## **Capstone Overview**

Welcome to the Python for Everybody Capstone. We want the capstone to be a different experience than the rest of the courses. Since we are a much smaller course I want to make sure that there is lots of opportunity for student-to-student interactions. We understand that some of you will be in a hurry to finish and that others will want to spend time interacting with the instructional staff and other students.

We have designed this course with only one required quiz (Week 1). If you are limited on time, you may complete the quiz and finish quickly.

If you would like a more discovery-oriented experience, we have created an Honors Track so you can complete projects with our community of learners, and earn additional recognition on your certificate. The Honors Track contains three optional, peer-graded assignments (Weeks 2, 4, and 6). Coursera's guide to <u>Honors assignments</u> can help you decide if this path is for you.

A goal of the Capstone is to set up structures to let you learn from each other instead of just making more lectures and assignments. We have done several things to make that work:

- In this course you can paste any code into the forums that you want to discuss with other students about problems you are having. By now we assume you know how to code.
- We have used a Wiki system provided by Coursera to allow you to edit pages and upload your information and share your information with other students. These Wiki pages are visible to other Coursera students, so do not post any personal information here.
- In the project side of the class it is perfectly fine for students to approach a problem as a team and use other technologies like Slack or Github to coordinate their work.

You can see that a big theme of this Capstone is to get you to contribute to the course. And of course since this is the first time we are using some of this pedagogy, there will be plenty of room for improvement. We will be watching the forums closely and may adjust the course as it progresses based on your comments, issues, and suggestions.