



WANGARATTA
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Course Descriptions Semester 1 January – June 2021

U3A (University of the Third Age) is a worldwide self-help, low-cost, learning organisation for people in their third age of life. There are no entrance requirements and no assessments.

The courses running this semester have been grouped by the method of tuition ie online, email, post, offsite, so your choice of courses may depend on your level of digital skills. Note that some courses occur more than once because the tutor is catering for more than one method of receiving material (e.g. Literature).

Courses conducted online

If you would like an opportunity to practice using Zoom before your first class, please email u3awangaratta@gmail.com with “zoom help” in the subject.

Basic Introduction to the Share Market

This short course will give the participants an overview of the stock market and how it works. Discussion subjects will include:-

- The Australian securities exchange
- Equity securities
- Role and history of share ownership
- Understanding the numbers
- Understanding risk
- Who invests in the share market
- Types of shares
- Initial public offering
- Pricing of shares
- Some research may be required.

Please note that this course does not provide investment advice but gives discussion on the subject only.

Share Market Discussion Group

A monthly discussion on share market stocks, subjects and issues. Some preparation may be required.

Conversing in French

This advanced course is for students who are reasonably fluent in the language so it is by invitation only. Please email u3awangaratta@gmail.com if you are interested in joining it.

Buongiorno Italia

This is for all who love the Italian language and for those who think they may travel to Italy. It is an ongoing course so if you are interested in joining the class it is essential you have a good knowledge of the Italian language. Basic grammar skills will be included in each session. Participants must be prepared to revise and prepare for each session. If you are interested in joining, please email u3awangaratta@gmail.com for more information.

Literature

Literature includes images as well as text. In addition to novels, plays, films, poems, there are TV shows, documentaries, feature films, and even advertisements to be ‘read’ and assessed for the stories they tell and the way they are constructed. The topics for each semester are chosen by the course participants so, whatever your taste in literature, it is likely to be catered for, and you may well be surprised by new exciting ideas.

How Does It Work?

If you have wondered how something works in psychology, physics, chemistry, biology or any other area of science or technology, then this course, based on students’ questions, is for you. Last year we even looked at how the US electoral college works so any topics are welcome.

Latin

Latin is famed as being a hard language, but it's important to remember that people once spoke it casually on the streets and ordered their fish and chips in it so, with a little application and persistence, I have every confidence that you can learn it and a great deal about the history of other languages, including our own, into the bargain.

Courses conducted by email

The Garden Plot

Do you love gardens and gardening? Join us for interactive sessions with guest speakers, plant swap days and field trips. Suitable for new or experienced gardeners and anyone who just wants to have fun in a relaxed atmosphere. It may be possible to have some Covid safe field trips.

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Courses conducted by post

Talk French!

This course is ongoing so is not suitable for complete beginners. However, if you have some knowledge of French - perhaps from some years back in the past - please do indicate your interest in joining the class by contacting u3awangaratta@gmail.com and the tutor will contact you. Emphasis will be on gaining the skills to understand and speak French with confidence. Basic grammar skills will be

Courses conducted off site

Come for a walk!

When it was possible last year the group walked in a Covid safe manner along many of the beautiful walking tracks around Wangaratta. We intend to renew our acquaintance with some and discover new ones this semester. We usually have coffee together once a month or so, but otherwise just enjoy each other's company as we walk at our own pace. Come and join us. For our first walk we will meet at Apex Park and walk along the lovely Ovens river.

More than Travellers' Tales

Overseas travel seems to be off limits for now, so a variety of presenters have offered to share some of their experiences. Portugal and Sicily are already on the list.

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Cryptic Crosswords

Cryptic crosswords explores the magic of the English language – how words can mean so many things, and how our mind plays tricks on us when we read the clues. People often say, "I'd like to try cryptic crosswords but I never know how to start." This is a class for both new crossworders and those continuing. We will begin from the very first concepts, and then solve crosswords as a group for fun and learning.

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Computers and Digital Courses at Pangerang

Computer classes are held at Pangerang Community House, 38 Ovens Street Wangaratta. Please ring 5721 3813 to enquire about courses and cost. There is a \$10 discount for U3A Wangaratta members on iPad/Tablet programs

Art Gallery Talks

The *Art Lovers Talks* series for 2021 are aligned with the Wangaratta Art Gallery exhibitions program. Join Inga Hanover on Zoom or in person as she shares insights into the processes and techniques of the artists whose work is exhibited. Details of talks will be passed on to members when they have been finalised.

General Committee Meetings

All members are welcome at the General Committee Meetings. Input from members is vital to the ongoing health of the organisation. Meetings are currently held online via the Zoom conferencing software . Please email u3awangaratta@gmail.com for an invitation to any meeting.

Volunteer Facilitators/ Tutors

U3A relies on the expertise of volunteer tutors. If you have an area of expertise you would like to share with other members, or if you know of someone who would like to become a tutor, please let us know and the Course Coordinator will be in contact with you.

Acknowledgements

The **Wangaratta Turf Club** generously supports U3A through the provision of a stand-alone room for our sole use.

Wangaratta Library staff members are always ready to help us search the catalogue of books, DVDs, and online databases for our class projects.

We thank the **Wangaratta Art Gallery** for providing the art talks at the gallery.

Pangerang Community House provides computer training at a reduced cost for U3A and keeps us informed of any additional training that may be beneficial to our members.

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