

# Course Information Sheet

## DJing Basics Short Course



Master the fundamentals of DJing in this fun and interactive 6-week course. Learn beatmatching, mixing techniques, and how to craft seamless sets that will keep your audience moving.

**Course Description:** Unleash your inner DJ! This beginner-friendly course provides a comprehensive introduction to the exciting world of DJing. You'll explore the essential equipment, gain a solid understanding of music theory, and develop the skills to create smooth transitions and electrifying mixes.

### What will I learn?

- **Week 1:** Unveiling the DJ Setup - Demystify DJ equipment and software, learn basic functions, and explore set-up configurations.
- **Week 2:** Building Your Music Library - Discover music selection techniques, explore online resources, and curate a library that reflects your unique style.
- **Week 3:** The Art of Beatmatching - Master the art of synchronising tempos, understand BPM (beats per minute), and develop your listening skills.
- **Week 4:** Mixing Fundamentals - Learn basic mixing techniques like phrasing, EQing, and gain transitions, and explore creative effects.
- **Week 5:** Building Your Set - Explore the structure of DJ sets, practise seamless transitions, and create a captivating flow for your audience.
- **Week 6:** Performance & Practice - Hone your skills in a supportive environment, receive feedback from instructors, and gain confidence behind the decks.

### How will I be assessed?

- **Formative:** Weekly in-class exercises, peer feedback sessions, and one-on-one consultations with instructors.
- **Summative:** A final DJ set performance showcasing your acquired skills and creative vision.

### Who is this course for?

This course is designed for anyone with a passion for music who wants to learn the fundamentals of DJing. Whether you dream of rocking a house party or spinning tunes at a local club, this course equips you with the essential skills to get started.

### Progression Opportunities:

After completing this course, you can advance your DJing journey by:

- Enrolling in our DJing Advanced Techniques course to explore scratching, sampling, and advanced performance skills.
- Participating in DJ workshops and masterclasses led by industry professionals.
- Building your online presence by sharing your mixes on platforms like SoundCloud and Mixcloud.

### **Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:**

This course can be a valuable stepping stone towards various careers in the music industry, including:

- **Mobile DJ:** Entertain weddings, private events, or corporate functions.
- **Nightclub DJ:** Spin sets at clubs, bars, and music venues.
- **Radio DJ:** Create and host radio shows showcasing your unique DJ style.
- **Music Producer:** Utilise your DJing skills to develop your own electronic music productions.

### **How do I enrol?**

If you are paying the full fee, the quickest way to enrol is online at [www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk](http://www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk), simply create an account and select enrol now. Alternatively, you will need to speak to one of our customer service team on 01752 660713.

### **How will the course be delivered?**

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

### **Will I need to practise outside the classroom?**

You will be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course. It is always useful to practise your skills between sessions. Your tutor may encourage home learning, or independent research.

### **How will I know I'm making progress?**

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan.

### **What will I need?**

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

**Please note:**

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

<https://www.oncoursesouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner>

Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.

