

UT OLLI ONLINE

Winter 2027 Catalog

January 19, 2027- March 1, 2027

Class Registration Begins
Monday, January 11, 2027

(Hybrid classes for all members occur
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday)

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Welcome to UT OLLI

WINTER 2027 OVERVIEW

The on-campus curriculum will be provided by 4 different programs on their respective day throughout the week.

In addition to on-campus exclusive seminars and lectures for each program, online classes are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays this 2026-2027 program year. UT OLLI members can attend all online classes remotely. Links to online classes will available on the UT OLLI website and webinar recordings can be found HERE.

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Online Schedule Per Week

MONDAY (SAGE)	TUESDAY (DISCOVER)	WEDNESDAY (NOVA)	FRIDAY (FORUM)
11:00 AM-12:10 PM	11:30 AM-12:40 PM	11:00 AM-12:10 PM	11:00 AM-12:10 PM
Daily Life in Ancient Rome	Hooray for Hollywood Musicals: The Golden Age	The Nile's Gift: How the Annual Flood Created Ancient Egypt	Whose Voice Counts? A History of Voting Rights in America

UT OLLI WIDE Winter 2027 – Monday Online Seminar

Monday 11:00 AM - 12:10 PM HYBRID (Speaker will be Remote)

Daily Life in Ancient Rome

During the centuries of the Pax Romana, Rome reached the height of its power, prosperity and influence. This six-part series explores daily life across the Roman Empire. It examines what it meant to be Roman and how people lived, worked, worshiped and served their communities. Topics include Roman identity, family life, religion, the economy, the role of women and the lives of soldiers who defended the empire.



Mike Adams is a Senior Docent at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and a docent emeritus at Rienzi, the Museum's center for European decorative arts. He holds a B.A. in History from Rice University and an M.A. in Classical Greek and Roman History from UT at Austin. Mike has taught history and humanities at Lone Star College–Kingwood, lectured regularly for the Academy for Lifelong Learning and has been an active organizer and speaker for the Museum Guild Speakers Bureau.

01/25/2027	**What does it mean to be Roman?** Explore how the Romans defined identity, citizenship, culture and empire.
02/01/2027	**Roman Family Life:** Review the daily lives of ordinary Romans and discover how family, work, religion, entertainment and citizenship shaped life in the ancient Roman world.
02/08/2027	**Roman Practice of Religion:** Discover when traditional gods, emperor worship, mystery cults and emerging faiths coexisted in a complex and diverse spiritual world.
02/15/2027	**The Role of Women in Ancient Rome:** Examine the roles, rights, responsibilities and influence of women in Roman society.
02/22/2027	**Ancient Roman Economy and Labor:** Study the foundations of the Roman economy and labor system, examining agriculture, trade, slavery, craftsmanship and commerce.
03/01/2027	**The Roman Soldier:** Appreciate the life of the Roman soldier by examining their training, discipline, combat, daily routines and the vital role the legions played in defending the Roman Empire.

UT OLLI WIDE Winter 2027 – Tuesday Online Seminar

Tuesday 11:30 AM - 12:40 PM HYBRID (Speaker will be remote)

Hooray for Hollywood Musicals: The Golden Age (Part I)

Step into the dazzling world of Hollywood musicals to celebrate the songs, stars and productions that brought movie magic to life. From The Jazz Singer in 1927 to the unforgettable musicals of the 1950s, journey through nearly three decades of toe-tapping, heartstring-pulling entertainment.



Mike Agron is a music aficionado who was raised in LA's entertainment scene. He is a former high-tech executive and entrepreneur turned storyteller who crafts dynamic seminars on music and film. He's led hundreds of engaging sessions for the Sacramento Renaissance Society, numerous OLLI programs nationwide, Osher Online, Encore Learning and other live programs. This winter, he returns for his tenth seminar series with UT OLLI.

01/19/2027	**From the Talkies to the Early 1930s:** Discover how the arrival of the "talkies" transformed Hollywood and shaped the movies of the early 1930s.
01/26/2027	**Busby Berkeley to The Wizard of Oz:** Explore the films and innovations that defined Hollywood's Golden Age from the dazzling choreography of Busby Berkeley to the timeless magic of The Wizard of Oz.
02/02/2027	**The Nimble Tread of Fred Astaire's Feet:** Follow the remarkable career of Fred Astaire from his elegant early screen performances to the dance innovations that made him so influential as a musical star.
02/09/2027	**Wartime Musicals:** Explore how Hollywood's movie musicals lifted spirits during World War II, from the youthful energy of Strike Up the Band to the groundbreaking music and dance of Stormy Weather.
02/16/2027	**Sailor Suits & Song:** Enjoy Anchors Aweigh and On the Town as they showcase the unforgettable songs, dances and star power of Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and their Golden Age contemporaries.
02/23/2027	**Star Turns & Broadway Classics:** Celebrate the unforgettable performances, songs and dance of An American in Paris and the Broadway brilliance of Guys and Dolls.

UT OLLI WIDE Winter 2027 – Wednesday Online Seminar

Wednesday 11:00 AM - 12:10 PM HYBRID (Speaker will be remote)

The Nile's Gift: How the Annual Flood Created Ancient Egypt

For thousands of years, the Nile's annual flood sustained one of the world's greatest civilizations while its origins remained a mystery. Explore the quest to understand the river, from ancient beliefs and early maps to modern science, dramatic expeditions, ingenious flood-measuring devices and the discoveries that transformed Egypt's economy.



Bill Key holds mechanical engineering degrees from the University of Texas at El Paso and the University of Houston. After 25 years in Houston's oil and gas industry, he spent 20 years in Egypt with Apache Corporation. He has taught numerous OLLI at UTEP courses on the Nile River, drawing on his firsthand experience and deep knowledge of Egypt's history and geography.

01/20/2027	**Description of the Nile Flood in Ancient Times:** Discover how ancient Egyptians understood and celebrated the Nile flood as a divine gift that sustained life, prosperity and civilization along the river's banks.
01/27/2027	**The Nile's physical course:** Explore Ptolemy's remarkable second-century map of the world and discover how his depiction of the Nile shaped geographical understanding for more than a thousand years.
02/03/2027	**Measuring the Nile Floods:** Discover how Egyptians recorded over a millennium of Nile floods as well as the devices used to measure them.
02/10/2027	**Quest for the Source:** Follow the expeditions of 18th and 19th century explorers as they sought the source of the Nile and compare their hand-drawn maps with modern satellite data.
02/17/2027	**The Swamp That Shapes the Nile:** Explore the world's largest swamp, the Sudd of South Sudan, and discover how this vast wetland dramatically influences the Nile's flow.
02/24/2027	**Solving a Hydrological Mystery:** Discover how British hydrologists unraveled the mystery of the Nile's dramatic flow fluctuations and transformed understanding of the river in the early twentieth century.

UT OLLI WIDE Winter 2027 – Friday Online Seminar

Friday 11:00 AM - 12:10 PM HYBRID

Whose Voice Counts? A History of Voting Rights in the United States

Trace the long struggle to expand voting rights in America, from Seneca Falls to Selma, as courageous reformers challenged exclusion and secured landmark victories including the 19th Amendment and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which reshaped the nation's democracy and defined who has a voice in government.



Susan Patterson is a retired attorney, former school librarian and bookstore owner who moved from North Carolina to Texas to be near her grandchildren. A lifelong enthusiast of politics and political history, she continues to pursue her passion through reading, travel and learning while embracing life in the Lone Star State.

01/22/2027	**Founding Ideas:** Explore the founding ideals, institutions, and debates that shaped the early United States, from the Constitution and the Founding Fathers to the rise of Jacksonian democracy.
01/29/2027	**Remember the Ladies:** Discover how American women, inspired by Abigail Adams, began organizing, advocating and demanding greater rights in the early republic.
02/05/2027	**Fight to the Finish:** Follow the dramatic final battle for women's suffrage as activists, politicians and ordinary citizens fought state by state to secure ratification of the 19th Amendment.
02/12/2027	**Slavery, Emancipation and Jim Crow:** Examine how these defining chapters of American history shaped the nation's politics, society and ongoing quest for civil rights.
02/19/2027	**The Renewed Civil Rights Movement:** Explore how activists challenged segregation, voter suppression and racial injustice, achieving landmark victories that transformed American society.
02/26/2027	**Native Americans and Other Voices Not Yet Heard:** Discover how Native Americans and other historically marginalized groups fought to preserve their cultures, claim their rights and make their voices heard.