



Acadia Lifelong Learning

2019–2020 Courses and Events

Affordable courses and events for adults of all ages.

Join a group of over 300 community members who explore everything from arts and science to hobbies and general know-how.

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FALL COURSES

Fees listed are the ALL member fees.
Non-members please add \$15 to the listed fee.

The Botanist's Sketchbook **\$125**

Twila Robar-DeCoste | 12 seats available
MON 1:00pm – 3:30pm | SEP 30 – NOV 18
(6 sessions; no classes Oct. 14 and Nov. 11)

Learn the fundamentals of botanical art in drawing and painting. The first 3 weeks of instruction will be in developing drawing skills and the last 3 in pen and ink, and minimal watercolour wash techniques. The main focus will be on wild flora, berries, fungi and more. No special skills are needed, except an interest in the natural world of plants and a fairly steady hand.

Our Response to the Climate Crisis **\$85**

Janet Eaton | 30 seats available
TUE 6:30pm – 8:30pm | OCT 22 – NOV 19 (5 sessions)

This course will examine causes of climate breakdown; its diverse impacts on ecosystems, biodiversity, and human civilization; emerging solutions for mitigation and adaptation; frameworks for different possible futures, as well as ways to remain resilient while facing systemic transformation.

Recent Discoveries in Astronomy **\$70**

Larry Bogan | 15 seats available
WED 7:00pm – 9:00pm | NOV 6 – NOV 27 (4 sessions)

In this course, we'll explore interesting new astronomical theories and measurements as well as some explanation of their meaning in understanding planets, stars, galaxies, and the many components of space. Explanations will include background material in physics and astronomy at an elementary level.

Swing Bands in Hollywood **\$85**

Peter Riddle | 25 seats available
THU 4:30pm – 6:30pm | OCT 10 – NOV 7 (5 sessions)

In the 1930s and 40s, movie makers discovered that swing bands were a big box office draw. Some of their films are excellent and some are laughably inept, but they all feature wonderful music. Come and see which band leaders had true acting ability, and which ones should have stayed off camera except when the band was playing.

Taking Great Pictures With Your Smartphone **\$85**

Mark MacFadyen | 10 seats available
SAT 9:00am – 11:30am | OCT 5 – NOV 2
(4 sessions; no class Oct. 12)

Your smartphone is the camera that's always with you! This course is a fun, stress-free approach to improving photography with your smartphone. We'll look at how to take memorable pictures, have fun collaborating as a group, and investigate what to do with all your best photos.

Unleashing the Writer Within **\$100**

Julie Snair | 10 seats available
TUE 10:00am – 12:00pm | OCT 15 – NOV 19 (6 sessions)

Whether you have a story inside that has been begging to be told or you are simply curious about finding the writer within, this course is for you. You'll learn to trust your voice and exercise your writing muscles in a relaxed and safe atmosphere.

Vikings and Vinland: Reality and Myth **\$60**

Birgitta Wallace | 30 seats available
WED 1:30pm – 3:00pm | OCT 16 – NOV 6 (4 sessions)

The Viking Age was a time of unprecedented Scandinavian expansion, marked by violence but also by colonization, farming, and seafaring. We will look at the Norse expansion and the establishment of a distinctly Icelandic Viking society. Strife in Iceland led to colonization of Greenland and, from there, explorations into North America and the finding of legendary Vinland.

Lunchtime Learning Series

Fall: October 4 – November 29

Winter: January 31 – April 3

Join us every Friday at noon for a free, one-hour talk that spotlights an interesting topic each week. Our lunchtime talks are informal lectures offered by local experts and Acadia faculty. These lively presentations cover topics big and small, including areas like history, travel, local issues, and health.

No registration is required. Please visit all.acadiau.ca for our series schedule.

Please visit all.acadiau.ca for expanded course descriptions, instructor bios, and online registration.

WINTER COURSES

A Genetics Primer

\$55

Linda Ellis | 30 seats available

MON 2:00pm – 3:30pm | FEB 24 – MAR 16 (4 sessions)

Update your high school genetics knowledge for the 21st Century. This course will provide enough background information to generate an appreciation of modern molecular genetics without all the details. No prior experience in the biological sciences is required.

Craft Beer Appreciation

\$75

Bruce McGaw | 25 seats available

TUE 6:30pm – 8:30pm | MAR 10 – MAR 31 (4 sessions)

With the exploding craft beer landscape, many people are gaining a new interest in beer as a more complex beverage. This course will take you through the history of beer, the ingredients, the beer making process, what a style is and how it is created, the basics of food and beer pairing, and the local beer scene. We will have a few guest speakers along the way (TBA) and of course taste some beer!

Introduction to Video Making With Tablets and Smartphones

\$100

Kimberly Smith | 20 seats available

WED 1:00pm – 3:00pm | MAR 4 – APR 8 (6 sessions)

Explore picture composition with natural light as well as sound recording, picture editing, titling, and music. Participants will practice in small groups to produce and screen at least one short (3 minute) video per class. You'll learn how to get comfortable on camera, too. You will need your own video-capable smartphone or tablet. A list of optional accessories for you to purchase will be provided.

Peoples of the Valley : A Social History

\$75

Various Presenters | 30 seats available

THU 2:30pm – 4:00pm | MAR 5 – APR 9 (6 sessions)

This course will explore the distinct peoples who have, over the course of time, made the Annapolis Valley what it is today. Each session will be led by a different speaker qualified to describe the challenges met and the contributions made by the distinctive communities that called the Valley their home.

Religion, Ethnicity and Nationalism in Myanmar, Sri Lanka and India

\$55

Bruce Matthews | 40 seats available

TUE 4:00pm – 5:30pm | FEB 4 – FEB 25 (4 sessions)

Although the great indigenous religions of Asia provide equilibrium to millions of devotees, unstable situations involving religion, ethnicity and nationalism continue to compromise several Asian societies, bringing increased regional instability. Most significant is Myanmar's Rohingya crisis, the Hindutva issue in India, and Sinhala Buddhist nationalism in Sri Lanka. This course provides opportunity for an update on religion and politics in this key part of Asia.

Use and Abuse of Water

\$85

Howard Williams | 50 seats available

FRI 9:00am – 11:00am | FEB 7 – MAR 6 (5 sessions)

Explore the unique properties of water, the water cycle, water quality, uses and abuses of water, and suggestions for furthering sustainable use and predictions of issues. No prior knowledge of hydrology is needed.

Watercolour Adventures

\$105

Peter Martocchio | 15 seats available

WED 10:00am – 12:00pm | JAN 22 – FEB 26 (6 sessions)

This course will use basic materials to teach paint application, colour mixing, paint removal, and preservation of whites. Learn how to simplify shapes and values from a photo to construct a sound composition. Students will have the opportunity to apply all these methods and complete 4 paintings. Individual critiques will be conducted on each week's work. Materials required.

ALL Course Audits (Age 50+)

ALL members age 50+ are eligible for free credit course audits pending available space and permission by the professor. If you audit a course, you'll be able to attend any and all lectures. However, auditing is not the same as enrolling. You will not be graded or tasked with tests or assignments, and you will not earn an academic credit.

To learn more and to register for a course, please visit the Course Audits page at all.acadiau.ca.

Join Acadia Lifelong Learning (ALL) and explore your interests with affordable courses and events for adults of all ages.

It's Acadia University's way of sharing the talents of some of our most compelling and thoughtful people and giving a platform to many interesting experts in our local community.

A \$25 annual membership fee (August 1—July 31) allows special membership benefits:

- Reduced ALL course fees • Free course audits (50+) • Access to seminars, lectures, and readings
- Email reminders of ALL and Acadia community events, including the Lunchtime Learning Series

Registration Information

- Fees listed in this calendar are for ALL members. Non-members please add \$15 to the listed fee.
- Courses require a minimum of 10-12 registrants to run: register early to help avoid course cancellations. Payment is required at time of registration.
- If you register for a seminar or course but are unable to attend, please contact us, as there may be a wait list.
- You will be contacted with the location of your course or seminar approximately one week before the event begins. Most courses are held in Acadia classroom facilities.
- The information provided in this calendar is current as of August 2019. Programs listed are subject to changes; please refer to our website for the most current information.

More information on courses, registration, inclement weather, cancellations and our refund policy can be found online at **all.acadiau.ca**

Related Programs

Acadia Active Aging

Community-based exercise program promoting student learning and active living among older adults.

For more information, contact Kim Vaughan at kim.vaughan@acadiau.ca or (902) 585-1307.

Acadia University Art Gallery

Year-round exhibition programme of contemporary and historical work promoting visual literacy, intellectual and cultural experience.

Visit gallery.acadiau.ca for information or call (902) 585-1373.

New Horizons Band

Local band for adults interested in playing a variety of concert music. Beginners and intermediate levels. Wednesday evenings at Festival Theatre.

Contact nhbwolfville@gmail.com or Donna Wilson at (902) 542-7557.

