

Writing for Publication

Have a story to tell, research to share, or writing you hope to publish? This course offers guidance on strengthening writing, refining drafts through editing and proofreading, and navigating the publishing process. Participants will explore best practices in writing and research while gaining insight from guest speakers with experience in publishing, journalism, and academic writing. The course will conclude with a special Q&A panel featuring guest speakers from journalism, academic writing, research, and publishing, including representatives from *The Mena Star* and *Encyclopedia of Arkansas*.

Thurs	4:30pm - 5:30pm	8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17	Maddox 156	5	\$50
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Arkansas History: Notable People of the Ouachitas

From sports stars and film figures to military leaders and civic pioneers, the Ouachitas have been home to many notable individuals whose influence extends far beyond the region. This course explores the lives and contributions of more than a dozen remarkable figures spanning history, broadcasting, film, finance, public service, and community leadership. The experience will culminate in a visit to the U.S. Marshals Museum and Fort Smith National Historic Site in Fort Smith. Participants should bring money for lunch and souvenirs. New and returning students are welcome.

Tues	3:30pm - 4:30pm	9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, Trip 9/29	Spencer 255	4 +Trip	\$100
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Google Tools & Artificial Intelligence

Offered in Mt. Ida: Learn how to confidently use Google's most popular tools for everyday productivity, organization, and communication. This hands-on course covers Gmail, Google Drive, Docs, Slides, Forms, and Sites, helping participants create documents, presentations, surveys, and even simple websites. The course also introduces the basics of artificial intelligence, including practical ways to use AI tools for writing, planning, and efficiency in both personal and professional settings. Designed for beginners, this class offers a supportive, easy-to-follow environment with real-world applications.

Tues	5:00pm - 6:30pm	9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27	Mt. Ida Center	9	\$100
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Embroidery

Bring your embroidery machine, laptop, and accessories to explore new projects, techniques, and file transfers in a supportive setting. This class welcomes both new and returning students eager to build confidence and creativity in machine embroidery.

Thur	5:30pm - 7:30pm	9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24	EMT/ E-sports Building	4	\$100
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Estate Planning Basics: Wills, Trusts, and Planning for the Future

This course will provide a practical, easy-to-understand overview of estate planning for individuals and families. The instructor will cover the key tools used to protect assets, plan for incapacity, and ensure property passes according to your wishes.

Thur	5:30pm - 7:00pm	9/3, 9/24, 10/22, 10/29	Spencer 249	4	\$50
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Work Smarter with AI

Learn how artificial intelligence can become a valuable workplace assistant. In this two-session course, participants will explore AI tools that can help with communication, document creation, meeting summaries, scheduling support, research, and task management. Emphasis will be placed on practical, ethical, and effective use of AI for administrative and office environments.

Wed **4:30pm -** **9/9, 9/16** **Maddox 154** **2** **\$25**
 6:00pm

Restaurant Copycat Classics: Seafood Favorites

Recreate beloved seafood restaurant favorites with recipes inspired by Red Lobster and The Mighty Crab. In this hands-on class, participants will make cheddar biscuits, garlic butter shrimp scampi, and a bold seafood boil seasoning blend perfect for shrimp, crab, crawfish, and more. This class focuses on approachable methods for preparing restaurant-style seafood dishes in a home kitchen.

Mon **5:00pm -** **9/14** **Ouachita Center** **1** **\$35**
 7:00pm

Transfer VR: Anne Frank House

In 1942, thirteen-year-old Anne Frank and her family went into hiding in Amsterdam to escape Nazi persecution during the Second World War. For more than two years, eight Jewish individuals lived in the cramped “Secret Annex” under constant threat of discovery. Participants will explore a faithful recreation of the Annex, gaining a powerful, immersive glimpse into Anne’s world, her writings, and the realities of life in hiding.

Mon **5:00pm -** **9/14, 9/21, 9/28** **Library/JLC** **3** **\$20**
 6:00pm

Using Microsoft Office Products

Learn to navigate Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and other Office tools with confidence - all in the month of October. This course covers essential skills for creating documents, spreadsheets, and presentations for personal or professional use.

Tues **5:00pm -** **10/6, 10/8, 10/13,** **Maddox 154** **6** **\$80**
& Thur **7:00pm** **10/15, 10/20, 10/22**

Restaurant Copycat Classics: Italian Staples

Recreate Italian restaurant favorites at home in this hands-on cooking class. Recipes will include fettuccine alfredo, chicken parmesan or chicken marsala, and a signature restaurant-style salad inspired by popular Italian dining chains such as Olive Garden and Macaroni Grill.

Mon **5:00pm -** **10/12** **Ouachita Center** **1** **\$35**
 7:00pm

Transfer VR: Mission: ISS

Take a trip into orbit and experience life on board the International Space Station! In this Emmy-nominated simulation, learn how to move and work in zero-gravity using your controllers. Dock a space capsule, take a spacewalk, and let real NASA astronauts guide you on the ISS through informative videos and images.

Mon **5:00pm -** **11/2, 11/9, 11/16** **Library/JLC** **3** **\$20**
 6:00pm

Restaurant Copycat Classics: Steakhouse Sides

Learn to recreate iconic steakhouse favorites inspired by Outback Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse, and LongHorn Steakhouse. Participants will make blooming onion-style petals with dipping sauce, soft rolls with cinnamon honey butter, and rich four-cheese stuffed mushrooms—bringing restaurant flavor home with practical techniques and easy-to-follow recipes.

Mon **5:00pm -** **11/16** **Ouachita Center** **1** **\$35**
7:00pm

Hard Candy Christmas

In this hands-on holiday class, participants will build gingerbread-style “glass houses” using hard candy for a stained-glass effect. These quicker, easier designs are decorated with icing and candy accents. Participants leave with a finished house ready to display. Register early—this seasonal favorite will fill quickly!

Mon **5:00pm -** **12/7** **Ouachita Center** **1** **\$35**
7:00pm