

6-Month Machine Learning Engineer Study Roadmap

Daily Commitment: 4–5 Hours

This roadmap is designed to take you from Python fundamentals to becoming a job-ready Machine Learning Engineer. It is based on Python foundations, computer science fundamentals, machine learning, and deployment skills.

Daily Study Routine (4–5 Hours)

- 1 1.5 hours – Learn new concepts (videos, docs, books)
- 2 1.5 hours – Hands-on coding practice
- 3 45 minutes – Mini-project or problem solving
- 4 30–45 minutes – Revision, notes, GitHub commit

Phase 1: Python Foundations (Month 1–2)

Goal: Become strong in Python, OOP, and Data Structures.

- 1 Week 1: Python basics – syntax, variables, data types, loops, conditionals, exceptions
- 2 Week 2: Functions, lists, tuples, sets, dictionaries, comprehensions
- 3 Week 3: Modules, lambdas, decorators, iterators, regular expressions
- 4 Week 4: Object-Oriented Programming, environments, package managers
- 5 Week 5–6: Data Structures – arrays, linked lists, stacks, queues, hash tables, trees
- 6 Week 7: Algorithms – recursion, sorting, searching, Big-O notation
- 7 Week 8: Concurrency, async basics, threading, multiprocessing, testing

Phase 2: Math & Data Tools (Month 3)

- 1 Linear algebra: vectors, matrices, dot products
- 2 Probability and statistics for ML
- 3 NumPy for numerical computing
- 4 Pandas for data analysis
- 5 Matplotlib / Seaborn for visualization
- 6 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) projects

Phase 3: Core Machine Learning (Month 4)

- 1 Supervised vs unsupervised learning
- 2 Linear & logistic regression

- 3 KNN, Decision Trees, Random Forest
- 4 Naive Bayes, SVM
- 5 Model training using scikit-learn
- 6 Projects: price prediction, spam detection, churn prediction

Phase 4: Advanced Machine Learning (Month 5)

- 1 Feature engineering
- 2 Model evaluation & validation
- 3 Hyperparameter tuning
- 4 Pipelines and workflows
- 5 Intro to neural networks
- 6 TensorFlow / PyTorch basics
- 7 Kaggle competitions and advanced projects

Phase 5: ML Engineering & Deployment (Month 6)

- 1 FastAPI for ML APIs
- 2 Model deployment strategies
- 3 Docker basics
- 4 Git, CI/CD workflows
- 5 Model monitoring
- 6 Intro to MLOps
- 7 Capstone end-to-end ML project

Outcome After 6 Months

- 1 Strong Python and CS fundamentals
- 2 Solid understanding of ML theory
- 3 Hands-on ML and deployment experience
- 4 4–6 strong portfolio projects
- 5 Job-ready for Junior ML Engineer roles