

Music Production Course – Intermediate

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In this intermediate course, we'll build a track from scratch - synthesizing our own sounds, refining the arrangement, diving deeper into mixing techniques, and mastering essentials. With the knowledge gained, you'll be able to complete your own tracks with greater confidence and bring your musical ideas to life. This level is the natural follow-up for students who finished my beginner course.

Program

1. Building the Foundation of a Track

- Starting from scratch: sketching musical ideas into a session
- Expanding loops into a structured arrangement
- Workflow strategies to stay creative and focused

2. Sound Design & Synthesis

- Creating your own sounds with different synthesis methods
- Layering instruments for richness and movement
- Designing bass, pads, leads, and atmospheric elements

3. Advanced Arrangement Techniques

- Shaping energy and progression
- Transitions, builds, and drops
- Keeping the listener engaged

4. Mixing (Deeper Focus)

- Gain staging and balancing elements
- EQ, Compression, Transient Shaping
- Saturation & Distortion
- Reverb / Delay techniques in context
- Creative use of space and depth

5. Working with Vocals & Samples

- Mixing Vocals
- Editing and processing vocals
- Manipulating samples creatively (chopping, warping etc.)

6. Reference Tracks & Critical Listening

- Using reference tracks to compare and guide your mix
- Understanding loudness, balance, and overall polish
- Bus processing / group processing

7. Introduction to Mastering

- Preparing your track for mastering
- Loudness and dynamics
- Limiters and final export

8. Final Project & Q&A

- Recap the techniques and concepts covered throughout the course
- Open Q&A to discuss challenges and refine your workflow
- Receive a take-home assignment: create your own track and submit it within 1 month for personalized feedback

Course Details

- **Language:** Bulgarian
- **Level:** Intermediate
- **Software:** Ableton Live
- **Length:** 24 hours (8 lectures x 3hrs)
- **Format:** Online
- **Start / End Date:** 8.10 - 26.11.25
- **Price:** 490BGN

This course will be taught in Bulgarian. More courses in English coming up soon.

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