



## Center for Individualized Learning (CIL)

### *Metro Meritus Program Information*

- Metro Meritus is a Metropolitan State University of Denver free audit program for senior citizens who are 60 years of age or older. In order to attend classes, the participant's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday must occur before the beginning of a semester. Example: A participant's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday occurs in September, but classes started at the end of August; they cannot attend until the following spring.
- Participants sign up to take courses through the CIL and **NOT** through the Registrar's Office. They can call either the CIL at 303-615-0525, email [metromeritus@msudenver.edu](mailto:metromeritus@msudenver.edu), or access program information and forms at <https://www.msudenver.edu/individualized-degrees/free-courses/>. Participants can sign up for classes through census date each semester. The exception to this rule is sign up for late start classes, which can occur throughout the semester.
- Attendance by Metro Meritus participants in course(s) is at the discretion of the faculty member. Participants must obtain permission from the instructor to attend the course. However, an empty seat must exist in the class in order for the participant to attend. Therefore, participants cannot obtain permission to attend prior to the first day a class meets.
- Classes with significant fees attached, non-credit, correspondence, art studio, private music instruction, and self-paced courses are excluded from the Metro Meritus program. Courses requiring a laboratory or the use of specialized equipment, or field trips are excluded from the program, as are master's level courses. Admission to any course is subject to final review by the department chair, in special cases. Do not refer participants to department chairs. Contact the Metro Meritus program coordinator, **Susan Heath, at 303-615-0525** or email [metromeritus@msudenver.edu](mailto:metromeritus@msudenver.edu) for assistance.
- Since the program is audit only, instructors are not required to grade (and are encouraged **NOT** to grade) a Metro Meritus participant's homework, papers, or tests.
- Metro Meritus participants will never appear on an instructor's class roster; however, they will appear in Canvas. If you are unsure of a participant's enrollment in a course(s), please contact **Susan Heath, program coordinator, at 303-615-0525** or email [metromeritus@msudenver.edu](mailto:metromeritus@msudenver.edu). Participants typically have access to Canvas and email approximately 48 hours after they submit their enrollment form to the Center for Individualized Learning.
- Metro Meritus participants are held to the same code of conduct as regular paying students of the university (<http://catalog.msudenver.edu/content.php?catoid=28&navoid=1750>).