
Introduction to Chess

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Course Description: Starting with little to no knowledge in chess, students will learn the rules of chess, how to use their chess pieces to win the game, and how to continue improving after the course is over. After this course, students will be able to play full matches of chess with thought, participate in chess tournaments with confidence, and practice chess with diligence.

Class Time: 9:30am to 10:30am, Sunday

Meeting Link: TBD

Course Materials:

- A [chess.com](https://www.chess.com) account
- A chess set - Includes a chessboard and chess pieces. Example chess set:
<https://www.amazon.com/Wholesale-Chess-Archer-Set-Combo/dp/B009RSFQD2>
- Chess Notation Sheets (The teacher will give instructions on printing the chess notation sheets later in the year). Example notation paper:
<https://www.printabledocs.net/printable-chess-score-sheets/>

Schedule for the Year:

Fall semester

- Classes 1 to 5:
 - Orientation
 - Chess pieces (how they move, what their names are)
 - Checks
 - Parts of the board
 - Pawn promotions
- Classes 6 to 9
 - Values of pieces
 - Capturing pieces
 - Attackers and defenders
 - Notation
- Classes 10 to 13
 - Introduction to checkmate
 - Checkmate with a queen

- Checkmate with 2 rooks
- Classes 14 to 15
 - Stalemate
 - Basic planning and strategies
 - Playing some games

Spring semester:

- Classes 1 to 2
 - Back rank checkmate
- Classes 3 to 6
 - Opening (starting a game)
- Classes 7 to 8
 - Hanging pieces, positioning pieces to attack
- Classes 9 to 12
 - Forks, pins, and skewers
 - Use tactics (forks, pins, and skewers) to win pieces
- Classes 13 to 14
 - Discovered attacks
 - Double checks
 - king and rook checkmate
- Class 15
 - Tournament rules
 - Class tournament

Biography: David Gu

David Gu is a sophomore at LASA high school and currently a Class C chess player. From the age of 6, he has been continuously playing chess for 9 years. In his first chess tournament at seven, he got his first medal. Since then, David Gu has won a plethora of trophies, including three first-place trophies and one second-place team trophy representing his elementary school. In seventh grade, he qualified for the open section and championships. About a year later, David Gu secured the top three positions for money prizes three times in a row. During the COVID epidemic so far, David Gu has continued practicing chess and kept his winning streaks in online chess tournaments. David Gu doesn't only play to get better, but he also wishes to spread what he has learned to others. He has taught his two younger siblings how to play chess, teaching them when they were around six years old. In the past year, he has been enjoying teaching and bringing chess to young kids at Austin Great Wall Chinese School. David Gu looks forward to meeting and inspiring all the kids to develop skills and interests in chess so that they will be able to play chess with relish.