



ONLINE DRUM LESSONS

technology and equipment recommendations

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR SUCCESSFUL ONLINE DRUM LESSONS (ELECTRONIC)

For all students taking online lessons:

- High speed internet
- A computer or tablet
- Headphones
- *Helpful, but not required:* a second device (such as a phone)

Electronic drum set-specific recommendations:

- An electronic drum set
(Acoustic drums are great too! Refer to the "Acoustic Drum Set Tech Requirements" doc for suggestions on gear and setup.)
- With your teacher, pick one of the following three setup/equipment options:
 1. Use laptop's built-in microphone
 - a. **Additional equipment:** Monitors/speakers for electronic drums
 - b. **Pros and cons:** Straight-forward setup, **but** lower sound quality
 2. Drum module direct to your computer
 - a. **Additional equipment:** Appropriate software/drivers on your laptop (free downloads online), cables for connecting drum module to laptop
 - b. **Pros and cons:** Much improved sound quality for drums and voice, **but** have to toggle input source (cannot talk while playing)
 3. Audio interface to mix drum signal and talk-back mic
 - a. **Additional equipment:** Microphone for talk-back, minimum two-channel USB audio interface; appropriate software/drivers and cables for your audio interface and mic
 - b. **Pros and cons:** Best sound quality; can speak and play simultaneously, **but** most elaborate setup, requiring the most additional equipment



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EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR SUCCESSFUL ONLINE DRUM LESSONS (ACOUSTIC)

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Acoustic drum set-specific recommendations:

- An acoustic drum set, or snare drum for getting started
(Electronic drums are great too! Refer to the "Electronic Drum Set Tech Requirements" doc for suggestions on gear and setup.)

Easiest method - great for starting out or rocking on a budget!:

- A way to muffle your drum(s), for example:
 - a drum pad **or**
 - drum tortilla(s) (check them out [here!](#)) **or**
 - towels (for the tops of your snare and toms) and pillows (for the inside of your kick drum)
- *(For this setup, your computer's built-in microphones will suffice.)*

For higher fidelity:

- 2 microphones:
 - an omnidirectional condenser microphone (for drum sounds) **and**
 - a dynamic mic (for talking with your teacher)
- 2 microphone cables
- a USB audio interface to mix the two microphones

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