

Community Education – Fall Quarter 2026

Course Title: Swing (East Coast) - Beginning

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Course Details

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

Location: Clark College Main Campus, O'Connell Sports Center Room 218

Course Description

Swing is one of the most popular dances and can be danced to the oldies and to the music of today. We will be covering the basics in single and triple rhythm. Even if you have experience with swing, this is for you. You will learn beginner-level steps perfect for those new to the dance floor and those looking for a Swing refresh. New beginner-level steps will be taught. Singles and couple's welcome. No dance experience required.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Recognize Swing music.
 - Acquire a variety of Swing steps to 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 music and music of decades past.
 - Enhance 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 the rhythms, various tempos, partnership hold, Basic step, Turning Basic, Release technique, Ladies Outside/Inside Turns
- Week 2 – 11/4 Review previous steps, Leads Turn, Handshake Pass

- Week 3 – 11/18 Review previous steps, Sweetheart, Leads Back Pass
 - Week 4 - 12/2—Review previous steps, Hip Bump
 - Week 5 - 12/9 Review previous steps.
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Resources

Recommended references for further study:

- Video summaries from classes
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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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Inclement Weather

- If the college closes due to weather, updates will appear at www.clark.edu
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