



AT BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Summer Two Courses 2023



July 17 - Aug 25

Registration opens June 14. Open House June 15.
Classes marked limited registration may fill up quickly.

Courses are held online and in-person at Berkshire Community College (BCC), 1350 West Street, Pittsfield, MA, and other locations in Berkshire County. Locations are listed under each course. All indoor spaces are ADA accessible.

Most courses held online are recorded so if you miss one, or your schedule doesn't work for a particular course, you can request recordings and watch the class sessions on your own time. **(Note: In-person classes are not recorded.)**

We participate in the Card to Culture program and offer scholarships. To learn more go to berkshireolli.org/Scholarships or call 413-236-2190.

We look forward to seeing you!

Join OLLI at BCC

OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Berkshire Community College, is a membership program that provides a variety of free and affordable learning, social, and volunteer opportunities designed especially by and for people 50+ (but anyone can join!)

No tests, no grades, just learning for the joy of learning

How to register

To register for our Summer Two 2023 Semester, visit berkshireolli.org or call 413-236-2190.

For full course descriptions and to register online go to: berkshireolli.org/SummerTwo2023

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Monday

Today's Headlines

Instructor: Steve Tobin

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. EDT

Six Sessions - 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21

Location: Zoom

Today's Headlines is a moderated discussion course that provides an opportunity to voice your opinions on national and international issues.

Berkshire Magazine in Conversation

Instructor: Anastasia Stanmeyer

Time: 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. EDT

Six Sessions - 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21

Location: Zoom

Anastasia Stanmeyer, editor-in-chief of *Berkshire Magazine*, will interview seven of the new directors of our Berkshire cultural institutions. Almost all of the discussions will take place at the host institutions, so you will have a delightful "tour" of the Berkshires as well.

Tuesday

Exploring Pittsfield State Forest

Instructor: John Dickson

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. EDT

Five Sessions - 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15

Location: Pittsfield State Forest

Summer is for walking, so join us as we take moderate walks through Pittsfield State Forest. Participants should be able to walk for 90-120 minutes with small elevation changes over uneven ground.

International Folk Dancing

Instructor: Elaine Sohn

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. EDT

Six Sessions - 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22

Location: In-person at BCC

International folk dancing is fun, aerobic, involves the memory, and exposes us to new rhythms, music and patterns! It introduces us to cultures from around the world. Since most dances are circle or line dances, no partners are necessary.

Shakespeare's *A Midsummer's Night Dream*

Instructors: Ann Berman and Ron Strickland

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. EDT

Five Sessions - 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15

Location: Zoom

Ann and Ron will draw on their interests in the structure of early modern theater, historical context, stagecraft and performance to whisk you to Athens and its surrounding forest for an exploration of this much-loved and oft-performed play.

Hot Topics in Medicine

Instructors: Shirin Nash and guests

Time: 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. EDT

Six Sessions - 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22

Location: Zoom

This is a series of topics in medicine by six speakers with an interest, experience or expertise in the topic presented.

Wednesday

Great Contemporary Violinists You May Actually See

Instructor: Ken Stark

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. EDT

Six Sessions - 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23

Location: In-person at BCC

Join us as we delve into the lives and music of many extraordinary violin virtuosos who are currently living, performing, recording, and ones that you may have the opportunity to hear and see in person. Some of them may be familiar, and others may delight and surprise you.

Hot Topics!

Instructors: Susan Sacher and guests

Time: 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. EDT

Five Sessions - 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16

Location: Zoom with in-person option for 8/9 & 8/16

Over five weeks, five different aspects of our society and politics will be discussed from different perspectives. Topics include: law; water; economics; police accountability; and religion and politics.

Thursdays

Great Decisions, Part II

Instructor: John Dickson

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. EDT

Five Sessions - 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17

Location: Zoom

We will follow the Great Decisions curriculum that allows for indepth examination and discussion of current international challenges through the lens of national interests. Topics for summer 2023 are Politics in Latin America, Global Famine, Iran at a Crossroads, Climate Migration, Democracies and Autocracies.

Reconstruction after the U.S. Civil War

Instructor: Will Singleton

Time: 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. EDT

Five Sessions - 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17

Location: Zoom

The course will cover the Reconstruction period in the U.S. from 1863-1877. We will examine Presidential Reconstruction, Congressional/Radical Reconstruction, Social and Economic Factors of Reconstruction, Ending Reconstruction, and the Legacy of Reconstruction.

Fridays

Gravity

Instructor: Bill Wootters

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. EDT

Six Sessions - 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25

Location: Zoom

This course tells the story of gravity, with special focus on the theory that has withstood every test for the past hundred years: Einstein's general theory of relativity. Along the way, we will encounter Descartes' vortices, gravitational waves, and the puzzle of dark matter.

Science Conversations

Instructor: Hank Gold

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. EDT

Six Sessions - 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25

Location: Zoom

Join us to discuss science news appearing in the Tuesday "Science Times" section of *The New York Times*, plus magazines and journals.

Upcoming Semester Dates:

Fall 2023 begins September 18

Winter 2024 begins January 22

Giving to OLLI at BCC

Last year OLLI at BCC offered over 65 scholarship memberships, including 18 members new to OLLI. Gifts to the OLLI at BCC Annual Fund support these scholarships, and help grow our resources for teaching and learning. Please help us continue to grow our program and make our learning community accessible to more people.

If you or someone you know would benefit from our scholarship program, learn more at berkshireolli.org/Scholarships.

To make a gift, visit: berkshireolli.org/Donate or call 413-236-2190.

Thank you so much!

OLLI at BCC SPECIAL EVENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

An Amherst Duet

Thursday, July 6, 2023

Bus trip with guided tours at the Emily Dickinson Museum and the Beneski Museum of Natural History, and lunch at Amherst College!

Bus leaves from Big Y in Lee, MA at 9 a.m.

Cost: \$70 for OLLI at BCC members;
\$80 for guests/non-members



A Chester Duet

Wed., August 16, 2023 at 12 p.m.

**Chester Railways Museum and Chester Theater
Circle Mirror Transformation by Annie Baker**

Lunch, performance and talk back following the show

Cost: \$70 for OLLI at BCC members; \$80 for
guests/non-members; \$20 lunch only as a subscriber



OLLI at BCC DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS

Jeremy Yudkin: The Greatest Classical String Quartets

Saturday, June 24, 4:00 p.m.

In-person only, at the Lenox Town Hall

\$10 OLLI at BCC and Berkshire Museum members
\$15 general public



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