

Ten Steps to Basic Bridge

(5-week series, 2 classes per week)

Syllabus / Winter 2024

Monday Jan 8, 2024	Step 1: Fundamental Concepts. Tricks & Trumps. Declarer. The Dummy hand. High card points. Choosing a Contract. Leads & carding.
Thursday Jan 11, 2024	Step 2: Cardplay & Opening Bids. General cardplay techniques. Choosing and reading opening bids.
Monday Jan 15, 2024	Step 3: Suit Auctions. Responding to Opener's bid. Rebidding as Responder. Forcing Bids. Limit Bids.
Thursday Jan 18, 2024	Step 4: Notrump Auctions. Stayman convention. Jacoby transfers. Relay to Minors. Alerts and Announcements.
Monday Jan 22, 2024	Step 5: Interfering in Their Auction. Takeout Doubles. Simple overcalls. Jump overcalls.
Thursday Jan 25, 2024	Step 6: Coping With Interference. Negative Doubles. Cuebids. Jordan 2NT.
Monday Jan 29, 2024	Step 7: Specialized Opening Bids. Strong Two-Club Opening Bids. Weak-Two Bids. Other preemptive bids.
Thursday Feb 1, 2024	Step 8: Slam Bidding. Direct slam bids. Invitations to slam. Control-showing cuebids. Ace-asking bids (Blackwood and Gerber).
Monday Feb 5, 2024	Step 9: Additional Agreements. Michaels Cuebid. Unusual Notrump. Jacoby 2NT. Alerts and explanations.
Thursday Feb 8, 2024	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 2023-Nov-16

Lesson fee: \$10 per person per night; 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 8, 2024

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.