

Ten Steps to Basic Bridge

(5-week series, 2 classes per week)

Syllabus / Winter 2025

Monday
Jan 6, 2025

Step 1: Fundamental Concepts. Tricks & Trumps. Declarer. The Dummy hand. High card points. Choosing a Contract. Leads & carding.

Thursday
Jan 9, 2025

Step 2: Cardplay & Opening Bids. General cardplay techniques. Choosing and reading opening bids.

Monday
Jan 13, 2025

Step 3: Suit Auctions. Responding to Opener's bid. Rebidding as Responder. Forcing Bids. Limit Bids.

Thursday
Jan 16, 2025

Step 4: Notrump Auctions. Stayman convention. Jacoby transfers. Relay to Minors. Alerts and Announcements.

Monday
Jan 20, 2025

Step 5: Interfering in Their Auction. Takeout Doubles. Simple overcalls. Jump overcalls.

Thursday
Jan 23, 2025

Step 6: Coping With Interference. Negative Doubles. Cuebids. Jordan 2NT.

Monday
Jan 27, 2025

Step 7: Specialized Opening Bids. Strong Two-Club Opening Bids. Weak-Two Bids. Other preemptive bids.

Thursday
Jan 30, 2025

Step 8: Slam Bidding. Direct slam bids. Invitations to slam. Control-showing cuebids. Ace-asking bids (Blackwood and Gerber).

Monday
Feb 3, 2025

Step 9: Additional Agreements. Michaels Cuebid. Unusual Notrump. Jacoby 2NT. Alerts and explanations.

Thursday
Feb 6, 2025

Step 10: Wrapping Up. Envisioning the likely final contract. Counting winners & losers. Creating winners. Eliminating losers.

All dates/topics subject to change. This syllabus was last revised 2024-Dec-08

Lesson fee: \$15 per person per night, cash/card/tap accepted; discounts for under-25s. Classes run from 7 pm to 9:30 pm on **Monday & Thursday evenings**. Find additional information at <http://www.pinochle.org/blog>

Class location: Seattle Bridge Center; 1539 NE 145th Street; Seattle, WA 98125

The first lesson of this series is Monday, January 6, 2025

Students are strongly encouraged to kibitz Rookie Duplicate at 7pm Tuesdays (free!)

Contact your instructor, David Dailey, by email via SeattleBridgeCenter@gmail.com or by leaving a voice message at 206/336-3428.