



POINT BLANK MUSIC SCHOOL

Ableton 11

6 week school programme

WEEK 1

Intro to Ableton & Programming MIDI Drums

Introduction to Ableton 11 (10 minutes)

Give a tour and overview of the Ableton 11 interface and highlight key areas including the Browser, transport bar and arrangement/session views. Demonstrate how to add a clip into session view and how to create a new MIDI region in arrangement view. Any other areas important to know when navigating Ableton's interface can be shown in this time.

The Drum Kit (5 minutes)

A drum kit is made of several individual drums, each with its own individual sound and role. If you're not exactly sure what a kick, snare or hi-hat is, or what they do for a song, here is the place to find out.

Creating a drum pattern (10 minutes)

Create a new MIDI track and from the browser, show students how to locate and load a drum kit from the drums library, highlighting some different kits and how their sounds differ.

Activity : Create a 16 bar drum pattern (15 minutes)

Instruct students to choose a drum kit they like and create a drum pattern at a tempo relevant to the genre of music they plan to create.

Build a custom kit with Drum Rack (5 mins)

Create a new MIDI track and from the browser, show students to how to locate and load an instance of drum rack. Demonstrate how to find and load drum one shots into the drum rack and create a percussion pattern that incorporates with your main drum pattern.

Activity : Create a percussion track using Drum Rack (10 minutes)

Instruct students to load an instance of drum rack and source sounds to create a percussion part to add to their drums.

Introduce next weeks session - Working with loops and warping (5 minutes)

**Students should save their work to continue with their song in the following sessions.*