



Introduction to the SBU 60 Lesson Teaching Course

This 60 lesson Bridge teaching course is heavily based on previous SBU teaching material freely available to tutors. It has been updated to reflect modern developments in Bridge but continues to reflect the natural bidding style of the Acol system.

All the material is free to use and tutors may choose to follow the flow of lessons as presented or to change the order or simply pick individual lessons. The early lessons assume no knowledge of card games and gently introduce students to the first principles of Bridge. Later lessons build on these principles and methodically introduce the details of bidding and play that students will appreciate whether they play socially, in clubs or progress to international level.

The course lessons can be delivered in a classroom, online, or a social setting and most lessons are designed to run for about two hours (including playing the hands) as a guide but this will depend on the subject covered in the lesson, the teaching style of the tutor and of course, the students themselves.

The files for each lesson include:

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| Notes for Teachers | Providing a summary of the material to be covered, some context of how the lesson fits into the course and a note of the key learning points |
| Powerpoint slides | An interactive slide presentation developing the subject and working through examples. The slides may be printed if you do not have access to a projector; or viewed on line |
| Lesson handouts | A summary of the lesson for use as a handout |
| Example Sheets | Provide further examples of how to use and understand the lesson material |
| Quiz | A few questions for the students to test their understanding of the lesson |
| Hand records | A copy of the boards available to play in the class |

Additional material - located in General Papers folder

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| Quiz Answers | Answers to the quizzes are provided in blocks of 10 lessons |
| This Introduction | A short introduction to the material |
| Chapter Headings | A List of subjects taught |
| Chapter Detail | The main topics covered in the Lesson |
| Dealing files | Computer files for producing boards if you have access to a dealing machine in two file types for each chapter |
| BBO/RealBridge dealing files | Dealing files for use on BBO and RealBridge if you teach on line. |



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There is considerable flexibility on how the material may be used as indicated above. One club that has been using the previous edition of this Course for several years has developed the following Lesson structure: (times approx.)

- 1: running through the quiz from the previous week interactively with the students (15m)
- 2: delivering the Powerpoint slides, encouraging questions (45)
- 3: playing set hands relating to the lesson with tutor support (60)
4. students are offered, lesson handout, quiz and hand records to take home
5. All lesson material is available to them online, together with example sheets and copies of the slides

This club also delivers a play only session every 5 lessons on average, using sets of hands appropriate to stage of learning. Each 12 week course covers 10 formal lessons and 2 full play sessions. Other clubs choose different formats.

It is perhaps inevitable in a course of this size and complexity that some errors or omissions may be found. Please email nigel.booth@me.com with any comments and corrections.

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