

COLLEGE CLASSICS



Continuing Education Community Programs

FALL 2026 SCHEDULE



F. MARIE HALL
Academic Building

Welcome to College Classics!

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

Initiated in the Spring of 1989, College Classics provides free, non-credit opportunities for citizens age 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 Fall 2026 courses may 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/collegeclassics** 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 canceled the Friday before the class begins if 10 people are not registered. Canceling 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 canceled.

JOIN US

for the College Classics

Kickoff Lunch!

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

11:00 AM - 2:00 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, 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

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. New students who register will receive a beginners kit.

INTERMEDIATE CLOGGING

A healthy low impact aerobic 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.

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. This semester will focus on the following operas: *The Daughter of the Regiment* (Donizetti), *Samson and Dalila* (Saint-Saens), *I Puritani* (Bellini), *Idomeneo* (Mozart), *Manon* (Massenet), *Turandot* (Puccini), *Tristan and Isolde* (Wagner).

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.

BEGINNING CROCHET

Progressive course designed to teach you essential crochet stitches and how to read and interpret them in patterns. Perfect for beginners, this course will provide you with the skills to confidently follow crochet instructions and create beautiful projects.

THE BRAIN BEHIND BEHAVIOR

This course will cover the biology behind why we behave and think the way we do. We will discuss some of the key brain systems involved in emotion, stress, memory, decision making, social connection, sleep, and aging. Rather than focusing on complicated neuroscience terminology, we will use everyday examples and current research within biopsychology to understand why people behave the way they do. A big takeaway from the course will hopefully be a better understanding of the brain which can help us make sense of ourselves and others.

FRAUD PREVENTION FOR SENIORS

Learn how to recognize common scams, protect your personal and financial information, and stay safe in today's digital world. This session provides practical tips to help seniors prevent fraud and make informed decisions with confidence.

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.

CANDACE 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 B.A. and M.S. 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 B.A. and M.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 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 Psychology from California State University, Chico, and her Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from Texas Tech University, specializing in cognition.

GITSY VASQUEZ is the Director of the Business & Economic Development Center (BEDC) at Midland College, where she helps individuals and families build a stronger financial future through one-on-one advising in business development, credit improvement, and homeownership. She is a Certified Leadership Coach and Certified Financial Coach and holds a bachelor's degree in Communication.

MORIAH WYCHE is the Associate Director of Academic Engagement at Midland College. She has been crocheting since 2009. She began helping others learn to crochet not long after, and developed a full course from those experiences in 2022.

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 *September 21 - October 15 (4 Weeks)*

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME
English Paper Piecing	James	MHAB 102	M	Sep 21 - Oct 12	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Intermediate Clogging	Baca	AFA Aud	M	Sep 21 - Oct 12	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Tai Chi Gung	Baldwin	MHAB 110	M	Sep 21 - Oct 12	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Global Connect: Spanish Culture	Zambrano	MHAB 113	M	Sep 21 - Oct 12	4:00 - 5:30 pm
The Brain Behind Behavior	McNeely	MHAB 113	T	Sept 22 - Oct 13	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Chair Yoga	Korssjoen	MHAB 102	T&TH	Sept 22 - Oct 15	4:00 - 5:00 pm
Opera 101: A Journey into the World of Opera	Camp	MHAB 203	W	Sep 23 - Oct 14	2:30 - 5:30 pm
Beginning Crochet	Wyche	MHAB 115	W	Sep 23 - Oct 14	4:00 - 5:30 pm

Session 2 *October 19 - November 12 (4 Weeks)*

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME
English Paper Piecing	James	MHAB 102	M	Oct 19 - Nov 9	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Intermediate Clogging	Baca	AFA Aud	M	Oct 19 - Nov 9	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Tai Chi Gung	Baldwin	MHAB 110	M	Oct 19 - Nov 9	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Global Connect: Spanish Culture	Zambrano	MHAB 113	M	Oct 19 - Nov 9	4:00 - 5:30 pm
Fraud Prevention & Safety for Seniors	Vasquez	MHAB 112	T	Oct 20 - Nov 10	2:30 - 4:00 pm
Chair Yoga	Korssjoen	MHAB 102	T&TH	Oct 20 - Nov 12	4:00 - 5:00 pm
The Constitution Today	Hart	MHAB 113	W	Oct 21 - Nov 11	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Opera 101: A Journey into the World of Opera	Camp	MHAB 203	W	Oct 21 - Nov 11	2:30 - 5:30 pm



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MANOR PARK SCHEDULE

September 21 - November 12

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME
Political Geography	Gilmour	Clubhouse	M	Session I & II	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Chair Yoga	Korssjoen	Clubhouse	T&TH	Session I & II	8:30 - 9:30 am



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SENIOR CENTER SCHEDULE

September 21 - November 12

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	DATE
Chair Yoga	Korssjoen	Casa Senior Center	Session I
Chair Yoga	Korssjoen	Southeast Senior Center	Session II



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For more information, visit:

www.midland.edu/personalenrichment

