Ridgefield Continuing Education

Courses Start on a Rolling Basis ~ Spring into Summer 2024

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Schedule updates and new courses added are at https://www.ridgefieldschools.org

Photo in memory of Sylvia Pinchbeck Sturges who shared this and many other photos with Ridgefield Continuing Education over the years.

Join us In-Person or on Zoom! Class sizes are limited.

Now & Spring into Summer

Please keep this brochure handy as a course reference. More Summer dates will be added to the website! SAT Prep info - see page 9

Updated 4/12/24
Welcome to Spring 2024!

For nearly 50 years, Ridgefield Continuing Education, a self-sustaining course program of Ridgefield Public Schools has offered EXPERIENCES through over 200 dynamic courses each year that help area residents, age 18 and up, enhance their employment and career opportunities, as well as provide knowledge and professional guidance in the arts, crafts, technology, nature walks, creative writing, language, fitness, interior decor, games, and popular hobbies. Please take some time to EXPLORE something you are interested in, and in which you can CONNECT with other community members.

- Courses in person, on Zoom and both (hybrid) start now through summer!
- Class sizes are limited in order to provide Q & A and a personalized experience.
- Thank you to the Continuing Ed. instructors who offer classes in a variety of formats.
- Thank you to Ridgefield Public Schools and the Town of Ridgefield for facility use.
- Special thanks for the cover photos shared by Sylvia Sturges (front) and Tom Bruno (back).

Please keep in mind:
- Register early to increase your course choices. There are 4 easy ways to register.
- Please mark dates and time on your calendar. The Zoom link is usually emailed the evening before class. Date and time changes will be updated on the web site and students who have provided us with legibly written phone and/or email will be notified.
- We follow the public health requirements of the Ridgefield Public Schools, which are subject to change depending on public health conditions.
- Ridgefield Public Schools prohibit alcohol, nuts, nut products, or other food in class.

Thank you for your participation and see you soon in person or on Zoom!

Peggy Bruno
Director of Adult Education

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**Location Key - all in Ridgefield, Directions at**
[https://ridgefieldschools.org/directions.html](https://ridgefieldschools.org/directions.html)

**Annex, ERMS** (East Ridge Middle School) = in person.

**VPSch** (Veterans Park School) = in person.

**Zoom** = live, online class. **/Z** = Zoom for class weather backup.

**+Z** = is on Zoom AND in person - Hybrid!

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**Registration / Contact is Easy - Ways to Register - Details and Updates at** [https://ridgefieldschools.org](https://ridgefieldschools.org)

**Phone:** (203) 431-2812

Please email a list of classes desired and your phone number. We will contact you to arrange payment.

Please send registration form and payment (check preferred: Visa and MasterCard accepted) to:

Ridgefield Public Schools - Continuing Ed.  
Attn: Peggy Bruno  
90 East Ridge Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

**Mail**

Office Location

Registration drop off at the office, located at the Town Hall Annex, 1st floor. 66 Prospect St., left of Yanity Gym, behind the Playhouse. Building is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Directions on web at [https://ridgefieldschools.org](https://ridgefieldschools.org)

**Admission:** These classes are for people age 18 years or older. Non-residents are welcome. Senior Citizens and Disabled (Ridgefield Sr./Disab.) means discounted fee for senior citizens age 62 and older and people with disabilities who live in Ridgefield, provided that the course they want has sufficient enrollment to sustain the discount. More details regarding the Senior Discount are at [https://ridgefieldschools.org/seniorsonly.html](https://ridgefieldschools.org/seniorsonly.html)

**Registration Deadline and Payment:** You may register by mail or phone. Payment in full must accompany your registration, which must be paid in advance. We decide whether or not to run a class at least 3 days before the first class (some teachers need a decision sooner) based on the number of people who have paid their tuition. Don’t let a class be cancelled due to participant procrastination. Checks (preferred to keep costs down), money orders, Visa and MasterCard are accepted. A non-refundable service / convenience fee for Visa or MasterCard payment will be added to your charge total as follows: $2.95 (subtotal thru $97), 2.99% (subtotal from $98 up) per person, per order. There is a $20 service fee for returned checks.

**Confirmation and Cancellation:** No news is good news. If you have paid your tuition, assume you are enrolled. When you register, we assume that you have put the course date, time, and location on your calendar and have reconciled potential conflicts before you register. Please include an accurate and legible phone number and email address so that we can contact you if a course is canceled, full, or relocated. An email address is necessary to enable us to send you your Zoom link the night before class.

**Weather / Power Postponement:** If regular school classes are canceled due to weather/power issues, in person Continuing Education classes are postponed. See [www.ridgefieldschools.org](http://www.ridgefieldschools.org) site look for an email with information. Zoom and Hybrid classes and classes with Zoom backup may continue on Zoom if possible. If school has “early dismissal”, Continuing Education classes that start at 1:00 p.m. or later are postponed to the next class. If school has a “delayed opening”, classes that start before 9:30 a.m. are postponed to next class. Classes that start at 9:30 a.m. or later will proceed as scheduled. Make-ups due to weather / power postponement, are normally added to the end of the session or an open date in the schedule; check the web site and your email for details.

**Refunds:** You will obtain a full tuition refund when Ridgefield Continuing Education cancels a class or the class is full. If you are requesting a tuition refund, we must receive your request in writing (letter or email) five days before a class starts and we will withhold a $15 withdrawal fee per class from the amount refunded. Students assume all risk of changes in their personal schedules. Absence from the class does not reduce the cost of operating our programs. Class sessions may be rescheduled due to unexpected circumstances; refunds will not be issued to students unable to attend a rescheduled make-up class (including makeup classes online). Refunds will not be issued to students who do not want to comply with public health requirements, when needed. Medical refunds only (less a $15 withdrawal fee) will be pro-rated for the remainder of the session when verified by a physician’s note. The tuition refund is calculated on the date a written cancellation notice is provided, not on the date of the last class attended or missed. Refunds are not available to people who register less than 5 days before a class starts. Refunds take 4 to 6 weeks to process.

**Disabled Access:** Buildings have disability access. Ridgefield Public Schools Non-Discrimination Statement: Statement is on page 7 and [https://ridgefieldschools.org](https://ridgefieldschools.org)

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**Bridge: Total Beginner**

Bridge is a wonderful social game that can be played on many levels, each of them providing a good mental workout. This class’ goal will be to learn the basics of bridge bidding and playing. This class is for beginners and those who are returning to the game after being away for decades, as well as those of need of refreshing their basic bridge skills. Taught by Mary Watson-Stribula, an enthusiastic and patient bridge teacher, who has been teaching for over 7 years and is working towards her Life Master designation. Class size limited.

7 Sessions (14 hours) $178 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $151)  
Mon., 4/3, 8, 13, 20, 6/3, 10  9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Annex

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**Bridge: Intermediate - Play of the Hand**

This class is for bridge players who completed the fall class “doubles and more doubles” and others who would like to join. Focus will be on play of the hand - developing plan and considering alternatives that can lead to success. Using promotion and length, finesses, and ruffing and discarding, declarers will improve their chances for success. Instructor: Mary Watson-Stribula (bio above). Class size limited.

7 Sessions (14 hours) $178 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $151)  
Thur., 4/4, 11, 25, 5/2, 9, 16, 23  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Annex

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**Mah Jongg for Beginners**

Sylfi Falik, experienced Mah Jongg teacher and passionate player, will teach you what “one bam... two crack!” means, as you discover an exciting game, learn the very basics from square one and be playing in no time. Attendance at the first class is a must. You will learn rules of the game as sanctioned by the National Mah Jongg League (NMJL). For info about the required NMJL card, visit [https://ridgefieldschools.org](https://ridgefieldschools.org)

6 Sessions (12 hours) $153 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $130)  
Mon., 4/29, 5/6, 13, 20, 6/3, 10  11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Annex  
Tue., 4/30, 5/7, 14, 21, 28, 6/4  
6 to 8 p.m. Veterans Park School

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Mushroom Walk

Spring Mushroom Walk
Grab a notebook and join Zaac Chaves on a mycologically focused ecological tour. We will identify seasonal mushrooms. You will help us catalog species (including possibly rare sightings) and even help document increasing evidence of climate change locally. No experience required.

1 Session
$29 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $25)
Wed., 5/8
6:30 to 8 p.m.
Zoom

Interior Decor, Organizing

Fool-Proof Organizing to Eliminate Clutter
Are you overwhelmed by clutter but unsure how to organize it? Have you made past attempts to declutter and get organized only to be disappointed? This class shows you step-by-step how to clear the clutter. More than just information, you will put into action the best organizing solution. Organizing is a skill that can be learned and this class is the first step. Please bring a purse/handbag/backpack to class (do NOT pre-organize). Taught by Karen Pierce.

1 Session
$31 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $26)
Tue., 5/14
7 to 9 p.m.
Veterans Park School

Knitting

Studio Knitting for Beginners & Continuing
This open knitting format is for both beginners and those who want to continue furthering their knitting skills. New participants will learn the basic develop skills in maintaining an even tension in the piece. Instructor Linda Doty will provide practice needles and practice yarn until the participant determines a project. After the selection of a project, the participant will purchase the necessary supplies. Projects have included knitting a scarf, sweater, blanket, and handbag. Class size limited. Call if you want to join a class early.

7 Sessions
$178 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $151)
Mon., 4/1, 8, 29; 5/6, 13, 20, 6/3
3 to 5 p.m.
Annex
Mon., 6/10, 17, 24; 6/3, 29, 6/6
3 to 5 p.m.
Annex
Mon., 8/12, 19, 26; 9/16, 23, 30; 10/7
3 to 5 p.m.
Annex

5 Sessions
$178 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $151)
Tue., 3/26, 4/2, 9, 23, 30; 5/7, 14
6 to 8 p.m.
VP Sch
Tue., 5/21, 28; 6/4, 11, 18, 25, 3/9
6 to 8 p.m.
VP Sch/Annex
Tue., 7/16, 23, 30; 8/6, 13, 20, 27
6 to 8 p.m.
Annex

Drawing and Painting

Life Drawing – Evening
For beginners who want to learn the basics of drawing from life – creating the illusion of depth and complex shapes on a two-dimensional surface. Using several different types of pencils and paper, students will draw from still life and photographs (chiefly the human form), and will learn to observe the structure of what they are drawing. Topics include composition, proportion, perspective, value and edge relationships, foreshortening and light/shade. Instructor Michael Canavan provides all materials; a supply fee of $25 is payable at the first class. Class size limited.

6 Sessions
$162 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $138) + mths.
Wed., 4/10, 24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
ERMS

Drawing and Painting Studio Art – Day
An open studio art class for beginning and continuing students. New students start with drawing basics, from contour through composition, and then progress. Continuing students work in the medium of their choice and receive individual instruction. Instructor: Laura McCormick. Max 8. Supply list: ridgefieldschools.org/drawpaint.html

6 Sessions
$162 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $138)
Thu., 4/25, 5/2, 9, 16, 30, 6/6
10 a.m. to 12 noon.
Annex

Vegetable Gardening

Vegetable Gardening – Organic
How to grow organically a wide variety of vegetables suited for your climate. This course will cover everything you need to know about organic vegetable gardening - from purchasing seeds or plants, growing on, fertilizing, controlling pests to harvesting. Instructor Eileen Burton.

2 Sessions
$39 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $33)
Mon., 4/19 and 5/6
6:30 to 8 p.m.
ERMS

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Yoga Stretching with Julie Shaw

Breathe fully, release tension, build strength and balance, improve your body’s functions, and enjoy the feeling of calm energy in this Viniyoga class. Viniyoga is an authentic lineage of yoga based on the teachings of T. Krishnamācārya. Its primary hallmark is adaptation—selecting postures and breath exercises to meet specific needs. Everyone can benefit from this extraordinary yoga tradition—once you try it, you’ll understand! The class is suitable for all, from beginner to yoga veteran. Makeup, if needed is 6/26.

7 Sessions $89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $76)
Wed., 4/10, 5/8, 15, 22, 29; 6/2 $5:45 to 6:45 p.m. VPSch

Summer dates to be determined.

T'ai Chi

T'ai Chi, the gentle form of exercise often called meditation in motion, has been practiced in China for hundreds of years and is a discipline used for health, relaxation, and meditation. This ancient art helps relieve stress, increase strength and flexibility, improve balance, coordination and circulation and overall physical and mental health. Its slow and graceful movements make it accessible to anyone, regardless of age or fitness level. While T'ai Chi is considered a healing exercise, it is also an effective art.

Beginning T'ai Chi (Yang Long Form)
Participants learn the first 21 moves. Instructor: Gwen Roman (Wed., 6 p.m.) and Rod Barfield (Fri., 11 a.m.).

8 Sessions $102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $87)
Wed., 4/24, 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12 5 to 6:50 p.m. ERMS
Fri., 3/1, 8, 15, 22, 26; 5/3, 10, 17 10 to 11 a.m. Annex
Fri., Call or email for summer dates 10 to 11 a.m. Annex

Tai Chi Intermediate (Continuing)
For students who have mastered the first level class above. Instructor: Gwen Roman (Wed., 5 p.m.) and Rod Barfield (Fri., 10 a.m.).

8 Sessions $102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $87)
Wed., 4/24, 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12 5 to 6:50 p.m. ERMS
Fri., 3/1, 8, 15, 22, 26; 5/3, 10, 17 10 to 11 a.m. Annex
Fri., Call or email for summer dates 10 to 11 a.m. Annex

Tai Chi Exercises (Beginner): the Natural Way to Promote Health
Learn 35 basic T’ai Chi exercises that promote health, stress relief, concentration, balance, coordination and internal organ massage. Based on Step by Step T'ai Chi: the Natural Way to Strength and Healing by Master Lam Kam Chuen. Bring two 2-3 pound weights. Rod Barfield.

7 Sessions $89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $76)
Tue., 4/7, 5/3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 6/7 10 to 11 a.m. Annex

4 Sessions $58 per couple
Wed., 4/24, 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7:15 to 8 p.m. ERMS

COMPLETeworkouts

Total Body Reset
Learn to exercise smarter, not harder with this all in one workout to tone and tighten your body. Weights will be used to help increase bone density, tighten flab, and increase metabolism. Always a warm up and a cool down. All levels are welcome; modifications are available. Zoom available.
Instructor: Pat Anikewich. Bring light weights, mat, towel, water. Makeup date is added to the end.
7 Sessions $89 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $76)
Tue., 4/2, 9, 30; 5/7, 14, 21, 28 5:45 to 6:35 p.m. VP Sch.
Summer dates to be determined.

LaBlast® Dance Workout
Created by Louis Van Amstel of Dancing with the Stars, LaBlast® is a partner-free, simple, low impact, safe ballroom dance workout for everybody. It’s fun and energizing. Beginners are encouraged to attend. Wear sneakers and bring light hand weights (if you have them) and a water bottle. Taught by Denise D'Arbonne Nethercott. More at ridgefieldschools.org/cardard.

7 Sessions $83 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $71)
Mon., 4/1, 8, 22; 5/6, 13, 20 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. ERMS

Ballroom & Event Dance

Ballroom Dance: Advanced Beginner
Natalie Mazzola teaches a continuation of Ballroom, Rumba, Cha-Cha, East Coast Swing and club style dances to couples that know ballroom basics.

5 Sessions $128 per couple
Wed., 3/30, 4/6, 13, 20, 27 8:05 to 8:50 p.m. VPSch
Wed., 5/8, 15, 22, 29 8:05 to 8:50 p.m. VPSch

Event Dance Bootcamp: Beginner/Brush Up
Natalie Mazzola teaches a FUN, no stress social dance class to a variety of music to learn how to move on the dance floor for parties, weddings, cruises, and dance events. Includes basic Rumba, Cha-Cha, East Coast Swing and some club style dances. For beginners and for those who have been away from dance for awhile.

5 Sessions $128 per couple
Wed., 3/20, 27, 4/3, 10, 24 7:15 to 8 p.m. Veterans Park Sch
Wed., 5/8, 15, 22, 29 7:15 to 8 p.m. Veterans Park Sch

Line Dance

Line Dance for Beginners
The ideal workout. Burn fat and calories while you’re having fun. Do you know your right from your left, can you count to 8? Then you can line dance! We’ll start with the basics and build from there. If you’ve been to this course before, come on back; we have new dances lined up. Please bring a water bottle and wear leather or suede sole shoes. Instructors: Steve Parker and Ellen Russow.

6 Sessions $77 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $65)
Wed., 4/24, 5/1, 8, 22; 29, 6/5 (not 5/15) 7 to 8 p.m. ERMS

Submit your details here.

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**Archaeology - Meso America**
The Rise of Civilization in Meso America – the Teotihuacan, Mayans, Toltecs, Aztecs
This course follows the people of Teotihuacan, the Mayans, the Toltecs, and the Aztecs from their beginnings to the formation of their cities, states and empires. They spoke different languages, but produced the same wonderful art, played the same ballgame, established extensive trade routes, built monumental cultural centers, practiced human sacrifice, and had similar pantheons of gods. The builders of these civilizations were an artistic, passionate, fierce people, who will fire your imagination. Instructor: Lynn-Marie Wieland.

3 Sessions $77 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $65)
Wed., 5/3, 10, 17 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Annex + Zoom (hybrid)

**Voice-Overs - Such A Voice**
Voice-Overs ... NOW is YOUR Time!
In what could be the most enlightening 2 hours you have ever spent, this class will show you how you can actually begin using your speaking voice for commercials, films, videos, and more. Most people go about it the wrong way. In this introductory class, you will learn about a unique, outside the box way to break into this creative, fulfilling, and potentially lucrative industry. Voice-Overs can be managed on your own terms, on your own turf, in your own time, and with minimal overhead! Whether you choose to pursue voice-overs part-time or full-time, this could be the game changer you have been looking for. Taught by a Voice Coach from Such A Voice.

1 Session $31 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $26)
Mon., 5/13 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Zoom

**Guitar - Acoustic**
Introduction to Acoustic Guitar
This beginners class will assist you in acquiring the technique you'll need to deal with the melodic, harmonic and rhythmic possibilities of this most widely played instrument. How to get those favorite tunes from your ears to your fingers is the question we'll try to answer for you. Participants need a playable acoustic guitar.

3 Sessions $171 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $152) + mtls.
Wed., 4/24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12 7 to 8:30 p.m. ERMS

**World War I, Versailles, and Aftermath**
The assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria in June of 1914 triggered a chain of events that culminated in a 4 year global war. By its end, three empires had collapsed, European society had been irrevocably changed, and a new map was drawn. When hostilities ended in 1918, the peacemakers faced enormous challenges. The geopolitical face of Europe been irrevocably changed by the war; there were cries for revenge and retribution; and a delicate new balance of power had to be established. How World War I come about? Was it inevitable? What were the primary goals of “the big 3” - Georges Clemenceau, Lloyd George, and Woodrow Wilson at Versailles? Were the seeds of World War II indeed planted in the ensuing peace treaties? This course will cover the alliances, personalities, and political ideals that shaped the course of events of World War I and its aftermath. Instructor: Nancy Maxwell.

3 Sessions $77 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $65)
Tue., 4/2, 9, 23 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Zoom

**The Mitford Family and War II – A Tale of Passion and Pathos**
The sociably prominent Mitford sisters broke rank with their class and became, individually, fervent communists, fascists, Nazis, plus a duchess, and a writer. Instructor: Nancy Maxwell.

1 Session $31 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $26)
Tue., 4/30 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Zoom

**World War II and the Cold War**
Only twenty years after the horrors and devastation of World War I, and the lessons learned from it, the world went to war again. Did the terms of the Treaty of Versailles provoke this? What was the appeasement policy of the 1930s? An examination of these events as well as the stages, operations, and theaters of the war will help us understand how the very alliance that secured victory over the Axis powers evolved into the deadly arms race and threats of the ensuing Cold War. Instructor: Nancy Maxwell.

3 Sessions $77 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $65)
Tue., 5/7, 14, 21 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Zoom

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Advanced Registration Required
French: Beginner, Part 1 - Day on Zoom

For people with no French experience. We start from scratch to build a foundation and become familiar with practical, everyday usage. We also explore French culture and history to tantalize those considering a visit to France. Instructor: Nancy Maxwell.

6 Sessions (9 hours) $ 128 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 114)
Please call or email to be added to notification list.

French: Beginner, Part 1b - Evening

For people continuing from this past winter or those with a little knowledge of French who would like to build a solid learning foundation of the language for travel, business, culture. The students will discover how English and French are similar in their structure and vocabulary. Text is Learn French the Fast and Fun Way. Focus will be on listening, written comprehension and short conversation related to everyday life situations with native speaker, Jean Vianes.

6 Sessions (10.5 hours) $ 150 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 133)
Mon., 4/8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20
6 to 7:45 p.m. ERMS

French for Basic Users - Evening

A continuation of French for Basic Users from this past winter. This class is for students who have rudimentary knowledge of the language and want to consolidate and build on their foundation in an easy, relaxed environment. Through level appropriate reading and listening resources we built vocabulary, practice grammatical constructs, and develop French speaking skills, all while learning about the regions, history, and character of France. Instructor: Nancy Maxwell.

6 Sessions (9 hours) $ 128 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 114)
Mon., 3/25; 4/1, 8, 29; 5/6, 13, 20
5:30 to 7 p.m. Zoom

French: Intermediate - Evening

This class is for people with the equivalent of 3 years of high school French or people who had an exposure to French but need refreshing. We will explore some aspects of French culture and work on pronunciation, speaking, and comprehension. The course will also emphasize basic communication and focus on grammar to develop skills for reading and writing. Text and other materials will be downloadable. Instructor: Elhem Lansburg.

6 Sessions (6 hours) $ 86 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 77)
Mon., 4/22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3
5:45 to 6:45 p.m. ERMS

French: Advanced - Evening

This class is an advanced course. We will work on the expression and develop the comprehension aspect of the language. The class will feature a discussion/communication workshop using different tools and a reading/writing workshop using a variety of genres of books and articles. Text and other materials will be downloadable. Instructor: Elhem Lansburg. This class is at capacity. Please call or email to be added to notification list.

8 Sessions (8 hours) $ 114 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 101)
Wed., 4/24; 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6/5, 12
5:15 to 6:15 p.m. ERMS

Italian: Beginner, Part 1

Sylvana Serravezza’s course, for people new to Italian, focuses on practical conversation and basic language structure. A must for people traveling to Italy. Text is Italian Made Simple by C. Mazzoni.

7 Sessions (10.5 hours) $ 150 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 133)
Mon., 4/1, 8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20
7 to 8 p.m. ERMS

Italian: Beginner, Part 2

A continuation of part 1 from this past winter. Newcomers with some background are welcome. Text above. Instructor: Sylvana Serravezza.

7 Sessions (10.5 hours) $ 150 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 133)
Mon., 4/1, 8, 22, 29; 5/6, 13, 20
7 to 8 p.m. ERMS

Italian: Intermediate / Advanced Continued

Newcomers with background in the language’s basic structure may join. Continue developing skills in listening, comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. Your text will be determined based on your background. More at ridgefieldschools.org/italian.html This class will be combined with the Intermediate / Advanced class below. Instructor: Sylvana Serravezza.

Italian: Intermediate

Prerequisite: Beginner, Parts 1 and 2. Newcomers with some background in the language’s basic structure may join. Continue developing skills in listening, comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. Your text will be determined based on your background. More at ridgefieldschools.org/italian.html This class will be combined with the Intermediate / Advanced class below. Instructor: Sylvana Serravezza.

Italian: Intermediate / Advanced

Newcomers with background in the language’s basic structure and comfortable with immersion may join. Continue developing skills in listening, comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. Your text will be determined based on your background. More at ridgefieldschools.org/italian.html This class will be combined with the Intermediate / Advanced class below. Instructor: Sylvana Serravezza.

German: Beginner, Part 1

German and English are closely related and the English language shares 25% of its vocabulary with German. The class will focus on speaking skills, pronunciation and basic grammar. Participants will learn and practice the language needed for greetings, introductions, travel, business, and family. Text at https://ridgefieldschools.org/german.html

Instructor: Sabine Dolo.

6 Sessions (6 hours) $ 86 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 77)
Mon., 4/29; 5/6, 13, 20; 6/3, 10
7 to 8 p.m. Zoom

German: Beginner, Part 2


8 Sessions (9 hours) $ 128 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $ 114)
Tue., next session to start 6/27 call to be on notification list 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Zoom

For language classes, CLICK on Languages

French
Italian
Japanese
Spanish
ESL
Sign Language

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**Artificial Intelligence - AI for Everyone**

Tech journalist Lance Whitney will show you the major AI sites — ChatGPT, Bing AI, and Google Bard — and describe how to use them. He’ll also provide an overview of AI, explain what it means, and show you how AI can benefit you at work and at home.

- **Artificial Intelligence - AI for Everyone**
  - 2 hours
  - $40 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $36)
  - Wed., 7/10
  - 1 to 3 p.m.
  - Annex + Z
  - Annex + 2

**Photography**

Want to learn how to take great photos and videos with your iPhone? Lance Whitney will show you how to use all the iPhone’s camera features and modes, how to compose and capture the right shots, and how to use certain effects to enhance your photos. We’ll also look at the Photos tool on the iPhone to teach you how to edit and organize your photos. Please have your iPhone at class so you can try out the different tools and tricks that we cover.

- **Photography**
  - 2 hours
  - $40 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $36)
  - Tues., 7/9
  - 1 to 3 p.m.
  - Hybrid = Annex + Z
  - Hybrid = Annex + 2

**Basic Digital Camera Operation**

Need help understanding how to use your DSLR camera? Is the instruction manual that came with it almost impossible to understand? Bring your DSLR or mirrorless camera and manual to this class. See page 5 for more details. Instructor John Zapologia has a degree in fine arts and many years of experience as a photographer and photography instructor.

- **Basic Digital Camera Operation**
  - 4 Sessions
  - $102 (Ridgefield Sr./Disab. $87)
  - Mon., 4/29, 5/6, 13, 20
  - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
  - ERMS

**Resume Assistance – 1 on 1**

Glenna McNally helps you analyze your background and job history to improve your resume.

**Job Search and Interview Techniques – 1 on 1**

Glenna McNally covers topics such as: Identifying your target job market; contact and follow up; cover letters; networking; interviewing skills (including one on one practice).

**Introduction to LinkedIn – 1 on 1**

Lance Whitney shows you how to create or finish your LinkedIn profile to promote achievements, build your network, post updates, ask for recommendations, follow others, and join groups.

**Online Courses Via ed2go.com/ridgefield**

Visit www.ridgefieldschools.org and click on online courses or visit ed2go.com/ridgefield

More info on page 5.
**SAT Prep with the PRINCETON REVIEW**

Ridgefield Continuing Education has partnered with The Princeton Review to provide a selection of SAT, ACT, and AP Test Prep courses and tutoring. Student success is at the heart of everything we do at The Princeton Review. For more than 40 years, students and their families have trusted The Princeton Review to help them get into their dream schools.

Our mission is to provide innovative, best-in-class tutoring, test prep, and admission products and services to help students knock down barriers and achieve their academic goals. We are solely on the side of the students and are not affiliated with any test developers.

**Promotional Codes:**

Use promo code **RIDGEFIELD25** to receive 25% off when purchasing SAT, ACT, or AP courses on The Princeton Review’s website.

Use promo code **RIDGEFIELD10** to receive 10% off when purchasing private tutoring packages.

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**PRINCETON REVIEW RIDGEFIELD SUMMER CLASS**

at the Ridgefield Town Hall Annex

66 Prospect Street (left of Yanity Gym)
Ridgefield, CT 06877

**Course Dates:**

Suggested Test Day 1: Saturday, July 13, 2024**
Class 1: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Class 2: Thursday, July 18, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Suggested Test Day 2: Saturday, July 20, 2024**
Class 3: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Class 4: Thursday, July 25, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Suggested Test Day 3: Saturday, July 27th, 2024**
Class 5: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Class 6: Thursday, August 1, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

** Practice Test at Home - Saturdays, July 13, 20, and 27 are suggested dates, but you may opt for a different date. Saturday or Sunday is best so that your instructor has the information for the class the following week.

Families can register with this direct link to the schedule:
https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/538134

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at the
Town Hall Annex
66 Prospect St.
Ridgefield

July 16, 18, 23, 25, 30; August 1

Plus 3 Practice Tests at Home

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website: PrincetonReview.com
Phone: 800-2Review

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**Lentz & Lentz SAT Prep**

**SAT/PSAT Prep Classes**

Online Options!

Online options are available year round.

Prices and Lentz & Lentz Guarantee are on the web at: www.lentzsatprep.com

Email: info@lentzsatprep.com
Office: 14 Manor Court
New City, NY 10956
Phone: (845) 638-2826

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**Online SAT and/or ACT Test prep Courses with ed2go**

Visit Ridgefield’s page at ed2go’s Online Instruction Center: www.ed2go.com/ridgefield

Then type SAT or ACT Test Prep in the search box. This takes you to a page with SAT Test Prep options. There is an option for a full series for $199 or Part 1 (mainly English, verbal and reading skills) and Part 2 (mainly quantitative skills) for $99 each.
# Continuing Education Registration Application - Spring / Summer 2024

**Name:** ____________________________________________________________________________  **Date:** __________________________

**Address:** _____________________________________________  **Town:** __________________________  **State:** ________  **Zip:** _____________

**Contact Information Required in case we need to reach you:**  **Phone (Home #):** _____________________  **(Work #):**  ______________________  
**eMail:** __________________________________________________

> eMail and/or phone numbers are necessary in case we need to contact you.

*Make Check (preferred payment method) payable to Ridgefield Continuing Education. Rate for Senior Citizens (age 62+) and people with disabilities apply only to Ridgefield residents. Please see page 2 for important registration information for terms and conditions.

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Donations to Ridgefield Continuing Education in any amount are gratefully appreciated. Receipt provided.

_____ Ridgefield Sr. (age 62 & older)  _____ Ridgefield Disabled  Subtotal: __________________

A convenience/service fee for our Visa or MasterCard payment alternative will be added to your charge as below:  
Convenience/service Fee: $2.95 (subtotal through $97), 2.99% (subtotal of $98 or higher), per person per order.

**Total:** __________________

**WAIVER OF TOWN LIABILITY:** I recognize because of the nature of this activity, whether on Town of Ridgefield property or online via platforms such as Zoom on property of my own choice that an injury or illness might occur and/or the probability of contracting an illness might increase. In the event of an injury to myself or my family member, I give permission to the attending physician to render such treatment and agree to pay for the treatment. Ridgefield Continuing Education follows the Ridgefield Public Schools guidelines for COVID and other illnesses, which may change as public health conditions change, which may include wearing a mask. Even so, we cannot guarantee that you will be 100% safe from airborne illnesses including COVID-19. I release Ridgefield Adult and Continuing Education, Ridgefield Public Schools, the Town of Ridgefield, its employees and instructors. I understand that this release applies to any present or future injuries or illness (including, but not limited to, COVID-19). Participation is at my own risk. I have read this and sign it voluntarily.

Signed: ______________________________________________  **Date:** ____________

**REGISTER BY MAIL OR PHONE:**

_____ Check (Preferred)  _____ VISA  _____ MasterCard

Credit Card# ___________________  Expiration Date: _______  3 Digit Code: _______

Name As It Appears On Card: __________________________________

Signature: _________________________________________________

**Mail Registration To:**

Ridgefield Public Schools - Continuing Education  
Attn: Peggy Bruno  
90 East Ridge Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

**Phone:** (203) 431-2812  
**Web Site:** https://www.ridgefieldschools.org  
**Email:** ridgefieldcontinuingeducation@gmail.com

**Teachers Wanted:** Teach a class. Phone (203) 431-2812 or eMail resume to: ridgefieldcontinuingeducation@gmail.com

**SAT / PSAT Prep In Person Classes:** Dates & details at https://ridgefieldschools.org/satprep.html Princeton Review has courses online and in person. Summer in person available in Ridgefield. [PrincetonReview.com](https://www.princetonreview.com) Ridgefield families use code RIDGEFIELD25 for 25% discount. Lentz & Lentz has virtual classes.