



Bruce Lee Timeline

1940

November 27

Lee Jun Fan (Bruce Lee) is born.

1941

February

Appears in his first film at the age of 3 months

1952

Enters La Salle College, a catholic boys' school in Hong Kong

1953

Begins to study Wing Chun gung fu under Yip Man

1958

March 29

Wins Hong Kong's Crown Colony Cha-Cha Championship
Enters St. Francis Xavier High School

1959

April 29

May 17

September 3

Departs Hong Kong for the United States
Arrives in San Francisco
Arrives in Seattle and enters Edison Technical School

1960

December 2

Graduates from Edison Technical School

1961

May 27

Enters the University of Washington at the spring quarter

1963

March 26

Returns to Hong Kong to visit family for the first time since leaving for the US.

August

Returns to Seattle and opens gung fu school

1964

July 19

August 2

Leaves University of Washington after spring quarter
Establishes a gung fu school in Oakland, California
Performs at the International Karate Tournament in Long Beach, California

August 17

Marries Linda Emery in Seattle

1965

February 1

February 8

accepts challenge and wins right to teach gung fu to non-Chinese students

Son, Brandon Bruce Lee, is born in Oakland

Bruce Lee's father, Lee Hoi Chuen, passes away in Hong Kong

1966

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- March
June 6
The Lee family moves to Los Angeles
Begins shooting "The Green Hornet" TV series
- 1967**
January 8
First appearance of the name "Jeet Kune Do" in Chinese in his daytimer
February 5
Opens the Jun Fan Gung Fu Institute, Los Angeles
May 6
Performs at National Karate Championships in Washington D.C.
June 24
Appears at All-American Open Karate Championship, Madison Square Garden, New York
July
First appearance of name "Jeet Kune Do" in English in daytimer
July 14
Hired to appear in an episode of "Ironside" in Los Angeles
July 30
Performs at Long Beach International Karate Tournament
- 1968**
June 23
Attends National Karate Championships in Washington D.C.
July 5
Hired as the technical director for the movie "The Wrecking Crew"
August 1
Hired to play a bad guy in MGM movie "Marlowe"
October 1
Moves to Bel Air
November 12
Films an episode of "Blondie"
- 1969**
April 19
Daughter, Shannon Emery Lee, is born in Santa Monica, California
- 1970**
Returns to Hong Kong with Brandon to visit family
- 1970-71**
Works with James Coburn and Stirling Silliphant on screenplay about the philosophy of martial art to be called, "The Silent Flute"
- 1971**
July
Pitches a TV series to Warner Brothers called "The Warrior" (later called "Kung Fu") and begins collaborations to develop it.
December 7
Goes to Thailand to film "The Big Boss" for Golden Harvest
Hears word from Warner Brothers he will not star in "The Warrior"; instead Caucasian actor, David Carradine, will star
- 1972**
Films second film for Golden Harvest ("Fist of Fury")
Forms his own production company called "Concord"
Writes, directs, choreographs and stars in "The Way of the Dragon"
Oct – Nov
Begins filming fight sequences for "Game of Death"

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February
July 20
July 31

Interrupts filming of "Game of Death" to film "Enter the Dragon"
Bruce Lee passes away in Hong Kong
Laid to rest in Seattle, Washington

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