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Summer 2025
July - August



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Welcome to OLLI at UC Irvine

Curiosity Never Retires

OLLI at UC Irvine is a vibrant community of passionate lifelong learners, dedicated to expanding our minds and enriching our lives through education. As a member-driven organization, we foster growth through engaging classes, meaningful social connections, volunteer opportunities, exciting field trips, and events.

Benefits of lifelong learning!

- Mental stimulation is fundamental to your personal growth and feeling of well-being
- Intellectual exploration sharpens and strengthens your memory
- Social connection creates new friends, develops shared interests, and enhances the joy of living

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You're invited to our Annual Meeting!

Whether you're already a member or just getting to know OLLI, join us for a look at the past year's accomplishments, hear remarks from our Board of Directors, honor the work of our dedicated volunteers and donors, and discover what we have planned for the upcoming year.

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: OLLI Classroom

Refreshments will be served

RSVP HERE:

tinyurl.com/ollimeeting2025



Summer Courses

Member Notice - Class Format

Any member who enrolls in Format A or Format D class gives permission for their email address to be shared with the class developer for the purpose of receiving class assignments.



SE 1 The Short Stories of John Cheever *Format A*

American novelist and short story writer John Cheever has been called “the Chekhov of the suburbs.” In over 150 short stories, most of them published in The New Yorker, Cheever explored the duality of human nature and the conflict between people’s social personas and their inner lives. In 1979, he received the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for his collected short stories.

In each meeting of this class, we will discuss one of Cheever’s most critically acclaimed short stories. A PDF of each story will be provided to class members by email in advance of each meeting. **Max enrollment 25.**

Mondays, July 7, 21, August 4; 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Presenter/Developer: Susan Fouts, longtime short story class member and coordinator



SE 2 What Does It Take to Build an Iconic Sports Car in Your Garage? *Format A*

Ever dreamed of owning an iconic sports car? Believe it or not, you can build one in your own garage—and UC Irvine Lecturer Mark Gibson is living proof. With no prior experience in car mechanics, Mark successfully built an AC (Shelby) Cobra from the ground up, right at home.

Mark will take you step by step through his journey, sharing insights and challenges along the way. And yes—he’s bringing the car to OLLI so you can see it for yourself.

Tuesday, July 8; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Presenter: Mark Gibson, Lecturer at UCI Merage School of Business with over 40 years of experience in real estate and construction.

Developer: Larry Dalphy and Elona Pertica

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SE 3 Positive Philosophy: Book Discussion “When Things Fall Apart” **Format B/C**

This class is a continuation from the Spring 2025 class AH 117: Positive Philosophy: Book Discussion - “When Things Fall Apart”. This detailed study of Buddhist positive philosophy uses a book club discussion of Pema Chodron’s “When Things Fall Apart”. We will practice our learning via guided meditations at the start and end of class. Read the assigned chapters and bring your questions and comments to discuss.

Book: “When Things Fall Apart” by Pema Chodron

July 9 - Chapters 12-18

July 23 - Chapters 19-22

Wednesday, July 9 and 23; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Presenter: Ann Batenburg, Ph.D., taught meditation as part of a Positive Psychology course at SMU and is enrolled in Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Certification Program with Tara Brach, Jack Kornfield.

Developer: Yasmin Vali



SE 4 Increasing Memory via Acting Techniques **Format B/C**

This course reveals how actors use brain-based techniques based on the latest neuroscience and how they construct meaningful experiences. It can help anyone improve cognitive flexibility. The session includes guided exercises based on brain science and technology to enhance the creative process, with live demonstrations that bring the science to life. David Ihrig is the author of *The Actor's Machine: Learn the Simplest, Fastest Approach to Great Acting!*

No acting experience required; just curiosity, imagination and a willingness to try something new.

Monday, July 14; 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Presenter: David Ihrig, Artistic Director, The Irvine Theater Company.

Developer: Jessie Tromberg

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SE 5 Changing The Way You Age **Format B/C**

Do you want to improve your balance, mobility and strength without exercise taking over your life? Do you want some tips on how to make your exercise more enjoyable?

In this presentation you will learn some of the most effective and crucial aspects of exercise to improve your health and physical abilities as you age.

Thursday, July 17; 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Presenter: Rosa Coletto is the owner of Full Circle Fitness in Tustin, which specializes in small group training for people over fifty. She is a Certified Functional Aging Specialist, Brain Health Trainer, and Peak Pilates instructor.

Developer: Elona Pertica



SE 6 Pop Trivia **Format A**

Calling all Trivia Buffs! Please Join us for a fun interactive class that will evaluate your knowledge of Baby Boomer Trivia.

Categories include Pop Culture, Television, Music, and Movies.

No prizes, just bragging rights and the opportunity to have fun with other OLLI members.

Tuesday, July 22; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Presenter/Developer: Elona Pertica, Vice-President of Programs for OLLI UCI Board of Directors

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SE 7 Balboa Island: Mudflat to Summer Playground **Format B/C**

W.S. Collins, the farsighted land speculator, is best known for buying the entire Newport Beach townsite in 1902 and next creating Balboa Island out of a tiny, mosquito-ridden mudflat. But Collins also had a darker side that's been rarely explored: shady deals, broken promises, five wives, and endless controversies. Though only spending little more than a decade in Newport Beach, W.S. Collins may be the most interesting person in city history.

Thursday, July 24; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Presenter: Bill Lobdell, local historian, former editor of the Daily Pilot, former investigative reporter for The Los Angeles Times, resident of Corona del Mar.

Developer: Beth Mersch



SE 8 A Complete Known: Artistic License in the Bob Dylan Biopic **Format B/C**

Dive into the artistic freedom behind *A Complete Unknown*, a biopic that brings Bob Dylan's turbulent life to the screen. This class explores how the film blends reality with creative liberties, from Dylan's relationships with influential girlfriends to iconic concert moments that defined his career. Examine how the filmmakers balance historical truth with symbolic storytelling, crafting a narrative that captures Dylan's essence while taking artistic license with key events. Perfect for Dylan fans, along with film, music, and history enthusiasts, this class offers a deeper understanding of how *A Complete Unknown* weaves fact with fiction.

This course is a precursor to fundraiser SE 15 on Saturday August 23. Join us for the movie screening and lunch!

Friday, July 25; 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Presenter: Howard Mirowitz, OLLI's resident Bob Dylan expert, and longtime OLLI member. See his previous recorded lectures on the poetry of Bob Dylan on the OLRC.

Developer: Sherri Nussbaum

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SE 9 Wealth Management *Format B/C*

What makes a financial strategy come to fruition? If it's not the portfolio value, what is it? It's how well your advisor connects with you and how well they understands your personal needs – financial or otherwise. Jeorjia Sun of McCarthy Wealth Management, is passionate about educating clients on their options and guiding them to reach their goals, always giving careful attention to the client's best interest. In this 2-part course, she will talk to us about how to make your financial strategy work in your best interest.

Tuesday, July 29; 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Wednesday, July 30; 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Presenter: Jeorjia Sun, CFP® CPFA® has been in the financial services industry since 2008. Jeorjia is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, Certified Plan Fiduciary Advisor, University of California, Irvine graduate, and currently holds FINRA Series 7 and 66 securities licenses, as well as a California Insurance License #0H60950. Jeorjia is also multilingual in Mandarin and Taiwanese.

Developer: Linda Robinson



SE 10 Why Women Live Longer *Format B/C*

Females outlive males in the U.S., worldwide, and over many mammalian species. U.S. women have a current life expectancy 3-5 years greater than men. However, women tend to have a shorter health span than men. The reasons for all of this are complicated and are being studied in the context of genetics (especially the X chromosome), hormones, and lifestyle/behavior, usually with the hope of furthering human life extension.

Is there some kind of evolutionary pay-off in the life course of women versus men resulting in men being more “disposable” beyond child-rearing years? Why did more men die of COVID-19 in the U.S.? A free-wheeling Q & A will address these questions and more.

Thursday, August 7; 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Presenter/ Developer: Vern Roohk, Ph.D., Physiology and Biochemistry.

NOTE: Presenter will lecture remotely via Zoom.

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SE 11 Exploring Africa

Format B/C

Bob Greenberg has been on safari 16 times and will share his experiences and his photography with OLLI. He will also provide information on different approaches to safari: different countries; staying at lodges versus camps; and suggestions on “best practices” he’s discovered. Being there is so much better than watching National Geographic shows! You will leave the session wanting to take your own safari!

Tuesday, August 12; 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Presenter: Bob Greenberg, OLLI member, course developer for the Current Issues Forum, traveler, photographer, and storyteller.

Developer: Linda Robinson



Summer Courses

Unique Class Opportunity!

SE 12 Inside the Exhibition at UC Irvine's Jack and Shanaz Langson Institute and Museum of Art

Format A - Offsite



Enjoy a class at the UC Irvine Jack and Shanaz Langson Institute and Museum of California Art. Visit and lecture on site at museum, self-drive.

Join us for an interactive session exploring the *California Kinship: Painting Homelife in the Golden State Before 1940* exhibition and the broader curatorial process behind it. The experience begins with a guided walk-through of the exhibition, offering insights into the artwork and themes on display. Following this, members will gather for a discussion on the curatorial vision on the collection and the significance of art preservation.

Max enrollment 30

Tuesday, August 13; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Presenters: Museum Staff

Developer: Elona Pertica

Location: Self drive to UC Irvine Jack & Shanaz Langson Institute & Museum of California Art, 18881 Von Karman Avenue. Parking is free with validation.



Edouard Vysekál, *The Sisters*, 1922, Oil on canvas, 36 1/8 x 34 1/8 x 2 1/8 in., UC Irvine Jack and Shanaz Langson Institute and Museum of California Art. Gift of The Irvine Museum

Only open to current OLLI members. You must register, no drop in allowed.
Guest passes not available for this class.

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SE 13 Nellie Gail and her Influence on the Art Community of Laguna Beach and of the Plein Air Movement

Format B/C

In our continuing exploration of Orange County history, this class is OLLI's next installment of the history of Moulton Ranch. Nellie Gail Moulton was one of the primary leading pioneers that formed the Moulton legacy we all know and appreciate today, ahead of her time—a true visionary. Her lifelong love for painting paved the way to great partnerships with various local artists and organizations. She captured and preserved pristine nature in real time, en plein air. Nellie belonged to a larger movement of female artists who have recently gained more recognition for their commitment to the arts. Join us as we take a glimpse into her life to better understand her true motivation and passion for art, education, and giving back to her community.



Friday, August 15; 10:00 AM –12:00 PM

Presenters: Jared Mathis, Great-grandson of Nellie Gail Moulton and Lewis Fenno Moulton, President, Moulton Museum.

Elizabeth Ida Lange, Executive Director, Moulton Museum.

Developer: Linda Robinson

Nellie Gail Moulton's art can currently be seen at the Moulton Museum.

Visit the Museum: 25256 Cabot Rd, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Website: <https://moultonmuseum.org/>

Special Events

You do not need to be an OLLI member to attend a special event. Non-members must register by phone by calling DCE Student Services at 949-824-1010.

Dates and venues are confirmed at time of publication but may be cancelled at any time due to unforeseen circumstances. The cost will be refunded in full if an event is cancelled.

SE 14 The Terracotta Warriors

Imagine creating a mighty force of 8000 soldiers to keep you safe in the afterlife. The first emperor of China built such an army 2000 years ago. The world was stunned in 1974 by uncovering the life-sized and exquisitely carved figures in deep underground pits making it one of the most exciting archeological discoveries in modern times. Over 200 treasures are on display including Terracotta Warriors, chariot regalia and rare Chinese relics. **Maximum enrollment 40.**

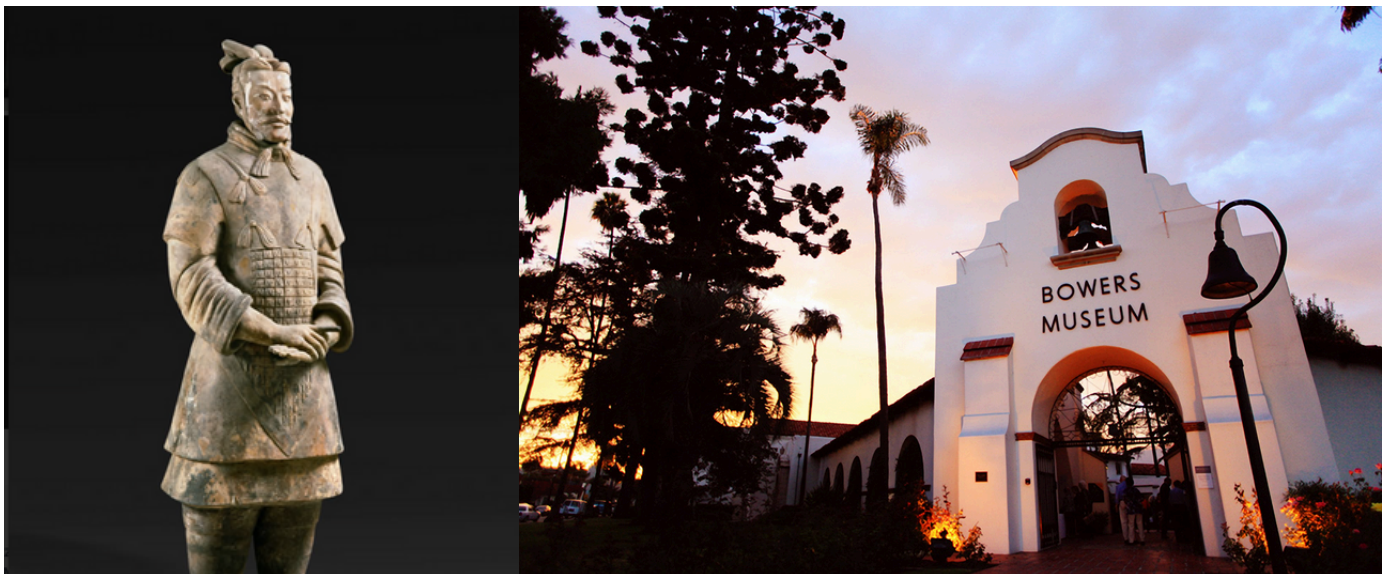
We have a private talk before our tour by Mark Bustamonte, Director of Exhibits at the Bowers, on the planning and design of this landmark collection.

Friday, August 1; 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Cost: \$45 – Includes docent - led tour and special presentation (parking \$6.99)

Location: Self-drive to Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana

Developer: Donna Crandall, 714-321-3492, d_crandall@yahoo.com



Special Events

SE 15 Orange County Birds of Prey

Birds of prey, known as raptors, include eagles, hawks, falcons, owls and vultures -all of which are a vital part of our ecosystem here in Southern California. Orange County Bird of Prey Center cares for injured, sick, and orphaned birds by providing extensive rehabilitation and valuable time and space needed for healing. The Center is closed to the public but we have been invited for a private tour. Learn how birds are rescued and brought to the Center, which takes seriously its mission to educate the public about the challenges raptors face and how to help. Volunteers take "Ambassador" birds to schools and other public events as a teaching tool to stimulate interest in the native wildlife that surrounds us and to learn about local raptor behaviors and adaptations. We will be able to meet several Ambassador birds on our tours. This is a unique opportunity not to be missed. **Maximum enrollment 25.**

Monday, August 18, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$35

Location: Self-drive to Orange County Bird of Prey Center, 21131 Los Aliso Blvd, Santa Margarita

Developer: Lonnie Horn, 949-701-2037, mail4lonnie@aol.com



Special Events

SE 16 “A Complete Unknown”

“A Complete Unknown” is a captivating biopic that explores the life of legendary musician Bob Dylan. The film takes viewers on a journey through his transformation from a struggling folk singer to a cultural icon. Set against the backdrop of the 1960s, it highlights Dylan’s rebellious spirit and his ability to constantly reinvent himself. Striking cinematography and a stand-out performance capture both his artistic breakthroughs and personal struggles as he evolves into one of America’s most influential artists. “A Complete Unknown” offers a deeper look at the man behind the myth shedding light on his refusal to be defined by labels. This biopic is a must-watch for fans of Dylan, and anyone fascinated by the story of an artist who continually challenged expectations. **Maximum enrollment 52.**

Howard Mirowitz, our resident OLLI expert on all things Dylan, will give a lecture about the artistic license taken with the movie on Friday July 25 (SE 8).

Saturday, August 23; 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Cost: \$50 – Includes lunch and movie

Location: OLLI Classroom

Developer: Sherri Nussbaum, 949- 636-0617, sherrilynn@audiblerush.com



Enrollment Information

Summer Enrollment Opens June 11, 2025

- Summer Membership valid July through August
- \$35 for new summer members
- Annual and Spring memberships include summer semester

Methods of Enrollment

- Enroll Online: Go to ce.uci.edu/olli and click on Enroll Now.
 - If you already have an online account, log in using your email address and password
 - If you are new to OLLI, create a new account (you can do this before registration opens)
 - If you need assistance creating a new account, please call DCE Student Services at (949) 824-1010
- Enroll by Phone: Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (PST)
 - Call Student Services at **(949) 824-1010**. Please have your list of course titles and course numbers ready to give to the Student Services representative.
 - UC Irvine DCE does not collect credit card numbers over the phone. After providing your registration information, the Student Services representative will email you a link to pay for your membership.
- Enroll by Mail or Drop off at OLLI office
 - Must pay by check when mailing in your registration form or dropping it off at OLLI
 - Please make checks payable to the **UC Regents**
 - You can print the enrollment form from the website or pick one up at the OLLI office
 - OLLI office Summer hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (except for holidays)
 - Mail completed forms to:

OLLI/DCE Student Services
UC Irvine Division of Continuing Education
510 E Peltason Dr.
Irvine, CA 92697

*There are no refunds on membership fees. OLLI at UC Irvine relies on income from membership fees to be sustainable. For this reason, we will continue to follow our long-term policy of not offering refunds on membership fees or transfers to future semesters.
Thank you for your understanding.*

Class Format & ORLC

Format A: In-person only (Not recorded)

Format B/C: Hybrid – both in-person and online simultaneously (Sessions are typically recorded, though there may be occasional exceptions.)

Format D: Online only (Not recorded) Classes will either be in the OLLI Remote Learning Center or the presenter will email a Zoom link.

Any member who enrolls in A or D classes gives permission for their email address to be shared with the class developer for the purpose of receiving class assignments.

As a member, you have access to the OLLI Remote Learning Center. This online portal is where members can livestream classes or view over 700 pre-recorded lectures. ORLC: <https://olli.ce.uci.edu/>

The ORLC is separate from your UCI DCE online account. Your UCI DCE account is only used to pay for your membership or select classes/special events.

If you have a question about a class or the ORLC, call the OLLI office at (949) 451-1403 or email olli@uci.edu.

Stay Connected!

OLLI at UC Irvine strives to keep you up-to-date on what's happening in and out of the classroom!

OLLI This Week: Weekly newsletter, emailed every Sunday afternoon. This newsletter provides class notices, updates and other information on what will be happening at OLLI that week.

Stay Curious: Monthly newsletter, emailed every first Friday of the month. This newsletter provides members and other interested individuals on what UCI and community events are coming up, Board of Director meeting minutes, committee meeting dates, and other current OLLI news.



Facebook: Visit and follow our Facebook page! The more you share and like our posts, the more visibility our wonderful program will receive online! <https://www.facebook.com/UCIrvineOLLI>

New Referral Program



Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join OLLI!

If you refer a friend who purchases a new membership, you'll be entered in a drawing to win a free semester!

Drawing winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Eligibility Requirements

- Referrals must be for NEW members only
- You must be a current OLLI at UC Irvine member to receive a drawing entry

Please notify the OLLI office of who you have referred. After verifying the new individual has joined, the member will be notified that their name has been added to the drawing.

Email: olli@uci.edu Phone: (949) 451-1403

Supporting Your OLLI

Help us enrich lives through education by supporting the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UC Irvine. Your donation helps provide high-quality, accessible courses, foster a vibrant community of curious minds, and sustain a program that celebrates the joy of learning. Every gift, large or small, makes a lasting impact. Invest in lifelong learning and give today!

Become a Butterfly Level pledge donor

- Gold Pledge Level: \$2500+/year for 3 years
- Silver Pledge Level: \$1000 - \$2,999/year for 3 years
- Bronze Pledge Level: \$500 - \$999/ year for 3 years

Make a one time Annual Gift

- Angel: \$300+
- Friend: \$5 - \$299

How to Donate:

Online: Visit <https://ce.uci.edu/olli/resources/donate>

By Mail: Pick up a donation form in the OLLI lobby. Please make checks payable to the UCI Foundation. Mail your donations to:

OLLI/UC Irvine Division of Continuing Education
510 E. Peltason Drive
Irvine, CA 92697



Volunteer at OLLI

OLLI is powered by its members! From courses and special interest groups to events and classroom support, everything is created and led by dedicated member-volunteers like you!

OLLI simply wouldn't be what it is without the passion and talent of our incredible community. Here are some opportunities for you to get involved!

Join a Curriculum Committee – Help Shape the Future of Learning!

We're looking for creative, passionate individuals to help us design and enhance our course offerings. As a member of the Curriculum Committee, you can:

- Help develop new courses that inspire and educate
- Contribute ideas for exciting course topics and travel opportunities
- Collaborate with fellow committee members to shape an engaging curriculum

Become a Class Facilitator – Make a Difference at OLLI!

Join a fellow OLLI member in creating a welcoming and smooth-running classroom experience. As a Class Facilitator, you'll:

- Greet and check in members with a warm welcome
- Support presenters by assisting with OLLI equipment as a class moderator
- Attend a short training to get set up for success

Join the Marketing & Outreach Team – Let's Make Some Noise!

We're on the lookout for enthusiastic, people-loving, idea-sharing OLLI members to help us grow our presence in the community. Here's what you'll get to do:

- Promote OLLI in fun, creative ways that raise awareness and get people talking
- Brainstorm fresh ideas for events, partnerships, and campaigns
- Attend community events and spread the word about what makes OLLI so awesome

Love Planning Events? Time to Party!

If you're all about good vibes and great events, we need YOU!

- Help plan mingles, social hours, our Annual Meeting, holiday party, New Member Orientation, and more!
- Set up and tear down tables and chairs
- Coordinate food offerings

Have an idea on how you want to volunteer?
Reach out to the OLLI office at olli@uci.edu

OLLI Extras

OLLI Extras are special interest groups created and led by members. Non-members are also welcome to join any OLLI Extra.



Gastronomers Club

Life is all about food, dining out, cooking, and wine. Tickle your tastebuds with monthly ventures into unknown epicurean delights!

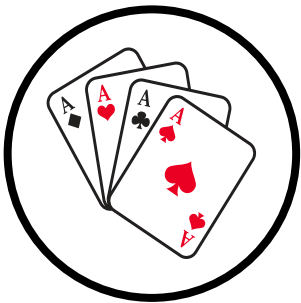
Learn more by visiting <https://gscottmoore.com/Events/>



Movie Talk

Interested in movies, whether new or classic? What have you seen lately? It's easy to participate by watching your at-home screen.

Join the conversation, contact Jessie Tromberg at jessietromberg@icould.com



Bridge

Play or learn to play bridge at the South Orange County Bridge Center!

Call the OLLI office at (949) 451-1403 or email olli@uci.edu for more information.



Mah Jongg

There are a dozen or more beginning (OLLI) Mah Jongg players ready to branch out and expand our playing circle and experience!

If you'd like to be included in our upcoming playing schedule on a part-time, full-time, or drop-in basis, please email diongray@cox.net or janinashary@hotmail.com.

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QUESTIONS?

Summer office hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Classroom will be open
for classes/events scheduled on Fridays*

Email: olli@uci.edu

Phone: (949) 451 -1403

Address: 15207 Barranca Parkway, Irvine,
CA 92618

SAVE THE DATE!

Meet OLLI at UCI - September 3, 2025 from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Never been an OLLI member before and interested in learning what our program is about? Join us for an open house and discover why our members love OLLI!

New Member Orientation - September 10, 2025 from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Just signed up for OLLI? Come to this informative session on what resources and volunteer opportunities we have for members, along with helpful tips in registering for classes and using the OLLI Remote Learning Center.

Fall Semester Begins September 15, 2025



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