



MASTERING ACADEMY

Diploma

Mastering Academy certifies that

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has successfully completed the 24-week
coaching program to become a

Certified Mastering Engineer

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CEO & Head Coach





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Pro Mastering Coaching - Advanced training to become a certified mastering engineer

Mastering Academy is the world's leading boutique educational institution specializing in mixing and mastering. Mixing and mastering represent the two most important and universal core competencies across all areas of audio and media engineering.

Since these core competencies are generally inadequately taught in conventional academic audio engineering programs, the two advanced training courses for Certified Mixing and Mastering Engineers represent an ideal post-graduate enhancement to the skill set of all audio professionals.

The Pro Mastering Coaching is a 24-week certified program consisting of two components:

1. Preparation block with modules, exercises, and accompanying Q&A sessions
2. Coaching block in which participants master up to 10 mixes of different genres in pitching sessions.

In the Pro Mastering Coaching, graduates learn, among other things:

- ▶ Mastering mindset and strategies
- ▶ Mastering workflow modules 1 & 2
- ▶ Loudness management & metering
- ▶ Mastering training 1, 2 & 3
- ▶ Listening strategies for fatigue-free listening, emotional listening
- ▶ Acoustic optimization
- ▶ Adaptive listening
- ▶ Apple Digital Master (MFiT) and SRC
- ▶ Assessment of signal processing tools with Plugin Doctor & ABXing
- ▶ Significance of the time domain and proper handling of different sample rates/SRCs
- ▶ Module on bit depth
- ▶ Advanced mastering compression techniques and identification of compression artifacts
- ▶ Working with reverb, manual spectral de-essing
- ▶ Harshness and aliasing and their avoidance
- ▶ Use of saturation in mastering
- ▶ Binaural 3D audio processing
- ▶ Dithering techniques
- ▶ Loudness through clipping & strategies for low-collateral loudness optimization
- ▶ Stem mastering
- ▶ Finalization of the WaveLab montage and creation of delivery media
- ▶ Professional client management
- ▶ Market positioning
- ▶ Strategies to support „unity“ perception
- ▶ Confidence in one's own acoustic judgment ability
- ▶ Acoustic imagination ability

Coaching Block: During live coaching sessions with real-time streaming of uncompressed PCM audio, 10 mastering projects are developed. Mastering Academy provides suitable mixes with increasing difficulty levels to cover a broad variety of genres. In each coaching session lasting at least two hours, participants' mastering work is compared, analyzed, and evaluated against one another. Where appropriate, areas where aspects were overlooked are demonstrated acoustically. The coach presents a Mastering Academy-mastered version alongside the participants' work, whose processing chain is also discussed and shared with the participants. The pitching between all participants provides deep insight into creative possibilities and the fluid boundaries between right and wrong, allowing participants to acquire a confident feel for sound-relevant and client-oriented decision-making processes. Participants particularly develop a confident feel for adapting to their personal monitoring environment in order to make reliable decisions there and avoid mistakes in the mastering process.

The certified AZAV program comprises 670 instructional units and concludes with a practical examination. In the examination, participants master a mini-EP with all standard market deliverables within a specified timeframe. The work is analyzed and evaluated through an extensive process.

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