Noncredit Programs

In addition to earning academic credit through University College, there are opportunities for personal enrichment and professional development through a number of noncredit options. For more information, please call 314-935-6700 or visit the University College website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu).

Special Audit & Day Audit Programs

Special Audit Program

Students may audit a wide selection of undergraduate courses in University College for $350 per course. The Special Audit option makes it easier than ever for students to challenge themselves with high-quality continuing education at Washington University in St. Louis.

All University College courses available through the Special Audit program are noted as “SA” in the course listings. Courses taken as Special Audit do not appear on a Washington University transcript, do not carry academic credit, and do not apply to degree requirements in a University College program of study.

Day Audit Program

Adult students may audit selected undergraduate day courses in the College of Arts & Sciences for $350 per course on a noncredit, space-available basis. The Arts & Sciences Day Audit Program is designed for personal enrichment, and courses taken through this program do not receive a grade, do not receive credit toward a degree or certificate program, and do not appear on a Washington University transcript.

MLA Saturday Seminar Series

The MLA Saturday Seminars, which are held each spring and sponsored by the Master of Liberal Arts Program in University College, showcase university faculty who explore a common theme from different perspectives and academic disciplines. The seminars are offered free of charge to the public.

Science Saturdays

University College and the Department of Physics invite everyone to join Washington University scholars and teachers as they explore the frontiers of science. The lecture series, which is scheduled during both the fall and spring semesters, are offered free of charge to the public.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Washington University in St. Louis is a community outreach education program for adults aged 50 and over that offers a variety of noncredit academic courses. Students do not receive grades for courses; there is no homework, and there are no exams.

Nevertheless, all members of this learning community take their responsibilities seriously; student participation is an essential element of our continuing vitality. OLLI features offerings in art and architecture, contemporary issues, creative writing, economics, film studies, history, literature, math/science/technology, music and philosophy. Knowledgeable members plan, develop and present the courses and related field trips, workshops, and cultural and social events.

Most subjects are offered in three eight-week regular terms (fall, winter and spring) and one four-week summer session. A few special-interest group courses continue year-round. Those who enroll as annual members are entitled to take two eight-week courses or one eight-week and two four-week courses in each of the fall, winter and spring terms. Those who do not choose annual membership can enroll in individual four- and eight-week courses. Classes meet at Washington University’s West Campus in the building on the northwest corner of Forsyth and Jackson streets (9 North Jackson) in Clayton. There are elevators between the upper garage floors and the classroom floor on the street level. For more information and to be put on the mailing list, visit the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute website (https://ucollege.wustl.edu/programs/non-degree/lifelong-learning-institute/) or call 314-935-4237.