

Term 1 Masterclass

End-of-term session combining everything from the 10-week course into practical application.

The Skill Hierarchy — Why the Course Is Sequenced This Way

Every skill builds on the one before it. The sequence isn't arbitrary — you can't do the later steps without mastering the earlier ones:

1. **Pivot Points** → The absolute foundation. Can't do anything without these
2. **Market Structure** → HH/HL, LL/LH, EH/EL. Requires pivot points. "Market structure is king"
3. **Reversal Patterns** → Double top/bottom, non-failure swing, failure swing. Need to know when market structure flips
4. **Support & Resistance** → Horizontal zones where buyers/sellers step in. Identifies key levels to break through
5. **Phases** → Accumulation, public participation, excess. Where are we in the cycle? Don't buy the excess phase
6. **Volume & OBV** → Is the move supported? Fuel for the market. Effort vs result
7. **RSI Divergence** → Leading indicator — signals (blinkers) before the reversal confirms
8. **Fibonacci** → Where will it retrace to? Zag zone targets. Trend strength assessment
9. **Candlestick Patterns** → Complementary confirmation. Unpacking candles across timeframes
10. **Confluency** → Combining everything together. Multiple rivers meeting at one point
11. **Stop Loss & Take Profit** → Where am I wrong? Where am I taking profit? What's my R:R?

You should now be able to pull up ANY chart and analyse its short-term, medium-term, and long-term outlook using all these skills.

The Complete Trade Process — Step by Step

When you pull up a chart, this is the order of operations every time:

Step 1: Identify Market Structure

Mark your pivot points. Determine: is it HH/HL (bullish), LL/LH (bearish), or EH/EL (sideways)? Draw the line connecting pivots to see the trend direction. This comes first — always.

Step 2: Look for Reversal Patterns

Has there been a double top/bottom, non-failure swing, or failure swing? Is market structure changing? If market structure hasn't changed, there's no trade to take.

Step 3: Check Key Levels

Is it breaking through a major support/resistance zone? Draw your horizontal S/R zones (green for support, red for resistance). Is there a resistance/support flip happening?

Step 4: Assess the Phase

Where are we in the cycle? Accumulation = wait for breakout. Public participation = ideal entry zone. Excess = take profits, don't enter new positions.

Step 5: Check Your Blinkers

Does volume confirm the move? Is OBV supporting the breakout? Is there RSI divergence that preceded the reversal? At least one blinker, preferably two.

Step 6: Use Fibonacci

Where might it retrace to (zag zone)? Where are the key Fib levels? Does the 382/618 align with any horizontal S/R levels (cluster zone)?

Step 7: Look for Confluency

How many independent reasons support this trade? Pattern? Trend line? Another chart confirming? Candle pattern? Minimum 3 points of confluency.

Step 8: Plan Your Exit (Before You Enter)

Stop loss: Below the pivot low / invalidation point. Where is the trade objectively WRONG?

Take profit: Fib resistance zone, horizontal resistance, or measured move target. Where do Fib levels align with S/R confluency?

R:R check: Is it minimum 3:1? If not, wait for a pullback/retest to improve it. Don't force the trade.

Logan's Real Trade Breakdown — Every Skill Applied

An ex-student (1.5 years post-course, swing trader) broke down a live trade showing exactly how the 10-week toolkit applies:

Entry Identification

1. **Accumulation phase identified** — long sideways range after a major downtrend
2. **Breakout through resistance** — price broke above the accumulation range
3. **Didn't FOMO** — missed the initial 40% move. Instead, drew an arrow showing "I'm waiting for the retest"
4. **Break and retest** — price came back to old resistance, now becoming support
5. **Non-failure swing reversal** — change of market structure on the retest
6. **Jumped to hourly for precise entry** — used smaller timeframe to time the entry on a candle close above resistance
7. **Stop loss under the pivot** — tight stop (~12%) under the retest low. Much better than 40% stop if he'd entered at the breakout

Confirmation Checks

8. **RSI divergence** — bullish divergence formed during the sideways accumulation

9. **OBV broke out with price** — volume confirmed the breakout (eliminates fake-out risk 9/10 times)
10. **Volume bars** — increasing volume on the breakout candles

Profit Management

11. **Used Fibonacci** — drew Fib levels to identify key resistance. 618 aligned with major horizontal S/R (confluency)
12. **Added to the position** — when price broke through the 618 and retested it as support, he added more
13. **Raised Fibonacci** — after each new leg, re-drew Fib from the new pivot to find the next target
14. **Weekly timeframe target** — zoomed out to weekly, drew Fib from the head & shoulders top to the bottom. 618 aligned with major resistance zone = ultimate take-profit target

The Psychology Lesson

Logan was up ~60% and every part of him wanted to sell. But his journaling had identified "letting winners run" as his biggest weakness — he kept nailing entries but exiting too early. So before taking this trade, he made a promise: "I'm holding to my target no matter what."

The plan: partial profit at key resistance if it reaches there, full exit at the weekly Fib target. If it retraces, let it breathe in the zag zone (382-618). If it bounces off 382, add to position and raise stop loss. If it changes market structure to bearish, exit. Then if it later breaks out again → repeat the entire process (break, retest, enter, new target).

"You're never going to be angry at yourself or disappointed following the plan."

Post-Course Roadmap — Where to From Here

Trading

- **Redo the 10-week material.** Logan did this and had major light bulb moments the second time. Focus especially on pivot points, market structure, reversal patterns, Fibonacci, and S/R

- **Set achievable goals.** Logan's first goal was just \$1,000. Once he hit that, he knew he could scale it. Start small, compound up. Don't pressure yourself to go full-time immediately
- **Figure out your trader type** through experience and journaling. Logan found swing trading suits his lifestyle. Day trade with a small allocation for fun/learning, but put most capital into what works for you
- **Develop your own strategy.** Every educator has a slightly different style — Craig is Elliott Wave heavy, Dave uses Fibonacci and breakout trades, Shane is pure Elliott Wave without indicators. Take what resonates from each and build YOUR system
- **Prepare before every trade.** You're going into battle. The other side is doing the opposite to you. Execute on data, not emotion

Psychology (The Real Edge)

- **Paper trade first.** It's boring because you want to make money NOW, but it builds confidence and removes the risk from learning. Use Moomoo's paper trading account alongside your real one — test strategies without real money
- **Journal your wins AND losses.** It took Logan 3-4 months to start journaling even after being told repeatedly. Once he did, he immediately found what was working and what wasn't. The boring stuff is what separates winners from losers
- **Trade with less capital initially.** Build confidence with small positions before scaling up. Going from \$700 → \$1K → \$5K → \$10K trades are all milestones. Don't dump \$100K into the market before you've proven your strategy with \$1K
- **Letting winners run** is Logan's biggest ongoing battle. He kept nailing entries but exiting early for quick profits. The fix: before entering, make a promise to yourself about the plan and stick to it
- **Before entering any trade, know your exit.** Both the stop loss (where am I wrong?) and the take profit (where am I done?). When you know both, the trade becomes mechanical and you can't panic

The Non-Negotiable Checklist (Quick Reference)

Before every trade, tick these off:

	Non-Negotiable
☐	Market structure on my side
☐	Reversal pattern confirmed
☐	Volume confirming the move
☐	Breaking through major S/R level

	Non-Negotiable
☐	Minimum 3:1 risk-to-reward

Then look for extras: RSI divergence? OBV divergence? Fibonacci level? Pattern? Multi-chart confirmation? Phase identification? The more you stack, the higher probability the trade works.

Key Quotes to Remember

- **"Market structure is king"** — everything else supports it
- **"We don't trade signals, we trade triggers"** — divergence is the blinker, market structure change is the turn
- **"Forget price, focus on risk to reward"** — the most important lesson from the entire course
- **"I've never lost a trade — I've either won it or learned from it"**
- **"Big money loves what you hate, big money hates what you love"**
- **"You're never going to be angry at yourself or disappointed following the plan"**
- **"Think of yourself as the casino, not the gambler"** — 3:1 R:R means you only need 30% win rate
- **"If it's in the news, it's old news"** — insiders are already positioned
- **"If you can't handle the zags, you don't deserve the zigs"**