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# Welcome to the Applied Data Science Program

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# Session Guidelines



**Listen-only mode**



**Type your questions in the Q&A box**



**Ask questions which are in the interest of the larger audience**





# Agenda

- MIT Professional Education - Overview
- About Great Learning
- Program Vision, Structure & Delivery Model
- Alumni Speaks
- Next Steps





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# MIT Professional Education Overview

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# Isola Spence

## Program Manager, Short Programs, MIT-PE



- Experienced and passionate leader in higher education.
- Provides leadership and development guidance and implementation support to the Short Programs team at MIT Professional.
- Master' Degree in Administration, Planning and Social Policy with a focus in Higher Education from Harvard University
- In the past, she worked at Harvard University in implementing the Fulbright Foreign Student program to award recipients from Latin America and the Caribbean.





# MIT Professional Education Mission

“To provide science and technology professionals around the world access to renowned MIT knowledge and expertise via advanced education programs designed for them”

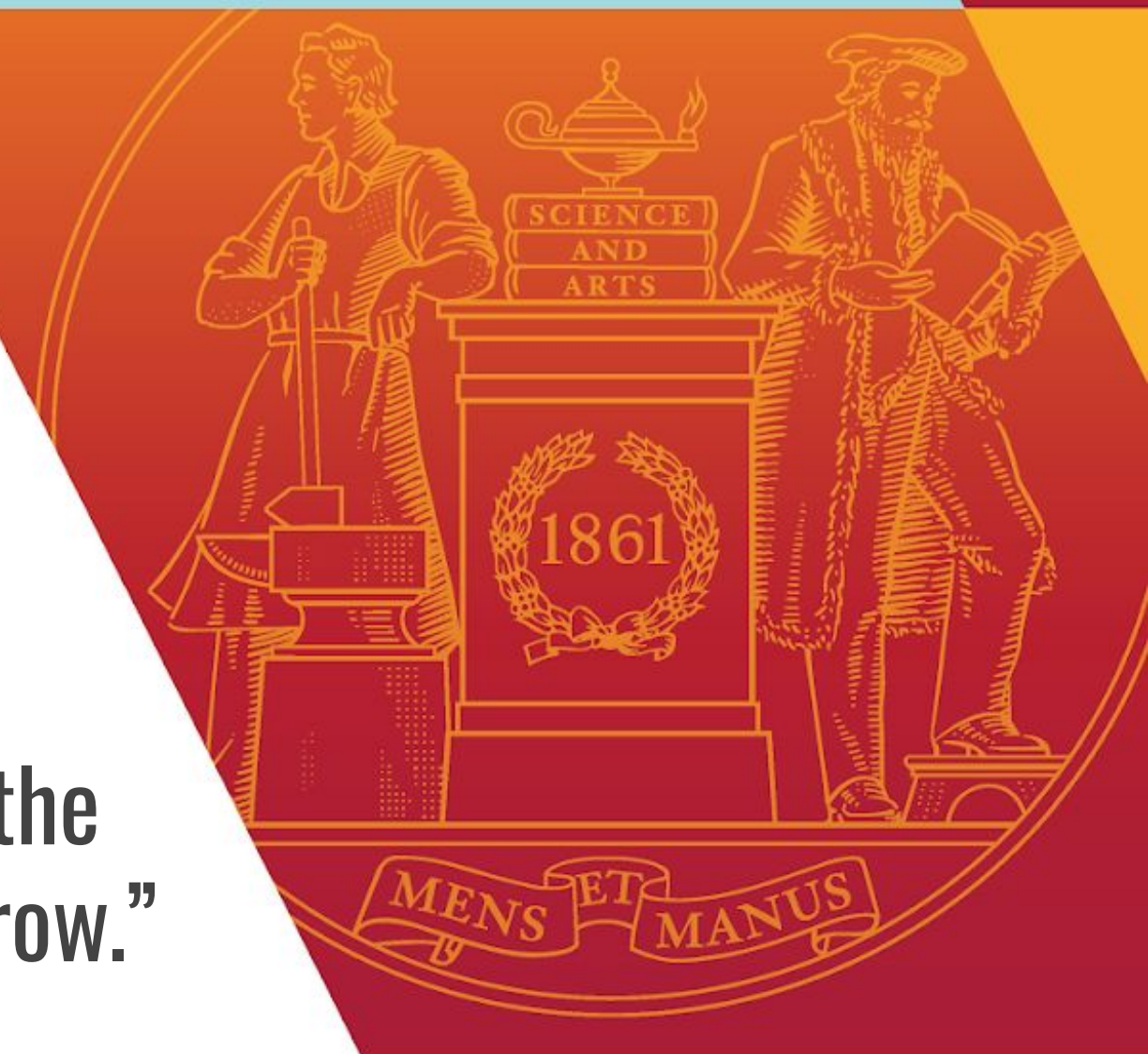
- The MIT Professional Education mission is to provide a gateway to renowned MIT research, knowledge and expertise for working professionals engaged in science and technology worldwide, through advanced education programs designed for them.
- The programs are delivered by MIT faculty and promote technical excellence through ongoing educational engagement with communities of practice. MIT Professional Education fosters the development of innovative leaders equipped to address complex problems globally.
- The Institute is committed to generating, disseminating, and preserving knowledge, and to working with others to apply this knowledge for the benefit of humankind.
- MIT Professional Education is central to MIT’s vision. It fulfills the mandate to connect practitioner-oriented education with industry, and to incorporate industry feedback and knowledge into MIT education and research.



# Short Programs: Overview

“Drawing expertise from the entire University, MIT Professional Education Short Programs support the development of innovative leaders equipped to address the complex challenges of today and tomorrow.”

- 40+ short intensive courses plus ADSP which is a longer duration program
- Professional Certificate Programs: ML&AI, Biotechnology & Live Sciences, Innovation & Technology, Design & Manufacturing, and Real Estate Finance and Development
- Courses delivered by MIT faculty experts, incorporating their latest research into class content
- Most are 2-5 day classes held on campus in Cambridge or in a live virtual (synchronous online) format
- CEUs and digital certificates of completion awarded
- MIT PE Alumni LinkedIn Network





# PE Programs - Key Outcomes

- **Gain expertise that will immediately benefit your work (and your organization)**
- **Acquire high-value credentials that will set you apart from others**
- **Advance your career while enhancing your ability to lead, manage, and influence**
- **Network with your industry peers globally**







# Professional Certificate Program in Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence

**Completion within 36 months; a minimum of 16 course days required for completion**

## Core Courses

- Machine learning for Big data & text processing: Foundations  
June 10-11, 2024 (2 days)
- Machine learning for Big data & text processing: Advanced  
June 12-14, 2024 (3 days)

## Elective Courses (Other than ADSP)

- AI for Computational Design & Manufacturing  
July 15-19, 2024 (5 days)
- Machine learning for Healthcare  
TBD(2 days)

- Reinforcement Learning  
July 29-31, 2024 (3 days)
- Advanced Reinforcement Learning  
August 1-2, 2024 (2 days)
- Deep learning for AI & Computer Vision  
TBD
- Bioprocess Data Analytics & Machine Learning  
TBD
- Designing Efficient deep learning systems  
July 8-9, 2024 (2 days)
- Machine Learning for Materials Informatics  
July 31-August 4, 2024 (4 days)

- Foundations of Data & Models: Regression Analytics  
TBD
- AI Strategies & Roadmap  
Jan 29-Feb 2, 2024 Virtual & July 15-19, 2024 (5 days)
- Graph Algorithms & Machine Learning  
June 3-6, 2024 (4 days)

Course listings & summaries [here](https://professional.mit.edu)  
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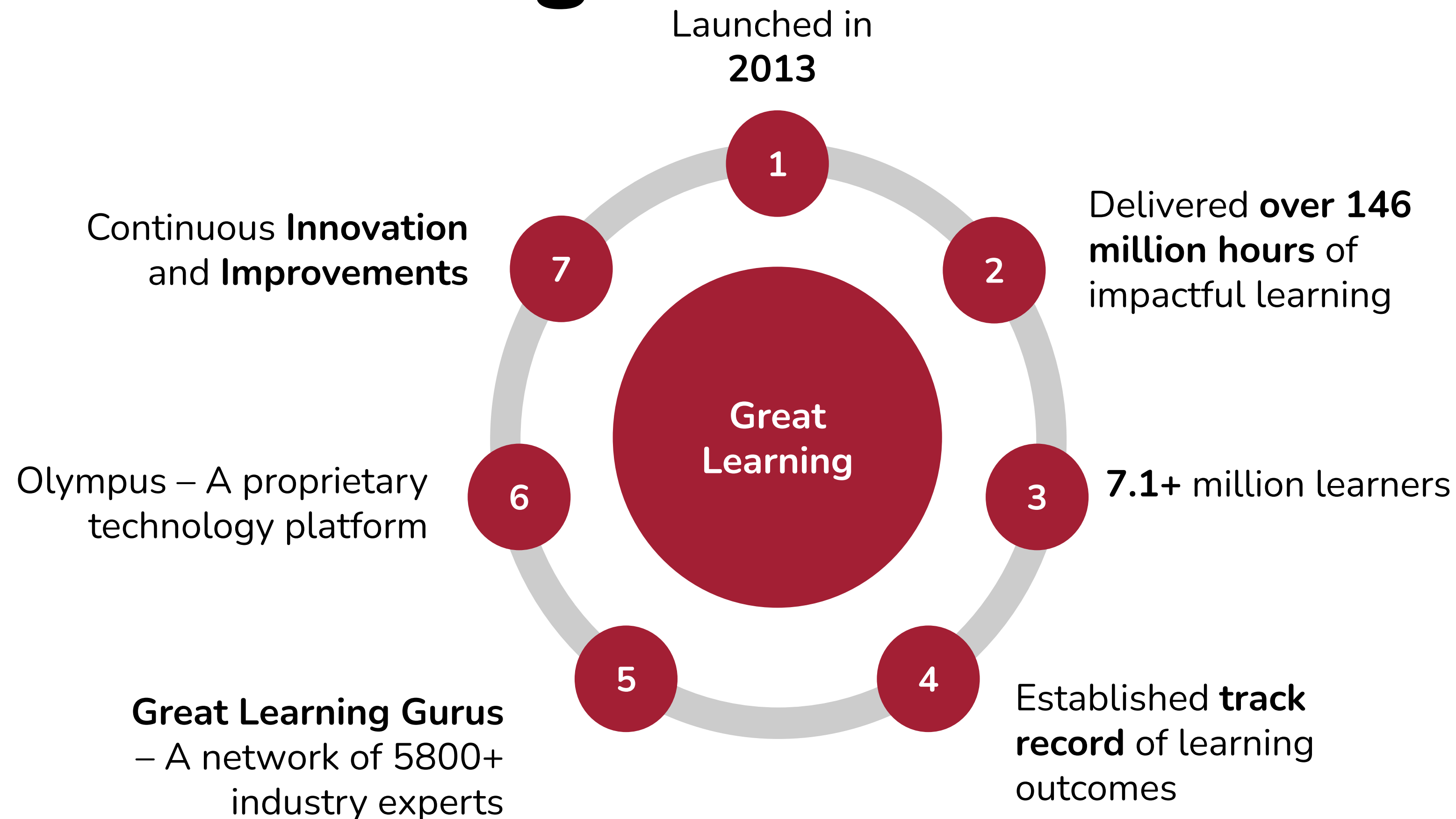


# Great Learning Overview

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# About Great Learning



# Collaboration

- **Academic Collaborator**
- Curriculum & Content Design
- Live Virtual Classrooms
- Case Studies / Course Projects
- Certificate

- **Delivery Collaborator**
- Mentored Learning
- Learning Management System
- Program Manager
- Academic Support







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# Program Vision & Outcomes

# Amish Suchak

## Data Scientist (Team Lead), XSOLIS



- 7+ years of work experience in Machine Learning & Data Science.
- Completed his degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from University of Florida.
- Amish is a seasoned professional in the field of data science, currently serving as a Team Lead at XSOLIS







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# Applied Data Science Program - Vision

- Address the needs of **future-focused professionals** looking to harness data in new and innovative ways for smarter decision making
- Enable professionals to expand their **repertoire of knowledge** required to deal with the data science challenges of the future
- Deliver solid **mathematical and conceptual foundations** across the breadth of data science body of knowledge in the context of various practical problems
- Bring together the best of **academic focus and industry perspectives** with learning by doing pedagogy to enable meaningful learning outcomes





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# Key Learning Outcomes

01

Strong foundation in data science techniques and algorithms

02

Understanding of the contemporary approaches and work in data science field

03

Knowledge of how to apply these techniques to solve problems in various industry contexts







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# Key Learning Expectations



The program's vision is to address the needs of future-focused professionals looking to harness data in new and innovative ways for smarter decision-making.

Python is the programming language utilized in the program to showcase the implementation of different Data Science techniques.

The Applied Data Science Program focuses on how to apply Data Science techniques and algorithms hands-on, to a variety of business problems.

The program encompasses diverse levels of Data Science methods, ranging from fundamentals to advanced, that requires to at least intuitively understand and appreciate some beyond basic level of mathematics.



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# Program Structure

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# Design of the Program



12 weeks with 2 revision weeks



3 Live Sessions per week  
by MIT faculty for 5 core courses



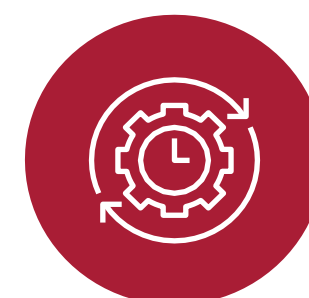
12 + Mentored Learning Sessions by Industry Professionals  
2 Sessions per week for core courses  
1 Session per week for all other weekends



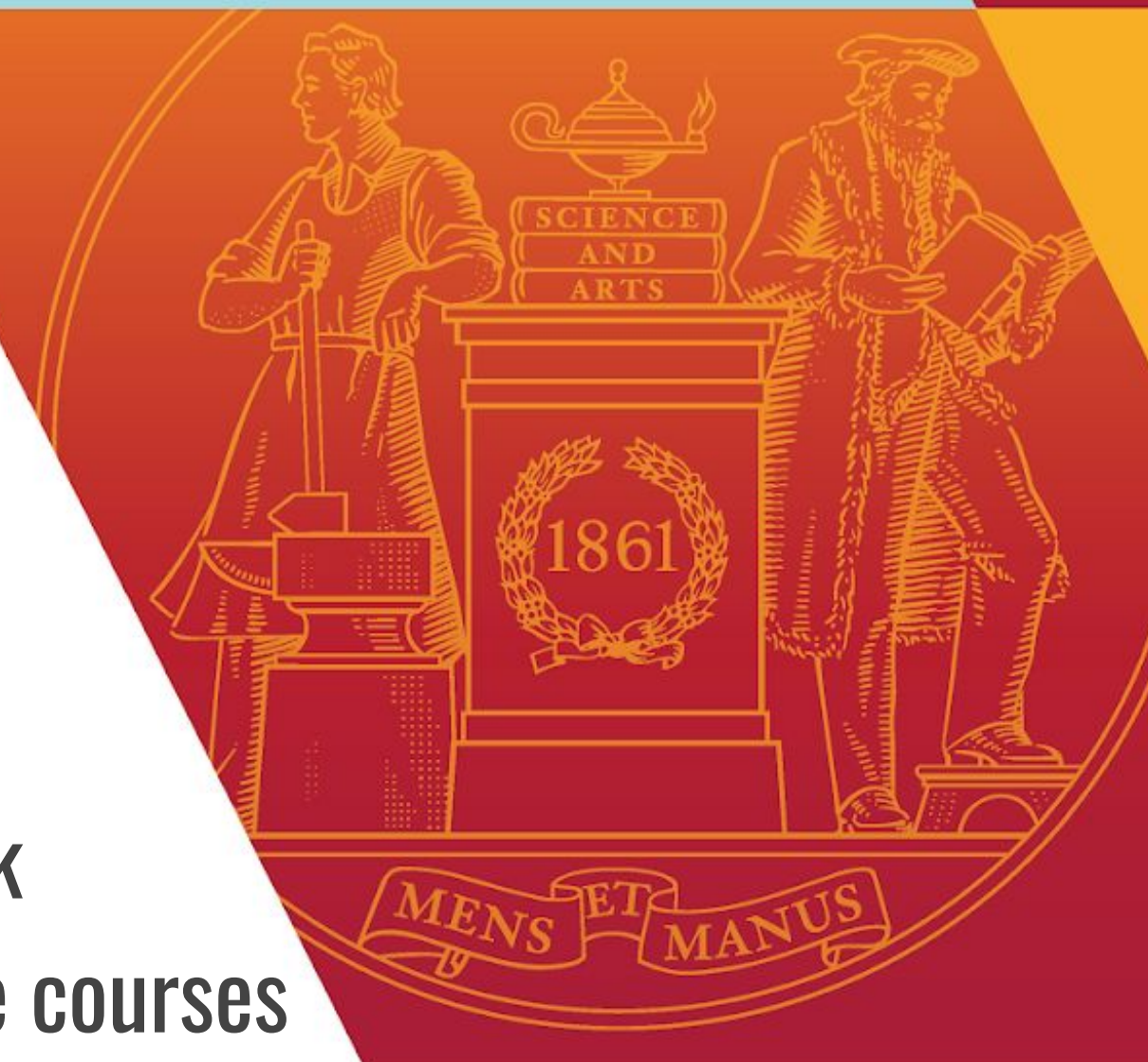
1 Assessment per week



3 Mandatory + 5 Practice Projects  
Templatized & problem solving focused  
with an optional full-code track



1 Capstone Project - 3 weeks  
2 Milestone Q&A Sessions + 1 Milestone Submission  
1 Final Submission + 1 Live Presentation



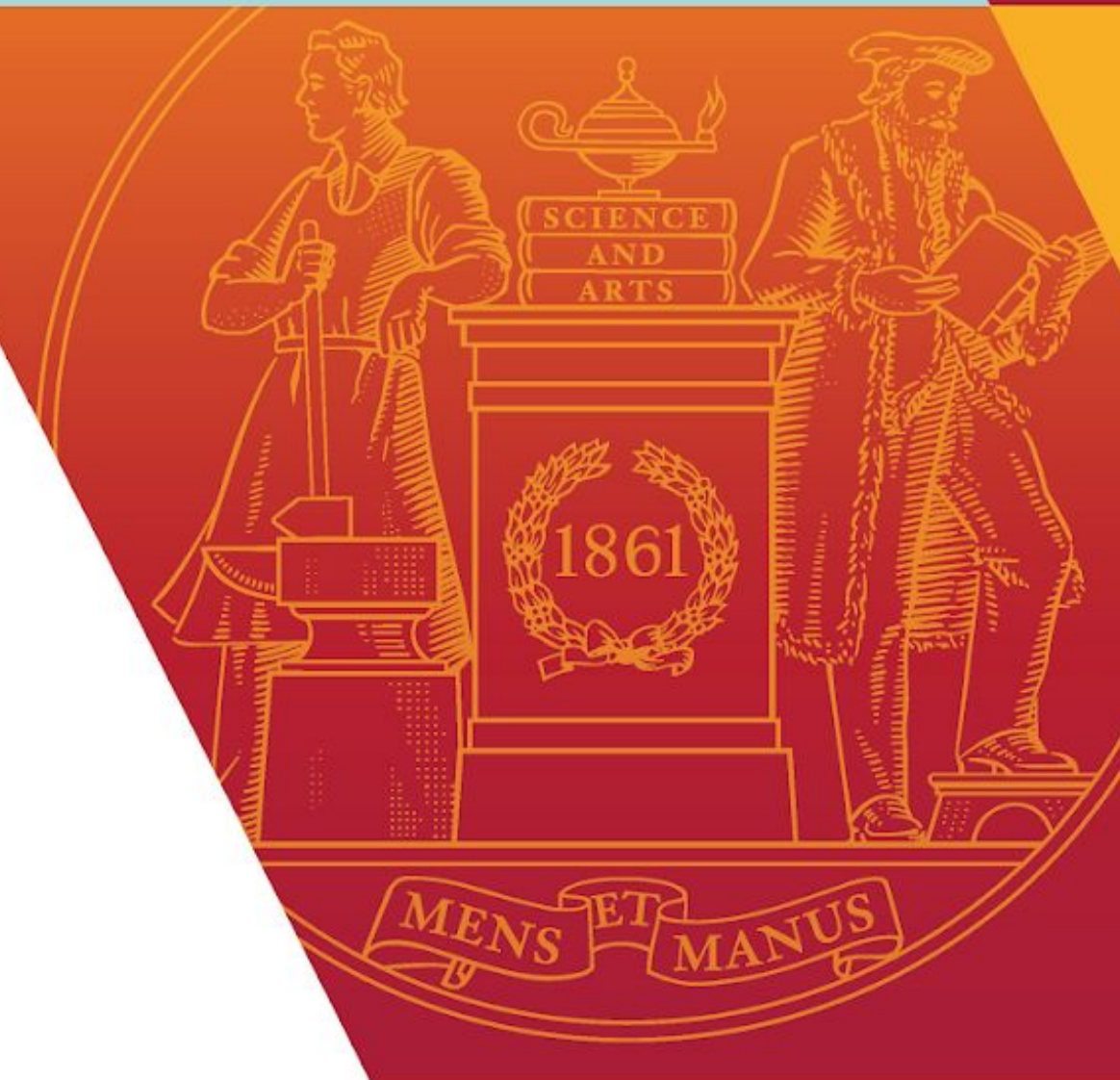
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# Program Curriculum



## Course 1 Foundations for Data Science



- Python
- Statistics

## Course 2 Data Analysis & Visualization



- Data Exploration
- Networks
- Clustering

## Course 3 Machine Learning



- Regression
- Classification - Logistic & kNN

## Course 4 Practical Data Science



- Decision Tree & Random Forest
- Time Series

## Course 5 Deep Learning



- Neural Networks
- CNN
- GNN

## Course 6 Recommendation Systems



- Introduction
- Matrix, Tensors

## Course 7 Capstone Project



- Milestone
- Synthesis & Presentation





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# Live Virtual Classroom (LVC) Structure



**Pre-reads** shared with all learners to give an overview



Faculty gives an **overview** of the concept to be covered



Coverage of **theoretical concepts** in-depth and its interpretation



**Practical Application** of the concept



**Clarification of queries** on concepts covered during the lecture



**Summarize the Session**



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# Learn from the MIT Faculty



**Devavrat Shah**

Director, Statistics and Data Science  
Center (SDSC)

MIT



**Munther Dahleh**

Director, MIT Institute for Data,  
Systems and Society (IDSS)

MIT



**Caroline Uhler**

Henry L. & Grace Doherty Associate  
Professor, Institute for Data, Systems  
and Society (IDSS)

MIT



**John N. Tsitsiklis**

Clarence J Lebel Professor, Dept. of  
Electrical Engineering & Computer  
Science (EECS)

MIT



**Stefanie Jegelka**

Associate Professor, Dept. of  
Electrical Engineering & Computer  
Science and member of Computer  
Science and AI Lab (CSAIL) and  
Institute for Data, Systems and  
Society (IDSS)







# Mentored Learning Session Structure



8 - 10  
mins

Mentors gauge the **level of understanding** of learners and identify things to focus on

15 - 20  
mins

Clarification of **queries** on concepts from the course of the week

60 - 70  
mins

**Live Session Case Study** continuation to work hands-on in python

20 - 25  
mins

**Industry Perspective** through additional Q&A

2 - 5  
mins

**Summarize the Session**

**Q&A  
&  
Industry  
Perspective**

*Can run  
throughout the  
session as it is  
meant to be an  
interactive one*

## Note:

**For week 1 & 2 there would be 1 mentored learning session over the weekend  
From week 3-8 there would be 2 mentored learning sessions over the weekend**

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# Program Assessments

**In order to be eligible for certificate, you will have to complete all courses with minimum of 60% in each course**

## Course Assessment

- Time based MCQs
- Deadline driven
- Each week shall consist of 1 assessment

## Mandatory Course Projects

- Work on 2 mandatory course projects with problem statements from different industries
  - Project 1 - Foundations for Data Science course
  - Project 2 - Select 1 elective project from 5 core MIT courses complementing the final Capstone project

## Capstone Project

- Bring together all the learning from the program to solve a real world data science problem
- Simulation of industry project experience
- Live Presentations at the end of the project



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**\*Assessments in every course hold 90% weightage and Attendance of the weekend mentored learning sessions hold 10% weightage\***

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# Weekly Operating Rhythm

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# Delivery Schedule



## FOUNDATION WEEKS

Course #	Course	Topic	Session Faculty	Session Date	Session Time
1	Foundations for Data Science	Python Foundations	Great Learning Mentor	Sep 30, 2023 or Oct 1, 2023	To be Announced
		Stats Foundations		Oct 7, 2023 or Oct 8, 2023	To be Announced
2	Data Analysis & Visualization	Exploratory Data Analysis and Visualization	Prof. Caroline Uhler	Oct 9, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Networks		Oct 11, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Introduction to Unsupervised learning		Oct 12, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Data Exploration and Networks	Great Learning Mentor	Oct 14, 2023	To be Announced
		Unsupervised Learning		Oct 15, 2023	To be Announced
3	Machine Learning	Introduction to Supervised Learning: Regression	Prof. John Tsitsiklis	Oct 16, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Model Evaluation: Cross-Validation & Bootstrapping		Oct 18, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Introduction to Supervised Learning: Classification		Oct 20, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Introduction to Supervised Learning and Regression	Great Learning Mentor	Oct 21, 2023	To be Announced
		Introduction to Supervised Learning and Classification		Oct 22, 2023	To be Announced
Revision Week 1		Conceptual Revision Session 1	Great Learning Mentor	To be Announced	
		Case Study Revision Session 1			
		Office Hours: Code Debugging Session 1			
4	Practical Data Science	Decision Trees	Prof. Munzer Dahleh	Oct 30, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Random Forest		Nov 1, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Time Series (Introduction)		Nov 3, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Decision Trees and Random Forest	Great Learning Mentor	Nov 4, 2023	To be Announced
		Time Series		Nov 5, 2023	To be Announced
5	Deep Learning	Intro to Neural Networks	Prof. Stefanie Jegelka	Nov 6, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Convolutional Neural Networks		Nov 8, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Graph Neural Networks		Nov 10, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Introduction to Deep Learning	Great Learning Mentor	Nov 11, 2023	To be Announced
		Convolutional Neural Networks		Nov 12, 2023	To be Announced
6	Recommendation Systems	Intro to Recommendation Systems	Prof. Devavrat Shah	Nov 13, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Matrix		Nov 15, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Tensor, NN for Recommendation Systems		Nov 17, 2023	09:30 am - 11:30 am ET
		Recommendation Systems Part 1	Great Learning Mentor	Nov 18, 2023	To be Announced
		Recommendation Systems Part 2		Nov 19, 2023	To be Announced
Revision Week 2		Conceptual Revision Session 2	Great Learning Mentor	To be Announced	
		Case Study Revision Session 2			
		Office Hours: Code Debugging Session 2			
		Capstone Briefing Session			
7	Capstone Project	Capstone QnA Session	Great Learning Mentor	Dec 3, 2023	To be Announced
		Capstone QnA Session		Dec 10, 2023	To be Announced
		Capstone Live Presentations		Dec 16, 2023 & Dec 17, 2023	To be Announced

## CAPSTONE WEEKS

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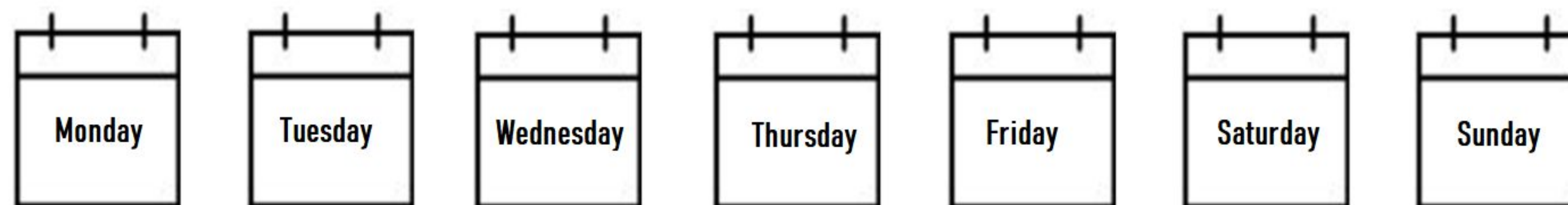
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# Weekly Operating Rhythm - Week 1 & 2



2 hours of  
mentorship

Foundation  
Weeks

## Weekdays

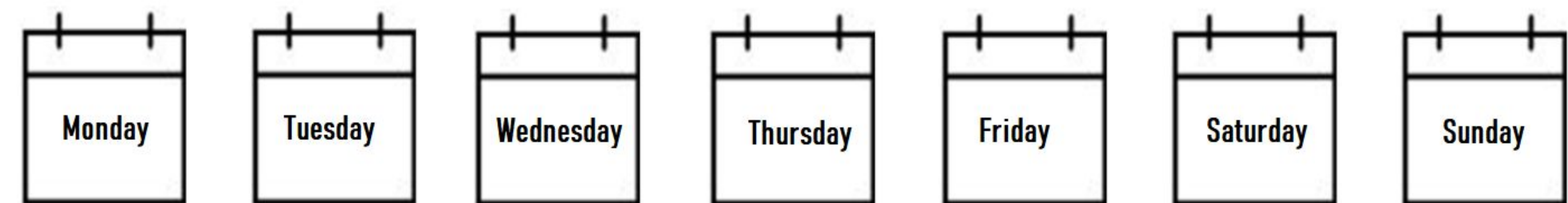
- Recorded Video Lectures
- Practice Assessments/Assignments
- 1 Assessment with deadline
- 1 Mandatory Course Project with deadline

## Weekends

- Mentored Learning Session (MLS)
- 2 hours of mentorship either on Saturday or Sunday



# Weekly Operating Rhythm - Week 3 to 8



2 hours of live  
faculty lecture

2 hours of live  
faculty lecture

2 hours of live  
faculty lecture

2 hours of  
mentorship

2 hours of  
mentorship

**Core MIT  
Lecture Weeks**

## Weekdays

- Pre-reads, Lecture Slides, Practice Project
- Live Virtual Classes (LVC)
- Post Session Summary,FAQ
- 1 Assessment per course with deadline
- 1 Mandatory Course Project (Elective) with deadline complementing the final Capstone project

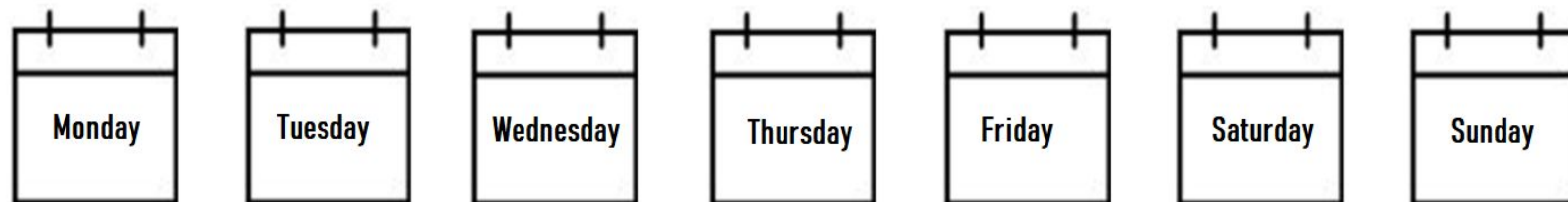
## Weekends

- Mentored Learning Session (MLS)
- 2 hours of mentorship on both Saturday & Sunday





# Weekly Operating Rhythm - Revision Week



## Week 5 - Revision Week 1

- Conceptual Revision Session 1
- Case Study Revision Session 1
- Office Hours - Code Debugging Session 1

## Week 9 - Revision Week 2

- Conceptual Revision Session 2
- Case Study Revision Session 2
- Office Hours - Code Debugging Session 2
- Capstone Briefing Session
- Elective Project submission

Revision  
&  
Submission  
Weeks

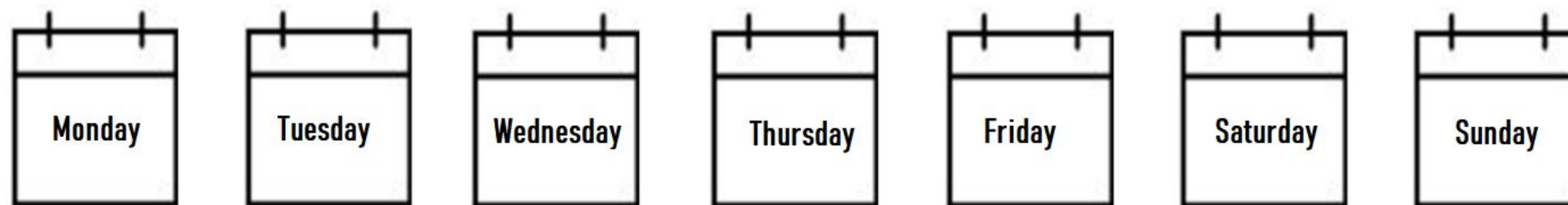
## Key Points:

- Revision sessions focus on revising the concepts and case studies covered in the previous courses
- Capstone briefing session focuses on the guidelines, timelines and other details in the final Capstone project
- A code-debugging session known as 'Office Hours' will be conducted during the Revision Weeks
- As these are optional sessions, there will be no attendance marks for these sessions and will be conducted by an industry expert
- Revision Week may be utilised to revise previous topics or catch up on any missed submissions





# Weekly Operating Rhythm - Last 3 Weeks



Submission  
Deadline

1.5 hours of  
mentorship



## Weekdays

- Capstone Submissions- [1 Milestone Submission + 1 Final Submission]



## Weekends

- Milestone Q&A sessions -1.5 hours of mentorship either on Saturday or Sunday for 2 weeks
- Live Presentation

Hands-on  
Capstone  
Project Weeks





# How to Learn More Effectively?

- **Commit to the journey**
  - 12-18 hours per week
  - Follow weekly operating rhythm
  - Attend live sessions and mentored learning sessions
  - In case you are unable to attend a session, go through the recording
- **Prepare well for all sessions**
  - Go through the pre-reads before the sessions
  - Finish all the necessary topics from the last lecture through material shared
- **Practice, Discuss, Repeat**
  - Go through case studies and practice them hands-on
  - Discuss with peers and mentor
  - Read, explore & concretize
- **Respect assessments**
  - Appear for assessment to test your understanding
  - Work on course project and work on the feedbacks that you get on your submissions
  - Submit the assignments on time





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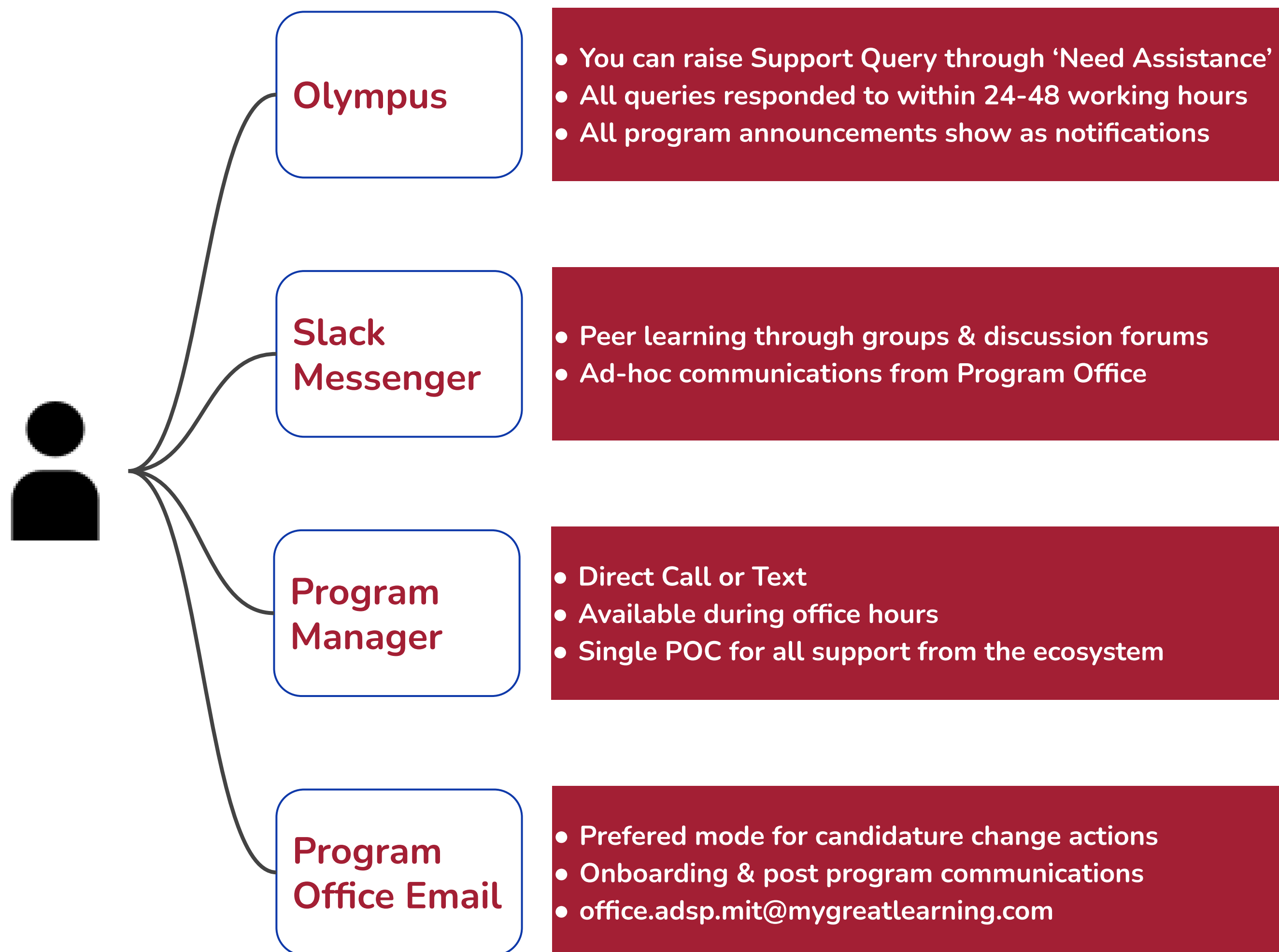
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# Learning Support Ecosystem



GL  
Community

GL Smart  
Assistance

Faculty /  
Mentors

Peer Group

Program  
Manager

Academic  
Assistance





# Program Managers



**Mayansha**



**Prashi**



**Surjeet**



**Jasna**



**Rishika**

The contact information of the respective Program Manager is updated on Olympus Dashboard  
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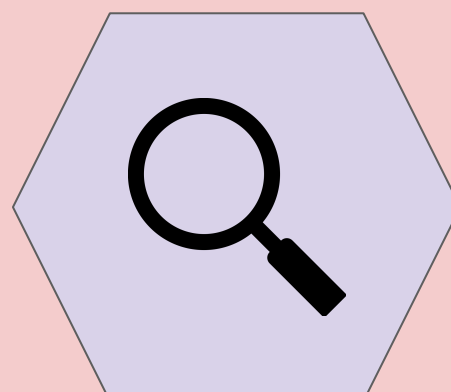


# Career Support

## Career Prep



- Interview Q&A



- Industry and hiring insights



- Sample resume and templates

## Get Guidance



- 1\*1 Career Mentoring Session



- Resume / LinkedIn Reviews





# Give us a lot of feedback



Be ***Descriptive*** –  
Take the time to detail your  
feedback

Be ***Constructive*** –  
How can your learning be  
improved?

Be ***Specific*** –  
Use instances, examples, etc.

Be ***Realistic*** –  
We are balancing the whole  
class' needs

Post Session Feedback

Mid Term Feedback

End Term Feedback

Places to provide  
us feedback

Mentored Learning session

Please share your feedback for the Mentored Learning session

**Mentor** : Navaneeth S  
**Date** : Mar 05  
**Topic** : Recommendation Systems Part 2

START

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# Alumna Speaks

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# Laxmi Narayana Byagari

## Vice President, Bank of America



- Laxmi is an accomplished and results-driven executive with a strong background in Economics, as he used Linear Regression to predict outcomes, and now aims to leverage his data science knowledge to further enhance his career and skills
- Laxmi recently completed the MIT Applied Data Science Program in August 2023 and was part of the May'23 cohort
- He has a Bachelor of Engineering - Computer Science and Engineering and a Master of Science - Economics and Finance







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# Next Steps

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- ❖ Login to Olympus dashboard - [olympus.mygreatlearning.com](https://olympus.mygreatlearning.com)
  - Complete your profile on Olympus (Name, LinkedIn profile, details)
  - Update time zone on Olympus
- ❖ Go through the following courses on dashboard
  - Program Overview
  - Pre-work
  - Introduction to Data Science and AI
  - Foundations for Data Science
- ❖ Complete the Week 1 content in the Foundations for Data Science course & join us for the first mentored learning session on the weekend of September 30th, 2023
- ❖ Mentored session group details will be shared with you on your registered email id by September 26th, 2023
- ❖ Upcoming Session - Data Science Primer 1 [Repeat Session] at 11:30 am EST







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# Thank you

**Please fill out the feedback survey on Olympus.**

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