

## Tools for Life

GoSkills online course syllabus

**Skill level**

Beginner

**Lessons**

18

**Pre-requisites**

No prior experience needed

**Video duration**

1h 41m

**Estimated study time**

1h 41m

**Instructor**

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## Introduction

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### 1 Learning how to live

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**2 The first law of life**  
We're all subject to the Second Law of Thermodynamics and the forces of entropy.

**3 To thine own self be true**  
You've probably been told to "be yourself." After this lesson you'll know what that means logically and practically so you can begin living it out.

**4 Be antifragile**  
It's tempting to avoid all potential stressors and dangers.

**5 Be self-disciplined**  
If you want to achieve more or just get your life in order, you'll need to cultivate self-discipline.

**6 Action is character**  
While personality tests may incline you to think your character is fixed, there's always room for change and growth.

**7 Use therapy's tools**  
Some sadness is a natural part of life.

- 8 Channel your inner psychopath**  
Psychopaths understandably get a bad reputation.
- 9 Directing your future self**  
Humans are highly prone to neglecting the future consequences of their present decisions.
- 10 Be the architect of your choices**  
Willpower is only so strong.
- 11 Eat a variety of foods**  
It seems every time you turn around, there's another fad diet promising health and immortality.
- 12 Be your own fitness instructor**  
The amount of information on physical fitness can be overwhelming.
- 13 Be your own financial advisor**  
Money can't buy happiness, but it can help with a lot. This lesson will give you some strategies so you can begin taking control of your own finances.
- 14 Build strong social networks**  
You're probably underestimating the enormous benefit a strong social network can have on your health.
- 15 Sleep**  
Scientists still don't understand all the reasons you need to sleep.
- 16 Find your meaning and purpose**  
The biggest question in all of philosophy is sometimes thought to be, "What's the meaning of life?".
- 17 Be the master of your fate**  
Life is very complicated, but some of the best advice for it is very simple.

## Conclusion

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- 18 Final thoughts**

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