

Course Title:

"Data Science & Sensors: IoT to Insights"

(Grades 11-12 | 4 Weeks | Prerequisites: Algebra, Basic Programming)

Course Outcomes

By the end, students will:

1. **Design IoT systems** to collect sensor data (temperature, motion, etc.).
 2. **Analyze datasets** using statistical methods (regression, correlation).
 3. **Build interactive dashboards** and apps with MIT App Inventor.
 4. **Solve real-world problems** (e.g., smart agriculture, urban monitoring).
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Weekly Breakdown

Week 1: Foundations of IoT & Data Collection

Objective: Set up sensor networks and understand data flow.

- **Session 1:** "Introduction to IoT"
 - *Activity:* Assemble Raspberry Pi/Pico + sensors (DHT11, accelerometer).
 - *Project:* Live temperature logger with MIT App Inventor (CloudDB).
- **Session 2:** "Data Ethics & Cleaning"
 - *Skills:* Handle missing data, noise reduction (Google Sheets/Python).
 - *Project:* Clean and visualize sensor data.
- **Session 3:** "APIs & Automation"
 - *Skills:* Fetch data from public APIs (e.g., Weather.gov).
 - *Project:* Hybrid dataset (sensor + API) in App Inventor.

Assessment: Data quality report for collected sensor data.

Week 2: Advanced Analytics & Visualization

Objective: Apply statistical models to sensor data.

- **Session 4:** "Trend Analysis"
 - *Skills:* Linear regression, correlation (Google Sheets/Colab).
 - *Project:* Predict temperature trends with R^2 evaluation.
- **Session 5:** "Anomaly Detection"
 - *Skills:* Z-scores, thresholds.
 - *Project:* Build an app alerting for abnormal sensor readings.
- **Session 6:** "Geospatial Data"
 - *Skills:* GPS + sensor fusion (App Inventor LocationSensor).
 - *Project:* Noise pollution map of school.

Assessment: Statistical validity of trend predictions.

Week 3: App Development for Data Solutions

Objective: Create interactive data apps.

- **Session 7:** "Real-Time Dashboards"
 - *Skills:* Chart components, dynamic UI (App Inventor).
 - *Project:* Live sensor dashboard with alerts.
- **Session 8:** "Predictive Apps"
 - *Skills:* Integrate ML models (e.g., TensorFlow Lite).
 - *Project:* Crop health predictor using soil sensor data.
- **Session 9:** "Data Storytelling"
 - *Skills:* Narrative visualization.
 - *Project:* Interactive report on campus energy usage.

Assessment: Usability testing of apps with peers.

Week 4: Capstone & Ethics

Objective: Solve a community problem with IoT + data science.

- **Session 10:** "Ethics of Sensor Data"
 - *Debate:* Privacy vs. utility in smart cities.
- **Session 11-12:** "Final Project"
 - *Deliverable:* End-to-end solution (e.g., air quality monitor with public alerts).
 - *Presentation:* Demo + defense of technical/ethical choices.

Assessment: Rubric for innovation, technical depth, and ethical consideration.

Tools & Resources

- **Hardware:** Raspberry Pi Pico
(4), DHT11, accelerometer (budget: 4), DHT11, accelerometer.
 - **Software:** MIT App Inventor ([Data Science Unit](#)), Google Sheets, Colab.
 - **APIs:** Weather.gov, OpenAQ (air quality).
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Differentiation

- **Advanced:** Use Python for edge computing (MicroPython on Pico).
 - **Inclusive:** Pre-built datasets for students without hardware access.
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Sample Project Flow (Week 3, Session 7)

Goal: Build a real-time temperature dashboard.

1. **Hook (10 mins):** Show NYC's heatmap dashboard.
2. **Direct Instruction (15 mins):** App Inventor's WebViewer + Chart components.
3. **Guided Practice (20 mins):** Fetch CloudDB data → update chart every 10 sec.
4. **Independent Practice (10 mins):** Add anomaly alerts (e.g., red if >30°C).
5. **Wrap-up (5 mins):** Discuss scalability challenges.