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Through the Osher Institute you may rediscover your love for learning on the beautiful University of Richmond campus. We offer a wide array of academic courses and programs year round, in the spring, summer and fall semesters. Osher offerings include undergraduate credit courses for audit, special interest groups, mini-courses, free lectures, and more. There are no entrance requirements, no tests and no grades. In fact, no college background is needed at all—it's your love of learning that counts. If you're 50 or better with a curious mind and a keen interest in learning, we'd love for you to join us.



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Messages from the Rocks

Just thinking and writing from the heart and reading the messages from the rocks.

Before you think I have totally lost it, let me explain. The “Be Kind” movement around RVA translated into an Osher class last semester. Barbara Kaplowitz offered the “Kindness Rock Painting” class and encouraged her students to place these “rocks with messages” wherever they went. Our University of Richmond undergrads also created and placed rocks throughout campus. These messages from the rocks are more important now than ever.

We are living in a pandemic. There’s no way any of us could have thought this possible until we watched the wave from Wuhan gallop across the globe. With modern medicine and amazing technology, we thought we were pretty safe and invincible, didn’t we? The coronavirus has made us realize what it really means to have our lives inexorably changed.

We have new vocabulary. Social distancing is the most familiar. It’s perhaps the phrase I dislike the most. Osher Institute members and staff thrive on being together. We are a social bunch. I miss my three Osher colleagues – video conferencing is just not the same. We all miss YOU, our members. We miss your hellos, we miss you sneaking in for chocolate, we miss your visits, and we miss the updates on your health, your family, your trips and adventures.

But, we are keeping our chins up, working busily from home, and planning for great Osher activities. The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and the flowers are blooming. Nell and I asked Derek, one of UR’s great groundskeepers, to hang a birdhouse for us. I snuck over to campus to restock the bird feeders, and yes, wow! We have a nest with four blue eggs in our new house. Lesson learned: seek joy and appreciate the wonder.

The messages on the rocks can keep us all going. Be kind. Don’t quit. Life is good; pass it on. Good vibes. The best is yet to come. And, even, Suck it up buttercup! Breathe. Look up and get lost. We can’t direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails. Enjoy today.

Even remotely, we have each other. We are getting encouraging updates from a long-time Osher member undergoing cancer treatments. We’re sending messages to you and providing resources for you to peruse and enjoy at home. Our volunteers are offering to help in all sorts of ways. Our Historically Speaking Special Interest Group has already tried Zoom conferencing, and Contemporary Issues will go online in May.

Osher’s late spring classes were cancelled, and summer courses, while almost set, had to be overhauled. The silver lining is that this presents a new opportunity for all of us to learn remotely. Your Osher staff has been working with instructors to move their classes online. Some courses may not work remotely, but others will. A good number of our Osher course leaders are willing to give this a go. Staff is ramping up its knowledge of Zoom videoconferencing. We also are providing training to our instructors and to you so that the online experience will be fun and meaningful.

This document is not your normal catalog of summer courses, but please know we have scheduled exciting offerings for the summer—all online. You’ll find a chronological listing of these as an insert in this brochure. The expansive information about each course is available in our online registration system, with which you are already very familiar.

Because we are learning as we go, our best way to keep you informed about all Osher happenings and news is with regular emails. We will be intentional about communicating with you.

Also, we have started something new: a private Facebook Group: UR Osher Community. Why? First, it is another way for us to stay connected. We want to have a way for members who are already on Facebook to connect with each other and hear about the latest activities of the Osher Institute. The Osher staff will post messages regarding our online activities and events on a regular basis.

Your Osher team is convinced that though apart, together we will move forward. We’ll offer classes in a new way, we’ll learn how to remain connected, and we’ll come out on the other side of this pandemic.

For me, I’ll keep reading the rocks. Hang in there. Be happy. Be kind.

Missing you all and sending appropriately distant, socially responsible, virtual hugs!



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Where do I start?

1

Sign up for an annual membership.

You can become an Osher member at any time during the year. Osher membership is required for all Osher programs except special events, which are free and open to the public.

Member benefits are outlined on the back cover of this schedule. Complete details and membership forms are online at osher.richmond.edu.

Contact the Osher Institute office with any questions by emailing osher@richmond.edu.

\$75 – Silver Membership

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2

Register for classes.

This summer all classes will be offered online, most via Zoom videoconferencing. For the best experience, members should have a device that has a camera and audio capabilities (tablets and computers are best). Inserted is a chronological list of classes to help plan your schedules. Full narratives for all classes may be found online, along with instructor biographies.

We encourage members to register online. The online registration system contains information that the print catalog does

not, including instructor biographies.

If completing a paper registration form, (*available on our website at osher.richmond.edu/schedule on the first day of registration*), please mail your registration form and any required payment. Paper registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received, and as staff time allows, beginning the first day of registration. *Please remember that Osher staffers are working remotely and are checking the mail only once a week.*

Osher members interested in course audit opportunities should contact the Osher office. See page 6 for details.

The UR Osher Institute offers need-based scholarships for Osher on-campus courses. Contact the Osher office for details.

Register for classes at osher.richmond.edu/schedule beginning May 19, 2020.

3

Prepare for online delivery of summer classes.

We're offering all summer Osher classes online using the Zoom videoconferencing platform. For each course, we'll send the Zoom link in our standard email reminder. Please don't share this link with others. Some classes may be recorded; if so, we'll note this in our messages to you.

It's easy to participate in a Zoom class. We're offering training for Osher members throughout the summer, but the basics are as follows:

- You'll need a device (tablet or computer recommended) to participate, preferably with microphone and camera. Phones can be used as a last resort.
- We recommend installing the Zoom application (zoom.us/download) before your first class. You only need to do this once. You won't have to create an account or log in.
- Test your chosen device to be sure you can access the internet.
- Between 5 and 15 minutes before class starts, follow the link to open the Zoom application and join the class.
 - You'll be provided a meeting ID and password in the reminder email.
 - If prompted, enter those credentials. Otherwise, the credentials are embedded in the URL.
 - Name your device using your full name for authentication.
- All participants will be muted upon arrival. This allows the course leader to talk without interruptions.
- We'll remind participants to follow instructor preferences, "raise their hands" and use the chat feature to ask questions.





Registration Form and Calendar Summer 2020

We encourage you to register online at osher.richmond.edu.

Register for classes: Check the box next to the fee.

Please total your course fees and complete the following information necessary for processing your registration:

Date _____

Name _____ UR ID _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Fee	Title	Date, Time/ Day of Week
<input type="checkbox"/> Free to Members	The Market In Today's Economy*	May 12, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, T
<input type="checkbox"/> Free to Members	New Twists in Elderlaw and New Options with IRAs*	May 20, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, W
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	¡Bienvenidos! Spanish for Beginners	Jun 1, 8, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Silver	Religious Extremism in Islam and Muslims	June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$65 Gold/Silver/UR	Come and BeMoved®*	June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, 5:30-6:30 PM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Food Labeling and Changes to the Nutrition Facts Panel*	Jun 2, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, T
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	The Wild World of Medications*	Jun 2, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM, T
<input type="checkbox"/> Free to Members	Bounty of Boatwright	Jun 3, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, W
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Silver	Poe's Gothic Masterpiece: 'The Fall of the House of Usher'	Jun 3, 10, 3:30 PM-5:00 PM, W
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Finding Your Virginia Roots	Jun 4, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, R
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Silver	Mindfulness for Older Adults*	Jun 4, 11, 18, 25, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM, R
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	The Tour de France: Cycling and More	Jun 8, 1:30 PM-3:30 PM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Understanding Long Term Care Insurance*	Jun 9, 2:00 PM-2:45 PM, T
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Municipal Corruption in Jersey City	Jun 10, 17, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, W
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Silver	In Search of the Historical Jesus	Jun 10, 17, 24, Jul 1, 8, 15, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, W
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Children of the Civil Rights Series, Volume 1: The Life of Barbra Rose Johns	Jun 15, 22, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	With Walt Whitman, Himself	Jun 19, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, F
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Introduction to Bird Watching as a Hobby	Jun 23, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, T
<input type="checkbox"/> Free to Members	Beyond the Bounty	Jun 24, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, W
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Advance Care Planning: It's About the Conversation!*	Jun 25, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, R
<input type="checkbox"/> Free to Members	New Twists in Elderlaw and New Options with IRAs*	Jun 29, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Telling America's Stories through Art: Social Commentary/Social Justice	Jun 30, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, T
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	How to View and Understand Art	Jul 6, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Silver	The Cold War, 1945-1991 (Reprise)	Jul 6, 13, 20, 27, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Silver	A Trip to The Twilight Zone	Jul 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, T, R
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Silver	Your Backyard Habitat and Why It Is Important	Jul 7, 14, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, T
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Silver	The World of J.R.R. Tolkien and The Hobbit	Jul 8, 15, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, W
<input type="checkbox"/> \$8 Gold/Silver/UR	What's Your Sign: Ephemera and Women's Activism	Jul 9, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, R
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Silver	That's the Way the Ball Bounces	Jul 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, F
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Telling America's Stories through Art: War at Home and Abroad	Jul 13, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Silver	Social Security and Estate Planning*	Jul 13, 20, 27, 3:30 PM-4:30 PM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Photo Editing For Photographers Who Hate To Photo Edit	Jul 16, 23, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, R
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Telling America's Stories through Art: The Great Depression	Jul 20, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Telling America's Stories through Art: Contemporary Times	Jul 27, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, M
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	Cell Phone for Travel Photography	Jul 28, Aug 4, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, T
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Silver	John C. Campbell Folk School: A School for Crafts in Appalachia	Jul 30, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, R
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Silver	Relive the Memory of CATS	Aug 5, 12, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, W
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Silver	Apple iPhone, Beyond the Essentials*	Aug 11, 13, 18, 20, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM, T, R

M=Monday, T=Tuesday, W=Wednesday, R=Thursday, F=Friday, S=Saturday, U=Sunday

*Denotes Regirer Series on Aging Well course

Course Audit Opportunities

Osher Institute members may request to audit University of Richmond credit classes, which meet for 15 weeks beginning at the start of each semester in fall and spring. Summer classes have shorter and more intense schedules and are not recommended for a first-time Osher audit student.

Osher members who are accepted or approved to audit credit classes do not participate in graded assignments or tests and are asked to be sensitive to the needs of the degree-seeking students.

Gold members pay no additional fees to audit credit classes. Silver members pay \$100 for each audit class.

Contact Nell Smith at nsmith3@richmond.edu for registration procedures.



UR Osher Community Facebook Group

We have a new way to connect: a private Facebook group, just for current UR Osher Institute members. To join, please visit facebook.com/groups/urosher to find our group, which is private and visible (anyone can find the group, but only members can see who's in the group and what they post).

We have created this new online connection tool for members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Richmond. We want to have a way for members who are already on Facebook to connect with each other and hear about the latest activities of the Osher Institute. This is especially important now, as we practice social distancing. The Osher staff will post messages regarding our online activities and events as they become available. Our course offerings will only be offered online for the next few months, and some may be announced on an ad hoc basis, as instructors become comfortable with online delivery of their classes.

We know that not all Osher members are Facebook users, and we appreciate that. Rest assured you will not miss any important news from the Osher office simply because you are not on Facebook. Also, please know this will not serve as our only communication vehicle. We will continue to use regular emails, printed materials, and other methods to communicate to our Osher members.



Regirer Series on Aging Well

The Regirer Series on Aging Well focuses on health and wellness topics, including legal and financial issues, relevant to those “50 and better.” We are grateful for the generous grant from the Walter W. Regirer and Maria Teresa Regirer Foundation, which supports this popular Series. The Regirers were passionate continuing education advocates, especially within the local senior healthcare community. The Series continues this important legacy.

Osher courses that address these areas are marked on the enclosed insert with an asterisk (*) and are noted appropriately in our online registration system.



Your IDs and Passwords: More Important Than Ever

We remind you often that there are several important IDs and passwords for you to have and manage as UR students. We're providing this information again, as several of these are truly helpful and provide great benefits, even from home.

1: UR ID: All students, faculty staff at UR have this 8-digit identification number. Each Osher member is a UR student and is assigned this ID number within the University's system of record (Banner). This number is needed to acquire your UR photo identification card, and it is also needed to create other IDs. You will not need this ID number on a daily basis.

2: Net ID: webpass.richmond.edu To create this account, you will need your UR ID and birthdate. The system will generate your Net ID, and then you

will be asked to create a 16-character password. (Hint: Make it a sentence or something else easy to remember.)

Why is a Net ID important? This provides you with a richmond.edu email address, which you may choose to forward to your preferred email address. It gives you access to on-campus computers and to the many databases offered through the library and also allows you to check out library items. This gives you wi-fi access on campus for your personal devices (cell phone, tablet, laptop).

3: Osher Registration User ID: osher.richmond.edu/schedule

To create this account, you will need your UR ID and additional personal information. It is NOT connected to your Net ID and password.

Why is this important? This system is where you will join or renew as an Osher member and where you will register for Osher classes.





Osher Institute Online Resources

Since the Osher Institute has canceled classes in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, your Osher staff is providing free, fun, instructional and engaging content and information for Osher members. We are sharing many via email and through our Facebook group, but the complete list resides on the Osher web site. We appreciate the many recommendations from members, our local partners, museums, and historical sites, as well as our Osher colleagues across the nation.

We're sure there are many more than what we're providing below, but here are the basic categories of resources:

- Osher Member and Staff Recommendations (please feel free to suggest more to the Osher staff)

- University of Richmond Video Resources
- University of Richmond Library Resources
- University of Richmond Modlin Center for the Arts experiences
- The Osher National Resource Center shared online resources
- Additional Resources

We believe this is a wonderful treasure trove of great educational resources. Your Osher staff will continue to curate and offer these resources as they come to our attention. In that light, we hope you will share any that you find that you believe your Osher colleagues would enjoy.



Osher's 2020 Fundraising Goal

This year, Osher's fundraising goal is \$25,000 from approximately 18% of its members. As in past years, funds are being raised to support our long-term sustainability and special events and programming.

Some Osher members have asked how they can help Osher financially during COVID-19. If you are in a position to support Osher at this time, please consider a gift today. Osher and the university as a whole are supporting students, faculty, and staff, while experiencing significantly decreased revenue. Remember \$300 in charitable

gifts are tax deductible per person in 2020, even if you take the standard deduction and do not itemize your tax deductions.

If you have gift giving questions, please contact Amy Edwards at aedwards@richmond.edu. We are working remotely so please consider making your gift online through the Osher website (osher.richmond.edu/give) or mailing a check directly to University Advancement with Osher in the memo line (University of Richmond, Attn: University Advancement, Maryland Hall, 110 UR Drive, University of Richmond, VA 23173).



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Osher Interest Groups

Formed and led by Osher members, our vibrant Osher interest groups are listed below. More details about interest groups are online at osher.richmond.edu. A current Osher Institute membership is required for interest group participation.

Biking

There is no better way to combine exercise and exploration than biking. The Osher Biking Group is a supportive group that will offer monthly rides that allow us to do both. Guidelines for the rides are:

- Under 25 miles in length
- Recreationally-paced
- Always in a group (no one rides alone)
- Only on light- or no-traffic roads.
- If you are interested in being a member of the Biking Group and going on rides, please email John Bander at johnabander@icloud.com. Please indicate if you are willing to help with administering the group and/or helping to lead rides.

Bridge

The social/duplicate bridge group meets on the first Friday of each month at 1:00pm (except in the summer months). A short bridge lesson is taught at the beginning of each session. Please contact Ellen Hollands at efine98@aol.com or (804) 741-0221 if you are interested in joining. These are FUN groups. All levels are welcome!

Contemporary Issues

Contemporary Issues (CI) is an interest group devoted to consideration of important news topics of the day. Invited guest speakers and CI committee members facilitate exploration



of focus topics, followed by open discussions of contemporary issues suggested by staff and members. Recent focus topics include: Fake News and Journalism; Virginians for Fair Redistricting; Tariffs and their effects on the American Economy; Iran's Nuclear Program and its effects on the Middle East; Current Economic Activity, Prospects for Economic Growth, and Issues That May Affect its Path; Climate Change and the Green New Deal: Fact or Fantasy? This interest group is coordinated by: Alan Corbett, William Pawelski, Susan Phieffer, John Schofield, Janet Murray, Joyce Rothschild, and Jeffrey Keil. Sessions are held the first Wednesday of each month starting in September. To join, please contact Susan Phieffer at sphieffer@gmail.com.

Great Conversations

Over the years, this group has been discussing short stories, essays and poetry, with a few novellas mixed in for flavor. We've even done a few documentary films. The subjects of our lively conversations? We floated deep into the Heart of Darkness with Joseph Conrad. We watched a Total Eclipse with Annie Dillard. We took a car ride with Flannery O'Connor's grandmother who convinced us that A Good Man is Hard to Find. We observed the Century of Self through the lens of Freud's nephew, Edward Bernays. We spent several afternoons at the Existential Cafe, discussing freedom and being — and sipping apricot cocktails. We hope you'll join us on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 2-4 pm at local libraries for sparkling, cordial conversations about shoes and ships and sealing wax, not to mention cabages and kings—and who knows what else? If you'd like to join us, or if you have questions, please contact Vera Mulherin at paxvera@netscape.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Hikers

Come with us and explore the wonders of nature: the breathtaking waterfalls, wildlife, various plants and vegetation, not to mention historic urban settings. Our hikes run from September through June and cover an array of venues from the Shenandoah National Forest to urban hikes, and all points in between. Our hikes generally run between four and seven miles in length with varying degrees of difficulty and elevation change. We generally leave campus around 8 AM and return by 5PM. For more information, contact the group coordinator: Lex Bailey, alexander.neale.bailey@gmail.com. All participants are required to sign a liability release form. Also, we strongly recommend that all participants complete and bring with them on the hike an Emergency Information Sheet. Upcoming hikes will be posted in the Osher Office and on the Osher website and announced to group members via email.

Historically Speaking

As part of the group's activities, the Historically Speaking Interest Group discusses both classic historical works, and recent history books.

Included in the books we will review for the rest of 2020 will be: **Caesar Life of a Colossos** (2006) by Adrian Goldsworthy [June]; **The End of Ideology** by Daniel Bell (1960) [October]; **America's Siberian Adventure** (1931) William Graves [December].

We are also scheduling a trip to the Civil War Museum in Richmond in August. Another goal is to coordinate among Osher History instructors to avoid duplication and enhance continuity.

We are for all those who love history and enjoy the fellowship of others who feel the same way. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Louis Cei at ceilb2@aol.com. Please join us!



SUMMER 2020 OSHER SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Investments

Raise your financial IQ. Join other members of the Osher Investment Interest Group (The OIIG) once a month to hear and interact with guest experts in the field of Investments and Personal Finance. Our speakers include Robins School of Business students who manage part of the U of R endowment fund, and a variety of financial professionals, dedicated to financial education, who can provide help increasing our collective financial IQ. We meet from 10:00am-12:00pm in the Robins School of Business (Bldg 102) during the Fall and Spring Semesters only. To be added to the meeting announcement email list, Osher members should email: F. Brian McNeil at fbmcneil@gmail.com.

Literary Dreamers

Osher members are welcome to join this group founded in 2001 by dedicated School of Professional and Continuing Studies students.

Readings range from academic non-fiction to literary fiction to popular fiction. To join, please contact Dorothy Schoeneman dorth325@hotmail.com. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings will be on the last Saturday of the month. Books for the remainder of

2019 include:

- August 31: **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens
- September 29: **Perfect Nanny** by Leila Slimani
- October 27: **House of Broken Angels** by Luis Alberto Urrea
- November 23: **The Warmth of Other Suns** by Isabel Wilkerson
- December 1: Selection Meeting

Memoir Writing

Are you interested in writing your life story — in small chunks and with the help of like-minded others? We are a supportive group that meets at least monthly, sharing our writing and offering advice and feedback to one another. This is not a group that focuses on publication but on evoking memories and improving our writing. Because of the necessity to create a small, intimate group, our first group, led by Lynn Blankman, is currently at capacity, so we have started a second group, led by Karen Mizrach. If you would like more information, please email Karen at krmizrach@gmail.com

Photography

The Photography Interest Group offers photographers with a range of experience and interest the opportunity to come together regularly to share, learn, and develop their skills. Tip sessions, photo outings, and presentations on such



topics as composition, exposure, and editing software are offered. To join or learn more, please email coordinator Peter Blankman at pblankman@gmail.com

Theatre Lovers

A love for live theatre is the only prerequisite for joining this interest group. This Osher interest group explores the Richmond theatre scene by selecting and attending five to six performances from September through May. Announcements for shows are sent to group members via email.

There is a wonderful social aspect to this group. When appropriate, we gather after a performance for discussion and a bite to eat. We also hope there will be occasions to participate in talk-backs with the actors and production team. To learn more and to join, please contact Linda Turner at ltturner@richmond.edu.

Travel

Attention all travelers! Celeste Miller spearheads the Osher special interest group for those who love to travel. The objectives of the group are to share information regarding trips taken and most importantly, to help coordinate future Osher travel. If you have interest in learning from fellow travelers, if you'd like to share your experiences, or if you are willing to help to lead the development of future Osher trips, this is the special interest group for you! We plan to focus on day trips and overnight excursions, as well as domestic and international travel. To join or to learn more, please email OSHERtravel@gmail.com. Come join the fun and expand your experiences!

Upcoming Trips

- March 24-29, 2020: **Cuba Discovery:** DELAYED UNTIL OCTOBER
- July 10-18, 2020: **Discover the Highlights of Norway**
- July 26-31, 2020: **Hiking in Acadia National Park**
- August 10-24, 2020: **Norwegian Fjords Cruise**
- September 19-28, 2020: **Rome and the Amalfi Coast**
- September 20-25, 2020: **Hiking the Finger Lakes Trails – Trees and Gorges in Wine Country**
- September 29-October 14, 2020: **Baltic Capitals & St. Petersburg**
- October 2-8, 2020: **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta**
- October 9-20, 2020: **Croatia and Its Islands** (land & yacht cruise)

More details on these trips are available on our web site: osher.richmond.edu/travel.



Member Benefits at a Glance

- **Membership is good for 12 months from date you join**
- **Several membership options**
- **Free Osher member orientation and campus tour**
- **Osher members receive individual performance discount at the Modlin Center for the Arts**
- **Free parking on UR campus**
- **Unlimited borrowing privileges at UR's Boatwright Library (including audio and e-books and videos)**
- **Access to the UR Technology Help Desk – offering remote support (804-287-6400 or helpdesk@richmond.edu)**
- **Use of more than 300 online databases at the UR Library**
- **UR 'One Card' used to access full privileges at the UR Library and discounts at some area retailers**
- **UR email address**
- **Daily 'SpiderBytes' messaging for UR campus programs and events**
- **Access to UR help center for preparing presentations – offering remote support (804-289-8777 or tlc@richmond.edu)**
- **Opportunity to audit undergraduate credit classes**
- **Unlimited on-campus Osher classes for Gold members**
- **Free bonus classes and special events**

If you have received an extra copy of this schedule, we hope that you will share it with another lifelong learner.

Explore your love of learning at UR's Osher Institute.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute combines intellectual stimulation and civic engagement with a vibrant community of like-minded students, age 50 and older.

We offer an extensive array of programs in the liberal arts in the fall, spring, and summer semesters. There are no entrance requirements, no tests, and no grades.

In fact, no college background is needed at all—it's your love of learning that counts. Join the fun today!

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