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ALX SE All-Female Cohort

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions + Key Program Information.

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7 Mins *+ surprise at the end*

Let's get started!

Before you Begin!

Hey there! This is not just an FAQ. It's your personal guide to fully understanding the programme and get clarity on any questions you may have.

Take your time to carefully **read + digest!**

What is the Goal of this All-Female Cohort?
To bridge the gender gap in tech and increase women's representation in tech.

What will I gain from this program.
By joining the ALX Software Engineering Programme, you will boost your skills and launch your career in one of the most exciting and **in-demand fields** in the world of tech.

What will I be learning?
Theoretical and practical software development + work-ready skills, that can connect you to meaningful paid opportunities.

What if I have no Software Engineering knowledge?
While it's not essential to have prior knowledge, we recommend being **curious and courageous** to gaining foundational skills, being ready to learn and ask questions, and having a willingness to read, research and solve problems.

To help you get started, we'll share some beginner-friendly resources with you.

Learning Environment

Where will I be learning?
This program is strictly **ONLINE**, with access to our agile learning environment called the Intranet. This is our virtual classroom.

From the **INTRANET**, you'll submit your projects and get scored, allowing you to track your progress throughout the programme. Which means no lecturers, You Own Your Learning (YOYO), You Own Your Learning (YOYO)

We release projects daily/weekly, so never be to far away from the Intranet.

How do I access this INTRANET?
Great news! Your login details and instructions will be sent to you in just a few days. Make sure to reset your password and get ready for full access on **March 27th!**

Where do I submit this projects/assignments?
On the Intranet

Are my limited to learn only from the INTRANET?
No, you're not limited to learning from the resources on the Intranet. We highly encourage you to research and leverage other learning resources as well - in fact, it's all part of being a lifelong learner!.

How long does this program last for?
12 Months; 9 Months of **Foundation** knowledge and 3 Month of **Specializing** in either Back/front end technologies..

Your First Few Weeks!

What happens on Day 1?
You'll receive a series of instructions(emails) throughout this week to prepare you for your first day (27th March 2023). On your first day, it's mandatory to attend the **Onboarding** activities and all activities scheduled for the entire week.

What happens on Day 2?
Learning **starts** on Day 2, You will have a list of simple projects to complete from Day 2 and for the next 12 days - The first 2 weeks are referred to as **Onboarding Phase**. Not to worry projects in this phase **WILL NOT** be scored.

This time is dedicated to getting familiar with the program & Intranet as we prepare you for this journey.

After Onboarding, What Next?
Probation phase! This is where the real learning begins! You'll have projects to complete, and yes, they will be **Graded**. You are required to achieve a minimum set score to advance to the next phase of the program.

This phase runs for 30-days and if you advance you will go on to begin Section 1 of Foundation.

What if I have an Admin related question?
If you have any admin related question, reach out to our support team bit.ly/alx-se-support. They are available to assist you all through the 12 months and will be hosting **Live Office Hours** in a few days. - Look out for details!

Hello, You Still There?

3 More pages to go and it's a wrap + We have a surprise for you when you're done!

You've Got this!

Projects & Scores

What am I expected to do to Advance further?
Achieve a *minimum* of 80% overall score for Month 1 (Probation Phase) and a *minimum* of 70% every other month.

Why is there a score requirement, I am here to learn at my own pace?
Agreed, We understand that everyone learns at their own pace - However, we also believe that having a score requirement *motivates* and *challenges* our students to strive for excellence and push themselves to reach their full potential.

Is it tough to achieve 80%?
Not at all! Just focus on learning, applying the knowledge you've gained and submitting within the deadline, and **80%** will be a piece of cake.

Would there be deadlines?
Oh yes! You will have 3 deadlines per project. Scores reduce the later you submit, but no worries, we have students who target the 2nd and 3rd deadlines and still do great!

What If I fail?
This isn't a contest, If you don't meet the scores for the first month, you'll have a chance to redo it and try again. The same applies to subsequent months - but there's limit to this. You can pause and resume your learning for a limited number of times.

Supporting You!

Will I be left alone? I'm new to this!
No way, This is a Peer learning program, so we encourage you to maximize support from your peers + we have Learning Ambassadors (LA) that would be assigned to support you.

Who are Learning Ambassadors?
Current students of this program, who are women and are committed to supporting you in this learning journey; more like your *big tech-sisters!*

Just Learning Ambassadors?
Naaa! Your cohort will also be assigned a Technical Mentor (TM), who will oversee your entire cohort(class)

Where do I meet my Peers, LA's and TM's
On slack, think of it as a *whattsapp* group that has everyone on there.

Sounds Chaotic?
Nope! We have cohorts grouped into channels - think of it like multi-groups. Although, we do have one place where we all gather for updates!

How do I join the ALX Slack space?
In a few days, we'll send you a link to get started.
You will need your *Intranet sign-up* to access
Slack - We will be sharing this in the coming days.

Winning Mindset

Is this program Hard - You guys said Do Hard Things?
Doing **Hard Things** doesn't mean we make learning difficult. Think of it like learning a new language - every new challenge or goal seems tough at first, but you've got this, and you have us to support you!

What if I feel discouraged?
You might have some low moments, but when that happens, ask yourself, **"Am I better than I was yesterday?"** No matter what the answer is, reflect, tie your laces, and move forward. You were made for this!

What if I am tempted to take the easy way out?
We take **Plagiarism** very seriously here. We want to equip you with the skills you need to succeed in the workplace, and copying code won't get you there.

Plus, we have systems to detect plagiarism, and if caught, you'll be dismissed from the program. Let's learn and grow the right way!

What's in it for me?

1. Quality Software Engineering skills to kick-start your career.
2. A network of valuable contacts that money can't buy
3. Certificate of completion to showcase your achievement + a *transcript*.
4. Access to our *Exclusive* Fellowship club

And that's a Wrap!

Here's you suprise?
How about a little **pop-quiz** to test your understanding of everything you've read so far? It does not count to your learning!

[Click here get started](#)

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