

Ten Steps to Basic Bridge

(5-week series, 2 classes per week)

Syllabus / Spring 2025

Monday Mar 31, 2025	Step 1: Fundamental Concepts. Tricks & Trumps. Declarer. The Dummy hand. High card points. Choosing a Contract. Leads & carding.
Thursday Apr 3, 2025	Step 2: Cardplay & Opening Bids. General cardplay techniques. Choosing and reading opening bids.
Monday Apr 7, 2025	Step 3: Suit Auctions. Responding to Opener's bid. Rebidding as Responder. Forcing Bids. Limit Bids.
Thursday Apr 10, 2025	Step 4: Notrump Auctions. Stayman convention. Jacoby transfers. Relay to Minors. Alerts and Announcements.
Monday Apr 14, 2025	Step 5: Interfering in Their Auction. Takeout Doubles. Simple overcalls. Jump overcalls. Advancing partner's interference.
Thursday Apr 17, 2025	Step 6: Coping With Interference. Negative Doubles. Cuebids to support Opener. Jordan 2NT.
Monday Apr 21, 2025	Step 7: Specialized Opening Bids. Strong Two-Club Opening Bids. Weak-Two Bids. Other preemptive bids.
Thursday Apr 24, 2025	Step 8: Slam Bidding. Direct slam bids. Invitations to slam. Control-showing cuebids. Ace-asking bids (Blackwood and Gerber).
Mon Apr 28 & Thu May 1	PRACTICE BRIDGE. Only \$5. Bring your notes.
Monday May 5, 2025	Step 9: Additional Agreements. Michaels Cuebid. Unusual Notrump. Jacoby 2NT. Alerts and explanations.
Thursday May 8, 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 2025-Mar-10

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, March 31, 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.