

## Mah Jongg for Beginners

Mah Jongg is a game of skill and strategy that involves a degree of chance. A game of Mah Jongg is an excellent mental workout and helps keep the mind sharp, while socializing with others.

Materials needed for class:

- 2024 Mah Jongg card purchased from the National Mah Jongg League (<https://www.nationalmahjonggleague.org/>). The card should be ordered as soon as you get confirmation that you are in the class, as it takes a week or more to get the card.
- It is NOT necessary to purchase a Mah Jongg game.

This class is intended for beginners. We will be covering these topics when teaching the class:

- Common terms used in Mah Jongg
- Identifying the tiles
- Reading the Mah Jongg card
- Three-handed Mah Jongg
- Mah Jongg basics
  - Use of the tile rack
  - Setting up the tiles
  - Dealing the tiles
  - The Charleston
  - Playing the tiles
  - Discarding tiles
  - Picking up a discarded tile
  - Jokers
  - Concealed hands
  - Strategy
- Mah Jongg

Although it is not required, class members have the option of purchasing and practicing Mah Jongg by using an online game at home. The online game will substitute “computer players” if there are less than four people. The website for the game that we recommend is [realmahjongg.com](http://realmahjongg.com).