Course Outline

Pre-Course

Million-Dollar Monitoring eBook

Discover a simple, 3-step process that will optimize your room for studio-quality sound—even if it's a bedroom, basement or garage.

Module 1: Mindset

Lesson 1: Aimless Mixing

Discover the downsides of mixing without intention, and learn how to sidestep this dangerous mixing mistake.

Lesson 2: 3 Goals Of Mixing

Discover what to aim for while mixing, which will make your mixing process easier and more intuitive (includes several demos in my DAW).

Lesson 3: The Mixing Loop

Learn a simple, 4-step process that will help you determine exactly what decisions to make while mixing (includes a demo in my DAW).

Lesson 4: How To Listen

Discover how to listen correctly, so you can hear all the subtle details that will take your mixes from good to great.

Lesson 5: Head Vs. Heart (Compression)

Learn how to apply my listening framework to compression. This will make it easier to know exactly what compression decisions to make while mixing (demo in my DAW).

Lesson 6: Head Vs. Heart (Distortion)

Learn how to use distortion to transform the emotion of a vocal track (demo in my DAW).

Lesson 7: Head Vs. Heart (Reverb)

Learn how to use reverb to shape the impact and emotion of a vocal performance (demo in my DAW).

Lesson 8: Objectivity

Learn why mixing is a race against time, and why more time spent mixing rarely leads to better results.

Lesson 9: Making The Most Of Every Play

Discover 5 specific strategies that will help you make the most of every second of playback, so you can mix faster and more efficiently.

Lesson 10: Context

Discover how siloed thinking can lead to poor mixing decisions, and learn a more effective way to approach the mixing process (includes a demo in my DAW).

Lesson 11: Mixing With Context (Demo)

Learn how to use context to make better mixing decisions (demo in my DAW).

Module 2: Prep

Lesson 1: Why Prep Matters

Discover the value of session prep, and how it can help you mix more quickly and efficiently.

Lesson 2: Templates

Learn the pros and cons of mix templates, and discover how to build a template that speeds up your routine tasks without sacrificing creativity. Includes a demo in my DAW, where I walk you through my own mix template.

Lesson 3: Session Prep Walkthrough

Learn how to approach the prep process for best results.

Lesson 4: Housekeeping

Master the initial steps of the prep process.

Lesson 5: Gain Staging

Learn the 3 "rules" of gain staging, as well as how to apply them to set yourself up for a successful mix (demo in my DAW).

Lesson 6: Track Priming

Discover a simple prep technique that will make mixing more manageable and less overwhelming (demo in my DAW).

Lesson 7: Bussing

Discover how to use multi-level bussing to add flexibility and control to your mixing process.

Lesson 8: Bussing Demo

Watch me approach the bussing process within a real-world session (demo in my DAW).

Lesson 9: Labeling And Color-Coding

Discover how to use labeling and color-coding to accelerate your workflow and mix more efficiently (demo in my DAW).

Lesson 10: Washing Your Vegetables

Discover a unique approach to track cleanup, and how to apply it to make mixing easier.

Lesson 11: Sweep And Destroy Demo

Learn a powerful EQ technique that will add clarity and intelligibility to your tracks before you even start mixing.

Module 3: Workflow

Lesson 1: Defining Your Vision

Learn how to develop a sonic signature for your mixes. Discover how to enhance and reinforce the dynamics of a song (includes several demos in my DAW).

Lesson 2: How To Start A Mix

Discover 4 different strategies for starting the mixing process. Learn the pros and cons of each, as well as which I recommend.

Lesson 3: Concentric Circles

Discover the most efficient and effective way to move through the mixing process, so you can stop wasting time retracing your steps (includes a demo in my DAW).

Lesson 4: Top-Down Mixing

Learn a simple strategy for applying plugins that will make your mixing process faster and more efficient (includes a demo in my DAW).

Lesson 5: Where To Start

Learn why starting a mix at the beginning of the song isn't the best approach, and discover what is.

Lesson 6: Checking Your Decisions

What if some of your mixing decisions are actually making your tracks sound worse? Learn how to avoid these costly mixing mistakes.

Lesson 7: Monitoring And Translation

Learn how to make mixes that sound great on different speakers, without spending hours hopping back and forth between your studio and your car.

Lesson 8: Referencing

Learn how to get the most out of this powerful mixing strategy.

Lesson 9: Referencing Demo

Discover the most effective way to use references within the mixing process. Includes an overview of the referencing tools I recommend (demo in my DAW).

Lesson 10: The Paradox Of Choice

Discover a unique philosophy for building the perfect plugin library, so you can stop wasting money on plugins you don't need. Includes my plugin recommendations.

Module 4: Mix

Watch as I transform a rough mix into a radio-ready record in realtime. You'll see the entire mixing process in action from start to finish, so you can discover exactly how to implement everything you learned in Modules 1 - 3.