



*Meritus Scholars Program - Faculty Information*  
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- Meritus Scholars is a Metropolitan State University of Denver audit program for participants who are 60 years of age or older. 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; the participant cannot attend until the following spring.
- Attendance by Meritus Scholars participants in a course(s) is at the discretion of the faculty member. Classes with significant fees attached, non-credit, correspondence, art studio, communication design, creative writing, private music instruction, self-paced courses, courses requiring a laboratory, or the use of specialized equipment, or field trips are all excluded from the program as are master's level courses and study abroad.
- Final admission to any course may be subject to review by the department chair.
- Empty seats must exist in the course for you to allow participants to attend. Do not sign and submit the participant's registration form prior to the first day a class meets.
- Since the program is audit only, you are not required to grade (and you are encouraged **NOT** to grade) a Meritus Scholars participant's homework, papers, or tests.
- Meritus Scholars participants will never appear on your class roster; however, they will appear in Canvas. If a participant appears on your roster, notify **Susan Heath, Meritus Scholars Coordinator, at 303-615-0525 or email [meritusscholars@msudenver.edu](mailto:meritusscholars@msudenver.edu)** immediately as they may have registered through the university registration system and could receive a bill for tuition. You may also contact the program if you are unsure of a participant's enrollment in your course(s) or want to have them removed from your Canvas course.
- Please do not add participants to your Canvas course(s) if you are unsure of their enrollment status. If they are not registered through the Meritus Scholars program, they will not have access to the university systems they need to participate in a course(s).
- Participants are allowed to register for classes through census date each semester. The exception is registration for late start classes, which can occur throughout the semester. Registration occurs through the Center for Individualized Learning (303-615-0525) and **NOT** through the Registrar's office.
- Meritus Scholars participants are held to the same [code of conduct](#) as regular paying students at the university. Please contact [metromeritus@msudenver.edu](mailto:metromeritus@msudenver.edu) regarding code violations.
- Participants typically have access to Canvas and email approximately 48 hours after they submit their enrollment form to the Center for Individualized Learning.