



What does my membership include?

Your semester membership includes registration in up to 3 Silver Frog classes that meet for four weeks, up to 3 one time lectures, up to 3 luncheon lectures, special events, campus discounts and more.

How do I register for my membership?

Membership registration dates are announced a few months in advance of the start of the semester and are posted on our website. Current members have priority registration, waitlisted folks have second priority and then remaining slots are opened to the general public.

You can register:

- Online at www.lifelong.tcu.edu (credit card only)
- Phone: 817-257-7132 (credit card only)
- In person (9:00am—5:00pm) at Extended Education, 3015 Merida Avenue, Fort Worth 76109 (credit card or checks made payable to TCU)

Membership will kick off with a meet and greet coffee event prior to the start of classes and lectures each semester.

How do I register for my classes and lectures?

You will receive information prior to the start of the semester about the registration process

You will be able to register online, over the phone (817-257-7132) or stop by Extended Education at 3015 Merida Avenue, Fort Worth 76109. Only Silver Frog members can register for Silver Frog programs!! All course and lecture registrations are based on space availability and are subject to change.

You can select up to:

- 3 four-week classes
- 3 one-time lectures
- 3 luncheon lectures (space may be limited)

The complete semester schedule in the “Schedule-At-A-Glance link and listings with descriptions under Courses and Lectures will be **available prior to the registration dates**

If you need to cancel from a course or lecture, please contact TCU Extended Education at 817-257-7132 as soon as possible so your seat can be made available to others. Due to space constraints, we do not have the luxury of allowing folks to just “visit” a class or lecture.

Do I have to sign up for all my classes and lectures all at once?

You do not need to sign up for your classes and lectures all at once, but registration is on a first-come/first-serve basis, so you may want to do it earlier than later.

Are there any books or supplies I'll need to purchase?

There is no additional cost for classes or lectures. Some courses will have books or materials that you are encouraged to purchase for the class. Some might also have readings to be done in advance of the class.

What if I can't get into the classes or lectures I want?

We hope that everyone is able to register for classes and lectures that interest them. If a class or lecture is full, you can be placed on the wait list. We also encourage everyone to be open to learning new things in subjects you may not be familiar with!

Can I change my classes and lectures?

You can change your classes and lectures on a space available basis prior to the classes/lectures beginning. You must call Extended Education (817-257-7132) or stop in the office to make changes—you cannot do that online. Due to the short number of sessions in a course, you cannot change to another course once the classes begin.

Where do I go for my courses and lectures?

Most courses and one-time lectures will be held in the Secrest Wible Building, Room 119. Secrest Wible is located at 3015 Merida Avenue, Fort Worth, 76109. Some lectures will be held in the Brown-Lupton University Union on Stadium Drive. Luncheon lectures will be held in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, located at 2820 Stadium Drive, Fort Worth, 76109. We do offer some programs at other locations around campus or off-site. We will communicate those location details to you.

Where do I park?

Parking is a challenge at any university campus. There are parking lots adjacent to, across from, and behind the Secrest Wible Building in the Sandage Avenue parking lot (large TCU lot at Sandage/Berry/McCart/West Bowie). You will receive a parking hangtag and map prior to the start of the semester. We encourage you to carpool with fellow Silver Frogs and arrive early to find parking. Your parking hangtag does not guarantee you a parking spot. There is handicapped accessible parking in the nearby lots. Parking in restricted spaces is subject to fines and towing.

Are refreshments available?

Down the hall from the Silver Frogs classroom is a break room where we offer complimentary coffee, tea and hot chocolate. There are vending machines available and snacks. The Brown-Lupton University Union has both cafes and a large dining area where you can purchase coffee, snacks and meals.

How do I register for Special Events and where do I go?

Special events information will be provided to you as all the details are worked out.

What about social activities?

In addition to the scheduled classes and lectures, there may be plans for social activities such as discussion groups, dinner groups, walking groups, etc--it really depends on what Silver Frog members want to do and help make those activities happen--keep your eyes open for upcoming information!

How do Silver Frog classes and programs differ from regular Extended Education offerings?

The Silver Frogs programs are designed for a particular audience and are only open to members. Members will develop a learning community with fellow Silver Frogs. Programs will also be held in a central location which will help foster community as well. In addition, your semester membership means you don't pay for each class or lecture separately—they're included! You can of course still take other Extended Education courses!

Will there be SIGs—Special Interest Groups?

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) foster fellowship and allow members to engage with others who share a common interest. SIGs are member driven and are established and managed by the members who share an interest. Groups meet one to two times a month, but the group could decide what is best for them. Meeting space is up to the SIG coordinators and may be available at the Secrest Wible building if no other course, lecture or meeting is scheduled. Some groups might chose to meet at other locations especially for SIGs whose interest area is in gardening, theater, hiking or art, for example. Silver Frogs and TCU would provide opportunities for SIGs to publicize and promote their activities. Information and printed guidelines would be available and would cover how to establish a SIG and some topics to discuss at an initial organizational meeting. A current Silver Frog membership would be required for regular participation in a SIG. Joining a Special Interest Group (SIG) would not reduce the number of courses and lectures a Silver Frog member can take each semester. Some of the SIGs that are currently meeting at other Lifelong Learning Institutes include the following:

- Conversational Language Groups
- Poetry Lovers Groups
- Beginner and Intermediate Bridge Groups
- A Story Telling Group
- A Texas Hold'Em Poker Group
- A Short Story Writing Group
- Women in U.S. History Discussion Group
- Wine Tasting Groups
- Walking/Hiking Groups
- Art History Groups
- Theater Lovers Groups

These are just a few examples of the SIGs that Silver Frog members might be interested in planning and joining. The possible topics are actually limited only by one's interests and imagination. SIG proposal forms are available on our website.

Can I cancel my membership?

Full refunds will be granted prior to the beginning of classes each semester. Refund requests must be made in writing and directed to TCU Extended Education. Requests for refunds after courses begin will be made on a case-by-case basis. Membership cancellation will also negate Campus Recreation memberships, TCU discounts and Library access. If you need to cancel your semester membership, please contact TCU Extended Education at 817-257-7132.

Do you offer annual memberships?

Since this is a new initiative, we are only offering semester memberships. In the future we may offer annual memberships

What do we do in inclement weather?

The Silver Frogs will follow the TCU decision on whether the campus is open or closed due to inclement weather. Decisions are displayed on major TV networks (ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX), the TCU main website (www.tcu.edu) and the TCU Extended Education website (www.lifelong.tcu.edu). Classes and programs that are impacted by a closing will be rescheduled to another time.

How can I get involved in committees?

Committee involvement is the heart and soul of the TCU Silver Frogs! Opportunities include Curriculum, Special Events, Scheduling, Newsletter, Community Outreach and more! Information will be shared with Silver Frogs about how to get involved.

How are instructors selected?

The Curriculum committee solicits course and lecture proposals months in advance of the semester they're planning. Proposal forms will be listed on the Silver Frog web page and will be available for Fall offerings shortly. The committee reviews all proposals and determines what will be offered based on the quality of the proposal, the experience of the instructor, perceived interest in the topic and overall fit with the program. Selected instructors are then supported by training programs and overviews. Share your interests, talents and areas of expertise!