

Ten Steps to Basic Bridge

(5-week series, 2 classes per week)

Syllabus / Autumn 2025

Monday Oct 13, 2025	Step 1: Fundamental Concepts. Tricks & Trumps. Declarer. The Dummy hand. High card points. Choosing a Contract. Leads & carding.
Thursday Oct 16, 2025	Step 2: Cardplay & Opening Bids. General cardplay techniques. Choosing and reading opening bids.
Monday Oct 20, 2025	Step 3: Suit Auctions. Responding to Opener's bid. Rebidding as Responder. Forcing Bids. Limit Bids.
Thursday Oct 23, 2025	Step 4: Notrump Auctions. Stayman convention. Jacoby transfers. Relay to Minors. Alerts and Announcements.
Monday Oct 27, 2025	Step 5: Interfering in Their Auction. Takeout Doubles. Simple overcalls. Jump overcalls. Advancing partner's interference.
Thursday Oct 30, 2025	Step 6: Coping With Interference. Negative Doubles. Cuebids to support Opener. Jordan 2NT.
Monday Nov 3, 2025	Step 7: Specialized Opening Bids. Strong Two-Club Opening Bids. Weak-Two Bids. Other preemptive bids.
Thursday Nov 6, 2025	Step 8: Slam Bidding. Direct slam bids. Invitations to slam. Control-showing cuebids. Ace-asking bids (Blackwood and Gerber).
Monday Nov 10, 2025	Step 9: Additional Agreements. Michaels Cuebid. Unusual Notrump. Jacoby 2NT. Alerts and explanations.
Thursday Nov 13, 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-Sep-04

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, October 13, 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.