

Center 4Life Learning

Nonaccredited Adult Education School 2025 Fall Semester begins October 6

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INTRODUCTION

The Center 4Life Learning's purpose is to serve the local community and surrounding South Shore area by offering non-credited adult educational courses in a broad variety of subjects. It is our goal to inform, entertain, and inspire all students with the intellectual stimulation they seek. All courses are offered by qualified instructors from the local community in an informal and relaxed environment. Courses are presented in person at our campus located at the *United Methodist Church of Sun City Center*. In addition to our courses, the Center 4Life Learning offers fun and exciting day trips and tours to venues and events in central Florida.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- The school offers three semesters of classes each year.
- Regular courses are \$50.00 for six 90-minute classes. Some courses accept walk-ins for \$17.00. Walk-ins pay in advance at the *Center 4Life Learning* office. Some courses cost more or less as noted in each course description. Attendance for some of our courses is limited, as shown in each course description.
- Classes and trips can be ordered online at our website www.sccumc.com/4lifelearning. We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express.
- If you prefer, you can complete a manual order form. Additional mail order forms, course descriptions, informational trifolds, and trip fliers may be picked up at *the Center 4Life Learning* office or in the church lobby at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center.
- You can pay by mail or drop off your order with your check at the Center 4Life Learning office (Do not mail cash.).
- You can pay in person at the Center 4Life Learning office by credit card, check, or cash.
- Refunds are only made for health emergencies or if the class is cancelled. Our instructors have the option to cancel a class due to low registration.
- As soon as we receive your order, we will send a registration confirmation to you. When a class is full, you will be notified and added to a waitlist. Your money will be returned.
- All our classes are non-accredited. Our instructors' curriculums and programs are planned and implemented independent of our church. All class materials and opinions of the instructors are not to be construed as that of the church. Center 4Life Learning does not endorse any products.

MONDAY CLASSES

BEGINNERS CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH LEVEL II (173)

Mondays, 8:30 – 10:00 (6 Classes 10/6 – 11/10) in Room 11

Tuition \$50

Limited to 10

Students will continue to learn basic vocabulary and verb structure that will enable them to converse on an elementary level. The class will hopefully find a comfort level with the above through dialogue with other class members. Continued practice will be encouraged during the week using handouts, internet resources, and a textbook. Course will use textbook: Carson Dellosa Skills for Success, Spanish Workbook for Middle School and High Schools Students.

The textbook is \$16.00, payable to Center 4Life Learning on October 6th. The textbook may also be purchased in advance at the Center 4Life Learning office.

Hud Richard is a retired Roman Catholic priest who spent 10 years in two inner-city Hispanic parishes in Connecticut (Hartford and New Haven) where he conducted services and some pastoral duties in Spanish. Besides the usual high school and college courses (especially the advanced conversional course at Boston College), he spent two summers in intensive language courses. The first was in Cuernavaca, Mexico where he lived with a Mexican family. (Four students in the class.) The second was Middlebury, Vermont, in their International Language School. He taught Spanish (beginning/advance) for two years in a parish elementary school in Connecticut. He also taught an informal class at Kings Point, Sun City Center at the request of some residents. For three years, Hud has taught beginners and intermediate conversational Spanish classes for the Center 4Life Learning.

SIGN LANGUAGE (107)

Mondays, 10:30 - 12:00 (6 Classes 10/6 - 11/10) in Room 12

Tuition \$50

Limited to 12

You will learn the manual alphabet, numbers, and basic signs to communicate with the hard of hearing and the deaf.

The book <u>Signing Made Easy</u>, by Rod R. Butterworth and Mickey Florin is required for the class. It can be purchased at Barnes and Noble or online at amazon.com

Bonnie DeVagno taught school for 25 years and taught sign language at Western Connecticut State University for 13 years before retiring to Florida in 2006.

UFOs – WE'RE NOT ALONE & THEY'RE HERE – NOW WHAT? (205)

Mondays, 1:00 - 2:30, (4 Classes on 10/6 - 10/27) in Room 30

Tuition \$45

Walk- in Friendly, \$17. Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

The global sightings of UFOs have forced the US government to finally openly admit that UFOs exist and that they're here. Beyond this disclosure the government has remained silent, leaving many questions unanswered. In this course we will be discussing documented UFO case studies, the continuing government coverup, human abductions, implants, animal mutilations and finally alien contact. At the end of the course, you will have a better understanding of this phenomenon and be left with even more unanswered questions.

Martin Lambert holds a master's degree in education and taught social studies for seven years before becoming a CPA and CFP. He then taught accounting and taxation at the university level for ten years.

MONDAY CLASSES (continued)

UNDERSTANDING MODERN ART (211)

Mondays, 10:00 – 11:30, (6 Classes 10/6 – 11/10) in Room 30 **Tuition \$50**

Walk- in Friendly, \$17. Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

Traditional art often prioritizes realism and detailed representation, while modern art embraces experimentation, abstraction, and a wider range of materials and concepts. Sometimes difficult to understand, modern art challenges traditional norms and societal values, often reflecting the artist's individual expression and contemporary issues. This course is designed to make the world of modern art more accessible to the viewer.

Bill Ebert retired as a high school teacher specializing in *Twentieth Century U.S. History* and *Holocaust and Genocide* in 2024. Over the course of his career, Bill earned B.A.s in Biology, Chemistry, Education and Art History and a M.A. in American History. Concurrently, he was an adjunct with Camden County College as a professor for The Center for Civic Leadership and Responsibility. In that position, Bill taught wide-ranging social history courses to adults on various topics such as the evolution of graffiti, the relationship of social dance to social movements, man's historical relationship to the food he eats, and others. He looks forward to sharing his education and research with the Sun City Community.

TUESDAY CLASSES

BEGINNING CALLIGRAPHY (141)

Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 (5 Classes 10/14 - 11/11) Creason Hall

Tuition \$47

Limited to 15

Participants will experience using the ancient dip pen and ink style to draw letters, learn faux calligraphy using various graphite and pens, and finally, modern calligraphy using brush pens. Participants will learn the differences between paper types and experience how to use the correct instruments with the appropriate paper type. This class is highly participative, and participants will have lettering samples to take home after every class meeting.

There is a required materials charge of \$20, payable to the instructor on October 14.

Julia Macek, a self-taught professional calligrapher and paper craft artist, is originally from San Jose, California. Her calligraphic work includes hundreds of wedding envelopes, party invitations, name plates, signs, and seating charts on any number of media. Julia uses her iPad, apple pencil and Cricut cutting machine to elevate the breadth of work she creates. She often marries her love for calligraphy with her love for quilling to create award-winning artwork, featuring the natural beauty of Florida.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY (444)

Tuesdays, 3:00 - 4:30 (6 Classes, 10/7 - 11/11) in Room 12

Tuition \$50

Limited to 12

Are you curious or perhaps fascinated by your family's history and want to uncover the stories of your ancestors? Your instructor will cover the ins and outs of the two largest genealogical websites with their vast collection of records. She will cover both the Family Search and Ancestry websites. Other valuable websites will be covered also along with the sources from the Hillsborough County Library.

You are encouraged to bring a fully charged laptop to each class.

Judy Lee has studied genealogy for over 30 years and has searched for at least 20 different families. Judy uses Family Tree Maker and Ancestry for most of her online searches. She will furnish many handouts for the students.

TUESDAY CLASSES (continued)

END-OF-LIFE CARE PLANNING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY (180)

Tuesdays, 10:00 – 12:00, (3 Classes, 10/7 - 10/21) in Room 19

Tuition \$37

Limited to 15

Are you prepared to deal with the medical, legal and emotional issues that are inevitable at the end of life? Do you know what a healthcare proxy really does? How do you ensure your values are respected in a medical crisis? What's the difference between palliative care and hospice and when should either be considered? How do you effectively communicate with doctors under stressful circumstances? This course will give you the tools to approach the end-of-life process with clarity and confidence.

Lisa Ahbel, RN has recently retired to Sun City Center from Massachusetts. She has years of experience in Hospice and Palliative care, in addition to working with patients in long-term care facilities, in doctor's offices, in urgent care clinics and in their own homes. She is passionate about helping people to craft end-of-life plans which allow them to live their lives fully with quality, comfort, and peace. Lisa is an experienced workshop presenter and is also available for individual consultation.

INVESTMENT, ESTATE, AND TAX PLANNING (206)

Tuesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 (3 Classes, 10/21 - 11/4) in Room 19

Tuition \$37

ATTENTION: \$5 tuition fee for the first 20 students who register for this three-week course. To promote financial literacy, this course is being subsidized by *Baird Private Wealth Management*.

- Overview of Investments and Markets: Learn the basics of the capital markets and forces that cause stocks and bonds to fluctuate. Understand how the Fed, the markets, and the economy interact.
- Taxes, Estates, Probate and Trusts: Simplify life for your survivors. Plan for the efficient transfer of assets during your life and at death. Understand wills, trusts, and steps to reduce your tax liability.
- **Evaluating Special Situations**: Retirement plans; Taxable versus Tax Free Investments; managing your portfolio rationally.
- **Investment Strategies**: Updating your investment portfolio and understanding the markets in today's volatile economy.

(Informational purposes only. Contact your Tax Advisor/Estate Planner for more information.)

Rudy Fernandez, CFP® has practiced in the financial services industry since 1982. Rudy works with businesses and individuals, guiding them to achieve their financial objectives. His years of experience have given him a depth of knowledge--particularly in the field of Retirement Planning. Rudy earned his degree in Accounting at the University of Notre Dame. Since 1987, he has taught courses dealing with current financial and economic issues at Hillsborough Community College, at USF Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and at Center 4Life Learning. A highly active member of the Tampa Bay community, Rudy was elected to the Tampa City Council in 1991. During his time as a council member, he served as Finance Chairman for eight years. Rudy has also served on many other civic boards throughout the area. Rudy is known for his clear, concise way of communicating complicated topics in an understandable manner. Rudy was recently recognized by Shook Research as a 2024 and 2025 FORBES Best-In-State Wealth Advisors. 2025 recognition published on 4/8/25. Rankings based on data as of 6/30/24.

TUESDAY CLASSES (continued)

PLANT-POWERED LIVING: A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO VIBRANT HEALTH (161)

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 2:30, (2 Classes, 10/7 - 10/14) in Room 19

Tuition \$25

Discover the power of plants and the wisdom of holistic living in this uplifting and educational class. Designed for those curious about a plant-based lifestyle or looking to deepen their wellness journey, this class explores how food, mindset, and natural healing work together to support whole-body health.

We'll cover the essentials of plant-based nutrition, meal planning made simple, natural detox tips, and daily habits that nourish your body, mind, and spirit. You'll also learn how to tune into your body's signals, reduce inflammation, boost energy naturally, and cultivate a more balanced, vibrant life—one meal and mindful step at a time.

Shirley Sullivan is a holistic nutritionist and wellness educator passionate about the healing power of plants. With a focus on whole-food, plant-based living, she along with the Wellness Warriors she has partnered with to empower others to take control of their health through simple, sustainable lifestyle changes.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

ANDROID SMARTPHONES & TABLETS (428)

Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:30 (3 Classes 10/29 - 11/12) in Room 30

Tuition \$35

Limited to 15

This three-day course will review and demonstrate the many uses of these devices. Many of these uses depend on Internet resources, so connecting to the Internet, and downloading Apps will be a focus, along with many basic device settings. The course will demonstrate how these devices can help you to: check your email, take and share pictures, transfer your pictures to your computer, read a book, watch a movie, listen to music, and play games. Apps determine what the device can do, so the class will concentrate on basic Apps such as *Google Playstore, Email, Calendar, Photos, Camera*, and *Settings*. Apps that expand the use of the device, such as *GoogleDrive, Photos*, and *Maps*, will also be discussed and demonstrated. A basic knowledge of your device is expected.

Phil Sorrentino is the secretary of the *Sun City Center Computer Club* and a past president of the *Sarasota Computer Users Group*. He has taught a variety of beginner and advanced computer classes and writes a monthly computer article for both organizations' newsletters. Phil is an electrical engineer and has worked at developing computer hardware and software for his entire career.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES (continued)

ROCK, REASON & REVOLUTION: PHILOSOPHY YOU ALREADY KNOW BY HEART (214)

Wednesday, 10:30 - 12:00 (3 Classes 10/8 - 10/22) in Room 30

Tuition \$35

Walk-in Friendly, \$17. Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

Think philosophy is too abstract or serious to enjoy? Think again! In this three-part course, we'll explore the big ideas; freedom, fairness, truth, and responsibility, not through dense books but through the unforgettable rock, pop, and soul hits you already know and love. With songs from the 1950s and '60s as our soundtrack, we'll meet thinkers like Socrates, Kant, Confucius, Diogenes, and Mill, each echoing through lyrics you've hummed for decades.

What do Sad Movies (Make Me Cry) and I Am a Rock have to say about truth-telling, selfhood, and trust? Why might Little Boxes capture the modern struggle between conformity and rebellion? And what can This Land Is Your Land teach us about justice, property, and democracy? Whether you're new to philosophy or just curious how deep old hits can go, come join us for a smart, spirited journey where the beat never stops.

Robert Silverman performed over thirty years of IT tech support and product development at IBM and JP Morgan Chase. He taught logic and philosophy at Rutgers University way back in the '70s and currently teaches logic and ethics courses at Hillsborough Community College. Robert loves the lively discussion arising in our adult education classes and serves as a Center 4Life Learning Advisory Board member.

THERAPEUTIC WRITING FOR PEOPLE IN 12 STEP RECOVERY (212)

Wednesdays, 12:30 – 2:00 (6 Classes 10/8 - 11/12) in Room 19

Tuition \$50

Limited to 15

Therapeutic writing is an effective, self-directed recovery tool for all 12 Step program members. Many of the 12 Steps are worked through writing - further your recovery by learning therapeutic writing. The goal of this workshop is for you to leave with new tools which are Step and Program centered. This is not journaling, it is a writing method which been proven to improve physical, emotional and mental health. No matter which 12 step program you identify with, you are welcome to join us. Please bring your preferred writing materials to class (i.e. paper, pen, notebook, laptop, etc.).

Grace Abbey was a psychotherapist for over 30 years. She has ghost written over 300 published articles, covering a wide variety of topics. She has over 40 years' experience in the 12 Step Recovery community.

THURSDAY CLASSES

BEGINNING MODERN DOT ART (195)

Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:30 (6 Classes 10/9 - 11/13) Creason Hall **Tuition \$50** Limited to 8

Let's have some fun using dots and acrylic paint to create art! Small, distinct dots of color will be applied in patterns to form images. Many cultures and famous painters have used a technique called *pointillism* to express a variety of styles. In this introductory class we will learn about the modern tools, paints, methods, and standard strokes required to practice this popular version of dot art. Creating mandalas is a great way to begin this journey. Steady hands helpful. A starter kit will be provided.

There is a required materials charge of \$25, payable to the instructor on first day of class. Note: If student already owns nail art dotting tools kit, you may purchase a kit without tools for \$21.

Sharon Carothers enjoyed a 20-year career as a stained-glass artist and teacher in Maumee, (Toledo) Ohio. Her studio and retail center, *Prism Glassworks Ltd*, offered a variety of classes, including Fusing, Stained Glass, Mosaics, Acrylic Flow Art, and other arts and crafts that interested her clientele. Since retirement, she enjoys teaching a variety of classes, also including doodle art, and dot art.

CHAUTAUQUA XI (511)

Thursdays, 10:30 - 12:00 (6 Classes 10/9 - 11/13) Room 30

Tuition \$50

Walk-in Friendly, \$17. Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

This is a dynamic, fun, discussion-oriented class. In each session, we will watch and discuss two TED talks. The topics are at the "general interest" level (not technical) and will range across psychology, economics, political philosophy, sociology, health, and other topics of general interest. Class participation is always encouraged and lively, with students sharing interesting perspectives based on their diverse experiences and backgrounds. There are no prerequisites.

Wiley Mangum, PhD is Professor Emeritus of Aging Studies at the University of South Florida, Tampa, where he taught for 31 years. He is Chair of the Advisory Board of Center 4Life Learning and has lived in Kings Point since 2002.

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Frank Slesnick, PhD is a Professor Emeritus of Economics at Bellarmine University, where he taught for 30 years. He is Vice-Chair of the Center 4Life Learning and has lived in Kings Point for a number of years.

INTERMEDIATE QUILLING (176)

Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:30 (5 Classes 10/16 - 11/13) in Creason Hall

Tuition \$47

Limited to 15

Are you ready to take your basic quilling skills to the next level? If you have already taken a beginning quilling class or feel ready to move ahead from a beginning kit, this is the class for you! In the intermediate class, you will learn to create detailed subjects, mix paper types, and create your own personal design. This class is highly participative, and participants will have a creation to take home after every class meeting.

There is a required materials charge of \$20, payable to the instructor on October 16.

Julia Macek, a self-taught professional calligrapher and paper craft artist, is originally from San Jose, California. Julia's quilling work has been featured on a book cover and postcards, has been sold in local stores and craft fairs, and has been featured I local galleries. Julia has won awards for here quilled work at the Hillsborough County Fair and Florida State Fair. She often marries her love for quilling with her love for calligraphy, featuring the natural beauty of Florida.

THURSDAY CLASSES (continued)

WHAT IN THE WORLD? (179)

Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:30 (6 Classes 10/9 - 11/13) Room 30

Tuition \$50

Walk-in Friendly, \$17. Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

Regardless of the period in human history, people probably have believed they were living in interesting or "newsy" times. If this were true in the past, what is it like now – with over eight billion people on earth, more countries than ever before, almost instant communication between most parts of the world, and 24/7 news reporting in many parts of it? Using major news sources, this course will tune-in on WHAT IN THE WORLD is happening or has happened that is likely to be of interest to members — news items such as the recent fatal flash flood in Texas, ongoing developments in Gaza, and the likely effects of cuts in Medicaid on individuals. As always, class discussion will be encouraged.

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FRIDAY CLASSES

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (171)

Fridays, 1:00 – 2:30 (6 Classes 10/10 - 11/14) in Room 30

Tuition \$50

Walk-in Friendly, \$17. Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

Today, we are literally on the cusp of the most radical revolution in human history. As Artificial Intelligence comes online, everything you ever believed in is going to be challenged. No exceptions, No exclusions. All is here and it's now. This class will discuss the current impact of All and where it is leading. The quality of this class will be dependent on your class participation

Martin Lambert holds a master's degree in education and taught social studies for seven years before becoming a CPA and CFP. He then taught accounting and taxation at the university level for ten years.

BEGINNERS CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH LEVEL I (157)

Fridays, 10:00 – 11:30, (6 Classes on 10/10 – 11/14) in Room 30

Tuition \$50

Limited to 10

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Susan Cintron has a long history of student of the Spanish language. It began on a military base high school in Spain and continued years later in Anne Arundel Community College after she married a man from Puerto Rico. When they moved to Puerto Rico, (where they lived for eight years), She studied for several years with a private teacher from Peru. To ensure that their children would be bilingual, they spoke both Spanish and English at home. After moving back to the U. S., she found her use of the language suffered from the lack of practice and decided to do something, about it. When she came across 4Life Learning classes at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, it was exactly what she was looking for. 8/7/25

FRIDAY CLASSES (continued)

FILM HISTORY OF AMERICAN WAR MOVIES (196)

Fridays, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (3 Classes 10/10 - 10/24) in Room 30

Tuition \$35

Walk-in Friendly, \$17. Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

War films are a genre of cinema that portray various aspects of warfare, including combat, historical events, the lives of soldiers and the impact of war on individuals and societies. The genre has a long and rich history, evolving alongside technological advancements in filmmaking and changing cultural perspectives on conflict. World Wars I and II significantly shaped the genre, leading to films like *The Battle of Somme* (1916) and *Why We Fight* (1942-1945) used for propaganda and boosting moral. Post-war films began exploring the psychological effects of conflict and questioned the morality of war. Notable films include *All Quiet on the Western Front* (1930) and *The Best of Our Lives* (1946). Film clips and discussion will demonstrate why the American military prevailed in every major conflict.

Thomas Norstrand has, over the last 34 years, cultivated an interest in American Cinema. Tom's uncle, *Bernard Herrman* was one of this country's most famous composers who worked exclusively with prominent directors like *Orson Wells, Alfred Hitchcock* and *Martin Scorsese*. Mr. Herrman's films included *Citizen Kane* (1941), *North-By-Northwest* (1959), *Psycho* (1960), and *Taxi Driver* (1978). Thomas holds a master's degree in psychology.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1787 (213)

Fridays, 1:00 - 2:30 (3 Classes 10/31 - 11/14) in Room 19

Tuition \$35

Walk-in Friendly, \$17. Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

This three-week class includes lectures by instructor Dan Madden, supplemented by Great Courses videos presented by Eric Berger, an authority on U.S. constitutional history, and class discussion.

The topics to be covered include:

- Key European and American thinkers who developed the notion of a "social contract" or "Constitution"
- Early American social contracts and the Articles of Confederation
- Failure of the first national government
- The convention itself. Was it a "revolution"?
- Ratification and the Federalist Papers

Dan Madden is a Freedom Plaza resident and author of two books on the Ancient World, *The Twisty Trail from Homer to Copernicus* and *Avenging Persephone: Alcibiades and the Loss and Restoration of Athenian Democracy.* He earned his PhD in history in 1972 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has taught classes at Freedom Plaza, Aston Gardens, and Center 4Life Learning.

SATURDAY CLASS

FUN WITH IMPROV (215)

Saturday, 10:30 - 12:00 (1 Class 10/25) in Room 30

Tuition \$17

Limited to 20

Improv is a pathway to spontaneity and fun. This improv class offers a unique and engaging experience for individuals of all backgrounds and skill levels. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore creativity, develop quick-thinking skills, and build confidence in a supportive, playful, and team-building environment. Whose line is it anyway!!

Diane Keyes is a member of the Pelican Players, President of the The Literacy Alliance (a children's storytelling nonprofit) and has taken improv classes at the SAK comedy club. Diane has been an educator for 25 plus years. She is excited to laugh, giggle, and have fun with everyone.