

WEA SYDNEY ONLINE COURSES



Autumn 2026

April–June

Live online learning accessed from anywhere



WELCOME TO WEA SYDNEY ONLINE

WEA Sydney is a voluntary, independent, not-for-profit organisation committed to adult education. Our mission is to provide accessible, engaging opportunities that promote learning, broaden knowledge and encourage active participation in a democratic society.

This catalogue brings together our Autumn 2026 online courses — live classes you can join from home, interstate or overseas. Whether you want to explore history, deepen a language, build creative skills, or better understand AI, WEA offers expert-led learning in a welcoming adult learning environment.

How online learning works

All courses in this catalogue are delivered live online via Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Platform details will be provided with your enrolment information. You can join from anywhere with a reliable internet connection, a device with audio, and a willingness to learn. Please note that all times listed are Sydney time.

General information

You must be 18 years or older to enrol unless otherwise specified, and we recommend booking at least 7 days before your course begins.

Pricing key

m = Members Price | nm = Non-members Price

Why study online with WEA?

Our online courses combine the convenience of learning from anywhere with the richness of live teaching. You can join expert tutors in real time, ask questions, take part in discussion, and connect with other learners — without needing to travel.



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ART & CRAFT

See, think and make differently. Explore visual culture, artistic ideas and creative practice with expert guidance.

Art Appreciation

Art and Philosophy

Wed 3 Jun | 6pm–7:30pm | 5 weeks
Tutor: Flavia Marcello | m \$148 | nm \$164
Explore how art and philosophy illuminate each other through questions of beauty, ethics, meaning and society.

Living Art History in Kyoto

Wed 27 May | 6pm–8pm | 1 day
Tutor: John McBride | m \$46 | nm \$51
Step inside a 1660 painting of Kyoto and discover the city's evolving streetscape, culture and daily life.

Great Roman Collections

Wed 13 May | 6pm–8pm | 5 weeks
Tutor: Flavia Marcello | m \$176 | nm \$195
Visit Rome's great collections and discover how art, politics and antiquity shaped the Western tradition.

How to Read Vermeer's Dutch Interiors

Fri 10 Apr | 6pm–8pm | 1 day
Tutor: Anne Harbers | m \$46 | nm \$51
Learn how light, objects and domestic space reveal deeper social meaning in Vermeer's interior scenes.

The Baroque – from Bernini to Rubens

Fri 12 Jun | 6pm–8pm | 1 day |
Tutor: Anne Harbers | m \$46 | nm \$51
Explore the drama, grandeur and richness of the Baroque across art, architecture and music.



Practical Arts & Crafts

Intermediate Calligraphy: Exploring Capitals

Thu 23 Apr | 11am–1pm | 8 weeks
Tutor: Elaine Witton | m \$280 | nm \$311
Develop classic and contemporary capital forms and create finished calligraphic work. Prior nib experience required.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Practical skills for work, leadership and communication.

Professional Skills

What John Cleese Got Right About Meetings (and What You Can Do Today)

Tue 2 Jun | 2pm–3:30pm | 1 day
Tutor: Bill Steenson | m \$36 | nm \$40
Ten practical ways to improve meetings, reduce frustration and make group time more productive and engaging.

Lead the Room: Essential Facilitation Skills

Wed 29 Apr | 11:45am–2:15pm | 4 weeks
Tutor: Wayne Nosenzo | m \$176 | nm \$195
Build confidence in facilitation, engagement and adult learning practice in this practical skills-based course. **4**

HISTORY

Travel across eras, empires and ideas.

Ancient History

Archaeology 101: Unearthing the Past

Mon 1 Jun | 2pm–5pm | 1 day

Tutor: Magdalena Tausch | m \$64 | nm \$71

Discover the methods, tools and detective work behind uncovering the ancient world.

Climate and Catastrophe in Ancient Egypt

Fri 29 May | 2pm–4pm | 4 weeks

Tutor: Helen Neale | m \$158 | nm \$175

Explore how climate and environmental change shaped ancient Egyptian society, belief and power.

A Journey through the Egyptian Underworld: the Book of the Dead

Mon 4 May | 2pm–4pm | 1 day

Tutor: Helen Neale | m \$46 | nm \$51

Journey through the Duat and explore Egyptian beliefs about death, judgement and the afterlife.

Continuing Middle Egyptian

Tue 28 Apr | 2pm–4pm | 9 weeks

Tutor: Helen Neale | m \$278 | nm \$309

Continue building your reading skills in Middle Egyptian through grammar, vocabulary and guided translation.

Great Cities of the Ancient World: Thebes to Babylon

Tue 28 Apr | 11:45am–1:45pm | 4 weeks

Tutor: Michael Pyne | m \$158 | nm \$175

Explore four great ancient cities and their role in shaping power, culture and urban life.



Australian History

The Discovery of Van Diemen's Land

Thu 4 Jun | 6pm–8pm | 1 day

Tutor: Almis Simans | m \$46 | nm \$51

Trace early European encounters with Tasmania and their impact on exploration and settlement.

The Story of Sydney – The Bridge

Thu 7 May | 6pm–8pm | 1 day

Tutor: Almis Simans | m \$50 | nm \$55

Discover the story of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, from engineering vision to national icon.

What Lies Beneath: A Deeper Dig into the Archives

Wed 29 Apr | 11am–1pm | 1 day

Tutor: Royal Australian Historical Society | m \$35 | nm \$39

Learn how to use NSW State Archives to research immigration, convicts, land, education and family history.

Travel & Coffee – Shakespeare in Sydney

Wed 15 Apr | 6pm–8pm | 1 day

Tutor: Almis Simans | m \$46 | nm \$51

A relaxed cultural session linking Shakespeare's world with Sydney places, stories and conversation.

HISTORY

World History

Travel & Coffee – Norway & The Vikings

Sun 14 Jun | 9:30am–11:30am | 1 day

Tutor: Almis Simans | m \$46 | nm \$51

Explore Viking culture, Norwegian history, great cities and the art and music of Norway.

Great Battle in Modern History: Amiens, August 1918

Tue 26 May | 11:45am–1:45pm | 1 day

Tutor: Michael Pyne | m \$46 | nm \$51

Examine the battle that helped turn the tide of World War I in the Allies' favour.

Dogs throughout History: From Prehistory to Modern Times

Wed 13 May | 2pm–4:30pm | 2 weeks

Tutor: Magdalena Tausch | m \$102 | nm \$113

Trace the long history of dogs in myth, work, companionship and everyday human life.

Backroads of Britain – The Castles at Bamburgh & Alnwick

Thu 16 Apr | 6pm–8pm | 1 day

Tutor: Almis Simans | m \$46 | nm \$51

Explore northern Britain's great castles, border conflict, royal history and coastal heritage.

Titanic: Glamour, Class & Illusion at Sea

Fri 8 May | 6:30pm–8:30pm | 1 day

Tutor: Anne Harbers | m \$46 | nm \$51

Step aboard the Titanic to explore Edwardian glamour, class and illusion on the eve of catastrophe.



HUMANITIES

Read more deeply. Think more broadly.

Literature & Writing

Revisiting *The Hobbit*: Tolkien's Enduring Classic

Tue 28 Apr | 2pm–4pm | 1 day
Tutor: Hugh Tranter | m \$46 | nm \$51
Revisit Tolkien's beloved classic and explore why its themes and storytelling still resonate.

Philosophy of the Unconscious in Literature

Tue 21 Apr | 10:30am–12:30pm | 10 weeks |
Tutor: Kerry Sanders | m \$292 | nm \$324
Explore how modernist literature engages with philosophical ideas about the unconscious mind.

Fiction Hit: Creating Compelling Characters

Sun 19 Apr | 9:30am–2:30pm | 1 day
Tutor: Aylish Dowsett | m \$110 | nm \$122
Learn how to create vivid, believable fictional characters with depth, voice and motivation.

Philosophy, Religion & Ideas

Spinoza: Freedom, Ethics and the Modern Mind

Fri 24 Apr | 2pm–4pm | 10 weeks
Tutor: Kerry Sanders | m \$292 | nm \$324
Study one of philosophy's most original thinkers and his enduring ideas about freedom, ethics and emotion.



Science and Faith: An Eternal Struggle?

Tue 7 Apr | 2pm–4pm | 4 weeks
Tutor: Michael Taylor | m \$158 | nm \$175
Trace the long tension between science and faith and how people continue to navigate both.

The Middle East: A Clash of Religions?

Mon 11 May | 2pm–4pm | 4 weeks
Tutor: Michael Pyne | m \$158 | nm \$175
Examine the role of religion in Middle East conflict and the wider historical and political forces involved.

Politics, Culture & Society

Venezuela: The Return of Great Power Politics and the End of Liberal Internationalism?

Thu 25 Jun | 1pm–4pm | 1 day
Tutor: Michael Taylor | m \$64 | nm \$71
Explore Venezuela's crisis through geopolitics, intervention and the strain on the rules-based order.

Discover the Hidden Stories Behind Your Wardrobe

Thu 7 May | 2pm–4pm | 3 weeks
Tutor: Theodora Zourkas | m \$120 | nm \$133
Look at fashion differently through questions of labour, materials, sustainability and personal style.

LANGUAGES

Live language learning from wherever you are.

French

Beginner French: A1.3 Course

Tue 28 Apr | 6pm–8pm | 9 weeks

Tutor: Beatrice Siragusa | m \$301 | nm \$334

Build confidence in everyday French through practical speaking, listening, grammar and vocabulary.

Intermediate French: B1 Conversation Course

Thu 16 Apr | 9:15am–11:15am | 9 weeks

Tutors: Blandine Midy Boutry, Olivia De Bergerac | m \$301 | nm \$334

Improve fluency through guided discussion and real-life conversation in a supportive group.

Advanced French: B2+ Conversation Course

Thu 16 Apr | 12:15pm–2:15pm | 9 weeks

Tutors: Blandine Midy Boutry, Olivia De Bergerac | m \$301 | nm \$334

Maintain and extend advanced French through lively discussion and nuanced conversation.

Advanced French: France Today (B2-C1)

Wed 15 Apr | 9:30am–11:30am | 9 weeks

Tutors: Blandine Midy Boutry, Karima Mezoughem | m \$301 | nm \$334

Discuss current affairs, media and contemporary culture from France and the wider Francophone world.



Italian

Beginner Italian: A1.3 Course

Mon 4 May | 6pm–8pm | 9 weeks

Tutor: Giorgia Bresciani | m \$301 | nm \$334

Build on beginner Italian through practical communication, useful vocabulary and core grammar.

Advanced Italian: A History of Italian Literature (B2-C1)

Wed 13 May | 2pm–4pm | 6 weeks

Tutor: Isabella Croce | m \$220 | nm \$244

Develop advanced Italian through the study of major Tuscan literary writers and cultural history.

Advanced Italian: B2+ Communication & Fluency Course

Wed 29 Apr | 8am–10am | 9 weeks

Tutor: Silvia Tullio | m \$301 | nm \$334

Strengthen spoken fluency, vocabulary and confidence through guided discussion and authentic language use.

Advanced Italian: Lingua e cultura (B2-C1)

Thu 23 Apr | 10am–12pm | 9 weeks

Tutor: Isabella Croce | m \$301 | nm \$334

Deepen your command of Italian through language, culture and critical reflection.

Advanced Italian: Book Club (B2-C1)

Tue 21 Apr | 4pm–6pm | 9 weeks

Tutor: Isabella Croce | m \$301 | nm \$334

Read and discuss Italian literature while extending advanced language and cultural understanding.

LANGUAGES

Portuguese

Portuguese Beginners Consolidation (A1)

Thu 30 Apr | 6:30pm–8:30pm | 9 weeks

Tutor: Maria Teixeira-Alves | m \$301 | nm \$334

Consolidate beginner Portuguese through revision, conversation and practical everyday language.

Portuguese Elementary Revision (A2)

Wed 29 Apr | 7:30pm–9:30pm | 9 weeks

Tutor: Maria Teixeira-Alves | m \$301 | nm \$334

Refresh elementary Portuguese and gain greater confidence through speaking and structured revision.

Portuguese Upper-Intermediate 3 (B2)

Tue 28 Apr | 7pm–9pm | 9 weeks

Tutor: Maria Teixeira-Alves | m \$301 | nm \$334

Develop upper-intermediate Portuguese through conversation, reading and more nuanced language work.

Swedish

Advanced Swedish: B2+ Communication & Fluency Course

Thu 30 Apr | 7:30pm–9:30pm | 9 weeks

Tutor: Eva-Britt Rogerson | m \$301 | nm \$334

Build confidence and fluency in advanced Swedish through conversation and contemporary topics.

Swedish

Advanced Swedish: B2+ Communication & Fluency Course

Thu 30 Apr | 7:30pm–9:30pm | 9 weeks

Tutor: Eva-Britt Rogerson | m \$301 | nm \$334

Build confidence and fluency in advanced Swedish through conversation and contemporary topics.



MUSIC

Build your understanding and enjoyment of music

Practical Music

Music Theory for L Platers: Beginners Level

Thu 30 Apr | 3pm–4:30pm | 9 weeks
Tutor: Rebecca Scott | m \$220 | nm \$244
Learn the basics of written music, including notes, scales and rhythm. No singing involved.

Music Theory for P Platers: Intermediate Level

Fri 1 May | 10am–11:30am | 8 weeks
Tutor: Rebecca Scott | m \$220 | nm \$244
Extend your knowledge of scales, key signatures and rhythmic structure in a practical way.

Strike a Chord 1: Piano Playing for the Absolute Beginner

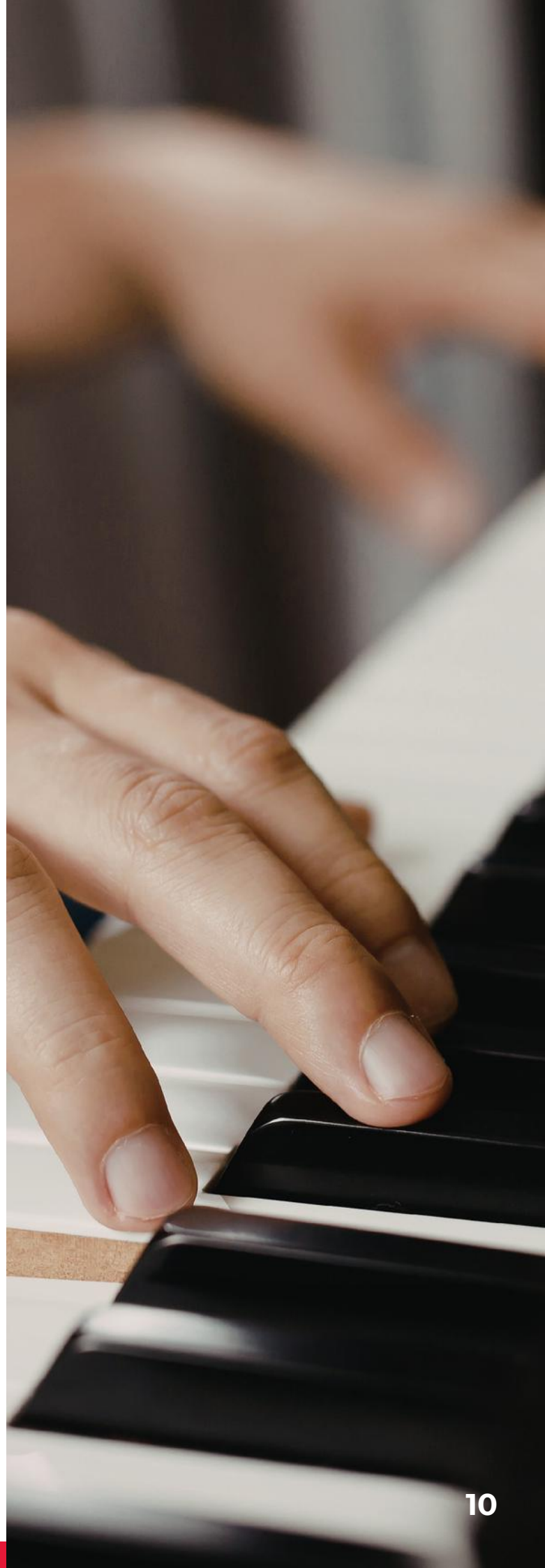
Thu 30 Apr | 10am–11am | 8 weeks
Tutor: Rebecca Scott | m \$170 | nm \$189
A gentle introduction to piano playing, including note names, posture and basic fingering.

Strike a Chord 2: Piano Playing for the Confident Beginner

Thu 30 Apr | 11:30am–12:30pm | 8 weeks
Tutor: Rebecca Scott | m \$170 | nm \$189
Take the next step with both hands, bass and treble clef, rhythm and timing.

Strike a Chord 3: Piano Playing for the Advanced Beginner

Thu 30 Apr | 1pm–2pm | 8 weeks
Tutor: Rebecca Scott | m \$170 | nm \$189
Develop confidence through short pieces, chords, keys and more integrated keyboard work.



TECHNOLOGY

Understand AI. Use it well.

Artificial Intelligence

ChatGPT for Beginners

Wed 29 Apr | 9:30am–11:30am | 4 weeks

Tutor: Leigh Caprile | m \$158 | nm \$175

A friendly introduction to ChatGPT for everyday writing, planning, learning and practical use.

ChatGPT for Intermediates

Tue 26 May | 9:30am–11:30am | 4 weeks

Tutor: Leigh Caprile | m \$158 | nm \$175

Move beyond the basics and learn how to get better results from ChatGPT.

AI Prompting That Actually Works

Sat 2 May | 11:45am–1:45pm | 5 weeks

Tutor: Leigh Caprile | m \$190 | nm \$211

Learn practical prompting techniques that improve the quality and usefulness of AI responses.

Prompting for Real Humans: How to Talk to AI

Wed 10 Jun | 2pm–4pm | 1 day

Tutor: Shaila Akhter | m \$46 | nm \$51

A practical, non-technical guide to writing clearer prompts for better AI results.

Shaping the Age of AI: Control, Creativity and Responsibility

Wed 3 Jun | 2pm–4pm | 1 day

Tutor: Shaila Akhter | m \$46 | nm \$51

Explore how AI is changing work, creativity and control — and how humans can retain agency.



Study from Anywhere

WEA Sydney's online program lets you take part in live classes wherever you are — at home, interstate, in regional Australia or overseas. What makes these courses distinctive is not simply convenience, but the quality of the learning experience: live tutors, real-time interaction, thoughtful discussion and a strong adult learning environment.

Online with WEA is ideal for:

- learners who prefer the convenience of studying from home
- regional, interstate and overseas students who want access to WEA's teaching
- returning learners seeking flexibility without losing the value of live teaching
- people who want to ask questions, engage in discussion and learn with others in real time.

Important practical note

All classes in this catalogue are scheduled in Sydney time. Your enrolment confirmation will advise whether your course is being delivered on Zoom or Microsoft Teams and will include access instructions.

How to Enrol

Visit weasydney.com.au and browse by course title, category or tutor.

Once you have selected your course, click Enrol Now.

If you are enrolling in more than one course, add them to your cart before proceeding to checkout.

Please check that your personal details, course selection and payment amount are correct before finalising your booking.

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