

# OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT DUKE (OLLI at Duke)

Formerly the Duke Institute for Learning in Retirement (DILR)

## Fact Sheet

- The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Duke was founded in 1977 as the Duke Institute for Learning in Retirement with 42 members and 11 courses. In 2004, it became a member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Network and changed its name in 2006.
- OLLI at Duke is an organization of members who share interests in lifelong learning, contributing to the community, and friendship.
- Most classes are held at The Bishop's House on East Campus and the education building at Judea Reform Congregation (JRC). We also hold classes in retirement communities, a computer lab and other campus buildings.
- In the 2009-10 academic year we had almost 1600 members; many took classes in more than one term. Annual membership dues of \$35 for the academic year entitle members to participate in activities and social events even if they are not taking a course in a given term. Course fees are in addition to membership fees.
- Approximately 42% of our members are Durham residents, 29% live in Chapel Hill, 8% come all the way from Fearington Village near Pittsboro, and 21% live in other nearby communities.
- OLLI courses cover a wide range of subjects including literature, art, music, history, current affairs, health and wellness, creative writing, languages, religion, financial planning, drama, natural science and technology, social science, computers, and retirement issues.
- We offer over 270 courses each year. Courses usually consist of up to eleven 90-minute sessions in the Fall and Winter Terms and up to six sessions in the short Spring Term in May and June.
- Instructors come from the Duke faculty, faculties of other nearby universities, other professionals working or retired in the Durham area and in many cases from our membership.
- On the day class assignments are made, we usually have registrations from about 90% of the total. We have waiting lists for some classes, dictated by either the instructor's request for a seminar-style class or by our relatively small rooms in The Bishop's House and JRC. If you are placed on a waiting list, someone from our office will contact you if space becomes available.
- We have a number of activities and interest groups, ranging from ballroom dance to book groups to the OLLI/ New Horizons Band and Chorus. Please see the catalog and bulletin boards at The Bishop's House and Judea Reform Congregation for more information.
- The OLLI staff consists of Garry Crites, Director, and Mary Georger, Assistant to the Director. The Director is supported by the elected President, a Board of Advisors, and a number of committees (including Activities, Communications, Curriculum, Finance, Hospitality, Information Technology, Membership and Strategic Planning), and by a host of volunteers.
- OLLI at Duke is a constituent part of Duke Continuing Studies.

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