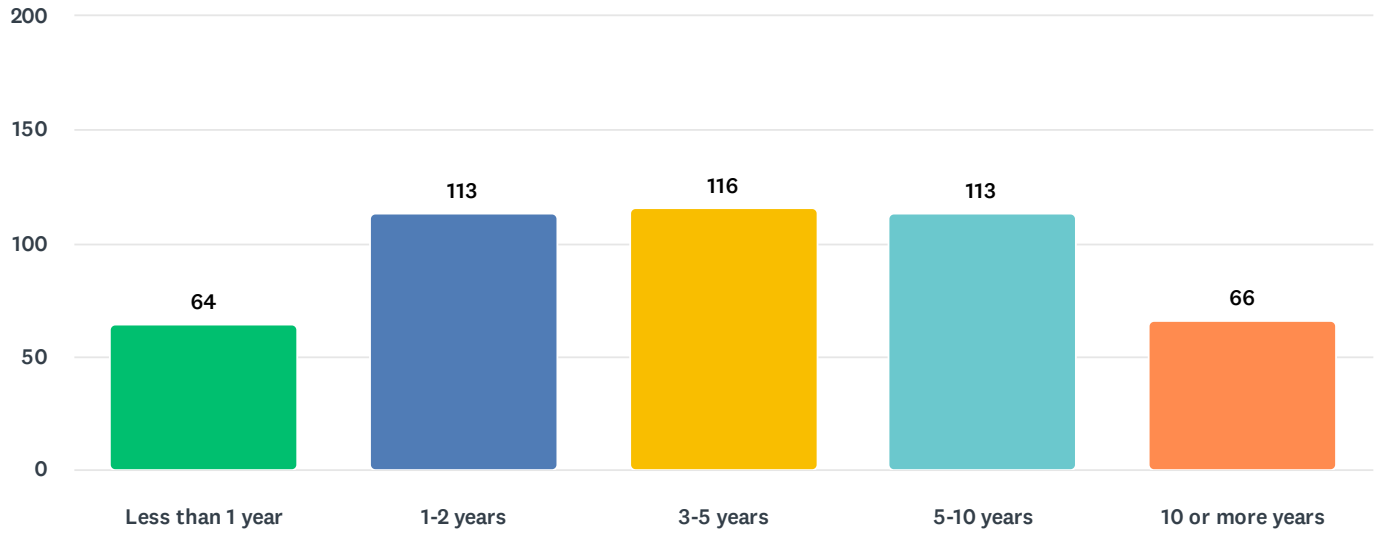
Q1 472 responses

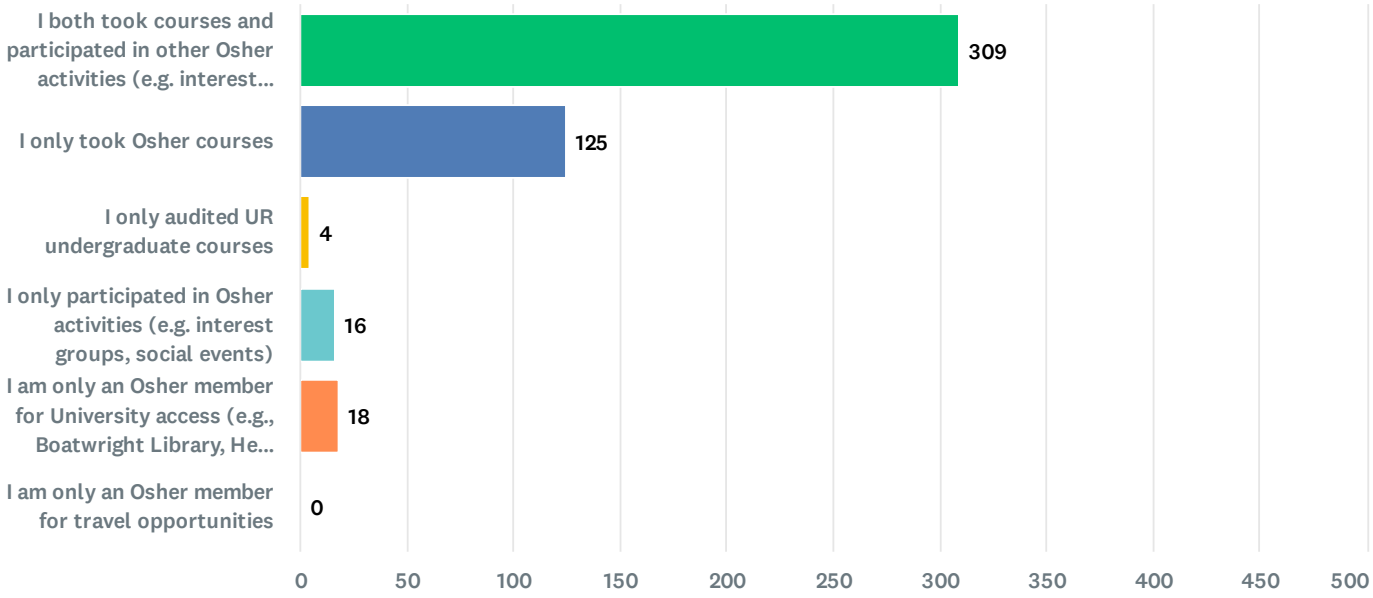
How long have you been a member of Osher at UR?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Less than 1 year	13.56%	64
1-2 years	23.94%	113
3-5 years	24.58%	116
5-10 years	23.94%	113
10 or more years	13.98%	66
Total		**472**

Q2 472 responses

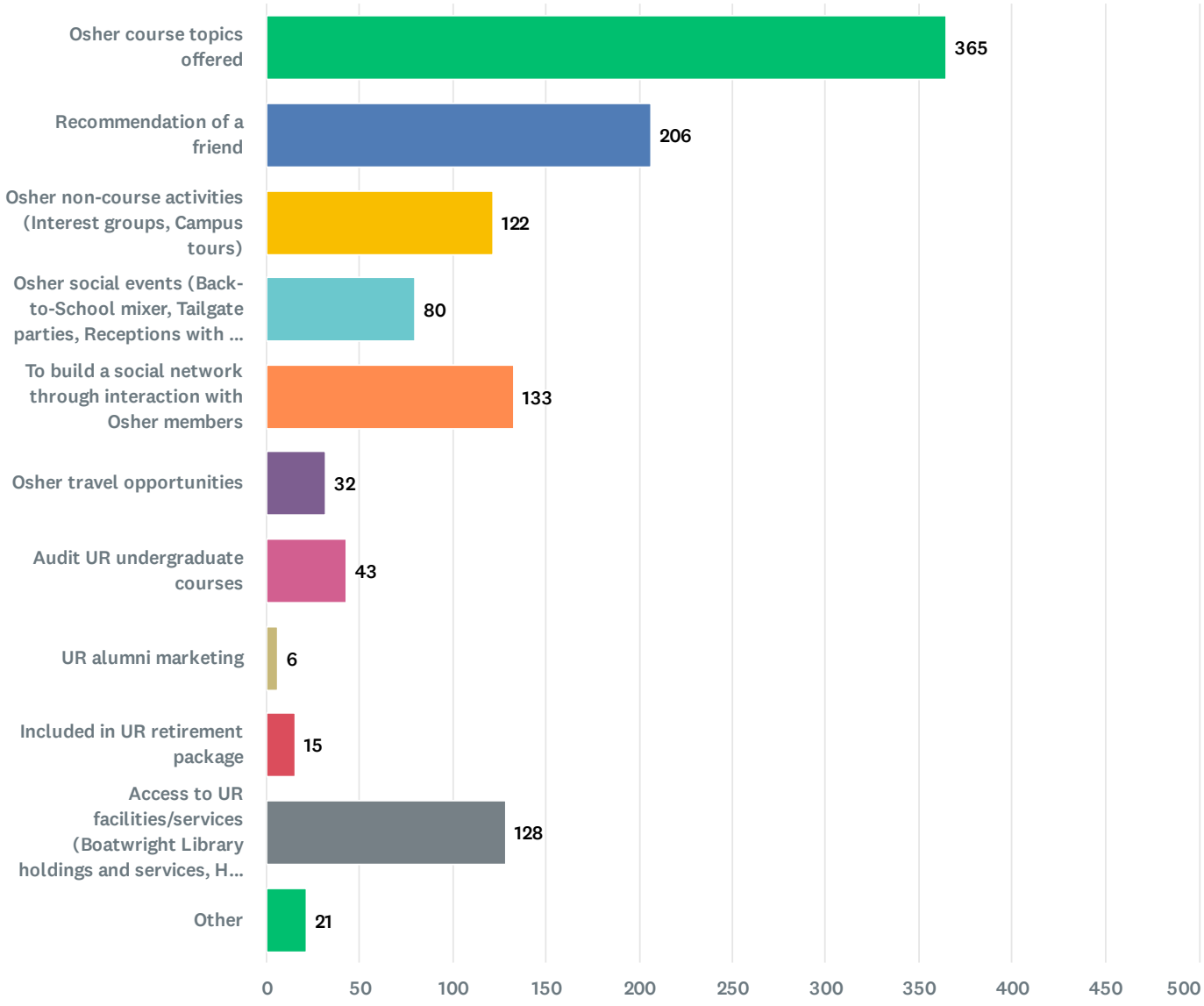
Which of the following best describes your involvement in Osher at UR over the past 2 years?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
I both took courses and participated in other Osher activities (e.g. interest groups, free events, social events)	65.47%	309
I only took Osher courses	26.48%	125
I only audited UR undergraduate courses	0.85%	4
I only participated in Osher activities (e.g. interest groups, social events)	3.39%	16
I am only an Osher member for University access (e.g., Boatwright Library, Heilman Dining Center, Modlin Center, computer IT services)	3.81%	18
I am only an Osher member for travel opportunities	0%	0
Total		**472**

Q3 472 responses

Why did you initially join Osher at the University of Richmond? (Check all that apply)



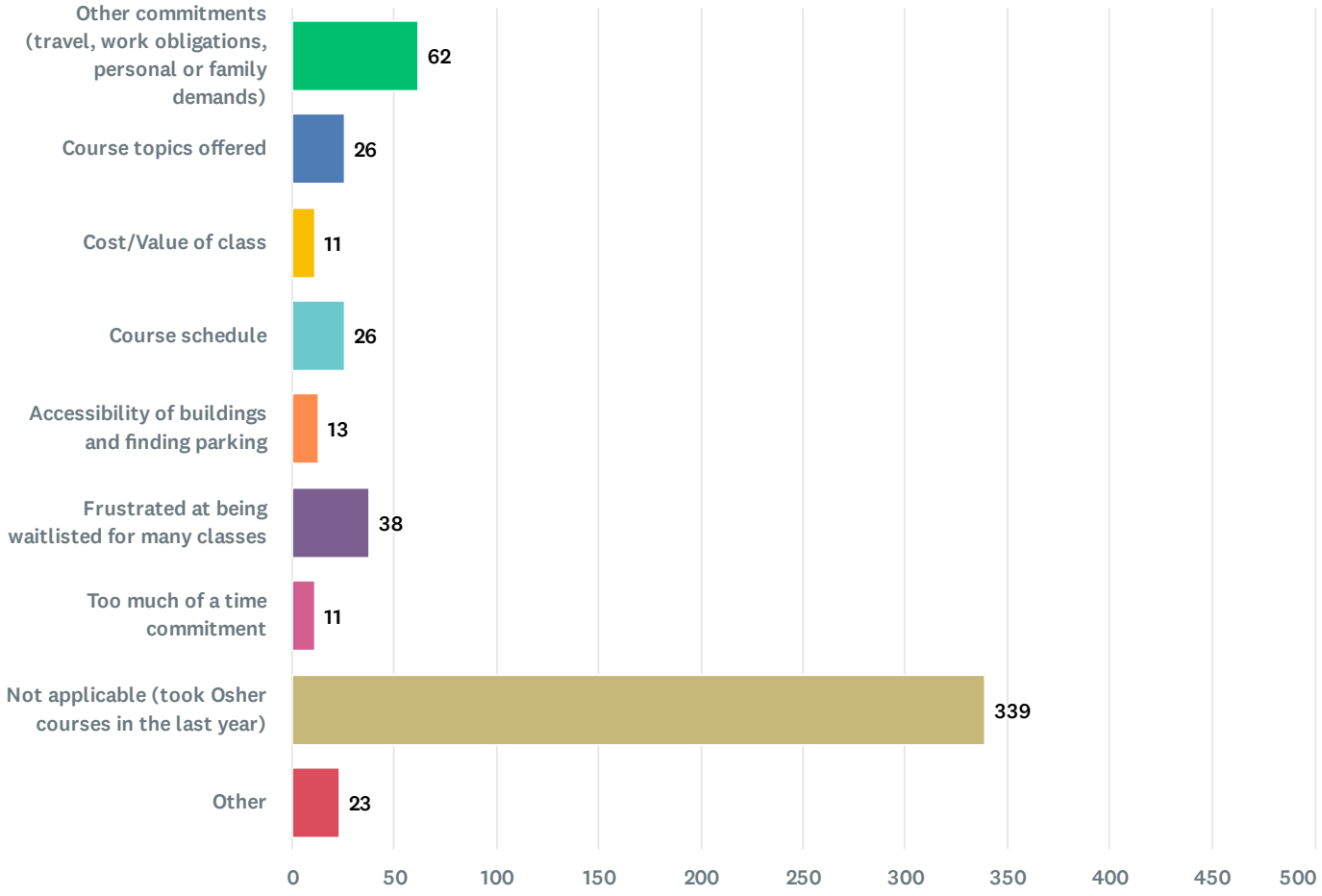
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Osher course topics offered	77.33%	365
Recommendation of a friend	43.64%	206
Osher non-course activities (Interest groups, Campus tours)	25.85%	122

Total	**1151**

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Osher social events (Back-to-School mixer, Tailgate parties, Receptions with concerts, Trivia afternoons, Happy Hours)	16.95%	80
To build a social network through interaction with Osher members	28.18%	133
Osher travel opportunities	6.78%	32
Audit UR undergraduate courses	9.11%	43
UR alumni marketing	1.27%	6
Included in UR retirement package	3.18%	15
Access to UR facilities/services (Boatwright Library holdings and services, Heilman Dining Center, Modlin Center, computer IT services)	27.12%	128
Other	4.45%	21
Total		**1151**

Q4 472 responses

If you did not take an Osher course in the last year, what are the main reasons? (Check all that apply)

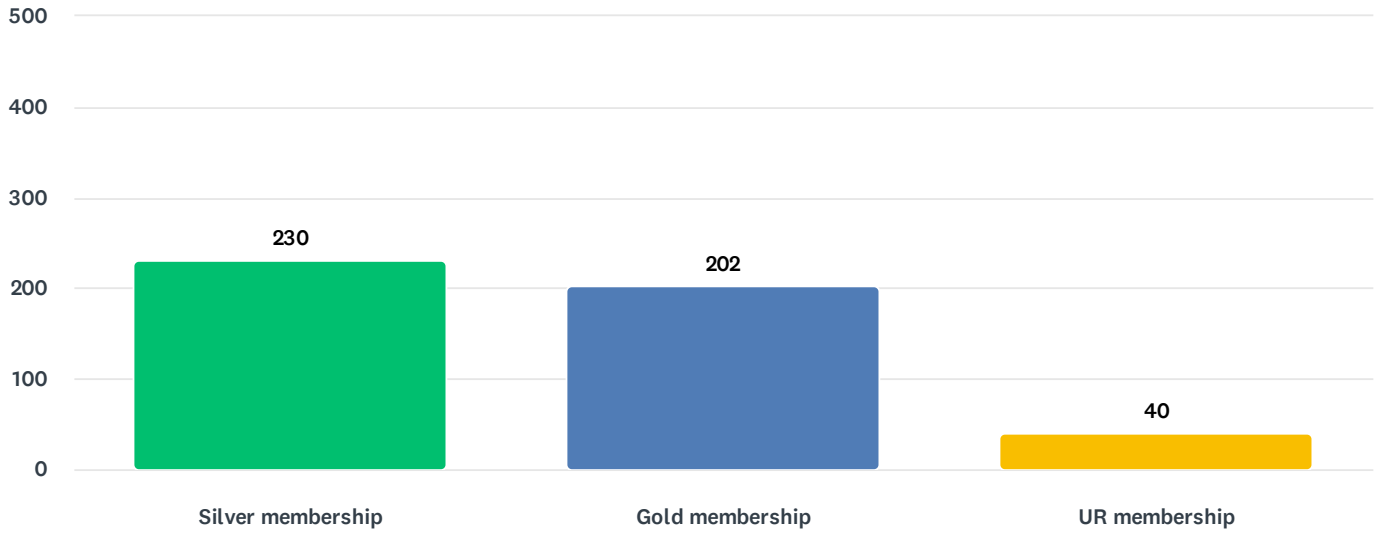


Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Other commitments (travel, work obligations, personal or family demands)	13.14%	62
Course topics offered	5.51%	26
Cost/Value of class	2.33%	11
Course schedule	5.51%	26
Accessibility of buildings and finding parking	2.75%	13
Frustrated at being waitlisted for many classes	8.05%	38
Total		**549**

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Too much of a time commitment	2.33%	11
Not applicable (took Osher courses in the last year)	71.82%	339
Other	4.87%	23
Total		**549**

Q5 472 responses

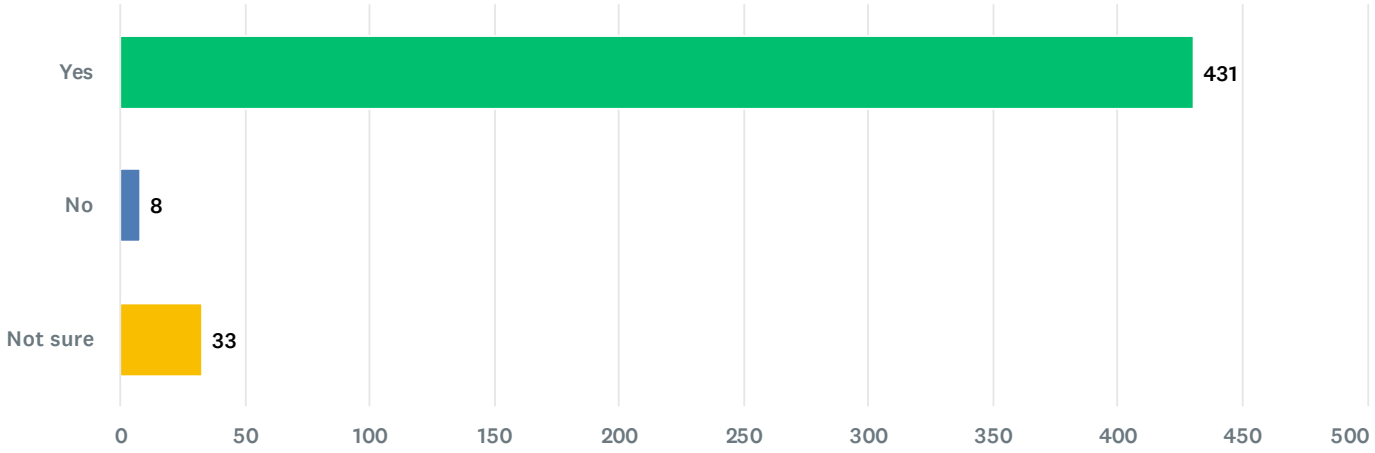
What type of membership do you have at present?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Silver membership	48.73%	230
Gold membership	42.80%	202
UR membership	8.47%	40
Total		**472**

Q6 472 responses

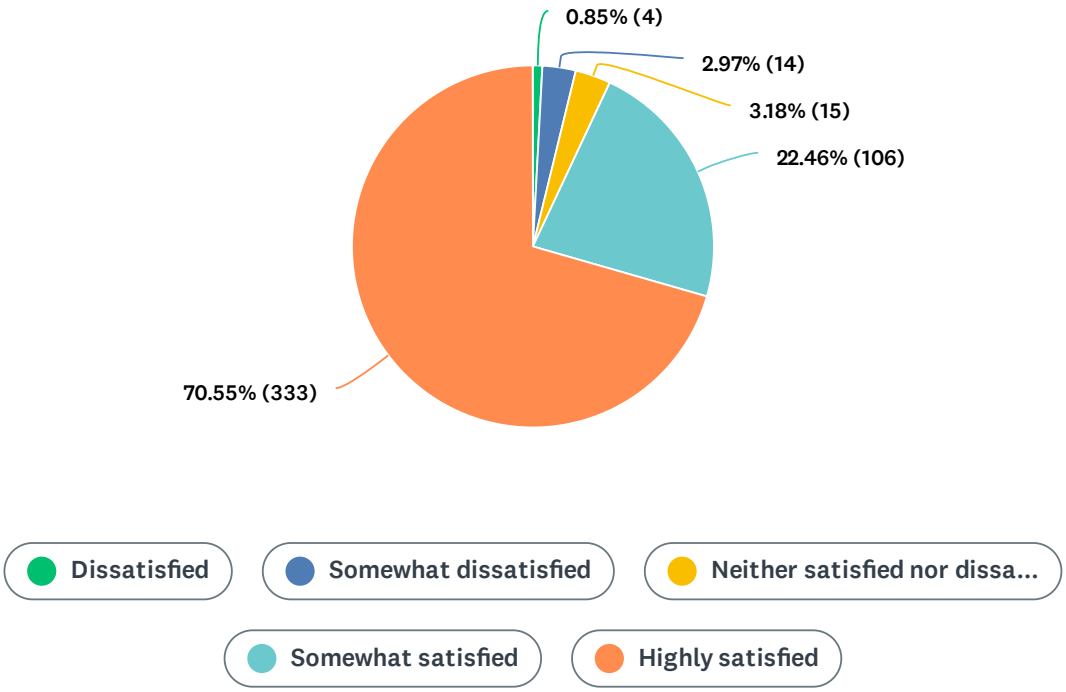
Do you intend to renew your Osher membership?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	91.31%	431
No	1.69%	8
Not sure	6.99%	33
Total		**472**

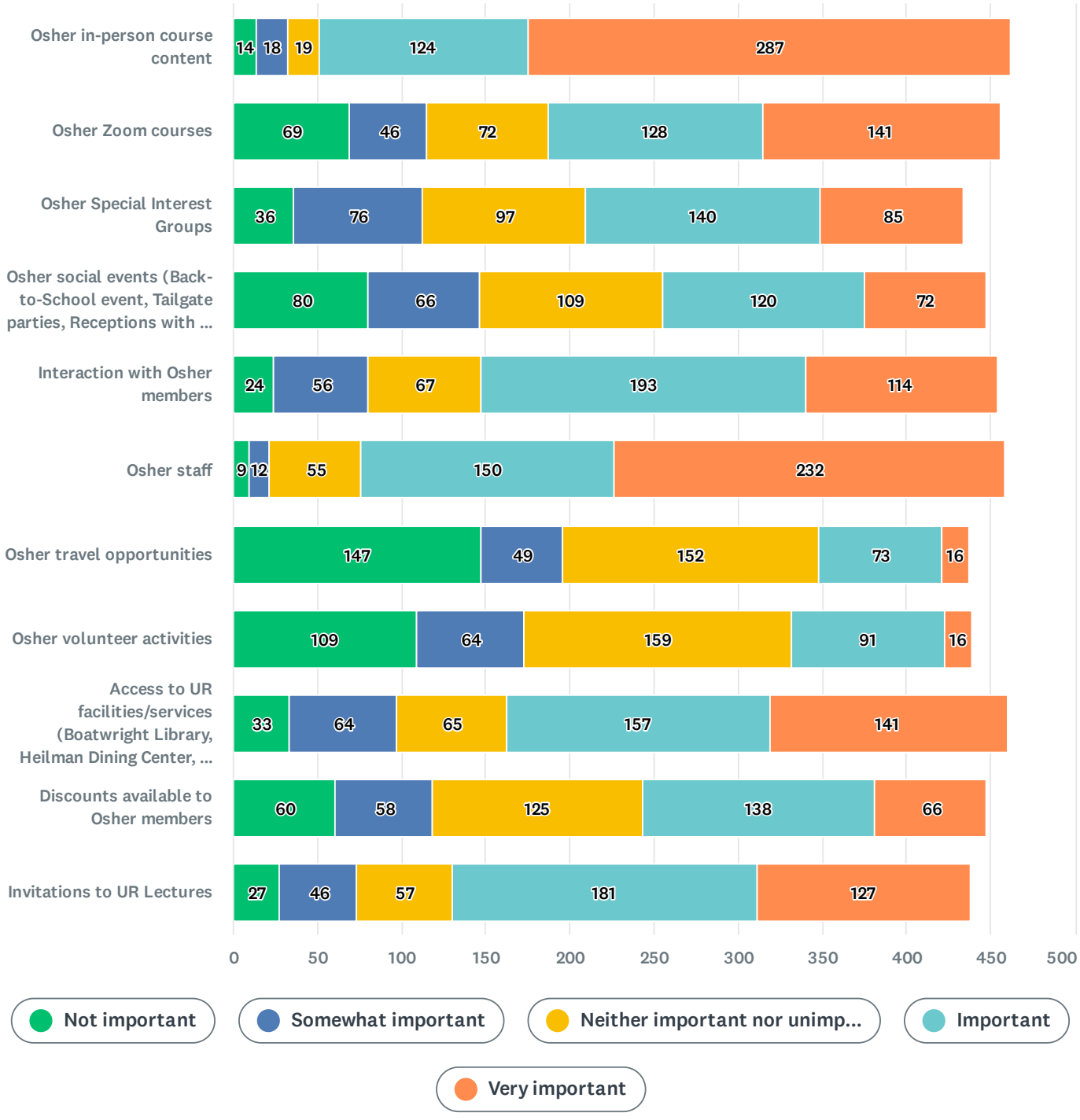
Q7 472 responses

How satisfied are you with your overall experience in Osher at UR?



Q8 472 responses

How important are the following to your satisfaction with Osher at UR?



	Not important	Somewhat important	Neither important nor unimportant	Important	Very important	Total

	Not important	Somewhat important	Neither important nor unimportant	Important	Very important	Total
Osher in-person course content	3.03% 14	3.90% 18	4.11% 19	26.84% 124	62.12% 287	462
Osher Zoom courses	15.13% 69	10.09% 46	15.79% 72	28.07% 128	30.92% 141	456
Osher Special Interest Groups	8.29% 36	17.51% 76	22.35% 97	32.26% 140	19.59% 85	434
Osher social events (Back-to-School event, Tailgate parties, Receptions with concerts, Trivia afternoons, Happy Hours)	17.90% 80	14.77% 66	24.38% 109	26.85% 120	16.11% 72	447
Interaction with Osher members	5.29% 24	12.33% 56	14.76% 67	42.51% 193	25.11% 114	454
Osher staff	1.97% 9	2.62% 12	12.01% 55	32.75% 150	50.66% 232	458
Osher travel opportunities	33.64% 147	11.21% 49	34.78% 152	16.70% 73	3.66% 16	437
Osher volunteer activities	24.83% 109	14.58% 64	36.22% 159	20.73% 91	3.64% 16	439
Access to UR facilities/services (Boatwright Library, Heilman Dining Center, Modlin Center, computer IT services)	7.17% 33	13.91% 64	14.13% 65	34.13% 157	30.65% 141	460
Discounts available to Osher members	13.42% 60	12.98% 58	27.96% 125	30.87% 138	14.77% 66	447
Invitations to UR Lectures	6.16% 27	10.50% 46	13.01% 57	41.32% 181	29.00% 127	438
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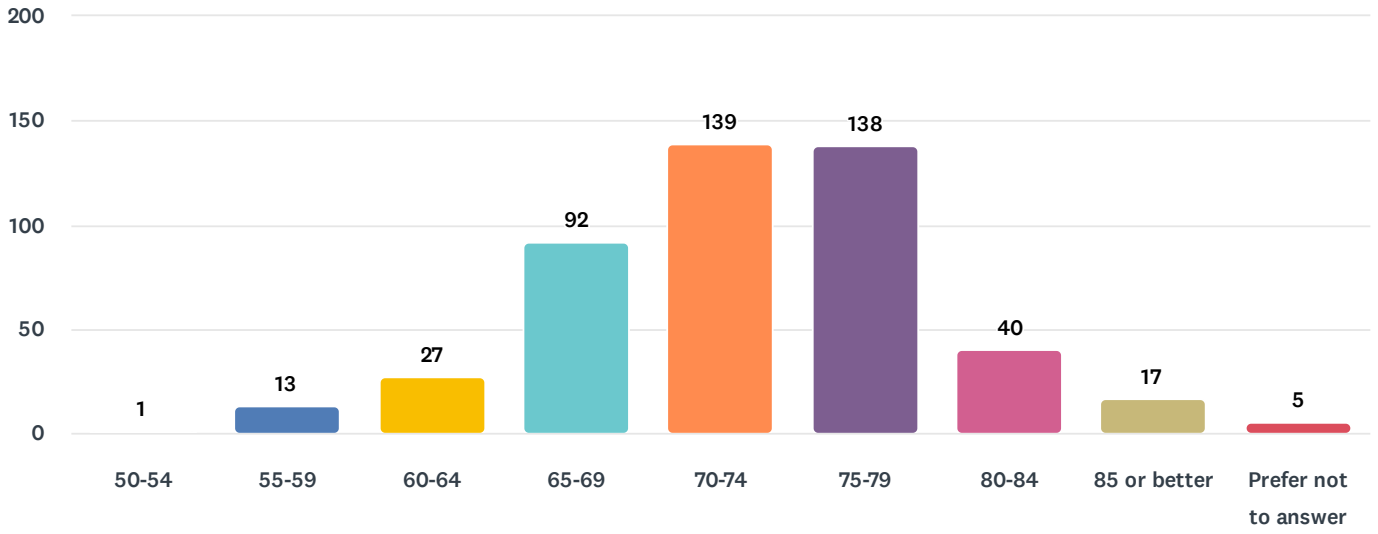
Q9 472 responses

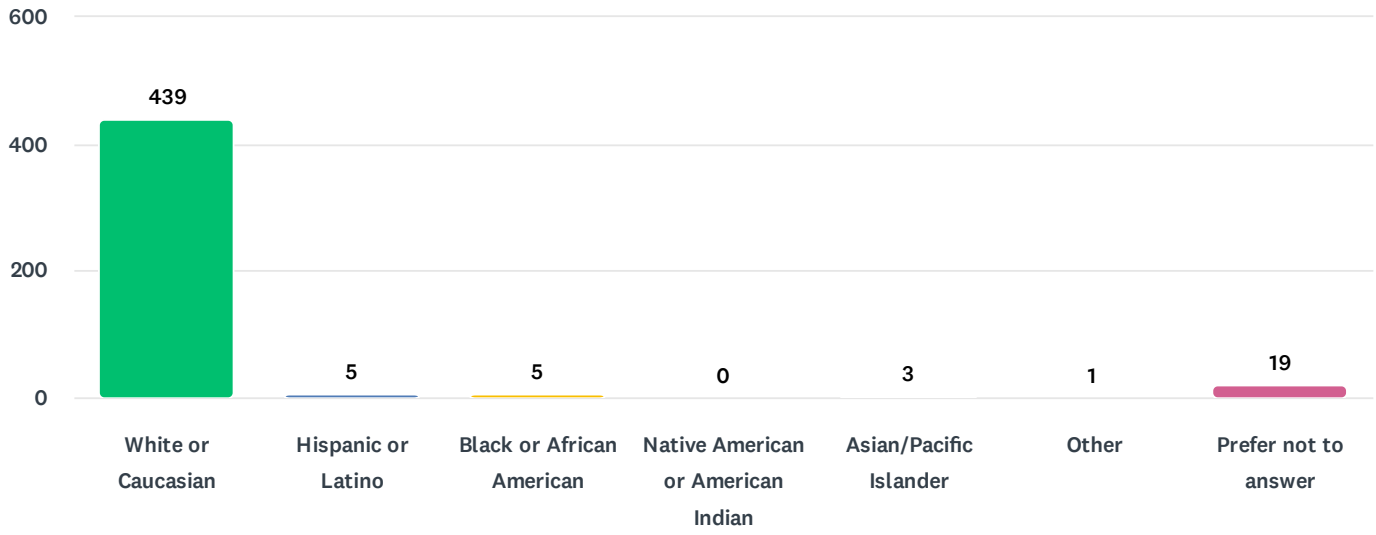
What is your age?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
50-54	0.21%	1
55-59	2.75%	13
60-64	5.72%	27
65-69	19.49%	92
70-74	29.45%	139
75-79	29.24%	138
80-84	8.47%	40
85 or better	3.60%	17
Prefer not to answer	1.06%	5
Total		**472**

Q10 472 responses

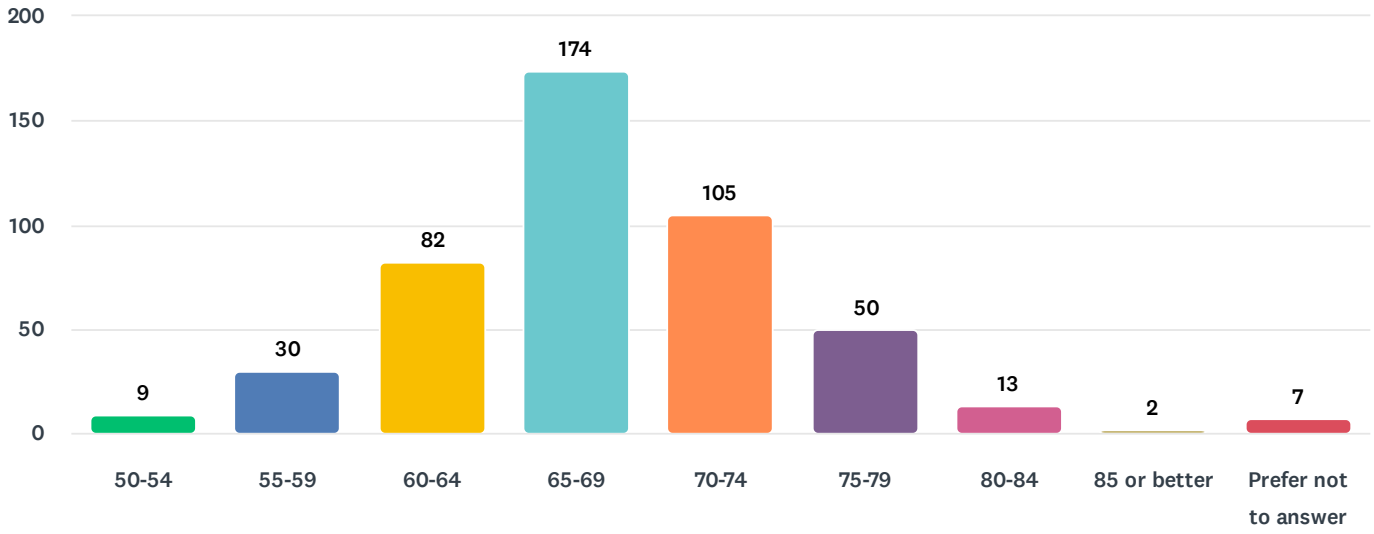
Osher seeks to better reflect the racial, ethnic and cultural diversity of the Richmond area. If you are comfortable doing so, would you share how you identify yourself?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
White or Caucasian	93.01%	439
Hispanic or Latino	1.06%	5
Black or African American	1.06%	5
Native American or American Indian	0%	0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.64%	3
Other	0.21%	1
Prefer not to answer	4.03%	19
Total		**472**

Q11 472 responses

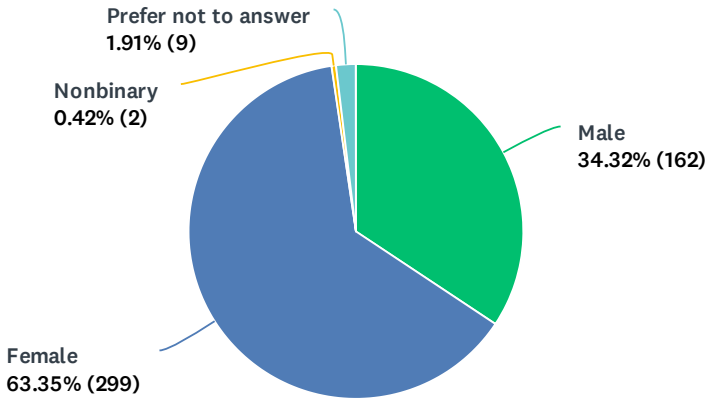
What was your age when you first joined Osher at UR?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
50-54	1.91%	9
55-59	6.36%	30
60-64	17.37%	82
65-69	36.86%	174
70-74	22.25%	105
75-79	10.59%	50
80-84	2.75%	13
85 or better	0.42%	2
Prefer not to answer	1.48%	7
Total		**472**

Q12 472 responses

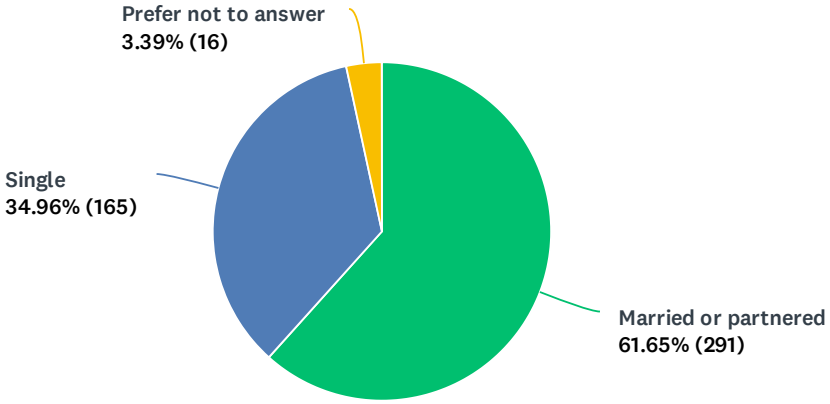
What is your gender?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Male	34.32%	162
Female	63.35%	299
Nonbinary	0.42%	2
Prefer not to answer	1.91%	9
Total		**472**

Q13 472 responses

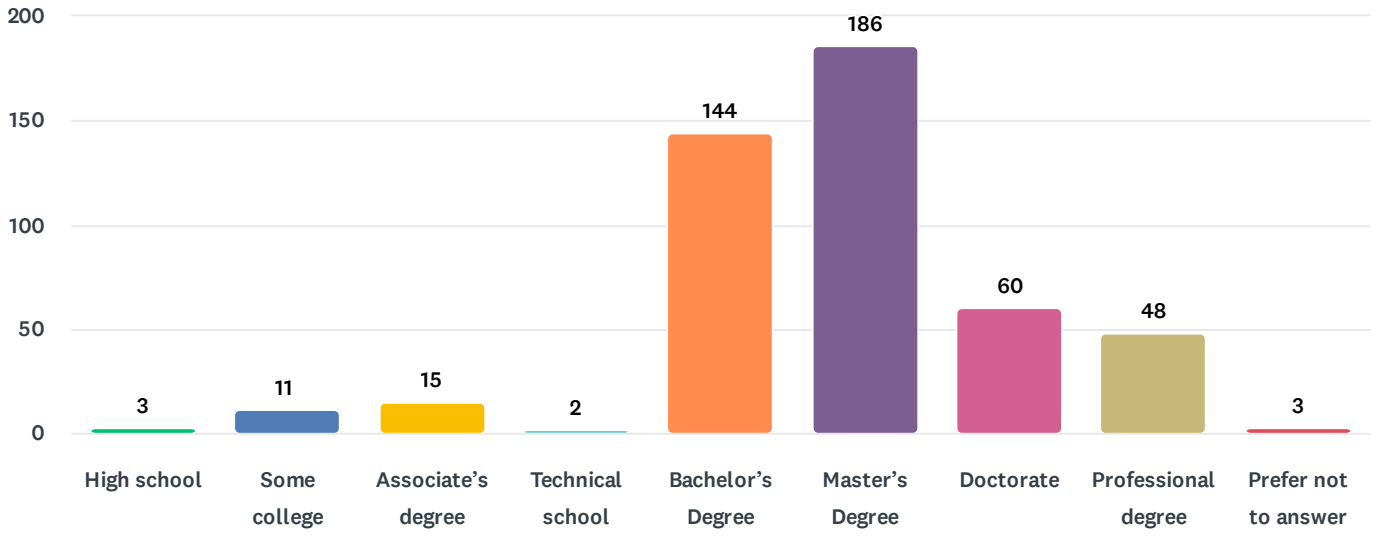
What is your current marital status?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Married or partnered	61.65%	291
Single	34.96%	165
Prefer not to answer	3.39%	16
Total		**472**

Q14 472 responses

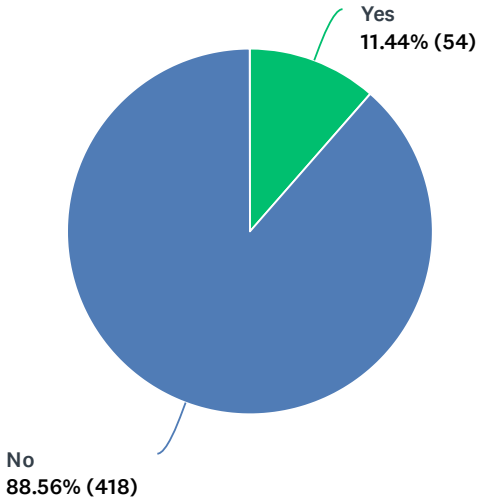
What is the highest level of school that you have completed?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
High school	0.64%	3
Some college	2.33%	11
Associate's degree	3.18%	15
Technical school	0.42%	2
Bachelor's Degree	30.51%	144
Master's Degree	39.41%	186
Doctorate	12.71%	60
Professional degree	10.17%	48
Prefer not to answer	0.64%	3
Total		**472**

Q15 472 responses

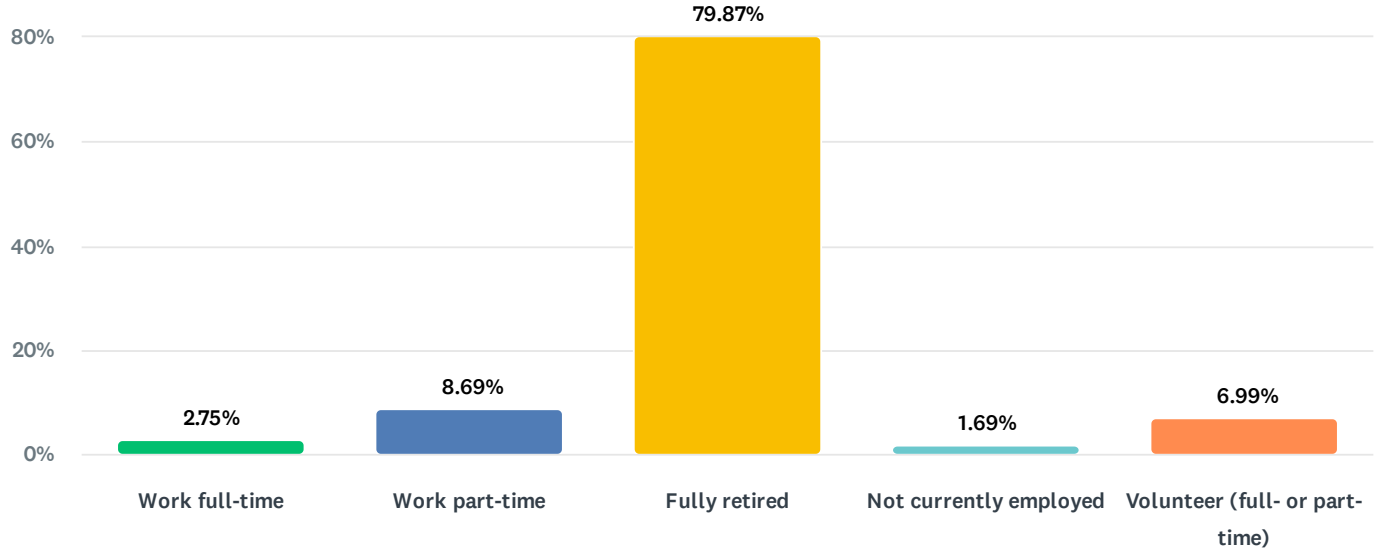
Are you an alumna/alumnus of the University of Richmond?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	11.44%	54
No	88.56%	418
Total		**472**

Q16 472 responses

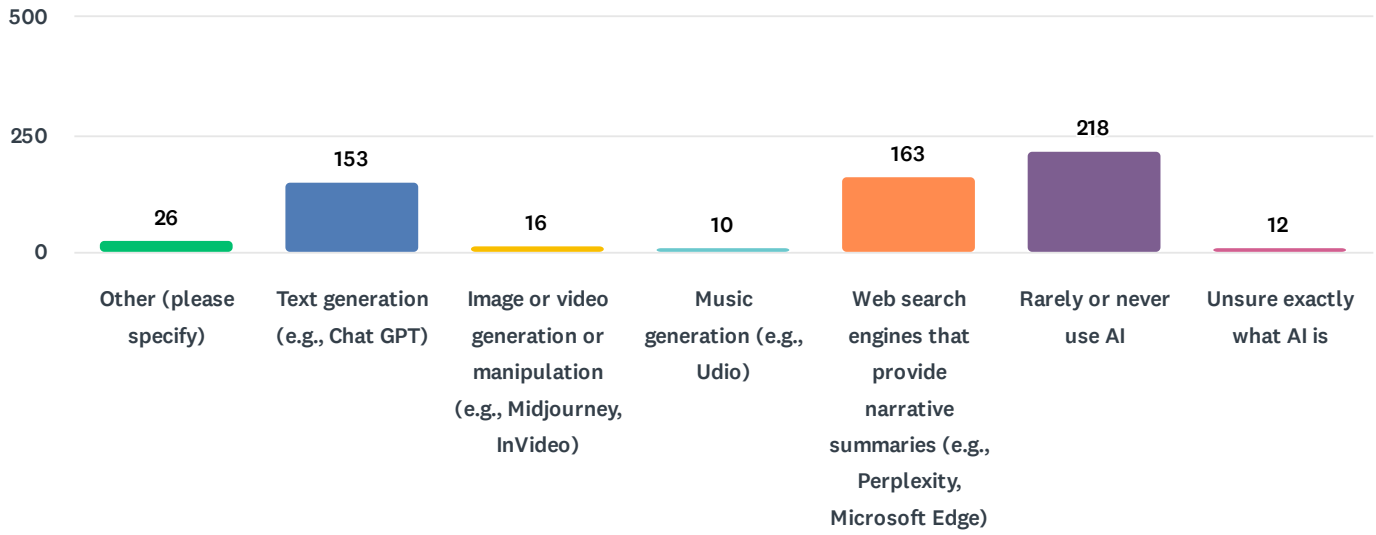
What is your current employment status?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Work full-time	2.75%	13
Work part-time	8.69%	41
Fully retired	79.87%	377
Not currently employed	1.69%	8
Volunteer (full- or part-time)	6.99%	33
Total		**472**

Q17 472 responses

Do you routinely use artificial intelligence (AI) programs or tools? Check all that you use.



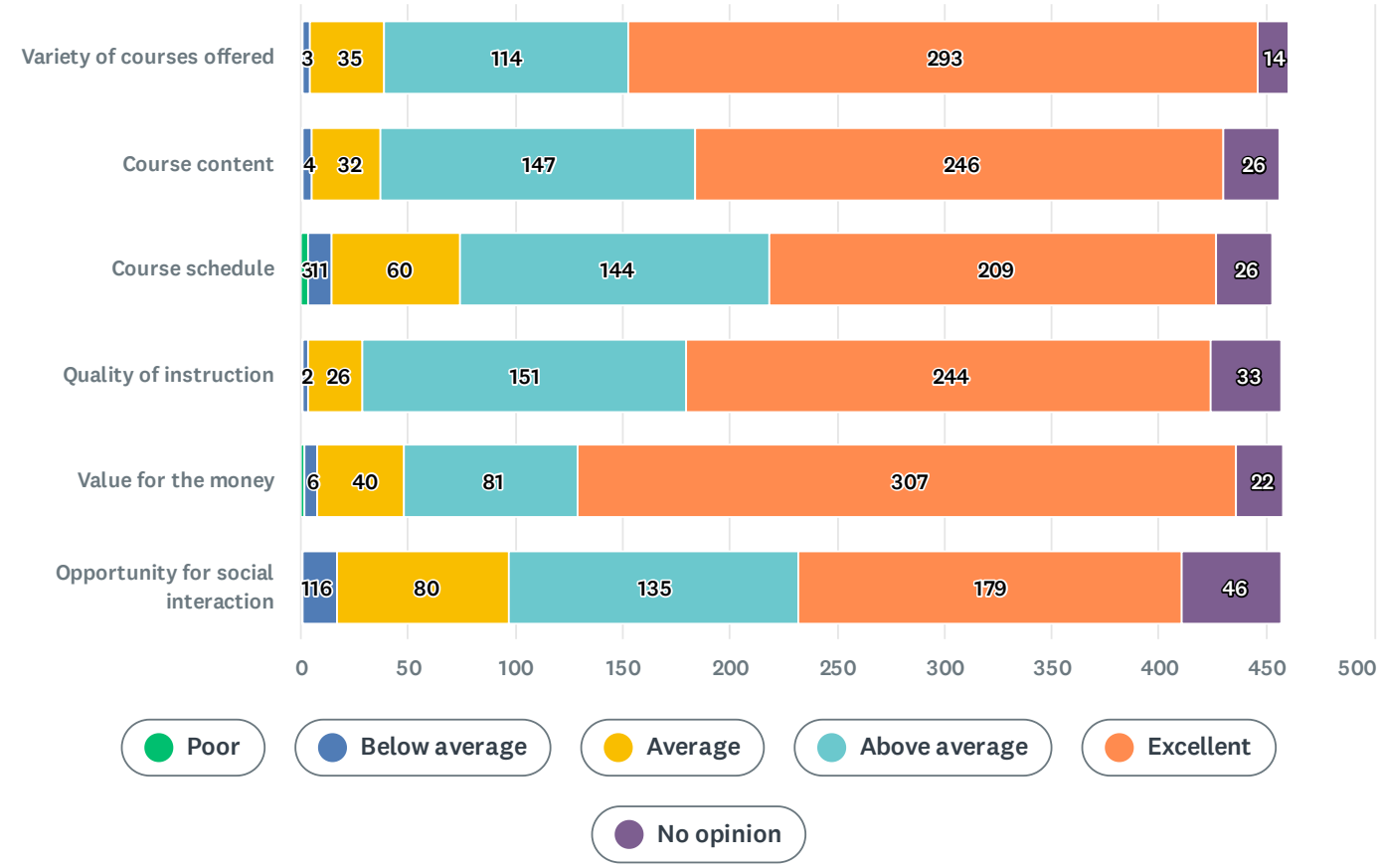
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Other (please specify)	5.51%	26
Text generation (e.g., Chat GPT)	32.42%	153
Image or video generation or manipulation (e.g., Midjourney, InVideo)	3.39%	16
Music generation (e.g., Udio)	2.12%	10
Web search engines that provide narrative summaries (e.g., Perplexity, Microsoft Edge)	34.53%	163
Rarely or never use AI	46.19%	218
Unsure exactly what AI is	2.54%	12
Total		**598**

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Gemini	4/30/2026 10:21 PM
2	ClaudeAI	4/27/2026 5:48 PM
3	google searches	4/27/2026 4:58 PM
4	Only if AI forces its self upon me but probably Ishould learn about AI & how I may benefit from it	4/27/2026 4:35 PM

5	use AI frequently	4/27/2026 12:27 PM
6	Would like to learn how to use AI.	4/25/2026 11:54 AM
7	Help in purchasing: travel, appliances	4/22/2026 7:19 AM
8	I have no choice but don't like it for everything	4/21/2026 5:36 PM
9	AI is already interwoven in many online & digital applications	4/21/2026 4:54 PM
10	Research	4/21/2026 1:59 PM
11	Claude and Grok	4/21/2026 11:27 AM
12	Text editing	4/21/2026 10:21 AM
13	Google search replacement.	4/21/2026 9:22 AM
14	Not comfortable with AI yet	4/21/2026 9:18 AM
15	AI analysis of genealogy or legal issues	4/20/2026 5:05 PM
16	text searches	4/18/2026 4:54 PM
17	I wish I knew it better	4/16/2026 7:46 PM
18	I use YouTube for music--not sure if that is "Udio"	4/16/2026 7:22 PM
19	Data Analysis and Investment	4/16/2026 3:10 PM
20	none of the above	4/16/2026 2:16 PM
21	None	4/16/2026 12:38 PM
22	Obtaining information about my community	4/16/2026 10:45 AM
23	It’s become my new interior/ home design consultant!!	4/16/2026 10:20 AM
24	Tryto minimize use	4/16/2026 10:18 AM
25	Coaching and editing-claude	4/16/2026 10:10 AM
26	taking AI class now	4/16/2026 9:19 AM

Q18 461 responses

Overall, how would you rate the following aspects of Osher courses?



	Poor	Below average	Average	Above average	Excellent	No opinion	Total
Variety of courses offered	0.22% 1	0.65% 3	7.61% 35	24.78% 114	63.70% 293	3.04% 14	460
Course content	0.22% 1	0.88% 4	7.02% 32	32.24% 147	53.95% 246	5.70% 26	456
Course schedule	0.66% 3	2.43% 11	13.25% 60	31.79% 144	46.14% 209	5.74% 26	453
Quality of instruction	0.22% 1	0.44% 2	5.69% 26	33.04% 151	53.39% 244	7.22% 33	457
							2741

	Poor	Below average	Average	Above average	Excellent	No opinion	Total
Value for the money	0.44% 2	1.31% 6	8.73% 40	17.69% 81	67.03% 307	4.80% 22	458
Opportunity for social interaction	0.22% 1	3.50% 16	17.51% 80	29.54% 135	39.17% 179	10.07% 46	457
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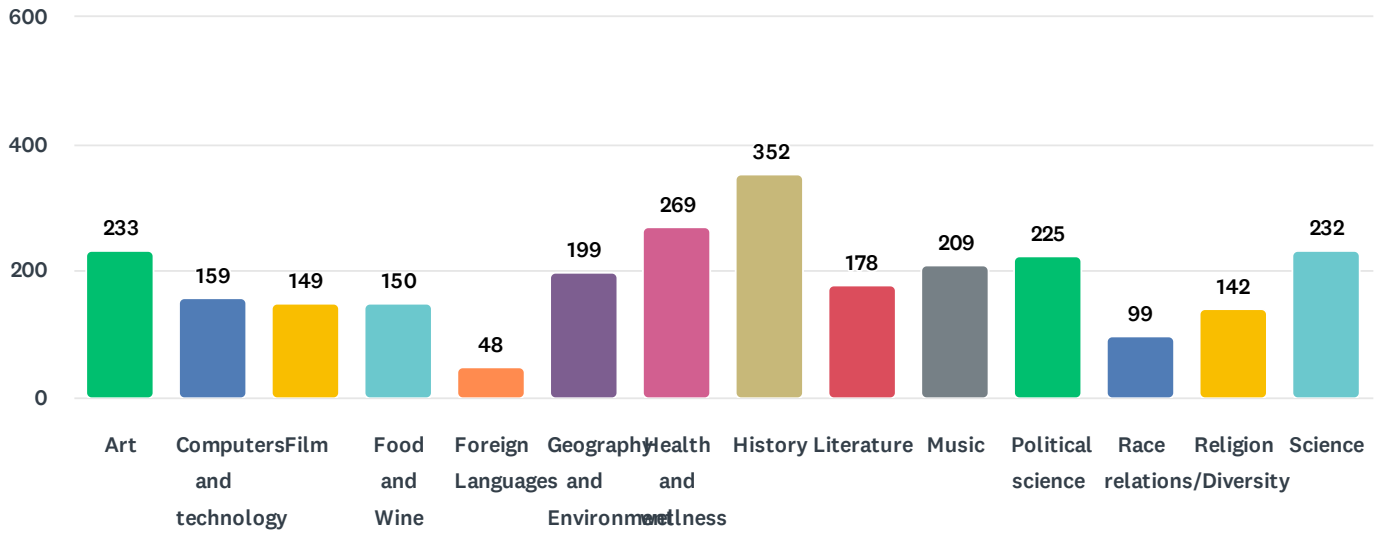
Q19 461 responses

Among the various types of courses currently offered, which tend to appeal to you more (check all that apply)?

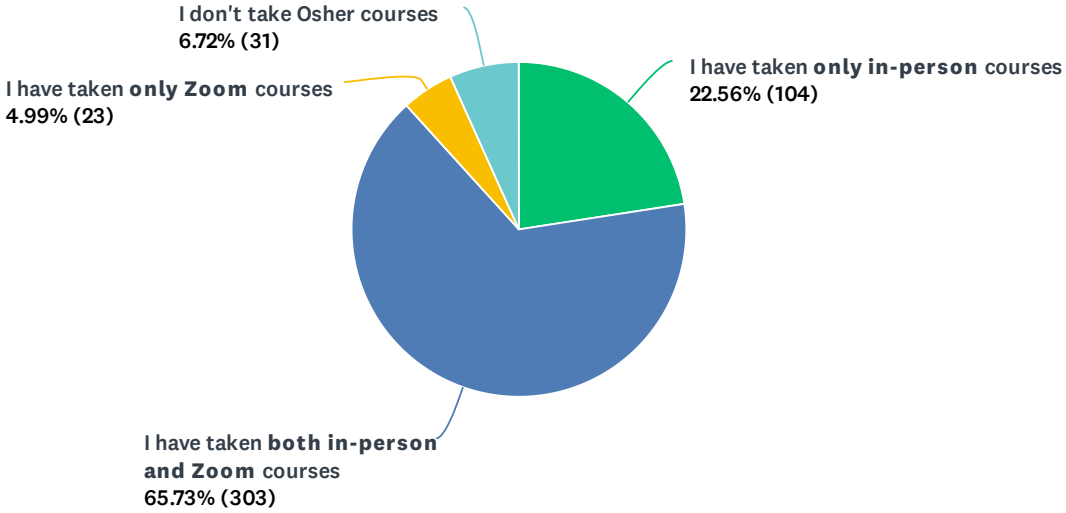


Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Art	50.54%	233
Computers and technology	34.49%	159
Film	32.32%	149
Food and Wine	32.54%	150
Foreign Languages	10.41%	48
Geography and Environment	43.17%	199
Health and wellness	58.35%	269
History	76.36%	352
Literature	38.61%	178
Music	45.34%	209
Political science	48.81%	225
Race relations/Diversity	21.48%	99
Total		**2644**

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Religion	30.80%	142
Science	50.33%	232
Total		**2644**

Q20 461 responses

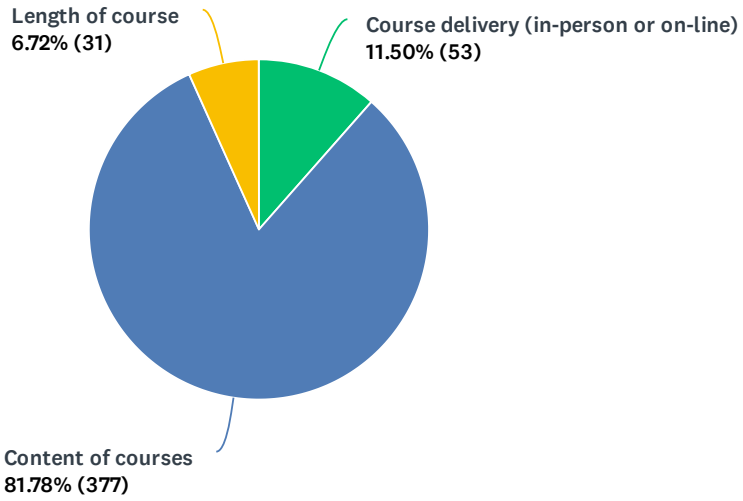
Which delivery method best describes how you have taken Osher courses over the past year?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
I have taken only in-person courses	22.56%	104
I have taken both in-person and Zoom courses	65.73%	303
I have taken only Zoom courses	4.99%	23
I don't take Osher courses	6.72%	31
Total		**461**

Q21 461 responses

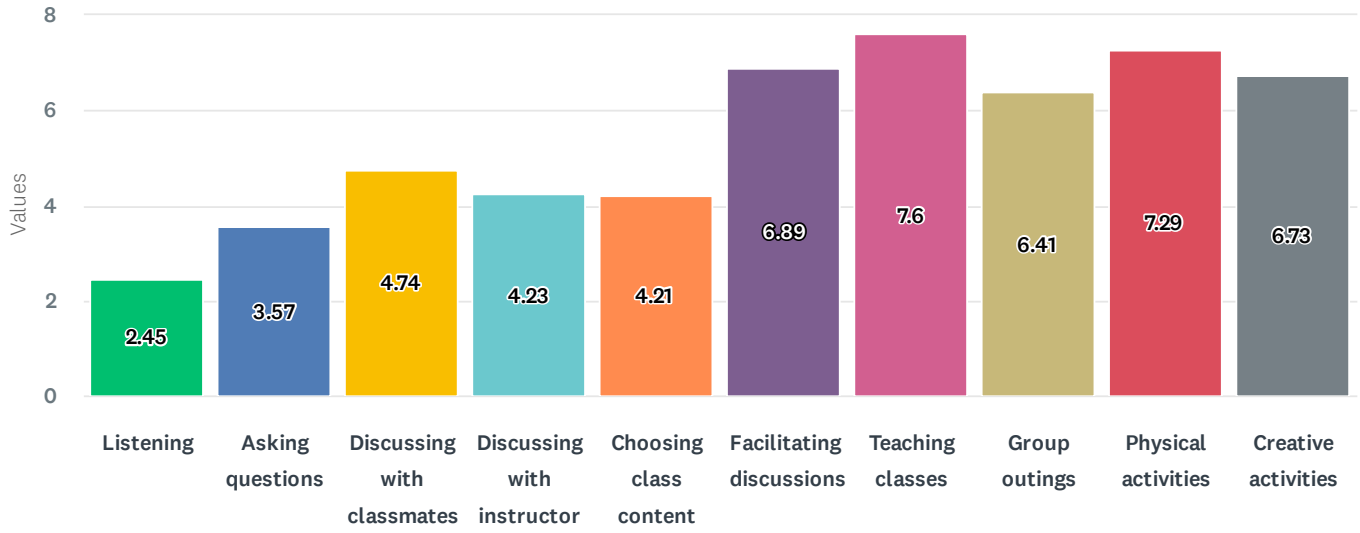
What is most important to you in selecting courses?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Course delivery (in-person or on-line)	11.50%	53
Content of courses	81.78%	377
Length of course	6.72%	31
Total		**461**

Q22 436 responses

Rank these aspects of your class experience with 1 being your most preferred and 10 being your least preferred.

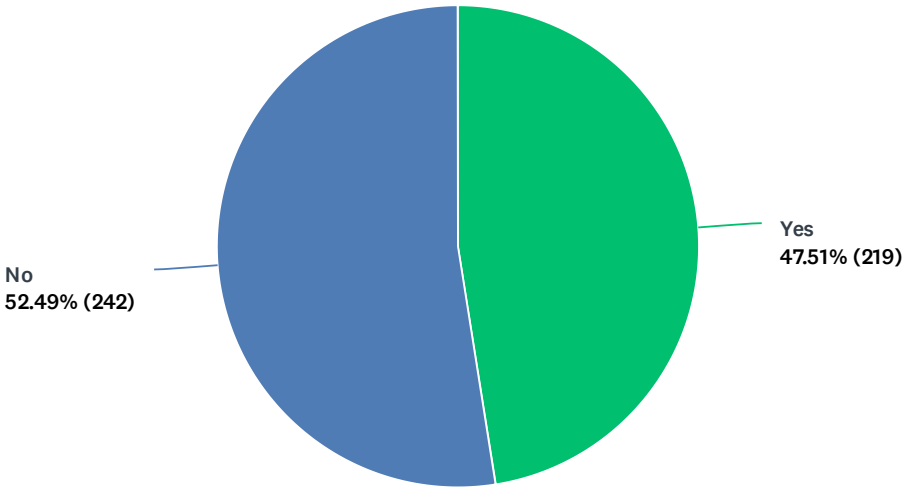


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Listening	46.60% 178	22.77% 87	10.21% 39	5.24% 20	6.81% 26	2.09% 8	1.31% 5	1.57% 6	1.05% 4
Asking questions	6.45% 24	27.96% 104	27.42% 102	13.71% 51	9.14% 34	4.84% 18	4.30% 16	3.76% 14	1.88% 7
Discussing with classmates	3.50% 13	10.78% 40	16.71% 62	22.64% 84	15.09% 56	10.24% 38	7.01% 26	7.55% 28	3.23% 12
Discussing with instructor	5.04% 19	11.41% 43	19.63% 74	28.38% 107	12.73% 48	10.61% 40	5.57% 21	3.98% 15	1.59% 6
Choosing class content	29.16% 114	10.23% 40	5.37% 21	8.95% 35	13.81% 54	7.16% 28	7.67% 30	8.44% 33	5.88% 23

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Facilitating discussions	1.06% 4	2.64% 10	5.54% 21	2.90% 11	10.03% 38	20.05% 76	14.78% 56	14.51% 55	20.84% 79
Teaching classes	6.86% 26	2.64% 10	1.06% 4	2.64% 10	5.01% 19	8.18% 31	13.72% 52	11.87% 45	10.82% 41
Group outings	3.43% 13	7.39% 28	5.28% 20	5.54% 21	10.55% 40	12.93% 49	14.51% 55	19.26% 73	12.14% 46
Physical activities	2.61% 10	1.83% 7	4.96% 19	4.44% 17	7.57% 29	8.62% 33	12.53% 48	18.28% 70	24.80% 95
Creative activities	4.96% 20	5.21% 21	6.70% 27	4.22% 17	11.41% 46	10.67% 43	11.91% 48	9.93% 40	13.15% 53

Q23 461 responses

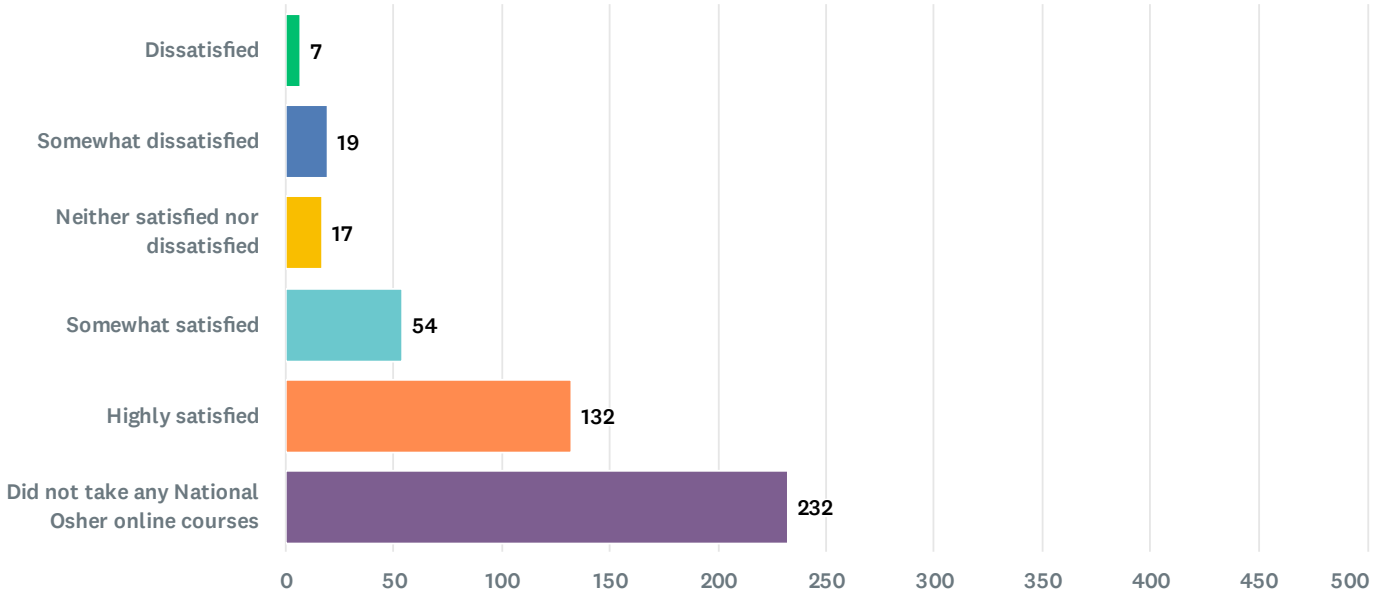
In addition to our normal curriculum, Osher at UR offers online course through the Osher National Resource Center. Have you taken one of these National Osher online courses?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	47.51%	219
No	52.49%	242
Total		**461**

Q24 461 responses

If you have taken one or more of the National Osher online courses, what was your overall level of satisfaction with them?



	Dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Highly satisfied	Did not take any National Osher online courses	Total
(no label)	1.52% 7	4.12% 19	3.69% 17	11.71% 54	28.63% 132	50.33% 232	461
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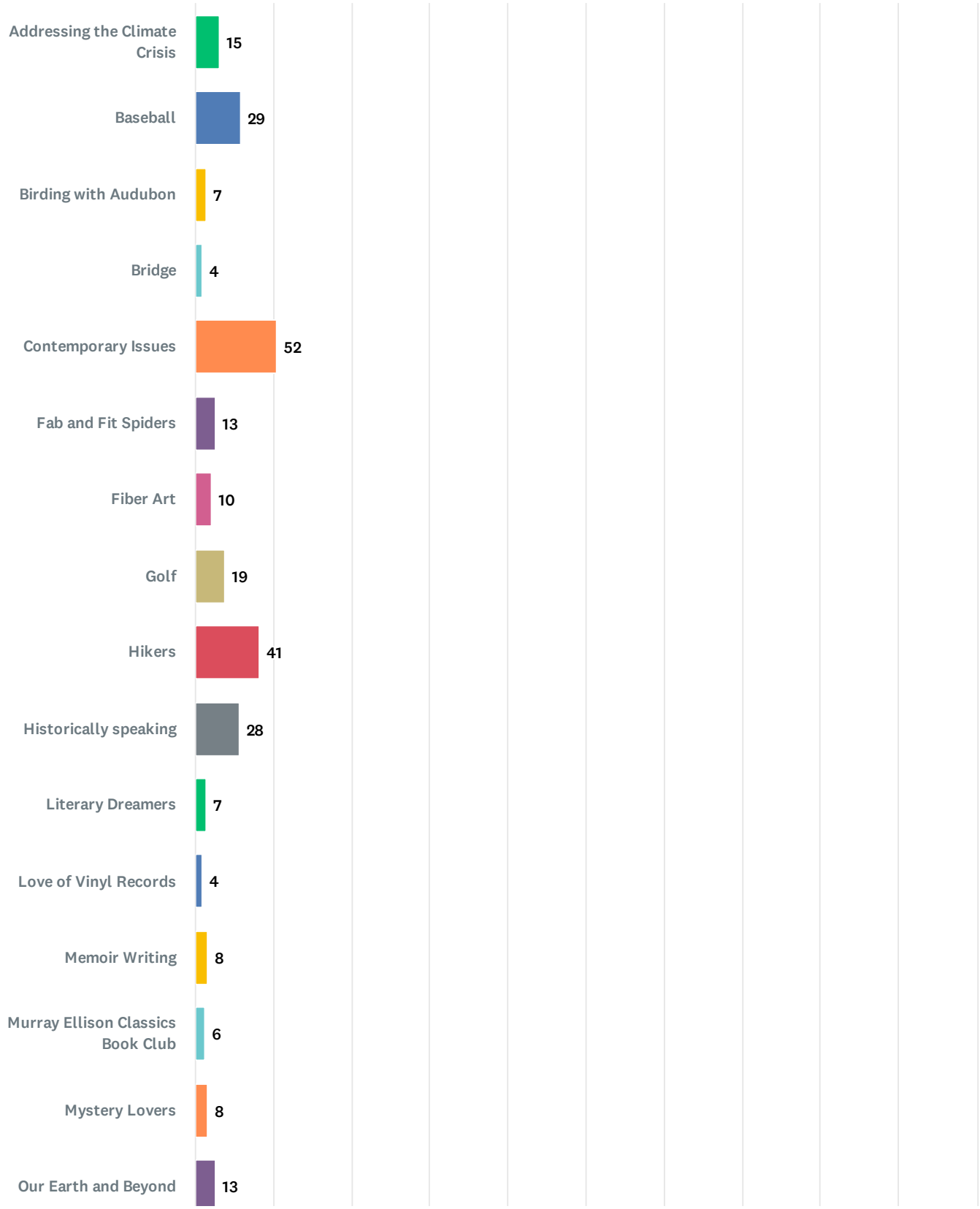
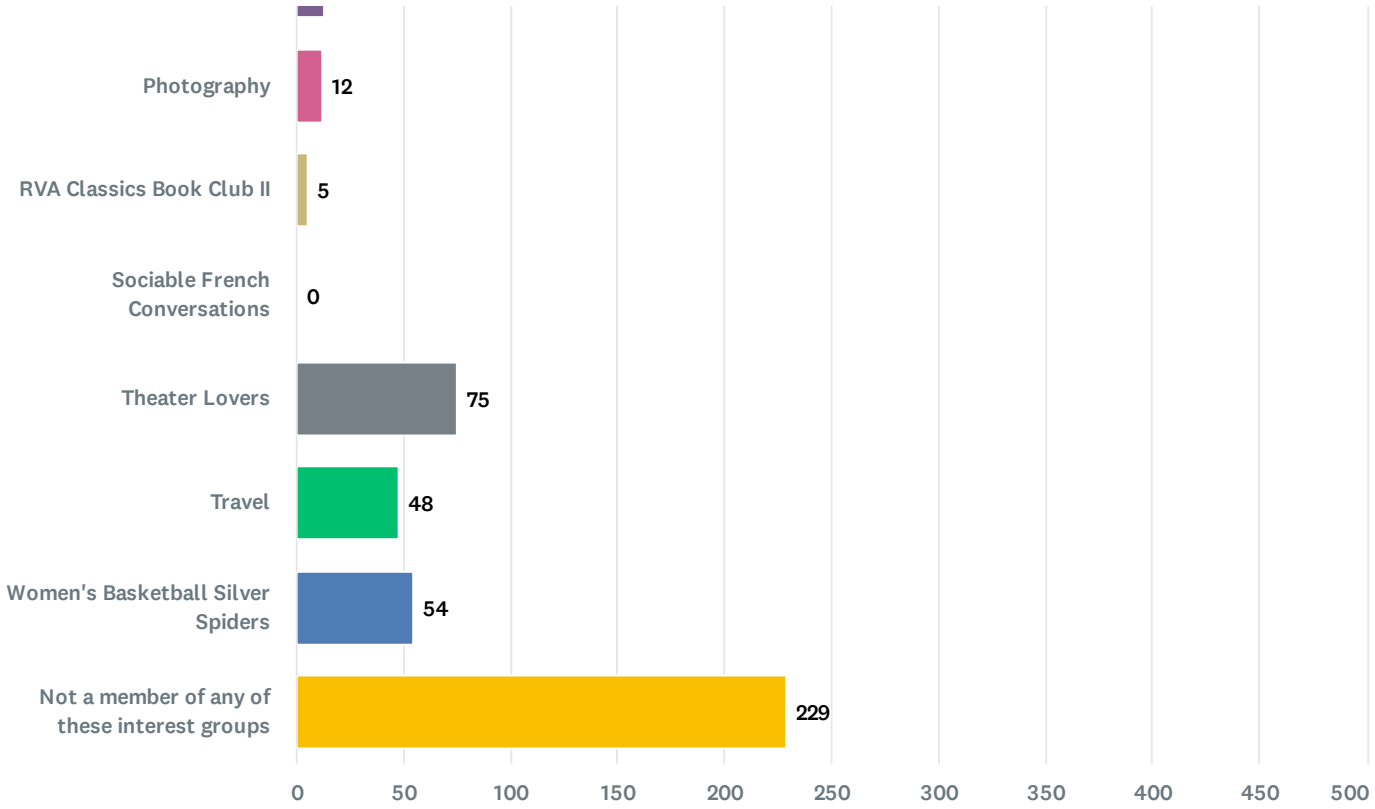
Q25 436 responses

Are you a member of any of the following interest groups at Osher? (Check all that apply)



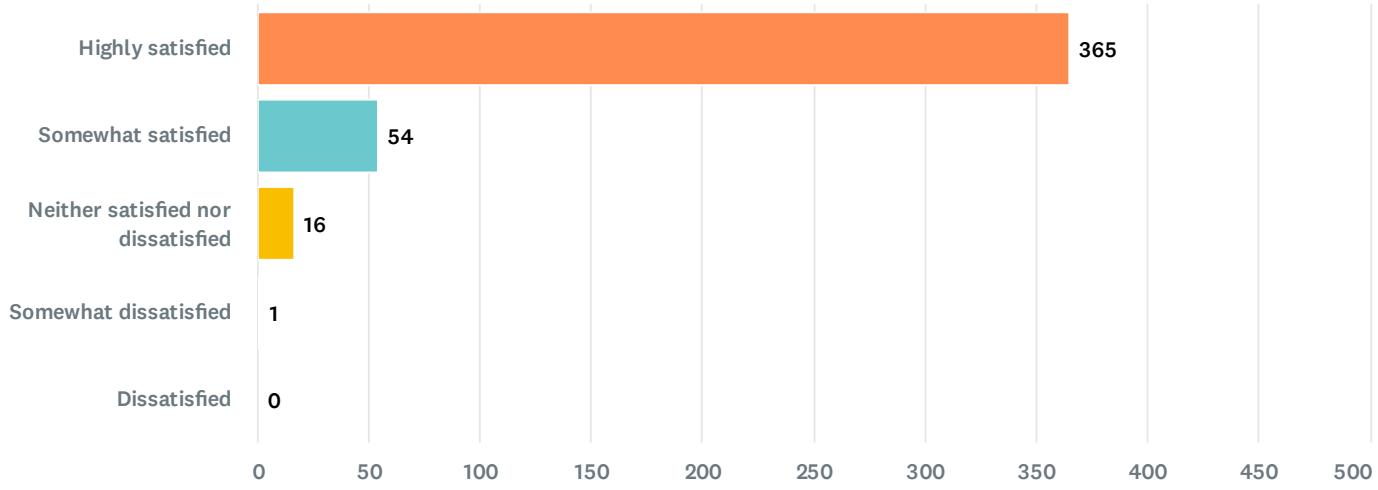


Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Addressing the Climate Crisis	3.44%	15
Baseball	6.65%	29
Birding with Audubon	1.61%	7
Bridge	0.92%	4
Contemporary Issues	11.93%	52
Fab and Fit Spiders	2.98%	13
Fiber Art	2.29%	10
Golf	4.36%	19
Hikers	9.40%	41
Historically speaking	6.42%	28
Literary Dreamers	1.61%	7
Total		**687**

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Love of Vinyl Records	0.92%	4
Memoir Writing	1.83%	8
Murray Ellison Classics Book Club	1.38%	6
Mystery Lovers	1.83%	8
Our Earth and Beyond	2.98%	13
Photography	2.75%	12
RVA Classics Book Club II	1.15%	5
Sociable French Conversations	0%	0
Theater Lovers	17.20%	75
Travel	11.01%	48
Women's Basketball Silver Spiders	12.39%	54
Not a member of any of these interest groups	52.52%	229
Total		**687**

Q26 436 responses

How satisfied are you with the amount and type of communications from the Osher program (examples include course confirmations; other email blasts)?



	Highly satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Total
(no label)	83.72% 365	12.39% 54	3.67% 16	0.23% 1	0% 0	436
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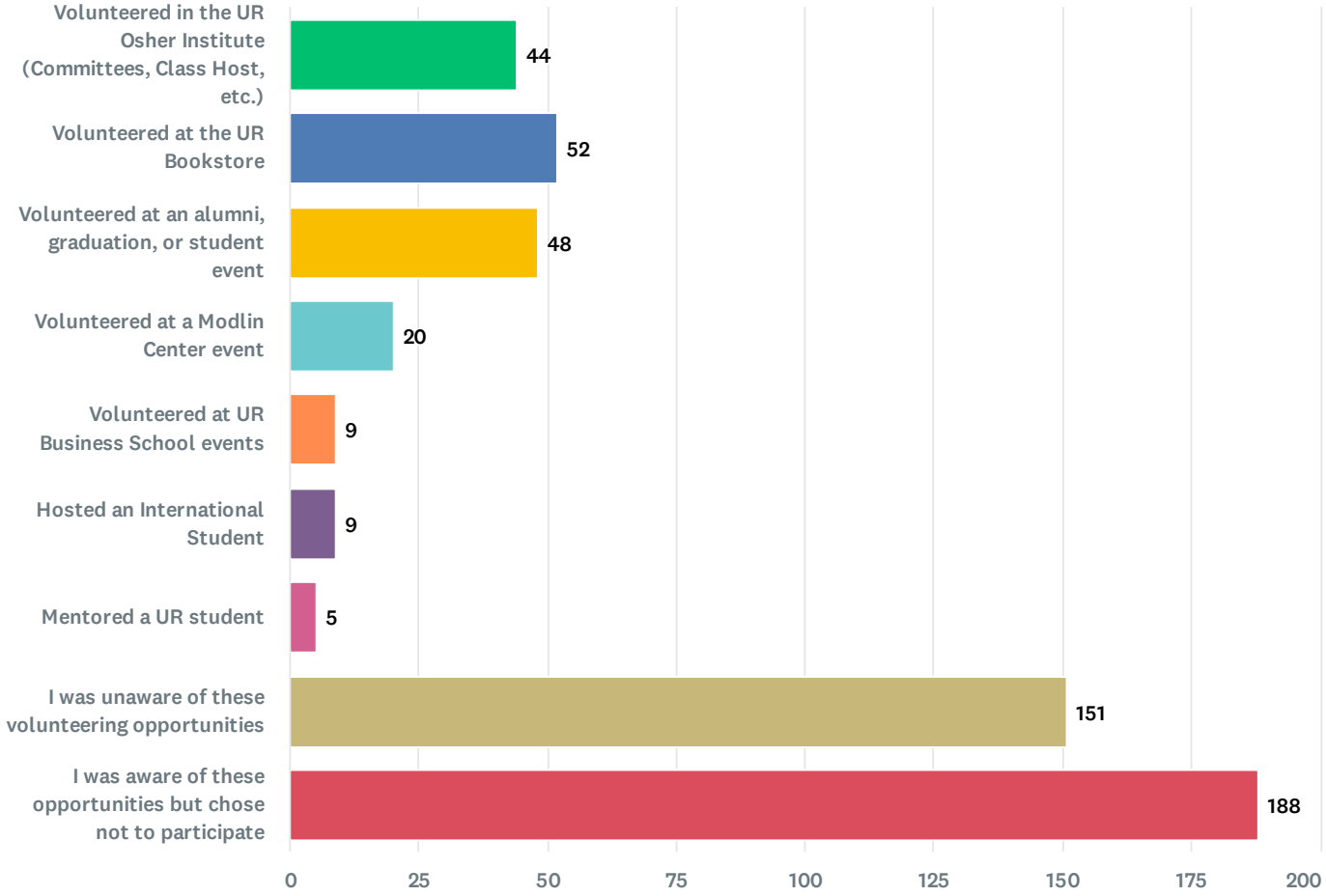
Q27 436 responses

Have you participated in any of the following short-term volunteer opportunities that Osher Members are invited to engage in as part of Give Back to the University of Richmond or the Greater Richmond community? (Check all that apply)

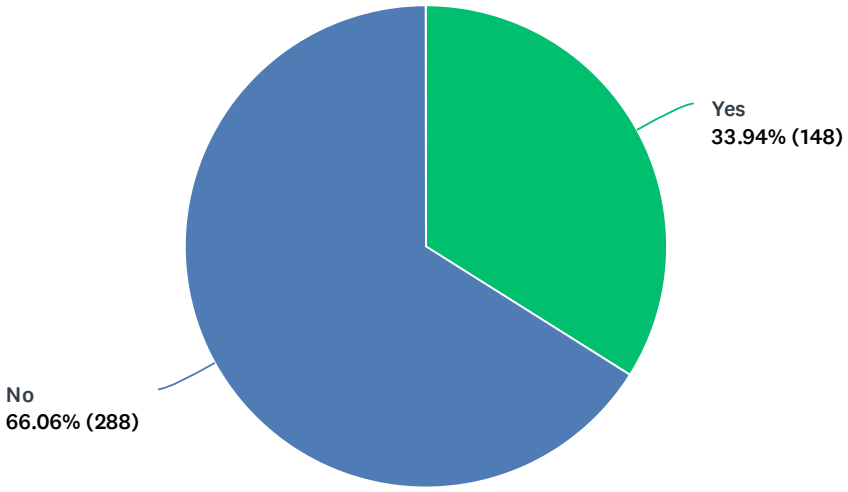


Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Volunteered in the UR Osher Institute (Committees, Class Host, etc.)	10.09%	44
Volunteered at the UR Bookstore	11.93%	52
Volunteered at an alumni, graduation, or student event	11.01%	48
Volunteered at a Modlin Center event	4.59%	20
Volunteered at UR Business School events	2.06%	9
Hosted an International Student	2.06%	9
Total		**526**

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Mentored a UR student	1.15%	5
I was unaware of these volunteering opportunities	34.63%	151
I was aware of these opportunities but chose not to participate	43.12%	188
Total		**526**

Q28 436 responses

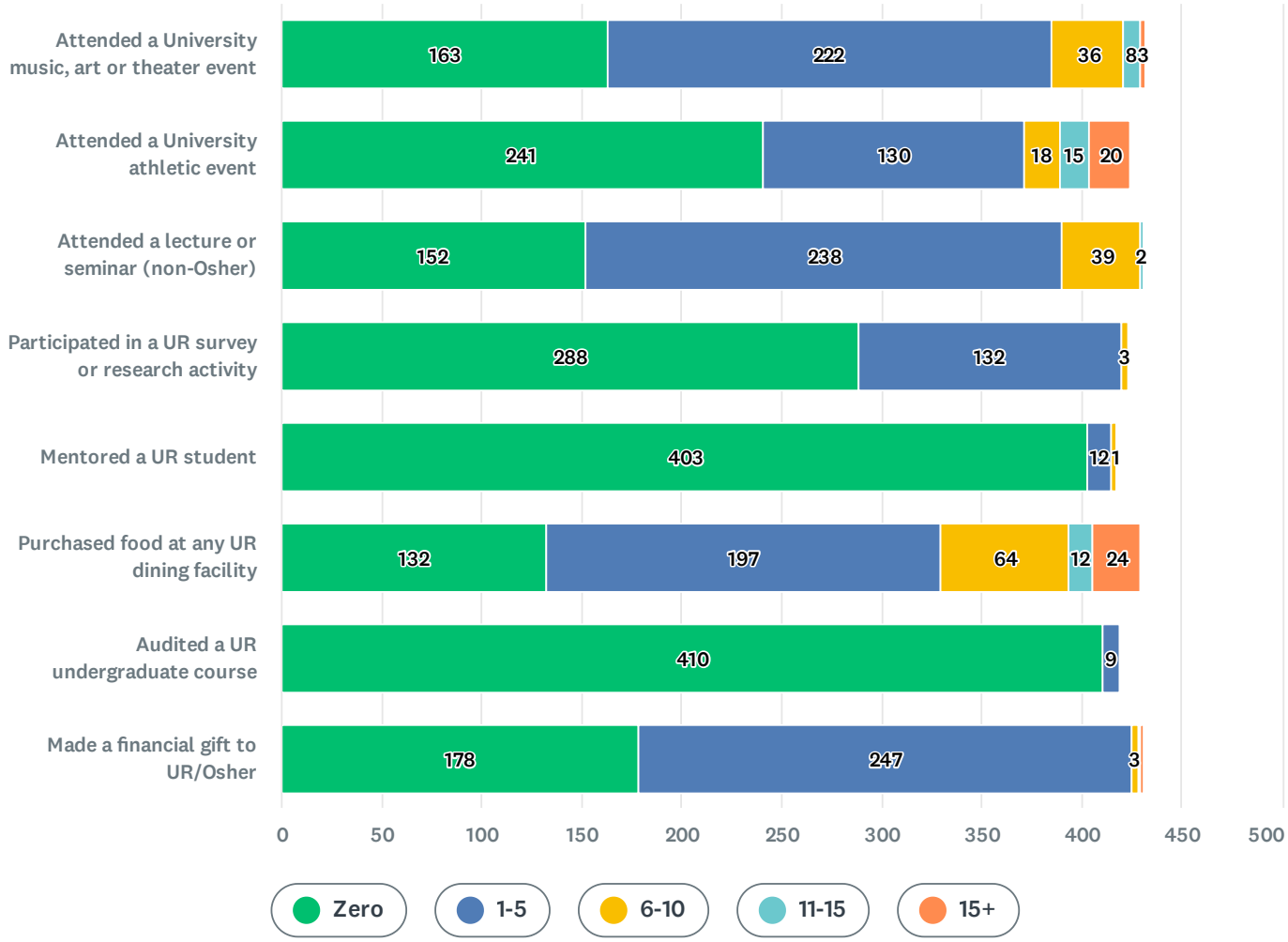
Would you like to learn more about Osher volunteer activities? If yes, please contact the Osher Office at osher@richmond.edu.



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	33.94%	148
No	66.06%	288
Total		**436**

Q29 436 responses

Please indicate the number of times you have done any of the following over the last year at UR:



	Zero	1-5	6-10	11-15	15+	Total
Attended a University music, art or theater event	37.73% 163	51.39% 222	8.33% 36	1.85% 8	0.69% 3	432
Attended a University athletic event	56.84% 241	30.66% 130	4.25% 18	3.54% 15	4.72% 20	424
Attended a lecture or seminar (non-Osher)	35.19% 152	55.09% 238	9.03% 39	0.46% 2	0.23% 1	432
						3410

	Zero	1-5	6-10	11-15	15+	Total
Participated in a UR survey or research activity	67.92% 288	31.13% 132	0.71% 3	0% 0	0.24% 1	424
Mentored a UR student	96.41% 403	2.87% 12	0.48% 2	0% 0	0.24% 1	418
Purchased food at any UR dining facility	30.77% 132	45.92% 197	14.92% 64	2.80% 12	5.59% 24	429
Audited a UR undergraduate course	97.62% 410	2.14% 9	0% 0	0% 0	0.24% 1	420
Made a financial gift to UR/Osher	41.30% 178	57.31% 247	0.70% 3	0.23% 1	0.46% 2	431
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Q30 OPEN FORUM: Feel free to give us your thoughts on any issues, concerns, or areas for improvement you might have. More specifically: How can your Osher experience be improved? What factors are important to your satisfaction with Osher at UR? What factors have influenced or would influence your decision about renewing your membership in Osher? What course topics would you like to see offered in the future? If you can, provide the name and contact information for possible course instructors. Finally, what questions did we not ask in this survey that we should be asking? Thanks for your time and continued interest in Osher at UR.

Answered: 436 Skipped: 36

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Diversity, equity & inclusion learning group	5/2/2026 12:31 PM
2	My commitments to VMHC, the RSO and my church have increased in 2025-26 relative to Osher. I also took a number of sewing classes at the Virginia Visual Arts Center which were very time-consuming & purposeful and now finished! As a result my participation in Osher Special Interests Groups has been minimal. I expect that will change Fall 2026 and hope to join the Historically Speaking group.	4/30/2026 10:41 PM
3	Joining OSHER was the best decision we made upon relocating to Richmond. Thanks for all your effort.	4/30/2026 10:06 PM
4	I'm feeling huge tension between the paid courses (of which there are more and more over time, eventually into the thousands per semester) and the interest groups. It has been a struggle to maintain a reasonable schedule for the interest group (I have gotten a lot of help from Osher staff, which is great). I still feel nervous that the paid courses will eventually force Osher to eliminate the special interest groups, which I don't think is a good direction. One suggestion: try to limit the paid courses to specific days/times (somehow), so that there are open slots during the week for interest group meetings.	4/30/2026 3:34 PM
5	Quality class content is important (the information, the instructor delivery, visuals such as power point slides, class participation which is encouraged by the instructor, an opportunity to interact with other class members (usually a 10 min. bathroom break). Osher at U of R has not disappointed!! I would like to audit an Italian class - information on how to audit would be good. One day I would like to present (a class member walked over to ask me to present a class on Latin; the Gold of Troy is another idea). I taught so many years, so many students, graded a million papers, tests, etc. that is nice to be a student, learn many interesting things about topics I never had the opportunity to explore. Did I mention, no homework or grading of papers? I really enjoy the classes, the topics, the people and many opportunities.	4/30/2026 2:06 PM
6	We are new members and slowly becoming more familiar with Osher activities. Orientation was very helpful and we may even attend an orientation again. We are happy to be Osher members and appreciate UR's support of Osher. Osher staff is dedicated to making each Osher experience positive and fulfilling.	4/29/2026 4:00 PM
7	ok	4/29/2026 9:48 AM
8	Factors influencing to my satisfaction with courses I take are 1.if the presenter is promoting themselves, 2.Power points are not the lecture 3. some presenters avoid conflict	4/29/2026 9:43 AM
9	I appreciate the variety of the courses offerred.	4/28/2026 8:44 PM
10	I can't believe what a difference Osher has made in my life. I am extremely thankful for the excellent teachers and Osher staff who make this resource possible!	4/28/2026 7:39 PM

11	What other courses can we provide.	4/28/2026 5:41 PM
12	I enjoy attending one time lectures.	4/28/2026 4:11 PM
13	I have been unable to get into any classes that I wanted. Wish you offered zoom attendance at some popular courses that have to do with history politics and current affairs.	4/28/2026 2:33 PM
14	Music all types	4/28/2026 12:50 PM
15	I have found Osher valuable and I'm anxious to renew my membership!	4/28/2026 12:30 PM
16	Parking for some classes was a nightmare. Long way to walk when cant park near class venue, more so when have injury. Microphone/technology issues. Not enough time allowed for some of the more complex subjects….(Middle East, 3 weeks, should have been 6 wks). Some speakers incoherant. Pizza night social event ($15.00 one) far away, Rte 5.….too far to drive at night, needs to be in Henrico or nearer to Uof R. Open to any subject for class. Dont know of interest until see it in brochure. Improve the technology so we dont have to sign up at midnight. Waitlisted but didnt get in to some.	4/28/2026 12:23 PM
17	The multiple id s & passwords, frenetic arrangement of the brochure, my own family schedule all make it too cumbersome to sign up for these multiple time/location/media occurrences. I would like to participate more. The id s & passwords stop me before i ever sign up. Just too cumbersome (& i do think im fairly techliterate). I go through the brochure & mark & code it each year. Then i cant get back to the procedure to sign up, the codes all through it…..i put it down & go deal with something else. You are your own best cheerleader but i don't think you listen to people like me.	4/28/2026 12:10 PM
18	Wonderful programs	4/28/2026 11:51 AM
19	PS to the volunteer activities and interest group question—i Intend to participate in the future, particularly Silver Spiders and campus volunteer opps. I think I answered “haven’t participated” for both.	4/28/2026 11:29 AM
20	Staff being there	4/28/2026 11:26 AM
21	Give us a building with easy access and handy-cap parking	4/28/2026 11:00 AM
22	Osher is a god send for us since moving to VA in 2023.	4/28/2026 10:55 AM
23	Nothing	4/28/2026 9:53 AM
24	Would like to see more science courses, preferably by UR faculty.	4/28/2026 8:55 AM
25	N/A	4/28/2026 8:34 AM
26	The class I enjoyed the most was those with movies. I found the AI class to be heavy on the gains it provides and ignores the damage it has done.	4/28/2026 6:48 AM
27	I'm not sure how to make it more equitable, but the registration process is challenging for me. If you're not able to log into the system at midnight to get the good classes, then your only option is to be waitlisted and hope for a possibility to get into a class. It gives me flashbacks to course registration in college! Is it possible to set this registration window to begin at noon instead of midnight? my catalogue arrived at the house a full week after registration started. I'm relatively new to Osher, and it definitely feels like there is a group of people who are in the know -- know when things are happening, how to take full advantage, and how to keep up with everything. I just don't have the ability to do that right now, and it feels like it's hard to break into that group. I'm still planning to renew in the fall, but this year has been a bit of a challenge for me.	4/28/2026 12:15 AM
28	Please add Genealogy to the Interest Group List.	4/27/2026 11:45 PM
29	Thank you for asking	4/27/2026 11:43 PM
30	Nothing additional to add.	4/27/2026 11:19 PM
31	Popular classes filled so quickly so offering a second class during the class terms might help.	4/27/2026 10:56 PM
32	I tend not to register for an in person class if it has more than 3 sessions. If it is offered in a Zoom format, my registration is solely based on the topic interest.	4/27/2026 9:59 PM
33	Keep up with the good work.	4/27/2026 9:45 PM

34	more gardening classes and bird classes. More computer classes	4/27/2026 9:18 PM
35	ability to audit U of R courses	4/27/2026 8:18 PM
36	Classes can be difficult to get into if you are not immediately able to enroll the second it opens up	4/27/2026 8:07 PM
37	More social activities.	4/27/2026 7:11 PM
38	Limit number of Osher students.	4/27/2026 7:07 PM
39	A little concerned about registration glitches.	4/27/2026 6:16 PM
40	My biggest concern (actually a complaint) is that the most popular, interesting courses are fully subscribed , usually within hours , preventing Osher member the opportunity to attend. I've been on several waiting lists , but never notified that a seat comes available. I would ask if the Osher administration is doing all it can to ensure popular courses are taught in classrooms large enough to accommodate the demand from members ?	4/27/2026 6:02 PM
41	Registration has been the only issue with the freezing and wait listed.	4/27/2026 5:56 PM
42	As a new Osher member, I was overwhelmed with the opportunities available to me. It would be helpful to be given a list of options. It would also be helpful if Osher staff reached out to new students. I would like to see more classes about personal growth and life's purpose.	4/27/2026 5:45 PM
43	Parking is beginning to become problematic - several times there were no legal parking spaces for events. I would like to see some classes in the creative arts, like painting or drawing, would also enjoy more music type classes and I miss the personal finance interest group - would like to see something like that come back - also classes in personal finance like the 6-day class offered several years ago. Thanks - this is a great program!	4/27/2026 5:28 PM
44	Although I am fully retired, I still lead an active life. The "wait list" methodology for dealing with overbooked courses is particularly frustrating and leads to conflicts with planning the non-Osher commitments that are an important part of my life.	4/27/2026 5:26 PM
45	I wish we could increase our diversity to learn from each other. I would like to volunteer more, but slots when I'm available fill up FAST!	4/27/2026 5:11 PM
46	Would prefer to keep sign up at midnight or move to 6 am so as not to interfere with morning activities.	4/27/2026 5:07 PM
47	1. Please offer Tai Chi. Gym does and will not 2. I have rarely enjoyed lectures by my fellow Members EXCEPT for those who have retired from the field about which they are speaking. 3. The AI professor did not know his audience. 4. Love the spider bites about outside OSHER lectures! Great perk!	4/27/2026 5:05 PM
48	I give one time a year, just want to write one check, not dribbles & drabs throughout the year. One & done, unless it's a special occasion. Really enjoy UR volunteer activities whether indoors or outdoors but they fill up in lightening speed. Come on, open up a few more spots. Can you really have too many volunteers?!? UR is a great place to volunteer; safe, secure, no parking hassles, you either know the people, recognize the people, or it's easy to get to know them. There's a sense of accomplishment, doing good in volunteering. Plus it's a one & done commitment. Luv red pepper tomato Gouda soup sold in business school. Finally why do classes get filled out so quickly? Are they sleeping with their computers?	4/27/2026 4:57 PM
49	NO IDEAS	4/27/2026 4:51 PM
50	I would like to better understand how to audit the undergraduate courses.	4/27/2026 4:48 PM
51	Changed membership from gold to silver due to lack of time. Cannot attend classes in the morning. I also teach two nights a week so I can't take late afternoon classes those days.	4/27/2026 4:32 PM
52	I'd like to see more courses that cover more contemporary issues like the street art which was excellent. More classes on contemporary music, theatre, AI, etc.	4/27/2026 4:30 PM
53	Myra does a phenomenal job with the Be moved class. She is truly amazing and very focused on her students. I have thoroughly enjoyed her classes and plan to continue taking them.	4/27/2026 4:04 PM
54	Osher has improved my life.	4/27/2026 3:43 PM
55	Physical limitations affected my husband and my participation in many activities. There is no	4/27/2026 3:25 PM

	solution to this limitation.	
56	No comment	4/27/2026 3:21 PM
57	No suggestions at this time. Keep up the good work.	4/27/2026 3:13 PM
58	My Osher experience has been most satisfactory — no recommendations for improvement.	4/27/2026 3:04 PM
59	Something is amiss. As I enter a response and move to the next question, my previous response is erased. So nothing that I have provided will find its way back to you.	4/27/2026 2:52 PM
60	Questions re. working groups? Registration process? The staff members are extremely helpful and appreciative and organized.	4/27/2026 2:46 PM
61	I find myself gravitating to timely topics that help our understanding of current affairs. Environment... politics.... data centers.... renewable energy. All great topics for more courses	4/27/2026 2:21 PM
62	I would like to see more foreign language courses, especially beginning spanish	4/27/2026 2:16 PM
63	The library, book clubs, and lectures are important to me.	4/27/2026 2:10 PM
64	I have nothing to add. I enjoy almost all the classes I have taken and the excursions I have been on.	4/27/2026 2:00 PM
65	Since I joined Osher just this month I have been unable to comment on many of these questions. I tried to make my responses reflect my interests.	4/27/2026 1:48 PM
66	larger classes - so people don't get put on a waiting list I like the variety of classes offered and the passion of the volunteer instructors	4/27/2026 1:46 PM
67	Thank you	4/27/2026 1:18 PM
68	I'm very interested in classes on Aging issues to include best health suggestions and long term care Pls note I a lifelong history enthusiast and had with pleasure taken several VA and civil war history over the years …. classes from acknowledged experts …and last year rejoined to get back into regular attendance with a long term care class from Linda Caruthers that was very productive. Unfortunately, my 91 year old husband has had health issues these past months impacting any further involvement and then my membership ended this March. My plan is to return as soon as health issues here allow me to. I've been a life long learner for many decades and miss Osher. Hope to re sign up asap. Pat Moody	4/27/2026 12:54 PM
69	Would love to have more history classes. I prefer the one session type classes because I just don't want to commit to multiple dates	4/27/2026 12:47 PM
70	Quality programs in the Sciences and Arts	4/27/2026 12:41 PM
71	I'd love to see a course on the history of Virginia/RVA music, ranging from Native American to field music to GWAR.	4/27/2026 12:41 PM
72	Osher is an excellent program. Always look forward to classes, especially in person at UofR.	4/27/2026 12:29 PM
73	I love Osher, but more than that, I love the idea of Osher. I don't use it to its full extent, but I like that it is there. I have been very busy in retirement, but am looking forward to slowing down in things I have become too involved in so that I can do more of the kinds of things Osher offers. Osher is super important for us elderly folks. I don't need a "scholarship," but I wonder if you offer some to people who might need a helping hand and would like to be part of Osher. Maybe, as well, it would be nice to have some kind of system for Osher members to offer other Osher members a ride if they need one. Parking on campus is a little confusing to me, but probably because I have not taken the effort to look online to see where I can park with my permit. Also, I'd like to know more about progress of the library, where is the best place for us to park when using it (or the dining hall as well, come to think of it), how much work still needs to be done? Thank you for offering this service!!!	4/27/2026 12:21 PM
74	none	4/27/2026 12:07 PM
75	As an out of state participant I don't always know when information/ timelines are known on campus, the catalog is not always delivered in a timely fashion and I dislike not being able to lock in my next semester classes right up front. I have always been helped by staff when I finally realize I m late to the party but it is isolating.	4/27/2026 12:07 PM
76	Osher is a wonderful program, which I have recommended to a number of people. The most	4/27/2026 12:04 PM

	important thing to improve is my own better use of the program.	
77	I only joined in the past month. I observed that the spring courses end soon but no clue what happens in the summer or when the next courses begin.	4/27/2026 11:53 AM
78	There are some that take all the classes and make it hard for others to get registered. I think that there should be a limited number of courses that you can register for in a 24 hour period so that all of us have an opportunity to register. Then, if those that are taking 48 classes want to go back and register for more, they can do that each 24 hour period. I have not been able to get into anything of interest the last two times I tried to register.	4/27/2026 11:47 AM
79	I like the national courses because of their format and content. I've indicated the content areas that interest me. More AI courses would be valuable also classes on crypto currency.	4/27/2026 11:36 AM
80	I enjoy Osher courses and opportunities to attend UR events very much. I'm surprised at the lack of diversity among Osher members. A more diverse membership would improve the program.	4/27/2026 11:24 AM
81	I have been very pleased with the variety of course content available in Osher. As I do not use zoom, I regret having to miss some courses, especially those art-related and would like to see more of these offered in person. I believe this questionnaire covers everything and will continue to be an Osher member who attends classes as her body allows.	4/27/2026 11:22 AM
82	I am thoroughly enjoying my Osher experience. Just wish I had more "free" time to enjoy it more!	4/27/2026 11:12 AM
83	If Bill Pike and Joe Vanderford are leading a class, I'm going to be there.	4/27/2026 11:07 AM
84	FYI - I first joined Osher to offer courses, when I had more free time. I led 8 courses over 4 years. Since then I have only used Osher to access digital library resources.	4/27/2026 11:05 AM
85	I would like to see more of what I call "one and done" classes offered by Zoom. My schedule is very busy with obligations other than Osher, so it is very hard to commit to a month or 6 weeks of one class. I often see classes that interest me, but I would have to miss two or three of the classes, so I do not sign up. This especially applies to the National classes. Thank you.	4/27/2026 11:04 AM
86	Osher has been a gift in my life, the opportunities that I have been given & how well the program is run have made it a wonderful & fulfilling experience. The only issue, & I believe it is because the membership has grown so much, is the registration. However, it is being worked on & that is much appreciated!	4/27/2026 11:01 AM
87	I prefer courses that meet 3 or fewer times. Lately it seems many meet more than that. That is a bigger time commitment than I'd prefer given my other activities such as volunteering and travel.	4/27/2026 10:56 AM
88	I will not take a Zoom class. After working through the pandemic, I never want to use Zoom again!	4/27/2026 10:51 AM
89	would include general guide to volunteering and non-profits: what is available locally?	4/27/2026 10:45 AM
90	Excellent program!	4/27/2026 10:44 AM
91	I wish instructors were required to take a course on how to prepare an effective PowerPoint presentation for seniors. I would like to see some weekend courses for people who are still working full-time during the week. I have a friend who is 50 and wants to get more involved, but can't take off work during the week. I think it's important to recruit more "younger" seniors. When you are sitting around a table, you can't see people's name tags because the lanyard is so long. It makes group discussions difficult.	4/27/2026 10:40 AM
92	More timely informations on courses	4/27/2026 10:36 AM
93	Fix the course sign up process. I know it's a waste of time to say this, but you asked.	4/27/2026 10:35 AM
94	Like classes on current political and world events.	4/27/2026 10:29 AM
95	You are doing a great job, and I appreciate all of the Osher staff.	4/27/2026 10:17 AM
96	Keep up the good work!	4/27/2026 9:59 AM
97	Osher is a great resource for the campus community as well as the greater Richmond community. I would not change a thing.	4/27/2026 9:51 AM

98	I am pretty much satisfied with everything except the parking but I know you can't do anything about it	4/27/2026 9:48 AM
99	I am very happy with my Osher experience. Would enjoy more local history/culture classes like from the Poe Museum, etc	4/27/2026 9:46 AM
100	Keep up the good work!	4/27/2026 9:45 AM
101	na	4/27/2026 9:42 AM
102	So grateful to have found Osher at UofR. It was a retirement gift I gave myself!!	4/27/2026 9:42 AM
103	Classes sell out too quickly. Have more art, architecture, music, travel classes and events.	4/27/2026 9:41 AM
104	More instructor control over questions/comments during class that turn into a "story" by the asker. Reduce the amount of bias in political science related classes/discussions. Continue the terrace events during basketball season. THANKS for the parking arrangements accessible to Osher students. Include more classes related to AI. Ensure instructors understand that class content, discussion and dialogue should NOT lean politically left or right. Thank SPCS for its continued support of Osher. The Osher staff does a terrific job of showing appreciation for student voluteerism within the Osher program. Very hard working and helpful staff makes the Osher program successful and special. Like the way Osher promotes social community.	4/27/2026 9:40 AM
105	My husband and I joined Osher last year anticipating high levels of discourse with other Osher participants, courses taught by true experts and University faculty, and easy access to UofR academic courses. Unfortunately, none of these really occurred. Whereas we were seeking an intellectual environment, the group at large seemed to be participating in Osher primarily for social reasons with little interest in engaging more deeply with content. More frustratingly, the courses we took were led not by professionals and experts, but by reasonably informed amateurs. Those we encountered appeared to have little experience teaching, generally teaching to the lowest common denominator, leaving informed and curious students bored and learning very little. Time and again, class time was highjacked by participants asking the most basic questions, which those teaching indulged. Those of us seeking advanced, even intermediate, content, were offered no space to learn. Even the Zoom classes we tried, while taught by university faculty, were designed for students only at an introductory level. (Extremely frustrating was that in one of the Zoom classes we took, the professor refused to share slides, fearing that we'd steal his intellectual property. To simply review notes, we had to take screenshots of our computers.) We had hoped to audit some UofR classes, but the process for enrolling proved so complicated that we simply gave up. In short, Osher does seem to meet the needs of many of its members, offering social opportunities and mile-high-perspective academic content. That is simply not what we were seeking.	4/27/2026 9:37 AM
106	I enjoy the experience of attending the classes	4/27/2026 9:36 AM
107	i'm taking a national osher class where we discuss personal essays (provided by the instructor) to improve our own writing. i'd love to have such a class (zoom) with my local ur community. kind of like alice's art classes but on literature---personal essay, short story, or poetry.	4/27/2026 9:32 AM
108	I think every in person instructor should make time at the beginning of the first class for folks to introduce themselves and maybe even say why they're taking the class. That didn't happen in my in person class experience.	4/27/2026 9:30 AM
109	Scheduling times of courses offered & time commitments are important	4/27/2026 9:30 AM
110	As a person who is new to the area, I appreciate the lectures and the ability to interact with people who have similar interests	4/27/2026 9:27 AM
111	na	4/27/2026 9:26 AM
112	Nothing comes to mind	4/27/2026 9:23 AM
113	I renew my membership in order to keep learning about areas of interest…especially science, literature and technology.	4/27/2026 7:55 AM
114	military	4/26/2026 9:27 PM
115	Not sure	4/26/2026 2:18 PM
116	I am not a good example of a participant because I have only been a member for 4 months	4/26/2026 12:12 PM

	and have attended 1 event. It all seems very organized and efficient.	
117	Would like a clearer easier path to auditing a undergraduate class.	4/26/2026 8:08 AM
118	The question asking for 1-10 ranking didn't make sense to me. I prefer a lecture + discussion class over a lecture only class.	4/25/2026 5:42 PM
119	No additional comments	4/25/2026 12:03 PM
120	The Osher experience is excellent as is. Please continue the variety of classes, interest groups, and social events. I also appreciate being considered part of the University of Richmond, with access to opportunities and events available to universiity students. Thank you.	4/25/2026 10:52 AM
121	I love being an Osher member but take more zoom classes than those on campus.	4/25/2026 10:13 AM
122	There's not enough information on auditing Undergraduate courses. The questions in the survey give the impression of a discount at Heilman Dining Center. Is there one? What are the discounts referenced? Architecture classes which I enjoy weren't listed as an area of focus. I didn't understand the ordering question.	4/25/2026 9:00 AM
123	Prefer to have instructors who have some knowledge of the course content and who entertain questions and discussion.	4/25/2026 8:46 AM
124	Thanknyou	4/25/2026 6:35 AM
125	Continued great lectures. Love Osher	4/24/2026 3:34 PM
126	I think it would be interesting to have group discussion series focused on the experience of aging. Perhaps: led by someone with suitable credentials, separated by gender, focused on learning and sharing experience, focused on positive outcomes.	4/24/2026 2:22 PM
127	Often, discussion is difficult to hear/follow cause audience mikes are not available. Sometimes, speakers with strong accents are difficult to understand.	4/24/2026 11:56 AM
128	Thank you. Osher is such a valuable part of my life!	4/24/2026 10:43 AM
129	More day trips! City tours of Richmond. Other towns around VA: Charlottesville, Kilmarnock, Wineries!	4/24/2026 10:08 AM
130	Nothing to add. My experience has been fantastic.	4/24/2026 9:19 AM
131	Love Osher - thanks so much for all you do!	4/23/2026 3:37 PM
132	doing a great job	4/23/2026 12:14 PM
133	n/a	4/23/2026 9:31 AM
134	This is my first year in the Osher program, and I’m truly enjoying it. I appreciate the staff for being so welcoming and for making the experience so positive.	4/23/2026 9:14 AM
135	The program is robust and well designed.	4/23/2026 9:10 AM
136	Many thanks to Dean Jamelle Wilson and the Osher staff for their leadership. Long may Osher run.	4/23/2026 7:19 AM
137	Nothing to add	4/22/2026 9:00 PM
138	Quality of course content and instructor is priority for me. Want a course that is more than one session and offers comprehensive info on a topic/historical moment, etc. in well organized fashion. A frustration this semester was being waitlisted on 80% of my choices and only getting into two.	4/22/2026 8:18 PM
139	NA	4/22/2026 6:42 PM
140	Very satisfied with our Osher membership and we'll definitely renew my membership.	4/22/2026 5:41 PM
141	N/A	4/22/2026 3:58 PM
142	Timely receipt of catalogue, more equitable registration procedure. Courses for which I was successful in registering were excellent. I plan to renew my membership again in the coming year.	4/22/2026 1:45 PM

143	The Osher experience has been excellent overall. I have taken a wide range of courses and learned a great deal. Going forward, my continued participation will be influenced by the addition of new courses/topics.	4/22/2026 1:41 PM
144	The variety of courses is my most important factor re: overall satisfaction with Osher. As long as the courses remain strong, I will continue to renew at the Gold level. Other offerings such as the SIGs, are "icing on the cake". The question re: ranking elements 1 - 10 did not work well for me. The survey kept wanting to pre-populate 1 - 10 in the order presented on the screen. I finally gave up and simply ranked the #1 element for me.	4/22/2026 10:14 AM
145	no serious concerns , please address growing number of Osher students and impact on future availability of classes and access to UR facilities	4/22/2026 9:00 AM
146	Unfortunately, working full time can limit the classes available to me. Enjoy the Osher sports events and pre concert events.	4/22/2026 8:16 AM
147	It is a wonderful program, extremely valuable and well-run, and has enriched my life immeasurably over the last decade and a half. THANK YOU!	4/22/2026 8:07 AM
148	I enjoyed showing my painting in the art show. I would like to present memoir at a book show.	4/22/2026 7:46 AM
149	The wait list process is necessary but is problematic for me. Even though I hold the class on my calendar (noted as Wait Listed) I often have already added something to that spot by the time I am off the wait list. I understand the logistical reasons behind the wait list process but do believe that it would be better to wait until classrooms are released for our use to avoid the overhead associated with the wait list process.	4/22/2026 7:27 AM
150	While I have tried to sign up for Osher offerings, they are always full. There seems to be a secret way to be enrolled.	4/22/2026 6:35 AM
151	I wish parking was a little more convenient.	4/21/2026 10:42 PM
152	More Osher get together.	4/21/2026 10:35 PM
153	Recruit more 50-60 year olds	4/21/2026 10:30 PM
154	NA	4/21/2026 10:20 PM
155	I would like to have more classes in person.	4/21/2026 9:34 PM
156	CMC,FKFGGNVLSJG	4/21/2026 9:06 PM
157	Being new and late for the registration this semester we look forward to attending a more varied courses in the future. Everyone has been so helpful. I wonder if after a very thought provoking lecture having an opportunity to discuss after?	4/21/2026 8:49 PM
158	This program is wonderful in its current form. Thanks very much for the experiences.	4/21/2026 8:22 PM
159	Class on revolutionary war in Virginia	4/21/2026 7:17 PM
160	Query why Is Osher returning to 9 AM opening for class registration for 2026 summer term? And why wasn't the issue of the class registration start time included in this survey? As we get older, parking for a number of class venues (e.g., Gottwald, Westhampton Living Room, Haynes Commons) becomes increasingly problematical. On a campus designed primarily for 18--30 year old undergraduate and graduate students (many (most?) of whom reside on campus), there is no easy solution to the parking problem. But, it needs to be addressed, unless Osher is willing to toss aside its older members (or relegate them to virtual classes). I recently renewed my Osher membership, but my response to question 6 (intent to renew in the future) is greatly dependent on whether I believe I can physically get to "live" classes.	4/21/2026 6:04 PM
161	Current events, civil discourse	4/21/2026 6:02 PM
162	Computer security at home. A couple of years ago one class was offered. We need one every semester. Need to keep up to date.	4/21/2026 5:53 PM
163	I registered for classes as soon as registration opened. The ones that interest me were already full. I don't even bother any more as it seems registration fills up way before it opens. I do like to get notification of lectures and music events however. I think there are way too many osher people now and things are very different since I began osher some tears ago. 😢	4/21/2026 5:48 PM
164	Thank you Osher!	4/21/2026 5:22 PM

165	Love the current variety	4/21/2026 5:05 PM
166	I look to the Osher program for learning opportunities, events at UR such as lecture or possibly auditing a class, and access to the Boatwright Library and other UR resources.	4/21/2026 5:00 PM
167	Would love more science courses from UR science professors. Any thought or possibility to a zoom only membership for someone outside of Richmond area?	4/21/2026 4:56 PM
168	Overall, I am very satisfied with the course content that is offered by Osher.	4/21/2026 4:52 PM
169	Would love if more university of Richmond professors would give a lecture or two of the highlights of their specialty.	4/21/2026 4:42 PM
170	People not turning off their cell phones during lectures is a major problem. I don't think I've attended a single class this year where no phone went off. Durning one class on the revolutionary war, a person actually FaceTimed with her grandchild. I know the staff is trying very hard but I think action along the lines of at the beginning of class as everyone to take their phones out and everyone check to make sure they're silenced may be the next step . Sadly, I once heard someone say after her phone went off repeatedly that she did not know how to silence it and then thankfully asked for help.	4/21/2026 3:49 PM
171	More classes by Dr Ryan Ahlgrim Great idea for the lunch bunch- hope to participate fall semester.	4/21/2026 3:40 PM
172	I need to participate more. That's on me.	4/21/2026 3:39 PM
173	Too often I am unable to register for classes as they are filled almost immediately. Wait lists don't usually result in getting into a class.	4/21/2026 3:27 PM
174	I very much appreciate Osher and its multiple opportunities for learning and doing interesting things. Just keep doing what you're doing. Your staff is exceptional.	4/21/2026 3:22 PM
175	nothing at this time	4/21/2026 3:09 PM
176	More Zoom classes. Parking at UR is an issue. Walking distances at UR is an issue. Would it be possible to have central parking for Osher members somewhere not necessaryly on the campus with scheduled rides on the UR bus to classes?	4/21/2026 3:05 PM
177	Change the registration process so that enrollment in desired classes is not dependent solely on signing up at 12:01 am.	4/21/2026 2:17 PM
178	AI	4/21/2026 2:08 PM
179	For what it is worth, I am an Osher member primarily because it has given me a platform to teach people in a collegial environment and develop a following that provides an unimagined degree of self-fulfillment and social connection retirement that I didn't even know was possible before I became a member.	4/21/2026 2:05 PM
180	I think that some of the instructors are not that qualified to teach.	4/21/2026 2:00 PM
181	Some speakers have been subpar	4/21/2026 1:51 PM
182	You're welcome.	4/21/2026 1:36 PM
183	More courses on gardening and Virginia and particularly Richmond history	4/21/2026 1:15 PM
184	Unfortunately some of the Osher participants feel the need to pontificate instead of ask questions. Some of the lecturers although fairly knowledgeable about their subject were not subject experts.	4/21/2026 12:38 PM
185	More short in-person classes with 1 to 2 sessions Mahjong group	4/21/2026 12:34 PM
186	Maintaining variety of class offerings, social events, and volunteer opportunities.	4/21/2026 12:10 PM
187	Registration is challenging for me. Even if I start at 6:30 am many of the courses are full. I have gotten in to classes off the wait list. Overall I am finding it harder to get into classes, even with the wait list, than when I joined 9 yrs ago. Most semesters I am signing up for National Osher classes to supplement my in person classes. The National Osher classes have been excellent. However, even though I am an introvert, I do enjoy going to classes on campus.	4/21/2026 12:06 PM

188	Don’t prefer the late afternoon classes (I know you’re juggling space, instructor, and other considerations). Maybe add some day/bus trips at a moderate cost t the schedule	4/21/2026 11:56 AM
189	Thank you.	4/21/2026 11:46 AM
190	I can very rarely achieve sign up for a desired class. Unfortunately, I do not plan to renew, as I believe Osher at U of R to be a very worthwhile program.	4/21/2026 11:45 AM
191	Outstanding staff!	4/21/2026 11:35 AM
192	You failed to mention the genealogy interest group.. the woman leading it is excellent.. family health issues have limited my Osher experiences in the past 6 months. I am glad to be an Osher member.	4/21/2026 10:50 AM
193	We enjoy our OSHER membership very much and continue to try and get non OSHER friends to join	4/21/2026 10:42 AM
194	Have recording of classes so if miss one you can access it later.	4/21/2026 10:37 AM
195	More class options, especially about AI. Access to AI tools through UR (e.g., Claude, Perplexity, etc.).	4/21/2026 10:32 AM
196	I am also a member of the genealogy interest group which was not listed.	4/21/2026 10:28 AM
197	Q 22 was unclear. Was I to rank my preferences on what aspects or features of a course I prefer? That is how I answered it. Also, the Genealogy Interest Group, of which I am a member, is missing from the list in Q 25. I am new to Osher (joined in March 2026) AND I'm new to Richmond and the UofR campus so my feedback is limited to my short tenure. I am primarily interested in on-campus courses (for Osher members as well as those offered for students) in a wide variety of topic areas, e.g., literature, philosophy, history, the arts, politics, etc. A topic presented by a well-informed, passionate instructor may spark a new area of interest for me, so I am open to any classes that meet this criteria. I look forward to participating in Osher social events soon, meeting peers is also a key reason I became a member.	4/21/2026 10:26 AM
198	No response	4/21/2026 10:25 AM
199	I have loved the OSHER program at UR. Staff, students, courses and interest groups have been amazing.	4/21/2026 10:07 AM
200	Architectural hostory of UR campus	4/21/2026 9:56 AM
201	More cooking classes	4/21/2026 9:51 AM
202	No comments	4/21/2026 9:50 AM
203	Please continue your excellent communication about lectures and events at UR. Thanks.	4/21/2026 9:45 AM
204	I have experienced a number of AV issues in classes; more than would be occasionally expected.	4/21/2026 9:45 AM
205	N/A	4/21/2026 9:42 AM
206	N/A	4/21/2026 9:42 AM
207	Thank you VERY much for all of your good work.	4/21/2026 9:42 AM
208	NA	4/21/2026 9:40 AM
209	I initially joined Osher to learn French since I visit my daughter in Paris frequently but auditing a class was not practical. I love the library, I enjoyed the classes that I did take, ex. CPR, Herbs, etc but due to my schedule I was unable to attend more classes. I would like more topics on how AI can help me, I am just not that good with Computers and need help from my children often. I plan to renew my Osher Membership.	4/21/2026 9:40 AM
210	Two survey design suggestions: (1) Reasons for not having taken Osher classes--since it is a forced response item, remove the respond if you did not take classes from the question stem and put the "took a class" response first. Similar issue with volunteering responses. (2) Being asked to rank ten items rather than independently rate each item is an act of gratuitous sadism :) directed towards respondents.	4/21/2026 9:37 AM
211	I think the staff of Osher is fantastic!! Thank you.	4/21/2026 9:35 AM

212	No suggestions	4/21/2026 9:31 AM
213	I would like to see more hands-on learning classes, such as flower pressing, chain maille jewelry, etc.	4/21/2026 9:29 AM
214	None	4/21/2026 9:26 AM
215	Would it be possible to offer creative classes like glass blowing, jewelry making, flower arranging, and other similar activities that used to be offered by SPCS?	4/21/2026 9:26 AM
216	UR community is so lovely, welcoming and lively. Thanks for all you do!	4/21/2026 9:25 AM
217	It can not be improved, course content, I pick what appeals to me, no questions	4/21/2026 9:25 AM
218	I am very new to Osher so I expect things to change as I become used to the program.	4/21/2026 9:24 AM
219	N/A	4/21/2026 9:22 AM
220	I am in RVA but moving to Boulder so my answers reflect continuing my membership once I move, which will only be zoom courses of which national places a HUGE role. I love the quality of teaching both on zoom and in person. Amazing, thank you!!	4/21/2026 9:17 AM
221	The Osher staff always goes above and beyond for its members. You are greatly appreciated.	4/20/2026 10:57 PM
222	I love Osher. I believe it is making me a better and more interesting person. Question 22 was complicated to complete.	4/20/2026 6:33 PM
223	Question 4 is poorly worded. My experience with in-person classes is better than the zoom classes.	4/20/2026 5:19 PM
224	I would love to see more online opportunities for in-person classes. There are many classes that I would be interested in, but I can no longer participate in campus classes due to mobility issues.	4/20/2026 1:19 PM
225	My wife has found it impossible to register and sign in technically very difficult	4/20/2026 11:59 AM
226	The variety of course offerings and the schedule are very important, as well as reminders sent ahead of classes.	4/20/2026 10:31 AM
227	scriptwriting	4/20/2026 9:06 AM
228	Trying to get into classes is very frustrating. I am consistently waitlisted for courses despite signing up early morning when registration opens. There seems to be a core of Osher students who monopolize the classes. Do they sign up at midnight?	4/20/2026 7:50 AM
229	Although I have taken a [very] few zoom classes I strongly prefer attending in person. I have not registered for numerous music and art classes that otherwise interested me because they were offered via zoom.	4/20/2026 7:12 AM
230	Xxx	4/19/2026 11:03 PM
231	Osher is such a gift. While years ago I wasn't a fan of online learning, age and the difficulties getting around have made me change my mind. So thank you for the zoom opportunities to participate in such excellent classes. it's great to let my mind travel while my legs aren't so cooperative. These days I'm kind of into anything that helps me to understand what the #$%^ is going on in the middle east -- past and present. Thanks to all for this exceptional program.	4/19/2026 5:56 PM
232	I often find the sound quality low or muffled. I enjoy classes about little-known people,events, or places.	4/19/2026 5:44 PM
233	The zoom courses are interesting, but to attend in person on campus really enhances the experience. It’s the main reason I am involved with the Osher program	4/19/2026 2:57 PM
234	Osher has been important because I like to learn new content, ideas and continue to keep my mind engaged. The breadth of course content with engaging instructors is a real plus.	4/19/2026 2:08 PM
235	N/A	4/19/2026 1:10 PM
236	Most of the classes that I attend have empty seats. Only about half of the classes that I try to sign up for are available (full). It makes me wonder if more efficient use of available venues/rooms is possible.	4/19/2026 12:37 PM

237	Working on becoming more connected.	4/19/2026 12:09 PM
238	NA	4/19/2026 10:41 AM
239	I have really enjoyed my Osher experience and will ease into more activities going forward.	4/19/2026 9:23 AM
240	I should look for more info on osher interest groups	4/18/2026 10:14 PM
241	I would prefer more Zoom classes and/or other presentations. I live almost 25 miles from campus. The older I become, the less I want to drive to on-campus class meetings or activities, especially if they occur early in the morning or after dark.	4/18/2026 9:08 PM
242	The organization and professionalism of the UR Osher staff is astounding and a real credit to the Osher organization nationally.	4/18/2026 7:09 PM
243	..	4/18/2026 5:09 PM
244	One of the things I like most about Osher -- that was barely mentioned in the survey -- is the chance to go to athletic events. (Especially when we can tailgate or enjoy the club level seating/food and drink.) These are even more fun than the socials, and have the extra benefit of giving me a chance to root for UR and feel a part of the UR community (even though I did not go there). I hope you will keep these up, or better yet, add more opportunities to attend game events.	4/18/2026 5:07 PM
245	Wish more opportunities were on zoom	4/18/2026 5:02 PM
246	NOTHING IN PARTICULAR.	4/18/2026 4:14 PM
247	The staff does an outstanding job. I'd like to see more travel opportunities in the US.	4/18/2026 3:23 PM
248	I would like to see more history and computer/ electronics offered.	4/18/2026 3:13 PM
249	As I get older, Zoom classes are appreciated. Luckily, you have several instructors whose content and presentation work with Zoom.	4/18/2026 3:11 PM
250	U r doing a great job. Just make registration easier	4/18/2026 12:33 PM
251	More history and music courses are always good. It is difficult to sign up for courses due popularity and class sizes. As you undoubtedly know, there is a group of students who dominate Osher and that is really the main negative with the program.	4/18/2026 12:08 PM
252	Osher team is doing a great job! Will definitely renew my membership.	4/18/2026 11:40 AM
253	I am frustrated at being unable to sign up for courses that are already full. This has been a primary factor in my limited participation.	4/18/2026 11:09 AM
254	I'm a bit concerned that by opening registration at 9:00 AM on May 19 instead of at midnight, I may not be able to get into my desired courses. We shall see...	4/18/2026 10:32 AM
255	Your program has been of great benefit to me in keeping me engaged with current issues and furthering my education. Please continue to offer relevant and engaging material and to remind us to show respectful and courteous behavior towards all parties.	4/18/2026 7:48 AM
256	A directory of members who choose to be included	4/18/2026 7:29 AM
257	The Osher staff is remarkable, and the entire program makes retirement much more active and enjoyable.	4/18/2026 6:01 AM
258	Thank you for offering a great program.	4/18/2026 12:12 AM
259	I love OSHER and all the good things it brings in my life: Learning, social interactions of all kinds, general satisfaction.	4/17/2026 11:17 PM
260	I would like a language course on conversational Vietnamese.	4/17/2026 9:26 PM
261	Just joined in January and getting started.	4/17/2026 8:13 PM
262	None	4/17/2026 6:28 PM
263	need to have a better way to register for classes enjoy the access to UofR lectures, etc.	4/17/2026 5:31 PM
264	Classes on how to use AI	4/17/2026 4:59 PM

265	The Osher staff has been helpful to us .	4/17/2026 4:38 PM
266	The program is exceptional	4/17/2026 4:05 PM
267	I think my Osher experience is very good and doesn't need improving.	4/17/2026 3:41 PM
268	My husband & I have been really happy with all aspects of our Osher experience. Thank you all for extending the privilege.	4/17/2026 3:23 PM
269	Would like to see more history or contemporary events courses offered	4/17/2026 3:18 PM
270	Wait list up to the last minute can be a problem. Additional cost of national courses are too pricey.	4/17/2026 2:24 PM
271	nothing to add	4/17/2026 12:58 PM
272	No thoughts here.	4/17/2026 11:58 AM
273	UR Osher is a wonderful opportunity to get involved.	4/17/2026 11:52 AM
274	Osher has made a tremendous level of satisfaction in my life.It seems that stimulating my mind also stimulates my body. One of my friends , Brent Tarter, gives a great presentation on the Patrick Henry speech.It was made for public radio presentation and goes into the conditions of the colonies before and after the war. Brent is also very knowledgeable about Virginia history. His number is 804 658 1823.	4/17/2026 11:27 AM
275	I would like to see additional online offerings. I have some mobility issues and appreciate the opportunity to access course through zoom or other online platforms.Are there any UR classes offered for audit that are online? I would love to see history classes that focus on a current event topic (e.g., war in Iran) and how history may have impacted what is occurring today. Additional science courses would also be great.	4/17/2026 11:21 AM
276	Office staff is wonderful. Course variety is great. Medical issues kept me away this semester.	4/17/2026 10:39 AM
277	Information for possible course instructors	4/17/2026 10:21 AM
278	There is a happy medium between capping the membership numbers and members able to get in classes of their choosing. I find the Osher Staff at UR to be remarkable!	4/17/2026 9:40 AM
279	The program is excellent!	4/17/2026 9:27 AM
280	You could also ask if Osher members speak a foreign language and then list some key languages + other. A short course series: "AI for Dummies" would certainly be of interest to me. UR Osher is a great program managed by a great staff. Thank you!	4/17/2026 9:12 AM
281	It would be great if there could be more classes on history that were not war-focused (not to diss war, but...). Maybe social history, women's or Black history. Also, I know facilities might be a problem, but I would love some studio art classes, because the VMFA classes are so hard to get into. Also, can you set the registration to start at, say, 7:00 am instead of midnight?	4/17/2026 8:52 AM
282	Course content Quality of instructors	4/17/2026 8:38 AM
283	How far do you have to drive... 25 miles for me, so that does impact how much I can do. Also, do you/can you drive at night. Since I prefer not to, that limits late afternoon and evening activities. Might also ask about handicap access.	4/17/2026 8:24 AM
284	I'd love to see art classes over zoom for doing art (as opposed to learning about artists). Also lectures in the day instead of the evening.	4/17/2026 8:19 AM
285	I hope to teach another course next fall. When do I need to send you my proposal?	4/17/2026 7:39 AM
286	Went from gold to silver. courses filled up in hours. Suggestion only 5 courses then wait a week. Many courses were filled up an hour after the opening	4/17/2026 7:37 AM
287	Have registered for classes 2 semesters at 6:00am on the first day of enrollment. With the exception of 1 zoom class, I have been wait listed for every classs I've tried to get into. Eventually got into a couple of the lecture classes but for most, I never got off the wait list. Have spoken with several others who have had the same issue. Very frustrating! As a result, not worth paying the annual fee to be on a wait list.	4/17/2026 7:11 AM
288	Thank you for these excellent opportunities!	4/17/2026 5:54 AM

289	Keep up the good work.	4/17/2026 4:03 AM
290	Shhtj	4/17/2026 2:50 AM
291	—-	4/17/2026 12:15 AM
292	Increase non-white participation, student and teacher. Increase accessibility for students on walkers / canes. Some questions would give you more useful info if allowed multiple answers.	4/16/2026 10:38 PM
293	Fortunately, I was able to get in several of the glasses over the last semester. One thing that was rather frustrating was the waitlist. I was put on the waitlist several times, but Opening is only occurred maybe three times	4/16/2026 10:06 PM
294	I am very pleased with the management and content of Osher programs.	4/16/2026 9:33 PM
295	As a relatively new Osher member, I am excited to join several interest groups and participate in volunteer opportunities. I already enjoy visiting the campus with my therapy dog through Caring Canines.	4/16/2026 9:06 PM
296	Continued growth of Osher may not be a better Osher. Have we considered capping membership? I realize that there are pros and cons to this.	4/16/2026 8:55 PM
297	Although Osher is touted to offer enrichment for those 50 years and up, only a very few opportunities exist for full time workers. Adding more social events/courses/special interest groups that meet after 5 pm and/or on weekends would enable this bracket of people to participate.	4/16/2026 8:38 PM
298	1) I would like a class about the features of Android phones; any such classes offered have focused mainly on iPhones. 2) For me, it is important not to increase membership fees.	4/16/2026 8:25 PM
299	Renewal ... Am considering switch to Silver. Lot of classes that I wanted got filled. Though waitlisted, did not get in most. Found quality of classes less satisfying, either too short or speaker was unfocused, or too general. Important questions to consider: 1) For volunteer activities, have follow-up question on frequency of participation. For ex. I usher at Modlin Center at least 5 times during each semester. Add satisfaction question about parking.	4/16/2026 8:17 PM
300	More in person courses.	4/16/2026 7:52 PM
301	It would be nice that at the beginning of each lecture (only the 1st one if it's a series) that the professor/facilitator &/or lecturer be introduced, detailing his/her background in leading such a course.	4/16/2026 7:32 PM
302	More classes by Dr. Ladelle McWhorter. Theological classes with UR Faculty.	4/16/2026 7:07 PM
303	Thank you	4/16/2026 6:35 PM
304	i am a newbie just two class meetings total so ask me later	4/16/2026 6:18 PM
305	This is a wonderful format for me and my husband	4/16/2026 6:17 PM
306	No response	4/16/2026 6:15 PM
307	I would like to have more one-session, two-session or three-session classes offered. I do not sign up for the six or eight session classes because I want to leave room in my schedule for non-Osher activities, too.	4/16/2026 6:12 PM
308	it s kind of a “closed” group. i had been activtbinvolvrd with sever	4/16/2026 6:04 PM
309	Really should limit the number of classes that Gold members can register for each semester -- their signing up for every class "freezes out" other members	4/16/2026 5:51 PM
310	Increase in music offerings would be nice.	4/16/2026 5:30 PM
311	I enjoy the classes offered and the new people I meet in them	4/16/2026 5:09 PM
312	I did enjoy the investment special interest group. AI is a topic of interest and the field matures. Zoom classes avoid traffic, parking and participation when out of town .More science classes would be appreciated.	4/16/2026 4:57 PM
313	-Course content and variety of courses is excellent. I wish there was an easy way on the registration system to read about the instructors. -It's always nice to have UR professors as	4/16/2026 4:43 PM

	instructors. -Osher still struggles with diversity! -It might be nice to have small group discussions on contemporary issues. -Osher is well organized and well executed! I am very thankful to be a part of it.	
314	I have loved my experience thus far. I have not yet participated in any interest groups, but intend to do so. This past session when I registered I was waitlisted for most of my desired classes and fortunately got into many of them. However, I have a friend that had a more difficult time getting into classes. Not sure how that process can be improved, but so far I have felt satisfied with the number of classes I have attended.	4/16/2026 4:38 PM
315	You are doing an amazing job and I frequently referred age-appropriate friends and associates. Thank you!!	4/16/2026 4:24 PM
316	I prefer classes that are one or two sessions and done. Do not take classes that get out after dark, or that end later than 3pm.	4/16/2026 4:23 PM
317	Academically and administratively, Osher at U. of R. is A+, Outstanding, Top-Notch!!	4/16/2026 4:09 PM
318	Thank you	4/16/2026 4:05 PM
319	Offer invest in the stock market classes.	4/16/2026 3:45 PM
320	The U of R Osher program is simply amazing, with a truly outstanding staff. Blending the tremendous program of Osher with the beautiful campus and facilities of U of R is such a privilege to participate in. The staff is superior in all details and communication. I was a little hesitant as I did not know a lot about the campus when I joined. Having tremendously detailed communication in every way made things very easy. Many thanks for such a professionally run and executed program that is a joy to be a part of.	4/16/2026 3:43 PM
321	Being a "registered" student with all that it implies/benfits is very important to me!!	4/16/2026 3:21 PM
322	Appreciate the educational offerings but am frustrated with the frequent waitlisting. Have participated in more courses offered by other state OLLIs this year.	4/16/2026 3:19 PM
323	I never received the spring catalog in the mail - so my preferred courses were filled before I registered - but that's out of your control. Conner Parish's classes are great. Might be helpful to remind existing members that they'll learn new things at orientation. Thanks for asking	4/16/2026 3:17 PM
324	N/A	4/16/2026 3:11 PM
325	Very much appreciate the time to interact with fellow Osher members with coffee chat and lunch chats.	4/16/2026 3:07 PM
326	There should be a less competitive way of signing up for popular courses. It is a poorly kept secret that if you want to sign up for any cooking class or some of the walking tours and pop culture classes, you have to stay up until midnight of the day the new catalog drops to secure your place in a particular class. This is insanity.	4/16/2026 2:59 PM
327	- I don't like having to stay up until midnight to register for courses to make sure I get into the ones I want. - I prefer online classes.	4/16/2026 2:55 PM
328	Osher is terrific!	4/16/2026 2:41 PM
329	Best deal in town	4/16/2026 2:33 PM
330	More opportunities to have participation during class with OSHER members and presenters	4/16/2026 2:33 PM
331	I seem to get waitlisted for far too many classes that I would like to attend.	4/16/2026 2:30 PM
332	Needs improvement: lag time getting off wait list; more environment events. Interested in: coffee get togethers, walks. No interest in: zoom, courses. No plan to increase to Gold membership at this time.	4/16/2026 2:26 PM
333	The classes that are on-site only are less appealing than the online or hybrid classes.	4/16/2026 2:24 PM
334	Hard to get into some classes due to high demand.	4/16/2026 2:22 PM
335	My Osher experience would be improved if the frenzy in signing up for classes could somehow be eliminated and if there was some way to increase class size to reduce the number of courses for which one is wait-listed	4/16/2026 2:18 PM
336	Some courses are offered in multiple sessions. I would appreciate your giving thought to single	4/16/2026 2:18 PM

	session attendance, so an attendee would not have to pay for an entire session that he/she is not able to attend. I appreciate that you are attentive to the Wait List.	
337	I didn’t know there are special interest groups I can join. Need info about how to join Not enough classes on wine and food, not enough classes on aging well. I’m always wait listed and can never attend. Would like more opportunities for travel, perhaps as a group by charted bus.	4/16/2026 2:08 PM
338	Nothing to add	4/16/2026 2:06 PM
339	I’d like more art- and literature-related offerings.	4/16/2026 2:03 PM
340	Continue emphasis on excellent course content and amazing speakers	4/16/2026 1:26 PM
341	Limit # of courses any one person may take.	4/16/2026 1:26 PM
342	Seems rather presumptuous to "require" an answer. You may wish to keep in mind you have requested our time in completing a voluntary survey. We aren't required to do anything.	4/16/2026 1:14 PM
343	I am caring for an aging relative out of town on weekdays so Zoom is my only option right now. I may not renew my membership if only a few classes will work for my current situation.	4/16/2026 1:12 PM
344	I'm sure it's on me - just haven't taken the time to figure out how to sign up for classes - have friends who describe signing up the moment registration opens in order to get into a class. I just need to take the time to get in the loop!	4/16/2026 1:07 PM
345	Geography course	4/16/2026 12:48 PM
346	An essay question?	4/16/2026 12:46 PM
347	More lectures from people who have experienced events and in positions of influence.	4/16/2026 12:43 PM
348	More A.I	4/16/2026 12:41 PM
349	No comment.	4/16/2026 12:36 PM
350	I was hoping for a less cliquey group of people.	4/16/2026 12:35 PM
351	I remain very frustrated by the registering for classes process. Even the template on screen is difficult to navigate. I also wish there was more diversity in the course presenters. As a newer member, I feel like we are presumed to know more about the program (in all aspects) than we do.	4/16/2026 12:17 PM
352	The receptions/concerts were great! I absolutely would participate in more music related events. Thoroughly enjoyed attending women's basketball games. The receptions in the terraces were really nice, although it was crowded and there was limited seating. The trivia night was fun. Maybe offer that once each semester? (But "know your audience." Don't have questions that would pertain more to our grandchildren that to actual Osher members!). The wine/food classes have been great.	4/16/2026 12:15 PM
353	Occasionally either my spouse who is an Osher member, or I have not been able due to attend a particular session in a multi-week class. It would be a plus if an Osher spouse could attend in lieu of the registrant for that session. The class has been paid for, and the spouse is only "taking up the seat" of the person who would have otherwise attended due to extenuating circumstances, such as a temporary health issue. My understanding is that it is Osher policy not to permit this, and that if a waiting list exists, the seat should go to the next person on the list.	4/16/2026 12:11 PM
354	I would like to see more short lecture or class opportunities, just wanted two sessions. It is hard sometimes to make the commitment to attend something on a regular basis for several weeks. I also greatly prefer online and even asynchronous opportunities if available.	4/16/2026 12:02 PM
355	You are doing a great job. Keep it up.	4/16/2026 12:01 PM
356	More ice cream socials.	4/16/2026 11:56 AM
357	Some of the Zoom courses are quite expensive (especially National Osher). However, when technical problems arose nothing could be done. On top of that, one music instructor was very poorly prepared for her presentation and lots of time was wasted while she searched for the desired YouTube. These National courses do not seem to be worth the extra cost. On the other hand, I have LOVED the open invitations to attend UR Faculty seminars. I would keep my Osher membership just to have continued access to that.	4/16/2026 11:55 AM

358	More technology and sports classes	4/16/2026 11:53 AM
359	I am happy with Osher and impressed with management.	4/16/2026 11:52 AM
360	I have thoroughly enjoyed taking OSHER classes, meeting members, and engaging in a volunteer role. I also have used the technology services and Weinstein fitness center, as well as received a student discount on the purchase of a computer. I love teaching for OSHER and have found great support from the staff. I take as many tours through OSHER as my schedule will allow. Thank you for developing such a wonderful program - it is an asset to our community and an excellent way for newcomers to the area to meet like-minded friends and engage in meaningful activities.	4/16/2026 11:41 AM
361	-	4/16/2026 11:40 AM
362	The Osher staff is nothing short of superb and our relatively new rooms and offices are a great addition. I'm also very appreciative of the support that we receive from SPCS at all levels.	4/16/2026 11:33 AM
363	Perhaps a polite but firm caution could be announced to class attendees in order to mitigate the urge of those who take over discussions (microphones) to express their political opinions (that are not of interest or offensive to other class attendees) could be made on a regular basis. (Questions are fine, but we don't attend classes to hear classmates bloviate.) There are members who create a hostile classroom environment and that is unacceptable. Thank you for all you DO. The class offerings are wonderful. With the 250th anniversary of the USA, the historical offerings are very much appreciated. Perhaps someone with VA tourism could speak about the 250th passport program? The local museum docent tours are delightful. It's time for Cousin Chip to return! TY, TY, TY!	4/16/2026 11:31 AM
364	I would love to see classes on the features on an iPhone, iPad, etc. Also, classes on the advanced use of MS Excel or 365.	4/16/2026 11:25 AM
365	Thank you for asking. Would love it if there was a way to register for classes that did not involve being up at midnight to get the classes I am interested in. I really enjoy the group activities: meeting as a group at VMFA, the tour of the Poe Museum, the Scotch tasting.	4/16/2026 11:23 AM
366	Having a microphone for Q&A is a big plus.	4/16/2026 11:23 AM
367	Improving the process of registering for classes would be most helpful.	4/16/2026 11:22 AM
368	no comment	4/16/2026 11:18 AM
369	Many OSHER speakers are very informed re their chosen topic but not nearly as good with ORGANIZING their material. 1)here’s what I going to talk about 2) talk about it and 3) here’s what I talked about. Almost non-existent regardless of how bright and experienced the presenter is. F dr disappointing. Thx.	4/16/2026 11:18 AM
370	I prefer multi-session classes	4/16/2026 11:11 AM
371	For popular classes such as crochet and genealogy please offer additional classes	4/16/2026 11:08 AM
372	I prefer the zoom classes and would like to see more of them. Also, the shorter term (2-3 sessions) are easier for me to schedule.	4/16/2026 10:59 AM
373	It would be great if the class registration days didn’t open at 12:01 am! You have to be a real night owl to have any chance at getting into the more popular classes, especially the food classes. I feel like I’m back in school with registration anxiety! Appreciate your consideration… it is noted that you all have added second classes on some of the ones that filled up quickly - thanks for that.	4/16/2026 10:55 AM
374	Osher has greatly enhanced my retirement years, and I am constantly telling people about it and urging them to join. The combination of mental stimulation and interesting people -- both staff and Osher members -- is a tremendous gift.	4/16/2026 10:54 AM
375	Keep doing what you are doing! Dr Silva rocks!	4/16/2026 10:53 AM
376	None	4/16/2026 10:51 AM
377	The variety of courses is outstanding. Due to my physical limitations I prefer the Zoom courses but use of my handicap pass has helped me to attend more of the campus courses. This is a great well managed program and the best of previously attended life long program s I have attended.	4/16/2026 10:48 AM

378	I am not a graduate of Univ. of Richmond and have no familiarity with the campus. Wandering around is not something I relish. An orientation would have been nice.	4/16/2026 10:46 AM
379	I soon will be registering as soon as the summer classes/activities are available. I hear the process can be frustrating and stressful trying to obtain the ones you want. It will be interesting.	4/16/2026 10:46 AM
380	More current events	4/16/2026 10:44 AM
381	I truly appreciate the opportunities the Osher Institute offers. I look forward to my continuous membership. May I say that I would like more seats to be available? The waiting list is very long.	4/16/2026 10:43 AM
382	Increase medical related classes to address health issues!!	4/16/2026 10:37 AM
383	I have found the Osher experience to be very rewarding	4/16/2026 10:34 AM
384	Sometimes the classes feel like a commercial for the people or company presenting	4/16/2026 10:34 AM
385	In some of the Geo political courses, I have noticed that some of the professors who are very, very good about identifying the problem and its causes but at times have little to offer in the way of Solutions. I would like to see more Solutions put forward.	4/16/2026 10:32 AM
386	Keep up the good work.	4/16/2026 10:30 AM
387	Sci Fi movie series	4/16/2026 10:26 AM
388	Ease of parking options	4/16/2026 10:24 AM
389	Please encourage instructors to offer access to visual materials if folks have to be absent. They can make these review only as well!	4/16/2026 10:24 AM
390	I would like more environmental and nature related classes. Also I would like to to see more one day classes. Classes that are 2-6 days long are too much of a time commitment for me.	4/16/2026 10:24 AM
391	The Osher staff are first-rate. They are terrific administrators and facilitators, and a delight to interact with; they all rank high in emotional and social intelligence, as well as the regular sort. This makes the program fun to be in. Personally, after Covid I'm "over" on-line courses, so while they're content may be interesting, I'm not interested; it's the interpersonal learning that grabs and fuels me. Since you mentioned AI: while it has proved beneficial in many technical fields like software dev. and medicine, many of us "civilians" have found it has severely negatively impacted our everyday experience: from trying to schedule a doctor's appointment, to delivering sloppy and downright incorrect internet search information. So I hope Osher will resist efforts to incorporate it into Osher: we're still the "people" generation!	4/16/2026 10:24 AM
392	I have been pretty disappointed in the quality of the in person classes for the last couple of years. There aren’t enough “meaty” classes on topics that interest me. A lot of the classes now seem to be brief “one offs” that aren’t worth my time. I don’t object to light fun courses (!) but I’d like the classes to be more challenging overall. Have you ever done studio art classes? I expect space would be the issue but I’d enjoy that!	4/16/2026 10:24 AM
393	Offering zoom option for classes is wonderful. I live 45 minutes away and sometimes find it hard to attend live classes	4/16/2026 10:16 AM
394	Would like more advance notice of location of classes.	4/16/2026 10:16 AM
395	I am taking these classes to learn something that I may not know and to fill up my social time. Thank you to all those who teach the classes and Osher staff.	4/16/2026 10:14 AM
396	I’m interested in recent research in medicine and mental health. I read a lot about these topics and would attend courses offered by people who currently work in these fields. I don’t participate in many volunteer or evening activities because I don’t have a car and don’t live near campus. I know people who really appreciate these opportunities but they are challenging for me to participate in. I love classes that emphasize participation like writing and knitting. I think if we want a more diverse group there needs to be a way to provide scholarships. I have a friend who participates in Museums for all. She loves art but cannot pay an entrance fee so all she has to do is show her SNAP card and she gets in for free. I don’t know if there is a way Osher could do this. The two black women I invited to join were very intimidated and neither ever tried Osher. Peggy, Nell, Romney and Amy, you do a great job. We may complain but we really do appreciate you.	4/16/2026 10:14 AM

397	No comment	4/16/2026 10:12 AM
398	Perhaps more investment management class and religious class options	4/16/2026 10:09 AM
399	Keep up the good work!	4/16/2026 10:05 AM
400	Our UR Osher is excellent - thanks to our outstanding staff! Bravo 👏🏻	4/16/2026 10:02 AM
401	Nothing I can think of	4/16/2026 10:02 AM
402	I've been an Osher member for 18 years and watched it grow tremendously under the current staff leadership and Osher volunteers. In fact I was an active volunteer for 11 years but my circumstances changed with the University of Richmond, which I no longer hold in high regard and try to avoid as much as possible. However I still love Osher and try to participate in their happy hours and to see my Osher friends.	4/16/2026 10:00 AM
403	Rated national Zoom course a zero as I could not attend at the time offered and unlike every other webinar I have ever attended in the business world, inexplicably, they were not recorded to be viewed later. I was not aware of this when I signed up in the fall. There are password protections and expiration dates that can be applied to protect the course content and revenue from wide dissemination. The view can be on the speaker to avoid showing names of participants. As it turned out, the syllabus showed a very academic approach to the topic instead of the pragmatic one I expected. In person courses I attended on aging have been excellent.	4/16/2026 9:59 AM
404	Classes have significantly increased the number of sessions making it difficult for me to participate. Wish there were more 1-3 session classes	4/16/2026 9:56 AM
405	none	4/16/2026 9:53 AM
406	I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every course I have taken through Osher. Volunteer opportunities for me are limited by my problems with mobility. I particularly enjoy any and all courses on history and music.	4/16/2026 9:51 AM
407	Would like to see classes in arts/crafts experiences	4/16/2026 9:48 AM
408	Placing importance of course interests 1-10 was hard! There are so many aspects of Osher classes that I love, it’s hard to put them in numerical order. Osher has become an important aspect of my life, and I will continue to be a member for many years. There is something for everyone offered in the classes.	4/16/2026 9:47 AM
409	I was not aware of the travel and volunteer activities. Somehow I've missed communications about these parts of Osher. The national on-line courses tend to be of poor quality.	4/16/2026 9:44 AM
410	Ability to attend classes with openings due to no shows.	4/16/2026 9:44 AM
411	Very satisfied	4/16/2026 9:43 AM
412	New member but enjoying OSHER If classes fill so quickly, can that particular class be offered more than once each year	4/16/2026 9:41 AM
413	Only reason to not attend classes is health related.	4/16/2026 9:40 AM
414	n/a	4/16/2026 9:40 AM
415	Thank you for this survey and the opportunity to provide feedback. My overwhelming feeling about Osher this year is utter disappointment in not getting off any wait lists for any of many courses I registered for. In contrast, last year I was able to go to a number of courses off the wait list. My sense is that this is for two primary reasons: 1) there are a group of people who “hog” class offerings, and 2) that Osher is not able to keep up with the obviously growing number of participants. Perhaps limiting the number of classes one person can register for and also considering a cap on new members could be considered to remedy these issues? I should note that I do not engage in the zoom classes; it is not worth it for me to pay for a virtual class when the entire internet can offer up free learnings on any subject I’m interested in. I am seriously considering dropping my membership for next year, as the value proposition has been a losing one for me this year. On a positive note, I appreciate the excellent communication and hard work of the Osher staff and also appreciate the opportunities to attend lectures and other non-classroom activities at the University.	4/16/2026 9:40 AM
416	I was more active with Osher including a special interest group when I lived in Richmond.	4/16/2026 9:39 AM

	Since I have moved away in 2023 I am so grateful to be able to participate on zoom, but can't be in person or participate in a SIG. Thank you for continuing online classes!	
417	Nothing at this time.	4/16/2026 9:38 AM
418	NA	4/16/2026 9:37 AM
419	Too many of the "courses" I have taken have turned out to be a way for the instructor to sell their products or services. Even one class on memoir writing turned into a "buy my books" session.	4/16/2026 9:37 AM
420	Nothing else to add.	4/16/2026 9:37 AM
421	class offerings walking distance from assigned parking	4/16/2026 9:37 AM
422	.	4/16/2026 9:37 AM
423	I love the Osher class experience but the parking can be challenging, especially walking for seniors and getting parking tickets when no spots available in other parking.	4/16/2026 9:35 AM
424	Excellent program	4/16/2026 9:34 AM
425	Osher is wonderful	4/16/2026 9:34 AM
426	The social network Osher provides is exactly what I was looking for in retirement. I am thankful to have such a fantastic Osher program in Richmond.	4/16/2026 9:34 AM
427	Regarding mentoring a UR student, it would be great if Osher could create stronger partnerships with the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement, the School of Professional & Continuing Studies, and other departments and programs to connect students with Osher members who are interested in mentoring.	4/16/2026 9:34 AM
428	Trying to sign up for classes is difficult at the beginning of the session	4/16/2026 9:32 AM
429	Reduce cost for National Courses if want to increase participation	4/16/2026 9:32 AM
430	I can't say enough about how much I appreciate the classes and activities. And the staff are terrific!	4/16/2026 9:32 AM
431	Because of health reasons I was unable to attend any functions/classes on campus. Thank you for the Zoom opportunities that made participation possible for me.	4/16/2026 9:31 AM
432	Would like more courses that teach us how to interact with technology - I.e, photography, AI	4/16/2026 9:31 AM
433	Osher staff is exceptional.	4/16/2026 9:30 AM
434	I am the spouse of a UR grad (I attended William and Mary and graduated from the VCU School of Pharmacy). I thoroughly enjoy all activities in which I take part at the U of R. I would be happy to volunteer at least monthly with you kind people, I volunteer at my church and three times each week at Johnston Willis.	4/16/2026 9:30 AM
435	More volunteer activities which enables you to interact closely with other members. More small meetup groups like lunch chats or walks, any small group activities to meet people and encourage us to dine on campus	4/16/2026 9:28 AM
436	I am happy with Osher classes. I mostly take on-line classes and like them a lot.	4/16/2026 9:24 AM