



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UK in Lexington Special Classes



In January 2007, the University of Kentucky received funding through the Bernard Osher Foundation to establish a lifelong learning network throughout Kentucky. Mr. Bernard Osher is a respected businessman and community leader from California who has a desire to see lifelong learning programs established in every state.

This new initiative allows persons aged 50 and older who live outside the Lexington area to enjoy the benefits of special self-enrichment courses. Funding has enabled the establishment of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UK in Morehead and Somerset. In addition, the Osher funding has enabled the OLLI @ UK in Lexington to offer new classes.

Enrollment: The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UK enrollment is growing and likely to increase substantially as the baby boomers begin to retire and take advantage of our lifelong learning opportunities. At present, we enroll over 1,100 unduplicated OLLI members aged 50 and older each school year. These members participate in at least one, and usually several, of the 40 special self-enrichment courses that are offered by UK in the Lexington area.

Funding for Special Classes: Our income has multiple sources. UK provides a basic budget for part of staff salaries, utilities, housekeeping, and various university services. The College of Public Health provides additional assistance by sharing goods and services such as computer support, accounting, etc. Marguerite Simpson, a former Donovan Scholar, left a portion of her estate to the UK Council on Aging to expand opportunities for older adults wanting to continue learning in a non-academic setting.

OLLI membership Fee: OLLI @ UK in Lexington is operating at the maximum capacity under the current funding. The \$10 membership fee is used to help pay instructors and rental fees for class sites in the Lexington area.

OLLI @ UK Name Tags: Each member who is enrolled into an OLLI class or classes will receive a name tag. Please wear the name tag to indicate that you are enrolled into the class(es) listed on the name tag and as a courtesy to your instructors and new students who would like to know you better. Several class sites require nametags to enhance security.

OLLI @ UK Staff: You may contact us at anytime with your suggestions and recommendations by phone 257-2656; or email L.Neal@uky.edu. Office hours are 8 a.m.-Noon and 1-4:00 p.m.

UK Academic Donovan Scholars: The establishment of OLLI @ UK in Lexington did not change the UK Academic Donovan Scholars program. Students must be age 65+ and tuition and fees are waived. Academic Donovan Scholars are responsible for books, parking and applicable taxes on tuition payments by UK. Contact Laura Lakes at 257-2657 or LLake2@email.uky.edu.

