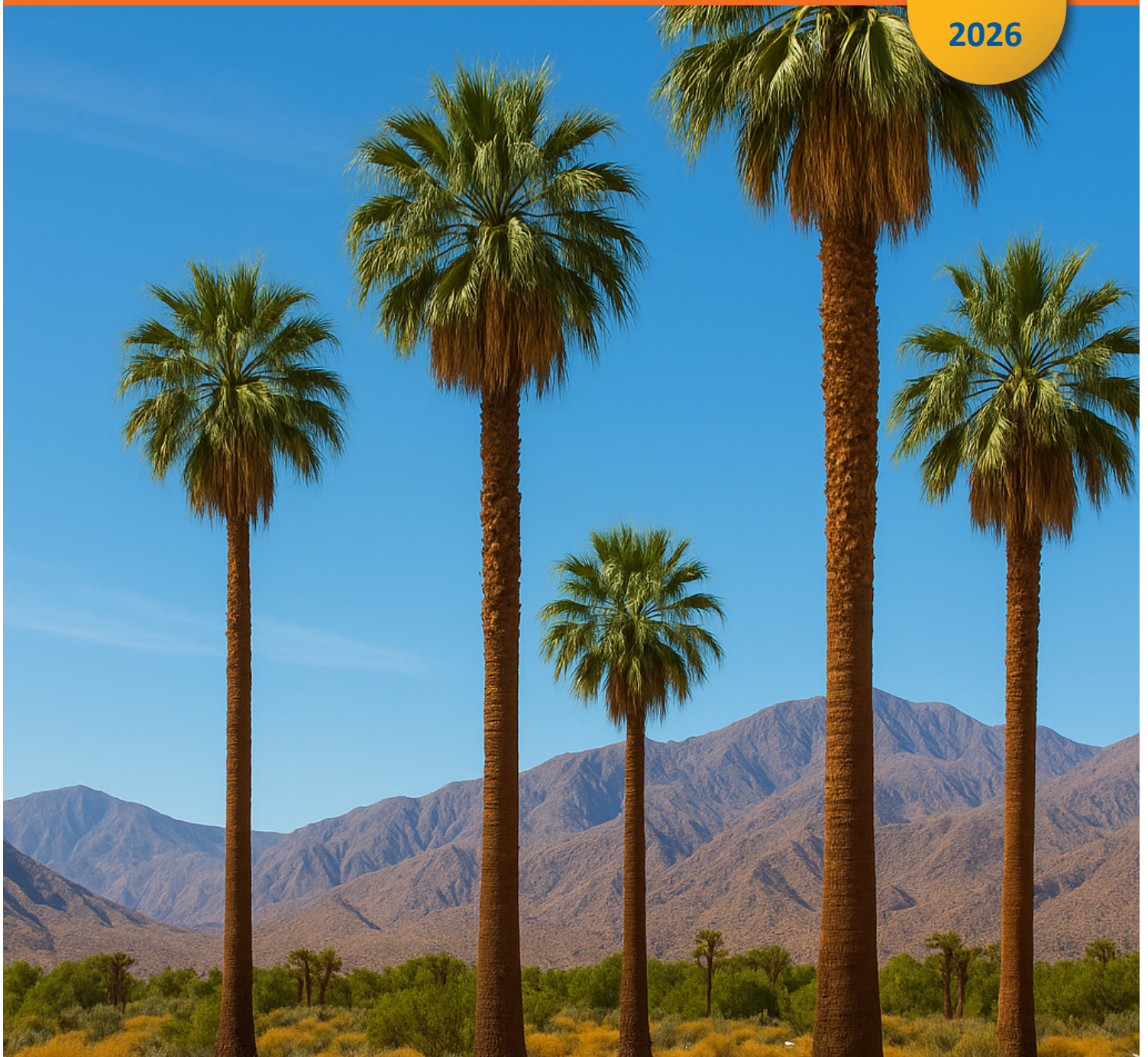




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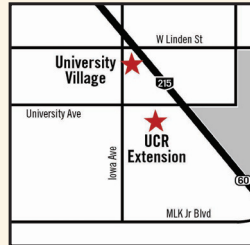
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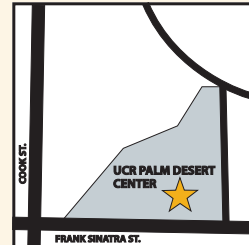
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IN-PERSON:



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>

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Mon – Fri, 10am – 4pm

Parking (Parking is Free)

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



Tuesdays
July 7-August 11
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Class Fee: \$75

Osher Online Premium: Horticulture, A-Z

Whether you garden on 10 acres or a small apartment patio, this course offers something for every experience level. Explore a wide range of horticultural topics, including container gardening, aquatic gardens, ornamental and fruiting plants, bonsai, landscape design, and pest management. Each week focuses on a different theme, highlighting plant selection, design principles, and practical care techniques to help your garden thrive.

Instructor: Chris Baker |

Wednesdays
July 15-August 19
10:00-11:30 a.m.
Class Fee: \$75

Osher Online Premium: Women Architects & Designers

Often overlooked in traditional design and architectural history, twentieth-century women designers and architects profoundly shaped how we experience our built environments, interiors, and decorative arts. This course explores the lives, work, and lasting influence of pioneers such as Elsie de Wolfe, Eileen Gray, Lilly Reich, Charlotte Perriand, Dorothy Draper, Ray Eames, and Zaha Hadid. Through their groundbreaking designs, we will examine how these women navigated social and political challenges while leaving an enduring mark on twentieth-century design.

Instructor: Eleanor Schrader |

Wednesdays
July 15-August 19
12:00-1:30 p.m.
Class Fee: \$75

Osher Online Premium: Hindu Traditions: Ritual, Knowledge, Devotion

This course provides an introduction to Hindu traditions from classical to contemporary times. Topics include Hinduism's South Asian and Vedic roots, the concept of dharma, major deities and their associated stories and practices, the six schools of Hindu philosophy, and the role of bhakti (devotion). The course concludes with an exploration of sacred spaces, temples, pilgrimage sites, and the significance of divine presence in Hindu religious life.

Instructor: Eileen Goddard |

Tuesdays
July 21-August 25
12:00-1:30 p.m.
Class Fee: \$75

Osher Online Premium: Protecting Yourself as a Patient

Learn how to navigate today's complex healthcare system more safely and confidently. This course explores common causes of preventable medical harm, including medication errors, infections, diagnostic mistakes, and procedural complications. Through presentations, videos, and discussion, patient safety experts and advocates will share practical strategies, resources, and insights to help protect yourself and your loved ones.

Instructor: Hardeep Singh, M.D. |

Mondays
July 6-August 3
No class July 27
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
4 meetings
Class Fee: \$45

UCR Zoom: German Genius: The Stories Behind Jeans, Cars, Teddy Bears & Porcelain

Discover the surprising German roots of some of the world's most beloved innovations: blue jeans, teddy bears, fine porcelain, and the automobile. In this lively course, German historian Anette Isaacs introduces you to the visionaries behind these iconic creations: Levi Strauss, Margarete Steiff, the alchemists of Meissen's "white gold," and Bertha Benz, the daring trailblazer who took the first long-distance automobile journey—proving that innovation is fueled by courage as well as creativity. Join Anette for a fascinating and enriching exploration of history, ingenuity, and the remarkable German minds whose ideas shaped fashion, childhood, luxury, and transportation.

Instructor: Anette Issacs |

Remote Delivered & In Person UCR Palm Desert Courses



Tuesdays
July 7-August 11
10:00 a.m.- Noon
Class Fee: \$45

UCR Zoom: Hope, Trailblazers, and Souls of Women

Explore the lives, ideas, and influence of three remarkable women who have shaped contemporary thought and social change: Jane Goodall, Gloria Steinem, and Isabel Allende. Through guided reading and discussion of their writings, we will examine themes of hope, personal transformation, women's empowerment, and the evolving role of women in society. Together, these works offer inspiration and insight into leadership, resilience, and the continuing impact of women's voices on our world.

Instructor: Katya Williamson |

Mondays
August 17-31
10:00 -11:30 a.m.
3 Meetings
Class Fee: \$45

UCR Zoom: The Propagandist, the Collaborators, and the Fugitive: The Power of Nazi Ideology

How do leaders manipulate the masses, form unexpected alliances, and evade justice? This three-week course by German Historian Anette Isaacs examines the power of Nazi ideology, starting with Joseph Goebbels, the propaganda mastermind who shaped public opinion. We will also explore Hitler's meeting with the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and the surprising Nazi-Islamist connections that influenced wartime strategies. Finally, we follow Adolf Eichmann's dramatic escape to Argentina and the global hunt that led to his capture. Through these gripping stories, we examine the power of ideology, the consequences of complicity, and the pursuit of accountability after atrocity.

Instructor: Annette Issacs |

Tuesdays
August 18-Sept. 1
10 a.m. Noon
3 meetings
Class Fee: \$45

UCR Zoom: Camels, Dolphins, and Mules

Three distinctive species, yet each has strong ties to human civilization and progress. We'll learn the anatomy, characteristics, behavior, and uses of each in human interactions.

Instructor: Stephenie Slahor |

Wednesdays
July 8-August 12
10 a.m.-Noon
Class Fee: \$65

Palm Desert In Person: Diplomacy: How Does It Work, and What Has It Done for the United States?

Explore the history of U.S. diplomacy from Benjamin Franklin's role in ending the Revolutionary War to Franklin D. Roosevelt's leadership in the creation of the United Nations. While preventing conflict rarely makes headlines, diplomacy has played a critical role in shaping the nation's history. Through the stories of influential leaders and pivotal international challenges, this course examines how American diplomats have advanced U.S. interests and helped maintain peace. Taught by a retired U.S. Ambassador and State Department veteran.

Instructor: Joe Manso |

Thursdays
July 9-August 13
10 a.m.-Noon
Class Fee: \$65
Hybrid Course

Palm Desert In Person: 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: Neal Dinoff |

In-Person Courses UCR Palm Desert Center & EUV Riverside



Thursdays
July 9-August 13
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Class Fee: \$65

Palm Desert In-Person Courses: Put the Blame on Mame: The Cultural Burden of Women in Film

This course explores how cinema shapes the ways we perceive, judge, and understand women. Screening in sequence over six weeks, we examine female characters as focal points of cultural projection and anxiety, whether as objects of desire in *Gilda* (1946) and *Klute* (1971), as figures of suspicion and scapegoating in *Silkwood* (1983) and *Reversal of Fortune* (1990), or as women defined in relation to men in *The Man from Elysian Fields* (2001) and *The Wife* (2017). As the course progresses, credibility, self-ownership, and perception come into question, revealing how quickly women are labeled—and the cultural burdens and expectations they must navigate as a result. Come for the films; stay for the discussion.

Instructor: Butch Epps |

Tuesdays
July 7-August 11
10 a.m.-Noon.
Class Fee: \$65

Palm Desert In-Person Courses: The Buddha and Jesus: A Comparison and Contrast of their Ethical Teaching

The teachings of Buddha and Jesus have profoundly shaped cultures and societies across the East and West. How do their teachings differ, and where do they overlap? What provides a foundation for meaningful Buddhist-Christian dialogue? Designed for both newcomers and those with prior knowledge, this course explores the lives of these influential figures, the distinction between philosophy and religion, the core principles of their ethical teachings, and the continuing relevance of their ideas in the modern world.

Instructor: Ken Zanca |

Fridays
July 17-August 21
and
August 28-Sept. 11
10 a.m.-Noon.
Class Fee: \$65 each

Palm Desert In-Person Courses: 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 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.

Instructor: Lara Bloomquist |

Thursdays,
August 20-Sept. 3
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Class Fee: \$45

Palm Desert In-Person Courses: The Classroom Revisited: Continuing Education in Film

As a follow-up to last year's popular *Back to School in Film* series, this three-week course explores teaching, learning, and the transformative power of education through three thoughtful and engaging films. We begin with *The Browning Version* (1994), in which a weary classics master, played by Albert Finney, reflects on a lifetime in the classroom; continue with the dramedy *Educating Rita* (1983), starring Julie Walters and Michael Caine, in which a spirited working-class woman seeks change through higher education and is mentored by a cynical professor; and conclude with *The Emperor's Club* (2002), where an idealistic teacher, played by Kevin Kline, confronts difficult questions of character, ambition, and integrity. Together, these films examine the enduring influence of teachers and the ways education can shape lives, challenge assumptions, and open unexpected paths to growth. Come for the films; stay for the discussion.

Instructor: Butch Epps |



Thursdays
July 9-August 13
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Class Fee: \$65

EUV In-Person Courses: Introduction to Gender & Sexuality

Through lectures, readings, and discussions, participants will gain valuable insights into the complex intersections of cultural identity, including various Indigenous perspectives on gender and sexuality. This course offers an opportunity to examine how societal norms and expectations shape our understanding of gender and sexuality. By exploring diverse cultural perspectives, participants will develop a more nuanced appreciation of the fluidity and diversity of these identities, challenging traditional assumptions and fostering greater inclusivity.

Instructor: Shawn Vee |

Mondays
August 17-31
10 a.m.-Noon.
Class Fee: \$45

EUV In-Person Courses: The Life and Legacy of Herbert Hoover

Herbert Hoover, our 31st president, was born in 1874 and lived to the age of ninety. What most Americans know about him is based largely on his four years in the White House, when he was unable to prevent the nation from sinking into the worst depression in its history. In this class we shall examine Hoover's life and career from a broader perspective, encompassing his many accomplishments before 1920, his tenure as Secretary of Commerce, his one-term presidency, and his long post-presidential career. Hoover was one of the most popular men in America when he ran for president, but his reputation declined spectacularly soon thereafter. In this course, we will consider whether that spectacular decline was deserved.

Instructor: Robert Ellingsen |



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)
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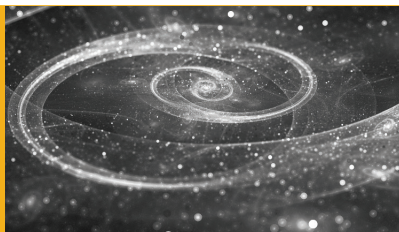
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– Michael Luther,
UCR Osher instructor since 2016

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 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.

Select Your Osher Courses

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

Course Title	Start Date / Time	Fee	Delivery Mode / Location	Subtotal
German Genius: The Stories Behind Jeans, Cars, Teddy Bears & Porcelain	Monday, July 6-August 3, 10:00-11:30 (4 weeks) Np class on July 27th	\$45	UCR Remote	
Hope, Trailblazers, and Souls of Women	Tuesdays, July 7-August 11, 10:00 a.m.-Noon	\$45	UCR Remote	
The Propagandist, the Collaborators, and the Fugitive: The Power of Nazi Ideology	Mondays, August 17-31, 10:00-11:30	\$45	UCR Remote	
Camels, Dolphins, and Mules	Tuesdays, August 18-September 1, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$45	UCR Remote	
Horticulture, A-Z	Tuesdays, July 7-August 11, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	\$75	Osher Online	
Women Architects & Designers	Wednesdays, July 15-August 19, 10-11:30 am.	\$75	Osher Online	
Hindu Traditions	Wednesdays, July 15-August 19, 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	\$75	Osher Online	
Protecting Yourself as a Patient	Tuesdays, July 21-August 25, 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	\$75	Osher Online	
The Buddha and Jesus: A Comparison and Contrast of their Ethical Teaching	Tuesdays, July 7-August 11, 10:00 a.m.-Noon	\$65	Palm Desert In Person	
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Diplomacy: How Does It Work, and What Has It Done for the United States?	Wednesdays, July 8-August 12, 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$65	Palm Desert In Person	
Current Events Discussion Group (Hybrid)	Fridays, July 17- August 21, 10:00 a.m.-Noon	\$65	Palm Desert In Person	
The Classroom Revisited: Continuing Education in Film	Thursdays, August 20-September 3, 1-4:00 p.m.	\$45	Palm Desert In Person	
Current Events Discussion Group (Hybrid)	Fridays, August 28-September 11, 10:00 a.m.-Noon	\$45	Palm Desert In Person	

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The Life and Legacy of Herbert Hoover	ThurMondays, August 17-31, 10 a.m.-Noon	\$45	UV Riverside	





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Academic Calendar Summer 2026

SUMMER QUARTER

July 7 – September 1, 2026

FALL QUARTER

September 14 - December 17, 2026

WINTER QUARTER

January 18- March 30, 2026

SPRING QUARTER

April 5– 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

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REMOTE VIA ZOOM

The OLLI Book Club has openings!

Join us once a month for thoughtful and engaging discussions of books we choose to read together.

We include all genres and many different types of books.

We don't always like them, but we always enjoy our conversations.

MEETINGS:
2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.
UCR Palm Desert Campus

COST: There is *no charge* for OLLI members to join the *Book Club*. Just sign up when you join OLLI under *Shared Interest Groups*.

For more information or for a list of books we are reading, *contact Shelley*



FEATURED COURSE

THE BUDDHA AND JESUS: A COMPARISON AND CONTRAST OF THEIR ETHICAL TEACHING

TUESDAYS, JULY 7-AUG 11, 10 A.M.-NOON

How do the teachings of Buddha and Jesus compare, and what can they teach us about meaningful interfaith dialogue? This course explores their lives, core ethical teachings, and enduring influence on cultures and societies around the world.



