

# Zoe Ludena

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## Education

### University of California, San Diego

*Expected Mar 2025*

*BS in Data Science, Minor in Business Economics*

- **Coursework:** Interactive Visualizations, Probabilistic Modeling and Machine Learning, Dimensionality Reduction and Deep Learning, Business Analytics, Deep Model Climate Emulation

## Experience

### Student Worker

*San Diego, CA*

*San Diego Sheriff's Office*

*Feb 2024 – Present*

- Identified patterns and anomalies in large, continuously growing text datasets by leveraging text machine learning techniques, Regex, Python, Pandas, and SQL.
- Communicated findings effectively through presentations, driving informed decision-making and cross-team alignment.
- Streamlined data processing by developing Azure-based pipelines to clean data incrementally, conduct sentiment analysis, and perform clustering, reducing manual effort by 90%.

### Data Science Instructional Assistant

*La Jolla, CA*

*Halcioğlu Data Science Institute*

*Mar 2023 – Present*

- Enhanced student performance and engagement by hosting office hours twice a week and creating 5+ educational videos and examples, leading to improved class comprehension and higher assignment scores.
- Improved assignment quality and exam rigor by developing midterm materials and grading assignments for 200+ students, ensuring alignment with learning objectives.
- Achieved consistent resolution of forum inquiries, answering 10+ questions weekly to clarify complex concepts in statistics, Python, Java, Pandas, and NumPy.

## Projects

### Research on Climate

*[Repo](#) [🔗](#)*

- Collaborated with Professor Duncan Watson-Parris and a team of three to recreate the [Climate Bench Paper](#) [🔗](#) using machine learning models (Gaussian Process, Random Forest, Neural Networks) for future climate predictions.
- Leveraged Python and XArray for data analysis and modeling, ensuring accurate representation of climate dynamics.

### Big O Explained

*[Big O Notation Page](#) [🔗](#)*

- Implemented Python for algorithm demonstrations and data visualization, integrating JavaScript and HTML for an engaging, user-friendly interface.
- Deployed the tool to support lower-division data science courses, enhancing student comprehension of algorithmic efficiency through hands-on exploration.

### Water Quality & Socioeconomic Status in CA

*Jun 2024*

- Analyzed the relationship between water quality and socioeconomic factors (income, education, and race) across California using public datasets.
- Identified significant disparities affecting disadvantaged communities through statistical methods, including regression analysis, ANOVA, and Kruskal-Wallis tests.
- Utilized diverse data sources such as the U.S. Census and SAFER Dashboard, generating insights to inform equity-focused water management strategies.

## Technologies

**Languages:** Python, Pyspark, LaTeX, SQL, Javascript, Java, HTML

**Technologies:** Git/Github, Windows OS, Microsoft SQL Server, VSCode, Tableau, Microsoft Office, PowerBI

**Honors:** UCSD Provost Honors, IEEE - Eta Kappa Nu