**Older Adult Tuition Waiver Program (OLA) FAQ**

*Older Adult Tuition Waiver Program (OLA) – Frequently Asked Questions*

- **Do I have to be a New Jersey resident to take part in the Older Adult Tuition Waiver (OLA) program?**
  
  Yes. The OLA Program is available only to New Jersey residents who are at least 65 years of age.

- **Are all of the classes I enroll in free?**
  
  No. Although tuition for courses is waived, students are responsible for student fees plus an administrative fee per semester each semester of enrollment. Additionally, a parking fee will be charged to those students who wish to use the University’s

- **When can I enroll in courses for the upcoming semester?**
  
  Students are permitted to enroll in courses on a space-available basis, beginning on a specified date for OLA registration for the current semester. Generally, OLA registration begins the day before classes start for the semester, thus courses cannot be guaranteed. Please consult the General Registration and Advisement Information page in the Montclair State University Schedule of Courses Booklet for upcoming OLA registration dates.

- **If I have never been to college in the past, can I still take courses?**
  
  Yes. Students who have a high school diploma or its equivalence must submit an application for admission and may take undergraduate courses as long as prerequisite courses have been completed. In addition to the administrative fee, Undergraduate OLA students are responsible for paying any applicable undergraduate student fees.

- **Can I take courses for personal fulfillment only?**
  
  Yes. Students participating in the OLA program can do so as non-degree.

  Students, who have at least a high school diploma or its equivalence but have not yet earned a bachelor’s degree, and want to enroll in courses as a non-degree student, must complete the Older Adult Tuition Waiver Program (OLA) Non-Degree Application for Admission.

  Students, who have earned a bachelor’s or Graduate degree, and want to enroll in courses as a non-degree student must contact The Graduate School at (973) 655-5147.

- **As a student enrolled in the OLA program, can I earn a degree?**
  
  Yes, students who have at least a high school diploma or its equivalence but have not yet earned a bachelor’s degree, and want to earn a bachelor’s degree, must complete the entire Undergraduate application and be formally admitted into a degree granting program. For more information, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (973) 655-4444.
Students, who have earned a bachelor's or Graduate degree, and want to pursue a Graduate Degree, must complete the entire application for The Graduate School and be formally admitted into a degree program. For more information, contact The Graduate School at (973) 655-5147.

- **If I already have a Bachelor’s degree or Master’s degree, can I take courses?**

  Yes. Students with a **bachelor's degree or advanced degree** must submit a Graduate Application and may take undergraduate or graduate courses as long as prerequisite courses have been completed. In addition to the administrative fee, these Graduate OLA students are responsible for paying any applicable **graduate student fees**.

- **Are all of the courses that I take covered by the tuition waiver?**

  No. The tuition waiver for OLA students only applies to classroom-instructed courses. OLA students may not receive a tuition waiver for enrollment in independent study, study abroad, etc. Additionally, thesis-based courses can be covered only if it is a requirement for degree completion and the student is not provided with the option of completing a comprehensive exam.

- **Does the tuition waiver automatically get applied to my bill?**

  After OLA registration, it is the student’s responsibility to obtain a **Tuition Waiver Card** from the Office of Academic Success Programs (Webster Hall, Room 321) and submit it directly to the Office of Student Accounts (College Hall, Room 218).

- **If I am not interested in earning a degree, do I have to take courses for credit?**

  No. Students who are not interested in earning a degree must submit an audit form for each course to the Office of Academic Success Programs (Webster Hall 321). Students who do not submit audit forms and receive grades of “F” will be prohibited from continuing in the OLA Program.