

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Survey

Spring 2019

Texas Tech University
Fredericksburg Location

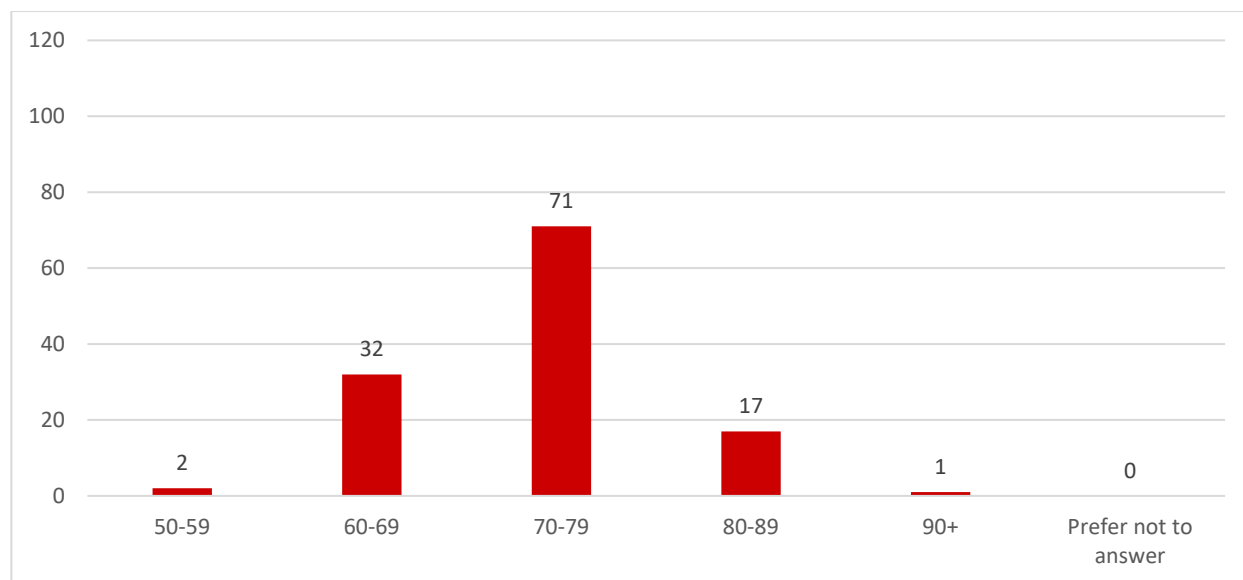
Department of Institutional Research

All OLLI current members.

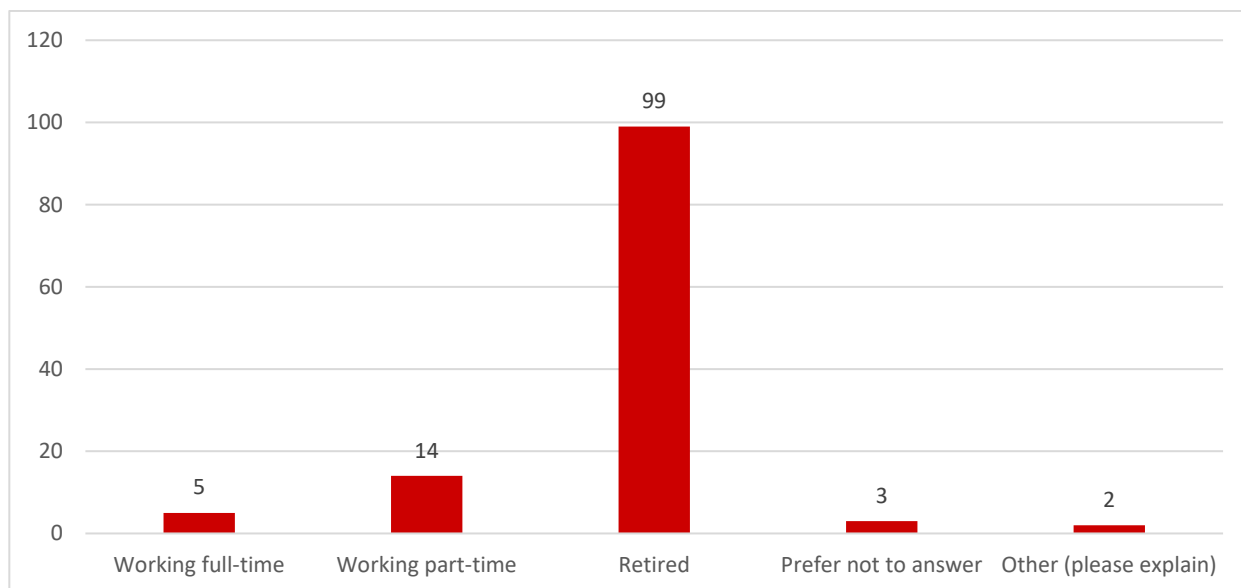
Overall Number of Respondents: 350

Overall Number of Surveys Distributed: 784

Response Rate: 44.64%

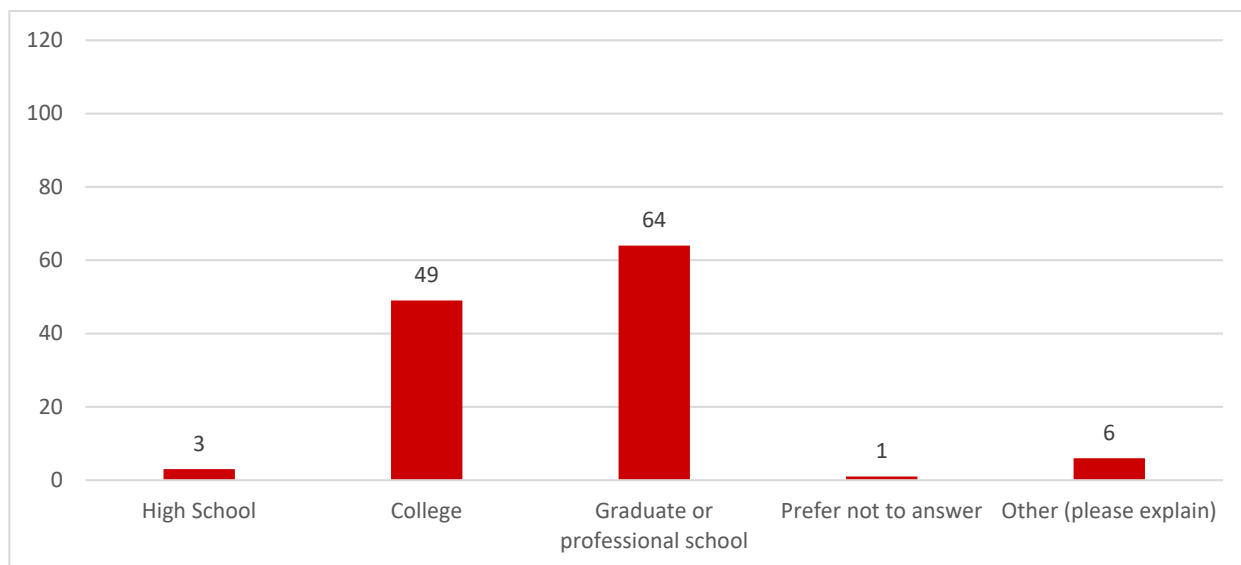
What is your age?

Answer	Responses	%
50-59	2	2%
60-69	32	26%
70-79	71	58%
80-89	17	14%
90+	1	1%
Prefer not to answer	0	0%
Total	123	100%

What is your employment status?

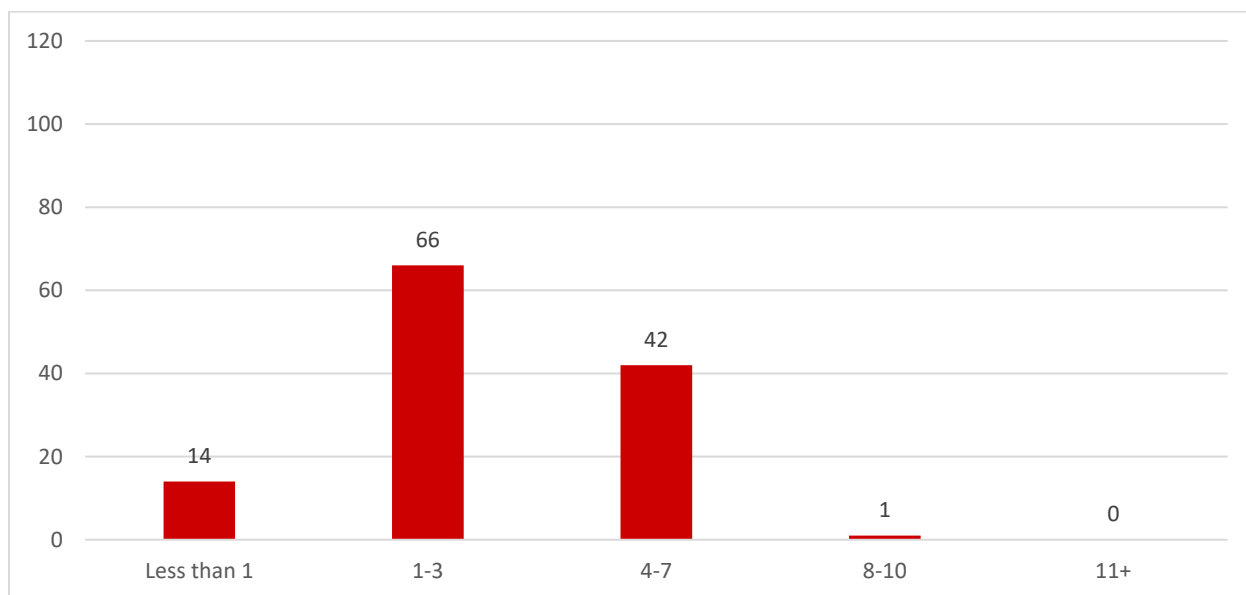
Answer	Responses	%
Working full-time	5	4%
Working part-time	14	11%
Retired	99	80%
Prefer not to answer	3	2%
Other (please explain)	2	2%
Total	123	100%

Other (Please explain)
farming/ranching
retired - working part-time as consultant

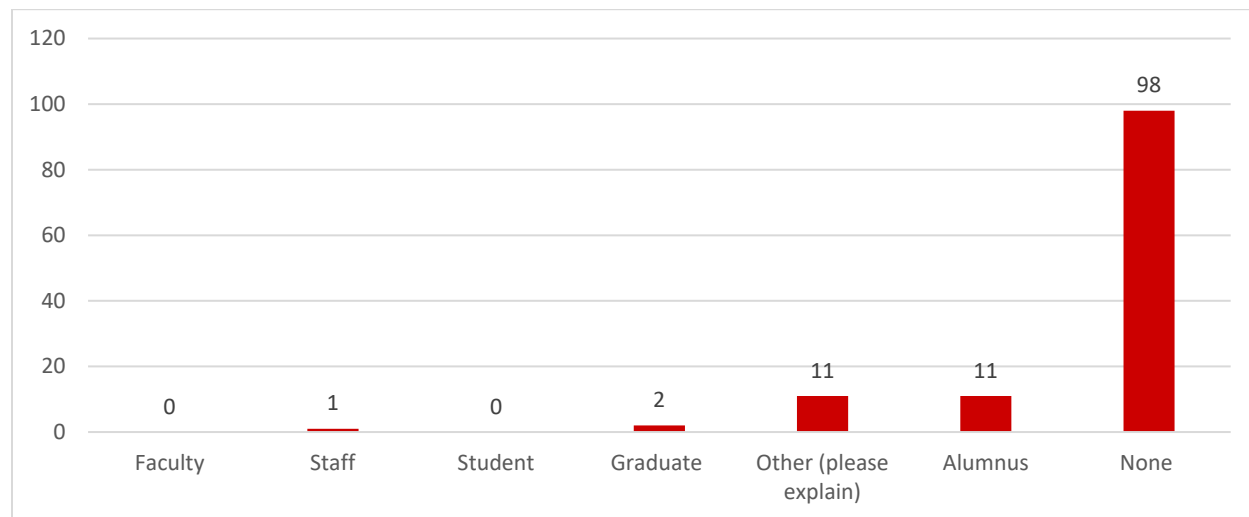
What is the highest level of formal education you have attained?

Answer	Responses	%
High School	3	2%
College	49	40%
Graduate or professional school	64	52%
Prefer not to answer	1	1%
Other (please explain)	6	5%
Total	123	100%

Other (please explain)
business college
Some college
Business College
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Associate Degree
Some college

How many years have you been an OLLI member?

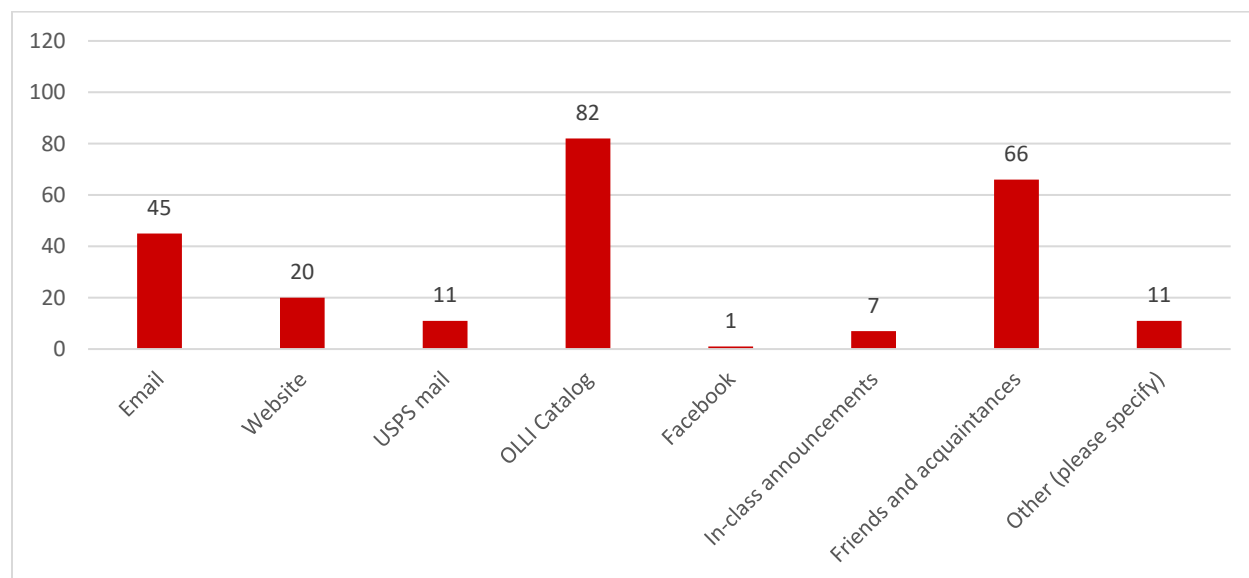
Answer	Responses	%
Less than 1	14	11%
1-3	66	54%
4-7	42	34%
8-10	1	1%
11+	0	0%
Total	123	100%

What formal connection, if any, have you had with TTU?

Answer	Responses	%
Faculty	0	0%
Staff	1	1%
Student	0	0%
Graduate	2	2%
Other (please explain)	11	9%
Alumnus	11	9%
None	98	80%
Total	123	100%

What formal connection, if any, have you had with TTU? Other (please explain)

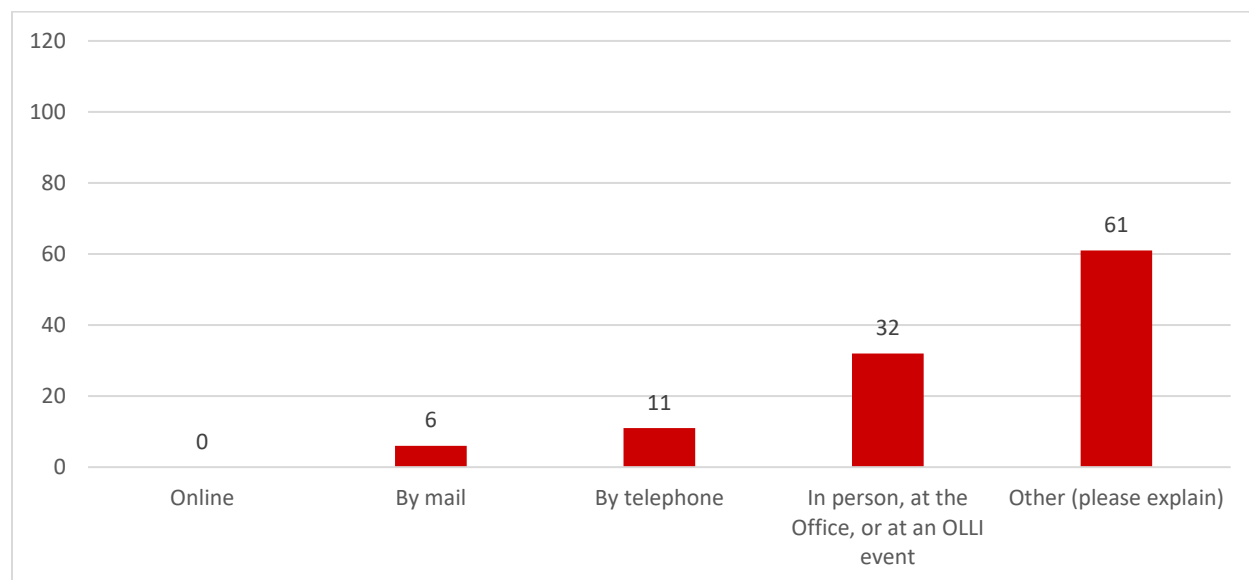
Board
Parent of 3 Tech Graduates
Retiree
donor
I earned 11 semester hours at Teck as it started up in Fredericksburg
OLLI Board Member
Former advisory board member
OLLI Advisory Committee
member plus taught one class
Family members alumni
parent & spouse

How have you learned about OLLI classes and events?

Answer	Responses	%
Email	45	37%
Website	20	16%
USPS mail	11	9%
OLLI Catalog	82	67%
Facebook	1	1%
In-class announcements	7	6%
Friends and acquaintances	66	54%
Other (please specify)	11	9%

How have you learned about OLLI classes and events? Other (please specify)

I was an Advisory Board Member for 5-6 years.	1
founding OLLI board member	1
Newspaper	3
Local newspaper	1
Fredericksburg newspaper	2

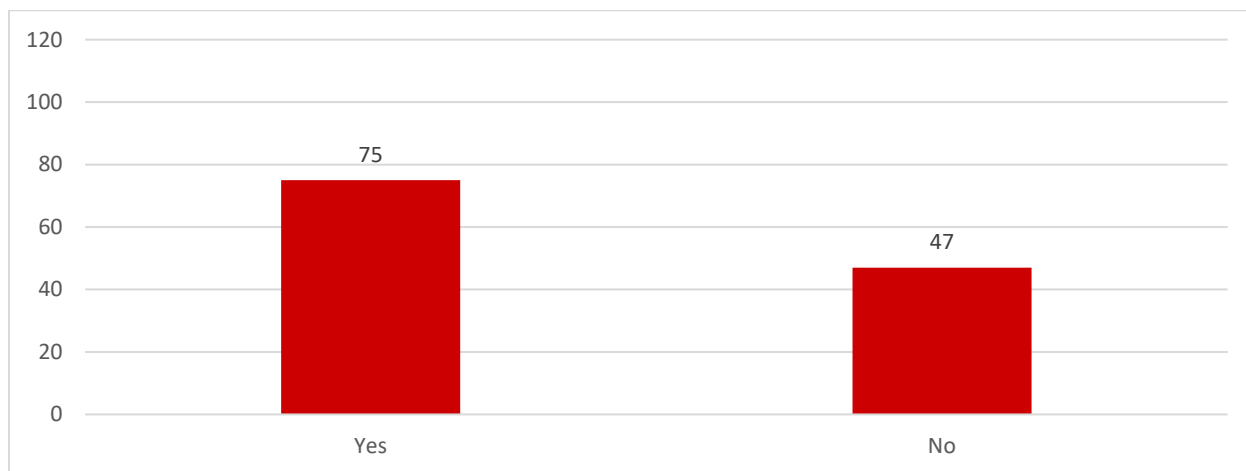
How do you prefer to purchase your membership and register for classes?

Answer	Responses	%
Online	0	0%
By mail	6	5%
By telephone	11	10%
In person, at the Office, or at an OLLI event	32	29%
Other (please explain)	61	55%
Total	110	100%

Other (please explain)
But it is not often possible
No preference, whatever works
spouse registers for us

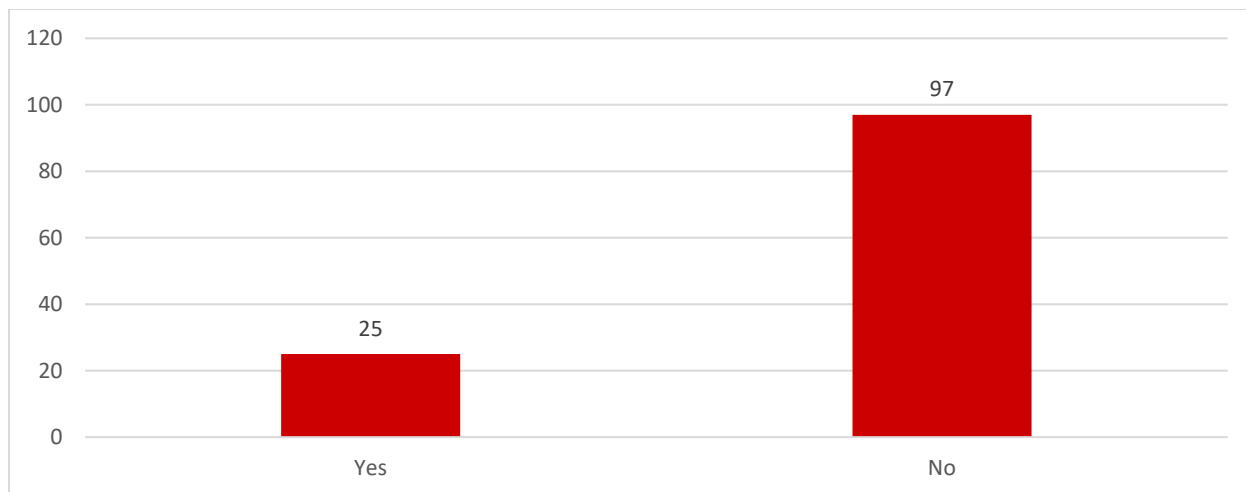
Have you ever visited the OLLI website to buy a membership?

Answer	Responses	%
Yes	71	58%
No	51	42%
Total	122	100%

Have you ever visited the OLLI website to register for a class?

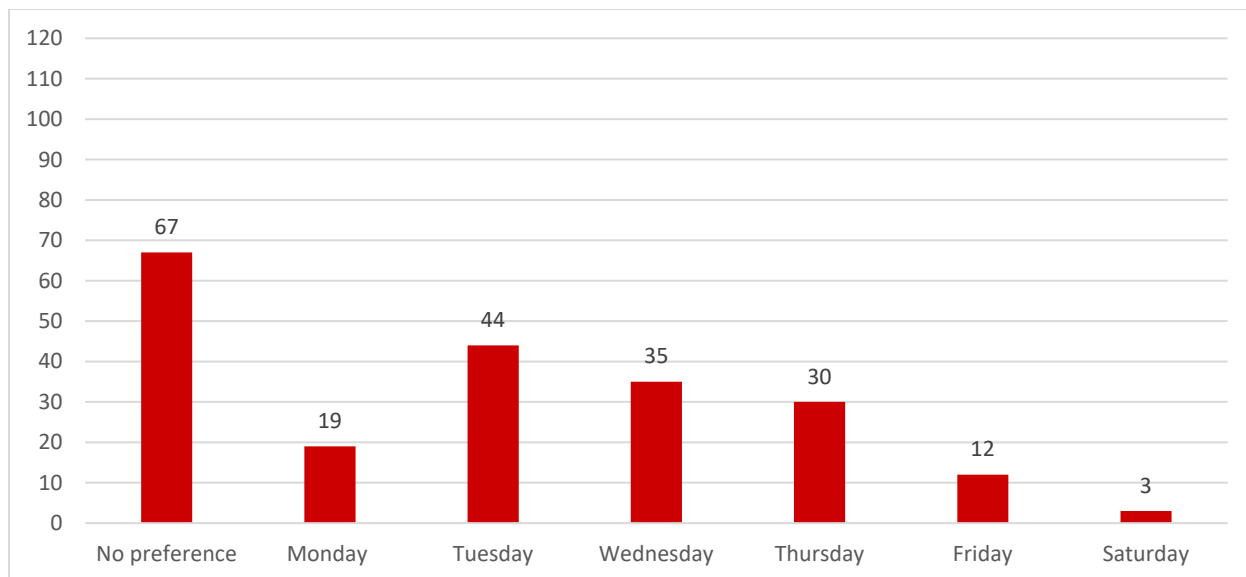
Answer	Responses	%
Yes	75	61%
No	47	39%
Total	122	100%

Would you appreciate having access to hearing "assist" devices for use in classes, if provided?



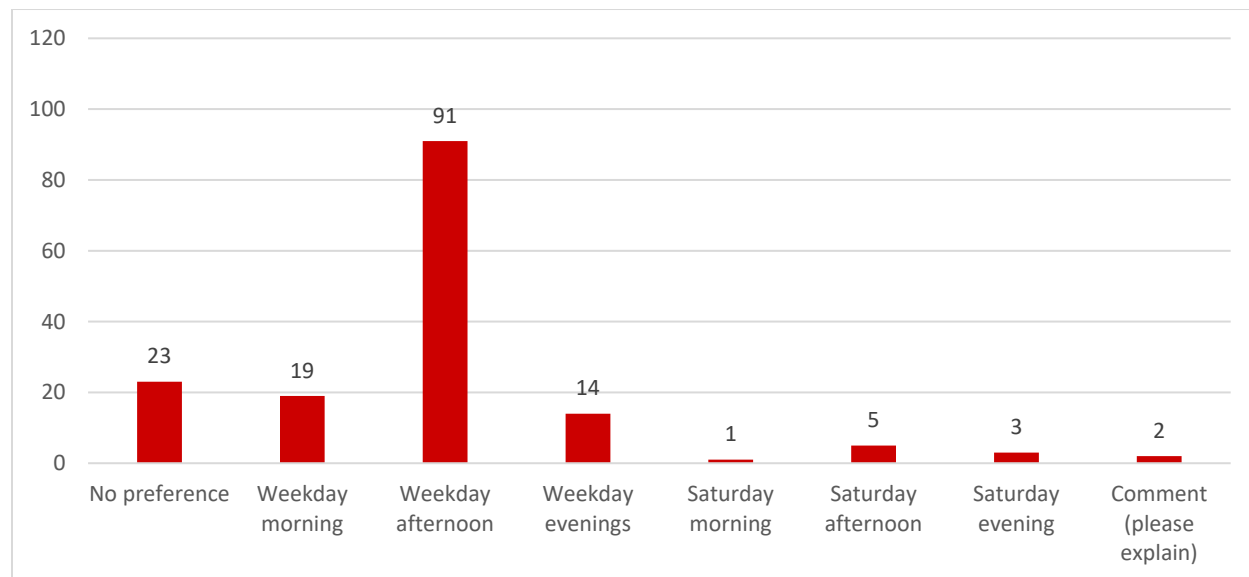
Answer	Responses	%
Yes	25	20%
No	97	80%
Total	122	100%

What days of the week do you prefer for classes to be scheduled? Please check all that apply.



Answer	Responses	%
No preference	67	55%
Monday	19	16%
Tuesday	44	36%
Wednesday	35	29%
Thursday	30	25%
Friday	12	10%
Saturday	3	2%

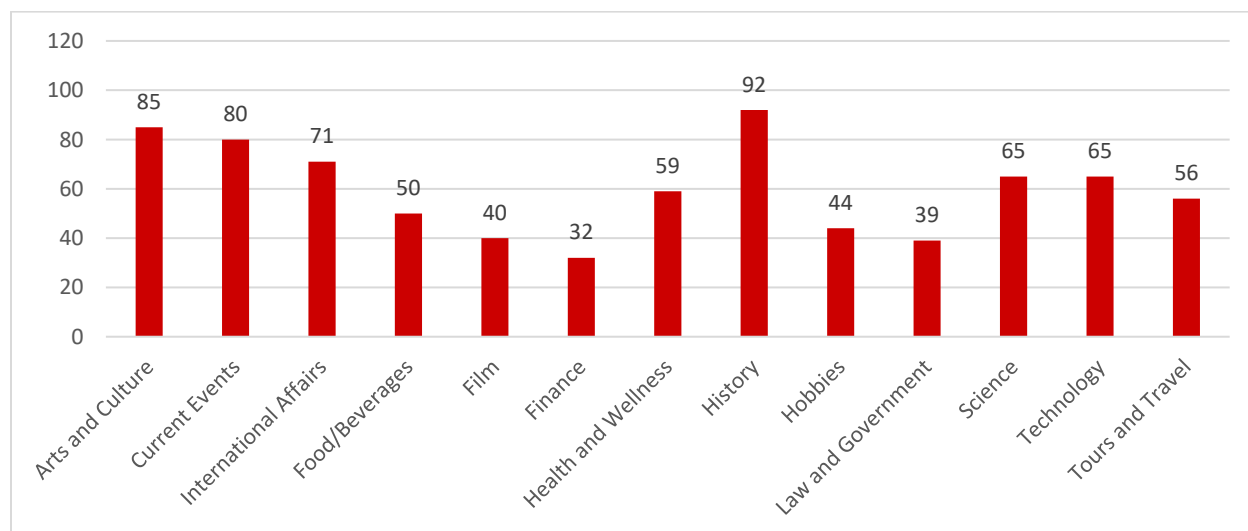
What are the most convenient times of day for you to attend classes? (Not trips or special events) Please check all that apply.



Answer	Responses	%
No preference	23	19%
Weekday morning	19	16%
Weekday afternoon	91	75%
Weekday evenings	14	11%
Saturday morning	1	1%
Saturday afternoon	5	4%
Saturday evening	3	2%
Comment (please explain)	2	2%

Comment (please explain)
varies all the time
Because I travel 2 hours to class, I cannot do late afternoon or evening classes.

OLLI currently offers courses in the following subject matter areas. Please check all of your areas of interest.



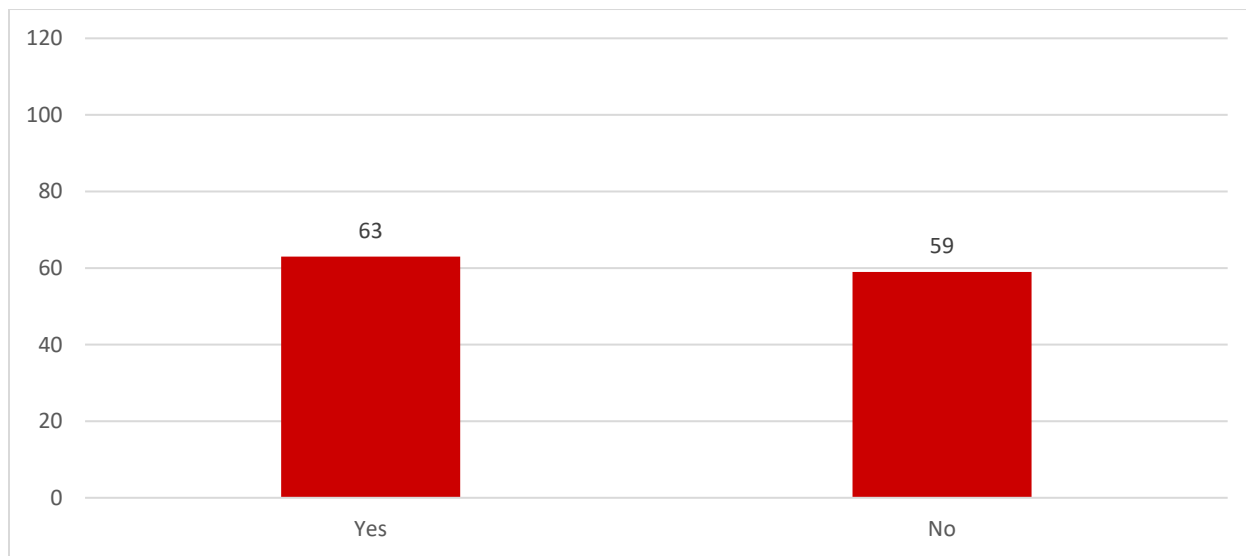
Answer	Responses	%
Arts and Culture	85	70%
Current Events	80	66%
International Affairs	71	58%
Food/Beverages	50	41%
Film	40	33%
Finance	32	26%
Health and Wellness	59	48%
History	92	75%
Hobbies	44	36%
Law and Government	39	32%
Science	65	53%
Technology	65	53%
Tours and Travel	56	46%

Please add any additional subject matter areas you would like us to consider.

Basic Spanish Beginner and advance
comparative religions
Use of Technology
Opera

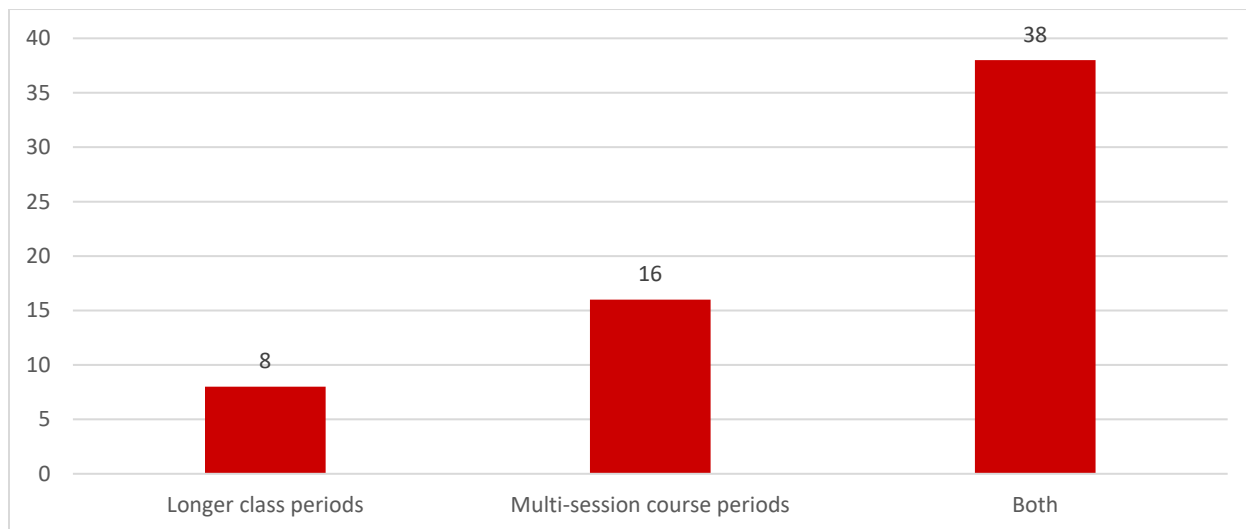
Depends on subject matter
Instructional on computer usage & smartphone/tablet usage

**Currently, most OLLI classes, with the exception of trips, are one time 1.5 hour classes.
Would you like to see more "in depth" course offerings?**



Answer	Responses	%
Yes	63	52%
No	59	48%
Total	122	100%

What "in depth" course offerings would you like to see more of? Please check all that apply.

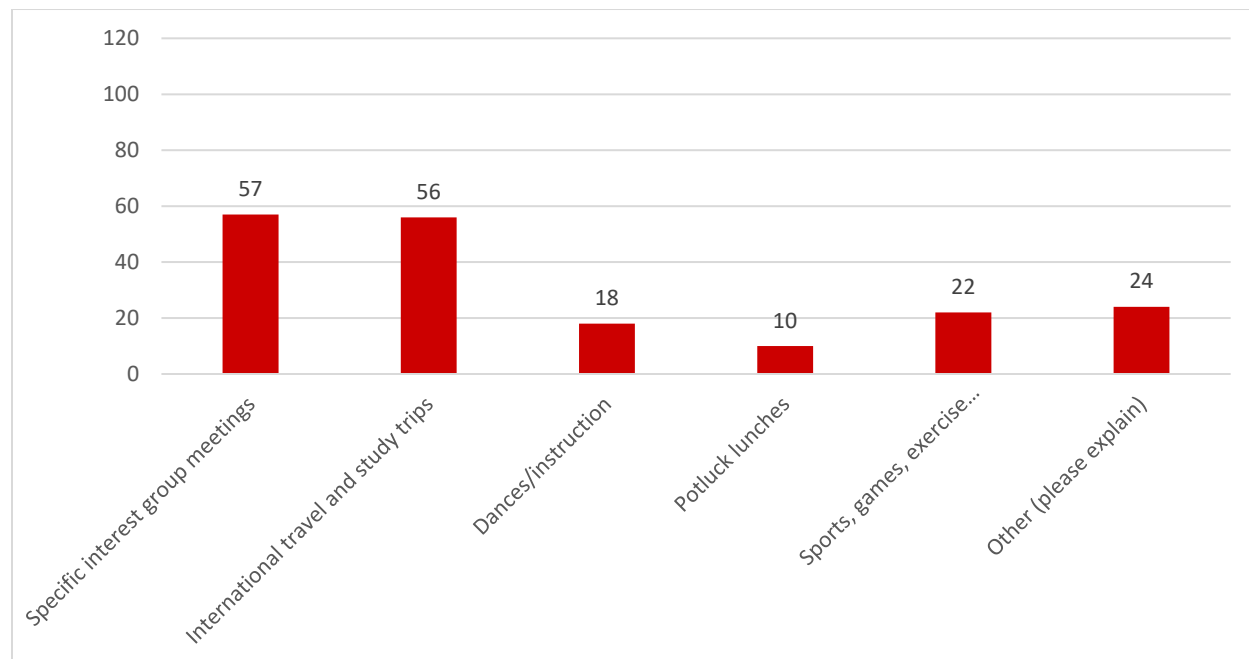


Answer	Responses	%
Longer class periods	8	7%
Multi-session course periods	16	13%
Both	38	31%

Please indicate any specific courses or subject matter areas in which you are interested in more in depth classes or courses.

Beginner spanish/Conversaion spanish levels 1 & 2
Texas History, civics on how the congress passes bills, how to become more active as a citizen with our ellected officials, concerns Texas is facing on immigration, economy, human trafficking , influx of people moving into our state, elder /ageing issues,
History, Science, Geography
none specifically. 1 1/2 hrs is generally too short for a well prepared topic
Literature, current events, art and culture legislation and politics
Beginning and intermediate bridge lessons. Please this would be so wonderful.
Technology/device operations (such as iPhones
Enjoyed Dr Klein's musical classes on theatre & opera.
Government/Political history.
Religions of the world; Texas Rangers history; cyber security; intermediate and more advanced smartphone classes.
History, current events, culture, science
Food, maybe hands on cooking classes; international trade deals, tx culture
History
Arts and culture, history,
Regional geology; wine appreciation; pre-history of the Hill Country
Enology, history, science
World history, art history
at this moment none come to mind
technology, trades ... there is a wealth of experiences in our community - would be interesting to hear about the interesting vocations and innovations that local residents have had ...
History (including local, state, national and international)
retirement issues(health, financial), political history (state and national), international events/issues affecting America.
History. Ecology
Computer usage, applications; smartphone usage
Viticulture, Geology of the area,

Please check all of the programs listed below that you would like to see offered in the OLLI curriculum in addition to the typical course offerings.

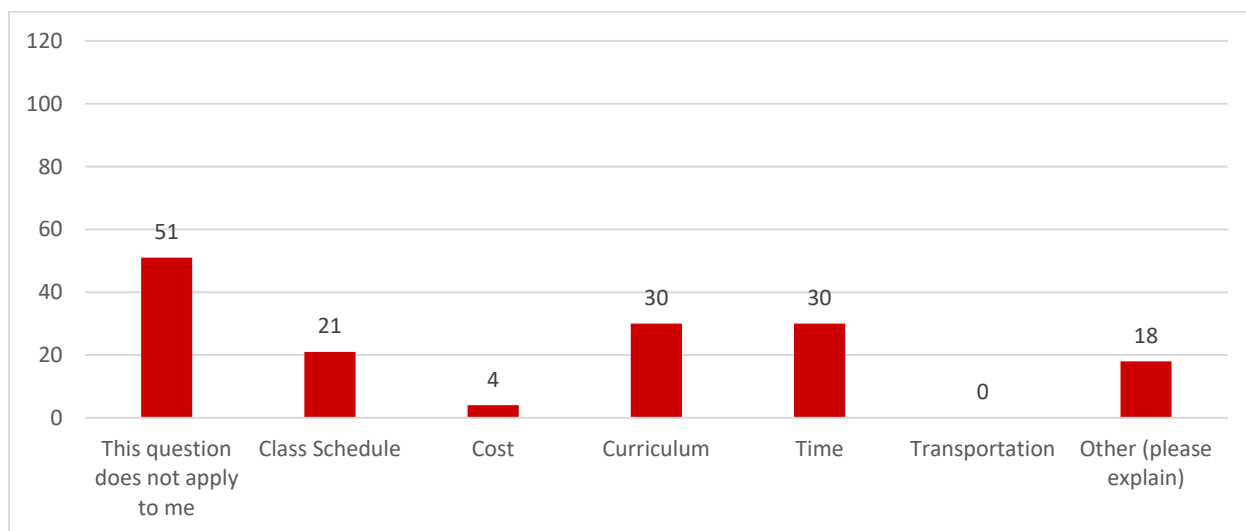


Answer	Responses	%
Specific interest group meetings	57	47%
International travel and study trips	56	46%
Dances/instruction	18	15%
Potluck lunches	10	8%
Sports, games, exercise participation/instruction	22	18%
Other (please explain)	24	20%

Please check all of the programs listed below that you would like to see offered in the OLLI curriculum in addition to the typical course offerings.

Other (please explain)
none of the above...local field trips about relevant classes a better idea to me
Spanish traveler lessons and medical
None
Not interested in those offerings
none
I would also be interested in Majong as a group meeting class.
International Relations
Not applicable
none
Arts oriented field trips
None
creating
None-I really like the classes
I'm happy with what you presently do.
these don't interest me
None of the above
A meal provided following some of the big OLLI offerings or else a Happy Hour
None
none
these sound like Senior Center activities ...
Phone classes
None of the above. Don't want anything but classes.
No other ideas

If you take only one class each semester, what circumstances keep you from taking more? Please check all that apply.

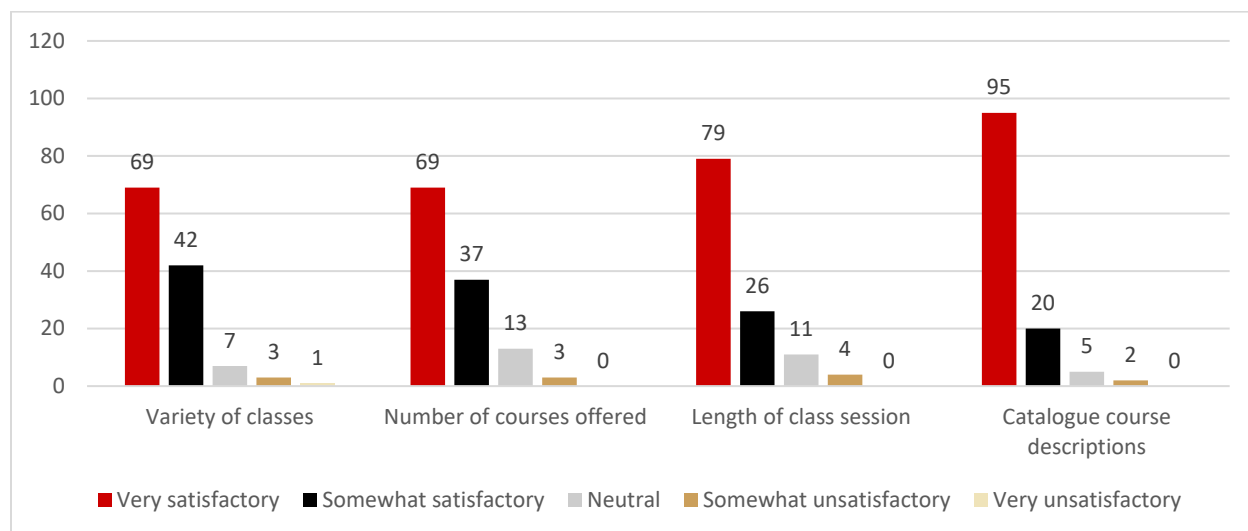


Answer	Responses	%
This question does not apply to me	51	42%
Class Schedule	21	17%
Cost	4	3%
Curriculum	30	25%
Time	30	25%
Transportation	0	0%
Other (please explain)	18	15%

If you take only one class each semester, what circumstances keep you from taking more? Please check all that apply.

Other (please explain)
My travel schedule
Hopefully in the future course offerings some of the more we'll attended courses could be done at two different times like 2:00 and 5:30 so younger or working people could attend. Hopefully the instructor would agree to do that in order to get more students as well as exposure to OLLI.
Too many commitments
I take more than 1 class per semester.
None
My schedule
Work schedule and grandkids
Involved in several other activities.
If online registration is not available, I will not register for classes.
work schedule
Work
I am not local for any site
In 2018 there were health issues
I prefer classes after 2:30! PM
Travel
Travel from Canyon Lake to Marble Falls or Fredericksburg
Work
Take more

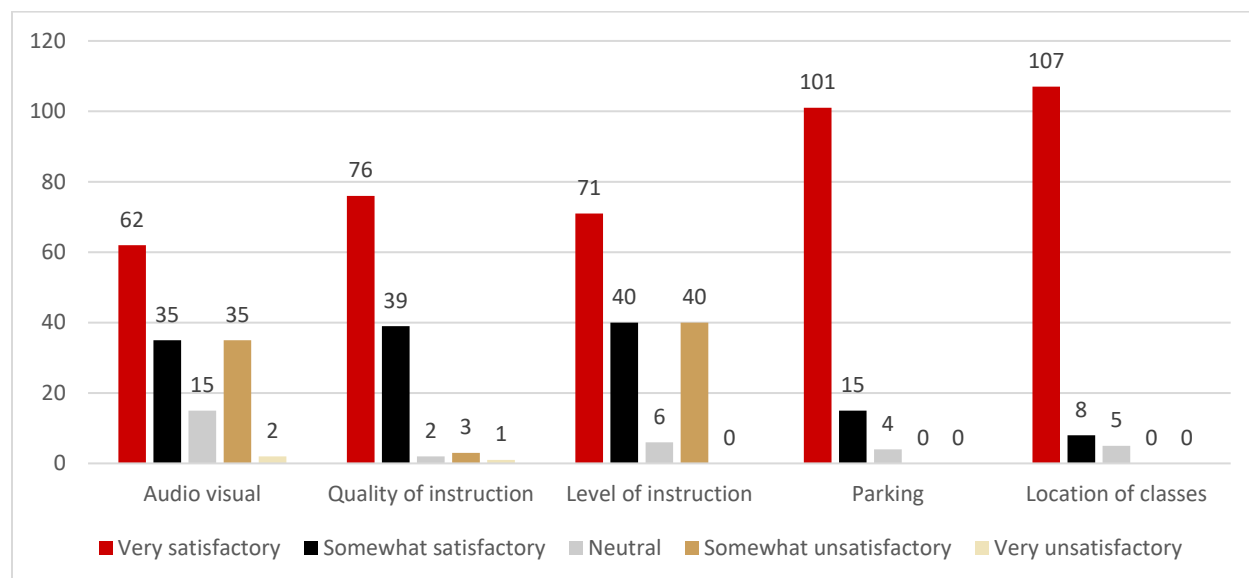
Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of your OLLI course experiences on a scale of very satisfactory to very unsatisfactory.



	Very satisfactory	Somewhat satisfactory	Neutral	Somewhat unsatisfactory	Very unsatisfactory
Variety of classes	69	42	7	3	1
Number of courses offered	69	37	13	3	0
Length of class session	79	26	11	4	0
Catalogue course descriptions	95	20	5	2	0

Statistic	Average	Variance	Standard Deviation	Respondents
Variety of classes	4.43	0.61	0.78	122
Number of courses offered	4.41	0.61	0.78	122
Length of class session	4.50	0.64	0.80	120
Catalogue course descriptions	4.70	0.39	0.63	122

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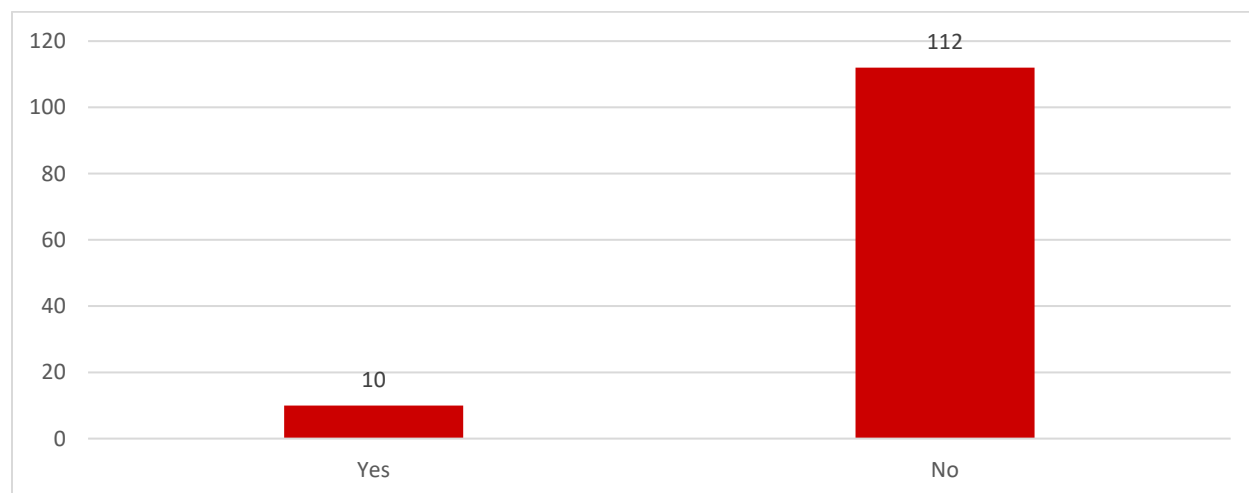


	Very satisfactory	Somewhat satisfactory	Neutral	Somewhat unsatisfactory	Very unsatisfactory
Audio visual	62	35	15	35	2
Quality of instruction	76	39	2	3	1
Level of instruction	71	40	6	40	0
Parking	101	15	4	0	0
Location of classes	107	8	5	0	0

Statistic	Average	Variance	Standard Deviation	Respondents
Audio visual	4.30	0.83	0.91	117
Quality of instruction	4.54	0.53	0.73	121
Level of instruction	4.47	0.55	0.74	121
Parking	4.81	0.22	0.47	120
Location of classes	4.85	0.21	0.46	120

Do you have any additional comments? (Optional)

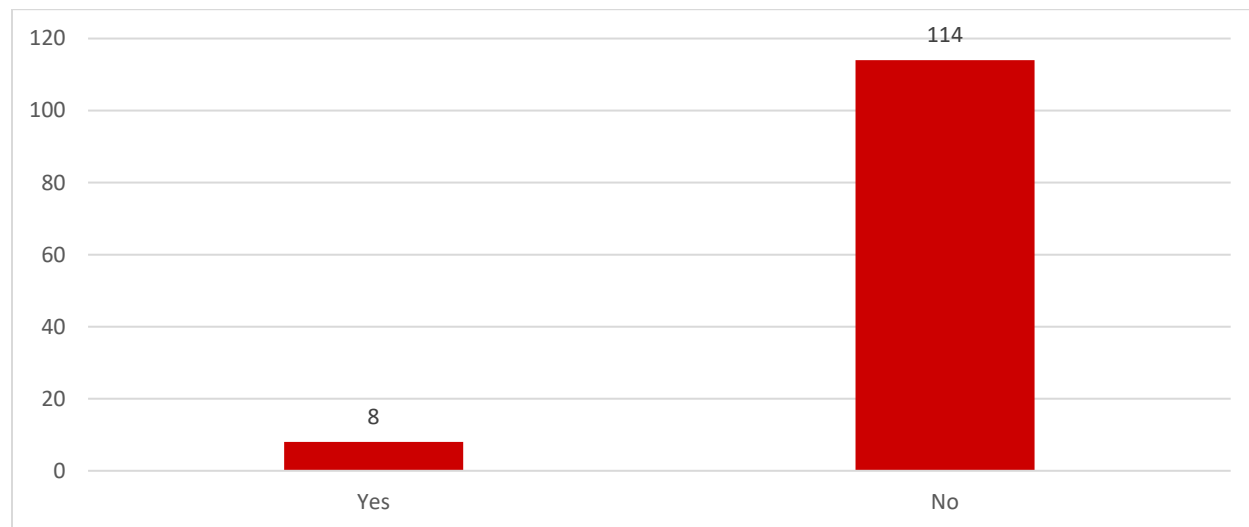
Sound system does not function satisfactorily sometimes
No
It's impressive that so many OLLI board members participate in the OLLI classes.
Audio & computer was not working effectively.
More subject selections/frequency.
On the whole I am satisfied with classes offered
No
Link from Fredericksburg campus to Lubbock campus does not always work.
Thanks for all you do!
I have answered the questions 2 times and it keeps repeating.
No
The only criticism I have is the lack of a microphone. Even in small classrooms, the majority of your participants are older and need sound amplification.
The Fredericksburg campus is very comfortable and easy to use.
Focus on subjects/issues that are of interest to senior citizens as most of participants appear to be in that age group.
Both Fredericksburg and Marble Falls have excellent facilities.
I felt that some of the instructors did not align with the class descriptions.

Do you have areas of special interest in which you could: Teach a course?

Answer	Responses	%
Yes	10	8%
No	112	92%
Total	122	100%

Do you have areas of special interest in which you could: Teach a course?

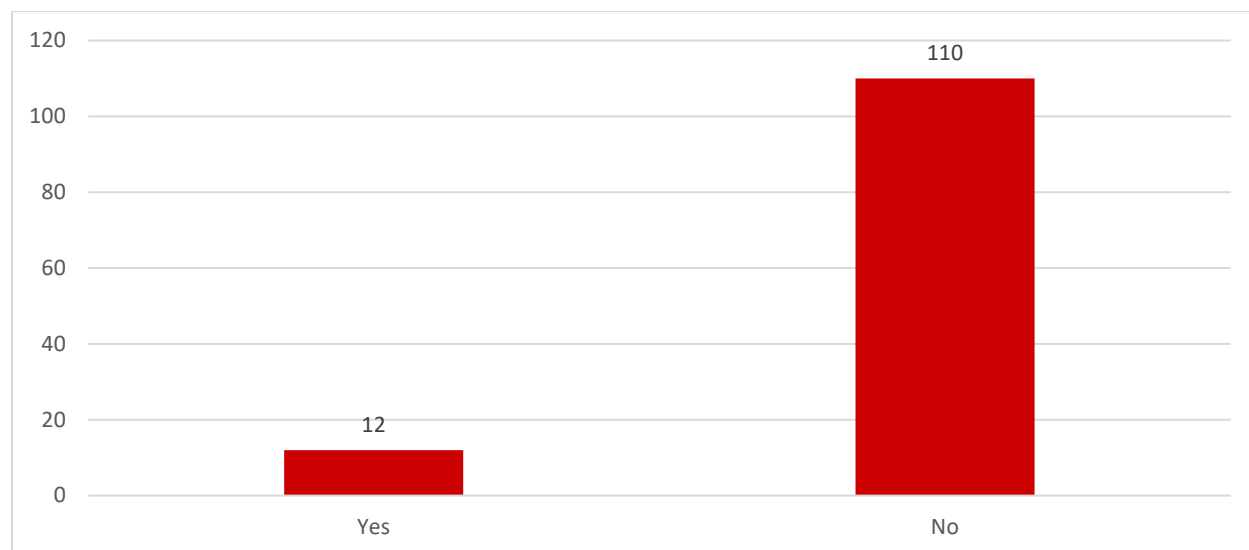
Subject
marketing, consumer issues, international, Latin America, US multicultural markets
Music, Higher Education
Geography, history,
International trade
Native plant landscaping and appreciation
History of Satellite Meteorology, How to fly a NASA space mission - from inception to flight,
The amazing world of chromo-lithographic advertising/education in the 19th century,
Computer usage
Avoiding the Dark Side - Online Security For the Technologically Challenged
Weaving

Do you have areas of special interest in which you could: Moderate a discussion?

Answer	Responses	%
Yes	8	7%
No	114	93%
Total	122	100%

Do you have areas of special interest in which you could: Moderate a discussion?

Subject
same as above
same
Geography, history
International relations, trade, business topics

Do you have skills that you are willing to share with OLLI?

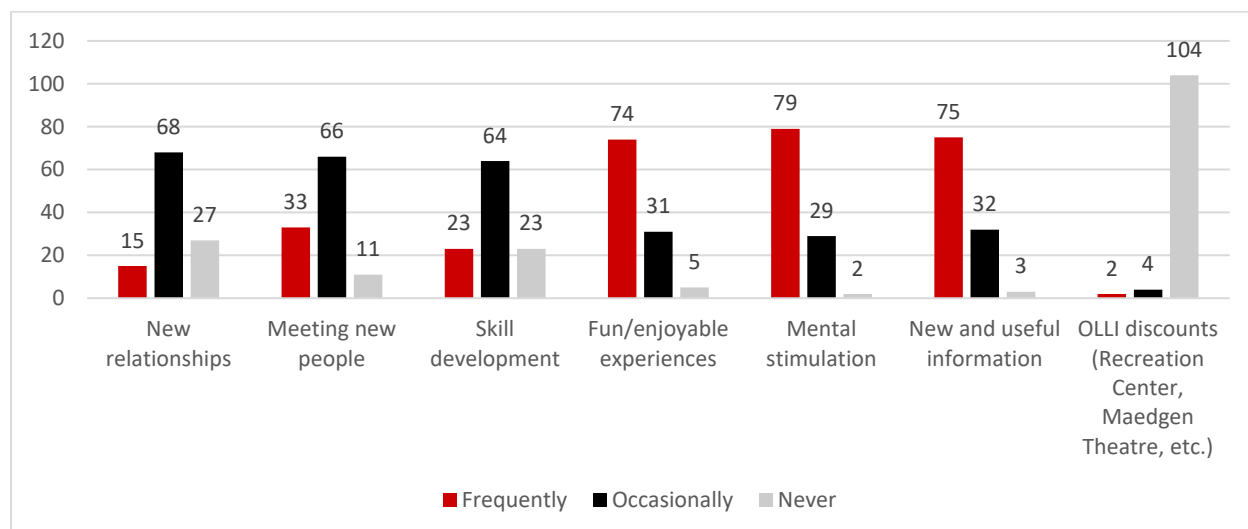
Answer	Responses	%
Yes	12	10%
No	110	90%
Total	122	100%

What skills are you willing to share with OLLI? Please check all that apply.

Answer	Responses
Office staffing, phone	1
Computer	3
Photography	0
Writing	1
A/V equipment	0
Marketing	3
Other (please explain)	4

Other (please explain)
Board
currently serving
Inviting others to contribute to OLLI's \$7.5K endowment at The Community Foundation.
OLLI has requested courses which I have been pleased to provide in Lubbock and the Hill Country sites

Please indicate how often you have experienced the following potential benefits of OLLI membership.



	Frequently	Occasionally	Never	Respondents
New relationships	15	68	27	110
Meeting new people	33	66	11	110
Skill development	23	64	23	110
Fun/enjoyable experiences	74	31	5	110
Mental stimulation	79	29	2	110
New and useful information	75	32	3	110
OLLI discounts (Recreation Center, Maedgen Theatre, etc.)	2	4	104	110

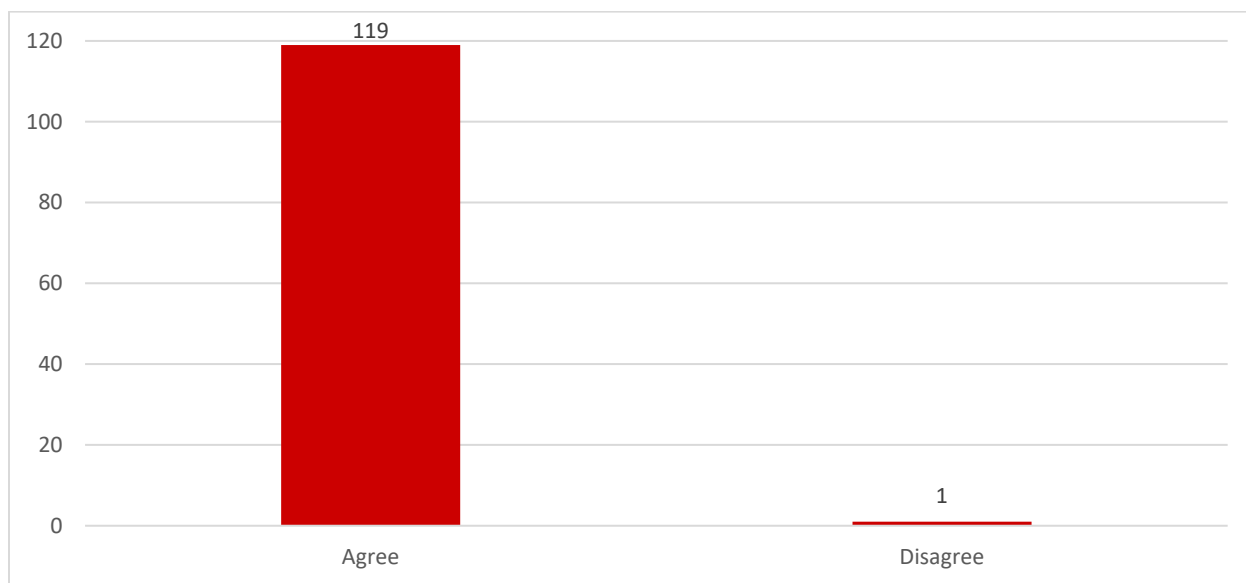
What other benefits of membership would you like to see OLLI offer? (Optional)

looking for courses and interesting content-not really after benefits
more options for classes
Broader scope and more in depth courses
Offering good classes
Discount on courses if a certain # of classes are registered
Local tours of interest. Galleries, shows, museums, events, etc.see
OK as it is.
No ideas on this
Day trips to places of interest in Austin/san Antonio - galleries, museums, entertainment events. etc.

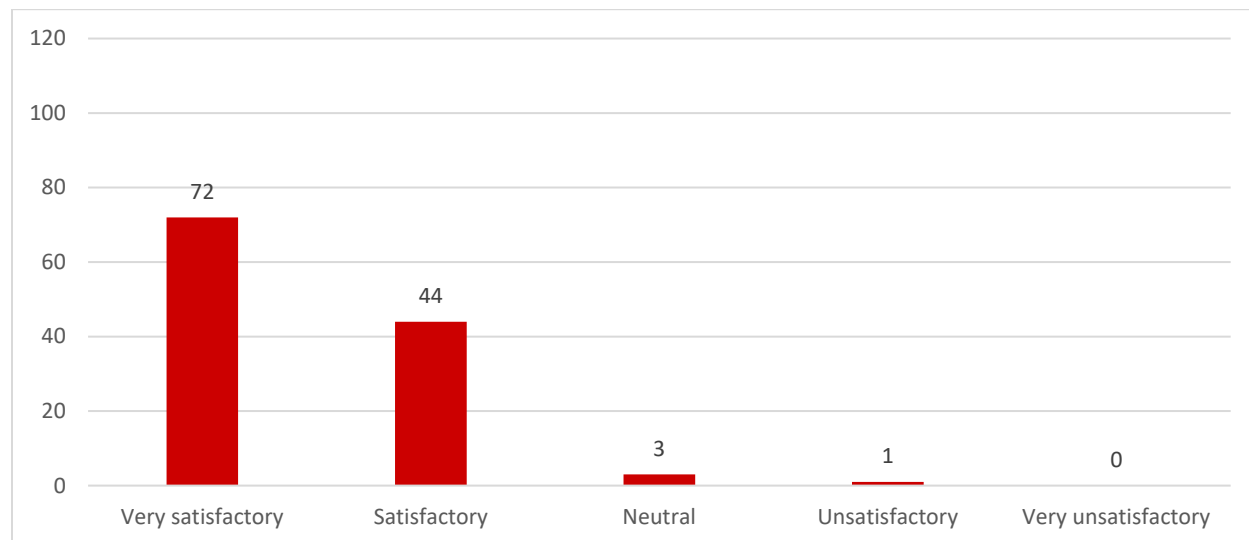
**How could we make OLLI more attractive to current and prospective members?
(Optional)**

Find marketing tools to reach more people. Some still don't know what OLLI is.
Offer and schedule classes of interest to and convenient for working people in the 50-65 category
After s class presentation and at the introductory dinners reall emphasize the students to list on the questionnaire their interests or courses they would like to see.
Keep good courses coming.
Free beer
Wider marketing (although I don't know how to do that)
Get online registration to make it more user friendly. Too much confusion.
See above.
Put in FBG rmsilnupdstes
Keep teaching interesting classes on a variety of subjects with qualified instructors
Make sure your online registration in Fredericksburg works.
N/A
Continue to make all efforts to get the word out. Still unknown by many in our community despite efforts
It's amazing and sooo good.
focus on issues of interest to senior citizens
Mote social events
Groups seem to know each other and not mix much with out-of-towners
Make the historical classes more in depth - for example, the Texas Ranger classes were more storytelling than factual.
Different Courses Offered

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "OLLI is a good value for my investment of time and money."



Answer	Responses	%
Agree	119	99%
Disagree	1	1%
Total	120	100%

My overall evaluation of the OLLI program is:

	Very satisfactory	Satisfactory	Neutral	Unsatisfactory	Very unsatisfactory
My overall evaluation of the OLLI program is:	72	44	3	1	0

Statistic	Average	Variance	Standard Deviation	Respondents
My overall evaluation of the OLLI program is:	4.56	0.35	0.59	120

Please add any other comments you may have about OLLI programs. (Optional)

Through my years on the Advisory Board here in Fredericksburg, I understand the challenges we face in providing interesting programs and reaching out to the target audience. I don't know if I have any ideas to attract more interest that we haven't already tried.
I would like to see Basic/everyday Spanish class's and intermediate. Since we are so close to Latin America and so many travel in Latin America and locals.
If possible share the results of this survey at a later date and list the things that the OLLI program will endeavor to do as a result of the findings.
No
I believe that many people would be interested in classes that meet on a regular basis and teach a more in depth subject. Music , literature and games such as Bridge or Majong would be a wonderful addition to the curriculum and encourage people to attend for a full term.
I just joined. Been to one class. Very good. Hope to attend more in the future. Time constraints
Please improve software to allow registration of classes online.
Programs relating to senior interests such as tax issues, retirement options, health plans, investment considerations, trust plans, etc. Those subjects/issues targeted to the universal concerns of senior/retired persons with question/answer opportunities for participants!
Wonderful to have an OLLI program in Fredericksburg.
Keep up the good work!
I am a new participant in OLLI, But what I have experienced is a good thing!
see above re senior issues of interest
Keep up the great job! We love OLLI!
The "Oscars" class is great; loved the trip to The Preserve to see the elephants. Have been disappointed with some of the "history" type classes. The Iphone training class was poor.

If you wish to discuss your thoughts further with someone, please call the office at 806-742-6554...Name (optional)

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Gary Tabor
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