THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AT LIMA

Lifelong Learning INSTITUTE



Featured Courses for autumn 2026

- What the Founders Agreed Upon in 1787
- The History of Memorial Hall
- What's Happening in Lima
- Science Behind Healthy Aging
- History of the Apollo Career Center
- My Life of Baseball Fandom
- ... and more

The Ohio State University
LIMA

Classes are held on the Ohio State Lima campus Student Services Center, Room 120A

Sponsored by the Road Scholar Institute and The Ohio State University at Lima

About Lifelong Learning

AT OHIO STATE LIMA

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) at The Ohio State University at Lima is a program of the Road Scholar Institute and offers classes for mature adults on four Tuesdays and Thursdays in April and October each year. LLI is an independent volunteer organization sponsored by Ohio State Lima since 1991.

Individual classes last one and one half hours and meet at the same time each week. You may sign up for as many or as few classes as you wish. Since classroom size is limited, please register early for the courses you plan to attend.

LLI contributes a portion of the tuition you pay to the Lifelong Learning Institute Scholarship Fund for nontraditional students at Ohio State Lima.



Review the courses and register online at ***go.osu.edu/llifall2026*** or complete and return the registration form on page 11. We can now take credit card payments online.

COSTS | Registration fee of $40 whether you register for one course or six courses.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE | September 30, 2026. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis to a maximum of 50 persons per class.

REFUNDS | You may receive a refund (minus a $5 processing fee) if you withdraw at least 48 hours before the programs are scheduled to begin.

PARKING | Parking is available around the Student Services Building and in lots C and D.

CLASSROOM | Room 120A, Student Services Center, No. 1 on map.

LUNCH | At local restaurants or bring your own.

QUESTIONS | Call 567-242-7274 or visit our website at *go.osu.edu/ohiostatelimalli*.

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TUESDAYS | OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, 27

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

October 6

Songs of Lincoln and the Civil War



MODERATOR | Michael Wildermuth and Conkers

Through quotations, anecdotes and songs, insight into the life of Abraham Lincoln and the U.S. Civil War will be presented. Some may be familiar, some may be new, and some you may have forgotten. Come to be enlightened, amused, entertained, and, perhaps, moved.

October 13

The Famous, the Infamous, and the Forgetten

MODERATOR | Grant Sullivan

You've heard about Ben Faurot, and you know the history of Kewpee. But do you know the stories of Lima natives who helped design the Biltmore Mansion, co-starred with Clark Gable and Joan Crawford, and created the first illuminated signs for New York's Times Square? We will learn about prominent citizens for which many of Lima's streets are named and then go on to explore the heroes and villains of Lima's past that have been forgotten.

October 20

Heroes Sung and Unsung – Lima during World War II

MODERATOR | Karlyn Laurer

Karlyn will discuss Lima in the 1940s and how the war impacted Lima and the many ordinary people who stepped to the forefront to "do their bit" for the USA.

October 27

What the Founders Agreed Upon in the World of 1787



MODERATOR | Dr. Jason Opal, dean and director, Ohio State Mansfield

The presentation will focus on the motivations of the framers at the Constitutional Convention.

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

October 6

The History of Memorial Hall

MODERATOR | Mark Billingsley

Come learn about one of Lima's local landmarks. Memorial Hall is a historic performing arts center and former city hall on the corner of Elm and Elizabeth streets in downtown Lima. It was built in 1908 in honor of local military veterans.

October 13

What's Happening in Lima



MODERATOR | Sharetta Smith, mayor of the City of Lima

Come join us to hear Mayor Smith talk about new developments in Lima.

October 20

Monarchs – Recent Research on Their Status



MODERATOR | Carol McKinley

Topics covered in this class will be the Monarch life cycle, their amazing migration, why they are endangered, and what we can do to help them rebound.

October 27

How the Red Cross Helps

MODERATOR | Jennifer Sexton, executive director American Red Cross

We will learn some of the many ways the American Red Cross helps Americans during times of difficulty.

2:45 to 4:15 p.m.

October 6

Civil War History of the 112th Volunteer Infantry – Soldiers From This Area

MODERATOR | Mike Klinger

Mike will discuss the men from Allen, Van Wert, Putnam and surrounding counties who volunteered to fight in the Civil War. Maybe you also have a relative who fought – Mike may have some information to share.

October 13

United Way of Greater Lima

MODERATOR | Erin Hardesty

Discover how United Way of Greater Lima has been bringing our community together to improve lives for more than a century. This presentation will explore our history, mission, the impact of local giving, the work of our partner agencies, and the many ways community members can get involved to help improve lives throughout Allen County.

October 20

Medicinal and Other Herbs: Nature's Chemical Factories

MODERATOR | David Kinder



The class will examine herbals as used historically and currently for health benefits. The class will include a presentation of what modern drugs were discovered first in plants, and how or why some of the compounds were modified to make them pharmacologically more useful, as

well as some common herbal preparations that can be made in your kitchen. Also, the pitfalls of using plants/natural products will be highlighted.

October 27

A surprise

MODERATOR | To be announced

We're actively lining up a fantastic guest speaker for this slot! We're putting the finishing touches on the details and will officially announce our speaker during the first week of classes. Stay tuned.

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10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

October 8

Science Behind Healthy Aging

MODERATOR | Karen Kier



This class will provide recent scientific evidence on aging related to both our chronological age and our biological age. The course will describe testing methods for biological age and how our cells age over time. Early evidence on ways to reverse the biological aging of the cells with lifestyle modifications will be provided.

October 15

Beginnings of High School Football in Allen County

MODERATOR | Mike Buettner



Are you a football fan or maybe just interested in football history? Learn about the beginnings of high school football in the Allen County schools.

October 22

250 Years of Keeping Americans Healthy

MODERATOR | Dr. Norman O. Moser

In this class we will:

- Study the history of health care in America
- Study the discovery of X-rays
- Study the discovery of the polio vaccine
- Study the discovery of insulin

October 29

My 40 Years as a Boxing Official



MODERATOR | Frank Garza

A graduate of Delphos St. John's, Frank has officiated boxing all over the world. He has appeared on ABC, CBS and HBO networks and was inducted into the Ohio Boxing Hall of Fame in 2026.

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

October 8

Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce: From Global Origins to Local Impact

MODERATOR | Josh Unterbrink, president and CEO, Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce

This presentation explores the fascinating history of chambers of commerce, tracing their beginnings around the world and examining how this enduring model of business advocacy spread to communities like ours. Founded in 1887 during the early days of the region's oil boom, the Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce has served as a champion for local businesses for nearly 140 years. Attendees will learn how our chamber fits into a larger global story and how its mission has evolved to meet the changing needs of Allen County's business community.

October 15

Lima's Oldest Storyteller

MODERATOR | David Trinko, editor of the Lima News

One constant in Lima and Allen County over the past 140-plus years has been its local newspaper. Learn the history of our local paper, from the Daily Democratic Times in 1884 to the Lima News of today. You'll also get the inside scoop on how local media does its job and today's economics of sharing stories of this community.

October 22

History of the Apollo Career Center

MODERATOR | Keith Horner, superintendent, Apollo Career Center

This presentation will include current programs and how Career Technical Education has gone from a lesser path to a better educational option.

October 29

The History of Music in Lima

MODERATOR | Dale R. Laukhuf

Discussion will include the history of music in Lima, pre 1968 and 1968 to the present; including the Ray Coleson Orchestra, the Lima Area Concert Band and the Lima Symphony Orchestra.

2:45 to 4:15 p.m.

October 8

Understanding Dementia: What Every Family Should Know

MODERATOR | Dr. Kelly Schroeder



Dementia is one of the most important health challenges of our time, affecting approximately 50 million people worldwide – a number expected to more than double by 2050. This lecture is designed to help community members understand what dementia is, how to recognize its early signs, what can be done to reduce risk, and how to support

a loved one living with this condition. Knowledge is the first step toward better care, earlier diagnosis, and a more compassionate community.

October 15

Lima/Allen County Economic Development and School Choice/School Vouchers

MODERATOR | Jon E. Rockhold

This will be a facilitated discussion to explain and explore the how and why businesses and international industries choose the Lima/ Allen County region to settle and thrive. Panelists include Dave Stratton and Cindy Leis.

October 22

My Life of Baseball Fandom

MODERATOR | Scott Little



Over the course of Nine Innings, Scott will discuss his lifelong interest in baseball. He will share funny stories, his favorite places, players and collectibles and how being a baseball fan has enriched his life.

October 29

The 2026 Midterm Elections

MODERATOR | Dr. William Angel

In this important midterm election cycle. We will have lots of interesting things to discuss:

- The war in Iran – What impact will this event have in election.
- What are the major domestic issues?
- Beyond the war in Iran – What other foreign policy issues could impact the election?
- How will domestic issues affect midterm 2026?

LLI Registration Form

Registration Deadline: **September 30, 2026**

You can now register and pay online at *go.osu.edu/llifall2026* or make checks payable to **The Ohio State University** and mail to
The Ohio State University at Lima
Office of Continuing Education
4240 Campus Drive, PS 208
Lima, OH 45804

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