Music Production Course - Beginners

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Within 12 hours, we'll explore Ableton Live and cover the essential steps of making music in a software environment - from the first MIDI and audio recordings, through sound design and processing, to arranging and final export. This is a short version of the beginners' course I usually do, and music theory lectures are not included. No previous experience needed.

Program

Introduction to Ableton Live - Part 1

- What is a DAW (Digital Audio Workstation) and how we use Ableton
- Getting familiar with the interface: Session View and Arrangement View
- Working with clips and tracks (MIDI / Audio)
- Basic functions and keyboard shortcuts

Introduction to Ableton Live - Part 2

- Creating and recording MIDI (instruments, drum racks, piano roll)
- Working with audio clips: recording, editing, and warping
- Using effects (Audio FX & MIDI FX)
- First steps in building a groove/beat

Sound Design

- Basics of synthesizers (oscillators, filters, envelopes)
- Creating your own sounds (bass, pads, leads, drums)
- Audio editing and creative sampling
- Using automation for movement and dynamics

Arrangement and Final Export

- Arranging elements into a complete composition
- Transitions and building energy in a track
- Level balancing and quick mixing tips
- Final export for of your idea

Course Details

Level: Beginner

Duration: 12 hours (4 lectures × 3 hours)

Location: Sofia, RockSchool **Dates:** 07.10.25 - 16.10.25

Price: 330 BGN

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

Production Software: Ableton Live – 30-day free trial available <u>here</u>

Required Equipment: A computer (Mac or PC) and headphones/speakers. You don't need to bring your laptop to class - we'll work together on a shared screen. At home, you can install the software and practice what you've learned.

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