



The Spiral

Newsletter of the Center for Lifelong Learning, University of South Carolina Aiken

JANUARY 2026 - SPRING SEMESTER REGISTRATION ISSUE

President's Message

Dear Students,

Welcome back to USCA Center of Life Long Learning 2026 spring semester. Starting the new academic year with lingering warm memories of family, friends and travel over the holidays, we are now in just the right mood to spend the remaining winter and spring selecting and attending class. With selections from **over 128 choices** offered across a wide range of interests, including: technology, history, local interest, science, travel, well-being and more, it will be an intellectually stimulating and rewarding semester. Come join us and bring a friend.

CLL's student population and number of classes offered continues to grow with the same USCA Staff and volunteers administrating the program. We need and are looking for new volunteers interested in helping others to learn and breathe new ideas into our business model. We have positions in registration, class facilitation and recruiting new speakers with exciting subjects. **Ask how you can join the team at registration.**

Registration Options – Registration opens 9 am Tuesday, January 6, 2026, either in person during our **Spring Open House** or online via aikenlearning.org/online.html.

Beginning Wednesday January 7, you're welcome to stop by the office: Business and Education Building, Room 104 — sometimes face-to-face is easiest!

We regret we can no longer accept registrations via mail or phone.

New this semester, USCA is requiring an Emergency Contact Name and Number for all students.

Jim Tisaranni, CLL President
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Spring Catalogs Released

The Center for Lifelong Learning program listings for this Spring are included in the *USCA External Programs Spring 2026 Catalog*. Due to unexpected delays the printer did not bulk mail the catalogs until December 24. They started showing up in people's mailboxes by the end of the month.



Printed Catalog



Online Catalog

Meanwhile the CLL portion of the catalog has been readily available for download from the CLL website at aikenlearning.org/catalog.html.

Note: If you've already downloaded a copy where the date shown at the bottom of the cover is prior to 12/29/2025, please download the current copy, which has the correct page numbers in the Course Description section and beyond.

Those not receiving mailed copies can pick up the printed catalog from the External Programs offices in the USCA Business and Education building, rooms 103, 104, and 105, when they have opened for business on Friday January 2.

Spring 2026 Registration Info

Membership in the Center For Lifelong Learning is required in order to register for CLL classes and events. An individual semester's membership costs \$35/student, payable at time of registration. Classes and events are priced individually.

The first classes begin January 12 with additional short courses beginning throughout the semester. The final class session wraps up April 30.

Please Note: Due to increased payment security requirements by the University we regret that mail-in and telephone registrations can no longer be accepted.

Registration Options:

Tuesday January 6:

Registration Open House

The Center for Lifelong Learning Spring Registration Open House will be held January 6 from 9am to noon, in USCA Business & Education Building, Room 122. There you can get questions answered, register in person, socialize with some of your fellow learners, and grab a refreshment or two.

New this semester, there will be a presenters' table where several of our instructors will be available to share information about their courses and answer any of your questions. Those currently planned are:

Gary Senn: *Sennsational Sky Stories*

Bill Wabbersen: *Hands on Nuclear Science*

Carol Gerson: *Brain and Body Fitness*

Arthur Turfa: *Saratoga Pivotal Battle, Loyalists in the American Revolution, and Jacobites-Regaining the Throne*

Frank Xie: *US/China Trade War Part 2*

Carl Fields: *FDR: Selected Days in the Life of President Franklin Roosevelt*

Due to the limited number of credit card readers available to us, payment by cash or personal check will help expedite the registration process. ***If paying by check, please do not pre-enter the payment amount in case unexpected changes must be made.***

Current campus parking stickers are valid through August. Otherwise, bring your *driver license* and *auto registration* in with you to the Open House so that you can obtain your required campus parking pass in the same visit.

Online Registration

Registering online also begins 9:00 am January 6. Go to aikenlearning.org/online.html in your web browser. Payment is by credit card only.



Beginning Wednesday January 7

Walk-in registrations will be accepted at USCA Business and Education Building, Room 104. Bring your driver license and auto registration in with you so that you can receive your campus parking pass in the same visit.

New This Spring: "TECH TALKS"

Tech Talks are one-hour sessions on a specific technical subject. The instructor will give a 15 to 20 minute lecture on the subject followed by a discussion with the students. The Tech Talk subjects this semester are:

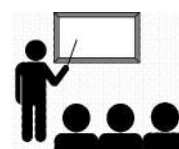
SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	DATE
Beyond Security	Gabriel Lemnar	Jan 20
Traveling Smartly with a Smartphone	Bob Hood	Jan 27
Digital Calendars	Wayne Rickman	Feb 4
Digital Legacy	Vicki Gibboney	Feb 17
Password Managers	Russ Beckmeyer	Feb 19
Family Histories	Dennis Harkins	Feb 24
Using Alexa	Russ Beckmeyer	Feb 26
Quantum Computing	Larry Deschaine	Mar 2

Click each item name to access its full description from the CLL website listings (aikenlearning.org/courses.html).

Courses and Events Beginning in January

Many of our classes fill quickly. Before attending please pre-register to assure there is a place for you.

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COURSE / EVENT NAME	Start
Battles of the Civil War	Jan 12
Exploring Windows	Jan 12
Line Dancing	Jan 12
Edgefield Pottery	Jan 20
Tech Talk: Beyond Security	Jan 20
NATO Then, Now and the Future	Jan 21
Rose O'Neal Greenhow	Jan 21
A Dive Into Diabetes	Jan 21
iPhone 101	Jan 21
Hands on Nuclear Science	Jan 21
Aiken's Growth in the 1950s	Jan 22
Unlocking MS Word:	Jan 22

COURSE / EVENT NAME	Start
Early Days of Aiken: 1842-1900	Jan 22
Excel for Beginners	Jan 22
George Walton of Meadow Garden	Jan 22
19th Cen. Amer. Thru Women's Eyes	Jan 23
Introduction to Digital Networks	Jan 26
Yoga and Chair Yoga	Jan 26
Using Your Android Devices	Jan 27
TV Streaming	Jan 27
Tech Talk: Traveling w Smartphone	Jan 27
Horse Track Systems 101	Jan 28

Full course descriptions can also be found:

- in the downloadable catalog (aikenlearning.org/catalog.html)
- in the printed catalog

Register online at aikenlearning.org/online.html or bring the form from the catalog along with any required payment to the USCA External Programs office, Business and Education Building, Room 104. **Registrations can no longer be taken via mail or phone** due to more stringent requirements for credit card processing.

For questions, contact USC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).



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CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2025				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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5	6 Registration Open House 9:00-12:00 [B 122] Online Registration Opens 9:00	7 Walk-In Registration Opens [B 101-103]	8	9
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[Location Codes] B = USCA Bus & Educ Bldg TC = CLL Computer Tech Ctr RP = Ruth Patrick Sci Ctr ACS = Aiken County Shrine				