

# THE 23 LESSON BLUES COURSE SYLLABUS

## **Lesson 1** contains these topics:

the difference between swing 8th notes and straight 8th notes.  
Song tutorial for - Rock And Roll Music by Chuck Berry.  
Vocabulary from Rock and Roll Music in Eb. And then transposed to C.  
Pattern 1 is transposed to all 12 keys  
Downloadable tracks: single chord progressions in all 12 keys at 3 tempo levels

## **Lesson 2** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Jailhouse Rock by Elvis.  
Vocabulary from Jailhouse Rock transposed to C.  
Patterns 1 is transposed to all 12 keys  
Downloadable tracks: bass less backing track for Jailhouse Rock

## **Lesson 3** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - All Shook Up by Elvis.  
Vocabulary from All Shook Up transposed to C.  
Patterns 1 is transposed to all 12 keys  
Downloadable tracks: bass less backing track for All Shook Up

## **Lesson 4** contains these topics:

Music Theory 101 - Naming Note by their function (e.g. root, 3rd, 5th)  
The 12 Bar Blues In C7  
Playing through the 12 Bar Blues In C7 using vocabulary  
Downloadable tracks: C7 blues at 4 tempo levels

## **Lesson 5** Lesson 5 contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Blue Suede Shoes by Carl Perkins.  
Vocabulary from Blue Suede Shoes  
The 12 Bar Blues In F7

Playing through the 12 Bar Blues In F7 using vocabulary  
Downloadable tracks: F7 blues at 4 tempo levels and bass less backing track for Blue Suede Shoes

**Lesson 6** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Roll Over Beethoven by Chuck Berry  
Vocabulary from Roll Over Beethoven  
The 12 Bar Blues In Bb7  
Playing through the 12 Bar Blues In Bb7 using vocabulary  
Downloadable tracks: Bb7 blues at 4 tempo levels and bass less backing track for Roll Over Beethoven

**Lesson 7** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Shake Rattle And Roll by Bill Haley  
Vocabulary from Shake Rattle And Roll  
The 12 Bar Blues In Eb7  
Playing through the 12 Bar Blues In Eb7 using vocabulary  
Downloadable tracks: Eb7 blues at 4 tempo levels and bass less backing track for Shake Rattle And Roll

**Lesson 8** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Red House by Jimi Hendrix  
Vocabulary from Red House  
The 12 Bar Blues In Ab7  
Playing through the 12 Bar Blues In Ab7 using vocabulary  
Downloadable tracks: Ab7 blues at 4 tempo levels

**Lesson 9** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Statesboro Blues by The Allman Brothers  
Vocabulary from Statesboro Blues  
The 12 Bar Blues In Db7  
Playing through the 12 Bar Blues In Db7 using vocabulary  
Downloadable tracks: Db7 blues at 4 tempo levels

## **Lesson 10** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Sweet Home Chicago Part 1 by The Blues Brothers  
Vocabulary from Sweet Home Chicago  
The 12 Bar Blues In G7  
Playing through the 12 Bar Blues In G7 using vocabulary  
Downloadable tracks: G7 blues at 4 tempo levels and bass less backing track for Sweet Home Chicago

## **Lesson 11** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Sweet Home Chicago Part 2  
Vocabulary from Sweet Home Chicago  
The 12 Bar Blues In D7  
Playing through the 12 Bar Blues In D7 using vocabulary  
Downloadable tracks: D7 blues at 4 tempo levels

## **Lesson 12** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Route 66 by The Rolling Stones  
Vocabulary from Route 66  
The 12 Bar Blues In A7  
Playing through the 12 Bar Blues In A7 using vocabulary  
Downloadable tracks: A7 blues at 4 tempo levels

This is an important lesson - because we're playing Route 66 in a 'swing 8th note' style - but we're copping vocabulary and lines from a song played in straight 8th notes. It's very important to realize this vocabulary has multiple uses!

## **Lesson 13** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Further On Up the Road by Jeff Beck and Eric Clapton  
Vocabulary from Further On Up The Road  
The 12 Bar Blues In  
Playing through the 12 Bar Blues In E7 using vocabulary  
Downloadable tracks: E7 blues at 4 tempo levels and

## **Lesson 14** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Look At Little Sister by Stevie Ray Vaughan

Vocabulary from Look At Little Sister

The 12 Bar Blues In B7

Using the 12 Bar Blues to practice rhythmic vocabulary

Downloadable tracks: B7 blues at 4 tempo levels

## **Lesson 15** contains these topics:

Deliberate Composition And the Blues

Deliberate Composition Case Study

## **Lesson 16** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Shake Rattle And Roll by Bill Haley

Vocabulary from Shake Rattle And Roll

The 12 Bar Blues In Eb7

Playing through the 12 Bar Blues In Eb7 using vocabulary

Downloadable tracks: Eb7 blues at 4 tempo levels and bass less backing track for Shake Rattle And Roll

## **Lesson 17** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Born Under A Bad Sign by Albert King

Vocabulary from Born Under A Bad Sign

The 12 Bar Blues - Alternate Blues Form 2 (keys of C,F, Bb and Eb)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 2 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

## **Lesson 18** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Stormy Monday by T Bone Walker

Vocabulary from Stormy Monday

The 12 Bar Blues - Alternate Blues Form 2 (keys of Ab,Db, F# and B)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 2 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

## **Lesson 19** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - The Killing Floor by Albert King

Vocabulary from The Killing Floor

The 12 Bar Blues - Alternate Blues Form 2 (keys of E, A, D and G)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 2 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

## **Lesson 20** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Hoochie Coochie Man by Muddy Waters

Vocabulary from Hoochie Coochie Man

The 12 Bar Blues - Alternate Blues Form 3 (keys of Cm, Fm, Bbm and Ebm)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 3 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

## **Lesson 21** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - The Thrill Is Gone by BB King

Vocabulary from The Thrill Is Gone

The 12 Bar Blues - Alternate Blues Form 3 (keys of Abm, Dbm, F#m and Bm)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 3 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

## **Lesson 22** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Little Wing by Jimi Hendrix

Converting Vocabulary from Major Blues To Minor Blues

The 12 Bar Blues - Alternate Blues Form 3 (keys of Em, Am, Dm and Gm)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 3 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

## **Lesson 23** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - You Shook Me by Led Zeppelin

Vocabulary from You Shook Me (in 12:8 AND 4:4)

Alternate Blues Form 4 - Key To The Highway Form(keys of C, F, Bb and Eb)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 4 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels, 12:8 blues one chord progressions in all keys - three tempos

**Lesson 24** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - 634-5789 by Wilson Pickett

Vocabulary from 634-5789

Alternate Blues Form 4 - Key To The Highway Form (keys of Db, F#, E and B)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 4 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

**Lesson 25** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - How Sweet It Is by Marvin Gaye

Vocabulary from How Sweet It Is

Alternate Blues Form 4 - Key To The Highway Form (keys of E, A, D and G)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 4 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

**Lesson 26** contains these topics:.

Special Lesson: How To Build Your Vocabulary

Vocabulary from Tommy Shannon

Alternate Blues Form 5 - Caught The Katy (keys of C, F, Bb and Eb)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 5 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

**Lesson 27** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Hideaway

Vocabulary from Hideaway

Alternate Blues Form 6 - You Shook Me (12:8 blues in (keys of E, A, D and G)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 5 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

**Lesson 28** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - Sonny by Robert Cray

Vocabulary from Sonny

Alternate Blues Form 7 - Sonny Form ( 12:8 blues in keys of E, F#, A and B)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 7 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

**Lesson 29** contains these topics:

Song tutorial for - You're Gonna Need Me by Albert King

Vocabulary from You're Gonna Need Me

Alternate Blues Form 8 - You're gonna Need Me Form (keys of E, B, F# and A)

Downloadable tracks: Alt Blues Form 8 - 4 key centres at 3 tempo levels

**Lesson 30** contains these topics:

Vocabulary Central - 120 More Patterns for the Blues

**Lesson 31** contains these topics:

Vocabulary Central - 80 More Patterns for the Blues

Blues Tunes You Should Learn

**Lesson 32** contains these topics

Where to go from here

## Bonus PDFs - Blues Bass Lines

This bonus book of transcriptions covers blues and blues rock lines in notation and tab. The songs included are:

Sweet Home Chicago by The Blues Brothers  
Little Wing by Stevie Ray Vaughan  
Taxman by Stevie Ray Vaughan  
Gimme 3 Steps by Lynyrd Skynyrd  
Hot 'Lanta by The Allman Brothers  
Crossroads by Cream  
Statesboro Blues by The Allman Brothers  
Cause We've Ended As Lovers by Jeff Beck  
She Caught The Katy by The Blues Brothers  
Blues Variation by Emerson Lake and Palmer  
Smoking Gun by Robert Cray  
Can't Stand The Weather by Stevie Ray Vaughan  
Power of Soul by Jimi Hendrix  
Ain't Nobody Home by BB King  
Wait Until Tomorrow by John Mayer  
In 2 Deep by Kenny Wayne Shepherd  
In Memory Of Elizabeth Reed by The Allman Brothers (plus bonus  
Woodshed column)  
Goodbye Pork Pie Hat by Jeff Beck  
Little Wing by Derek and The Dominos