



Osher @ SDSU

Summer 2026



Welcome to the Summer 2026 Osher term at San Diego State University! We are so excited for you to explore our offerings and continue your passion for learning. This term, we are offering **20+ courses** from six academic categories for you to choose from and **1 community event**.

To learn more about our membership options please visit gc.sdsu.edu/oshermember.

How to Register

1. Browse the courses on our website at gc.sdsu.edu/osher-courses.
2. Visit gc.sdsu.edu/osher-login. Please create your account if you haven't created one yet.
3. If you do not have an existing Osher membership, please add the Annual Membership option to your cart. Note: You will need to purchase this before you can register for any courses as membership is required to attend Osher courses.
4. Pick your courses from our online catalog and add them to your cart.
5. Once you've added all your courses, click on the Checkout button.
6. Complete the checkout process and pay.
7. Once registered, you'll receive a confirmation by email. Additional information like Zoom links and locations for in-person classes/Special Events will be sent in a separate email closer to the date of the event or the start of the course.

Osher Membership options

Annual Membership (valid for three consecutive terms from the term of purchase) \$99

Semester Membership (valid for term of purchase only) \$50

See our registration form on the last page of this catalog for ALL membership options. Please note: discounted memberships require pre-approval from the Osher Office.

Course Modalities


In-Person: instructors and students attend the course in person in a classroom (typically either Extended Studies Center 308 or Gateway Center 1504).

HyFlex: instructors may be present in the classroom OR on Zoom, students may also be present in the classroom OR on Zoom

Osher Online: 6-week courses offered nationally 100% online, all courses are supported by Osher Online staff (not Osher @ SDSU staff)

Getting to Campus

There are many options to getting to campus. We encourage you to use the method that works best for you.

-  Paid parking in P6, P7, or P12 through SDSU Parking and Transportation. Daily and monthly rates available.
- Travel on public transit by bus or trolley through MTS. San Diego State University has a trolley stop on campus from the green line which is just two blocks from the Extended Studies Center.
- If you live close enough and are able to you may also choose to walk or ride your bike.

Contact

Registrar Email: enrollment.global@sdsu.edu

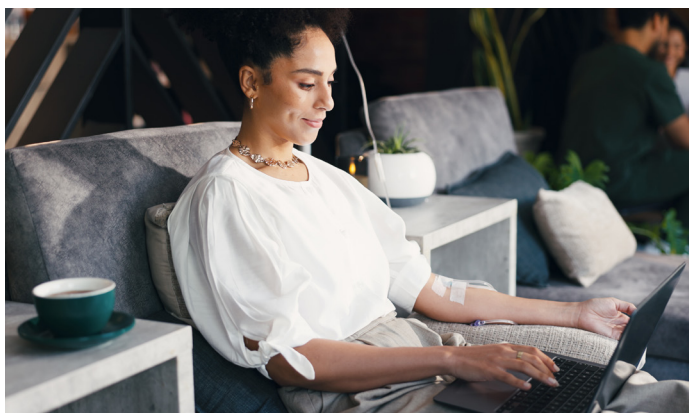
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Summer 2026 Osher Course and Offering Descriptions

Arts and Humanities



So You Want to be a Writer?

Instructor: Ed Linz | **Date:** Wednesday, 6/17/2026, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | **Format:** 1-Day/Hyflex (Extended Studies/Online)

Member Fee: \$25 | **Schedule No.** 99802

Have you ever, like many of us, found yourself wanting to be an author? Join our discussion as we begin with your initial idea and follow the various routes to publication. We will consider many different genres and formats. By the end of our interactive session, you will have the tools to research your idea and transform it into words. Hopefully, you will then be prepared for the HARD part: getting your work published. We will discuss avenues to do so. Bring your ideas, your problems, and your enthusiasm to write!!

U.S. Historical Novels – A “Novel” Way to Learn History

Instructor: Blaine Davies | **Date:** Monday, 6/22/2026, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | **Format:** 1-Day/In-person (Extended Studies/Gateway Ctr)

Member Fee: \$25 | **Schedule No.** 99803

What can we learn about history from historical novels? Blaine Davies describes U.S. historical novels and explains how they help us better experience the dramatic events that shaped our nation firsthand. History is a lot more interesting when you explore it from a “present” perspective when the people that were there did not know the outcome. Professor Davies describes a wide range of U.S. historical novels dealing with almost every aspect of U.S. history and discusses how a well written novel makes history come alive.

Personal Development and Special Interest

Tech and AI Made Simple: Tools for Seniors

Instructor: Alex Castaneda | **Dates:** Mondays, 7/6, 7/13/2026, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Format: 2-Weeks/Online (Extended Studies/Gateway Ctr)

Member Fee: \$49 | **Schedule No.** 99804

In the first two-hour session, participants will explore how today’s technology can make life easier, safer, and more connected. From smartphones and tablets to helpful apps, online services, and digital safety practices, the focus will be on practical tools seniors can use every day. No prior experience is needed—just curiosity. Through simple demonstrations and real-life examples, students will discover how technology can support health, communication, travel, learning, and entertainment. By the end, participants will feel more confident, empowered, and ready to enjoy the benefits of the technical world.

In the second two-hour session, participants will be introduced to artificial intelligence in clear, approachable language. We will explore easy-to-use apps and tools that can truly support seniors in everyday life—such as managing health, staying socially connected, organizing travel, enhancing creativity, and even making learning fun. No technical background is required; the focus will be on real-life examples and hands-on demonstrations. By the end, students will leave with practical knowledge, confidence, and a toolkit of AI resources designed to make life easier, safer, and more enjoyable.



Politics and Current Events

U.S. Foreign Policy and the November Elections

Instructor: David Bame | **Dates:** Mondays, 7/20, 7/27/2026, 1 – 3 p.m.

Format: 2-Weeks/In-person (Extended Studies/Gateway Ctr)

Member Fee: \$49 | **Schedule No.** 99806

This November's elections are accompanied by unprecedented military, humanitarian, and other challenges around the world. This two-class session will sort through the challenges, guided by a retired U.S. diplomat who worked for decades with the U.S. military, foreign partners, and others. With a focus on student interests, we'll try to see issues from both sides and gain resources to understand even more. We may not find all the answers, but we will find better questions!

Science and Technology



The Psychology of Social Influence and Persuasion: A Brief Exploration of Changing Hearts and Minds

Instructor: Emilio Ulloa | **Dates:** Thursdays, 6/18, 6/25/2026, 3 – 5 p.m.

Format: 2-Weeks/In-person (Extended Studies/Gateway Ctr)

Member Fee: \$49 | **Schedule No.** 99807

Over the course of two sessions, students will learn about the psychological principles that drive human behavior and decision-making, and explore how people apply these concepts in various contexts, from marketing to leadership. In this course, we will cover the most foundational studies, and take a deeper dive into examples of social influence in everyday life. Through lectures, demonstrations, exercises, and discussion, you will gain a deep understanding of techniques such as reciprocity, commitment and consistency, social proof, liking, authority, and scarcity.



Science, Technology, and Societal Impact

Instructor: Nadine Bopp | **Date:** Wednesday, 7/22/2026, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Format: 1-Day/Hyflex (Extended Studies/Online)

Member Fee: \$25 | **Schedule No.** 99808

What is science? What is technology? This course will explore how these different, but related scientific discoveries impact the economy, politics, health, social norms and the environment. It will also highlight a chronology of major innovation, the people who made these discoveries and the positive and negative global consequences. We will look at the contributions of minority inventors, overlooked women in science, and Nobel laureates.

We will also explore an open discussion on the state of current scientific research, the uptick of pseudoscience, and other controversial issues.

Community Events

Osher Fall 2026 Semester Kickoff and Course Preview Event

Date: Friday, August 28, 2026, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Format: In-Person (Extended Studies) | **Fee:** FREE

Join Osher at SDSU for an exciting Fall 2026 Semester Kickoff and Course Preview event! Get a sneak peek into our diverse range of captivating courses. Meet passionate faculty, explore course highlights, and connect with fellow learners. Experience the joy of lifelong learning in a welcoming and enriching environment. Plan your educational journey and embark on a rewarding semester of growth. Don't miss out on this inspiring event!

Broadway Musicals: A Fascinating History

Instructor: Emanuel Abramovits

Dates: Tuesdays, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25/2026, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99809

Endless Grounds: Coffee's Social, Economic, & Cultural Life

Instructor: Robert Thurston

Date: Thursdays, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13/2026, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99814

Revolutionary Echoes in Washington DC

Instructor: Kasey Sease

Date: Thursdays, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13/2026, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99819

Canals and the Making of the Modern World

Instructor: Bernie Carlson

Date: Wednesdays, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12/2026, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99810

Hindu Traditions: Ritual, Knowledge, Devotion

Instructor: Eileen Goddard

Date: Wednesdays, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19/2026, 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99815

The Digital Shift: How Computing Remade Media

Instructor: Rafael Davis Portela

Date: Mondays, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24/2026, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99820

Children's Literature: The Development of a Genre

Instructor: Blake Regnier

Date: Tuesdays, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11/2026, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99811

History of Signs: How Signs Tell America's Story

Instructor: Erin Holland

Date: Fridays, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28/2026, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99816

The Indispensable Founder: George Washington

Instructor: Dede Petri

Date: Mondays, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17/2026, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99821

Deaf Culture and History

Instructor: Matthew Cooper

Date: Thursdays, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13/2026, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99812

Horticulture A-Z

Instructor: Chris Baker

Date: Tuesdays, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11/2026, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99817

Threads of History: The World of Oriental Rugs

Instructor: Sumru Krody

Date: Mondays, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10/2026, 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99822

Discovering Portugal

Instructor: Alison Roberts

Date: Tuesdays, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11/2026, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99813

Protecting Yourself as a Patient

Instructor: Hardeep Singh

Date: Tuesdays, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25/2026, 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99818

Women Architects and Designers

Instructor: Eleanor Schrader

Date: Wednesdays, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19/2026, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Format: 6-weeks/Online

Member Fee: \$89 | **Schedule No.** 99823

Registration Form | Osher Institute at SDSU



Please register in advance for all courses and activities. Use one registration form per person.
 Membership is required each term to register for Osher offerings, unless otherwise noted by course.

Today's Date ____ | ____ | ____ Birth Date ____ | ____ | ____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (daytime) ____ | ____ | ____ RedID (for returning members) _____

Phone (evening) ____ | ____ | ____ Email _____

SDSU Alumni Yes No

New Members, if you were referred by a current Osher member, please tell us who _____

Membership Tiers		Fee
Annual Membership (valid for three consecutive terms from the term of purchase)	(available at the beginning of Summer, Fall, or Fall term)	\$99
Standard Semester Membership (valid for term of purchase ONLY)	(available at the beginning of Summer term)	\$50
SDSU Retirement Association Annual Membership (valid for three consecutive terms from the term of purchase)	(available at the beginning of Summer, Fall, or Fall term)	\$69
SDSU Lifetime Alumni Annual Membership (valid for three consecutive terms from the term of purchase)	(available at the beginning of Summer, Fall, or Fall term)	\$89
Household Annual Membership (valid for three consecutive terms from the term of purchase)	(available at the beginning of Summer, Fall, or Fall term)	\$89

Schedule No.	Course / Event Title	Fee
Total course, event, and membership fees (Check payable to SDSU Research Foundation)		\$

Signature _____ Date _____

<p align="center">Contribution to Support the Osher Institute at SDSU (optional donation) \$</p> <p align="center"><i>(Separate check payable to The Campanile Foundation / Designation: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute)</i></p> <p align="center">I've included the Osher Institute at SDSU in my estate plan (and haven't previously notified you). I'd like more information about estate and gift planning.</p>

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 Mail **Osher Registration form and check** to: SDSU Bursar's Office, SSW 2536, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-7425