



NANODEGREE PROGRAM SYLLABUS

# Deep Learning



# Overview

The Deep Learning Nanodegree program offers you a solid introduction to the world of artificial intelligence. In this program, you'll master fundamentals that will enable you to go further in the field, launch or advance a career, and join the next generation of deep learning talent that will help define a beneficial, new, AI-powered future for our world. You will study cutting-edge topics such as Neural Networks, Convolutional Neural Networks, Recurrent Neural Networks, Generative Adversarial Networks, and Network Deployment, and build projects in PyTorch and NumPy. You'll learn from authorities such Ian Goodfellow and Jun-Yan Zhu, inventors of types of generative adversarial networks, as well as AI experts, Sebastian Thrun and Andrew Trask. For anyone interested in this transformational technology, this program is an ideal point-of-entry.

The program is comprised of 5 courses and 5 projects. Each project you build will be an opportunity to prove your skills and demonstrate what you've learned in your lessons.

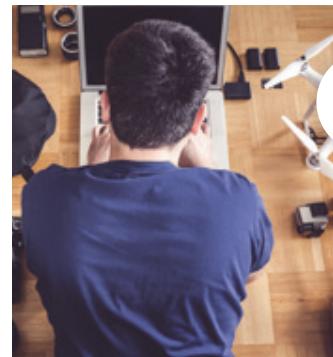
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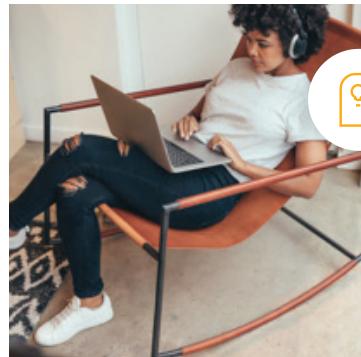
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**Estimated Time:**  
4 Months at  
12 hrs/week



**Prerequisites:**  
Basic Python



**Flexible Learning:**  
Self-paced, so  
you can learn on  
the schedule that  
works best for you



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[udacity.com/advisor](http://udacity.com/advisor)  
Discuss this program  
with an enrollment  
advisor.

# Course 1: Neural Networks

Learn neural networks basics, and build your first network with Python and NumPy. Use the modern deep learning framework PyTorch to build multi-layer neural networks, and analyze real data.

## Course Project

### Predicting Bike-Sharing Patterns

Learn neural networks basics, and build your first network with Python and NumPy. You'll define and train a multi-layer neural network, and use it to analyze real data. In this project, you will build and train neural networks from scratch to predict the number of bike-share users on a given day.

## LESSON ONE

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### Introduction to Neural Networks

- In this lesson, you will learn solid foundations on deep learning and neural networks. You'll also implement gradient descent and backpropagation in Python.

## LESSON TWO

#### Implementing Gradient Descent

- Mat and Luis will introduce you to a different error function and guide you through implementing gradient descent using NumPy matrix multiplication..

## LESSON THREE

#### Training Neural Networks

- Now that you know what neural networks are, in this lesson, you will learn several techniques to improve their training. Learn how to prevent overfitting of training data and best practices for minimizing the error of a network.

## LESSON FOUR

#### Sentiment Analysis

- In this lesson, Andrew Trask, the author of *Grokking Deep Learning*, will show you how to define and train a neural networks for sentiment analysis (identifying and categorizing opinions expressed in text).

## LESSON FIVE

#### Deep Learning With Pytorch

- Learn how to use PyTorch for building and testing deep learning models

# Course 2: Convolutional Neural Networks

Learn how to build convolutional networks and use them to classify images (faces, melanomas, etc.) based on patterns and objects that appear in them. Use these networks to learn data compression and image denoising.

## Course Project Dog Breed Classifier

In this project, you will define a Convolutional Neural Network that performs better than the average human when given the task: identifying dog breeds. Given an image of a dog, your algorithm will produce an estimate of the dog's breed. If supplied an image of a human, the code will *\*also\** produce an estimate of the closest-resembling dog breed. Along with exploring state-of-the-art CNN models for classification, you will make important design decisions about the user experience for your app.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### LESSON ONE

##### Cloud Computing

- Take advantage of Amazon's GPUs to train your neural network faster. In this lesson, you'll setup an instance on AWS and train a neural network on a GPU.

#### LESSON TWO

##### Convolutional Neural Network

- Alexis and Cezanne explain how Convolutional Neural Networks can be used to identify patterns in images and how they help us dramatically improve performance in image classification tasks.

#### LESSON THREE

##### CNNs In PyTorch

- In this lesson, you'll walk through an example Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) in PyTorch. You'll study the line-by-line breakdown of the code and can download the code and run it yourself.

**LESSON FOUR****Weight Initialization**

- In this lesson, you'll learn how to find good initial weights for a neural network. Having good initial weights often allows a neural network to arrive at an optimal solution, faster than without initialization.

**LESSON FIVE****Autoencoders**

- Autoencoders are neural networks used for data compression, image denoising, and dimensionality reduction. Here, you'll build autoencoders using PyTorch.

**LESSON SIX****Transfer Learning in PyTorch**

- Most people don't train their own networks on massive datasets. In this lesson, you'll learn how to finetune and use a pretrained network and apply it to a new task using transfer learning.

**LESSON SEVEN****Deep Learning for Cancer Detection**

- In this lesson, Sebastian Thrun teaches us about his groundbreaking work detecting skin cancer with Convolutional Neural Networks.



# Course 3: Recurrent Neural Networks

Build your own recurrent networks and long short-term memory networks with PyTorch; perform sentiment analysis and use recurrent networks to generate new text from TV scripts.

## Course Project Generate TV Scripts

In this project, you will build your own Recurrent Networks and Long Short-Term Memory Networks with PyTorch. You'll perform sentiment analysis and generate new text, and use recurrent networks to generate new text that resembles a training set of TV scripts.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### LESSON ONE

##### Recurrent Neural Networks

- Ortal will introduce Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), which are machine learning models that are able to recognize and act on sequences of inputs.

#### LESSON TWO

##### Long Short-Term Memory Network

- Luis explains Long Short-Term Memory Networks (LSTM), and similar architectures that form a memory about a sequence of inputs, over time.

#### LESSON THREE

##### Implementation of RNN & LSTM

- Train recurrent neural networks to generate new characters, words, and bodies of text.

#### LESSON FOUR

##### Hyperparameters

- In this lesson, we'll look at a number of different hyperparameters that are important for our deep learning work, such as learning rates. We'll discuss starting values and intuitions for tuning each hyperparameter.

#### LESSON FIVE

##### Embeddings & Word2vec

- In this lesson, you'll learn about embeddings in neural networks by implementing a word2vec model that converts words into a representative vector of numerical values.

#### LESSON SIX

##### Sentiment Prediction RNN

- In this lesson, you'll learn to implement a recurrent neural network for predicting sentiment. This is intended to give you more experience building RNNs.

# Course 4: Generative Adversarial Networks

Learn to understand and implement a Deep Convolutional GAN (generative adversarial network) to generate realistic images, with Ian Goodfellow, the inventor of GANs, and Jun-Yan Zhu, the creator of CycleGANs.

## Course Project Generate Faces

Learn to understand Generative Adversarial Networks with the model's inventor, Ian Goodfellow. Then, apply what you've learned in this project and implement a Deep Convolutional GAN. This DCGAN is made of a pair of multi-layer neural networks that compete against each other until one learns to generate realistic images of faces.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### LESSON ONE

##### Generative Adversarial Network

- Ian Goodfellow, the inventor of GANs, introduces you to these exciting models. You'll also implement your own GAN on a simple dataset.

#### LESSON TWO

##### Deep Convolutional GANs

- Implement a Deep Convolutional GAN to generate complex, color images of house numbers.

#### LESSON THREE

##### PIX2PIX & Cyclegan

- Jun-Yan Zhu and Cezanne lead you through a CycleGAN formulation that can learn from unlabeled sets of images.



# Course 5: Updating a Model

In this project, you will train and deploy your own PyTorch sentiment analysis model using Amazon SageMaker on AWS. This model will be trained to do sentiment analysis on movie reviews (positive or negative reviews). You'll build the model, deploy it, and create a gateway for accessing this model from a website.

## Course Project

### Deploying a Sentiment Analysis Model

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## LEARNING OUTCOMES

### LESSON ONE

#### Introduction to Deployment

- Learn where cloud deployment is used in industry and about various methods for deployment (websites, apps, etc.). Become familiar with cloud deployment terminology.

### LESSON TWO

#### Deploy a Model

- Deploy a model using Amazon SageMaker and learn to apply built-in algorithms, like XGBoost, to a variety of tasks.

### LESSON THREE

#### Custom Models & Web Hosting

- In this lesson, you'll train and deploy your own PyTorch model. Then, see how to define a gateway using SageMaker to allow for outside-access to your model. See how your model responds to user input.

### LESSON FOUR

#### Model Monitoring

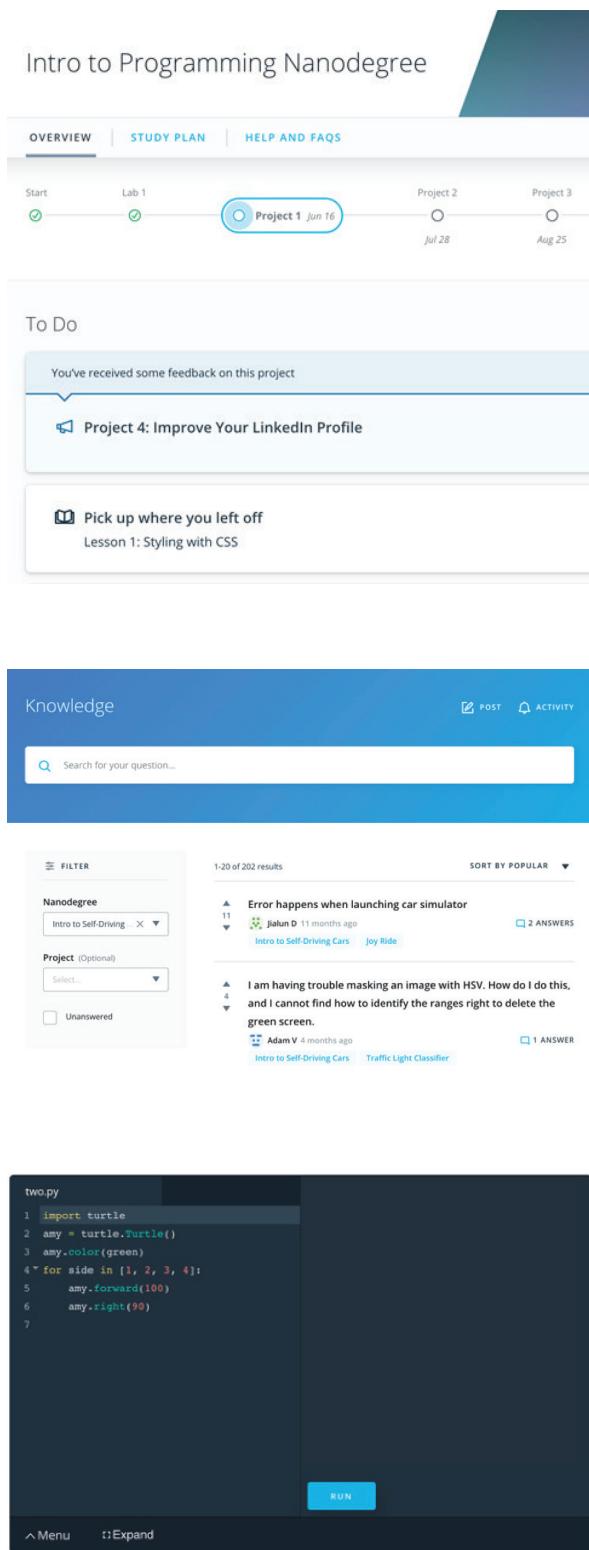
- In this lesson, learn how to interpret log messages and monitor the behavior of your model over time. See how to implement an A/B test, in SageMaker, to evaluate the performance of two different models.

### LESSON FIVE

#### Updating a Model

- Developing a machine learning model is an iterative process. Learn how to look at indicators like data distribution to see if you should update a model.

# Our Classroom Experience



The screenshot shows the Udacity Classroom interface for the 'Intro to Programming Nanodegree'. It includes:

- OVERVIEW**: Shows a timeline from 'Start' to 'Aug 25' with milestones: Lab 1 (Jun 16), Project 1 (Jun 16), Project 2 (Jul 28), and Project 3 (Aug 25).
- To Do**: A list of tasks including 'Project 4: Improve Your LinkedIn Profile'.
- Knowledge**: A search bar and a list of questions. One question is highlighted: "I am having trouble masking an image with HSV. How do I do this, and I cannot find how to identify the ranges right to delete the green screen." by Adam V 4 months ago.
- Code Editor**: A workspace titled 'two.py' containing Python code for a turtle graphics program.

## REAL-WORLD PROJECTS

Build your skills through industry-relevant projects. Get personalized feedback from our network of 900+ project reviewers. Our simple interface makes it easy to submit your projects as often as you need and receive unlimited feedback on your work.

## KNOWLEDGE

Find answers to your questions with Knowledge, our proprietary wiki. Search questions asked by other students, connect with technical mentors, and discover in real-time how to solve the challenges that you encounter.

## STUDENT HUB

Leverage the power of community through a simple, yet powerful chat interface built within the classroom. Use Student Hub to connect with your fellow students in your Executive Program.

## WORKSPACES

See your code in action. Check the output and quality of your code by running them on workspaces that are a part of our classroom.

## QUIZZES

Check your understanding of concepts learned in the program by answering simple and auto-graded quizzes. Easily go back to the lessons to brush up on concepts anytime you get an answer wrong.

## CUSTOM STUDY PLANS

Preschedule your study times and save them to your personal calendar to create a custom study plan. Program regular reminders to keep track of your progress toward your goals and completion of your program.

## PROGRESS TRACKER

Stay on track to complete your Nanodegree program with useful milestone reminders.

## Learn with the Best



**Mat Leonard**

INSTRUCTOR

Mat is a former physicist, research neuroscientist, and data scientist. He did his PhD and Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley.



**Luis Serrano**

INSTRUCTOR

Luis was formerly a Machine Learning Engineer at Google. He holds a PhD in mathematics from the University of Michigan, and a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Quebec at Montreal.



**Cezanne Camacho**

CURRICULUM LEAD

Cezanne is a computer vision expert with a Masters in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. As a former genomics and biomedical imaging researcher, she's applied computer vision and deep learning to medical diagnostics.



**Alexis Cook**

INSTRUCTOR

Alexis is an applied mathematician with a Masters in computer science from Brown University and a Masters in applied mathematics from the University of Michigan. She was formerly a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow.

## Learn with the Best



Jennifer Staab

INSTRUCTOR

Jennifer has a PhD in Computer Science and a Masters in Biostatistics; she was a professor at Florida Polytechnic University. She previously worked at RTI International and United Therapeutics as a statistician and computer scientist.



Sean Carrell

INSTRUCTOR

Sean Carrell is a former research mathematician specializing in Algebraic Combinatorics. He completed his PhD and Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Waterloo, Canada.



Ortal Arel

INSTRUCTOR

Ortal Arel is a former computer engineering professor. She holds a Ph.D. in Computer Engineering from the University of Tennessee. Her doctoral research work was in the area of applied cryptography.



Jay Alammar

INSTRUCTOR

Jay has a degree in computer science, loves visualizing machine learning concepts, and is the Investment Principal at STV, a \$500 million venture capital fund focused on high-technology startups.

# All Our Nanodegree Programs Include:



## EXPERIENCED PROJECT REVIEWERS

### REVIEWER SERVICES

- Personalized feedback & line by line code reviews
- 1600+ Reviewers with a 4.85/5 average rating
- 3 hour average project review turnaround time
- Unlimited submissions and feedback loops
- Practical tips and industry best practices
- Additional suggested resources to improve



## TECHNICAL MENTOR SUPPORT

### MENTORSHIP SERVICES

- Questions answered quickly by our team of technical mentors
- 1000+ Mentors with a 4.7/5 average rating
- Support for all your technical questions



## PERSONAL CAREER SERVICES

### CAREER COACHING

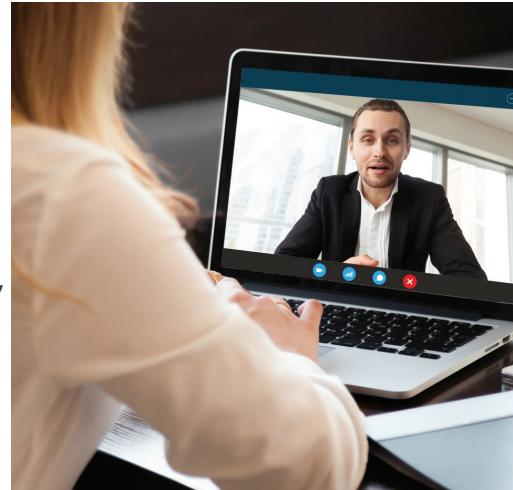
- Personal assistance in your job search
- Monthly 1-on-1 calls
- Personalized feedback and career guidance
- Interview preparation
- Resume services
- Github portfolio review
- LinkedIn profile optimization

# Frequently Asked Questions

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### WHY SHOULD I ENROLL?

In this program, you'll master deep learning fundamentals that will prepare you to launch or advance a career, and additionally pursue further advanced studies in the field of artificial intelligence. You will study cutting-edge topics such as neural, convolutional, recurrent neural, and generative adversarial networks, as well as sentiment analysis model deployment. You will build projects in Keras and NumPy, in addition to TensorFlow PyTorch. You will learn from experts in the field, and gain exclusive insights from working professionals. For anyone interested in building expertise with this transformational technology, this Nanodegree program is an ideal point-of-entry.



### WHAT JOBS WILL THIS PROGRAM PREPARE ME FOR?

This program is designed to build on your skills in deep learning. As such, it doesn't prepare you for a specific job, but expands your skills in the deep learning domain. These skills can be applied to various applications and also qualify you to pursue further studies in the field.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS PROGRAM IS RIGHT FOR ME?

If you are interested in the fields of artificial intelligence and machine learning, this Nanodegree program is the perfect way to get started!

## ENROLLMENT AND ADMISSION

### DO I NEED TO APPLY? WHAT ARE THE ADMISSION CRITERIA?

No. This Nanodegree program accepts all applicants regardless of experience and specific background.

### WHAT ARE THE PREREQUISITES FOR ENROLLMENT?

Students who are interested in enrolling must have intermediate-level Python programming knowledge, and experience with NumPy and pandas. You will need to be able to communicate fluently and professionally in written and spoken English. Additionally, students must have the necessary math knowledge, including: algebra and some calculus—specifically partial derivatives, and matrix multiplication (linear algebra).

### IF I DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS TO ENROLL, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

We have a number of Nanodegree programs and free courses that can help you prepare, including:

- [Introduction to Data Analysis](#)
- [Introduction to Computer Science](#)
- [Introduction to Python](#)

# FAQs Continued

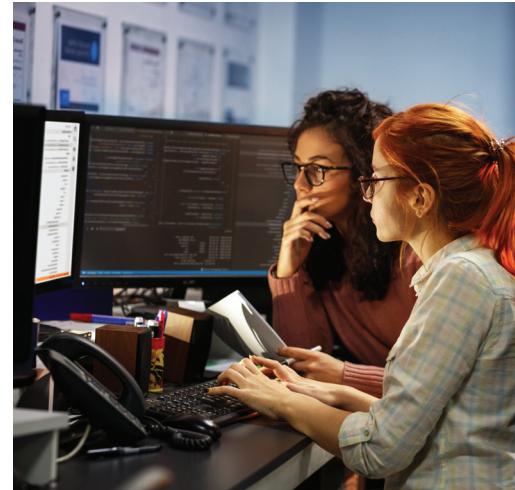
- [Linear Algebra Refresher](#)
- [Introduction to Programming Nanodegree program with Data Analysis specialization](#)

## TUITION AND TERM OF PROGRAM

### HOW IS THIS NANODEGREE PROGRAM STRUCTURED?

The Deep Learning Nanodegree program is comprised of content and curriculum to support five (5) projects. We estimate that students can complete the program in four (4) months working 10 hours per week.

Each project will be reviewed by the Udacity reviewer network. Feedback will be provided and if you do not pass the project, you will be asked to resubmit the project until it passes.



### HOW LONG IS THIS NANODEGREE PROGRAM?

Access to this Nanodegree program runs for the length of time specified in the payment card above. If you do not graduate within that time period, you will continue learning with month to month payments. See the [Terms of Use](#) and [FAQs](#) for other policies regarding the terms of access to our Nanodegree programs.

### CAN I SWITCH MY START DATE? CAN I GET A REFUND?

Please see the Udacity Nanodegree program [FAQs](#) for policies on enrollment in our programs.

### I HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE DEEP LEARNING NANODEGREE PROGRAM BUT I WANT TO KEEP LEARNING. WHERE SHOULD I GO FROM HERE?

Graduates from this Nanodegree program earn guaranteed admitted status into our more advanced Self-Driving Car Engineer or Flying Car Nanodegree programs, subject to payment by student for the cost of enrollment for those Nanodegree programs.

## SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE

### WHAT SOFTWARE AND VERSIONS WILL I NEED IN THIS PROGRAM?

Virtually any 64-bit operating system with at least 8GB of RAM will be suitable. Students should also have Python 3 and Jupyter Notebooks installed. For the more intensive portions of the program that come later, we will be providing students with AWS instances where geographically possible.