



**Walt University Presents**  
***“The Life of Walt Disney”***

**In-Person Course About the Life of Walt Disney in Marceline, Missouri**

**Marceline, MO, NOVEMBER 30, 2023** - Walt University is excited to announce our first course about the life of Walt Disney. Students will come to Walt Disney’s hometown of Marceline, Missouri to attend this in-person class on Main Street USA, to learn more about Walt, his life, his family, his failures and successes, and the businesses he developed.

Central to the course are Walt Disney’s experiences growing up, his focus on American values and family entertainment, the failures that helped him succeed, and of course his great successes. Each day will include video presentations, book recommendations, in-class work, lectures, some games to help bolster retention of the content, and lots of discussion. Each day will also include outings around Marceline to absorb and appreciate Walt’s memories of small-town America, and there may even be some guest lecturers to talk about their specialty within the world of Disney.

A limited number of seats are available for each session, and each course includes all meals, as well as accommodations at the Hotel Marceline, just a few minutes from Main Street USA. Students are not required to join the class for meals but are encouraged to spend time with the class to help build a connection with the other attendees. Alumni will be invited to write articles after they’ve used their knowledge of Walt Disney when they’ve returned home.

Dave Tavres, the instructor for the course, was a Disneyland Tour Guide for several years, giving the “Walk in Walt’s Footsteps” tour, as well as being an Apartment Host for Walt’s Apartment above the firehouse, and an attractions Host at Autopia, and lots of guest interaction. Shortly after leaving Guest Relations, he moved to the Disneyland Railroad where he became a locomotive Engineer, driving the steam engines that Walt loved so much. Dave also spent many years as a volunteer at Walt Disney’s Carolwood Barn in the Burbank area, and was a co-founder of the Carolwood Foundation, whose mission is to preserve Walt Disney’s railroad legacy. He’s also the creator of MouseMingle.com, the dating site for Disney fans.

Dave has spent countless hours studying Walt Disney, the history of Disneyland, and is a train fan himself. His background is in the software development world, having worked at places like Microsoft and Sony as a software program manager. He moved to Walt’s boyhood hometown of Marceline in late 2021 because he fell in love with the small town. He’s very active in the community, and heavily involved in several organizations around town. For more information, visit [www.WaltUniversity.com](http://www.WaltUniversity.com) or email questions to [contact@waltuniversity.com](mailto:contact@waltuniversity.com).

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