenter: **Larry Parmeter**

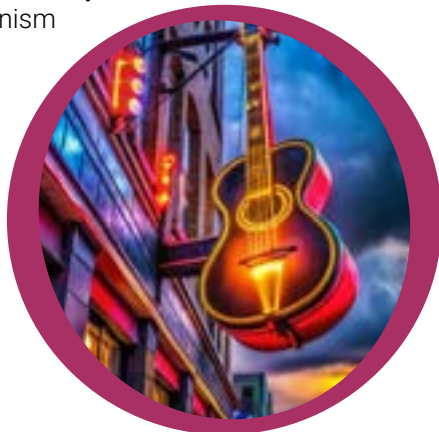
Since the beginning of the Space Era in the 1950s, many nations, especially the United States, Russia, and China, have used both uncrewed and crewed spacecraft for military and intelligence-gathering purposes. This class will look at the history of these clandestine space programs, their technology, and what is known about them today.

Scandals and Controversies in Pop Music and Broadway Music

\$40 Tuesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
10 to 11:30 a.m. | **Zoom**

Presenter: **Emanuel Abramovits**

Music has always been a source of controversy and scandal. In the search for originality, some artists push the envelope too far and either pay the price, or use it for self promotion. There have been fascinating episodes of plagiarism, cultural appropriation and cases involving sensibilities on race and sexuality. New technologies are dangerously isolating the listener from the world outside and Artificial Intelligence is arriving with a group of tough challenges. This class is full of stories and anecdotes involving Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Pink Floyd Peter Frampton, The Rolling Stones, Coldplay and more!. In the case of Broadway, political correctness and sensibilities on race, consent and sexuality have called for revisionism that has transformed the art of writing musicals. The class is full of anecdotes and audiovisuals.



Family Reunion Success: Fun, Simple, Memorable

\$15 Monday, Nov. 2
6 to 7 p.m. | **ED140** and **Zoom**

Presenter: **Angel Langridge**

Family reunions are often a lot of fun, but organizing one can feel like a big task. Discover creative and enjoyable ways to bring your family together, making each reunion memorable, engaging, and easier to plan year after year. Bring a family member and start making memories. Fresno State alumna and staff member Angel Langridge helps plan her family's annual reunion, which draws more than 100 family members from across the country.



Engaging Lifelong Learners in Early Childhood Education

FREE Thursday, Nov. 5
10 to 11:30 a.m. | **ED140**

Presenter: **Dr. Pei-Ying Wu**

This presentation will introduce us to the ECE Ally Project, being piloted this school year by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. This innovative initiative aims to address the shortage of early childhood educators by engaging adults aged 50 and older in meaningful volunteer roles within classrooms. The presenter is Dr. Pei-Ying Wu, an associate professor of in the university's Kremen School of Education and Human Development. She'll share the current need for additional support in early childhood settings (PreK-3); highlight how older adults can serve as valuable classroom allies; and provide an overview of the ECE Ally experience, key project requirements and expectations.





Short Courses

Play Seminar for Fresno State's Production of "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane"

\$30

Fridays, Nov. 6 and 17
3 to 4:30 p.m. | ED140

Friday, Nov. 13 | 7:30 p.m. 🌙

in the John W. Wright Theatre

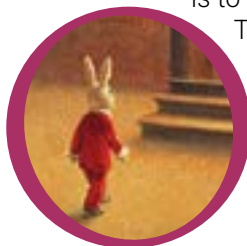
Max. 40 participants

If registering by mail, please call the office first to confirm availability and avoid delays or refunds.

Presenters: **Dr. Nicola Olsen**

This course includes pre- and post-show seminars and attendance at a Fresno State Theatre production of "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" by Dwayne Hartford. Dr. Nicola Olsen, an assistant professor in the university's Department of Theatre and Dance, will help participants learn more about the playwright, themes, and history of the play in the pre-performance class. The goal is to enhance enjoyment of the performance.

The seminar following the play invites everyone to share their views about the play, its interpretation, and design. It's also an opportunity to hear the views of others in a discussion where everyone learns.



Floriography

\$15

Thursday, Nov. 12
3 to 4:30 p.m. | Zoom

Presenter: **Dr. Stephenie Slahor**

Unless we're avid gardeners, we may not think much about flowers expressing thoughts, except around Valentine's day and other festive occasions, or to express condolences. From ancient times to the Ottoman Empire, however, and from the Victorian Era to the present, flowers have been, and are, used to communicate our thoughts, emotions, and conversation. Floriography, defined as the language of flowers, began hundreds of years ago, and still influences our choices of flowers and colors. We'll hear much more from Dr. Stephenie Slahor, who has brought a broad range of courses to our OLLI curriculum.



Everyday AI

\$40

Mondays, Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30
6 to 7 p.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Benjamin Kirk**

Curious about Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

This hands-on course is designed for beginners and introduces three free AI tools — ChatGPT, Google Gemini, and Google NotebookLM. Learn how to use AI for everyday tasks like planning, personal research, brainstorming, and exploring new ideas. No prior experience is needed. Please bring a laptop, smartphone, or tablet with internet access, so we can help you set up your free AI accounts during class. Staff member Benjamin Kirk has facilitated several CSU-wide AI courses, served on Fresno State's AI Task Force and developed AI workflows for his department.



Game On, Grown Up: Exploring Online Gaming Today

\$15

Thursday, Nov. 19
10 to 11:30 a.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Katelyn Spencer**

Online gaming has become a source of entertainment for many generations and comes in a wide variety of formats to create community and pass the time. But what is it really? In this class, participants will learn the basics of online gaming; learn enough lingo to talk to gamers. Importantly, the class will present tips and tricks to keep even our youngest gamers safe in this worldwide environment. Teaching this first-of-its-kind OLLI short course is Fresno State alumna Katelyn Spencer, who works in the Division of Advancement supporting the university's fundraising efforts.





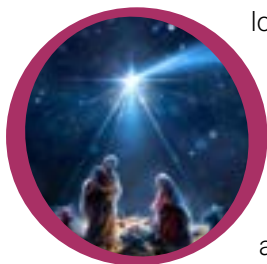
Short Courses

The Star of Bethlehem: Myth, Miracle, or Magic?

\$15 Thursday, Dec. 3
1 to 2:30 p.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Russell Stolling**

What do we know about the Star of Bethlehem? Facts are scarce. Myths and theories abound. Was it an astrological sign, an astronomical event, or both? What can we believe? We'll



look at the scripture's scant evidence from the vantages of astrology, ancient and modern astronomy, and examine theories false, impossible, and credible.

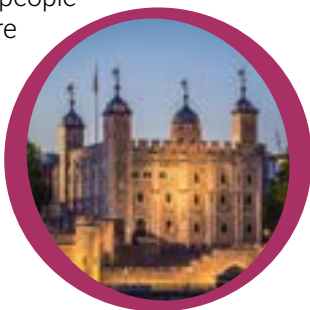
Russell Stolling, a local amateur astronomer, will share clues in texts, diagrams, and photographs that point to likely conclusion.

The Tower of London

\$15 Thursday, Dec. 3
3 to 4:30 p.m. | ED140

Presenter: **Micheline Golden**

Both a royal palace and a prison, the Tower of London has stood on the Thames for nearly 1000 years. Popular presenter Micheline Golden adds this course to her extensive résumé of Fresno State OLLI classes, explaining English history and culture. Rather than wait hours in line with the rest of the tourists, OLLI members will take a virtual tour of the Tower and hear about the famous and not-so-famous people who have lived and died there over the centuries. Find out why the ravens are so important and also get a glimpse of a private pub reserved just for the people who (still) live in this historic castle.



Activity Levels

We encourage everyone to choose activity levels that match their current abilities. Overestimating can lead to discomfort or safety concerns, so it's best to err on the side of caution.

1 Light and Leisurely

You're a leisurely adventurer.

- You can board a coach, and walk with or without a walking aid at a relaxed pace for up to 60 minutes without difficulty.
- You can stand for short periods of time.

2 Moderate

You like a balanced approach.

- Walking with or without a walking aid, two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you.
- You can handle a variety of terrains, from city streets to gravel paths to uneven ground to moderate hills with relative ease.
- You can climb one to two flights of stairs.
- You can stand for 30 minutes.

3 Active

You're on-the-go.

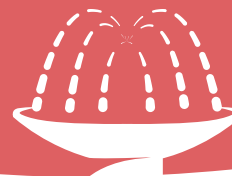
- Walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal.
- Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of travel.
- You can climb three flights of stairs easily
- This level is not suitable for participants who require mobility assistance devices.

4 Very Active

You're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring.

- You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal for you.
- You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering 3+ miles at a steady clip) and activities that involve traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of time, and varying altitudes and temperatures.
- This level is not appropriate for participants who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

On Campus and Out of the Classroom



These are activities that get you out of the OLLI classroom to explore the Fresno State campus and facilities.

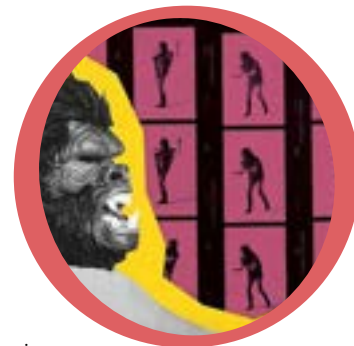
Guerilla Girls Tactics: The Never-Ending War on Sexism in the Art World

\$15 **Tuesday, Sept. 8 | 9 a.m.**
Conley Art Building, Room 216
Activity Level 2 | Max. 25 participants

If registering by mail, please call the office first to confirm availability and avoid delays or refunds.

Presenter: Chris Lopez

Since the late 20th century, major art institutions have been controlled largely by white male leadership, leading to a stark underrepresentation of women artists and curators, while female nudes in artwork remained prevalent. The Guerrilla Girls, formed in 1985, challenged these inequities by concealing their identities behind gorilla masks and pseudonyms of deceased female artists. This session will explore and even expand that conversation to other marginalized groups facing similar barriers today. Join us for a discussion and tour of the Guerrilla Girls exhibition in the Phebe Conley Gallery. Chris Lopez is the program director for the Center for Creativity and the Arts.



Supporting Student Success: A Tour of the Amendola Family Student Cupboard

\$15 **Wednesday, Sept. 16 | 9 a.m.**
Industrial Technology Building, Room 144, Barstow/Jackson avenues
Activity Level 2 | Max. 20 participants

If registering by mail, please call the office first to confirm availability and avoid delays or refunds.

Presenter: Michael Ballin

Join us for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Amendola Family Student Cupboard, Fresno State's free food pantry serving currently enrolled students. During the visit, you'll learn how the cupboard operates, how students access its services, and how food and essential items are obtained through purchases, donations, and community partnerships. Since opening in 2014, the Student Cupboard has supported nearly 30,000 students and their families with almost 500,000 visits. Staff will also be available to answer your questions. Michael Ballin is the project coordinator for Fresno State's Food Security Project, which includes the Amendola Family Student Cupboard.



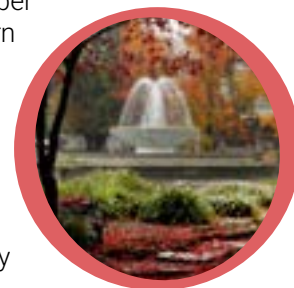
Autumn Morning at Fresno State

\$15 **Friday, Oct. 2 | 10 a.m.**
Meet in ED140
Activity Level 3 | Max. 25 participants

If registering by mail, please call the office first to confirm availability and avoid delays or refunds.

Presenter: Eddie Zenteno

Some OLLI members likely remember when Maple Avenue was the eastern border of Fresno State's academic campus. Since the 1970s, though, most of the roadway between Shaw and Barstow avenues, has been transformed into a dynamic green space replete with campus landmarks and serving as a gateway to others. Eddie Zenteno, who has cared for the university grounds nearly 40 years, guides this accessible sidewalk tour. We'll visit memorials to submarine veterans, the Armenian Genocide, and former student veterans; view the plantings and trees that are part of the campus Arboretum; and see the buildings that were part of the academic campus' eastward expansion.



On Campus and Out of the Classroom



These are activities that get you out of the OLLI classroom to explore the Fresno State campus and facilities.

Listen Up and Watch Out at Fresno State's Music and Media Library

\$15 **Thursday, Oct. 8 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.**
Fresno State Library, third floor, Room 3114
Activity Level 2 | Max. 15 participants

If registering by mail, please call the office first to confirm availability and avoid delays or refunds.

Presenter: **Terry Lewis**

This was so popular that we had a waiting list, so we're offering this new opportunity to explore the multifaceted Music & Media Department within the Fresno State Library. Department Director Terry Lewis is our guide to the Ronald J. Harlan Music Collection, the largest music assemblage in the CSU system, plus video recordings, listening/viewing facilities, smart classrooms, and high-powered computer workstations with graphic design and music composition software. The department curates more than 100,000 compact discs, LPs, and scores includes classical, musical theatre, popular/rock, jazz, world music, and spoken word, in addition to more than 7,000 videos of educational and research value in all subject areas.



Empowering Communities and Entrepreneurs: A Tour of the Office of Community and Economic Development

\$15 **Wednesday, Oct. 28 | 9 to 11 a.m.**
1625 E Shaw Ave #146, Fresno, CA 93710
Activity Level 1 | Max. 22 participants

If registering by mail, please call the office first to confirm availability and avoid delays or refunds.

Presenter: **Barbara Foster**

Tour Fresno State's Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) and discover how it supports economic opportunity and community development throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Participants will visit the Women's Entrepreneur Center (WEC), named the 2026 U.S. Small Business Administration Fresno District Women's Business Center of the Year for its outstanding support of female entrepreneurs. The tour includes an overview of WEC services, a presentation from a local entrepreneur about their business journey, and a demonstration of Cricut machines used to create promotional and business materials. Barbara Foster is the executive director of OCED.



Adventures



Community Media Access Tour at the Old Fresno Bee Building

Wednesday, Sept. 23 | 9 to 11:30 a.m.
1555 Van Ness Ave. #201, Fresno, CA 93721
\$15 members only

Activity Level 2 | Max. 20 participants

If registering by mail, please call the office first to confirm availability and avoid delays or refunds.

Presenters: **Candace Egan and Johnny Pecina**

OLLI members will have the opportunity for a guided tour of the Community Media Access Collaborative (CMAC) TV studio in the historic downtown former Fresno Bee Building, which also served as the Fresno Metropolitan Museum. Learn about how this award-winning community media center operates and supports local media creators, giving access to diverse individuals, groups and government entities that might not otherwise be available. Helping us learn more about this vital community service will be Candace Egan, a professor in the university's Department of Media, Communications and Journalism, and CMAC Community Media Manager Johnny Pecina.

Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater: "Come from Away"

Friday, Oct. 16 | Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
1226 N. Wishon Ave., Fresno, CA 93728

\$75 members | \$80 non-members

Activity Level 1 | Max. 30 participants

If registering by mail, please call the office first to confirm availability and avoid delays or refunds.

Presenters: **Roger Rocka's**

On 9/11 the world stopped. On 9/12 their stories moved us all. The brilliant hit musical based on the remarkable true story of the "Come From Aways" diverted from Europe to the small Newfoundland town of Gander. Dinner and show are included in the ticket price.



Visit to the California 9/11 Memorial

Thursday, Oct. 1 | 10 to 11 a.m.

3485 Never Forget Lane, Clovis

\$5 members | \$5 non-members | Activity Level 3

Presenter: **Terra Brusseau**

Former Pelco CEO David McDonald was so deeply affected by the thousands of lives lost during the 9/11 terrorist attacks that he built a California Memorial on Pelco's grounds in Clovis to pay tribute to the fallen public safety officers. For the opening dedication in December 2001, Pelco chartered five commercial airliners to fly out more than 1,100 New York fire and police personnel. This permanent monument continues to hold an annual commemoration ceremony. The monument and annual ceremony are the largest of their kind outside of New York City, hosting more than 5,000 visitors annually. We will take a trip to visit this community treasure.



Monumental History Trek - Mussel Slough and Stone Corral

Friday, Oct. 30 | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meet in ED140

\$50 members | \$55 non-members

Activity Level 3 | Max. 36 participants

If registering by mail, please call the office first to confirm availability and avoid delays or refunds.

Presenter: **Dan Carrion**

Historian Dan Carrion, a former Fresno State Theater Department staffer, will guide this adventure, which begins with a bus trip from campus to the Hanford area for the 1880 Mussel Slough shootout site and the cemetery where three people who died there are buried. Next, it's Hanford's Courthouse Park to explore some sites of interest and have lunch (on our own), possibly enjoying a cold treat from Superior Dairy's pink truck that's open while the cafe is being renovated. After a visit to Stone Corral, site of the final shootout of Sontag and Evans, the trip's historical aspect ends in Reedley, visiting several historical sites, before returning to campus.

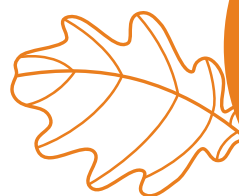
Calendars

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September

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		1 p.m. Let's Talk Sports 3 p.m. Beginning Watercolor Painting	1 p.m. Write. Edit. Publish. 3:30 p.m. Levi Strauss, the Gold Rush, and the World's Most Famous Pair of Pants	
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Labor Day	9 a.m. Guerilla Girls Tactics: The Neverending War on Sexism in the Art Worlds	3 p.m. Beginning Watercolor Painting	10 a.m. Current Events 1 p.m. Write. Edit. Publish.	9:30 a.m. Book Club 1 p.m. Games You Love to Play
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		9 a.m. Supporting Student Success: A Tour of the Amendola Family Student Cupboard 3 p.m. Beginning Watercolor Painting	9 a.m. History of America's National Park System 1 p.m. Write. Edit. Publish. 3 p.m. The Sierra Railroad - Steam Days	
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	3 p.m. Jazz: America's Music	9 a.m. Community Media Access Tour at the Old Fresno Bee Building 1 p.m. Writing Your Way Back to Yourself 3 p.m. Beginning Watercolor Painting	1 p.m. Write. Edit. Publish. 3 p.m. Breaking Golf's Color Barrier 6 p.m. The Music of Poetry 🌙	
28	29	30		
1 p.m. Bob Dylan 101		1 p.m. Writing Your Way Back to Yourself		
	3 p.m. Jazz: America's Music	3 p.m. Avant-Garde Women Artists of 1920s Paris		



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			10 a.m. Visit to the California 9/11 Memorial 3:30 p.m. Culinaria Germania 6 p.m. The Music of Poetry 🌙	10 a.m. Autumn Morning at Fresno State
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11 a.m. Taiwanese Culture and Conversational Mandarin 1 p.m. Bob Dylan 101 3 p.m. International Folk Dance	11 a.m. Science, Industry, and Labor Lessons 3 p.m. Jazz: America's Music	10:30 a.m. Understanding Religions in the Central Valley 1 p.m. Let's Talk Sports 1 p.m. Writing Your Way Back to Yourself 3 p.m. Archetypes of Wisdom	10 a.m. Current Events 1 p.m. Fun Photo Projects You Can Do with Any Camera 3 p.m. Fresno State's Music and Media Library 6 p.m. The Music of Poetry 🌙	9:30 a.m. Book Club 1 p.m. Games You Love to Play
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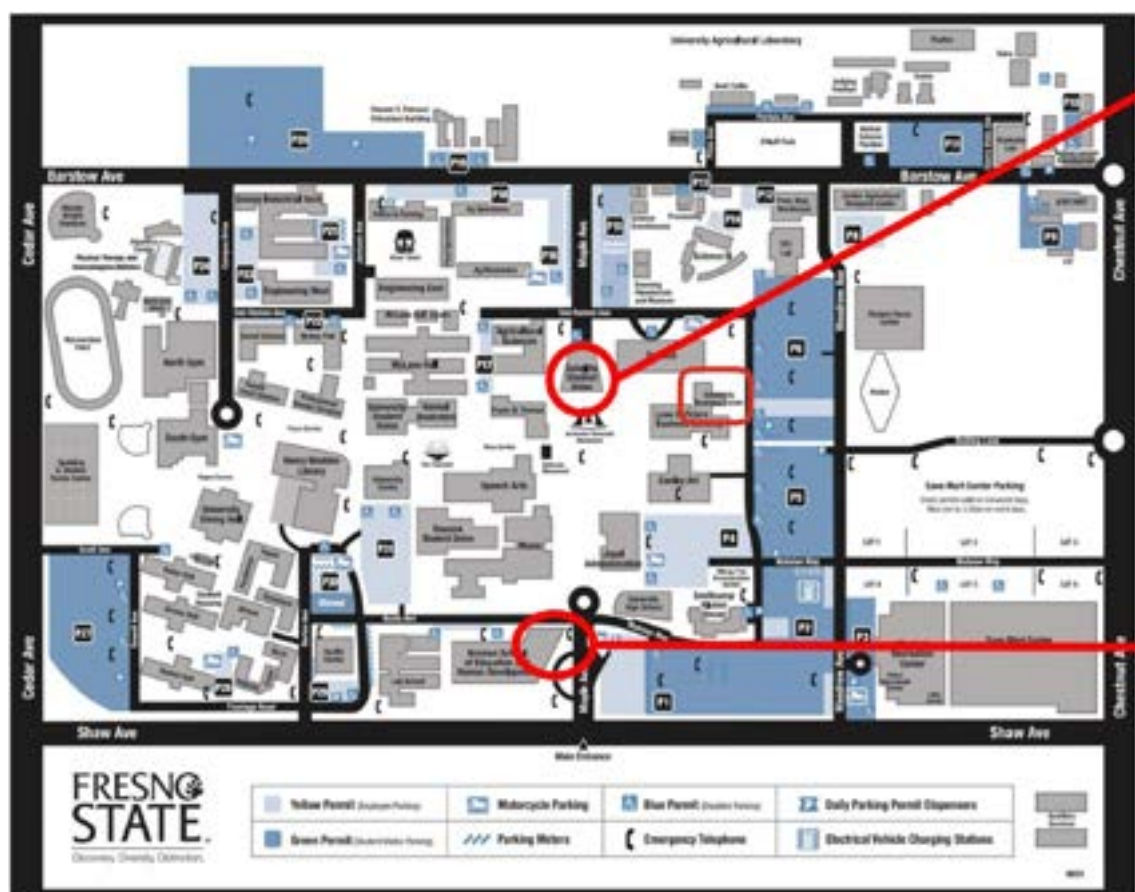
November

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	10 a.m. Scandals and Controversies in Pop and Broadway Music		10 a.m. Engaging Lifelong Learners in Early Childhood Education	9:30 a.m. Book Club
1 p.m. Bob Dylan 101	1 p.m. Origins of Modern Science	1 p.m. Let's Talk Sports		
3 p.m. The Eyes (And Ears and Noses) in the Sky	3 p.m. Interest Groups and Political Parties		3 p.m. A Legacy of Valley Legends	3 p.m. Play Seminar for Fresno State's Production of "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane"
6 p.m. Family Reunion Success: Fun, Simple, Memorable 🌙				
9	10	11	12	13
	10 a.m. Scandals and Controversies in Pop and Broadway Music	Veterans Day	10 a.m. Current Events	
				1 p.m. Games You Love to Play
3 p.m. The Eyes (And Ears and Noses) in the Sky	3 p.m. Interest Groups and Political Parties		3 p.m. Floriography	
6 p.m. Everyday AI 🌙				7:30 p.m. Play Seminar for Fresno State's Production of "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" 🌙
16	17	18	19	20
	10 a.m. Scandals and Controversies in Pop and Broadway Music		10 a.m. Game On, Grown Up: Exploring Online Gaming Today	
3 p.m. The Eyes (And Ears and Noses) in the Sky	3 p.m. Play Seminar for Fresno State's Production of "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane"		3 p.m. Your Favorite Band (A Tribute)	
6 p.m. Everyday All 🌙				
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	10 a.m. Scandals and Controversies in Pop and Broadway Music		Thanksgiving Holiday	
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		1 p.m. Let's Talk Sports	10 a.m. Current Events	9:30 a.m. Book Club
		3 p.m. Pack Light, Live Large on Life's Unexpected Journeys	1 p.m. The Star of Bethlehem: Myth, Miracle, or Magic?	1 p.m. Games You Love to Play
			3 p.m. The Tower of London	

Locations



 **OLLI Keynote Talks** are held in the **Satellite Student Union**

OR the **University Business Center**, Alice Peters Aud. (PB 191).
Park in lots P15, P16, P18 or P6.

 **OLLI classes** are held in Room ED 140.
Park in lots P1 or P2.

Enter the Kremen Education Building through the door marked "Continuing and Global Education," on the right as you approach from parking lots. Disabled-permit parking is available in front of the Kremen Building and in Parking Lot 1, just east of Maple Avenue.



How it Works



✓ Make Your Selections

- ▶ Membership fee \$45
- ▶ Review this semester's offerings and make your selections. You may choose additional courses and activities at a later date.
- ▶ It may be helpful to use the enclosed form as a worksheet before using the online registration system. That way you'll also have a copy for future reference.
- ▶ Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, **after** the Catalog Drop event. Some activities may have participants caps. If registering by mail, please call the office first to confirm availability and avoid delays or refunds.
- ▶ **OLLI courses and activities are self-supporting; a minimum enrollment is required.**
- ▶ **Course fees vary according to course length and are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

Guidance for Hybrid OLLI Offerings

- ▶ When you register, you will be asked to choose **"IN-PERSON"** or **"ZOOM"** for our hybrid classes.
- ▶ If you register for an in-person course and change your mind to attend online, please notify us so we can offer your in-person seat to those on the waiting list.
- ▶ ***We do our best to offer hybrid classes. However, those participating online may not be able to fully participate in the discussion due to technology limitations. We are committed to providing the best experience possible, recognizing that glitches may happen. We thank you for your understanding.***

✓ Register Online

- ▶ It's super quick and easy to register and pay online. No Math. No Envelopes. No Stamps.
- ▶ Register online, pay through the secure payment portal, and you'll be registered in a flash.
- ▶ **Go to fresnostate.edu/olli**
- ▶ **First time?** When you first use the online registration system, you will be prompted to provide information and you'll select a username and password.
SAVE YOUR PASSWORD!!
- ▶ **Returning Member?** All your information is already saved – just login with your password and make your selections!

✓ Register by Mail

- ▶ Complete all sections on both sides of the registration form, place in your envelope, affix a stamp, and pop it in the mail.
- ▶ Send it to:
Fresno State OLLI
5005 N. Maple Ave. M/S ED76
Fresno, CA 93740-8025
- ▶ If you need help, please call
559.278.0008
and we will answer your questions.



How it Works



Parking Permit Process

Fresno State has transitioned to license plate-based permitting for all students and campus visitors, which includes OLLI members. Physical permits are no longer distributed or honored.

Register your license plate when you enroll by recording your plate information on the registration form. Please allow 5 business days for processing. An enrollment confirmation will be sent to your email. Each OLLI member is entitled to register one vehicle per semester.

Members will need to renew their parking permit every semester.



Share Your OLLI Enthusiasm

- ▶ Invite your friends and family to join OLLI. Learning is even more fun when shared with others.
- ▶ Follow Fresno State OLLI on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FresnoStateOLLI/
- ▶ Post about your OLLI classes on your social media and tag "us" Fresno State OLLI.



Install Zoom Workplace

- ▶ Zoom is the platform we use for our OLLI online offerings. It takes just a minute to get a **FREE** Zoom account.
- ▶ Please do not be intimidated. You can learn anything!
- ▶ From your desktop or laptop computer, phone or tablet:
 - Apple device (iPhone, iPad): Download Zoom Workplace from the Apple App Store.
 - Android device (phone or tablet that's not an Apple product): Download Zoom Workplace from the Google Play Store.
 - Open the app or go to www.zoom.us and follow the instructions on screen.
- ▶ To participate in live video, Zoom will use the camera on your device (phone, laptop, tablet) if it has one. If you do not have a camera on your device, you can listen in by phone but others won't be able to see you.
- ▶ **NOTE:** You do not need to upgrade or pay for your account to participate in OLLI Zoom events. Our license is through the university and allows you to participate fully. If you decide to host your own Zoom meetings with family, friends or interest groups, you may wish to upgrade someday - but there is no need to for OLLI.
- ▶ If you cannot log in to a video platform, you can listen to classes via telephone. The phone number to dial in to will be provided once you register.
- ▶ We do our best to offer these hybrid classes; however, those joining us on Zoom may not be able to fully participate.



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Registration Form

☐ New Member ☐ Returning Member

▶ Register online at: fresnostate.edu/olli

▶ Use one registration form per member

Member Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Will you need campus parking? ☐ Yes ☐ No License Plate #: _____ State: _____

What is your occupation (current or previous): _____

Are you a Fresno State alumna/us? ☐ Yes ☐ No Graduation Year: _____

Degree: _____

Your age group: ☐ Under 50 ☐ 50-60 ☐ 61-70 ☐ 71-80 ☐ 81-90 ☐ 90+

Fall 2026 Selections

Membership fee \$45 _____

Discount Code/Gift Certificate: _____ \$- _____

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	9/2	Let's Talk Sports – IN PERSON	\$40
	9/10	Current Events – IN PERSON	\$40
	9/10	Current Events – ZOOM	\$40
	9/11	Book Club – IN PERSON	\$40
	9/11	Book Club – ZOOM	\$40
	9/11	Games You Love to Play – IN PERSON	\$40
Select	Start	SHORT COURSES	Fee
	9/2	Beginning Watercolor Painting – IN PERSON	\$55
	9/3	Write. Edit. Publish. – IN PERSON	\$40
	9/3	Write. Edit. Publish. – ZOOM	\$40
	9/3	Levi Strauss, the Gold Rush, and the World's Most Famous Pair of Pants – ZOOM	\$15
	9/17	History of America's National Park System – ZOOM	\$15
	9/17	The Sierra Railroad - Steam Days – IN PERSON	\$15
	9/22	Jazz: America's Music – IN PERSON	\$40
	9/23	Writing Your Way Back to Yourself – IN PERSON	\$60
	9/24	The Music of Poetry – IN PERSON 	\$40
	9/28	Bob Dylan 101 – ZOOM	\$40
	9/30	Avant-Garde Women Artists of 1920s Paris – ZOOM	\$15
	10/1	Culinaria Germania – the delicious dish on German Food – ZOOM	\$15
	10/5	Taiwanese Culture and Conversational Mandarin – IN PERSON	\$30
	10/5	International Folk Dance – IN PERSON	\$40
	10/6	Science, Industry, and Labor Lessons – ZOOM	\$15
	10/7	Understanding Religions in the Central Valley – IN PERSON	\$30
	10/7	Archetypes of Wisdom – IN PERSON	\$40
	10/8	Fun Photo Projects You Can Do with Any Camera – IN PERSON	\$40
	10/13	Origins of Modern Science: How We Learned to See the World – ZOOM	\$40
	10/20	History and Mystery of Color: White – ZOOM	\$15
	10/20	Interest Groups and Political Parties – IN PERSON	\$40
	10/20	Interest Groups and Political Parties – ZOOM	\$40

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	10/21	Silent Speech – ZOOM	\$15
	10/22	Tree Fresno: Celebrating 40 Years of Urban Forestry in the Valley – IN PERSON	\$15
	11/2	The Eyes (And Ears and Noses) in the Sky: A History of Spying in the Space Age – IN PERSON	\$30
	11/2	The Eyes (And Ears and Noses) in the Sky: A History of Spying in the Space Age – ZOOM	\$30
	11/2	Family Reunion Success: Fun, Simple, Memorable – IN PERSON 	\$15
	11/2	Family Reunion Success: Fun, Simple, Memorable – ZOOM 	\$15
	11/3	Scandals and Controversies in Pop and Broadway Music – ZOOM	\$40
	11/5	Engaging Lifelong Learners in Early Childhood Education – IN PERSON	FREE
	11/6	Play Seminar for Fresno State's Production of "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" – IN PERSON	\$30
	11/9	Everyday AI – IN PERSON 	\$40
	11/12	Floriography – ZOOM	\$15
	11/19	Game On, Grown Up: Exploring Online Gaming Today – IN PERSON	\$15
	12/3	The Star of Bethlehem: Myth, Miracle, or Magic? – IN PERSON	\$15
	12/3	The Tower of London – IN PERSON	\$15
Select	Start	OUT OF THE CLASSROOM	Fee
	9/8	Guerilla Girls Tactics: The Never-Ending War on Sexism in the Art World	\$15
	9/16	Visit to The Amendola Family Student Cupboard	\$15
	10/2	Autumn Morning at Fresno State	\$15
	10/8	Listen Up and Watch Out at Fresno State's Music and Media Library	\$15
	10/28	Visit the Office of Community and Economic Development	\$15
Select	Start	ADVENTURES	Fee
	9/23	Community Media Access Tour at the Old Fresno Bee Building – MEMBERS ONLY	\$15
	10/1	Visit to the California 9/11 Memorial – MEMBER	\$5
	10/1	Visit to the California 9/11 Memorial – MEMBER GUEST	\$5
	10/16	Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater: "Come from Away" – MEMBER 	\$75
	10/16	Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater: "Come from Away" – MEMBER GUEST 	\$80
	10/30	Monumental History Trek - Mussel Slough and Stone Corral – MEMBER	\$50
	10/30	Monumental History Trek - Mussel Slough and Stone Corral – MEMBER GUEST	\$55
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