

Jazz Guitar University Introduction

Hello and welcome to my Jazz Guitar University lesson series. These ongoing video lessons, PDF tutorials and audio files are going to try and teach you the art of jazz guitar from the ground up. We will be covering everything from single note improvisation over changes, chords, chord progressions, rhythmic styles, chord melody and different jazz guitar styles, plus everything in between. I am going to try and make this course as thorough and sequential as possible, so you will probably just want to start with the first lesson and go through them in order.

The only prerequisite for doing this course is a solid knowledge of all of your major keys as well as the notes on the fingerboard. These prerequisite tutorials should be completed before attempting any of the “Jazz Guitar University” courses. You will get much more out of them and have far less frustration that way. Also, knowledge in basic chord construction would be great, so that tutorial will also be added to the prerequisite section as well. If any of the lessons in the prerequisite section are a little foreign to you I strongly suggest reviewing those lessons before moving on to this course.

This type of study takes patience and persistence. Even if you don't have a strong desire to be a jazz guitar player, the more advanced theoretical and playing concepts found in jazz can be applied to almost all styles of music. It will just improve your overall musicianship immensely no matter what your style. Jazz music is an improvised art, and I think that is an area that ALL musicians would like to improve in.

One last thing, if you do have a desire to be a great jazz guitarist, one crucial element to this study is to actually listen to jazz music all the time. The more familiar you are with the sound of the various styles of jazz and it's greatest players, the quicker you will begin to sound like a well seasoned and educated jazz guitarist as well. Also, I think it would be great if you studied the history of jazz music in general. One great resource for this is Ken Burn's 10 DVD documentary series on jazz. You can find this DVD series through the Amazon link on my site at www.GuitarLessons365.com. It is very informative and concentrates on the history of jazz in general and not just jazz guitarists.

I hope through your hard work and patience you are able to slowly chip away at this mysterious form of music and build confidence in yourself as a true jazz guitarist. I am always available in the forums at the main site www.GuitarLessons365.com for any additional questions that you may have. I will do my best to guide you on this wonderful musical journey. GOOD LUCK!!

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