

# INTRODUCTION TO DATA SCIENCE

## Course Description

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# Syllabus I

| Period    | Topic                                | Time       |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Period I  | Data Science Basic Concepts          | 2 sessions |
|           | Python Introduction                  | 2 sessions |
|           | Data Manipulation with NumPy         | 2 sessions |
|           | Data Manipulation with Pandas        | 4 sessions |
| Period II | OpenData, ETLs, EDA                  | 4 sessions |
|           | Information Visualization            | 2 sessions |
|           | Charting with Matplotlib             | 4 sessions |
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|           | Fundamentals of Machine Learning     | 2 sessions |
|           | Supervised Learning and Scikit-Learn | 4 sessions |
|           | Models Evaluation and MLOps          | 4 sessions |

Table: Schedule for Course





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# Grades Percentages

| Period     | Item           | Percentage |
|------------|----------------|------------|
| Period I   | Workshop 1     | 10%        |
|            | Workshop 2     | 10%        |
| Period I   | Workshop 3     | 10%        |
|            | Workshop 4     | 10%        |
| Period III | Paper + Poster | 15%        |
|            | Final Test     | 30%        |
|            | Course Project | 15%        |

Table: Course Grades Distribution



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- **Python for Data Analysis**, by Wes McKinney.
- **Data Science from Scratch**, by Joel Grus.
- **Python Data Science Handbook**, by Jake VanderPlas.
- **Introduction to Machine Learning with Python**, by Andreas C. Müller and Sarah Guido.
- **Machine Learning Yearning**, by Andrew Ng.
- **Effective Pandas 2** by Matt Harrison.



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