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ACADEMY INDEX

The map of Alpha Academy — every module and every learning path, in order.

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Alpha Academy — Index & Curriculum Map

Welcome to **Alpha Academy**, Team Alpha Trading's school for complete beginners. This library teaches the entire market from zero — what stocks are, how options and futures work, how to read charts, how to manage risk, and how to stay safe — in plain English, with real dollar examples, assuming you have never heard any of it before.

The Academy pairs with the **Team Alpha Strat Library**: this school teaches the whole market; the Strat Library teaches Team Alpha's specific trading method. Learn the market here first, then learn the method there.

> **NOTE**
> Everything in Alpha Academy is education, not financial advice. Trading involves real risk of loss. Read in order, do the Check Yourself questions at the end of each module, and practice in a paper (practice-money) account long before real money is involved.

The Curriculum

Code	Document	What You Will Learn
AA-00	Academy Index & Curriculum Map	This map — the whole school on one page
AA-01	Welcome: Your First Steps Into the Market	What trading is and is not, honest expectations, your 4-week starter plan
AA-02	What Is the Stock Market?	Markets, exchanges, indexes, and why prices move
AA-03	Stocks A–Z	Shares, tickers, market cap, dividends, splits, IPOs
AA-04	How Trading Actually Works	Brokers, accounts, and every order type, explained
AA-05	Reading Charts & Candlesticks	What charts show and how to read any candle
AA-06	The Language of the Market	The core vocabulary every trader uses daily
AA-07	Technical Analysis A–Z	Moving averages, VWAP, RSI, MACD and the rest of the toolkit
AA-08	Chart Patterns & Price Action	Trends, breakouts, support & resistance, classic patterns
AA-09	Fundamental Analysis A–Z	Financial statements, earnings, value — in plain words
AA-10	What Moves Markets	The Fed, inflation, jobs reports, earnings season, the VIX
AA-11	Options Part 1: The Basics	Calls, puts, strikes, premiums — with full worked examples
AA-12	Options Part 2: Pricing & the Greeks	Implied volatility, delta, theta, gamma, vega
AA-13	Options Part 3: Strategies	Covered calls to spreads and iron condors, with numbers
AA-14	Options Part 4: Risk & 0DTE	Hedging, position sizing, and the truth about same-day options
AA-15	Futures A–Z	Contracts, ticks, point values, margin, rolling — full specs
AA-16	ETFs, Index Funds & Mutual Funds	Owning the whole market in one ticker

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AA-17	Forex & Crypto Basics	Currency pairs, pips, wallets — and their real dangers
AA-18	Bonds, Rates & Commodities	IOUs, yields, gold and oil — the market's foundation
AA-19	Risk Management A–Z	Position sizing, stops, R-multiples — staying in the game
AA-20	Trading Psychology & Discipline	Fear, greed, FOMO, revenge trading — and the cures
AA-21	Building Your Trading Plan & Journal	Your business plan and your report card
AA-22	Accounts, Margin, Rules & Taxes	The boring stuff that protects you
AA-23	Safety: Scams & Protecting Your Money	Pump-and-dumps, fake gurus, phishing — red flags
AA-24	Alpha Trading Glossary A–Z	500+ market words defined in plain English, fully searchable
AA-25	Quick Reference Cheat Sheets	Order types, Greeks, futures specs, market hours — one-glance tables

Learning Paths

The Total Beginner Path (start here)

Read in this exact order: **AA-01 → AA-02 → AA-03 → AA-06 → AA-04 → AA-05 → AA-19 → AA-23**. That path takes you from "what is a stock" to placing a paper trade safely. Then continue through the rest of the library in number order.

The Options Path

After the Beginner Path: **AA-11 → AA-12 → AA-13 → AA-14**, with AA-07 and AA-08 for chart skills. Paper trade options for at least a month before considering real money — options can expire worthless, and most beginners underestimate how fast.

The Futures Path

After the Beginner Path: **AA-15 → AA-19 → AA-21**, with AA-07 for charts. Start on the micro contracts (MES, MNQ) if you ever trade futures live — they exist so beginners can learn with small dollar risk.

How Team Alpha Trades It

- Every module ends with a **Chapter Summary** and **Check Yourself** questions — do them. Reading without testing yourself is entertainment, not study.

- Keep the **Glossary (AA-24)** open beside every module. Look up every word you cannot define out loud.
- Keep the **Cheat Sheets (AA-25)** beside your charts when you practice.
- When you finish this library, move to the **Team Alpha Strat Library** to learn the exact method Team Alpha trades, then paper trade it until your journal proves you can follow your own rules.

> **RULE**
> Nobody at Alpha Academy will ever tell you a trade cannot lose. If anyone — anywhere — promises you profits, they are selling you something. Your edge is education, risk control, and discipline, in that order.