

# Lifelong Learning

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One of the College's core themes is Community Development and the Center for Lifelong Learning is focused on providing community enrichment and professional development to everyone in our region. We offer a wide range of classes in a variety of formats from one-day seminars to full semester classes. As part of the community, we find ways to partner with local organizations and businesses to offer courses to fit people's needs. All of the classes are taught by professionals and community members passionate about their subjects.

Lifelong Learning offers professional development and community enrichment classes. The professional development courses are to help professionals fine tune their skills, learn new techniques, and provide professional certification. Our community enrichment courses are affordable, fast, fun, and stress free. The Center for Lifelong Learning partners with Ed2Go to offer online non-credit courses and certification programs.

Lifelong Learning offers mostly non-credit classes. However, several of these qualify for OPI renewal units for teachers in our area.

If you are interested in Lifelong Learning classes, please call 406.268.3734, email [lifelonglearning@gfcmsu.edu](mailto:lifelonglearning@gfcmsu.edu) ([lifelonglearning@gfcmsu.edu](mailto:lifelonglearning@gfcmsu.edu)) or visit our website at [www.gfcmsu.edu/lifelonglearning](http://www.gfcmsu.edu/lifelonglearning)

## 094 Courses

Some courses assigned a 094 number are non-credit professional and continuing education or community enrichment courses. The non-credit PCE courses are typically offered to meet the needs of professionals in need of skills upgrades and other professional certification needs (e.g. OPI Renewal Units for Montana K-12 Teacher Certification). These courses are transcribed as Continuing Education Units (CEUs) on the student's continuing education transcript and are eligible for Montana OPI Renewal Units.

## 194 Courses

Courses assigned a course number of 194 are considered credit-bearing professional and continuing education courses providing participants with the latest in technology, business, health and human development and other topics meeting current educational trends and demands. They are typically offered to provide condensed coursework to meet the needs of working students, fulfill some of the requirements of Certificates, offer a diversity of electives for Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree seeking students, and fill certain professional certification needs (e.g. Montana K-12 Teacher Certification). These courses may be eligible for financial aid for students using them as electives in degree and certificate programs where authorized. Students should consult their advisors to identify whether 194 courses will apply toward their program requirements. 194 courses are transcribed on the student's undergraduate transcript.

## The Center for Lifelong Learning's Mission

- Our mission: Helping the community explore new ways of engaging the world and enrichment throughout their whole lives.

## Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) can be offered to the student upon successful completion of the course. CEUs are awarded based on national accreditation guidelines of 1 CEU = 10 contact hours. In order to receive CEUs, please see our process for awarding CEUs under our policies. In addition to CEUs, these courses are also eligible for Office of Public

Instruction (OPI) Renewal Units. These are awarded on a 1 Renewal Unit = 1 contact hour formula and must be requested by the student.

For more information and updated class listings for Lifelong Learning, please visit: [www.gfcmsu.edu/lifelonglearning](http://www.gfcmsu.edu/lifelonglearning) or call 406.268.3734.