

COURSE OUTLINE

Course**Beginners Guitar**

Learn basic chords and develop techniques to play popular songs.

Tutor/artist:**Simon Buchan**

I am a self-taught musician, I enjoy playing styles such as blues, rockabilly, country, and reggae. I find it really rewarding to pass on my guitar playing knowledge and help people reach their goals.

Type / Location:**Face to Face**

St Martin's Church Hall, 127 Suez Road, Cambridge CB1 3QD

Duration & dates:**8 weeks**

30 January 2024 – 26 March 2024

No session on 20 February (half term)

Who is the course for?

Beginners only – the course will start from the absolute basics.

**Tech requirements:
What do I need &
what for?**

Optional use of Google Classroom – your virtual classroom, where course resources will be posted for use outside of sessions.

**Timetable &
expectations:****Tuesdays 12-3pm**

Independent practice outside of sessions is expected.

Essential Materials:

Acoustic Guitar – CCA can provide a guitar on loan, if needed, for use during the course. This is to be taken home in between sessions.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Course aim Aimed for absolute beginners, this course will teach you the basics of the acoustic guitar. You will learn the layout of your guitar, how to play basic chords, how to transition between chords and how to tune your guitar, as well as how to maintain a good posture when playing. At the end of the course, you will have begun to build a repertoire of simple, well-known songs, such as Happy Birthday, Three Little Birds and Wild Thing. As the course progresses, you will also gain an understanding of the 12-bar Blues. Practice outside of the session is key for your successful development as a player. You can borrow a guitar from us for the duration of the course if needed – you will have to take this home in between sessions.

Learning

Objectives

To successfully complete the course, you will:

1. Attend a minimum of 6 sessions
2. Reflect on your own learning
3. Contribute to group discussions
4. Demonstrate basic chords including A, C, D, E, G
5. Demonstrate minor chords: Em, Am, Dm
6. Develop strumming and finger picking techniques
7. Demonstrate basic power chords
8. Play popular songs in a group
9. Play basic 12 bar blues



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