

Canasta for Beginners Syllabus

Canasta is a game of skill and luck. It is an excellent work-out for the mind, and a great way to socialize with friends!

This class is intended for beginners. We will be teaching the rules for **Modern American Canasta**. Time will be given in each class for practicing skills, including score keeping. We will be covering these topics:

- Objective of the game
- Common terms
- Set up and dealing
- Card values
- Points needed for initial meld
- Different types of canastas
- The talon
- Mismelding
- Rules for 7's, aces, and wild cards
- Picking the pack
- Discarding
- Special hands
- Ending the round
- Scoring (and penalties)
- Strategy

No equipment is needed for this class. However, if you have a holder for playing cards, please feel free to bring it with you.