

## Chess.com University

### Strategy & Tactics for 1200-1500 Players

#### Class Syllabus

##### Part 1: Course Information

###### Instructor Information

**Instructor:** Kairav Joshi

**Class Office Hours:** Tuesday and Thursday between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM Pacific Time (available via instant messaging or Skype).

**Skype & Chess.com Username:** GeniusKJ

**Email:** (Will be available to students taking the class).

###### Textbook and Course Materials

**Required Text:** *The Amateur's Mind* - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition by Jeremy Silman

###### Course Requirements

Computer & Internet Access Required.

Proficiency In Written English Required.

1-Month Chess.com Diamond Membership Required (Included).

###### Course Structure

This chess class will be delivered entirely online through various mediums including chess.com, email, Skype, etc.

The exact details are yet to be determined.

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##### Part 2: Course Objectives

- Learn all of the content a 1200 – 1500 ELO chess player should know regarding strategy and tactics including basics of planning and evaluating.
- Master applying these principles to practical chess positions.
- Be able to evaluate positions accurately by considering statics and dynamics.
- Be able to approach chess in a more principled and less habitual manner.

You will be able to learn all of the content a 1200 – 1500 player should know in order to improve at chess by reading assigned articles, lecture notes, our chess book, watching videos, and by attending/watching the live lectures.

Because this course is training-based and focused on learn-by-doing, the live lessons will focus on analyzing, calculating, evaluating, and planning by often reviewing past homework assignments and by trying to solve positions together.

Chess is not a game of knowledge. Knowing how to analyze, calculate, evaluate, plan, and apply the knowledge throughout the game is what matters most.

A key objective will be to improve your overall chess thinking skills. It is necessary for students to complete all of the assignments by the due date to get the most benefit from this class.

After taking this class, students will be prepared to study advanced topics in strategy and tactics. Active over-the-board players should see their rating improve.

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#### Part 3: Course Topics and Schedule

[Not finalized yet]

The class will focus on how to analyze, calculate, evaluate, and plan.

Necessary content will be covered such as all the tactics, typical combinations, imbalances, various strategic topics, etc.

There will be emphasis on the principle of two weaknesses, creating targets, and knowing where and when to attack.

Full outline and class schedule will be finalized by July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Class is tentatively scheduled to start on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and last 28 days.**