

ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY



Daytime Classes & Activities

Spring Session 2017

March 15 - May 16

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Alvernia Seniors College

Seniors College Administration

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Membership is open to individuals age 55 and over with an interest in learning. Seniors College is a cooperative where members have an opportunity to support its objectives through participation on planning committees or by serving as course instructors. Members are also invited to attend Seniors College social events and activities.

Call 610-796-8357 for information on membership or activities.

Alvernia Seniors College members may take classes at any location. We reserve the right to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment. Classes may also be cancelled due to inclement weather. Every attempt will be made to schedule a make-up class.

Active membership extends one year from the time of payment. To assist individuals in keeping their membership current, mailing labels contain membership expiration dates located above addressees' names. Dates do not appear above the name of inactive members. Annual membership categories are:

Basic Membership • \$50 annually

Basic Membership PLUS • \$100 annually

Friends • \$150 annually

Benefactor • \$1,500 (lifetime)



Seniors College Clubs

Lunch Bunch Discussion Club

Every TUESDAY 11:15 AM (lunch) – 12:30 PM (program)
Alvernia University, Student Center Dining
Hall/Seminar Rooms

Lunch 11:15AM –Program 12:30 – 2:15 PM – Tuesday, March 28–
Sneak Preview of Upcoming Classes

CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 29TH

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April 4 — “The Reading Symphony Orchestra” - Music Director
Andrew Constantine

April 11 — “Not Just For Kids --- The importance of vaccinations for adults” – Tracy Scheirer, Instructor of Nursing

April 18 — “The World of Llamas” - Carol Reigh, Owner of Buck
Hollow Farms, Inc.

April 25 — The Rabbi Weitzman Award Luncheon

May — “Elder Law” - Scott Painter, Esquire

May 9 — “The Current Investment Climate” - Virgil Kahl, The Money
Doctor

Book Review Club

First Wednesday of every month — 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Student Center, Private Dining Rm. — Call Dianne Walker -
610-413-0790

Review April 5 — “Destiny of the Republic” by Candice Millard

Review May 3 — “The Poorhouse Fair” by John Updike

Review June 7 — “Commonwealth” by Ann Patchett

The iPad Club

Third Wednesday of every month — resumes March 15
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Upland Center, Community Room
103 This is a time for iPad users to share iPad knowledge.
Meetings will discuss iPad user problems, frustrations,
and fun.

Call Karen Focht - 610-777- 9305

Alvernia Seniors Womens Chorus - The Vintage Voices

Each Tuesday — resumes January 10, 2017 - 1:00 – 2:30
PM Immanuel UCC, 99 S. Waverly St., Shillington Call
Deanna Reuben, Director - 610-207-7261

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

MONDAY

Building a Novel From the Inside Out - 4 Weeks

Professor John Kissinger

Using a complete draft version of John’s next novel, Inclement Angel, as background (and available for free through a blog), we will read and critique the book’s key chapters. This is your chance to see your suggestions and ideas incorporated into a book to be published later this year.

Dates: 4/3, 10, XX, 24; 5/1 Time: 9:00 – 10:30 AM
Place: AU Student Center, Sem. Rms. Cost: \$ 40.00

The Human History of Sugar and Other Sweeteners - 4 Weeks

Professor John Kissinger

Sugar is central to human nutrition and food consumption. This course traces the history of sugar agriculture and production from its origins to the present day, including the central role sugar played in the history, economics, and development of the Americas. Additionally the history of artificial sweeteners will be traced.

Dates: 4/3, 10, XX,24; 5/1 Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Place: AU Student Center, Sem. Rms. Cost: \$40.00

Love and Dream with the Impressionists – 4 Weeks

Carol Hession and Cynthia Davenport

The impressionist painters are among the most beloved artists ever. This course introduces the works and lives of Manet, Degas, Renoir, Monet and Cezanne. Become an art offciando!

Dates: 4/3, 10 XX 24; 5/1 Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Place: AU Student Center, Sem. Rms. Cost: \$40.00

The Gospel of John: A Call for Transformation – 4 Weeks

Sister Jean Jacobchik, OSF

Unlike the New Testament Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the Gospel of John features stories of intimate human encounters with Jesus Christ. These meetings both inspire awareness and bring about change in the lives of people who encounter Christ.

Dates: 4/3,10,XX, 24; 5/1 Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM
Place: AU Student Center, Sem. Rms. Cost: \$40.00

TUESDAY

The Mysterious Stranger - 3 Weeks

Dr. Thomas Bierowski

Mark Twain wrote this wicked, wild and weird novella late in his life. Satan wanders into a sleepy 16th century German town and charms the hell out of (most) everybody. Students should read the book before the class begins. Copies are available in the Alvernia University Bookstore for \$8.99.

Date: 4/4, 11, 18 Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Place: AU Student Center, Sem. Rms. Cost: \$35.00

“You Cannot Even Imagine”!—Experiences and Insights from a Retired FBI Agent – 3 Weeks

Rodney S. Loose, Retired FBI, Supervisory Special Agent

Rodney Loose, retired from the FBI, will offer a three-part series about his experiences as a federal investigator: (1) What was it like to be on scene immediately after the 911 terrorist attacks; (2) domestic terrorism threats; and, (3) suicide bombers.

Date: 5/2,9,16 Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM
Place: The Highlands of Wyomissing, 2000 Cambridge Ave., Wyomissing Cost: \$35.00

WEDNESDAY

The Story of Americans through Art – 4 Weeks

Barbara Post, Artist

One of the most exciting museums in our nation's capital is the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the National Portrait Gallery. This old Patent Office building, used as a hospital during the Civil War and the site of Lincoln's second inaugural ball, is home to the largest collection of American art in the world. Join us for fascinating stories of this remarkable treasure, with plenty of visual art as well.

Dates: 4/5, 12, 19, 26 Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Place: UC, Board Rm. 227 Cost: \$40.00

History and Travel Forums with Steve Runkle - 2 Weeks

Stephen Runkle, Susquehanna River Basin Commission

Steve Runkle brings to life two thrilling stories. In “Walk on the Wild Side at Lake Louise” he will describe hiking through the Lake Louise area of the Canadian Rockies. In “Philadelphia Campaign of the Revolutionary War” he will chronicle the most critical year of the American Revolutionary War—July 1777 through June 1778.

Dates: 4/26; 5/3 Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Place: UC, Community Rm. 103 Cost: \$25.00

Coloring and Capering with Daria - 2 Weeks + Workshop

Dean Daria LaTorre, Esquire

Come find your calm and color. Explore a new artistic trend. If you wish, display one of your creations at the Instructor Appreciation Tea & Social. (Is a blue ribbon in your future?) No supplies or previous experience is necessary.

Dates: 4/5,12 Workshop 4/19 Time: 11:30AM – 1:00 PM
Place: UC, Board Rm. 227 Cost: \$25.00

Legacy/Life Story Writing – 5 Weeks

Sister Christen Shukwit, OSF

Life is filled with joy, sadness, questions, discoveries, and surprises. This class is open to all who enjoy writing about their experiences. Classes include (1) a 5-minute writing prompt, (2) in-class opportunities to write, and (3) a suggestion for writing during the week. Participants may share their work and receive feedback.

Dates: 3/29; 4/5,12,19,XX; 5/3 Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM
Place: UC, Board Rm. 227 Cost: 45.00

THURSDAY

Developing Social Media Savvy – 2 Weeks

Alyssa Wagner Slade; Allison Blair Snyder

Social media is constantly being updated, improved and changed. This course provides opportunities to share your experience, ask questions, and refresh your user-knowledge. Special areas of concentration will include Facebook, YouTube and Photography.

Dates: 4/20,27 Time: 11:30AM – 1:00 PM
Place: UC, Community Rm. 103 Cost: \$25.00

A FORUM: Fake News—Q & A - 1 Session

Dr. Jodi Radosh; Dr. Ryan Lange

Rhetoric about “fake news” is everywhere. To what does the term fake news refer? How can consumers of news distinguish between news presentations that are trustworthy and those that are not? What is the consequence of not being able to tell the difference?

Date: 5/4 Time: 11:30AM – 1:00 PM
Place: UC, Community Rm. 103 Cost: \$20.00

Mysticism of the Major World Religions – 3 Weeks

Scott Davidson

Experiences of the divine are reflected vividly in all of the major world religions. This course will explore Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam to discover how the spiritual paths of mystics share common characteristics, but also manifest a rich diversity of expression.

Dates: 4/20, 27; 5/4 Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM
Place: UC, Board Rm. 227 Cost: \$35.00

European Nationalism in the 19th Century - 3 Weeks

Dr. Kevin Donnelly

This course will examine the development of the concept of nationalism in Europe. While Europe had long been organized by multi-ethnic and multi-lingual empires, the ripples of the French Revolution brought about a new definition of the political state. While we will look broadly at Europe, we will focus primarily on France, Germany, Italy, and other nationalist movements that led to World War I.

Dates: 4/27; 5/4, 11 Time: 2:45 – 4:15 PM
Place: UC, Board Rm. 227 Cost: \$35.00

FRIDAY

Bats and Kestrels and Broadwings – “OH MY!”- 3 Weeks

Laurie Goodrich, Director of Monitoring, Hawk Mountain; Kate Harms, Researcher, Rodale Institute; AU Prof. James Klucsarits, Biology, Researcher, American Kestrels

This fascinating course explores the lives, activities and habitats of select creatures that fly. You probably see them all the time, but you do not know what they do, what they are capable of, and why you absolutely need them. Join our team of local experts to learn about and appreciate Bats, Kestrels and Broadwings.

Dates: 3/31; 4/7, PLEASE NOTE: 4/21 @ 1:00 PM
Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Place: UC, Community Rm. 103 Cost: \$35.00

Mennonites, Quakers and Evangelical-Pentecostals –3 Weeks

Julia Dunst; Pastor Bryan Koch; Jay Worrall & Dr. James Morrissey

This course explores the beliefs and practices of three religious movements that have had a significant influence on the religious experience of many in Berks County. The common idea that is shared among these congregations is the centrality of scripture as a basis for individual and community living.

Dates: 4/28; 5/5,12 Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Place: UC, Community Rm. 103 Cost: \$35.00

Berks County DUI Court: From the Stop to Sentence – 2 Weeks

The Honorable Eleni Dimitriou Geishauser

The course details the process of a DUI arrest and discusses the impact of the United States Supreme Court Case Birchfield vs. North Dakota. Students will see live footage of DUI stops, participate in the administration of Field Sobriety Tests, take a preliminary breath test, and observe the administration of assessment tools utilized to sentence in DUI Treatment Court.

Dates: 3/31; 4/7 Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Place: UC, Community Rm. 103 Cost: \$25.00

MINI-COURSE

AAA Driver Education Safety Program

Refresher Course – 1 Session (4 hours)

Basic Course – 2 Sessions (each class will be 4 hours)

Edith Bleichart

This course presents guidelines to reduce risk factors when driving and identify potential problem areas for older drivers. It also lists the 5 types of crashes that older drivers are most involved in, as well as giving solutions on how to handle them. In addition it covers topics on alcohol, drugs and medications; new technologies in automobiles; and so much more.

Contact AAA to enroll in class and pay fees. AAA phone number is: 610-374-4531. Newcomers to the AAA program will take the 8-hour course. The Refresher Course will be offered at a 4-hour session. Veterans of the Armed Services are admitted free of charge. [A minimum of eight participants will be required.]

Dates: Tuesday, April 18 — Refresher course (4 hours)
Upland Center, Room 228

Dates: Thursday, April 20; Friday, April 21 (4 hours each day)
Upland Center, Room 228

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Cost: \$15.00 – One AAA member

\$25.00 – Husband and Wife AAA members

\$25.00 – Non-members

Application & Registration — Spring 2017

Name (Dr./Sr./Mr./Mrs./Ms.): _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Address: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Course	Day	Time	Cost
Membership Fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Basic \$50			<input type="checkbox"/> Basic PLUS \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend \$150			
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$1,500			
			\$ _____
Total Course Fees			
			\$ _____
Total			\$ _____

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