

Community Education – Fall Quarter 2026

Course Title: SALSA - Beginning

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Course Details

Dates: September 23rd through October 21st, Wednesdays

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

Course Description

Spice up your Wednesday nights with the vibrant rhythms of Salsa! In this fun and easy 5-week series, you will learn new beginning-level steps (even for those who have taken our class in the past), turns, and partner patterns that make Salsa one of the world's most popular social dances. Singles and couples are equally encouraged to join. Dance Outing to a Salsa Nightclub TBD.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Learning the relationships between Salsa and the other Latin dances
 - Develop lead & follow for more effective and confident couple dancing
 - Acquire a variety of Salsa steps to dance throughout an entire song
 - Enhance Musical Receptivity -the ability to receive, comprehend, and express music through your body
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Course Schedule

- Week 1: Sept 23 – Introduction to the rhythm, various tempos, Basic step in Open, 2nd position breaks, 5th position breaks. Basic to Follows Outside Turn
- Week 2: Sep 30 - Review of previous steps, Closed Turning Basic, Hairbrushes.
- Week 3: Oct. 7 – Review previous steps, Open Turns. Cross Body Lead
- Week 4: Oct 14 – Review previous steps, Crossbody Lead into Side-by-side breaks, Right side pass, Shines.
- Week 5 Oct. 21 - Review Previous steps. Shines.

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

Inclement Weather

- If the college closes due to weather, updates will appear at www.clark.edu
- Community Education may also cancel classes independently if travel is unsafe.
- If canceled, you will be notified by both phone and email.
- Please check that your contact information is correct on the class roster.

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