

A man with short grey hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt, is playing a blue electric bass guitar. He is looking down at the instrument. The background is a plain, light color.

 TalkingBass

Beginner Bass Guitar

Course Breakdown
and FAQ



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Lesson #1: Absolute Basics

This lesson covers the absolute basics of playing the bass guitar. You'll learn how to hold the bass, attach a strap, connect to an amp, tune the strings, play some notes and much more.

Lesson #2: Getting Started With Fingerpicking

In this lesson you'll learn how to pluck the strings with the fingers, anchor that thumb and we'll also delve a little into the basics of choking and muting.

Lesson #3: Notes

In this lesson we look at some notes on the E and A strings. We also look at some flats and sharps and how they relate to basic natural notes.

Lesson #4: Introduction To Rhythm

Here we look at the basics of rhythm. You'll learn how to count and subdivide beats and also how to develop your internal clock.

Lesson #5: The Fretting Hand

Let's look at a little technique! You'll learn how to use all the fingers of the fretting hand while playing notes across the fretboard.

Lesson #6: Two Finger Picking

In this lesson we'll look at bringing the middle finger into play so we can gain a little more dexterity and fluidity in our basslines.

Lesson #7: Using A Plectrum

In this lesson we'll look at using a pick/plectrum in our basslines and the unique tone it can provide.

Lesson #8: The Next Step

In this final lesson we look the role of the bass in a band, how to play through a chord chart, play with a drummer, read tablature and we also look at how you can proceed with your playing development beyond this course.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Beginner Bass Guitar?

Beginner Bass Guitar is a progressive, eight lesson, step-by-step guide to getting started on the bass guitar.

What level of player is the course aimed at?

Beginner Bass Guitar is aimed at absolute beginners and players who have only been playing a while but possibly need a little more guidance in the foundational aspects of the instrument.

What Will I Learn?

You will learn all the basic skills required to get started on the road to becoming a well-rounded bass player. You'll learn how to hold the bass, tune the bass, learn the notes on the fretboard, fingerpicking techniques, plectrum technique and you'll also receive important tips on what and how to practice as you develop your skills.

How Long Are The Video Lessons?

The lessons vary in length but the complete course is two and a half hours long and spread over eight lessons.

How is the course presented? Do I Download Anything?

Beginner Bass Guitar is hosted on the Talkingbass website so there are no video files to download. There are two downloads within the course:

- **The Beginner Bass Guitar Workbook:** 19 page lesson-by-lesson work through of all the course material
- **Tuning Reference Tones:** These are the tones used in the course as a reference when tuning the bass