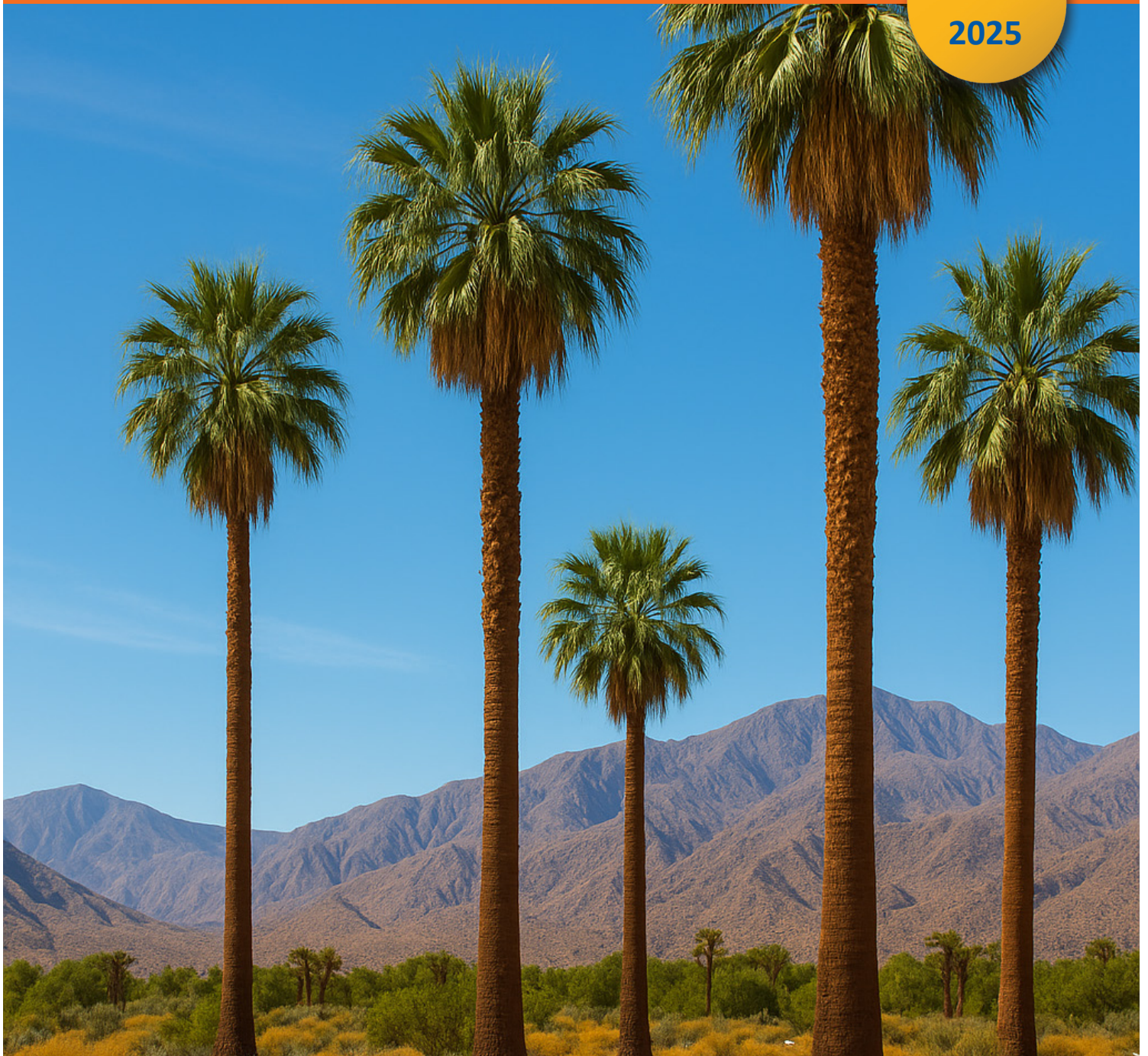




# An Educational Program for Mature Learners

Summer  
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# Summer 2025 Schedule

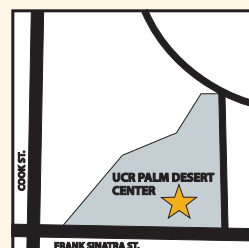
July 7-September 1, 2025

## IN-PERSON:



### Riverside

UCR Extension, University Village  
1299 University Drive, University Village Suite 101,  
Conference Room 1103 (across from Chase Bank)  
Riverside, CA 92507



### Palm Desert

UCR Palm Desert Center  
75-080 Frank Sinatra Drive  
Palm Desert, CA 92211

**REMOTE VIA ZOOM:** See page 3 for more information on courses and locations.

## Ways to Register

ONLINE: <https://olli.ucr.edu>

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL 760-834-0929

Mon – Fri, 10am – 4pm

Print and mail a completed membership and enrollment form to:

UCR Palm Desert Center  
75-080 Frank Sinatra Drive  
Palm Desert, CA 92211

Make Checks payable to: Regents UC

## Parking

### Parking at UCR Extension Center

1200 University Ave. Riverside, CA 92507

### Parking at UCR Palm Desert Center

75-080 Frank Sinatra Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92211

Parking is complimentary (included in your membership).

No membership is required for our Summer 2025 courses.. We look forward to seeing you in class.

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## Remote Delivered Courses



Wednesdays  
July 9-August 13  
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
6 meetings  
Class Fee: \$75

### **Osher Online Premium: Public Health Across the Lifespan**

This course provides a comprehensive overview of key public health topics across the human lifespan, from prenatal health to aging care. We will examine major health challenges, interventions, and policies that impact individuals at each life stage. By focusing on health disparities, preventive care, and the role of public health systems, the course equips us with the knowledge and skills to understand health issues in diverse populations. Through readings and case studies, we will gain insight into the life-course approach to public health, emphasizing the importance of early intervention, continuous care, and aging with dignity.

Instructor: Michelle Boyd, MPH |

Thursdays  
July 10-August 14  
6 meetings  
4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Class Fee: \$75

### **Osher Online Premium: 100 Years of Magic: The Disney Legacy & Influence**

How did Walt Disney's life and vision shape the creation of an entertainment empire? How did early challenges influence the company's identity and creative output? And how did Disney grow into a global powerhouse? This course explores these questions and more as we delve into the 100-year history of the Walt Disney Company, tracing its evolution from humble beginnings to a global entertainment giant. Topics include the rise of Disney animation and theme parks, the company's 1990s revival, and the strategic acquisitions that transformed Disney into a media conglomerate. We will also examine Disney's future and gain insights into what it's like to work behind the scenes at the company. Throughout the course, we will consider diverse perspectives—from those who revere the Magic Kingdom to those who critique it and everywhere in between. This course offers a comprehensive look at how Walt Disney's vision became a cultural force shaping today's entertainment industry.

Instructor: Maria Massad |

Tuesdays  
July 8-August 12  
6 meetings  
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Class Fee: \$75

### **Osher Online Premium: The Economics of Public Policy**

Economics plays a central role in shaping every aspect of society. This course examines a series of prominent policy issues with economics at their core. We will explore the origins of these issues, the underlying data and evidence, and the policy tools available to address them. Each lecture will be standalone, delivered by a subject matter expert with a Ph.D. in economics. Potential topics include climate change, healthcare economics, economic inequality, and more, with final selections based on the most relevant and timely issues at the start of the course.

Instructor: Geof Woglom, PhD |

Thursdays  
July 10-August 14  
10 a.m.-Noon  
6 meetings  
Class Fee: \$50

### **UCR Zoom: The Week's News in Review**

An interactive discussion of events shaping the news each week. Media sources include print, TV, the internet, and social media. This course will discuss politics, the economy, sports, show business, and topics pulled from the "headlines."

Instructor: William Maxwell |



Tuesdays  
July 15-August 19  
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
6 meetings  
Class Fee: \$50

#### UCR Zoom: Golden Girls: Some Essential California Women Writers

Many significant women writers, some well-known and some less familiar, were raised in California or chose to make it their home. Some, like Joan Didion and Maxine Hong Kingston, make the landscape and culture of the Golden State central to their narratives, while others, like Ursula K. LeGuin and Octavia Butler tap their California roots in more subtle ways. In our literary discussions via Zoom, we will explore the lives and work of a number of California women writers from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Participants read selections prior to each class meeting, provided by the instructor as electronic handouts or links, then engage in lively dialogues about these women's work and their connections to the state we call home.

Instructor: Robert Weibezahl |

Fridays  
August 8-29  
4 Meetings  
10 a.m.- Noon  
Class Fee: \$50

#### UCR Zoom: Current Events Discussion Group

This course covers legal, social and political topics of the day based on articles, studies and brief foundational lectures. Articles, on both sides of an issue, will be taken from a variety of publications such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Economist, and more. All thoughtful views are welcomed and will be respected. This class will be given as a hybrid class

Instructor: Lara Bloomquist |

Thursdays  
July 10-August 7  
1 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  
5 Meetings  
Class Fee: \$75

#### Palm Desert In Person: Making Contact: Close Encounters with Extraterrestrial Life in Film

Science continues to bring us ever closer to proving the existence of life on other planets. However, in film we have been having such encounters with extraterrestrials with frequent regularity since George Melies' 1904 silent short film, "A Trip to The Moon". That said, we will narrow the field to a few notable case studies beginning with the 1950's and onward as we watch, analyze and intelligently discuss the following science fiction films: "The Day The Earth Stood Still" (1951), "2001, A Space Odyssey" (1967), "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (1977), "Contact" (1997) and "Ad Astra" (2019).

Instructor: Butch Epps |

Fridays  
July 11-25  
10 a.m. Noon  
3 meetings  
Class Fee: \$45

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Instructor: Lara Bloomquist |

Thursdays  
August 14-28  
10 a.m.-Noon  
3 Meetings  
Class Fee: \$45

#### Palm Desert In Person: The UN in the World: Relic or Relevant?

Created after WWII, the UN remains an imperfect ideal. We will look at the negotiations to create the UN, how it works including the dynamics of the Security Council, and ideas for reform.

Instructor: Joe Manso |

## In-Person Courses UCR Palm Desert Center & EUV Riverside



Thursdays  
August 14-28  
1 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  
3 Meetings  
Class Fee: \$45

### UCR Palm Desert Center In-Person Courses: Turning Points: The Age of Napoleon

Within this context, we will watch and discuss the following documentary films. First, “The Louvre” focuses on its origins as a Royal Palace and its conversion to a public museum during the French Revolution up to today. Plus, an episode from “Simon Schama’s Power of Art” which puts the spotlight on the works of French painter Jacques-Louis David, an active supporter of the French Revolution, who aligned himself with Napoleon after Robespierre’s fall. We’ll wrap up with a PBS four-hour documentary on “Napoleon” shown in two parts over two weeks which covers his rise from obscurity to becoming Emperor of France, and his eventual downfall. Vive La Revolution.

Instructor: Butch Epps |

Mondays  
August 11-25  
10 a.m.-Noon.  
3 Meetings  
Class Fee: \$45

### EUV Riverside: The Political Legacy of Lyndon B. Johnson

Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th President of the United States, held political office in Washington, D.C., from 1937 through 1969. An ambitious and skillful politician, his legacy is a complex and controversial one. (Indeed, one of his biographers has called him a “Flawed Giant.”) In this class we will examine his career as a Congressman, Senator, and Vice President, his approach to domestic policy after succeeding President Kennedy in 1963, and his performance as commander-in-chief during the Vietnam War. We will conclude by assessing his impact on the Democratic Party, American politics, and the nation itself.

Instructor: Robert Ellingsen |

**“ Knowledge becomes wisdom only after it has been put to good use. ”**

— MARK TWAIN

# Paying it Forward Become a Friend of OLLI@UCR

Did you know that the Osher program is partially underwritten by the interest earnings of the 2007 endowment by the Bernard Osher Foundation, and the annual membership and quarterly class registration fees? Combined they are not enough to continue to grow our membership and expand the quality and quantity of learning experiences.

If you appreciate how the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute enriches your life, please consider giving to Osher. Your gift is an investment in our commitment to growing a community of lifelong learners and ensuring the long-term viability of the program. Your donations will go to underwriting the following activities:

- A 6-week course (includes facility fees, and presenter stipend)
- Special events and field trips
- Honorarium for your favorite Osher instructor
- Upgrades to technology

## Below are levels of support for you to choose.

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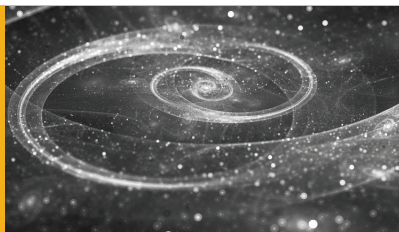
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"Teaching 'All Science Considered' encourages me to think more deeply about the impact our topics have on our society. Class material should answer questions such as: "Why should participants be interested in a particular topic? And how it might it affect their lives or the lives of their family?" I receive great enjoyment and satisfaction from both the preparation and the in-class interactions."

– Michael Luther,  
UCR Osher instructor since 2016

## Why Teach an Osher Course?

### Share Your Expertise

The Osher program attracts current and retired faculty from University of California, Riverside, retired faculty from local and national colleges, and distinguished community leaders and other experts who enjoy sharing their knowledge and joy of teaching with our members. Classes are offered in Riverside at the UCR Extension University Village (EUV) and in the Coachella Valley at UCR Palm Desert Center.

### WANTED: mind-expanding ideas and discussions on a variety of topics.

If you enjoy teaching and sharing your knowledge, visit our website at [palmdesert.ucr.edu/welcome-ucr-osher](http://palmdesert.ucr.edu/welcome-ucr-osher) to submit a proposal. Proposals are accepted for the Summer, Fall, Winter & Spring Quarters each year.

Questions? Email Osher Director Johnna Norris at [Johnna.Norris@ucr.edu](mailto:Johnna.Norris@ucr.edu).

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Early registration is strongly advised to ensure enrollment and prevent cancellation.

Course Title	Start Date / Time	Fee	Delivery Mode / Location	Subtotal
The Week's News in Review	Thursdays, July 10-August 14, 10:00 a.m.-Noon	\$50	UCR Remote	
Golden Girls: Some Essential California Women Writers	Tuesdays, July 15-August 19, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$50	UCR Remote	
Current Events Discussion Group	Fridays, August 8-29, 10:00 a.m.- Noon	\$50	UCR Remote	
The Economics of Public Policy	Tuesdays, July 8-August 12, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	\$75	Osher Online	
Public Health Across the Lifespan	Wednesdays, July 9-August 13, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	\$75	Osher Online	
100 Years of Magic: The Disney Legacy and Influence	Thursdays, July 10-August 14, 4:00-5:30 p.m.	\$75	Osher Online	
Making Contact: Close Encounters with Extraterrestrial Life in Film	Thursdays, July 10-August 7, 1 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$75	Palm Desert Center	
Current Events Discussion Group - Hybrid	Fridays, July 11-25, 10 a.m. Noon	\$45	Palm Desert Center	

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Turning Points: The Age of Napoleon	Thursdays, August 14-28, 1 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$45	Palm Desert Center	
The Political Legacy of Lyndon B. Johnson	Mondays, August 11-25, 10 a.m.-Noon	\$45	EUV-Riverside	



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### Academic Calendar Spring 2025

#### SUMMER QUARTER

July 7 – September 1, 2025

#### FALL QUARTER

September 22 - December 12, 2025

#### WINTER QUARTER

January 12- March 30, 2026

#### SPRING QUARTER

April 6– June 30, 2026

### Locations

#### RIVERSIDE

UCR Extension, University Village  
1299 University Drive  
University Village Suite 101  
Conference Room 1103 (across from Chase Bank)  
Riverside, CA 92507

#### PALM DESERT

UCR Palm Desert Center  
75-080 Frank Sinatra Drive  
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#### REMOTE VIA ZOOM

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Strada Education Foundation for their generous grant of \$25,000 to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UC Riverside. Your support strengthens our mission to provide enriching, university-level courses for older adults in our community. Together, we are expanding access to lifelong learning and fostering intellectual engagement at every stage of life.



### FEATURED COURSE

#### The UN in the World: Relic or Relevant?

THURSDAYS, AUGUST 14-28, 10 A.M.-NOON

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