

OLLI at DU Syllabus

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Course Title	Imprisoned Without Trial: Japanese Incarceration in WWII
Site	OLLI On Campus
Term	Fall 2025
Course Sessions	4
Week 1	Sept. 16: SESSION 1 - • Prelude to war – anti-Chinese and anti-Japanese hatred • Pearl Harbor • Round up of Japanese nationals • Territory of Hawaii • Media Influence on the forced relocation of the Japanese • Current anti-Asian hatred/sentiment • Implied bias – systemic racism
Week 2	Sept. 23: SESSION 2 • National security of not • Executive Order 9066 • 1940 Census Data • Assembly Centers • Department of Justice Camps • Canadian internment, South and Central America
Week 3	Sept. 30: SESSION 3 • Camp life – schools, churches, sports, art, music • Camp administration • Voting in camp • Compassionate witnesses • Shooting deaths in the camps • Resistance in the camps
Week 4	Oct. 7: SESSION 4 • Loyalty questionnaire • 100th battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team • Closing of the camps • Post camp life – West coast and other places (Denver, Cincinnati, Chicago) • Redress • Apologies • Current camp locations • Current implications – immigration • New alien land laws • AAPI Heritage