



Front-End Web Developer Nanodegree

Student Handbook & Syllabus

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I. Introduction

Welcome to Udacity's Front-End Web Developer Nanodegree program! After reading this document, you should understand the requirements and policies of the Nanodegree, where completing the program will take you, and how to get support when you need it.

Please read this whole document carefully before you begin, and if you still have questions at the end, feel free to contact us in the [forums](#) or at frontend-support@udacity.com.

Once again, welcome, and we can't wait to see what you achieve!

Happy learning,
The Udacity Team

II. Anatomy of a Nanodegree

A Nanodegree consists of a series of projects and support courses designed to help you develop job-relevant skills and build a portfolio to show prospective employers. Udacity designed the Front-End Web Developer Nanodegree curriculum through close work with industry partners and experts alike.

Together with your study group and cohort (all the students who started the Nanodegree with you. Example: Oct '14, Jan '15), you will learn the fundamentals of how the web works and gain a working knowledge of the three foundational programming languages that power each and every website: **HTML**, **CSS**, and **JavaScript**. You will also learn about other tools and frameworks used by web developers in the tech industry today, including **Git** and **Github**.

Projects and Courses

The bulk of the Nanodegree consists of completing seven **projects**, accompanied by **courses**. These courses are designed to help you prepare to work on your projects, but they are not mandatory. More information is provided in [Section III: Nanodegree Roadmap](#). You can see a list of these projects and courses in the [Udacity Homepage](#) after you enroll.

Deadlines

To help you pace yourself, each project has its own **deadline** - a date by which the project must be submitted - that you'll need to meet in order to stay with your current cohort. You'll find your deadlines on the Udacity Homepage after you enroll.

Career Development

Career Development, in addition to technical growth, is a very important part of the Nanodegree program. Udacity offers career development workshops each month over Google Hangouts On Air for Nanodegree students. These events are tailored to Nanodegree students and will provide you with **industry insight** and **soft skills** needed to advance your career.

Community

One of the biggest benefits of the Nanodegree experience is being part of a **cohort** and completing the program with hundreds of other students from around the world. Though not all students may move through the curriculum at exactly the same pace, your Nanodegree cohort will be your strongest resource and support system. We expect you to be active in your community, as outlined in the [Honor Code](#).

Time Commitment

We designed this Nanodegree so that you can graduate in **6-9 months**, assuming you devote at least **10 hours per week** to learn and work on the required projects.

III. Nanodegree Roadmap

Enrollment Requirements

This Nanodegree has several important criteria that you should have met before enrolling in the program. Please make sure you have already done each of the following:

1. Taken the [Readiness Assessment](#) to determine if you are ready to pursue the Nanodegree.
2. Fulfilled all [prerequisites](#), as listed on the Front-End Web Developer Nanodegree overview page.
3. Made sure your system satisfies Udacity's [Technology Requirements](#).

If you have not done all of these things, please do them right away. If you realize you are not prepared to begin the program at this time, please [unsubscribe from the Nanodegree](#) **before** your 7-day free trial ends. You will be able to re-enroll with a later cohort when you are ready. We cannot guarantee a refund for students on account of unpreparedness.

If you currently have little to no programming experience, we recommend taking a look at the courseware for [Intro to Computer Science](#) for a thorough understanding of foundational computer science concepts before you begin this Nanodegree.

Program Timeline and Project Portfolio

Graduating from the Nanodegree requires that you submit work that meets Udacity's specifications for six particular projects. You can submit a project as many times as required until it meets

specifications. **You can find the week-to-week schedule for your cohort, as well as a roadmap for what you'll work on in the program, on the [Udacity Homepage](#).**

If you are not able to meet a deadline, you will automatically be moved to a later cohort based on your progress and activity in the Nanodegree program. This will *not* affect your overall standing in the Nanodegree program!

Project Submission and Graduation

You will submit each project you complete to Udacity for evaluation using your [Student Portal](#). Detailed submission instructions for each project are listed in its project info sections, accessible by clicking the project's name in the portal.

You can submit projects as soon as you enroll in the Nanodegree. Due to the high volume of submissions and the time it takes to give personalized feedback, the turnaround period for project evaluations is currently **1 week**. We encourage you to start working on the next project or associated support course while waiting for the evaluation to be returned. Once your project is evaluated, you will receive an email with a link to your evaluation. You can also view the feedback from your Udacity Home.

Once your project Meets or Exceeds Specifications of its rubric (found in the Project Information section), you may be required to do a verification interview with a Udacity Coach to demonstrate that the project in question represents your own work and/or correctly cites all sources and reasons for using others' code in any part of your submission. **For verification purposes, you will be asked to show a government-issued ID during your graduation process.**

Previously Earned Verified Certificates

If you've already earned a verified certificate for a project in the Nanodegree curriculum, please submit a compressed folder (.zip) containing your original project and your passing project evaluation on the Student Portal. We will check off the project for you.

To become a verified graduate of the Front-End Developer Nanodegree Program, you must:

- Successfully complete all projects in the Project Portfolio for the Nanodegree, earning a "Meets Specifications" or above for all projects
- Schedule and pass any requested verification interviews
- Maintain good standing for the duration of the program
- Stay in the program longer than one month past the Free Trial window

How do I maintain good standing in the program?

To maintain good standing and stay in the program, students are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Abide by the [Udacity Honor Code](#), the [Terms of Service](#), and the terms outlined in this Front-End Web Developer Nanodegree Student Handbook
- If asked, resubmit projects within 7 days of feedback

- If asked, schedule a verification interview within 7 days

The requirements above are designed to help students graduate from the Front-End Web Developer Nanodegree Program within 6-9 months of enrollment or earlier. Students who do not maintain good standing will be asked to leave the program.

Honor Code

Nanodegree Program

- I will abide by the [Terms of Service](#), Student Handbook guidelines, and all components of the Honor Code set for Udacity Nanodegree participants.
- I will conduct myself with honor as part of the Udacity community.
- I understand that all decisions regarding participation, graduation, and awarding of verified certificates will be made by Udacity at its sole discretion.

Project Submissions

- I hereby confirm that all project submissions consist of my own work. Accordingly, I will document and cite the origins of any part(s) of my project submissions that were taken from websites, books, forums, blog posts, github repositories, or any other source and explain why I used them for any part of my submission. I understand that I may be asked to explain my work in a video call with a Udacity Coach before my Nanodegree is conferred.

Community Guidelines

- I will help cultivate a positive, supportive learning environment.
- I will communicate respectfully and considerately with all other Nanodegree participants, Udacity Coaches, and Udacity representatives.
- I will not share any content that is obscene, illicit, threatening, or discriminatory.
- I will contribute constructively to discussions with fellow students.
- I will notify a Udacity Coach immediately if I become aware of cheating or plagiarism by any Nanodegree student.

IV. Nanodegree Support System

Events and Google+ Communities

Nanodegree students have access to content, community, and career events integral to their learning experience through Google Hangouts On Air hosted in the [Front-End Web Dev](#)

[Nanodegree Google+ Community](#). To join this community, each student needs to have or create a Google+ account under the same name they've registered for Udacity with.

Community Forum

Each Nanodegree cohort has its own **Udacity Discussions forum** where students can ask and answer each other's questions about the projects, program logistics, and course material. Udacity Coaches also moderate posts, answer student questions, and publicize important program information in this forum. Coaches do their best to ensure all content-related questions have answers within twenty-four hours.

To access the forum, click the [Discussions](#) link from any classroom page in your Nanodegree. Then click the "Log In" button in the upper right hand corner to be automatically signed in.

Webcasts

Webcasts are live, 45-60minute sessions in which Udacity instructors will provide in depth explanations of projects, as well as supplementary resources related to front-end web development. These sessions occur once a week, on **Mondays at 9PM Eastern Time**.

You can access these events from your Udacity Home and the Front-End Web Developer Google + Community. Recordings of each session will be available afterward. If you are unable to make a live broadcast, you are welcome to submit questions you have in advance and come back to hear them answered when it's convenient for you.

Office Hours

Office Hours are unrecorded video conversations (via Google Hangouts) between Udacity Coaches and a small group of up to 15 students on a first-come, first-served basis. These events occur multiple times a week and serve as an opportunity for you to ask questions and engage with your fellow Nanodegree students face-to-face.

Access the calendar to sign up for Office Hours [here](#). This calendar is also located in your Udacity Home.

One-on-One Appointments

The Udacity Coach team is available for 20-minute one-on-one appointments on a first come, first served basis. The purpose of these meetings is to help answer in-depth content-related questions that you cannot get answers to elsewhere.

In-depth instructions on how to book a one-on-one appointment are available in your Student Portal.

Career Development Events

Career development, in addition to technical growth, is a very important part of the Nanodegree program. Udacity offers two monthly career development events over Google Hangouts On Air through the [Google+ Community](#) for Nanodegree students to attend. Please see the [Career Activities Calendar](#) (also in your [Udacity Home](#)) for a list of events. We also encourage you to watch

events that took place prior to your enrollment! You'll find their recorded versions in the Career Activities Calendar and the "Past Events" section of the Google+ Community.

V. Payment Policy and Cancellations

Free Trials

All Nanodegree programs start with a 7-day free trial (more precisely, seven 24-hour cycles), during which time you will have full access to all Nanodegree features.

You are required to enter their credit card information at the time of enrollment, but will not be billed until after your free trial expires. After this, you will automatically be charged a fee of **\$200 per month** for your Nanodegree subscription.

Cancellations and Refunds

If you opt to cancel your enrollment within the one-week Free Trial window, you will not be charged, regardless of how far you have come in the program. **We strongly recommend that you complete the [Readiness Assessment](#) before the one-week Free Trial window expires to make sure that the Nanodegree is a good fit for you.**

Students who cancel will no longer be charged the monthly subscription fee, effective the next billing cycle from the date of cancellation. Students who wish to cancel after the Free Trial expires will not be granted a refund for past month's subscription fees.

Pausing a Nanodegree

Due to the open nature of our courses combined with the pacing of the Nanodegree, Udacity cannot pause active subscriptions. However, we understand that our students are very busy and that life can take unexpected turns, which may not always leave enough time to continue the Nanodegree program at the required pace.

As you move through your Nanodegree, all of your progress is automatically saved. Therefore, if you feel that you need to take a break from the program at any point, you are welcome to cancel your subscription and then re-enroll during a future open registration period when you are ready to return. You'll be able to pick up right where you left off! Based on your overall progress in a Nanodegree, you may also be moved to an earlier cohort upon request after you re-enroll.

More Questions?

We are actively working on ways to improve the Front-End Web Developer Nanodegree. Please be aware that we may make adjustments throughout your time in the program based on student and

industry feedback. We will notify active Nanodegree students about any impact this may have on their experience or program requirements.

If you have any unanswered questions, please email frontend-support@udacity.com!