

OLLI Course Description examples

John Muir: The Man & the Legend

Come and hear the story of John Muir, a great American hero. Learn how Muir founded our National Park System and hear about his great adventures as a mountaineer and explorer of the Sierra Nevada. You'll also hear the story of his youth, his genius in inventions, his 1,000 mile walk, and the geological discovery of glacier action in Yosemite that first made him famous. This presentation will include beautiful footage of the Sierra Nevada which he so loved, readings from a screenplay of his life (the famous dog story "Stickeen"), and special videos of Frank Helig, a well-known John Muir imitator who works in Yosemite today.

100 Years of Madness

This fascinating course will cover the history of Russia from the 1917 October Revolution through the terror of Stalin's era and the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991. We will discuss Russia's transition to a market economy and the rise of the criminal oligarchy under Boris Yeltsin. We will also cover how Vladimir Putin, a mediocre KGB colonel, became Russia's "accidental president" and his focus on restoring the former Soviet Union Empire. We'll explore the rise of the Russian FSB (former KGB) and the end of democracy, as well as the horrific terrorist acts by FSB in Russia and abroad, Putin's military ambitions, and the state of the Russian economy.

Enchanted Evenings: The Musicals of Rogers & Hammerstein

This is the story of the unique partnership that transformed American musical history with its creative process and groundbreaking innovations. It also made the songwriting team of Rogers & Hammerstein one of the most powerful and profitable entertainment businesses of their era, beginning with Oklahoma! in 1943 and ending with Hammerstein's final lyrics for The Sound of Music in 1959. Rodgers' favorite score is Carousel, currently in revival in New York City. Their shows play every year in major companies worldwide!