Join Osher@Mizzou for a New Academic Year

Autumn brings colorful leaves, the end to our summer vacations and, for some of us, a return to regular schedules and life. Make sure to include Osher@Mizzou continuing education classes in your fall plans to keep your brain active and engaged!

NEW THIS YEAR: Starting this fall, Osher will be offering most classes in HYBRID FORMAT. Osher learners will be able to choose how they access their classes, whether driving to the Moss Building (limited capacity for in-person seating) or staying home and accessing their courses virtually via the video conferencing software Zoom.

Haven’t tried virtual learning yet? Osher does it right, ensuring that adults age 50-plus can interact with their instructors and classmates as they learn about a myriad of topics. Invite your friends and family to register as well, and you can work to keep your brains active, together, no matter where you live.

As always, the Osher staff is ready to answer any questions you may have. Simply email osher@missouri.edu, or call (573) 882-8189.

What is Osher@Mizzou?
Osher@Mizzou is a lifelong learning program that provides a variety of noncredit classes and other educational, cultural and social opportunities designed for individuals age 50 and over. Join Osher and take part in thoughtful interactions about topics of interest to you, all for the joy of learning.

What are classes like at Osher@Mizzou?
Classes are relaxed and informal and meet once per week for 90-minute (or longer) sessions. These are synchronous offerings, meaning that your instructor and classmates will meet you each week, live via Zoom or in person.

There will be opportunities to interact with your instructors and classmates during Q&A periods and, occasionally, in smaller breakout sessions. Read on for the exact dates and meeting times for our fall offerings.

What is Zoom?
Zoom is the videoconferencing/telephone conferencing platform MU has chosen and supports to provide high-definition, interactive collaboration tools.

The application is free to use. You do not need to purchase a subscription to use Zoom to take an Osher@Mizzou online class or to attend a meeting or gathering.

For more information and tips on how to use Zoom to access Osher classes, visit osher.missouri.edu.
# Osher Fall 2021 Semester Classes

Please visit the Osher website to read full descriptions of the fall classes, including instructor bios. Visit osher.missouri.edu and click on the [LEARN MORE] button.

All classes run for eight weeks, unless otherwise indicated, starting on Monday, September 13, 2021.

**EACH COURSE will be identified by one of the following terms:**

- **ONLINE ONLY**: Both the instructor(s) and students will meet online for the class, live, in the designated weekly time slot. Sessions will be recorded for review, if desired.

- **IN PERSON ONLY**: The instructor and students will meet, live and in person, in the designated weekly time slot. The sessions will not be recorded.

- **HYBRID**: The instructor will teach live from the Moss Building in the designated weekly time slot. Some students will be in the classroom (limited capacity), while other students will join live via Zoom. At the time of registration, if in-person seats are still available, you can select this option*. If no classroom seats are available, you can take the class via Zoom. **Whether you are in the Moss Building or joining the class online, you will have opportunities to interact with your instructor.** Sessions will be recorded for later viewing.

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## Mondays — Sept. 13, 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1

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<td>Horticulture 101</td>
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| **Four Lessons in U. S. History, Vol. 4** | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. | HYBRID | *First four weeks of the semester*  
Retired Hickman High School and Westminster College instructor Hank Landry will feature a different topic in U. S. history each week: the French and Indian War, expansionism, the transcontinental railroad and more. |
| **Experiencing Two William Faulkner Novels** | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. | HYBRID | *Second four weeks of the semester*  
Limit: 25 students  
Retired physician and Faulkner enthusiast Robin Blake will spend two sessions each on *As I Lay Dying* and *The Sound and the Fury*, focusing on textural analysis. Class participation will be encouraged. |
| The Art and Science of Post-Pandemic Life | 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. | HYBRID | MU faculty members from the College of Arts and Science will present on their current research and educational pursuits. For full details about the presentations, please visit the Osher website. |
| The American Presidents | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. | HYBRID | Dr. Jay Ward continues his series, considering new data on Ford, Carter and Reagan, and for the first time, a focus on George H. W. Bush and Clinton. Dr. Ward will close with three great American “non-presidents”: Alexander Hamilton, John Marshall and Henry Clay. |
In-person seat details*
Seats in the Moss classrooms will be spaced apart to avoid overcrowding, therefore capacity is limited. In alignment with CDC recommendations and University of Missouri and City of Columbia policy, masks will be required, regardless of vaccination status.

*NOTE: Details regarding in-person classes may change before registration opens on Aug. 24. Please consider these descriptions to be tentative.

Zoom links
All fall registrants will be sent Zoom links for their classes. This will allow people with in-person seats to use Zoom on days when they do not want to travel to the Moss Building.

Tuesdays — Sept. 14, 21, 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2

Talkin’ Baseball With an Old Scout
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
ONLINE ONLY
Columnist Bill Clark will reflect on his long career as a Major League Baseball scout, welcoming questions about any part of America’s favorite pastime.

Meet the UM System Presidential Engagement Fellows
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
ONLINE ONLY
Meet the new 2021–2022 cohort of Presidential Engagement fellows, as they share how their teaching, research and expertise benefit Missourians. For full details on the presentations, please visit the Osher website.

Economic Myths and Realities
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
HYBRID
Retired Columbia College economics professor Diane Suhler will try to help the average citizen sort through economic information and understand the meaning of the news they constantly hear about the state of the economy.

Mah Jongg
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
IN PERSON ONLY
Limit: 16 students
Retired Columbia Public Schools teacher Dee Dee Strnad invites you to learn how to play Mah Jongg, a Chinese gambling game. Skill and intelligence are required; luck plays a part. $10 materials fee required.

The U.S. After World War II
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
HYBRID
First four weeks of the semester
Dr. Jay Ward will wrap up his series on the Cold War era in the United States, describing changes that led to the demise of the Soviet Union and the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Two Victorian Poets (+1)
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
ONLINE ONLY
Second four weeks of the semester
Limit: 30 students
In this course, Dr. Tom Dillingham will share and discuss poems by two Victorians who are often known by only one or two of their poems – Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Christina Rossetti – with a “plus one” of Emily Dickinson.
Courses

**Wednesdays — Sept. 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3**

**St. Paul: The Man and the Myth**
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
**HYBRID**
Focusing on the *Acts of the Apostles* and selected Pauline epistles, Dr. Tim Materer will discuss Paul's mystical understanding of Jesus' death; his belief that the end-times have come; and his mission to allow non-observant Jews and gentiles into the Jesus movement.

**Writing After the Civil War: American Literature in the Reconstruction/Post-Reconstruction Era**
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
**HYBRID**
Dr. John Evelev, professor in MU's English Department, will explore how literature helped the nation understand itself in the tumultuous period after the Civil War — and how literature can help us understand conflicts in our own time.

**Pinochle: A Game for the Rest of Us**
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
**IN PERSON ONLY**
*First four weeks of the semester*
Limit: 16 students
Pinochle, an entertaining game to share with friends or family, has just enough strategizing to make it interesting, but is casual enough to be fun. Join instructor Carol Stevenson for this hands-on class.

**Guerilla Warfare in Missouri, 1854–1864**
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
**HYBRID**
*Second four weeks of the semester*
Whit McCoskrie, military historian and author, will discuss conflict in Missouri during the Civil War, focusing on the early beginnings of the guerilla conflict following the Kansas Nebraska Act in 1854 and concluding with the Centralia Massacre in 1864.

**Karl Marx: The Prophet and His Acolytes: Revolution Reloaded**
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
**HYBRID**
Dr. Tony Alioto will discuss the “prophet of scientific socialism,” Karl Marx, in the context of 19th century German philosophy, examining his life and philosophy and tracing his subsequent career, especially in Russia.

**History of Jewelry (Continued)**
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
**ONLINE ONLY**
This is a continuation of retired Stephens College costume designer Patti Doyle’s series on jewelry, focusing on well known designers and a few artists you may not know. She will include a look at the history of lace and how we have cared for our clothes with sewing machines and irons.
The MatheMagical Nature of the Universe  
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
HYBRID  
*First four weeks of the semester*  
Your body and life around you are proportionally “alike” when compared to natural structures at the atomic, molecular and cellular level. Life, minerals, energy and you are all interrelated. Join instructor Paul Stang for an expansion of his summer Osher Brown Bag talk “The Energy of All That Is.”

Requisites to Achieve a Sustainable Future for Planet Earth  
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
HYBRID  
*Second four weeks of the semester*  
Instructor Dr. Michael Chippendale will consider ways humans have caused the present over-consumption of natural resources and ways corrections can be made. Topics will be based on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

Why We Travel! Lisa’s Food Adventures  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
HYBRID  
*Second four weeks of the semester*  
Each week, instructor Lisa Isaacson will talk about dishes she’s enjoyed, cookbooks and chefs, a few recipes, some food writing and local possibilities for food adventures.

Going Native: Indigenous Nations and the 48 States (Part I, Civilizations in Context)  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
HYBRID  
*No class on Thursday, September 23*  
Professional storyteller, geographer and ordained minister Larry Brown returns to Osher to discuss the growth and expansion of early peoples of North America, from the ancient eras into the period of encounter with European colonialism, and the consequent regional development of indigenous nations.

Why We Travel! Sharon’s Jewelry Treasures  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
HYBRID  
*First four weeks of the semester*  
World traveler Sharon Kinden will display her private collection. Organized by construction techniques, material used in artistic creations, and country of origin, Sharon will share the backstory of each distinctive piece.

Democracy Lab 5: Dialogue on the Structures and Values Affecting Our Democracy  
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
ONLINE ONLY  
*Limit: 30 students*  
Attorney, facilitator, mediator and consultant Sarah Read returns for more dialogue on the structures and values that affect our democracy. Two books, *Kill Switch* and *Across That Bridge* will be used to help facilitate small-group discussions.
Value-added Fridays

Friday sessions are open to all current Osher members. These sessions will not be on your registration form; they are included free of charge! To read full descriptions and instructor bios, visit osher.missouri.edu.

Note: Current Osher members may reserve a seat in Moss A for these sessions on the Wednesday morning directly preceding the Friday sessions. Details will be included in Fall Semester confirmation emails.

All sessions will be offered in HYBRID FORMAT, unless marked with an asterisk (*), which will be Online-only.

**Potpourri of the Arts , 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

- Sept. 17: TBA

  * Sept. 24: Author Visit: The Names of John Gergen: Immigrant Identities in Early Twentieth-Century St. Louis
  Author Benjamin Moore, Fontbonne University

  * Oct. 1: Renoir’s Three Sisters and Nazi Art Theft
  Helen Schwartz, retired professor of English

  Oct. 8: Visual Thinking Strategy and Art: Honing Observational and Critical Thinking Skills
  Robin Blake, docent at the MU Museum of Art and Archeology

  * Oct. 15: Author Visit: The Rediscovered Writings of Rose Wilder Lane
  Author Amy Mattson Lauters, Minnesota State University, Mankato

  Oct. 22: Explore the History of Missouri Through Art
  Valerie Hammons, retired teacher and current docent at the MU Museum of Art and Archeology

  Oct. 29: A Very MOSY Holiday! - Wende Wagner and Trent Rash
  Trent Rash and Wende Wagner of the Missouri Symphony Society

  Nov. 5: Introducing the Revived Saturday Morning Book Talks
  Clarence Wolfshohl, professor emeritus, William Woods University, and Walter Bargen, Missouri’s first poet laureate (2008)

**Brown Bag “Lunch and Learn” Seminar Series, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

- Sept 17: The MU Joint Health Program: What, Why, and Initial Results
  Kylee Rucinski, Cory Crecelius and Karra VanLanduyt, MU Joint Health Program

  * Sept. 24: Ouch! That Stereotype Hurts
  Tina Edholm, field specialist in Human Development and Family Science with MU Extension

  * Oct. 1: The Ethics and Politics of Microaffirmations
  Jill Delston, University of Missouri St. Louis

  Oct. 8: The Complexity of Contemporary White Nationalism
  Larry Brown, geographer, professional storyteller and ordained minister

  Oct. 15: Phantom II Fighter Jets, Death Defied, Hanoi’s Hell, Lost Faith Found and Return With Honor
  John Clark, Col. (Ret) USAF

  Oct. 22: Become a More Self-aware Leader: Have Fun Learning Your Personality in a Unique Way
  Johanna Reed Adams, retired State Community Leadership Development Extension Specialist

  Oct. 29: I Want to Avoid Probate. Wait, What is Probate?
  Attorney Rachael Kennedy

  Nov. 5: Estate Planning and Elder Law: “Ninja Level”
  Attorney Rachael Kennedy
Registration

Please read the following information thoroughly. Questions? Contact the Osher staff at osher@missouri.edu or (573) 882-8189.

What Are My Registration Options?

Premium member ($240 membership fee): unlimited classes during the 2021/2022 academic year, $10 re-enrollment fee to register each subsequent semester.

Semester member ($20 membership fee): pay by the course ($40 for a four-week class, $60 for an eight-week class) during the Fall 2021 Semester.

Both membership types include access to the Osher clubs and “Value-added Friday” content. Visit osher.missouri.edu to learn more.

In-Person Seats are Limited

If you prefer in-person learning, register early! There is limited capacity in the two Osher classrooms in the Moss Building. Once the spots in the classroom fill, you will only see the ONLINE option for the class as you register. Questions? Contact the Osher staff.

When to Register?

Registration will open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24th and continue through the fall semester. If you would like to try for in-person seats and/or are interested in a class with limited enrollment, we recommend that you start the registration process on August 24th.

How to Register

Please register online if at all possible. Full step-by-step instructions are below.

If you have not registered online before and would like guidance, the Osher staff will be available to assist you via phone, email or the Zoom application. To arrange a time to work with Walker or Jennifer, email osher@missouri.edu.

To register on or after August 24, 2021, visit the Fall semester page on the Osher website: osher.missouri.edu.

Need-based and caregiver scholarships are available. To apply, visit osher.missouri.edu or email osher@missouri.edu.

If you are unable to complete an online registration or do not have access to a credit or debit card, the Osher staff will be available via phone from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on business days. Call (573) 882-8189.

Please note: The Osher program will not be offering walk-in registration for the Fall 2021 semester.

Getting Started

Osher Members Who Have Registered Online Before:
You will need your log-in ID (which is the email address you used to register) and your password. If you cannot remember your password, click the “Forgot Your Password“ link.

People Who Have Not Registered Online Before:
-Make sure you know your email address – this will be your login ID.

-Please create and have ready a unique, secure password for use this semester and in the future. (Passwords should be eight or more characters and include letters, numbers and a symbol (*, #, $ or !). We recommend that you write down and save your password.)

Completing Your Online Registration

Registering online is easy, and the process unfolds similar to a survey. Please read the instructions carefully, and proceed step-by-step through the process.
Fall classes start Monday, September 13, for this eight-week session.

So many choices! Join us for online and/or in-person learning.

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