

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have to be retired to participate?

No, you do not have to be retired to participate. We have many members who have not been previously employed; we have homemakers, volunteers as well as doctors and teachers. And, we have members who are semi-retired. If you can't attend classes during the day, you may wish to audit a university class in the evening.

What are the OLLI classes and how do they differ from university classes?

The institute offers six-week sessions of classes ranging from Current Events to Art History to Music. Subjects within these categories range from the Middle East, to Modern Art to Jazz. These classes are offered once a week for two hours. The institute offers approximately 20 classes per week. Morning classes begin at 10AM and afternoon classes begin at 1PM.

Is there a limit to the number of OLLI classes you can take?

There is no limit, you may attend once a week or attend every day - there is no registration, so you may come and go as you like. However, there is registration and a nominal fee for some of the smaller classes; these are the hands-on art classes, the computer and writing classes.

What does auditing mean? And, how many classes am I allowed to audit?

Auditing is attending a "for-credit" class on campus where you are a listener in the classroom and not a participant. Members are privileged to audit as many classes as they wish as long as they have the permission of the instructor. To arrange to audit a course, please contact the Institute's director.

How do I access the university course catalog? How do I arrange to audit a class?

Use the following procedure to access the University Course Catalog:

- 1 Go online to www.miami.edu – U of Miami's home page
- 2 Click on "Academics" (one of the tabs on top)
- 3 Click on "Courses and Scheduling" (on the right side of the page)
- 4 Choose Department and Semester and then click submit
- 5 The page that opens will give you course numbers, names, days and times offered, as well as seats offered and seats available. Even though all seats may be taken, that does not necessarily mean that there is no room for auditors.

How do I apply for membership?

A membership application can be found on this web site. Simply fill it out and send it in with the appropriate fee. No requirements need to be met except that you are 50 years or older.