

OLLI at DU West Syllabus – Spring 2024

Bridge: Defense in the 21st Century

8 weeks - Online

Facilitator: Dr. Michael Holmes

1. Leads against Notrump Contracts

Students learn, review, practice opening leads against notrump contracts picking suit & card.

2. Leads against Trump Contracts

Students learn, review, practice opening leads against trump contracts picking suit & card.

3. Third-Hand Play

Students will learn basic guidelines for third-hand play with drills and practice hands

4. Second-Hand Play

Students will learn basic guidelines for second-hand play with drills and practice hands.

5. Defensive Signals

Attitude, count, and suit preference will be demonstrated and discussed.

6. Developing Defensive Tricks

Taking sure tricks, promoting tricks, establishing long suits, finessing, and ruffing will be discussed and demonstrated

7. Interfering with Declarer

Various ways of interfering w/declarer will be discussed and demonstrated.

8. The Defensive Plan

Building a defensive plan and combining with partner's plan will be discussed.