



Spring 2016 Course Catalog



OLLI at The University of Alabama

Gadsden

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Why OLLI?

As Albert Einstein said, “Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.” The OLLI program offers challenging course material but there are no exams and no grades. It’s where you go because you want to, not because you have to; where you decide what you want to study and how you want to study it. Volunteer instructors, most often OLLI members, share their expertise and passions in courses that span diverse topics.

I invite you to join us in an adventure you’ll never forget. Enjoy intellectual, cultural and social interaction with your fellow classmates in a fun environment. This is a fun way to learn something new, share your own experiences, see new places, and make new friends. [Come see for yourself!](#)

Gadsden Locations At-A-Glance

- **The UA Gadsden Center**
121 North 1st Street, Gadsden, AL
- **Gadsden Public Library**
254 College Street, Gadsden
- **Gadsden Senior Activity Center**
623 Broad Street, Gadsden

Notice: All Gadsden courses will be held at the Gadsden Center unless otherwise noted.

Monday Classes

G10 The Victorian World

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Jan 11, 25; Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Instructor: Linda York

Until bested by Queen Elizabeth II, Queen Victoria was the longest ruling monarch of Britain and the first and only Empress of the British Empire, ruling from 1837 - 1901. Her name has become synonymous with the power and might of the British Empire; the morals and social rules of her society and, in many ways, our own; and a world that saw the rise of industrialism, the rise of European imperialism, and the rise in the belief of progressivism. This world where everyone knew their place and some were able to climb the social ladder and become nouveau riche was also filled with the darkness of city life, squalor, gin palaces, Jake the Ripper, and the “white man’s burden” in dealing with “conquered” nations. Come join us for this world of manners, morality, and muckrakers.

G11 Beginning Genealogy

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Feb 8, 15, 22, 29,

Instructors: George and Laura Tilbury

This beginning course takes you step by step through the process of compiling information from reliable computers and

Mark Your Calendar!

**Gadsden Spring Preview and
On-Site Registration!**

*Dec 10, 2015, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
UA Gadsden Center*

*Food, Fun, and Friendship!
Come Join Us!*

other resources. Laura and George will show you the easiest way to get started on what can become an exciting and rewarding exploration of your family history. NOTE: This course is designed for genealogy “newbies”. See Thursday’s schedule for a more advanced class.

G12 Mahjong

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Jan 11, 25; Feb 1, 8

Instructor: Frances Douglas

Learn about this ancient Chinese tile game that is part luck, part skill, and all fun. We will begin with the basics for absolute “newbies” as well as provide strategies and pointers for those wanting to improve their playing skills.

Fee: \$10

G13 Scrumptious!

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Feb 8, 15, 22, 29; Mar 7

Instructor: Suzy Haller

Good old fashioned cooking remains everyone’s favorite. Share four demonstrations and culinary tastings. We will enjoy a tasting adventure each meeting, while learning the art of preparing food that looks good and tastes even better. Join us for this DELICIOUS class.

Fee: \$20

G14 Beautiful Accessories by YOU

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Jan 11, 25; Feb 1, 8, 15

Instructor: Amelia Day and Friends

Learn jewelry making techniques that will ensure your finished designs are eye-catching accessories to compliment every outfit. Using the basics of making simple, yet lovely fashion necklaces, bracelets and earrings we will create our own fabulous jewelry. * If you take the beginning class you will automatically continue to the advanced class.

Class Size Limit: 40, Material Fee: \$15

Tuesday Courses

G15 I Saw It! I Read It!

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Jan 12, 19, 26; Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar 1

Instructor: Shirley du Pont

Can celluloid do justice to the printed word? Everyone thinks one is better than the other. Come join in the discussion and decide for yourself how the film of these ever popular novels stacks up to the originals. We will discuss:

Jan 12, 19	The Thin Red Line (James Jones)
Jan 26; Feb 2	The Longest Day (Cornelius Ryan)
Feb 9, 16	Flags of Our Fathers (James Bradley)
Feb 23; Mar 1	All Quiet on the Western Front (Erich Maria Remarque)

G16 Mahjong

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Jan 12, 19, 26; Feb 2,

Instructor: Charlotte Cohn

Learn about this ancient Chinese tile game that is part luck, part skill, and all fun. We will begin with the basics for absolute “newbies” as well as provide strategies and pointers for those wanting to improve their playing skills. Fee: \$10

G17 Bridge for Beginners

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Jan 12, 19, 26; Feb 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar 1

Location: Senior Activity Building

Instructor: Miki Cook

This course is designed for those who have always wanted to learn to play Bridge as well as for those who have some experience but may have forgotten many of the common practices, rules and regulations. You will learn/review how to evaluate your hand, bid, respond, and make your contract. You will PLAY BRIDGE every week and practice, practice, practice. This is a wonderful way to keep your mind active.

Class Size Limit: 24

G18 Narrative Poetry

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Jan 12, 19, 26; Feb 2, 9

Instructor: Bob Lipman

This five-session course will explore in detail some of the wonderful narrative poems written by American and British poets. Additional poems, some of them derived from O. Henry and Guy de Maupassant short stories and written by the instructor, will be studied. Together, we will carefully examine poetic form (both rhythmical and rhyming patterns), context, historical background, and situations in the lives of the poets that influenced their works. We will have some opportunities to read small sections of prose/poetry orally, discussing techniques of delivery and comparing the elements of prose and poetry. There is even the possibility that we might attempt a narrative collectively or individually. This course will be an enlightening approach to narrative poems such as “The Raven,” “The Highwayman,” “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening,” “The Charge of the Light Brigade,” “Casey at the Bat,” and more.

G19 World War II, Europe

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Jan 12, 19, 26; Feb 2, 9, 16, 23

Instructor: Bruce Burrows by Video

A study of the World’s most devastating war beginning with Hitler becoming Chancellor of Germany and Franklin Roosevelt as President of the United States. The course covers the six year war with a focus on political and military leaders, including the Allied conferences that set up post-war Europe. This class will be discussion and the instructor will be coming to us by video.

Wednesday Courses

G20 History Over Easy

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.,

Jan 13, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10, 17, 24

Instructors: John McFarland, Randy Holland

One of a kind, this class continues to thrive. Each week a different topic is discussed (and we intentionally stay away from current politics and religion to keep things light and fun). The Internet is available for reference so expect a wild and sometimes controversial ride. This is a really fresh approach to history! Introduce your favorite subject and enjoy the discussion.

G21 Engagements in the West

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Jan 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17

Instructor: John McFarland

John will discuss several key engagements in “The Late War of Northern Aggression”, including the Battle of Shiloh where the South lost one of its greatest leaders. Some of the other battles to be discussed are Chickamauga and Atlanta. Civil War enthusiasts will revel in this information-packed series and the casual historian can relish the significance of these events as well.

G22 Antebellum Alabama

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Jan 13, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar 2

Instructor: Skip Campbell

This is a continuing study of the social and political environment affecting the history of Alabama from statehood in December of 1819 to the beginning of the Civil War.

G23 Shakespeare and His World

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Jan 13, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10, 17

Instructor: Dave Murdock

In the almost four hundred years since his death, William Shakespeare has been transformed from a popular Elizabethan playwright into the best known writer in the English language and subject of one of the most successful “cultural operations” of all time. In this session, we will examine the world of Shakespeare through four of his most popular and influential plays.

- Week 1: Shakespeare in His Own World
- Week 2: A Midsummer Night’s Dream
- Week 3: Henry V
- Week 4: Hamlet
- Week 5: The Tempest
- Week 6: Shakespeare in Our World

Thursday Courses

G24 Genealogy Club

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Jan 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Location: Gadsden Public Library

Instructor: Craig Scott

Regardless of where you are in the search for your roots, Craig will provide you with the sources and links to your past. You will use the latest software and Internet sites. Was your Uncle Fred famous or infamous? Find out here. This class is designed for those already familiar with online research. Previous computer experience is a MUST!

G25 Armchair Travel

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Jan 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Instructors: Various

We are off again. This travel group heads for destinations around the world. Leave your passport and money at home—we are traveling for free. Join us for fun-filled weeks as we travel the globe and return to enjoy tasty tidbits from each locale.

- Jan 14 England

Grab your willies and mind the gap while we have a cuppa tea during our tour of merry old England. England is home to one of the world’s oldest and most prestigious universities—Oxford. Through the ages this university town has served as an intellectual magnet, drawing religious, philosophical, and literary leaders through the gates of its many colleges. Oxford is just one of the places we will visit on this trip to England. Stonehenge, Britain’s greatest national icon, Bath, Canterbury and York will all share their sights, events, and history as well as travel through one of the most fascinating countries of the world.

- Jan 21 China

From the Great Wall to booming Beijing, we will explore the world’s most populated country. A vast land of mountains, plains, and rivers, China has become an economic powerhouse. Home to one of the world’s oldest cultures, China remains an intriguing destination for Westerners. Share in the experience of the Terre Cotta Soldiers, the Great Wall and many other interesting sights in this country’s treasure trove of history, architecture and art.

- Jan 28 Adventure into the Past—Ancient Egypt

Travel with us to the exotic land of Egypt and go back three thousand years to the days of the Egyptian Empire. View treasures in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, gaze on the pyramids and monuments that were created so skillfully with the most primitive of tools. See the temples and tombs that have endured thousands of years to tell us what kind of people

Thursday Courses, Continued

the ancient Egyptians were when you look at some of the 1600 hundred pictures Catherine took on her trip to Egypt.

- Feb 4 Go West, OLLI, Go West

We will visit Yellowstone, famous for its geysers and hot springs and incredible wildlife, Grand Teton National Park, home to the youngest peaks in the Rockies, Mt. Rushmore, one of the true icons of the west, and the Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress, on our Westward Adventure. You can be a cowboy in the cowboy town of Jackson, Wyoming, the crown jewel of the Northern Rockies. We will visit Yellowstone National Park, home to an incredible array of wildlife including free-ranging herds of buffalo. Don't forget Old Faithful and the Grand Teton National Park's towering peaks. Enjoy traveling on this rare blend of elegance and western charm.

- Feb 11 The Land Down Under-Australia

Join us as we take a trip to the land down under. We will explore one of the world's most awesome islands. Highlights will include Sidney, the Great Barrier Reef, Ayers Rock, the outback (not the restaurant), the pigmy penguins of Melbourne and the beautiful city of Cairns. Australia will amaze you with spectacular scenery every step of the way.

- Feb 18 Washington D. C.

Explore America's heritage and history on our tour of the capital city of the United States. We will see the White House, and gain insight on the many transitions this historic residence has undergone, the National Mall and many monuments and other places of interest. We will visit the moving World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. Our tour will continue with Arlington Cemetery and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Kennedy gravesites. This beautiful city nestled along the Potomac will share with us its history, its treasures, and its wonderful stories.

- Feb 25 International Food Day

It is time for our taste buds to travel where our minds and hearts have been these previous weeks. Join us for a sampling of delicacies from around the globe.

Register for weekly bonuses; free with your OLLI membership!

G30 The Story of a Brave Engineer

Jan 14, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Instructor: Tom McKenzie

The legend of famed engineer Casey Jones has delighted generations since his exploits found their way into song and story. Come and hear about the "real" Casey from his great-grandson.

G31 Financial Planning for the Mature Adult

Jan 21, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Instructor: Financial Group

This course will give an overview of financial matters specific to those in the pre-retirement and retirement phase of life. Financial topics to be covered include estate planning, insurance planning, tax planning and discussions of appropriate investments in today's economic environment. Along with instruction there will be time for discussion on topics of your particular interest.

G32 AMK9's

Jan 28, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Instructor: John Pierce

Auburn University has one of the largest and most successful canine detection research programs in the United States and is internationally known for its patent-pending and trademarked VAPOR WAKE technology. Dogs with VAPOR WAKE capabilities are specially trained for interdiction strategies being deployed by multiple homeland security agencies. VAPOR WAKE training enhances explosive detection canine teams with additional abilities and training to detect hand-carried and/or body-worn explosives. The primary site for AMK9's VAPOR WAKE training is the Canine Detection Training Center in Anniston, Alabama. Come see the amazing dogs in action.

G33 Driving Awareness: How Aware Are You?

Feb 4, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Instructor: Jon Costa

Driving is important to your independence. Are you aware of the many changes that have taken place with your body, your car, and the roads we travel? You may need to make adjustments to continue to drive safely. We will discuss the effects of aging, defensive driving, driver distractions, and managing trips as well as other concerns. Join us for an informative class on how to become a better driver as we age.

G34 The Music of the Mines, Mills, and Railroads of Birmingham's Industrial District

Feb 18, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Instructor: Karen Utz

By the 1800s, railroad workers, miners, furnace workers, and mill hands—the majority arriving from the Black Belt cotton areas of the Deep South and Appalachian towns of the Southeast, began to use traditional songs and spirituals to uplift their burdens and ease the monotony of work. In the mid-1990s, a group of music scholars and folklorists, realizing the importance of preserving the songs and artistic ways of labor music, produced a small but significant work entitled Spirit of Steel: Music of the Mines, Railroads, and Mills of the Birmingham District. These scholars not only address the songs of the Gandy Dancers (rail workers) and coal miners, but provide insight into the personal histories and personal recollections of the individuals behind the music. Labor songs were more than just a means to pass the time—they were as one music historian noted, a 'tool of work.' The Music of the Mines lecture will not only speak to the history behind the songs and ballads, but to the lives and times of the workers and individuals responsible for making labor music an important part of American history.

G35 Miniature Rooms in One-Twelfth Scale

Feb 25, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Instructor: Catherine Hawkins

The fascination with miniatures has been part of human experience for centuries. Learn about the hobby and the art of miniaturia when you see nearly two dozen room boxes and the workshop for creating them. On display will be Lincoln's Law Office, an Egyptian scribe's house, kitchens from different eras, holiday rooms for Christmas, Easter, Halloween, the Fourth of July, an artist's studio, a clock shop, and others in ½ scale; in 1:48 scale will be Van Gogh's Bedroom at Arles, an Irish scullery, and a tiny (less than four inches wide!) room in the style of the Dutch painter Vermeer. This bonus will be held at Catherine's house on Buena Vista Point in Rainbow City.

Special Programs



G36 James Spann

Feb 17, 10:30 a.m.

Instructor: James Spann

James Spann is a long-time media meteorologist. He heads the weather department at the ABC affiliate in Birmingham, Alabama, hosts the weekly podcast "Weather Brains", and does the weather on radio stations all over the nation, including the syndicated Rick and Bubba show. He is a self-proclaimed weather geek and will entertain us with his weather experiences. James entertains us with his personal experiences and the latest information regarding our weather. Join us for this interesting special class. Bring a friend or neighbor and join us for this informative and interesting time with James.

G37 New Yorker Magazine Cartoons Part II

Feb 22, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Instructor: George Tilbury

A picture is worth a thousand words. A cartoon and its caption can be worth even more. It can invoke memories, feelings, as well as humor. The New Yorker magazine debuted in 1925 and for over 80 years has given us more than 70,000 cartoons. These have featured American culture, trends and fads, political actions and reactions, and a myriad of other topics. Join us once again for a fun session of viewing, examining and enjoying samples of decades of cartoon.

Gadsden Supper Club

All OLLI members may participate in supper clubs. Participants in the supper club will be asked to contribute \$3.00 each for the evening's transportation. This will help offset the costs to those that volunteer to drive. All supper club events depart from the Gadsden Center at 5:00 p.m.

G40	Pita Stop	Jan 19
G41	Jesse's Steak and Seafood	Feb 9
G42	Sebastien's on Main	Feb 23

Gadsden Field Trips

Field Trip cancellations should be made through UA Registration Services at 205-348-3000. Refunds will not be made after the cancellation date has passed. We allow cancellations with refund 14 days prior to the trip, unless otherwise specified in the field trip information. Substitutions are not allowed.

G50 Our State Capitol and Old Town Alabama

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Jan 22

Facilitators: Rebecca Mitchell, Shirley du Pont

The historic capitol building in Montgomery was a focal point of both the Civil War and Civil Rights Movement. Jefferson Davis, the former President of the Confederacy, looks down from the front lawn of the capitol building. This building was where history was written. The Confederate States of America and opening days of the Civil War were planned from the capitol. By 1965, it was the scene of a massive Civil Rights movement. The Alabama State Capitol tells a story unlike that of any other similar structure in the nation. We will walk across the street and visit the First White House of the Confederacy. This was the Executive Residence of President Jefferson Davis and family while the capitol of the Confederacy was in Montgomery, Alabama. The house served as the White House of the Confederacy from February 1861 until late May 1861, when the Confederate capitol moved to Virginia. The house is completely furnished with original pieces from the 1850s and 1860s. Old Town Alabama is a 19th century village featuring completely authentic 19th and early 20th century homes and buildings that have been saved from demolition, carefully restored, and reopened to the public as history museums. You will learn how early Americans of all backgrounds lived and worked in Central Alabama. Fee: \$40, with Dutch Treat Lunch

G51 Ain't Misbehavin'

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Jan 30

Facilitator: Shirley du Pont

The Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and 1930s comes to life in the three-time Tony award-winning musical revue, *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Join five performers on a journey through the timeless music of Thomas "Fats" Waller.

Fee: \$55

G52 Mayfield Dairy and L&N Depot and Railroad Museum

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Feb 12

Facilitator: Shirley du Pont

Tour one of the nation's leading dairies. We will learn the secret of the famous yellow jugs, how milk is packaged and how that wonderful ice cream is made. This is the home of the "World's Best Ice Cream" and you will get to judge for yourself. Step back in time when you visit this restored, 18-room Victorian railroad station museum and active rail yard. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the depot in Etowah is host to the railroad museum and art gallery.

Fee: \$35, with Dutch Treat Lunch

G53 Orbix Hot Glass and Cook Castle

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Feb 26

Facilitator: Shirley du Pont

Orbix Hot Glass has distinguished itself by its refined handmade glassware and its connections with those who appreciate clean designs, dependable service, and excellent quality in a small studio and gallery business. Orbix is owned by Cal and Christy Breed. Cal studied at schools around the country, gleaning as much knowledge and technique from some of the best in the world. Deciding where to plant a glass studio was not a difficult decision; Alabama was home, with all its charm and subtle graces. Cal leads a team of glassblowers who hand-craft each piece with great attention to form, balance and color. They create one-at-a-time glassware for individuals who want one-at-a-time attention. (Blowing your own ornament is an option for an additional charge) Cook Castle is situated on over 20 acres atop Lookout Mountain in Fort Payne, Alabama. The castle was designed and built by country music hall of fame member Jeff Cook, of the country super group ALABAMA. You will receive the royal treatment one expects from such a magnificent atmosphere. The magnificent view and majestic beauty of this castle will amaze you. NOTE: As a special treat John and Kathy McFarland have extended an invitation to their home in Mentone for dessert after our tours.

Fee: \$47, with Dutch Treat Dinner

G54 Midsummer Night's Dream

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Apr 9

Facilitator: Shirley du Pont

The path to true love never runs smooth-especially when you're in a magical forest haunted by fairies and mischievous spirits. One of Shakespeare's most beloved romantic comedies, "what fools these mortals be!"

Fee: \$55 with Dutch Treat Lunch

OLLI Gadsden Registration

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Dec 10

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 205-348-3000

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 The University of Alabama
 Box 870388,
 Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

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