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*“Every citizen must have education, broad and continuous.*

*This essential of citizenship is not met by an education which ends at the age of fourteen, or even eighteen or twenty-two.*

*Education must continue throughout life.”*

*Louis D. Brandeis*



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**Osher**  
**Lifelong**  
**Learning**  
**Institute**  
**at**  
**Brandeis**  
**“BOLLI”**



**Courses**  
**Community**  
**Conviviality**

## What is BOLLI?

BOLLI, one of 120+ Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLIs) in all 50 states, offers educational activities for adults beyond the traditional university years. BOLLI offers courses during two 10-week semesters, fall and spring, and seminars, interest groups, and other activities throughout the year.

BOLLI is a **learning community**. No tests, no papers and no judgments – people attend BOLLI simply for the love of learning and to be with other interesting and vital peers. The warm community of BOLLI is a hallmark of the program.

## Who participates?

BOLLI members are “in the second half of life,” primarily retired and semi-retired professionals, people seeking intellectual stimulation and sociability. Members come from over 50 communities in the greater Boston area. BOLLI members come together to learn, teach, contribute and socialize with like-minded adults.

BOLLI is “member driven,” encouraging active participation. For example, members teach courses, govern on the BOLLI Council and run the program (with staff) by participating on committees. The participatory nature of BOLLI taps the extensive knowledge and experience of its membership, creating a strong sense of community and ownership of the program.

## What can I learn?

There are 40+ courses each semester which include subjects such as: history, sociology, literature, music, drama, humanities, religion, science, writing, and more. Courses are discussion-oriented and member participation is encouraged. The “Lunch and Learn” lectures highlight popular Brandeis professors or professionals from almost any field (e.g., health care, museums, journalism, politics and a wide range of other topics.)



## Do you offer other programming?

Members also engage in affinity groups such as The New Yorker Short Story Discussion Group, Yoga, and the Dramatics Group. Rapaporte Seminars: Brandeis at BOLLI, are one-week programs in January and June, led by highly regarded and popular Brandeis professors.

We value intergenerational programs with Brandeis students (e.g., *International Friends* matches BOLLI members with masters students in the Sustainable International Development program).

## Sample Courses

Law and Bioethics

A Timeless Issue: Greed (in Drama)

Clint Eastwood: His Life in Film

FDR: His Life and Times

Freud's Oedipus Complex Revisited: Sons Remember their Mothers

Humorous Short Stories

Lend Me Your Ear: An Introduction to Choral Music

Memoir Writing: Your Journey

The Body in the Library: Mystery Fiction for the Bibliophile

Women's Fate: The Cinderella Story Meets the Sexual Revolution



## Sample Lunch & Learn Speakers

Barney Frank

Michael Dukakis

Eileen McNamara

Anthony Lewis

Bill Littlefield

Judge Nancy Gertner