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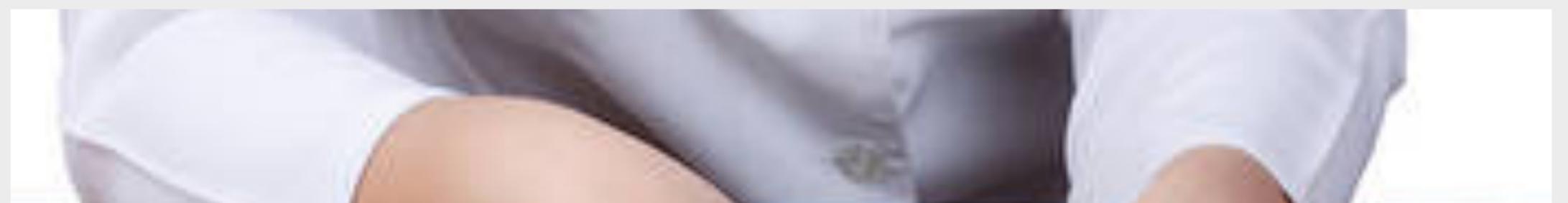
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Ready to get schooled? New York City offers classes in every topic that you can think of—and a few you can't. Fitness fanatics can get their fix with our guide to fitness classes (<http://www.timeout.com/newyork/fitness/fitness-guide>), while arty types can check out the best arts and crafts stores (<http://www.timeout.com/newyork/shopping/the-best-nyc-craft-stores>) and learn how to create masterpieces. For the adventurous student (that's you!) we've uncovered the best out-of-the-box classes in NYC ranging from sexy and fun dance classes for adults (<http://www.timeout.com/newyork/dance/the-best-dance-classes-for-adults>) to the seemingly unforgotten parkour trend. Whether you've always wanted to learn how to use a lightsaber or you're an aspiring reality-TV star, we have the course for you. Read on and discover a new hidden skill!

Best classes in NYC





Challah Baking for Shabbat

Why not learn how to make your own challah every day! This interactive class guides you through the challah bread-making process. Challah is a traditional egg bread eaten on the Sabbath which occurs every Friday night going onto Saturday. Known for being a delicious bread, this class is open to everyone who is interested.

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Badass Bitches Tour of the Met

This 2-hour bad ass tour of the Met introduces some of the sickest ladies underrepresented by our nation's museums. You'll learn about woman in history who have shaped this world, but have never been put in the limelight.

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One on One Makeup Lessons

Now that the Kim K. contour-nightmare is fading why not take a class to update your look and be comfortable with makeup application. This one on one session for all levels will go through the basics, but also advanced techniques. With over ten years as a professional makeup artist, Shara Strand is not only qualified, but passionate in teaching you beauty tricks as the main instructor for this course.

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Classes and courses aren't just for nerds—New York sex-store mainstay **Babeland** (<http://timeout.coursehorse.com/babeland-classes-nyc>) (*[babeland.com](http://www.babeland.com) (<http://www.babeland.com/community/events>); free-\$30) offers funny, entertaining and super informative workshops on such topics as “Beyond the Blow Job” and “The Art of Great Sex,” and you can choose from one of three locations.*

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Lightsaber Fighting

New York Jedi founder Flynn Michael and his fellow instructors, who have backgrounds in martial arts and film-fight choreography, impart the ways of the Force at two-hour electro-sword classes every Thursday night at 7pm at Central Park (*newyorkjedi.com* (<http://newyorkjedi.com/>); *free*). Flynn's "tribe of storytellers and dreamers" (read: students) can participate in an annual battle as part of the Village Halloween Parade. Grown-ups playing with illuminated toys in the name of honor? Rad.

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Beginner Fire Fan series with Tara McManus (/newyork/things-to-do/beginner-fire-fan-series-with-tara-mcmanus)

Master the art of fire dancing at this series, in which you learn how to safely twirl, spin and move while handling metal-and-wick fans in hypnotizing dances, or "spin jams." In the final class, you get to light your fans on fire and feel like the Khaleesi.

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Aerial Trapeze (/newyork/sport-fitness/trapeze-school-new-york)

Glide through the air with the greatest of ease while saddled into an aerial trapeze. Hey, that rhymes! The instructors at **Trapeze School New York** (212-242-8769, *newyork.trapezeschool.com* (<http://newyork.trapezeschool.com>); \$50-70, depending on day of the week) will not only equip you with the skills to do death-defying stunts, but they'll do it in novel outdoor locales like South Street Seaport and Pier 40 off the West Side Highway. Daily trapeze sessions are available for all four skill levels—but note that you must have taken three intro courses and been signed off by a teacher before moving on to a more advanced class where you can learn cool moves like how to flip mid-air.

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New York School of Burlesque: Essential Burlesque (/newyork/things-to-do/new-york-school-of-burlesque-essential-burlesque)

Enter tassel-twirling paradise as you embrace the vixen within during this four-week course. Learn how to command a room with the peel of a glove, and mix comedy and choreography into one titillating number.

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Ninja Warrior Training (/newyork/things-to-do/ninja-warrior-training)

Learn to run up a curved wall, leap off of diagonal blocks and even pull yourself up a vertical salmon ladder at this epic fantasy-fulfilling course that trains you for the TV show American Ninja Warrior. Look out for surprise appearances by ANW alumni at some classes.

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Bartending 201: Techniques & Tips for the Creative Process (/newyork/education/astor-center)

If your last mixology class got you thinking about trying to go pro, Bartending 201: Techniques & Tips for the Creative Process at **Astor Center** (212-674-7501, *astorcenternyc.com* (<http://astorcenternyc.com/>); \$79) will bring you a step closer to Sasha Petraske—protégé material. Taught by mixology veteran April Wachtel, the lesson imparts techniques in speed, multitasking and service. Participants get behind a bar to practice making various drinks simultaneously, upping their efficiency while sipping some of the cocktails they've made.

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Whether you're looking to save a little cash or just gain some real adult skills, cooking is the way to go

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The best acting classes in New York (/newyork/theater/best-acting-classes-in-new-york)

Kickstart your stage dreams at the best New York acting classes that don't require an audition or hefty tuition

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Get your freak on in one of these sex classes on dirty talk, kink, rope bondage and other steamy subjects

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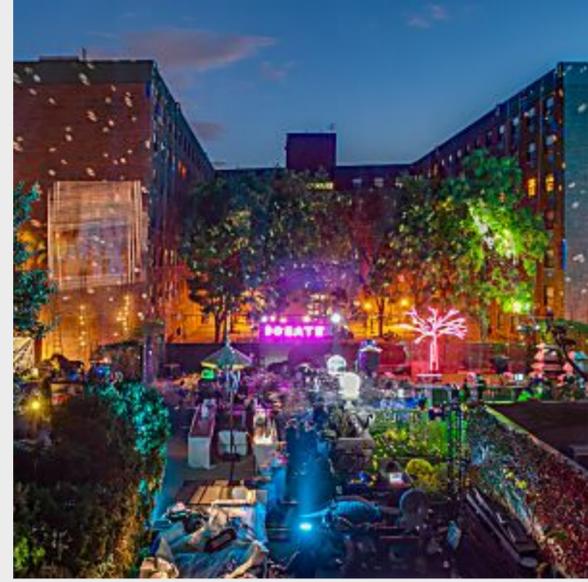
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