



WELCOME TO THE COMMITTEE – WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE!

OLLI at Bradley is uniquely grassroots-driven by volunteers. More than 400 volunteers create and deliver the OLLI experience each year – including volunteers who teach classes, guide our tours on our learning trips, assist in the park-and-ride lots during classes, decorate tables for our kick-off luncheons, serve as hosts during classes, facilitate our study groups, develop our curriculum, and more.

Each of the activities offered in the four major OLLI programs (Classes, Study Groups, and Learning Trips/OLLI Originals) is organized by a committee of volunteers who work to bring the programs to life.

Each major program is organized by one committee, except for classes, which are organized by two committees (“Fall/Spring Curriculum Committee” that organizes classes for April and October, and “Winter Committee” that organizes classes for January).

Each of our volunteers – like you – brings a unique personal network of people and organizations that can help create the activities that OLLI offers its members. Without the volunteers serving on these five committees, OLLI could not offer the classes, study groups, cinema events, or trips that it offers to its members.

The Chairs of the Committees will help you in your role as a committee volunteer. The current Committee Chairs are listed on the OLLI website under “About OLLI” | “Governance.”
bradley.edu/academic/continue/lifelong/olli/aboutus/governance/current-board.dot

The Continuing Education staff who support OLLI will also help you in your role as a committee volunteer. These staff members are listed on the OLLI website under “Contact Us.”
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The committees for classes, study groups, and learning trips/originals operate in different ways to create these different types of offerings. The table attached to this page compares/contrasts the different committees:

COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE	VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES DURING COMMITTEE MEETINGS	VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES OUTSIDE COMMITTEE MEETINGS	CATEGORIES	GOALS*
CLASSES (“FALL/SPRING CURRICULUM” and “WINTER CURRICULUM”)	May/June for October classes, Aug./Sept. for January classes, Nov./Dec. for April classes (3 meetings in each cycle)	Contribute ideas for classes during committee “brainstorming.” Contribute ideas for instructors during committee discussions about potential classes.	With help from the Category Coordinator, recruit qualified instructor(s) for the class. Then, working with the instructor, construct a class description and submit a “class worksheet” by the deadline.	Art; Community Awareness; Gardening & Ag; Health & Wellness; History & Political Science; Literature; Music & Entertainment; Philosophy & Religion; STEM; Topical	30 for Winter (January) 44 for Spring (April) 44 for Fall (October)
STUDY GROUPS	January, May, August, and November (2 meetings in each cycle)	Contribute ideas for study groups during committee “brainstorming.” Contribute ideas for facilitators during committee discussions about potential study groups.	With help from the Category Coordinator, recruit qualified facilitator(s) for the study group, construct a study group description, and submit a “study group worksheet” by the deadline.	Art, Music, & Entertainment; Cinema; Gardening, Ag, & Environment; Health and Wellness; History, Political Science, & Current Events; Literature; Philosophy & Religion; STEM; Topical & Community Awareness	12 for Winter (January-February) 22 for Spring (March-May) 15 for Summer (June-August) 22 for Fall (September-December) *Adjusted for campus construction 2017-2021

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LEARNING TRIPS and OLLI ORIGINALS	January, April, July, and September (1 meeting in each cycle)	Contribute ideas for trips and originals during committee “brainstorming.”	Research ideas for future trips and originals, especially for local trips.	Arts, Entertainment, & Media; Commerce; Community Services & Development, Government; Historical Sites; Locally-Owned Businesses; Manufacturing; Non-Profit; STEM; Topical	20 trips and 3 originals for Winter (January-February) 40 trips and 5 originals for Spring (March-May) 30 trips and 4 originals for Summer (June-August) 40 trips and 5 originals for Fall (September-Dec)

