

# Characteristics of Effective OLLI Teachers

*The following list of characteristics come from A Course Is Born participants in 2018 and 2019. The characteristics emerged from class discussion and are not in any particular order.*

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| Enthusiastic                                | Presentation style is motivating        |
| Prepared/planned                            | Student centered                        |
| Knowledgeable                               | Project based                           |
| Interactive                                 | Builds on learners' knowledge           |
| Special insights from life experience       | Variety                                 |
| Make subject matter personal to the learner | Keeping things simple                   |
| Extra resources                             | Empathy                                 |
| Fun/humor/enjoyable                         | Sense of humor                          |
| Redirection/management skills               | Collaboration                           |
| Classroom organization                      | Listening skills                        |
| Effective methodologies                     | Control                                 |
| Creative                                    | Patience                                |
| Leaves you wanting more                     | Passion                                 |
| Uses student experience                     | Enthusiasm                              |
| Hands-on tech                               | Rich knowledge                          |
| Visuals/PowerPoint                          | Respect                                 |
| Class goals                                 |   |
| Continuity                                  | <i>An OLLI Instructor should avoid:</i> |
| Time Management                             | Poor pacing                             |
| Clarity                                     | Loss of focus                           |
| Presentation skills                         | Lack of clarity                         |
| Kindness                                    | Participants out of control             |
| Creativity                                  | Rigidity                                |
| Make the complex understandable             | Participants being left out             |
| Engaging                                    | Nerves                                  |