



# Lifelong Learning Academy 2026

## Education Calendar

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REVISED  
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### WINTER LLA SESSION (SOUTH)

January 16, 2026

Central Georgia Tech-Macon Campus: Macon-Bibb County

- ST\*: Using Incentives for Economic Development (ECD)
- ST: Collaborative Leadership (LD)
- ST: Fire, EMS & 9-1-1 (PS)

### WINTER LLA SESSION (NORTH)

January 30, 2026

UGA-Gwinnett Campus: Gwinnett County

- ST: Capital Improvement Planning (COM)
- ST: Constitutional Officers (IR)
- ST: Efficiencies in County Finance (RF)

### LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

February 23-24, 2026

Rainwater Conference Center: Lowndes County

### CAPITOL CONNECTION CONFERENCE

March 4-5, 2026 (LLA classes on March 4)

Downtown Atlanta Hotel (location TBD)

- CORE: ETHICS
- CORE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- ST: Managing Meetings (COM)
- ST: Understanding the Benefits of Land Use & Planning (ECD)
- ST: Navigating L.O.S.T. Without Getting Lost (IR)
- ST: Voice of Leadership (LD)
- ST: Transportation Funding: Options & Strategies (RF)

REVISED DATES

#### Please Note:

ACCG will make every effort to keep the class schedule as it published on the education calendar. However, there may be changes to the schedule. Please watch for updates and final registration details closer to the LLA session dates.

Class size may be limited to ensure a productive learning environment for all – watch the individual session registrations for this information.

ACCG Attendance Policy: Participants must attend the entire class to receive credit. Partial credit will not be awarded.

### SPRING LLA SESSION

March 16-17, 2026

UGA-Tifton Campus Conference Center: Tift County

March 16

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (Day 1 of 2)
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT FINANCE
- ST: Public Works & Transportation (COM)
- ST: Workforce Development (ECD)
- ST: Leadership in Local Government (LD)
- ST: County Audit Process (RF)
- March 17
- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (Day 2 of 2)
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW
- ST: Getting Your Message Out (CE)
- ST: Crisis Management (IR)
- ST: Mental Health & the Criminal Justice System: Costs & Implications (PS)
- ST: Addressing Complex Community Issues (QL/SI)

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 23-26, 2026

Savannah Convention Center: Chatham County

April 23

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (Day 1 of 2)
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW
- CORE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- CORE: HUMAN RESOURCES
- ST: Bringing People Together (CE)
- ST: County Retirement Programs: What They Mean to Your Employees & to Your Budget (COM)
- ST: Water Management (COM)
- ST: Managing Growth (ECD)
- ST: Building Your City-County Relationships (IR)
- ST: Successfully Negotiating Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) Agreements (IR)
- ST: Motivation & Successful Leadership (LD)
- ST: Citizen Public Safety Initiatives (PS)
- ST: Health & Wellness (QL/SI)
- ST: Public Safety Impacts of At-Risk Individuals & Families (PS)
- ST: Budgeting for Long-Term Fiscal Sustainability (RF)
- ST: Revenue & Tax Policy (RF)

April 25

- CORE: CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (Day 2 of 2)
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT FINANCE
- CORE: ETHICS
- CORE: PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

- Over for more April 25 LLA Classes -

#### \*Specialty Track (ST) Codes:

CE – Citizen Engagement  
COM – County Operations & Management  
ECD – Economic & Community Development  
IR – Intergovernmental Relations  
LD – Leadership Development  
PS – Public Safety  
QL/SI – Quality of Life / Social Issues  
RF – Revenue & Finance

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE (continued)

### April 25

- ST: Policy Development, Implementation & Evaluation (CE)
- ST: Commission & Staff Relations (COM)
- ST: Identifying Funding for Community Enhancements (ECD)
- ST: Regional Cooperation (IR)
- ST: Working with School Boards, Authorities & Other Partners (IR)
- ST: Understanding & Using Power and Influence Effectively (LD)
- ST: Courts & the Justice System (PS)
- ST: Building Sustainable Communities (QL/SI)
- ST: Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA's) and Private Partnerships (RF)

## LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

May 18-19, 2026

Crowne Plaza-Peachtree City: Fayette County

## ON-LINE CLASSES

June 8, 2026

- ST: Federal & State Budgeting (RF)

June 26, 2026

- ST: Resolving Conflict (IR)

## SUMMER LLA SESSION

July 23-24, 2026

Callaway Gardens: Harris County

July 23

- CORE: HUMAN RESOURCES
- ST: Air, Land & Water: County Challenges & Responsibilities (COM)
- ST: Art of Negotiation (IR)
- ST: Public Safety: Developing Collaborative Strategies & Practices (PS)
- ST: Debt Financing [RF]

July 24

- CORE: PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH
- ST: Navigating Change (CE)
- ST: Understanding Local Economic Development Assets (ECD)
- ST: Understanding Leadership Styles (LD)
- ST: Parks, Recreation & Active Living (QL/SI)

## ON-LINE CLASS

August 14, 2026

- ST: Global Commerce & Georgia's Targeted Industries (ECD)

## LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

August 27-28, 2026

Union County Community Center

## ON-LINE CLASS

September 14, 2026

- ST: Demographics & Diverse Perspectives (QL/SI)

## LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (LLC)

October 7-9, 2026

The Classic Center: Athens-Clarke County

October 7

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (Day 1 of 2)
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT FINANCE
- CORE: ETHICS
- CORE: PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH
- ST: ST: Effective County Government (CE)
- ST: Federal & State Relations (IR)
- ST: Law Enforcement in Counties: Principles, Partners & Practices (PS)
- ST: Shaping a Healthy Community (QL/SI)

October 9

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (Day 2 of 2)
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW
- CORE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- CORE: HUMAN RESOURCES
- ST: County Insurance & Risk Management (COM)
- ST: Revitalizing Your Community (ECD)
- ST: Board Dynamics (LD)
- ST: Developing Financial Policies (RF)

## NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

December 1-4, 2026

UGA Georgia Center for Continuing Education

## ADDITIONAL LLA INFORMATION

⇒ We are now offering an alternative way to complete 'CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT 101'. This class is one of the nine required CORE classes to become a Certified County Commissioner or Certified County Official.

⇒ Did you know you have the option to complete 'CORE: HUMAN RESOURCES' as an on-line class through the UGA Georgia Center for Continuing Education?

Contact ACCG Operations Coordinator, **Stephanie Wright** at **SWright@ACCG.org**, for details on both of these offerings!

## CERTIFICATION HOURS

- To receive CORE Certification, participants must complete 9 required courses totaling 66 hours. Upon completion, county commissioners achieve the status of "Certified County Commissioner" and are eligible for an increase to the monthly compensation received from the county.
- To obtain Specialty Track Certification, participants must complete 48 credit hours in the track, a minimum of 30 of which must come from primary courses in the track with a maximum of 18 hours coming from cross-over courses in that track.

NEVER STOP  
LEARNING

*We're here to help!*

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