

# Community Education – Fall Quarter 2026

**Course Title:** Waltz - 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

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## Course Description

Enliven your Wednesday nights with the timeless elegance of the Waltz! In this fun 5-week series, you will learn smooth steps, flowing turns, and graceful movement in a welcoming, beginner-friendly environment. Perfect for new dancers and those returning for a Waltz refresh. New beginner-level steps will be taught. This class builds confidence and skills you can enjoy at weddings, parties, and social events for years to come. Singles and Couples are welcome. No dance experience required.

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## Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Recognize Waltz music.
  - Acquire a variety of waltz steps to move around dance floor 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: Sept. 23 – Introduction to Rhythm, Partner Hold, Dance Etiquette, Forward and Back Basics, Follows Under Arm Turn, Progressives.
- Week 2 – Sep 30 Review previous steps. Hesitations, Box step.
- Week 3 – Oct 7 Review previous steps. Box step to Follow's Under Arm Turn, Rise & Fall styling.
- Week 4 - Oct 14 Review of previous steps. Fancy Hesitation, Butterflies.
- Week 5 - Oct 21 Review of 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](mailto:continuingeducation@clark.edu)
  - Phone: 360-992-2939

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