Liberal Arts for Returning Citizens (LARC)

Clark University
Spring 2026















Earn college credits, Tuition and book expenses are covered in full All courses held in person on Clark University campus High School Diploma, GED or HiSET required

Introduction to the Study of Religion, Professor Matthew Potts

Tuesday 6 PM - 9 PM, January 13 - February 24

Explores several global traditions including the Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam), Dharmic religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism), and indigenous religions.

Introduction to Excel, Professor Sally Davidson

Wednesday 6 PM - 9 PM, January 14 - Februrary 25

Provides a foundation in spreadsheet literacy, basics of navigation, data selection, viewing and editing data, formatting, sorting and filtering data and creating charts.

Essential Computer Skills, Professor Li Han Thursday 6 PM - 9 PM, January 15 - February 26

Focuses on skills to actively engage in personal and professional pursuits. Topics include internet basics, social media, data security, and on-line privacy.

Food Entrepreneurship, Professor Shon Rainford Monday 6 PM - 9 PM, March 9 - April 20

Introduces students to the fundamentals of launching and managing a food-based business. Topics include business planning, regulatory compliance, marketing, and operations in the context of Worcester's food ecosystem.

Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence, Professor Gary Holness Tuesday 6 PM - 9 PM, March 10 - April 21

Teaches students how to become informed users of artificial intelligence (e.g., ChatGPT) and examines AI's broader social impact including ethical considerations, potential biases, and the evolving role of AI in daily life.

The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass, Professor Janette Greenwood Wednesday 6 PM - 9 PM, March 11 - April 22

Explores U.S. history through the life of Frederick Douglass who, after escaping slavery, became one of the most important figures of the 19th century. Topics include the Civil War, Reconstruction, Women's Rights, and the Rise of Jim Crow America.

