

# ***Beyond Basic Chords***

In this mini course, students will build upon skills they already learned in class and explore advanced/extended chords. They will learn how chords are created and their relationship to playing- including tips and ideas to help apply those skills to everyday practice. This is a hands-on, interactive course where students play guitar throughout!

## ***How much is the course?***

The course is free for all students.

## ***Where does the course meet?***

Your classroom/school.

## ***What is included in the course?***

Instruction and handouts. Students must supply their own guitar, pencil and music stand.

## ***Are there any prerequisites?***

Students must read notation, tablature, chord charts, and be able to find notes in first position- including accidentals. The minimum age is about 12.

## ***Is there an enrollment limit?***

In order to provide individual attention, the course has a capacity of about 20 students.

## ***How long is the course?***

The course is 60-90 minutes (longer than 60 minutes recommended).

## ***How do I enroll?***

Enrollment is made by the teacher for his/her class. Please contact us to discuss details.

## ***How do I prepare my students for the class?***

You can help prepare them by reviewing common chords and interpreting chord charts. You can also prepare students by reviewing scales (or just a C major scale) and show them how each scale degree can be referred to as a number (1-8). Have students bring in a song that they want to learn, but may have a question related to chords- I will use this in the class!

## ***What will the students learn?***

Students will learn techniques and theory of advanced chords and their application to music.

- Formula (theory) for major chords and its application to your instrument

- 7<sup>th</sup> chords: major minor, dominant

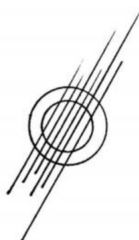
- Diminished and augmented chords

- Extended chords: 9, 11, 13

- Other chords: Suspended, add, 6, 6add9, 7#9

- Tips, function, and application of chords to songs

*NJGMS provides participating teachers with a Professional Development certificate for this course.*



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