

Introduction to Chess Class Syllabus

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Twice a week from 8/13-8/23 on Sundays 12-1PM EST (11AM-12PM CST) and Tuesdays 6-7PM EST (5-6PM CST)

Weekly from 8/27 on Sundays 12-1PM EST (11AM-12PM CST)

Course Description

This course is recommended for those who are interested in playing chess but have little to no prior experience. This course will focus on how to play, rules, pieces, and other beginner level material. The course will be a nice way to start off your chess career. We will end each class with a short [lichess](#) tournament.

Meeting Agenda

8/13: Basics

- Algebraic Notation
- How to set up the chess board
- Piece names and how they move
- Value of pieces
- Opening/middle game/endgame

8/15: Possible outcomes of a game

- Check vs Checkmate
- Basic checkmate patterns
- Stalemate
- Draw by insufficient material/agreement/repetition

8/20: Basic Tactics

- Attacking the king
- Sacrificing material
- Special moves (castling, en passant, promotion)
- Controlling the center

8/22: White Openings

- Opening basics
- Queen's Gambit
- London System
- Developing pieces

8/27: Black Openings

- Slav Defense
- Caro Kann

9/3: Middle game

- Tactics
- Activating pieces
- Positional play

9/10: Endgames

- Basic techniques
- Pawn endgames
- Rook/Queen checkmate
- Ladder mate/other mating patterns

9/17: In Class Tournament

- Try to use the material that we have taught you and use these games to measure your growth