

Calendar of Events for Cohort #1

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Introduction

Your Nanodegree cohort will have events each month to give you career development tips and help strengthen our community. Most activities will be held via video conferencing over Google Hangouts on Air, and recorded versions of all events will be available afterward for those who cannot attend live or wish to watch them again.

Exact dates and times for these activities will be announced and updated here as they approach, so stay tuned! They will also be posted as events in our [Google+ Community](#).

In addition to these career-related events, we will host office hours each week at regularly scheduled times to help answer any questions you might have about your projects or the supporting course content.

Upcoming Events

To read more detailed information about each event, click on its name. To watch recordings of events that have already occurred, click on the date of the session.

Event	Date
Nanodegree Formal Kick-Off	Friday, November 14, 2014, 11AM PST
Data Analyst Nanodegree Orientation	Tuesday, November 18, 2014
Resume Revamp	Monday, November 17, 2014, 5PM PST
Marketing your Professional LinkedIn Profile	December 2014

How to Conduct an Informational Interview	January 2015
Researching Industries	February 2015
Hiring Manager Q&A	February 2015
Extending Your Network	March 2015
I'm ready for a job! Now what?	April 2015
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Nanodegree Formal Kick-Off

Friday, November 14, 2014, 11AM PST

We hope you're as excited as we are at Udacity to join the November cohorts! Join Sebastian Thrun, Founder and CEO of Udacity, and representatives from AT&T in launching the Nanodegree programs for Front-End Web Development (Cohort #2) and Data Analyst Nanodegree (Cohort #1). We'll fill you in on what to expect from the Nanodegree, help you start off on the right foot with goals for the program, and provide insight into this collaboration between the two organizations and our students (you!). We can't wait to meet you!

Data Analyst Nanodegree Orientation

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 (Time: TBD)

In this Orientation session, Cheng-Han Lee (Curriculum Manager) and Miriam Swords Kalk (Community Manager) will address your cohort towards the end of the enrollment period to give you a complete picture of what to expect through the program. You will get to meet your peers online as well! Cheng-Han and Miriam will also be addressing any questions you have and ensure that you are off to a great start!

Resume Revamp

Monday, November 17, 2014, 5PM PST

Now that you've started creating an interactive version of your resume online, it's time to think about the content you put in it. This workshop will help your resume reflect the best of who you are, so that it can continue to evolve as you progress through the Nanodegree.

Marketing Your Professional LinkedIn Profile

December 2014

Technical know-how is crucial to advancing your career, but no one will know about all of your valuable skills until you tell the world about them. Join Jason Wong, Technical Recruiter at Udacity, as he shares tips on how to make your LinkedIn profile showcase the true, awesome you so that you can effectively market yourself to potential employers and colleagues.

How to Conduct an Informational Interview

January 2015

Ever wonder what it's like to do a different job? There's nothing like talking to a person who actually has that job to find out! Informational interviews will give you first-hand insight from experts as you prepare to either launch your next career or shift roles within your company or industry. Join us to learn how to set up, prepare for, and make the most of your time in informational interviews.

Researching Industries

February 2015

You're halfway through the Nanodegree! The skills and knowledge you'll have by the end of the program will open up a number of different doors, so it's important to start spending time now thinking about what direction you would like to go in next. We will learn about casting a broad net while also understanding when and how to narrow down companies, departments and roles when searching for the right job.

Hiring Manager Q&A

February 2015

Is the hiring process a mystery? What do interviewers look for in the ideal candidate? We will be welcoming guests who are pros in the industry and recruit candidate for a living. They will be giving an overview of the process while answering any questions you might have for them in an informal setting.

Extending Your Network

March 2015

At least 70% of jobs are never published. How do you find out about them? Your network is the powerful tool that will help you get closer to the dream job. Your fellow students will be the cornerstone of your professional network of front-end web developers. As you connect with instructors and experts through the program, we will also equip you with tools you can use to build your network further. This session will help you get started, provide tips on growing and sustaining the network while also giving up to build credibility.

I'm ready for a job! Now what?

April 2015

Now that you have your resume, LinkedIn, and GitHub are lined up, how do you search for a job? We will go over the various pathways you can take to find a job, research the roles and get your foot in the door. You will learn to use all the tools you have aced through the program to get you closer to the dream job.

Acing Your Interviews

April 2015

The interview might be the most nerve-racking part of the job search process. Whether your interview is via phone or in person, we will help you rock it! You will learn about the several stages of the interview process and how to ace the first round, technical interview as well as the final round. We will cover everything from preparing for the interview, dressing for success, asking the right questions, followup and feedback for mock interviews will help you walk in confidently into the interview.

How to Work a Job Fair

May 2015

Job fairs are a great resource to sample several companies at once while also practicing your informational interview skills and networking skills. Come learn how to make the most out of a job fair and use it to either jump start your job search or complement the leads you are already pursuing.

Negotiating Your Salary

May 2015

You may have a job offer at hand or are working towards one. How do you walk out knowing you have secured the ideal offer and are being valued right. We will help you research the right salary, compensation and other benefits to be able to negotiate the best possible package for yourself.

Graduation!

Friday, June 12, 2015

If you meet all of your project submission deadlines throughout the nanodegree and meet or exceed specifications on each project by June 12, 2015, congratulations! You will graduate from the nanodegree. As a graduate of Udacity's very first nanodegree cohort, you'll get an extra special round of applause.

Office Hours

In addition to these special career-related events, we will have office hours three times a week. Office hours are live, 45-minute sessions in which Udacity instructors will be available to answer students' questions about projects, course material, and/or nanodegree program requirements. A recording of each session will be available afterward. The specific topics and projects that each session will focus on will be announced two weeks in advance. Please check this document regularly for topics and look out for event announcements in our [Google+ Community](#) as well as in [Piazza](#).

Office hours will be held each week at the times listed below (**all times shown in Pacific**):

- Monday at 6 pm
- Wednesday at 10 am
- Friday at 12 pm

For more information about office hours, please read the Office Hours calendar and info document, available for download in the [nanodegree dashboard](#).