

Intro to DJing - Course Description

Details:

The Intro to DJ course is a 6 week course teaching the skills listed below. Students will receive knowledge and experience using modern professional DJ equipment, equipment purchasing advice, an ODA T-shirt, and a Certificate of Achievement. ODA will provide the classroom tools to complete the Intro to DJing course.

A certificate is awarded to students who attend the minimum number of classes, pass a written final exam, record a mix CD, pass a live DJing performance, and complete an internship. The mix CD, live DJing performance, and internship provide students, instructors, and potential employers with a student's proof of competency.

The outcome of taking the Intro to DJing course is for students to create their own mix CD. The mix CD is a thirty (30) minute (minimum) recording of a student's beat mixing. The CD is one example of the proof of competency aspect that is integrated within the certificate program. The CD can also be included as part of the DJ's portfolio as a marketing tool to get bookings.

The purpose of the final exam is to assess students' learning of the material covered during the certificate program. This written examination may consist of multiple choice, true/false, and/or short answer questions. A grade of eighty five percent (85%) or better is needed to pass the final exam.

There will be a live performance opportunity for students to showcase their learned and improved DJing skills live and in front of our instructors. The song selection should be identical to the ones recorded on the mix CD as part of the Intro to DJing: Final Project. Students will receive constructive feedback after their sixty (30) minute (minimum) performance. A grade of eighty five percent (85%) or better is needed to pass the live DJing performance.

Curriculum Cost:

Each course costs \$299. This cost is to be paid in full before the first day of class. No refunds are offered once the student has committed to completing the course. In the case that there is an emergency that prohibits the student from attending the minimum number of classes during the 6 week course they enrolled in, the option to continue in a different 6 week Intro to DJing course will be allowed; in this case, if the price of the course changes between the time the student initially enrolls, and the time they continue, the difference in price must be paid in full before the student may continue in the course.

Curriculum requirements:

- The ODA requires that all registered students, finish the course in a minimum of 8 weeks.
- The Intro to DJ course is a 6 week course teaching the skills listed below.
- All students are required to finish the curriculum for a final certificate.
- Students may make-up up to 2 missed classes. It is the responsibility of the students to schedule a make up class with the head instructor. Make up classes are a 30 min material overview.
- If more than 2 classes are missed it is the instructors discretion of any make up time.
- Students requiring extra time with the instructors can schedule a private training lesson for \$50 per hour.

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Intro to DJing - Course Outline

Week 1

- Introductions
- History of DJing and Turntablism
- Equipment Overview

Week 2

- Our DJ Software – The Basics
- Basics of mixing/mixer controls
- Basics of controlling the music player

Week 3

- Selecting your music
- Reading the crowd
- Do's and Do Not's in DJing

Week 4

- Basic mixing techniques
- Basic transitions
- BPM
- Song Format Recognition

Week 5

- Sound Systems, cables, and adapters
- Knowing the business

Week 6

- Final Project
- Selecting Style/format/music
- Recording

Field Shadow

Live Test

Written Exam

