

Coding Dojo Bootcamp Syllabus

Dojo Rules

1. Be Present

The students that consistently struggle and get behind are the ones that show up late and leave early. This is not a 9 – 5 job where you clock in and out. The lecture will be given every day at 9:00 AM. We highly encourage you to be here between 8 and 8:30 to give yourself time to get settled in before the lecture begins and you may stay as late as you want. If you have not had any prior programming experience and you expect to keep up, I suggest you come in on Saturday and continue to work.

Tardy / Absence

It is life's tendency to get in the way and tardiness or absence is expected at times. It is your responsibility to get the information that you have missed during the lecture. We will not be chasing after you. We have the ability to record the lectures and will do so if you let us know ahead of time.

If you are going to be late please be courteous to the instructor and other students and come in quietly through the back door.

2. Strength Through Struggle

If you thought this bootcamp was going to be easy then you were wrong. You are going to struggle. It is a part of our learning philosophy that you do struggle. It is in struggling that you will truly learn. Although we want you to struggle, we will be here to answer any questions that you have.

20 Minute Rule

1. Spend **ONLY** 20 minutes trying to solve your problem on your own.
2. Ask someone in your group for help.
3. Ask a TA or instructor.

The students that ask questions without struggling are not learning. Although we will strictly enforce the 20 minute rule, we don't want you to spend any more than 20 minutes before asking for help. Don't be stubborn and waste hours trying to figure out your problem, it could be something simple!

3. Be Humble

Respect the people around you and their learning pace. Do not boast about how far you have gotten or ask questions during lectures that may be far beyond the scope of what is being taught. If someone asks you for help be courteous and take the time to help. It is in trying to explain these concepts that will help to solidify your understanding of them. On the reverse please be respectful of your fellow students and don't continuously bother them with questions. Feel free to ask different people in your group or other groups.

Zero Tolerance

We do not tolerate negative attitudes or disrespect in this environment. If we hear or see that you are being a nuisance or disrespectful in any way shape or form, we will kindly ask you to leave the bootcamp.

Daily Schedule (subject to change)

8AM – 9AM	Get ready
9AM – 10AM	Lecture/Group Activity*
10AM - noon	Work on assignments
12 – 1PM	Lunch
1PM – 6PM	Work on assignments
6PM – Midnight	Remote support

Tools

- courses.codingdojo.com - our learning platform with videos, assignments, etc.
- help.codingdojo.com – Help available from 4pm-11pm Sun-Thu
- answers.codingdojo.com - Assignment answers will be available 24 hours after you mark the chapter complete
- exams.codingdojo.com - take the belt exams here

Videos

In addition to the lectures you will be spending time watching a series of videos for each course. We want to set the expectation that the videos cover material quickly and the quality is not the greatest. Our focus has not been to make exceptional quality videos, but instead to make sure that you are getting only the content that you need.

Pace

We have created a curriculum with assignments and exams for you to follow, but there are no due dates and the exams are optional. We will do whatever we can to see that you are able to keep up with the curriculum and highly encourage you to take the exams, but we don't want you to feel left behind if you are unable to keep up. You will have access to the course material on the platform so you can continue your progress even after the bootcamp is over.

Belt Exams

Belt exams will be given every other week on Friday at 1:00PM on the subjects covered during that time period. They are optional, but I highly encourage you to take them. If you don't pass the exam you may re-take it as many times as you wish. Notify your Remote TA to schedule a time and date for the retake. During the bootcamp you may not take an exam of a level higher than what you have passed. You will receive a belt sticker for each belt exam passed.

Keys

The students that will consistently be here early and on the weekends will be given a key to the classroom. I will keep track of who has each key and redistribute accordingly. It is your responsibility to get the key back if you lend it out to another student.

Sports Day

Every Wednesday our class will be going to a nearby park to play sports. We leave at 11:00 and will be back at the dojo between 12:30 and 1:00. In order to participate in Sports Day, you must sign our waiver.