

# Fundamentals of Options Trading

Tuesdays Oct - Dec 2016  
Manoa Innovation Center, Room 160

This 10-week class covers the basic *principles, strategies and management* of stock options trading. The special emphasis this quarter will be on low-risk trades and portfolio protection. Students will download and learn to use TDA's **thinkorswim** platform and execute over 100 practice trades.

**Oct 11** Time & Price  
**Oct 18** Reading Charts  
**Oct 25** Basic Strategies (1)  
**Nov 1** Greeks  
**Nov 8** Momentum  
**Nov 15** Probability  
Scans (with Advanced Class)  
**Nov 22** Volatility  
**Nov 29** Basic Strategies (2)  
**Dec 2** Expiration & Assignment  
**Dec 12** The Low-Risk Trade Plan

All trading is performed on *thinkorswim*, a Simulated Trading platform, and sample trades are for illustration and education purposes only. The order, content and location of classes may be changed without notice. All homework will be coordinated through **[honoluluoptiontraders.com/vault](http://honoluluoptiontraders.com/vault)**

As a result of this Fundamentals class, students should be able to

- understand the various ways that option traders make money
- describe the benefits of options for investors
- assess current market conditions for direction & volatility
- analyze charts for range, direction, trend and support
- determine the price components of any option
- keep accurate records of profits and losses
- calculate the probability of an option's success
- open and close Level Two trades on *thinkorswim*
- scan and sort candidate stocks
- analyze low-, medium- and high-risk trades
- select appropriate strategies for current market conditions
- protect a portfolio of stocks using options
- execute Calls, Puts, Credit and Debit Spreads, Iron Condors, Strangles, Straddles and LEAPS
- manage expiration of options and stock assignments
- develop a track record of all trades
- complete 100 trades in *thinkorswim*

These classes will be followed in 2017 by the *Advanced Course* for those wishing to take their trading skills to the next level. For more information contact:

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