

OLLI Member Survey- Executive Report

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Based on 249 total responses

1. Question 1: How long have you been a Clemson OLLI member?
 - a. Just over 50% of respondents have been a member for more than 4 years, with 33% of respondents saying they became members over COVID.
2. Question 2: What is the primary factor that influences your decision about registering for an OLLI course?
 - a. Overwhelmingly 82% of respondents agree **Topic** is the most important factor regarding their course decisions.
3. Question 3: What is the second most important factor that influences your decision about registering for an OLLI course?
 - a. Time of day and length of course were tied for the second most important factor, indicating convenience of the class plays a large role in whether they decide to take it.
4. Question 4: What is the third most important factor that influences your decision about registering for an OLLI course?
 - a. Again, **Time of day, Length of course, and Day of the week** were the highest factors that influence people's decisions on taking courses. **Price** of a course was almost always the lowest factor listed among respondents for why they will take a course.
5. Question 5: With the health information we have today, please rank your comfort level in participating in OLLI programs face-to-face.
 - a. About 75% of respondents indicate they are comfortable with participating in OLLI programs face-to-face. Only 10% of respondents indicated they are uncomfortable with participating in OLLI programs face-to-face.
6. Question 6: How likely are you to take a course by Zoom this fall?
 - a. About 48% of respondents said they were unlikely to take a Zoom class this fall while 28% of respondents said they were likely to take a Zoom class.
7. Question 7: What topics interest you? (top topics ranked by interest)
 - a. South Carolina History- 125 responses
 - b. Travel- 123 responses
 - c. Regional History- 99 responses
 - d. Culinary- 92 responses
 - e. Gardening- 89 responses
 - f. Wellness- 87 responses
 - g. Southern Regional Culture- 83 responses
 - h. Natural History of the Region- 83 responses
 - i. Regional Events- 80 responses

8. Question 8: What aren't we offering? List topics that you would like to see OLLI offer.
 - a. More excursions:
 - i. One day trips, overnight trips
 - b. More art-related trips and classes
 - i. Trips to theaters, musicals
 - ii. Dance classes
 - iii. Wood working
 - iv. Oil painting
 - v. Photography
 - c. Wellness classes
 - i. Tai chi
 - ii. Yoga
 - iii. Chi gong
 - d. More culinary classes
 - i. Plant based cooking
9. Question 9: What teaching methods interest you?
 - a. In order of preference:
 - i. Lectures- 176 reponses
 - ii. Day Trips
 - iii. Hands-on Workshops
 - iv. Outdoor Activities
 - v. Panel of Speakers
 - vi. Discussion Groups
 - vii. Regional Overnight Trips- 70 responses
10. Question 10: What is your preferred length of course?
 - a. One Session- 24%
 - b. Two to Three Sessions- 24%
 - c. Half Day- 19%
 - d. Four to Six Sessions- 15%
 - e. Whole Day- 13%
 - f. More than Six Sessions- 6%
11. Question 11: Where would you like to go? Please list below your bucket list international and domestic destinations?
 - a. All of these destinations had multiple requests:
 - i. Italy
 - ii. Alaska
 - iii. National Parks in Western U.S.
 - iv. England
 - v. Spain
 - vi. Scotland

- vii. Ireland
- viii. Greece
- ix. Canada
- x. Zoo

12. Question 12: Beginning August 1, OLLI and Clemson University Libraries will be partners! Library staff are building a collection of books that will be available for check out at the Cheezem Education center. What topics or titles would you like to see in this outreach library?

- a. History
 - i. Military history
 - ii. American history
 - iii. Southern history
 - iv. Biographies
- b. Travel books
- c. Fiction
- d. Books on CD

13. Question 13: Interested in teaching for OLLI? Know someone you think might make a terrific OLLI instructor?

- a. 16 responses of potential instructors

14. Question 14: What else would you like us to know about your OLLI experience?

- a. Just a few quotes:
 - i. "I truly enjoy the knowledge and fellowship"
 - ii. "OLLI is an important part of my retired life. I've thoroughly enjoyed how it enriches my life"
 - iii. "Have enjoyed every minute of it. I think the folks who get the most out of the experience are those who volunteer and participate in furthering the OLLI agenda- even if only by donating- money, materials, expertise, time. People love to feel a part of their organizations, and OLLI has a wealth of experience in its membership."
 - iv. "Classes that I've attended have been beneficial, rewarding and hosted by great instructors."