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# Certificate in Audio Engineering Fundamentals


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| SUBJECTS | CHAPTERS | CLASSES | TOTAL MARKS | PASS MARK | VALIDITY |

## AT A GLANCE

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| REFERENCE | **MUS-C01** |
| AWARD | **Certificate** |
| ASSESSMENT | **400 marks — 240 to pass (60%)** |
| PREREQUISITES | **None** |
| VALIDITY | **Lifetime** |
| AWARDING BODY | **LAPT — London Academy of Professional Training** |

## CURRICULUM

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## Sound, Acoustics and Hearing Fundamentals

16 chapters · 120 classes **100 marks**

- **1 Chapter 1 — Fundamentals of Sound Waves** — 5 classes
  - 1.1 Understanding Sound Waves and Their Properties
  - 1.2 Exploring Frequency and Pitch
  - 1.3 Investigating Amplitude and Volume
  - 1.4 Analyzing Waveforms and Their Shapes
  - 1.5 Applying Sound Wave Principles in Audio Applications
- **2 Chapter 2 — Acoustic Principles and Environments** — 5 classes
  - 2.1 Exploring the Nature of Sound Waves
  - 2.2 Understanding Frequency and Pitch
  - 2.3 Analyzing the Impact of Amplitude on Sound
  - 2.4 Examining Acoustic Reflections and Absorption
  - 2.5 Applying Room Acoustics: Optimizing Sound Environments
- **3 Chapter 3 — Psychoacoustics and Human Perception** — 5 classes
  - 3.1 Understanding the Basics of Psychoacoustics
  - 3.2 Exploring How Humans Perceive Sound
  - 3.3 Examining the Role of Frequency and Amplitude in Hearing
  - 3.4 Investigating the Influence of Sound Localization
  - 3.5 Applying Psychoacoustic Concepts in Audio Engineering
- **4 Chapter 4 — Digital Audio Basics** — 5 classes
  - 4.1 Understanding Digital Audio Concepts
  - 4.2 Exploring Sample Rate and Bit Depth
  - 4.3 Modifying Audio Material Techniques
  - 4.4 Analyzing Digital Audio Formats
  - 4.5 Applying Audio Compression Techniques
- **1 Fundamentals of Acoustics in Live Sound** — 5 classes
  - 1.1 Understanding Sound Waves: Characteristics and Behavior
  - 1.2 Exploring Frequency and Amplitude: The Basics of Sound Measurement
  - 1.3 Analyzing Acoustic Properties: Reflections, Absorption, and Diffraction
  - 1.4 Evaluating Venue Acoustics: Identifying Acoustic Challenges
  - 1.5 Applying Acoustic Principles: Optimizing Sound for Live Venues
- **2 Acoustic Characteristics of Different Venues** — 5 classes
  - 2.1 Understanding Venue Acoustics: An Introduction
  - 2.2 Identifying Acoustic Challenges in Various Venues
  - 2.3 Analyzing How Shape and Size Affect Sound Quality
  - 2.4 Evaluating Acoustic Materials and Their Impact
  - 2.5 Applying Acoustic Principles to Different Venue Types
- **3 Sound Reflection, Absorption, and Diffusion** — 5 classes
  - 3.1 Understanding Sound Reflection: Fundamentals and Principles
  - 3.2 Exploring Sound Absorption: Techniques and Materials
  - 3.3 Analyzing Diffusion in Acoustics: Key Concepts and Practices
  - 3.4 Evaluating Acoustic Properties of Venues: Practical Assessment
  - 3.5 Applying Sound Reflection, Absorption, and Diffusion: Real-World Scenarios
- **4 Practical Venue Acoustics Assessment Techniques** — 5 classes
  - 4.1 Understanding Acoustic Characteristics of Venues
  - 4.2 Identifying Critical Acoustic Problems in Live Settings
  - 4.3 Analyzing Venue Sound with Acoustic Measurement Tools
  - 4.4 Assessing Sound Distribution and Reflection Patterns
  - 4.5 Applying Acoustic Solutions for Optimal Sound Reinforcement
- **9 Pitch, Tuning and the Standard Reference Frequency** — 10 classes
  - 9.1 What Pitch Means in Hertz
  - 9.2 Musical Notes and Their Frequencies
  - 9.3 The Standard A4 Reference Pitch
  - 9.4 Using a Tuning Fork and Tuner
  - 9.5 Cents and Fine Pitch Differences
  - 9.6 Equal Temperament Versus Other Tunings
  - 9.7 Tuning Instruments to a Common Reference
  - 9.8 Setting a Reference Tone in a Studio
  - 9.9 Pitch Drift in Recordings and Playback
  - 9.10 Practical Tuning Check Before a Session
- **10 Loudness and Equal-Loudness Contours** — 10 classes
  - 10.1 Sound Pressure and Perceived Loudness
  - 10.2 The Decibel Scale for Beginners
  - 10.3 Phons and Equal-Loudness Contours
  - 10.4 Why Bass Sounds Quieter at Low Volume
  - 10.5 Reading an Equal-Loudness Chart
  - 10.6 Loudness Weighting Curves A and C
  - 10.7 Setting Monitoring Level for Accurate Mixing
  - 10.8 Using a Sound Level Meter
  - 10.9 Loudness Differences Between Tracks
  - 10.10 Practical Loudness Listening Exercise
- **11 Decibels, Sound Pressure and Measurement** — 10 classes
  - 11.1 Sound Power Intensity and Pressure
  - 11.2 Decibel Maths Made Simple
  - 11.3 Adding and Subtracting Sound Levels
  - 11.4 The Inverse Square Law in Practice
  - 11.5 Peak, RMS and Average Levels
  - 11.6 Dynamic Range and Noise Floor
  - 11.7 Signal to Noise Ratio Explained
  - 11.8 Measuring Levels With Meters and Apps
  - 11.9 Calibrating a Simple Measurement Setup
  - 11.10 Recording Measurements in a Log Sheet
- **12 Timbre, Harmonics and Spectrum Reading** — 10 classes
  - 12.1 What Gives an Instrument Its Tone
  - 12.2 Harmonic Series and Overtones
  - 12.3 Fundamental Frequency and Partials
  - 12.4 Attack, Sustain and Decay in Sound
  - 12.5 Reading a Frequency Spectrum Display
  - 12.6 Spectrum of Voice and Common Instruments
  - 12.7 Noise, Distortion and Unwanted Harmonics
  - 12.8 Frequency Bands and Their Character
  - 12.9 Using a Spectrum Analyser in Practice
  - 12.10 Describing Sound With Clear Vocabulary
- **13 Hearing Health and Noise Exposure** — 10 classes
  - 13.1 How the Ear Detects Sound
  - 13.2 Causes of Hearing Damage
  - 13.3 Safe Listening Levels and Exposure Time
  - 13.4 Tinnitus and Early Warning Signs
  - 13.5 Choosing Hearing Protection for Musicians
  - 13.6 Custom and Foam Earplug Use
  - 13.7 Safe Monitoring Habits in the Studio
  - 13.8 Rest Breaks and Ear Recovery
  - 13.9 Health and Safety Duties Around Loud Sound
  - 13.10 Building a Personal Hearing Care Plan
- **14 Transducers: Microphones and Loudspeakers** — 10 classes
  - 14.1 Turning Sound Into Electrical Signal
  - 14.2 Dynamic and Condenser Microphone Principles
  - 14.3 Polar Patterns Explained
  - 14.4 How a Loudspeaker Produces Sound
  - 14.5 Drivers, Crossovers and Enclosures
  - 14.6 Frequency Response of Transducers
  - 14.7 Sensitivity and Maximum Sound Level
  - 14.8 Studio Monitor Positioning Basics
  - 14.9 Headphone Types and Their Uses
  - 14.10 Comparing Transducers by Ear and by Chart
- **15 Studio Room Acoustics and Treatment** — 10 classes

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## Studio Equipment, Signal Flow and Safe Setup

18 chapters · 120 classes **100 marks**

- **1 Understanding Basic Audio Equipment** — 5 classes
  - 1.1 Exploring the Basics of Audio Signal Flow
  - 1.2 Identifying Different Types of Microphones
  - 1.3 Understanding Mixer Functions and Controls
  - 1.4 Learning About Audio Interfaces and Connectivity
  - 1.5 Operating Basic Audio Recording Equipment
- **2 Signal Flow and Connectivity** — 5 classes
  - 2.1 Understanding Basic Signal Flow in Audio Systems
  - 2.2 Identifying Types of Audio Connectors and Cables
  - 2.3 Exploring Audio Interface Functionality
  - 2.4 Configuring Patch Bays for Optimized Signal Routing
  - 2.5 Troubleshooting Connectivity Issues in Audio Setups
- **3 Digital Audio Basics** — 5 classes
  - 3.1 Understanding Digital Audio: Converting Sound to Data
  - 3.2 Exploring Sample Rates and Bit Depth: The Fundamentals of Audio Quality
  - 3.3 Identifying Common Digital Audio Formats and Their Uses
  - 3.4 Analyzing the Role of Compression in Digital Audio
  - 3.5 Applying Basic Digital Audio Editing Techniques
- **4 Introduction to Sound Processing Technologies** — 5 classes
  - 4.1 Understanding the Basics of Sound Waves
  - 4.2 Exploring Digital and Analog Sound Processing
  - 4.3 Identifying Key Audio Equipment and Their Functions
  - 4.4 Recognizing the Role of Audio Interfaces in Sound Processing
  - 4.5 Applying Fundamental Techniques in Sound Editing
- **1 Understanding Advanced Audio Interfaces and Signal Flow** — 6 classes
  - 1.1 Exploring the Functionality of Advanced Audio Interfaces
  - 1.2 Deconstructing Signal Flow in Studio Environments
  - 1.3 Analyzing Connectivity Options in Professional Audio Setups
  - 1.4 Understanding the Impact of Digital and Analog Converters
  - 1.5 Streamlining Signal Routing for Optimal Studio Workflow
  - 1.6 Applying Advanced Interface Settings for Improved Mixing Techniques
- **2 Exploring Advanced Microphone Techniques and Applications** — 6 classes
  - 2.1 Understanding Polar Patterns and Their Impact on Sound Capture
  - 2.2 Identifying and Selecting Microphones for Specific Instruments
  - 2.3 Exploring Advanced Placement Techniques for Microphone Arrays
  - 2.4 Utilizing Advanced Techniques for Close and Ambient Miking
  - 2.5 Implementing Stereo Miking Methods for Enhanced Sound Imaging
  - 2.6 Integrating Specialty Microphones in Complex Studio Setups
- **3 Mastering DAW Automation and MIDI Integration** — 6 classes
  - 3.1 Understanding DAW Automation Essentials
  - 3.2 Exploring MIDI Controllers and Protocols
  - 3.3 Implementing Dynamic Automation Techniques
  - 3.4 Integrating MIDI for Enhanced Studio Workflow
  - 3.5 Utilizing Automation in Signal Processing
  - 3.6 Mastering Complex MIDI and Automation Systems
- **4 Advanced Mixing Console Operations and Functions** — 6 classes
  - 4.1 Understanding the Signal Flow in Advanced Mixing Consoles
  - 4.2 Exploring Advanced EQ and Dynamics Processing Tools
  - 4.3 Configuring and Utilizing Group Bus Channels
  - 4.4 Implementing Aux Sends and Returns for Effect Routing
  - 4.5 Mastering Automation Features for Dynamic Mixing
  - 4.6 Troubleshooting Common Issues in Mixing Console Operations
- **5 Utilizing Cutting-Edge Software in Audio Production** — 6 classes
  - 5.1 Exploring Advanced Audio Software: An Overview
  - 5.2 Navigating New Interfaces: Enhancing Workflow in DAWs
  - 5.3 Utilizing AI Tools: Transforming Audio Editing and Mixing
  - 5.4 Applying Virtual Instruments: Expanding Your Sound Palette
  - 5.5 Leveraging Multi-Track Softwares: Techniques for Dynamic Studio Sessions
  - 5.6 Integrating Plugins and Effects: Achieving Professional Sound Quality

- **1 Fundamentals of Audio Perception** — 6 classes
  - 1.1 Exploring the Basics of Sound Waves
  - 1.2 Understanding Frequency and Pitch
  - 1.3 Analyzing Amplitude and Loudness
  - 1.4 Examining Timbre and Harmonics
  - 1.5 Identifying Spatial Audio Cues
  - 1.6 Applying Psychoacoustic Principles in Mixing
- **2 Analyzing Audio Frequency Response** — 6 classes
  - 2.1 Understanding Frequency Response: Key Concepts and Terminology
  - 2.2 Examining Frequency Response Curves: Visual Analysis Techniques
  - 2.3 Identifying Common Frequency Response Issues in Recordings
  - 2.4 Utilizing Equipment for Frequency Response Measurement
  - 2.5 Analyzing Frequency Response with Spectrum Analyzers
  - 2.6 Applying Solutions to Common Frequency Response Problems
- **3 Identifying and Diagnosing Common Audio Problems** — 6 classes
  - 3.1 Understanding Audio Signal Flow
  - 3.2 Identifying Basic Audio Issues
  - 3.3 Analyzing Frequency Response Problems
  - 3.4 Detecting Phase Cancellation
  - 3.5 Diagnosing Distortion and Clipping
  - 3.6 Applying Troubleshooting Techniques
- **4 Advanced Problem Solving in Audio Mixes** — 6 classes
  - 4.1 Identifying Common Issues in Audio Mixes
  - 4.2 Analyzing Frequency Imbalances
  - 4.3 Addressing Phase and Time Alignment Problems
  - 4.4 Solving Dynamic Range and Compression Challenges
  - 4.5 Deconstructing and Enhancing Mix Clarity
  - 4.6 Applying Advanced EQ and Filtering Techniques
- **5 Practical Applications of Audio Analysis Tools** — 6 classes
  - 5.1 Understanding Audio Analysis Tools and Their Functions
  - 5.2 Identifying Frequency Patterns in Mixes
  - 5.3 Diagnosing Common Audio Issues Using Spectral Analysis
  - 5.4 Applying Phase Correlation to Detect Channel Errors
  - 5.5 Utilizing Loudness Meters to Balance Audio Levels
  - 5.6 Implementing Analyzing Tools for Final Mix Improvements
- **15 Studio Health, Safety and Electrical Awareness** — 10 classes
  - 15.1 Hazards in a Music Studio
  - 15.2 Mains Power Safety Basics
  - 15.3 Safe Use of Extension Leads and Power Strips
  - 15.4 Trip Hazards and Cable Routing
  - 15.5 Manual Handling of Heavy Gear
  - 15.6 Fire Safety and Emergency Exits
  - 15.7 First Aid and Incident Reporting
  - 15.8 Hearing and Voice Safety for Staff
  - 15.9 Simple Risk Assessment for a Session
  - 15.10 Daily Safety Walk-Round Checklist
- **16 Balanced Connections, Grounding and Noise Control** — 10 classes
  - 16.1 Balanced and Unbalanced Signals
  - 16.2 XLR, Jack and TRS Connector Types
  - 16.3 Digital Connections AES3, S/PDIF and ADAT
  - 16.4 Grounding and Earth Loops
  - 16.5 Finding the Source of Hum
  - 16.6 Cable Quality, Length and Shielding
  - 16.7 Phantom Power and Its Safe Use
  - 16.8 Impedance Matching Basics
  - 16.9 Using DI Boxes and Re-amping
  - 16.10 Practical Noise Hunt Exercise
- **17 Studio Maintenance, Labelling and Equipment Records** — 10 classes
  - 17.1 Planned Maintenance for Studio Gear
  - 17.2 Cleaning Equipment Safely
  - 17.3 Cable Testing and Repair Basics
  - 17.4 Soldering Safety and Simple Repairs
  - 17.5 Equipment Inventory and Asset Tags
  - 17.6 Fault Logs and Maintenance Records

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## Digital Audio Workstation Skills

20 chapters · 122 classes **100 marks**

- **1 Getting Started with DAWs: Understanding Basic Interfaces and Functionality** — 4 classes
  - 1.1 Navigating the DAW Interface: Understanding Main Components
  - 1.2 Exploring Tools and Menus: Mastering Basic Navigation
  - 1.3 Setting Up Tracks and Channels: Building Your First Project
  - 1.4 Recording and Playback: Hands-On with Basic Functions
- **2 Exploring Essential Tools: Audio Recording, MIDI, and Virtual Instruments** — 4 classes
  - 2.1 Understanding the Basics of Audio Recording
  - 2.2 Navigating and Editing MIDI in a DAW
  - 2.3 Exploring Virtual Instruments and Their Uses
  - 2.4 Integrating Audio and MIDI for Creative Projects
- **3 Mixing and Exporting: Applying Effects and Finalizing Projects** — 4 classes
  - 3.1 Understanding Basic Audio Effects
  - 3.2 Applying Effects to Enhance Audio Quality
  - 3.3 Balancing and Mixing Tracks for Clarity
  - 3.4 Exporting Final Audio Projects Professionally
- **1 Introduction to Digital Audio Workstations and Software Overview** — 5 classes
  - 1.1 Understanding Digital Audio Workstations: Key Features and Functions
  - 1.2 Exploring Popular DAW Software: An Overview of Leading Platforms
  - 1.3 Setting Up Your First Project: A Step-by-Step Guide
  - 1.4 Navigating DAW Interfaces: Essential Tools and Menus
  - 1.5 Recording and Editing: Basic Techniques to Start Your First Track
- **2 Understanding Audio Formats and Signal Flow in DAWs** — 5 classes
  - 2.1 Identifying Common Audio Formats
  - 2.2 Exploring Bit Depth and Sample Rate Concepts
  - 2.3 Tracing Signal Flow within DAWs
  - 2.4 Comparing Lossy and Lossless Audio Formats
  - 2.5 Applying Signal Routing Techniques in DAWs
- **3 Basic Audio Editing and Processing Techniques** — 5 classes
  - 3.1 Navigating and Understanding the DAW Interface
  - 3.2 Importing and Organizing Audio Tracks
  - 3.3 Editing Audio Clips: Cutting, Copying, and Arranging
  - 3.4 Applying Basic Audio Effects: EQ and Compression
  - 3.5 Exporting Your Project: File Formats and Settings
- **4 MIDI Integration and Virtual Instruments in DAWs** — 5 classes
  - 4.1 Understanding MIDI Protocols and Functions
  - 4.2 Navigating MIDI Devices in Your DAW
  - 4.3 Configuring and Connecting Virtual Instruments
  - 4.4 Creating and Editing MIDI Tracks for Composition
  - 4.5 Applying MIDI Effects and Automation Techniques
- **1 Introduction to Digital Audio Workstations** — 6 classes
  - 1.1 Understanding Digital Audio Workstation Interfaces
  - 1.2 Navigating the DAW: Tools and Functions
  - 1.3 Exploring Audio and MIDI Tracks
  - 1.4 Utilizing Basic Editing Techniques
  - 1.5 Implementing Virtual Instruments and Effects
  - 1.6 Exporting and Saving Projects Efficiently
- **2 Navigating DAW Interfaces and Controls** — 6 classes
  - 2.1 Exploring the Basic DAW Interface
  - 2.2 Understanding Track Layouts and Signal Paths
  - 2.3 Mastering the Mixer Panel Controls
  - 2.4 Customizing DAW Views for Optimal Workflow
  - 2.5 Navigating and Utilizing Toolbars Efficiently
  - 2.6 Applying Keyboard Shortcuts for Enhanced Productivity
- **3 Advanced MIDI Programming Techniques** — 6 classes
  - 3.1 Exploring MIDI Protocols and Data Structures
  - 3.2 Utilizing MIDI Controllers for Enhanced Expression
  - 3.3 Mastering MIDI Editing Tools and Techniques
  - 3.4 Implementing Advanced MIDI Sequencing Strategies
  - 3.5 Integrating MIDI with Virtual Instruments Effectively
- **4 Audio Recording and Editing Mastery** — 6 classes
  - 4.1 Exploring Digital Audio Workstation Interfaces
  - 4.2 Configuring Audio Inputs and Outputs
  - 4.3 Mastering the Art of Multitrack Recording
  - 4.4 Implementing Effective Editing Techniques
  - 4.5 Applying Audio Effects and Plugins
  - 4.6 Finalizing Mixes with Precision Editing
- **5 Mixing Strategies and Sound Manipulation** — 6 classes
  - 5.1 Understanding Core Mixing Concepts
  - 5.2 Exploring EQ Techniques
  - 5.3 Implementing Dynamic Processing
  - 5.4 Utilizing Reverb and Delay Effects
  - 5.5 Crafting a Balanced Mix
  - 5.6 Analyzing and Refining Final Mixes
- **1 Understanding Digital Audio Workstations** — 5 classes
  - 1.1 Exploring the DAW Interface: Navigating the Workspace
  - 1.2 Understanding Tracks and Channels: Building the Foundation
  - 1.3 Mastering MIDI and Audio Inputs: Capturing Sound
  - 1.4 Applying Basic Editing Techniques: Shaping Your Sound
  - 1.5 Exporting and Sharing Projects: Completing Your Digital Creation
- **2 Recording and Editing Audio** — 5 classes
  - 2.1 Understanding Audio Signal Pathways in DAWs
  - 2.2 Setting Up and Configuring Your DAW for Recording
  - 2.3 Capturing Clean Audio: Techniques and Best Practices
  - 2.4 Editing Basics: Trimming, Splitting, and Arranging Audio Clips
  - 2.5 Applying Effects and Enhancements to Recorded Audio
- **3 MIDI and Virtual Instruments** — 5 classes
  - 3.1 Understanding MIDI: Basics and Functionality
  - 3.2 Navigating a DAW: Setting Up MIDI Devices
  - 3.3 Exploring Virtual Instruments: Types and Uses
  - 3.4 Editing MIDI Tracks: Techniques and Tools
  - 3.5 Creating Music with Virtual Instruments: Practical Application
- **4 Mixing and Exporting in DAWs** — 5 classes
  - 4.1 Understanding the Mixing Console in DAWs
  - 4.2 Balancing Levels and Panning in a Mix
  - 4.3 Applying EQ and Compression Techniques
  - 4.4 Utilizing Reverb and Delay Effects Creatively
  - 4.5 Exporting Your Project: Settings and Best Practices
- **17 Computer Setup and Audio Settings for DAW Stability** — 10 classes
  - 17.1 Computer Requirements for Music Production
  - 17.2 Choosing and Connecting an Audio Interface
  - 17.3 Sample Rate and Bit Depth Settings
  - 17.4 Buffer Size and Latency Trade-offs
  - 17.5 Driver Types and Selecting the Right One
  - 17.6 Storage Drives and Project Locations
  - 17.7 Power Settings and Background Programs
  - 17.8 Fixing Crackles, Dropouts and Overloads
  - 17.9 Plugin Formats and Installation Basics
  - 17.10 Stability Checklist Before Every Project
- **18 Project Files, Naming and Asset Organisation** — 10 classes
  - 18.1 Anatomy of a DAW Project Folder
  - 18.2 Consistent File and Track Naming
  - 18.3 Colour Coding and Track Grouping
  - 18.4 Organising Samples and Loop Libraries
  - 18.5 Metadata and Session Notes
  - 18.6 Versioning Projects Safely
  - 18.7 Collecting and Consolidating Project Files
  - 18.8 Archiving Finished Projects
  - 18.9 Retrieving Old Projects Quickly
  - 18.10 Creating a Studio Filing Standard
- **19 Backup, Recovery and Data Protection for Music Projects** — 10 classes
  - 19.1 Why Music Data Gets Lost
  - 19.2 Autosave and Crash Recovery Settings

4 **Microphones and Recording Techniques** 16 chapters · 122 classes **100 marks**

- **1 Chapter 1 — Fundamentals of Recording in a DAW** — 4 classes
  - 1.1 Understanding the DAW Interface
  - 1.2 Setting Up for Successful Recording
  - 1.3 Capturing Audio: Techniques and Tools
  - 1.4 Evaluating and Refining Your Recordings
- **2 Chapter 2 — Microphone Techniques and Placement** — 4 classes
  - 2.1 Understanding Microphone Types and Characteristics
  - 2.2 Exploring Basic Microphone Techniques
  - 2.3 Setting Up Microphone Placement for Optimal Sound
  - 2.4 Applying Microphone Techniques in different Recording Scenarios
- **3 Chapter 3 — Advanced Signal Processing and Editing** — 4 classes
  - 3.1 Understanding Advanced Signal Processing Concepts
  - 3.2 Exploring Dynamic and Spectral Processing Tools
  - 3.3 Mastering Audio Editing Techniques for Precision
  - 3.4 Applying Advanced Techniques in Creative Projects
- **1 Understanding Sound and Microphone Basics** — 5 classes
  - 1.1 Exploring the Nature of Sound Waves
  - 1.2 Analyzing Frequency and Amplitude
  - 1.3 Understanding Microphone Types and Uses
  - 1.4 Evaluating Microphone Placement Techniques
  - 1.5 Applying Sound Principles in Recording Scenarios
- **2 Signal Flow and Audio Interfaces** — 5 classes
  - 2.1 Exploring Signal Flow: Understanding the Path of Audio Signals
  - 2.2 Identifying Audio Interfaces: Types and Connectivity
  - 2.3 Analyzing Signal Chains: Key Components in Audio Recording
  - 2.4 Configuring Audio Interfaces: Setup for Optimal Performance
  - 2.5 Troubleshooting Signal Flow Issues: Strategies and Solutions
- **3 Techniques for Capturing High-Quality Audio** — 5 classes
  - 3.1 Understanding Sound: Fundamentals of Audio Capturing
  - 3.2 Selecting the Right Microphone: Types and Applications
  - 3.3 Optimizing Recording Environment: Minimizing Noise and Echo
  - 3.4 Setting Up Equipment: Best Practices for Signal Chain Management
  - 3.5 Implementing Advanced Techniques: Enhancing Audio Quality
- **4 Introduction to Multi-Track Recording and Overdubbing** — 5 classes
  - 4.1 Understanding Multi-Track Recording: An Initial Overview
  - 4.2 Exploring the Components of a Multi-Track Recorder
  - 4.3 Setting Up for a Multi-Track Recording Session
  - 4.4 Mastering Overdubbing Techniques for Precision
  - 4.5 Applying Multi-Track Recording and Overdubbing in Practice
- **8 Microphone Types and Selection Guide** — 10 classes
  - 8.1 Dynamic Microphones and Their Strengths
  - 8.2 Condenser Microphones Large and Small Diaphragm
  - 8.3 Ribbon Microphones and Careful Handling
  - 8.4 Choosing a Microphone for a Source
  - 8.5 Microphone Specifications Made Simple
  - 8.6 Self Noise, Sensitivity and Maximum Level
  - 8.7 Phantom Power and Pads in Practice
  - 8.8 Shock Mounts, Stands and Pop Filters
  - 8.9 Care, Storage and Cleaning of Microphones
  - 8.10 Microphone Shootout Listening Exercise
- **9 Polar Patterns, Proximity and Off-Axis Sound** — 10 classes
  - 9.1 Cardioid, Omni and Figure Eight Patterns
  - 9.2 Reading a Polar Pattern Chart
  - 9.3 Proximity Effect and How to Use It
  - 9.4 Off-Axis Colouration
  - 9.5 Rejecting Unwanted Sound With Placement
  - 9.6 Microphone Distance and Tone
  - 9.7 Phase and Polarity Between Microphones
  - 9.8 The Three to One Rule
  - 9.9 Checking Phase With Simple Tests
  - 9.10 Placement Experiments Log
- **10 Recording Lead and Backing Vocals** — 10 classes
  - 10.1 Preparing a Singer and the Vocal Booth
  - 10.2 Choosing a Vocal Microphone
  - 10.3 Pop Filter and Distance Technique
  - 10.4 Setting Levels for Dynamic Singers
  - 10.5 Cue Mix and Headphone Comfort for Vocalists
  - 10.6 Directing a Vocal Take
  - 10.7 Punch In Recording Techniques
  - 10.8 Layering Harmonies and Doubles
  - 10.9 Handling Breath Noise and Sibilance
  - 10.10 Vocal Comping Notes and Track Sheets
- **11 Recording Guitar and Bass** — 10 classes
  - 11.1 Mic Placement on Acoustic Guitar
  - 11.2 Combining Two Microphones on Acoustic Guitar
  - 11.3 Miking a Guitar Amplifier
  - 11.4 Speaker Cone Position and Tone
  - 11.5 Direct Injection of Electric Guitar and Bass
  - 11.6 Re-amping a Direct Recording
  - 11.7 Recording Bass Guitar Amp and DI Together
  - 11.8 Dealing With Hum and Interference
  - 11.9 Tuning, Intonation and Fresh Strings
  - 11.10 Combining Sources Into a Final Guitar Sound
- **12 Recording Drums and Percussion** — 10 classes
  - 12.1 Preparing and Tuning a Drum Kit
  - 12.2 Kick Drum Microphone Placement
  - 12.3 Snare and Hi-Hat Microphone Placement
  - 12.4 Tom Microphones and Isolation
  - 12.5 Overhead Techniques for Cymbals
  - 12.6 Room Microphones for Ambience
  - 12.7 Phase Alignment Across a Drum Kit
  - 12.8 Recording Hand Percussion and Tabla
  - 12.9 Minimal Microphone Drum Setups
  - 12.10 Drum Session Practical Run Through
- **13 Recording Keys, Strings, Wind and Indian Instruments** — 10 classes
  - 13.1 Recording Piano Close and Distant
  - 13.2 Direct Recording of Keyboards and Synths
  - 13.3 Miking Violin and Cello
  - 13.4 Recording Brass and Wind Instruments
  - 13.5 Recording Harmonium and Sitar
  - 13.6 Recording Flute and Bansuri
  - 13.7 Recording Tabla and Dholak
  - 13.8 Handling Dynamic Range in Acoustic Sources
  - 13.9 Choosing Mic Distance for Room Sound
  - 13.10 Recording Mixed Ensembles in Small Rooms
- **14 Stereo and Room Microphone Techniques** — 10 classes
  - 14.1 Why Record in Stereo
  - 14.2 Spaced Pair Technique
  - 14.3 XY Coincident Technique
  - 14.4 Mid Side Recording Explained
  - 14.5 Decoding Mid Side in a DAW
  - 14.6 Near Coincident Arrays
  - 14.7 Blending Close and Room Microphones
  - 14.8 Mono Compatibility Checks
  - 14.9 Recording Live Ensembles in Venues
  - 14.10 Stereo Technique Comparison Session

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