



Student Handbook & Syllabus

iOS Developer Nanodegree

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I. Introduction

Welcome to Udacity's iOS Developer Nanodegree program! After reading this document, you should understand the requirements and policies of the program, where completing it will take you, and how to get support when you need it.

Please read this whole document carefully before you begin, and if you still have questions at the end, feel free to contact us in the forum or at iOS-support@udacity.com.

Once again, welcome, and we can't wait to see what you achieve!

Happy learning,
The Udacity Team

II. Anatomy of a Nanodegree Program

A Nanodegree program consists of a series of courses and projects designed to help you develop job-relevant skills and build a portfolio to show prospective employers. Udacity designed the iOS Developer Nanodegree curriculum through close work with industry partners and experts alike.

Together with your peers, you will learn how to develop a portfolio of five apps for the iPhone and iPad in **Swift**, Apple's custom programming language.

Projects and Courses

The bulk of the Nanodegree program consists of completing five **projects**, accompanied by **courses**. These courses are designed to help you prepare to work on your projects, but they are not mandatory (unless otherwise noted). More information is provided in [Section III: Nanodegree Roadmap](#). You can see a list of these projects and courses in your [Udacity Home](#).

Deadlines

To help you pace yourself, each project has its own **deadline**—a date by which the project must be submitted—that you'll need to reach in order to keep the same projected program completion date. You'll find your deadlines in your [Udacity Home](#).

Career Development

Career development, in addition to technical growth, is an important part of the Nanodegree program. Udacity's career development support includes:

- One-on-one feedback on your resume, LinkedIn, and GitHub profiles, and feedback as you prepare for [behavioral](#) and [technical](#) interviews.
- Career Development Workshops with industry experts touching on topics like [salary negotiation](#).
- One-on-one career appointments and [email support](#) to help you work through any career questions you have.
- Introductions to employers and recruiters through Udacity Talent Source. To take part in this program, make sure you fill out your Udacity Profile fully to best show off your talents to Udacity partner employers.
- Access to [Udacity's Career Resource Center](#) and its library of helpful articles, videos, and workshops.

Community

One of the biggest benefits of the Nanodegree experience is being part of a **community** and completing the program with hundreds of other students from around the world. Though not all students move through the curriculum at exactly the same pace, your Nanodegree community will be your strongest resource and support system. We expect you to be active in your community, as outlined in the [Honor Code](#).

Time Commitment

We designed this Nanodegree program so that you can graduate in **6–9 months**, assuming you devote at least **10 hours per week** to learning and working on the required projects. Students are welcome to finish the Nanodegree program in as little as two months (our minimum required commitment for eligibility to graduate) if they are able to commit more than the minimum time to learn the material and complete the projects.

III. Nanodegree Roadmap

Enrollment Requirements

This Nanodegree program has several important criteria that you should have met before enrolling in the program. Please make sure you have already done each of the following:

1. Taken the [Readiness Assessment](#) to determine if you are ready for the Nanodegree program.
2. Fulfilled all [prerequisites](#), as listed on the iOS Developer Nanodegree overview page.

3. Made sure your system satisfies Udacity's [Technology Requirements](#).

If you have not done all of these things, please do them right away. If you realize you are not prepared to begin the program at this time, please [unsubscribe from the Nanodegree program](#) before your free trial period ends. You will be able to re-enroll at a later time after you have fulfilled the prerequisites. We cannot guarantee a refund for students on account of unpreparedness.

If you currently have little to no programming experience, we recommend taking a look at the courseware for [Beginning iOS App Development](#) before you enroll.

Program Timeline and Project Portfolio

Graduating from the Nanodegree program requires that you submit work that meets Udacity's specifications for five particular projects. **You can find the timeline for your cohort, as well as a roadmap for what you'll work on in the program, in your [Udacity Home](#).**

If you are not able to meet a deadline, you will automatically be moved to a later cohort based on your progress and activity in the Nanodegree program. No further action is needed from you if you miss a deadline—we will let you know when this change has occurred.

Project Submission and Graduation

You will submit each project you complete to the Udacity Team for evaluation using your [Udacity Home](#). Detailed submission instructions for each project are listed in its project info sections, accessible by clicking the project's name in your Udacity Home.

You can submit projects as soon as your first payment has been received. Once we've received and begun to process your project submission, you will receive a confirmation email. Due to the high volume of submissions, the turnaround period for project evaluations is **1 week**. While waiting for your evaluation to be returned, you are welcome to start working on your next project.

You may be required to do a verification interview with a Udacity Coach to verify that the project in question represents your own work and/or correctly cites all sources and reasons for using others' code in any part of your submission. **For verification purposes, your Udacity account should match the government-issued ID you show us during your verification interview.**

Previously Earned Verified Certificates

If you have successfully completed the project for the Intro to iOS App Development with Swift course in the past (which entails having graduated from the course and having access to your course certificate), simply email us at ios-project@udacity.com with your passing evaluation to notify us.

To become a verified graduate of the iOS Developer Nanodegree program, you must:

- Successfully complete all projects in the Project Portfolio for the Nanodegree program, earning a "Meets Specifications" or above for all projects

- Schedule and pass any requested verification interviews
- Maintain good standing for the duration of the program
- Stay in the program longer than 2 months past the Free Trial period

How do I maintain good standing in the program?

To maintain good standing and stay in the program, students are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Abide by the [Udacity Honor Code](#), the [Terms of Service](#), and the terms outlined in this iOS Developer Nanodegree Student Handbook
- If asked, schedule an exit interview within 7 days to have the projects verified over video chat

The requirements above are designed to help students graduate from the iOS Developer Nanodegree program within 6–9 months of enrollment or earlier. Students who do not maintain good standing will be asked to leave the program.

Honor Code

Nanodegree Program

- I will abide by the [Terms of Service](#), Student Handbook guidelines, and all components of the Honor Code set for Udacity Nanodegree participants.
- I will conduct myself with honor as part of the Udacity community.
- I understand that all decisions regarding participation, graduation, and awarding of verified certificates will be made by Udacity at its sole discretion.

Project Submissions

- I hereby confirm that all project submissions consist of my own work. Accordingly, I will document and cite the origins of any part(s) of my project submissions that were taken from websites, books, forums, blog posts, GitHub repositories, or any other source and explain why I used them for any part of my submission. I understand that I may be asked to explain my work in a video call with a Udacity Coach before my Nanodegree certificate is conferred.

Community Guidelines

- I will help cultivate a positive, supportive learning environment.
- I will communicate respectfully and considerately with all other Nanodegree participants, Udacity Coaches, and Udacity representatives.
- I will not share any content that is obscene, illicit, threatening, or discriminatory.
- I will contribute constructively to discussions with fellow students.
- I will notify a Udacity Coach immediately if I become aware of cheating or plagiarism by any Nanodegree student.

IV. Nanodegree Support System

Community Forum

Each Nanodegree program has its own **Udacity Discussions forum** where students can ask and answer each other's questions about the projects, program logistics, and course material. Udacity Coaches also moderate posts, answer student questions, and publicize important program information in this forum. Coaches do their best to ensure all content-related questions have answers within twenty-four hours.

To access the forum, click the [Discussions](#) link from any classroom page in your Nanodegree program. Then click the "Log In" button in the upper right hand corner to be automatically signed in.

One-on-one Appointments

The Udacity Coach team is available for 20-minute one-on-one appointments on a first-come, first-served basis. The purpose of these meetings is to help answer in-depth content-related questions that you cannot get answers to elsewhere.

Visit our [Appointment Calendar](#) to book a one-on-one appointment.

Career Development Events

Career Development, in addition to technical growth, is a very important part of the Nanodegree program. Udacity offers career development workshops for Nanodegree students, which can be accessed through the [Career Development Workshops Guide](#). These events are tailored to Nanodegree students and will provide you with **industry insight** and **soft skills** needed to advance your career.

V. Payment Policy and Cancellations

Free Trials

All Nanodegree programs start with a free trial period, during which time you will have full access to all Nanodegree features.

You are required to enter your credit card information at the time of enrollment but will not be billed until after your free trial expires. After this, you will automatically be charged a fee of **\$200 per month** for your Nanodegree subscription.

Cancellations and Refunds

If you opt to cancel your enrollment within the Free Trial window, you will not be charged, regardless of how far you have come in the program. **Again, we strongly recommend that you complete the [Readiness Assessment](#) before the one-week Free Trial window expires to make sure that the program is a good fit for you.**

Students who cancel will no longer be charged the monthly subscription fee, effective the next billing cycle from the date of cancellation. Students who wish to cancel after the Free Trial expires will not be granted a refund for the past month's subscription fees.

Pausing a Nanodegree program

Due to the open nature of our courses combined with the pacing of the Nanodegree, Udacity cannot pause active subscriptions. However, we understand that our students are very busy and that life can take unexpected turns, which may not always leave enough time to continue the Nanodegree program at the required pace.

As you move through your Nanodegree program, all of your progress is automatically saved. Thus, if you feel that you need to take a break from the program at any point, you are welcome to cancel your subscription and then re-enroll during a future open registration period when you are ready to return. You'll be able to pick up right where you left off! Based on your overall progress in a Nanodegree program, you may also be moved to an earlier cohort upon request after you re-enroll.

More Questions?

We are actively working on ways to improve the iOS Developer Nanodegree program. Please be aware that we may make adjustments throughout your time in the program based on student and industry feedback. We will notify active Nanodegree students about any impact this may have on their experience or program requirements.

If you have any unanswered questions, please email iOS-support@udacity.com!