



so based on your opinion , can you just make a roadmap with the course link as well in tabular format

Here's a practical GenAI roadmap tailored for you as a backend SDE2, with focus + links.

Phase 1 – Foundations & Concepts

Order	Goal / Outcome	Course	Link	Notes
1	Understand GenAI & LLM basics (tokens, transformers, pretraining, fine-tuning, RLHF, risks)	Generative AI with Large Language Models (DeepLearning.AI + AWS)	https://www.deeplearning.ai/courses/generative-ai-with-langs/ [1]	Do this first; it gives you the big picture and shared vocabulary.
2	Broader GenAI overview for non-math, product/business angle (optional but quick)	Generative AI for Everyone	https://www.coursera.org/learn/generative-ai-for-everyone [2]	Helpful for interviews and discussions, but can be skipped if short on time.

Phase 2 – Hands-On Engineering Track (Main)

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3	Structured, end-to-end GenAI engineering (HF, transformers, RAG, LangChain, capstone)	Generative AI Engineering with LLMs Specialization (IBM)	https://www.coursera.org/specializations/generative-ai-engineering-with-langs [3]	Treat this as your main "spine" – lots of labs + a QA/RAG capstone aligned with backend work.
4	Focused practice on building LLM apps with LangChain	LangChain Course for LLM Application Development (Coursera)	https://www.coursera.org/learn/langchain-course-for-lm-application-development [4]	Deepen LangChain skills: loaders, splitters, embeddings, chains, memory, agents.
5	Apply what you learned: build 1-2 personal projects	Self-designed projects using HF + LangChain + vector DB	—	Use ideas similar to the IBM capstone (internal docs Q&A, log analysis assistant, etc.). [3] [5]

Phase 3 – Targeted Skill Boosters (Short Courses)

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6	Solid understanding + minimal hands-on finetuning (LoRA/QLoRA, when to finetune)	Finetuning Large Language Models (DeepLearning.AI short course)	https://www.deeplearning.ai/short-courses/finetuning-large-language-models/ [6] [7]	Great to really internalize when/why/how of finetuning beyond the IBM content.
7	Deep dive on embeddings and semantic search (key for RAG)	Embedding Models / Understanding and Applying Text Embeddings	https://www.coursera.org/partners/deeplearning-ai (see "Embedding Models" / "Understanding and Applying Text Embeddings") [8]	Strengthens the retrieval side of your RAG systems.
8	Practical vector DB usage	Vector Databases: from Embeddings to Applications / Building Applications with Vector Databases	Browse in DeepLearning.AI catalog: https://www.coursera.org/partners/deeplearning-ai [8]	Helps you design good retrieval pipelines with Pinecone, Weaviate, etc.
9	Better evals & debugging for LLM apps	Evaluating and Debugging Generative AI	In DeepLearning.AI catalog: https://www.coursera.org/partners/deeplearning-ai [8]	Useful for production-grade quality and interviews about reliability/observability.

Phase 4 – Optional Advanced / Career Signaling

Order	Goal / Outcome	Course	Link	Notes
10	Broader, vendor-aligned GenAI dev path	NVIDIA Generative AI and LLM Learning Paths	https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/learn/learning-path/generative-ai-llm/ [9]	Good for extra depth and branding on resume/LinkedIn.
11	Formal IBM certificate branding	IBM Generative AI Engineering Professional Certificate	https://www.coursera.org/professional-certificates/ibm-generative-ai-engineering [10]	Choose if you want an additional named credential beyond the specialization.

If you tell roughly how many hours/week you can invest, a 3–4 month schedule can be laid out on top of this roadmap.

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21. <https://www.deeplearning.ai/courses/fine-tuning-and-reinforcement-learning-for-langs-intro-to-post-training/>
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