



Global DJ Mix Academy: Self-Study Curriculum Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is the Global DJ Mix Academy?

A: The Global DJ Mix Academy is our self-study curriculum where you learn on your own time. It is our distance learning program whereby you can learn how to DJ by having us teach you remotely. Through self-study, practice, and our guidance, you will become a better DJ. The learning is segmented into self-paced lessons supplemented by reading, listening to audio, and watching presentations and videos on your PC or iPod.

Q: Which curriculum I take through the Global DJ Mix Academy?

A: All courses, the Intro and Spin Sessions, the VIP Instruction and Mentorship Programs, and all workshops are available.

Q: Who can register as a Global DJ Mix Academy student?

A: Students 14 years of age or older are eligible to take DMA's DJ curriculum.

Q: What are the prerequisites for taking courses through the Global DJ Mix Academy?

A: Refer to the prerequisites for each course listed in the DJ Curriculum Catalog. Additional prerequisites include:

1. Ownership of or access to DJ equipment`
2. Recording equipment
3. Music
4. Mac or Windows PC, high-speed Internet access, and a Webcam
5. DVD player or DVD player software

Q: What kind of DJ equipment do I need?

A: DJ equipment is needed so that you can a) practice your DJ skills and b) record your DJ'ing onto mix CDs. You do not necessarily have to buy or own DJ equipment. As long as you have access to the equipment you need for the course, you'll be all set. Depending on what kind of a DJ you are/want to be and what kind of music format (vinyl, CD, and/or MP3s) you'll be using, you will need some combination of the following DJ equipment:

- (2) turntables
- (2) CD players
- Mixer
- DJ headphones
- Amplifier
- Speakers
- Cables

Q: What kind of recording equipment do I need?

A: It depends on what format you want to send us your mixes on. We can listen to your audio mixes as regular audio or MP3. To make a regular audio recording, you'll need a recording device such as a CD, MiniDisc, or DAT recorder and then burn it to a CD-R. To make a MP3 recording, you'll need software to convert the regular audio file into a MP3 file, and then you can burn it to a CD-R or email it to us.

Q: What do you recommend for a portable MP3 recorder?

A: American Audio makes a Pocket Record handheld device which, along with an SD card, you'll be able to record your mixes:

<http://www.adjaudio.com/ProductDetails.aspx?ItemNumber=1377&Category=Portable%20Recording&txtSearch=pocket%20record>

Q: What kind of music do I need?

A; Most likely you already own CDs, MP3s, and or vinyl records. You may use your existing music collection to create the mix CDs for the courses you enrol in.

Q: What are the minimum system requirements for the Mac or Windows PC?

A: For the Windows PC:

- Intel® Pentium® 4, Intel® Pentium® M, Intel® Pentium® D, or AMD Athlon™ 64 or higher recommended
- Microsoft® Windows® 2000 SP4, XP SP2 Home Edition/Professional, XP Media Center Edition, XP Professional x64 Edition
- 256 MB of RAM (512 MB or more recommended)
- Windows-compatible sound card
- DVD-ROM/CD-ROM drive
- Microsoft Windows Media Player 9.0 or later
- Macromedia Flash Player 8.0 or higher
- High speed Internet access (ISDN/DSL/cable)
- 1 of the following browsers: Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher; Netscape 8.0 or higher; Firefox 1.0 or higher
- For iPod PBT lessons: iTunes 6.0 or later

For the Mac:

- 400MHz or faster PowerPC G3 or faster
- 256MB of RAM (512 MB or more recommended)
- Display with 1024-by-768 (or higher) resolution
- Standard graphics card found in any MacBook Pro, iMac Intel Core Duo, Power Mac G5, iMac G5, a 1.25 GHz or faster PowerBook G4, or a 1.25 GHz or faster flat-panel iMac
- Mac OS X 10.3.9 or later
- DVD-ROM/CD-ROM drive
- Apple QuickTime 7.0.4 or later
- High speed Internet access (ISDN/DSL/cable)
- 1 of the following browsers: Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher; Safari 1.0 or higher; Firefox 1.0 or higher
- For iPod PBT lessons: iTunes 6.0 or later

Q: Which courses can I take through the Global DJ Mix Academy?

A: All of DMA's courses listed in our DJ Curriculum Catalog are available including:

- DJ 101: DJ'ing I
- DJ 111: Vinyl DJ'ing I
- DJ 121: CD DJ'ing I
- DJ 131: Scratching I
- DJ 141: Mobile DJ'ing I
- DJ 151: MP3 DJ'ing I
- DJ 161: Hip-Hop DJ'ing I
- DJ 171: Club DJ'ing I
- DJ 201: DJ'ing II
- DJ 211: Vinyl DJ'ing II
- DJ 221: CD DJ'ing II
- DJ 231: Scratching II
- DJ 241: Mobile DJ'ing II
- DJ 251: MP3 DJ'ing II (Final Scratch)
- DJ 252: MP3 DJ'ing II (PCDJ)
- DJ 253: iPod DJ'ing
- DJ 261: Hip-Hop DJ'ing II
- DJ 301: DJ'ing III
- DJ 331: Turntablism
- DJ 341: Mobile Entertainment
- DJ 361: MC'ing
- DJ 401: Final Project

Please refer to our DJ Curriculum Catalog for course prerequisites and full course descriptions.

Q: Which workshops can I take through the Global DJ Mix Academy?

A: All of DMA's instructional and equipment workshops are available. The instructional workshops include:

- DJ 410: Purchasing DJ Gear and Music
- DJ 411: Building and Recording in Your Own DJ Studio
- DJ 412: Maintaining and Repairing Your DJ Gear
- DJ 413: Starting a Mobile DJ Business
- DJ 414: Your Career as a DJ and Club/Party Promoter
- DJ 415: Creating Your Promo/Press Kit
- DJ 416: Creating Your Demo/Mix CD
- DJ 417: The History of Electronic Dance Music
- DJ 418: Getting Started with MP3s and Digital DJ'ing
- DJ 419: iPod DJ'ing
- DJ 420: Learning How to Mix Harmonically

The equipment workshops include:

- DJ 450: Behringer DJX700 mixer
- DJ 451: Numark iDJ2 iPod Mixing Console
- DJ 452: Pioneer CDJ-800 CD player
- DJ 453: Pioneer CDJ-1000 CD player
- DJ 454: Pioneer DJM-500 mixer
- DJ 455: Pioneer DJM-600 mixer
- DJ 456: Pioneer EFX-500 effector
- DJ 457: Rane MP2016 mixer (with the XP2016 external processor)
- DJ 458: Technics SL-1200 turntable

Q: Will a course taken through the Global DJ Mix Academy count towards the academy's Certificate Program in Disc Jockeying?

A: Yes, all of DMA's courses, whether you take them as part of our classroom, onsite, or self-study curriculum, count towards DMA's certificate program.

Q: What languages is your curriculum written in?

A: Currently the curriculum is all in English although translations to other foreign languages are in the works.

Q: What do I get with each course?

A: Courses typically include an instructor-written Student Handbook, a textbook, PowerPoint slides (based on the textbook), a free bonus (DJ headphones, for example), a DJ Tips and Tricks DVD, audio CDs, music and equipment purchasing advice, a DJ Mix Academy t-shirt, and a Certificate of Achievement. Many of our courses also include DMA's Video-Based Training DVDs, Computer-Based Training CDs or Handheld-Based Training files for Palms or iPods.

Q: What is the Student Handbook?

A: The Student Handbook is a binder containing a hardcopy of the PowerPoint presentation slides for the course as well as a DJ glossary, articles, and other course-related items.

Q: What are the Video-Based Training (VBT) lessons?

A: The Video-Based Training (VBT) lessons are videotaped DJ Mix Academy segments filmed live during class time. We've captured the essence of the DJ Mix Academy experience for you to watch and learn. Also included are exclusive DMA-authored video tutorials. This training is available in multiple formats: 1) DVD for playback in a DVD player or Mac or Windows PC (800x600 resolution); 2) MPEG-4 (.m4v) files for playback on an iPhone or iPod Touch.

Q: What are the Presentation-Based Training (PBT) lessons?

A: The Presentation-Based Training (PBT) lessons are DJ Mix Academy training modules consisting of the instructor lecturing to PowerPoint slides for playback on a Mac or Windows PC (800x600 resolution) or mobile handheld device

(320x240 resolution). This training is available in multiple formats: 1) CD-ROM for playback on a Mac or Windows PC; 2) MPEG-4 (.m4v) files for playback on an iPhone or iPod Touch.

Q: What are the Audio-Based Training (ABT) lessons?

A: The Audio-Based Training (ABT) lessons consist of audio or MP3 files. These may be audio-only recordings of our PBT/VBT lessons or music that you listen to as part of your homework assignment.

Q: Which iPods are supported for the ABT?

A: iPhone 3G/3GS and 8GB, 32GB and 64GB iPod Touches are supported.

Q: Since this is a distance learning program, how do I correspond with the DMA?

A: Primarily by the postal service. Correspondence between the instructor and the student throughout the course is done via email and/or the telephone.

Q: How do I know who at the DMA I am going to be corresponding with?

A: Taking into consideration your DJ experience, style, and music genres, you will be paired with a DMA instructor who best suites your DJ'ing goals and style.

Q: What do I need to send to the DMA? Am I responsible for my own shipping charges to the DMA?

A: Students are responsible for mailing or emailing their mix CDs to the DMA for evaluation and feedback. Shipping charges to the DMA are picked up by the student.

Q: How much time do I have to complete each course?

A: Take as long as you like. The self-study nature of the Global DJ Mix Academy allows you to learn at your own pace. After you successfully complete each lesson, a package for the next lesson will be mailed to you.

Q: Is there homework?

A: Yes. For example, homework typically consists of reading, listening to audio CDs, and watching DVDs.

Q: How will my learning progress be assessed?

A: Typically, through quizzes, mix CDs, and a final exam. Students will periodically record a mix onto CD or a MP3 consisting of their DJ performance. This mix will be evaluated by their instructor and feedback will be provided to them.

Q: How much does each course cost?

A: The tuition for each course is listed on our Registration Form. For domestic shipments we use the USPS and for international shipments we use Fed Ex. We accept money orders, MC, and Visa.

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Q: How do I register?

A: Visit www.djmixacademy.com/docs/dmaregform.pdf to download the Registration/Order Form. Print it, fill it out, and then mail it in to us with payment. We then will mail you the Global DJ Mix Academy Welcome Kit and get you started.