

Beginner Jazz Piano Roadmap

How To Get Started With PianoGroove Courses



The below 4 courses contain the bulk of 'beginner jazz theory'. 'Beginner' does not mean 'easy': this theory takes time to master. The core milestones are below w/ links.

Basic Chords, Scales, & 251s – The Foundations Course

www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/jazz-piano-foundations/

- **Triads** – Major triad falling to minor triad drill & arpeggios and inversions
www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/triads-for-jazz-piano/
- **7th chords** – essential for arranging lead sheets and for spread voicings
www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/7th-chords/
- **Essentials Practice Guide** – drills and exercises for beginners
www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/essentials-practice-guide-simplified/

Extended Voicings – Extended Voicings Course

www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/extended-chords-voicings/

- **Single Extended Chord Type Drill** – major and minor 9th chords
www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/major-minor-9th-chord-drills/
- **Extended 251 Progression Drill** – Type A and Type B around circle of fifths
www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/the-major-251-9th-13th-chord-drill/
- **Whole Step 251 Drill with Extended Voicings**
www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/extended-251-progression-drill/

Rootless Voicings – Mastering Left Hand Voicings Course

www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/left-hand-voicings/

- **Stride Drills w/ Single Chord Type** – major and minor 9th chords:
www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/rootless-voicings-stride-drill/
- **Stride Drills w/ Full 251 Progressions** – stride with ii-9 / V13 / Imaj9:
www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/251-stride-drill-with-rootless-voicings/
- **Minor 251 Practice Guidance** – Type A and Type B progressions:
www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/minor-251-practice-drills/

Altered Harmony – Altered Harmony & USTs Course

www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/altered-harmony-upper-structure-triads/

- **b9 & #5 Altered Chord Drills:** Basic 251 drills for adding alterations:
www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/altered-chord-drills-b9s-5s/
- **Targeting The #11 Alteration Drill:** Learn to target specific alterations:
www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/altered-chord-drills-sharp-11/
- **Upper Structure Triads:** watch the UST lesson and print the UST Cheat Sheet:
<https://www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/what-are-upper-structure-triads/>

Jazz Standard Courses – Study These 3 Courses Simultaneously

- **'Misty' Cocktail Piano For Beginners**
<https://www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/cocktail-improvisation-for-beginners/>
- **'Georgia' Bluesy Stride For Beginners**
<https://www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/bluesy-stride-piano-beginners/>
- **'Nearness Of You' Ballad Fills & Runs**
<https://www.pianogroove.com/jazz-piano-lessons/ballad-voicings-fills-improv/>