



"Master WordPress: From Beginner to Pro – Complete Course Syllabus"

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# WORDPRESS COURSE SYLLABUS

#### Module 1: Introduction to WordPress

#### **Overview of WordPress**

- Understanding what WordPress is and why it's popular.
- The difference between WordPress.com and WordPress.org.
- Overview of WordPress themes and plugins.

### **Setting Up WordPress**

- Installing WordPress locally (using XAMPP or MAMP).
- Installing WordPress on a live server via cPanel or FTP.
- Configuring basic WordPress settings (site title, timezone, permalink structure).

#### Module 2: WordPress Dashboard and Basic Features

# Navigating the WordPress Dashboard

 Understanding the main sections: Posts, Pages, Media, Comments, Appearance, Plugins, Users, Settings.

### **Content Creation and Management**

- Creating and publishing posts and pages.
- Formatting and organizing content using the block editor (Gutenberg).
- Categories, tags, and managing content effectively.

### Media Management

- Uploading, managing, and inserting images, videos, and other media files.
- Understanding media libraries and using image optimization tools.

### Module 3: Working with WordPress Themes

### **Installing and Customizing Themes**

- How to choose, install, and activate a WordPress theme.
- Customizing themes through the WordPress Customizer.
- Modifying the appearance of a theme (colors, fonts, logo).

## **Creating a Child Theme**

- What is a child theme and why it's important.
- How to create and use a child theme for customization.

# **Theme Options and Widgets**

- Exploring theme options and settings.
- Adding and managing widgets in sidebars and footers.

### Module 4: WordPress Plugins

# **Understanding WordPress Plugins**

- What are plugins and how do they extend the functionality of WordPress?
- Installing, activating, and updating plugins.

## **Must-Have Plugins for WordPress**

- SEO plugins (e.g., Yoast SEO, Rank Math).
- Security plugins (e.g., Wordfence, iThemes Security).
- Performance optimization plugins (e.g., WP Rocket, W3 Total Cache).
- Contact form plugins (e.g., Contact Form 7, WPForms).

## **Managing Plugins and Their Settings**

- Deactivating and deleting plugins.
- Troubleshooting plugin conflicts and errors.

### Module 5: WordPress Site Structure and Navigation

### **Creating Menus and Navigation**

- How to create and manage navigation menus.
- Adding custom links, pages, and categories to menus.

## **Understanding Permalinks**

- Configuring permalink structure for SEO.
- Best practices for URLs and links in WordPress.

## **Building Pages and Landing Pages**

- Creating custom pages using the block editor.
- Using page builders like Elementor or WPBakery for drag-and-drop editing.
- Setting up a homepage and landing pages for your website.

# Module 6: WordPress Security and Backup

#### **Securing Your WordPress Site**

- Best practices for WordPress security (strong passwords, user roles, etc.).
- Using SSL and HTTPS for secure browsing.
- Configuring a security plugin (e.g., Wordfence, Sucuri).

## **Backup and Restore**

- Installing and configuring backup plugins (e.g., UpdraftPlus).
- Manual backup methods using cPanel or FTP.
- Restoring a website from backup.

#### Module 7: SEO for WordPress

### **Search Engine Optimization (SEO) Basics**

- On-page SEO strategies (meta tags, title tags, headers).
- How to use SEO plugins like Yoast SEO or Rank Math.

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- Keyword research and optimization for posts and pages.
- Adding alt text to images and optimizing media for SEO.

## Setting Up Google Analytics and Google Search Console

- How to integrate Google Analytics with WordPress.
- Using Google Search Console for monitoring website performance and indexing.

#### Module 8: WordPress E-Commerce with WooCommerce

### **Setting Up WooCommerce**

- Installing and configuring the WooCommerce plugin.
- Creating and managing products (simple, variable, downloadable).

## **Managing Payments and Shipping**

- Setting up payment gateways (PayPal, Stripe, etc.).
- Configuring shipping methods and taxes.

#### **WooCommerce Customization**

- Customizing product pages and the checkout process.
- Installing and using additional WooCommerce extensions for advanced functionality.

# Module 9: WordPress Site Performance and Optimization

### **Improving Website Speed**

- Understanding website speed and its impact on user experience.
- Tools for testing site speed (Google PageSpeed Insights, GTmetrix).
- Caching plugins and image optimization techniques.

#### **Mobile Responsiveness**

- Ensuring your WordPress site is mobile-friendly.
- Testing mobile responsiveness and fixing issues.

# **Optimizing WordPress for SEO and Performance**

- Reducing site bloat and optimizing the database.
- Minimizing HTTP requests and lazy loading images.

### Module 10: Launching and Maintaining a WordPress Site

# **Preparing for Launch**

- Final checks before launching a WordPress site (SEO, content, security).
- How to go live and promote your website.

### Website Maintenance and Updates

- Updating WordPress core, themes, and plugins.
- Monitoring site performance and security after launch.

### **Troubleshooting Common WordPress Issues**

- Fixing the " White Screen of Death. "
- Dealing with plugin conflicts and theme issues.
- Resolving common error messages in WordPress.

## **Improving Website Speed**

- WordPress (Dashboard, Theme Customizer, Gutenberg Block Editor)
- Elementor or WPBakery (for page building)
- Yoast SEO or Rank Math (for SEO optimization)
- WooCommerce (for e-commerce setup)
- UpdraftPlus (for backups)
- Wordfence or Sucuri (for security)