Data Analytics and Visualization Course: Opinion

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The Data Visualization and Analytics course has already taught me so much about Data Science and the power it holds, and we still have over a month left. I have learned so many skills that I did not have before such as JavaScript, HTML, Python, and more. Seeing how all of these come together as we near the end of the course has been very enlightening. I would recommend this course to anyone who is thinking about a career transition to Data Science, as it provided a strong foundation to build on without having to attend a much longer degree program such as an Associate’s or Bachelor’s. I am beyond grateful to have had the opportunity to attend this course and to have had such a great team of instructors and tutor to help me along and bring me closer to the finish line. Dart makes the course fun and engaging while still covering all areas we need to cover. Heather and Darick are immensely helpful also, and it is nice to have them there to review our code with us and help us identity what could’ve gone wrong. My tutor, Sheetal Bongale, has been helpful as well--especially in the beginning of the course.

Although I am happy with the curriculum as it stands, there are a couple things that come to mind in terms of suggestions to consider. I think if we were encouraged to begin Project 2 perhaps a couple weeks prior to what we were, it would be less stressful on the students and instructor both. I noticed during Project 2 just how big our class is versus the number of instructors/TA’s. Most classes are probably not as large as ours, but maybe bringing in more TA’s would be better for larger classes, so the instructor team is not so overworked and spread thin. I am not sure if we will have modules Power BI or Azure, but I have spoke to a few people who mentioned this being used in current Data Science positions. If that is not in the curriculum, maybe that could be added in the future.

In closing, I want to say thank you to those who designed this course, the instructor, TA’s, and tutors who help us truly learn and understand these technologies. Keep doing awesome things!