

COLLEGE CLASSICS



Community Programs Continuing Education

SPRING 2026 SCHEDULE



F. MARIE HALL
Academic Building

Welcome to College Classics!

College Classics is perhaps the most interesting of all Midland College Classes!

The program, initiated in the Spring of 1989, provides free, non-credit opportunities for citizens 50 and over. The program's goal is to broaden knowledge in various areas of interest in an informal educational setting. Classes are offered on the Midland College main campus and are taught by MC faculty and community volunteers who want to share their time and expertise in a variety of areas.

Registration

Registration for College Classics Spring 2026 courses should be made by mail directed to the Midland College Continuing Education Office, Jack E. Brown Building - 3600 N. Garfield St., Midland, TX 79705 or online at www.midland.edu/collegethrough or by calling (432) 685-4518. An individual at least 50 years old may take any or all courses at no cost.

Class Cancellation

In order to have the best situation possible for students and teachers, classes generally will be cancelled the Friday before the class begins if 10 people are not registered. Cancelling a class due to the limited enrollment is standard procedure for the Continuing Education department. Please have your friends register if you are anxious to take a class that may be cancelled.

JOIN US

**for the College Classics
Kickoff Lunch!**

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Midland College Main Campus

3600 N. Garfield St.

Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room

(Across from the Campus Bookstore)



Contact us for more information!

Call us at (432) 685-4518

or send us an email:

cecommunityprograms@midland.edu



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CHAIR YOGA

This class uses the chair for breathing exercises and meditation, and movement to boost well-being, improve flexibility, strength, posture, reduce stress, and enhance mental clarity. Feel renewed after each session by learning calming tactics.

THE CONSTITUTION TODAY

The Constitution Today - This session will focus on the separation of powers between Congress, the President, and the Supreme Court and between the federal and state governments. Current and past events will be used to facilitate discussion.

ENGLISH PAPER PIECING

Participants will create a pin cushion or mug rug using a traditional 1-inch hexagon Grandmother's Flower Garden block. Copyright: Books and patterns are for personal use only and limited to the purchaser. Students must ensure they do not infringe on copyright.

INTERMEDIATE CLOGGING

A healthy low impact aerobotic workout combined with beginning to intermediate clogging routines. Some knowledge of dance is necessary, this is not a beginner class.

TAI CHI GUNG

Connecting students with the life force of Nature through simple standing movements and balanced breathing. Rooted in Lao Tzu's teachings, these gentle exercises promote health and longevity by harmonizing with Nature's energy, fostering peace of mind, balance, vitality, and strength, and offering a holistic approach that integrates mind, body, and spirit for people of all ages and fitness levels.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THINKING + EVERYDAY DECISIONS

Every day we make countless decisions, often guided by unnoticed shortcuts and emotions. This course explores how the brain processes information, evaluates risk, and balances logic and intuition. Topics include cognitive biases, decision heuristics, risk perception, willpower, emotional reasoning, and the neuroscience of choice.

OPERA 101: A JOURNEY INTO THE WORLD OF OPERA

Presented by Permian Basin Opera with Midland College, this course offers an immersive journey into opera. Participants explore acclaimed productions, composers, and the historical and cultural context of their works, highlighting the artistry, drama, and emotional depth. Gain a deeper appreciation for how music, voice, and stage combine to create a moving experience.

GLOBAL CONNECT: SPANISH CULTURE

Build your basic Spanish skills through practical conversations and cultural insights. Gain confidence in speaking, understand everyday phrases, and connect with the rich Spanish-speaking world.

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY *(Manor Park Only)*

Students choose the countries they would like to study and learn about the culture, history, geography, and politics.

FACULTY

TORI BACA has been tap dancing for over 51 years, performing as well as teaching. She thought it would be fun to share her expertise to create a fun and interesting workout.

CANDANCE BALDWIN is trained in the ancient art of Tai Chi Gung and has been practicing for over four years. Her training comes from the teachings handed down from Master to student for over 3300 years. Now retired, she enjoys teaching, charcoal drawing, and helping others to find their life's passion.

JIM CAMP, holds BA and MS degrees from the University of North Texas and taught at Odessa College for 32 years. He has led Opera 101 for 7 years and believes opera, uniting music, drama, and staging—is one of the greatest art forms everyone should experience.

DR. TERRY GILMOUR is a professor of government at Midland College. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from West Texas A&M and her Ph.D. in Political Science from Texas Tech University.

NANCY HART trained in international trade law and practiced criminal appellate law, focusing on constitutional issues. She taught paralegal, business law, and government classes for many years. Now completely retired, she enjoys swimming, needlepoint, travel, and practicing her spanish with anyone who has patience.

CAROL JAMES, with a B.S. in Home Economics focused on clothing and textiles, retired in 2015 after 34 years in education. An active member of the Midland Quilters Guild, she has won awards for her English Paper Piece Quilts at local shows and the Ogallala Quilt Festival.

ANNE LUCERO KORSSJOEN is a Yoga Therapist and owner of Yoga Sanctuary in Midland, Texas. With a background in education and fitness, she offers programs for cancer support, schools, seniors, and businesses. Known as Yoga Mama, she is an author, mother, and Grandmother committed to helping others find peace and strength.

DR. DEBBIE MCNEELY is a professor of Psychology at Midland College. She earned her B.A and M.A in General Psycology from California State University, Chico, and her Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from Texas Tech University, specializing in cognition.

JOHANNA ZAMBRANO is a legal professional with over 15 years of experience in Ecuador's public sector and academia. Specializing in administrative, civil, and constitutional law, as well as public procurement, with a strong background in policy, regulatory compliance, and government legal advisory.



MAIN CAMPUS SCHEDULE

Session 1 *January 26 – February 20 (4 Weeks)*

| COURSE | INSTRUCTOR | LOCATION | DAY | DATE | TIME |
|--|------------|----------|------|-----------------|----------------|
| English Paper Piecing | James | MHAB 102 | M | Jan 26 - Feb 16 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| Intermediate Clogging | Baca | AFA Aud | M | Jan 26 - Feb 16 | 3:30 - 4:30 pm |
| The Psychology of Thinking + Everyday Decisions | McNeely | MHAB 102 | T | Jan 27 - Feb 17 | 1:00 - 2:30 pm |
| Chair Yoga | Korssjoen | MHAB 102 | T&TH | Jan 27 - Feb 19 | 3:00 - 4:00 pm |
| Opera 101: A Journey into the World of Opera | Camp | MHAB 203 | W | Jan 28 - Feb 18 | 2:30 - 5:00 pm |
| Global Connect: Spanish Culture | Zambrano | MHAB 113 | W | Jan 28 - Feb 18 | 3:00 - 4:30 pm |
| Tai Chi Gung | Baldwin | MHAB 102 | TH | Jan 29 - Feb 19 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm |

Session 2 *February 23 - March 27 (4 Weeks)*

| COURSE | INSTRUCTOR | LOCATION | DAY | DATE | TIME |
|--|------------|----------|------|-----------------|----------------|
| English Paper Piecing | James | MHAB 102 | M | Feb 23 - Mar 23 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| Intermediate Clogging | Baca | AFA Aud | M | Feb 23 - Mar 23 | 3:30 - 4:30 pm |
| The Psychology of Thinking + Everyday Decisions | McNeely | MHAB 102 | T | Feb 24 - Mar 24 | 1:00 - 2:30 pm |
| Chair Yoga | Korssjoen | MHAB 102 | T&TH | Feb 24 - Mar 26 | 3:00 - 4:00 pm |
| Opera 101: A Journey into the World of Opera | Camp | MHAB 203 | W | Feb 25 - Mar 25 | 2:30 - 5:00 pm |
| Global Connect: Spanish Culture | Zambrano | MHAB 113 | W | Feb 25 - Mar 25 | 3:00 - 4:30 pm |

Session 3 *March 30 - April 24 (4 Weeks)*

| COURSE | INSTRUCTOR | LOCATION | DAY | DATE | TIME |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------|------|-----------------|----------------|
| English Paper Piecing | James | MHAB 102 | M | Mar 30 - Apr 20 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| Intermediate Clogging | Baca | AFA Aud | M | Mar 30 - Apr 20 | 3:30 - 4:30 pm |
| Chair Yoga | Korssjoen | MHAB 102 | T&TH | Mar 31 - Apr 23 | 3:00 - 4:00 pm |
| The Constitution Today | Hart | MHAB 102 | W | Apr 1 - Apr 22 | 1:00 - 2:45 pm |
| Global Connect: Spanish Culture | Zambrano | MHAB 113 | W | Apr 1 - Apr 22 | 3:00 - 4:30 pm |



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MANOR PARK SCHEDULE

January 26 - April 24, 2026

| COURSE | INSTRUCTOR | LOCATION | DAY | DATE | TIME |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|------|----------------------|------------------|
| Political Geography | Gilmour | Clubhouse | M | Session I, II, & III | 10:00 - 11:00 am |
| Chair Yoga | Korssjoen | Wallace | T&TH | Session I, II, & III | 8:30 - 9:30 am |
| Tai Chi Gung | Baldwin | Wallace | TH | Session I | 3:15 - 4:15 pm |



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SENIOR CENTER SCHEDULE

January 26 - April 24, 2026

| COURSE | INSTRUCTOR | LOCATION | DAY | DATE | TIME |
|------------|------------|-------------------------------|------|-------------|------------------|
| Chair Yoga | Korssjoen | Casa Senior Center | T&TH | Session I | 10:00 - 11:00 am |
| Chair Yoga | Korssjoen | Midland Senior Citizen Center | T&TH | Session II | 8:30 - 9:30 am |
| Chair Yoga | Korssjoen | South East Senior Center | T&TH | Session III | 3:15 - 4:15 pm |



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COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

Optional: *The following information is requested by the State of Texas for reporting purposes.*

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Ethnicity: ☐ White ☐ Black ☐ Hispanic

☐ Asian ☐ American Indian ☐ Other: _____

Please complete both sides

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Please **CHECK** all that apply. Please complete the following information below and mail to:

Midland College, Community Programs - Jack E. Brown Building 3600 Garfield St. Midland, TX 79705

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Interested in more learning opportunities?



Check out our Personal Enrichment courses! Your Voice, Your Story: Public Speaking & Personal Presence, Master Naturalist, Intermediate Crochet, Let's Dance Salsa, Everyday Conversational Spanish, and more! For more information, visit:

www.midland.edu/personalenrichment



Café Connect is a series of one-day, interactive sessions designed to provide socialization and learning through engaging discussions. The series will cover a wide variety of topics, including health and wellness, culture, technology, etc.

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JOIN US!

If you are 50+ years young, you are eligible to enroll in Midland College's classics program. Enroll in as many College Classics courses as you want free of charge. Each course meets for one to two hours per week.

Mailing address for registration forms:

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