

Teacher

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Hello,

I am Siyuan Chen. I go by the nickname Larry and students can just call me Coach Larry. I have been teaching chess as a part-time job for the past 3 summers with over 60 students in total. Additionally, I have been the assistant coach at Hunter Elementary School chess club for the past 4 years, and helped it grow to over 100 students. This chess club that I coached at has won many team trophies at the NC Chess Championship, as well as individual awards. To further improve my chess teaching qualifications, I have tested and been certified by the US Chess Federation as an official Local Chess Coach.

The goal of the class is for everyone to become an intermediate chess player. This class is great for any students that have interest in chess and want to start learning. Whether they plan to go competitive and enter tournaments, or if they wish to be able to play casually at a high level, this class will be a good starting spot. After this class, each student should be ready to play at intermediate tournament level.

Other personal information: I am a senior at Enloe Magnet High School. I am able to maintain high grades and GPA at school (top 1-2% of grade) while also finding time to teach chess and do research/internships. I am very patient when it comes to teaching students and will be sure that they learn a lot.

Required Textbooks/Extra Resources

No textbooks required. However, every student should have access to a chess set at home to be able to practice.

A vinyl chess set should be fine and they are the cheapest (usually less than 20\$ to buy one).

Prefer every chess set to have letters and numbers on the side, will come in use in the future.

Class Goal and Students Evaluations

I will have a checklist for each student and will check off activities as the classes go along. For example, once a student knows how to checkmate with a King and Queen against King, I will check that off. As for midterm, I will just make sure that each student knows all the material covered up until then and make sure that they know how to play a full game. The goal of the class is that every student is able to play at an intermediate tournament level by the end. I will start giving homework when they are ready. Homework will usually be 1 move checkmates or puzzles.

Other

* indicates 1 st /last activity class, Yellow means no activity class on that week.			
Week	Date	Activity Class	Weekly Syllabus Fall 2018
1	8/25/2018	RACL starts, No Activity class	
No Class	9/1/2018	School closed	
2	9/8/2018	*1st activity class for Fall 2018	Name of pieces and how to move them
3	9/15/2018		Special ability of each piece and castling
4	9/22/2018		Checkmate, Check, and winning the game
5	9/29/2018		Ties and how to achieve them in games
6	10/6/2018		Learning the 3 opening rules
7	10/13/2018		First opening: Italian Opening
8	10/20/2018		Beginner tactics: Pins and Forks
9	10/27/2018		Endgame tactics: Checkmating with a King and Queen
10	11/3/2018		Endgame tactics: Checkmating with a King and Rook
11	11/10/2018		Advanced tactics: Skewers and Discovery attacks
12	11/17/2018		Second opening: Ruy Lopez (Spanish opening)
	11/24/2018	School closed	
13	12/1/2018		Bad pawns: doubled, backwards, isolated
14	12/8/2018	*last day for Fall 2018 Activity class	Learning to play a FULL game with tactics
15	12/15/2018	Last School Day	

Week	Date	Acticity Class	Weekly Syllabus Spring 2019
1	1/12/2019	* 1st activity class	
2	1/19/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
3	1/26/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
	2/2/2019	Chinese Spring Festival and Ceberation, No Activity Classes for two weeks	
4	2/9/2019		
5	2/16/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
6	2/23/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
7	3/2/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
8	3/9/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
9	3/16/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
10	3/23/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
11	3/30/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
12	4/6/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
	4/13/2019	Spring Break, School Closed for two weeks	
	4/20/2019		
13	4/27/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
14	5/4/2019		Please fill in what to be covered in this week
15	5/11/2019	* Last Act Class	Please fill in what to be covered in this week
16	5/18/2019	Make up day	Please fill in what to be covered if any planned missing classes
17	6/1/2019	Inclement weather make-up day. N/A at this time	