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- **Meets:** Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, May 9– June 6, 2019
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- **Enrollment:** Minimum 4, Maximum 10.
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