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Summer One Courses 2023



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June 5 - June 30

Registration opens May 1. Open House May 2!

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 One 2023 Semester, visit berkshireolli.org or call 413-236-2190.

For full course descriptions and to register online go to:

berkshireolli.org/Summer2023

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M - F, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Monday

Today's Headlines

Instructor: Len Tabs

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. EST

Four Sessions - 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3

Location: Zoom

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

Tuesday

Great Decisions, Part 1

Instructor: John Dickson

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. EST

Four Sessions - 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 6/29 - Note

Thursday Date!

Location: Zoom

Each week, we will follow the Great Decision curriculum that allows for in-depth examination and discussion of current international challenges through the lens of national interests.

Hiking in Pittsfield

Instructor: John and Kate Kidd

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EST

Four Sessions - 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27

Limit: 20

Location: Various Locations in Pittsfield

For this hiking class, we will be hiking four trails in Pittsfield - the Boulders, Canoe Meadows, Pittsfield State Forest and the Ashtiwillicook Rail Trail.

Surprising Sibs: an Exploration of Unlikely

Word Pairs of Common Origin

Instructor: Stewart Edelstein

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EST

Four Sessions - 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27

Location: In-person at The Foundry, West Stockbridge

Words sharing common roots, like siblings sharing the same parents, are doublets. In a lively, interactive format, you will learn about etymology, and about so much more.

4 Steps Towards Personal and Spiritual Growth

Instructor: Stephen Glick

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

Four Sessions - 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27

Location: In-person at The Foundry, West Stockbridge

In this course we will look at and work with the key concepts that are the foundation of personal and spiritual growth: self-acceptance; letting go; stories that do not serve you; opening the heart and dropping judgements.

Wednesday

Henry VI Part 2: How Shakespeare Shaped Drama from History

Instructor: Ann Berman

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. EST

Four Sessions - 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

Location: Zoom

In one of Shakespeare's earliest plays, he tackles the conflicts that led to the Wars of Roses and introduces Margaret of Anjou, Queen to King Henry, aggressive advocate for her heir, and the only Shakespeare character to appear in four plays.

Proof, a play by David Auburn

Instructor: John Trainor

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EST

Four Sessions - 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

Limit: 25

Location: In-person at BCC

In this Pulitzer and Tony award-winning play, David Auburn explores the dilemmas of family relations, dementia, heredity, and genius. We will examine staging, directing, and acting to see the various ways one might present the characterization and even the meaning of the play.

Introduction to Balkan Folk Dancing

Instructor: Carol Allman-Morton

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

Four Sessions - 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

Locations: In-person at BCC

Accessible for beginners, and fun for folks who have been dancing for a while. As we move through the steps we will talk about the historical context of the dances we are doing, where they are danced today, and about the music we are hearing. Join in the fun!

Emily Dickinson's Poems

Instructor: Don Barkin

Time: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. EST

Four Sessions - 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

Limit: 15

Location: In-person at Bard College at Simons Rock, Great Barrington

Dickinson's profile has gotten all mixed up with her person, and she is an attractive character, clever and elusive. But in these four sessions, we'll mostly give her poems a good read. We'll also read a few words by two neighboring writers she read for sugar, Thoreau and Emerson.

Thursdays

The Art of JAMA

Instructor: Shirin Nash

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. EST

Four Sessions - 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29

Location: Zoom

JAMA is the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and publishes scientific articles, reviews and medical data. From 1964 to 2013, the Journal published images of art work linking the humanities to medicine. This course will review these images.

Irrational Enthusiasms: Weimar Germany 1919-1933

Instructor: Phil Deely

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EST

Four Sessions - 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29

Location: Zoom

This seminar examines, at hyperspeed, Weimar's agonizing birth, shaky adolescence, full formed adulthood, and eventual decrepitude. Weimar's internal contradictions and eventual demise have been employed as a lesson for today.

In the Wake of The Whale: Melville's Shorter Fiction

Instructor: Richard Maturro

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

Six Sessions - 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29

Location: In-person at BCC

Sitting in his lonely study on the second floor of Arrowhead, his home in Pittsfield, Melville wrote some of his most compelling short stories. Later and shortly before his death, he revisited prose one last time to

write a final disturbing sea tale about a young sailor, an enigmatic captain, and the insoluble riddle of evil and justice, *Billy Budd*.

Fridays

Basic Immunology/Vaccines

Instructors: John Schreiber

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. EST

Four Sessions - 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30

Location: Zoom

This course will go through the basics of the immunology of vaccines and their profound impact on improving public health and life spans especially for children.

Science Conversations

Instructor: Hank Gold

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EST

Four Sessions - 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30

Location: Zoom

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

The History and Development of the Classical Double Bass in Orchestral and Solo Settings

Instructor: Edwin Barker

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

Four Sessions - 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30

Location: Zoom or in-person at Zion Lutheran Church, This course will explore the Double Bass. It will include recordings as well as live demonstrations on the bass of the musical skills discussed. For those attending in-person, the first three sessions will be at Zion Lutheran Church in Pittsfield, the final class will be a live Double Bass recital at Lenox Memorial Middle & High School. All sessions will also be live on Zoom.



2023 MONA SHERMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Ari Melber

Saturday, May 27, 5:00 p.m.

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center
Free, in-person, reservations required

Ari Melber has written the foreword for the *January 6 Report*, which will be available for purchase and signing at the Mahaiwe. Melber is an Emmy Award-winning journalist, evening news anchor, writer, and attorney. He anchors *The Beat with Ari Melber* on MSNBC, serves as the network's chief legal correspondent and is a legal analyst for NBC News.



OLLI DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS SERIES

John C. Mather: Opening the Infrared Treasure Chest with JWST

Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m. EST

Online via Zoom

\$10 OLLI at BCC and Berkshire Museum members

\$15 general public

Dr. John C. Mather is a Senior Astrophysicist and is the Senior Project Scientist for the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Since the project started in 1995, he has led the JWST science teams. The JWST was launched on Dec. 25, 2021, and is already producing magnificent images of galaxies, active galactic nuclei, starforming regions, and planets.



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