Thanks to a generous arrangement made by the School of Professional Studies, retired officers of instruction who were full-time faculty are now eligible to audit any course at the University if and only if the course instructor gives written authorization for you to do so. In order to audit a course, you must submit the online application by August 28th, and complete registration before the beginning of the semester, i.e., by September 5th.

If you wish to audit a course marked as available to auditors in the Directory of Classes, you should proceed to apply and follow the instructions in the video referred to below. However, if you wish to audit a course not marked as available to auditors in the Directory of Classes, you need first to be in touch with the course instructor seeking permission.

You will need to submit an email from the instructor confirming that her/his permission has been given no later than September 5, the first day of classes, before registration for the class can be done.

To audit courses as retired officer of instruction at Columbia for the fall 2017 term, you must first complete an abbreviated online application form. We have created a brief step-by-step video tutorial to walk you through the application process. Please be sure to enter the code EPICSPS to waive the application fee.

Once you submit the application form you will receive an email with detailed next steps including information on course availability and registration.

You have access to the existing portfolio of courses available to auditors and may also obtain permission to enroll in other courses at Columbia. The existing portfolio of courses available for audit can be viewed in the Directory of Classes by searching for departments beginning with “A”. Auditing is the last department in the list.

You can see a sample of the types of courses that are likely to be available by viewing the course options for the spring 2017 term. Auditing courses will be posted shortly before the start of the term, and
admitted auditors will receive an email once course offerings are available. If you wish to enroll in one of these courses, you may self-register for the course by following the instructions in the next-steps email that you will receive after submitting your application. If your desired course is not listed in the auditing department, you may petition the course instructor for permission to audit the class by emailing the instructor directly. Once the instructor grants permission, forward their email to EPIC@sps.columbia.edu, and auditing advisor will manually register you for the course.

If you have any immediate questions about the Columbia EPIC Auditing Program you can connect with an advisor by emailing EPIC@sps.columbia.edu. We look forward to connecting with you.