

Community Education – Fall Quarter 2026

Course Title: Cha Cha- Beginning

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Course Details

Dates: 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, Wednesdays

Course Description

One of the most timeless and popular rhythm dances. This fun and flirty dance can be danced to a wide variety of music - and is great for the nightclub floor - Just like Salsa, but with a "Cha Cha Cha!" New beginner level steps will be taught. Perfect for new dancers and those returning for a Cha Cha refresh. Singles and couple's welcome. No dance experience required. Dance Field Trip (TBD).

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Recognize Cha Cha music.
 - Acquire a variety of Cha Cha steps so you can dance throughout an entire song
 - Develop lead & follow for more effective and confident couple dancing
 - Become knowledgeable of the versatility of this dance which is enjoyed in today's pop and Latin music.
 - Enhance your Musical Receptivity - the ability to receive, comprehend, and express music through your body
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Course Schedule

- Week 1: 10/28– Introduction to Latin music and Cha Cha rhythm, partnership hold, Basic step, Turning Basic, Progressives & Open Turns.
- Week 2 – 11/4 Review previous steps, Follows Outside Turns, Crossover Break w-Walk-around Turn (New Yorker), Leads hairbrush
- Week 3 – 11/18 Review previous steps, Sweetheart, Arm styling for polish
- Week 4 - 12/2-Review previous steps, Side-by-side breaks
- Week 5 - 12/9 Review previous step.

Resources

Recommended references for further study:

- Video summaries from classes

Class Evaluation

- Class evaluations are sent by email.
- If you don't see it right away, check your **junk/spam folder**.
- Evaluations are **anonymous** and come directly from Clark College.
- If you don't receive one, contact:
 - Email: continuingeducation@clark.edu
 - Phone: 360-992-2939

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