

# Cyrus Navasca

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## EDUCATION

### University of California, Santa Barbara

August 2022-June 2026

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Statistics & Data Science, Minor in Mathematics

Santa Barbara, CA

- 3.72 GPA
- Relevant coursework: Statistical Machine Learning, Regression Analysis, Bayesian Data Analysis, Applied Stochastic Processes, Probability & Statistics, Time Series, Design of Experiments, Intro to Economics, Linear Algebra

## SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Languages/Tools: Python (NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn, PyTorch, Scikit-learn), R, SQL, Tableau, SAS, Git, Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint), Jupyter
- Skills: Data Analysis, Statistical Analysis, Machine Learning, Data Visualization, Data Cleaning, Business Intelligence
- Certifications: Analytics with SQL and Python, Data Visualization Using Python, Python for Machine Learning

## EXPERIENCE

### Data Analyst Intern

October 2024-Present

Daily Nexus

Santa Barbara, CA

- Executed correlation analysis between RateMyProfessor ratings and grade distributions at UCSB, leveraging statistical techniques and interactive visualizations to uncover trends and relationships.
- Deployed a public Tableau dashboard to 28,000 students, integrating trend analyses and comparative charts to facilitate seamless data exploration through dynamic visualizations and user-friendly design.
- Transformed multiple data sources totaling 95,000 observations by parsing string-based attributes, engineering new features through aggregation and joining together datasets to streamline the process of data visualization.

### President

September 2023-Present

UCSB Data Science Collaborative

Santa Barbara, CA

- Formulated a workshop series on fundamental data science topics such as data visualization, wrangling, and machine learning supplemented with presentation slides and interactive worksheets using sample datasets.
- Led and mentored over 150 registered members, helping to provide a deeper understanding of workshop material and general understanding of data science in order to foster a welcoming educational environment.
- Facilitated weekly events and networking opportunities for members by leveraging connections with industry professionals to provide members with exposure to career opportunities and practical insights into the field.

## PROJECTS

### Diamond Price Analysis

[Github](#)

- Implemented linear regression to analyze the key factors driving 2022 diamond prices by assessing model diagnostics and performing in-depth feature selection to minimize AIC/BIC, attaining a model with a 0.98 adjusted R-squared.
- Conducted comprehensive exploratory data analysis by plotting the relationships between variables, examining individual distributions and generating a correlation heatmap to investigate multicollinearity.
- Optimized model performance by 8% through applying polynomial transformations to effectively capture non-linear relationships and handling unusual observations which disproportionately skewed results.

### Predicting Credit Card Default with Neural Networks

[Github](#)

- Constructed a neural network using PyTorch to predict credit card default among clients, achieving an accuracy of 79% as well as AUC scores of 0.85 and 0.8 for ROC and precision-recall curves respectively.
- Preprocessed and wrangled a dataset of 3,000 observations by dropping features that negatively impacted model performance, conducting detailed feature selection, and crafting new features through aggregation.
- Enhanced prediction quality by 140% through hyperparameter tuning, applying L2 regularization, and implementing SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) to effectively address class imbalance.