



# Harvard on the Couch

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# Agenda

- MOOCs
- Course Elements
- Credentials/Certification
- Finding Courses
- Non MOOC Courses
- Learning Tools provided by Skokie Public Library





# What is a MOOC?

**M**



**MASSIVE**

There may be  
100,000+  
students in a  
MOOC.

**O**



**OPEN**

Anyone,  
anywhere  
can register  
for these  
courses.

**O**



**ONLINE**

Coursework  
is delivered  
entirely over  
the Internet.

**C**



**COURSE**

MOOCs are  
very similar  
to most online  
college courses.



# What is a MOOC?

## Massive Open Online Course

MOOCs were first introduced in 2006 and emerged as a popular mode of learning in 2012

Consists of an array of courses of various levels offered to the public via the web.

Course materials can include filmed lectures, readings, and problem sets, and interactive user forums among students and teachers



# What is a MOOC?

MOOC participation has grown steadily over the last four years

A typical course has 7900 learners with 500 receiving certificates

Computer science courses make up most of the curriculum



# Why take a Course?

Enhance Job Skills

Test-drive a new career or degree

Love of Learning

**MOOC**



# Course Elements

- Video lectures and online readings
- Interactive quizzes
- Peer-graded assessments
- Projects
- Discussion boards

**MOOC**



# Certification

Initially certification was free when taking a course

Currently the major MOOC platforms are charging fees for certifications of completion

Many of these “certifications” can be displayed on social media platforms such as LinkedIn

Beware of free/fake accreditations





# Top Platforms



[edx.org](https://edx.org)



[coursera.org](https://coursera.org)



[futurelearn.com](https://futurelearn.com)



UDACITY

[udacity.com](https://udacity.com)



edX (edx.org)



Non-profit and opensource, EdX was founded in May 2012 by scientists from Harvard and MIT. In 2013 they partnered with Stanford and by December 2016 there were over 10 million users.

Partners with many leading universities such as Harvard, University of Chicago, and the Sorbonne

Contains instructor led and self-paced courses



Several types of series of courses are also available including:

- XSeries programs, courses that offer a deep dive into popular topics
- MicroMasters programs, graduate level courses that offer a certificate or can lead to a Masters degree
- Professional Certificate programs courses to enhance professional work place skills



## Refine your search

### Availability

Current	649
Starting Soon	177
Upcoming	139
Self-Paced	692
Archived	668

### Subjects

Architecture	18
Art & Culture	99
Biology & Life Sciences	125
Business & Management	294
Chemistry	40
Communication	57
Computer Science	401
Data Analysis & Statistics	149
Design	27
Economics & Finance	148
Education & Teacher Training	81
Electronics	50
Energy & Earth Sciences	17
Engineering	239
Environmental Studies	68
Ethics	8
Food & Nutrition	18
Health & Safety	76

## Featured Courses



W3Cx  
HTML5 and CSS  
Fundamentals

Current  
Self-Paced



Microsoft  
Learn to Program in Java

Current  
Self-Paced



UQx  
IELTS Academic Test  
Preparation

Current  
Self-Paced



UCSanDiegoX  
Python for Data Science

Current  
Self-Paced



PennX  
Robotics: Fundamentals

Current  
Self-Paced



Microsoft  
Analyzing and Visualizing  
Data with Excel

Current  
Self-Paced





# Coursera (coursera.org)

Coursera was founded in 2012 by professors from Stanford. As of February 2017, Coursera had more than 24 million registered users and more than 2,000 courses

Partners with 149 universities including: Stanford, University of Arizona, Rutgers, and Peking University





# Coursera (coursera.org)

*Offers 4 degree programs:*

- iMBA from U of I
- Masters in Computer Science from U of I
- iMSA (Accounting) from U of I
- Masters in Entrepreneurship from HEC Paris





# Coursera (coursera.org)

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# Udacity (udacity.org)

Udacity is a for-profit organization and is the outgrowth of free computer science classes offered in 2011 through Stanford University and has over 1.6 million users

While it originally focused on offering university-style courses, it now focuses more on vocational/tech courses for professionals



UDACITY





# Udacity (udacity.org)

In 2015 Udacity started the *Nanodegree* program, it is a paid credential program.

Udacity also offers *Nanodegree Plus*, which is a bit more expensive, but guarantees a job, if they fail to provide a job the course fee is returned



UDACITY



# Udacity (udacity.org)

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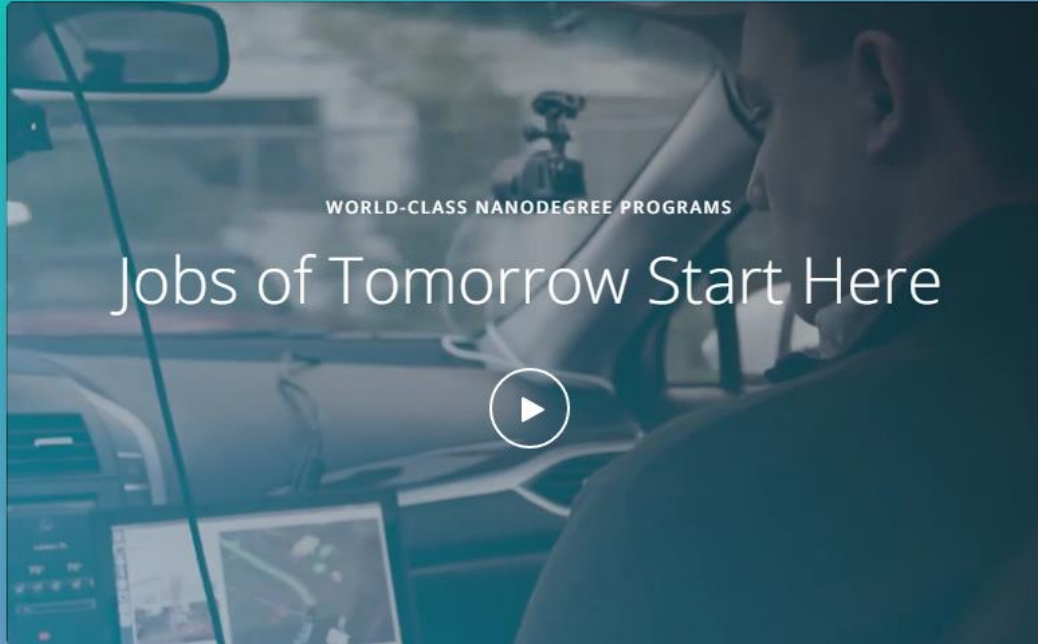
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## OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY

*"Before Udacity, I was a high school math teacher with no CS background."*



# FutureLearn (futurelearn.com)

Online learning site based in the UK with close to 6 million users.

Partners with over 80 universities mostly in the UK including: King's College, University of Kent, University of Basel and Colorado State University





# FutureLearn (futurelearn.com)

In Depth programs are offered for detailed learning in a particular subject. After a final assessment a certificate is awarded

Offering 7 online degree programs through Deakin University in Cyber Security, Property & Real Estate, Information Technology & more.





## Online course categories

Find your interests by browsing our online course categories. Start learning with top universities and specialist organisations.

Browse all courses

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Health & Psychology

History

Languages & Cultures

Law

Literature

Nature & Environment

Politics & the Media

Science, Engineering & Technology

Study Skills



# MOOC Updates

The term MOOC will probably disappear, MOOCs are just one variation of the varying array of online courses

Emphasis shifting from emphasizing “lifelong” learners to “professional” learners

Free features are disappearing

Catering more to corporate market, partnering with businesses

Universities are increasingly starting to offer college credit for online classes, for a fee



# Other Online Learning Sites

Beyond MOOCs there are a number of other top notch learning sites. Many of these teach skills or basic knowledge. Some of the best include:

- Khan Academy [khanacademy.org](https://khanacademy.org)
- DuoLingo [duolingo.com](https://duolingo.com)
- Codecademy [codecademy.com](https://codecademy.com)
- W3schools [w3schools.com](https://w3schools.com)





# Khan Academy (khanacademy.org)

A self structured, free web site that offers basic K–college courses and more.



Create an account and take a course on:

- Math
- Art history
- Computer Science
- Cryptography
- Healthcare and medicine

Provides free online badges showing progress and to provide motivation





# Khan Academy (khanacademy.org)

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## Math by subject

[Early math](#)

[Algebra 1](#)

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[AP Calculus BC](#)

[Differential equations](#)

[Pre-algebra](#)

[Algebra 2](#)

[Statistics & probability](#)

[AP Statistics](#)

[Linear algebra](#)



## Math by grade

[Kindergarten](#)

[3rd](#)

[6th](#)

[1st](#)

[4th](#)

[7th](#)

[2nd](#)

[5th](#)

[8th](#)



# DuoLingo (duoLingo.com)

A free (with advertising) language learning site covering 23 different languages. Easy to use.



*Contains:*

- Speaking Practice Exercises
- Writing Exercises
- Quizzes
- Assessment Exams
- Encouragement & Reminders



# DuoLingo (duoLingo.com)

The screenshot shows the DuoLingo website interface. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the DuoLingo logo on the left and links for Home, Discussion, and Labs in the center. On the right side of the navigation bar, there is a user profile icon with a dropdown arrow and a 'Create a profile' button. A dropdown menu is open, listing options: 'Create a profile', 'Settings', 'Help', 'Keyboard shortcuts', and 'Sign in'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a blue header for 'Basics 1' with a lightning bolt icon and '0/4 Lessons completed', and a 'TEST OUT' button. The main content area displays four lesson cards: 'LESSON 1' (unlocked, 'Start' button), 'LESSON 2' (locked), 'LESSON 3' (locked), and 'LESSON 4' (locked). Each lesson card contains a list of words and their corresponding French gender/number. Below the lesson cards, there is a section titled 'Tips and notes' with a paragraph of text, and a partially visible section titled 'Genders'.

duolingo Home Discussion Labs

Basics 1 0/4 Lessons completed TEST OUT

LESSON 1  
la, fille, le, garçon,  
je, suis, un,  
femme, une  
Start

LESSON 2  
l', homme, est,  
pomme, rouge,  
tu, es, riche  
Locked

LESSON 3  
enfant, mange,  
manges, orange,  
il  
Locked

LESSON 4  
elle, chat, noir,  
robe, a, et, calme  
Locked

Tips and notes

Grammar notes like those below can be helpful if you're having trouble with the lessons, so consider trying the lessons above before reading the notes. They'll be more helpful once you have a context for understanding them.

Genders





# Codecademy (codecademy.com)

Free coding classes with a paid option for more advanced learning. The free has only written tutorials and coding exercises, no videos

Groups can be joined to socialize with other learners and coders. There's a group for every coding language. In addition, every lesson has a Q&A forum

Each lesson is made up of a series of interactive coding exercises, which allow you to practice your coding right inside your web browser





# Codecademy (codecademy.com)

**codecademy** Learn Sass

**YOUR FIRST SASS STYLESHEET**

## Compiling Sass

Sass can't be directly interpreted by your browser, so it must first be converted, or *compiled*, to CSS before the browser can directly understand it.

*Compiling* refers to converting code to lower level code so that it can be executed. By compiling SCSS to CSS, it can be interpreted by your browser and the results will appear on a webpage.

Before we dive into writing Sass, let's first learn how to compile it to CSS by typing the following command in the terminal and pressing enter:

```
sass main.scss main.css
```

The `sass` command above takes in two arguments:

1. The input (**main.scss**)
2. The location of where to place that output (**main.css**)

Instructions

Community Forums

Report a Bug

```
main.scss
1 @import
  url(https://fonts.googleapis.com/css?
  family=Pacifico);
2 //Add variables here:
3
4 * h1 {
5   font-family: Roboto, sans-serif;
6   text-align: center;
7 }
8
9 * .banner {
10  font-family: 'Pacifico', cursive;
11  height: 400px;
12  background-image: url("lemonade.jpg");
13 }
14
15 * .container {
16  text-align: center;
17 }
```

```
main.css
1
```

Run Read-only

```
bash
$
```

2. Compiling Sass Back 2/9 Next Get Help



# W3Schools (w3schools.com)

W3Schools offers free web developer tutorials on web development languages such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, SQL, W3.CSS, and Bootstrap

W3Schools has a focus on simplicity with thousands of code examples.

Contains an online editor called Try it Yourself. You can edit examples and execute computer code experimentally, to see what works and what does not.





## HTML and CSS

- Learn HTML
- Learn CSS
- Learn W3.CSS
- Learn Colors
- Learn Bootstrap
- Learn Icons
- Learn Graphics
- Learn How To

## JavaScript

- Learn JavaScript
- Learn jQuery
- Learn AngularJS
- Learn JSON
- Learn AJAX
- Learn W3.JS
- Learn AppML

## Server Side

- Learn SQL
- Learn PHP
- Learn ASP
- Learn Node.js

## Web Building

- Web Templates
- Web Statistics
- Web Certificates

## XMI Tutorials

# HTML

The language for building web pages

LEARN HTML

HTML REFERENCE

## HTML Example:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<title>HTML Tutorial</title>
<body>

<h1>This is a heading</h1>
<p>This is a paragraph.</p>

</body>
</html>
```

Try it Yourself »

## CSS Example:

```
body {
  background-color: lightblue;
}
h1 {
  color: white;
  text-align: center;
}
p {
  font-family: verdana;
```

# CSS

The language for styling web pages

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# Lynda.com (SPL offered)

The go-to resource for up-to-date, how-to videos on hundreds of topics — everything from learning the basics of Photoshop to Motivational Speaking.

It features thousands of courses, with an average of 400 courses added every year and around 2 million members

Courses are offered via a series of brief videos, exercises usually included

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- Become a User Experience Designer**
- Become an Excel 2013 Microsoft Office Specialist**
- Become a Content Marketer**

### New Popular Recommended Popular at Your Organization

All Business Design Developer IT Marketing Web Photography Video ...

- Human Resources: Compensation and Benefits** with Wayne Cascio  
Learn how to get compensation and benefits right. This course provides an overview of the strategic choices that employers...  
1h 21m | Beginner | 9 hr ago
- CCNP Switching (300-115) Cert Prep: 2 Infrastructure Security and Services** with Greg Sowell  
Validate your enterprise networking knowledge and expertise by earning a CCNP Routing and Switching certification. This...  
50m 20s | Advanced | 9 hr ago



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- 3D + Animation
- 3D Drawing
- 3D Printing

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- Acoustics
- Advertising
- Analytics
- Animation
- Architecture
- Audio + Music
- Audio Effects
- Audio Engineering
- Audio for Video
- Audio Foundations
- Audio Plug-Ins
- Automotive Design

B

- B2B Marketing (5)
- B2C Marketing (10)
- Big Data (107)
- BIM (110)
- Black and White (27)

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Modeling	CINEMA 4D	Become a 3D Visual Design Specialist
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**Skill Level**

■ Beginner (2,345)

■ Intermediate (2,279)

■ Advanced (962)

■ Appropriate for all (751)

**Duration**

Less than 10 min

Less than 30 min

Less than 1 hour

**Subjects**

Business (1,116)

IT (527)

Video (511)

Web (481)

Developer (439)

Design (410)

Photography (393)

Business Skills (382)

Web Development (295)

4,083 results for **job search** Sorted By : Best Match

**VIDEO**

**The state of job search today (1m 37s)**  
From: J.T. O'Donnell on Making Recruiters Come to You

- One of the things that we really need to understand today is just how much **job search** has changed in the last decade. If you think about it, back...

**COURSE**

**Job Hunting Online with Jolie Miller**  
Discover how to find your next job online using popular sites like LinkedIn, Monster, CareerBuilder, and even Twitter.

- Starting the job search (4m 42s)
- Using Twitter to search for jobs (5m 47s)

1h 56m ■ Intermediate Views: 220,608 [See Related Courses](#)

**COURSE**

**Job Search Strategies with Valerie Sutton**  
Teaches the latest techniques for finding the right position for your interests, skills, and experience.

- Using a job search agent successfully (2m 22s)
- The top five job search tips (1m 30s)
- Setting up job search agents (1m 38s)

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44 hours

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### Track Intermediate iOS Development

Continue your journey as we dig deeper and deeper into the

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### Track Learn C#

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# DigitalLearn.org (SPL offered)

For people new to computers or who haven't used them for a while, DigitalLearn.org has tools to help tackle technology at a basic pace.

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Use a computer to do almost anything!

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If you are new to computers, haven't used them for a while, are a little unsure and uncomfortable, or just need a bit of a refresher, we have the tools to help you tackle technology at your own pace and gain the confidence you need to succeed.

## Starting Out

### Why Use a Computer?

Reasons why you should take the time to learn about computers.

🕒 15 mins

### Getting Started on a Computer

What a computer is and how to use a mouse and keyboard.

🕒 15 mins

### Using a PC (Windows 10)

### Navigating a Website





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## A to Z Grant Writing



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Lesson 3: Funder Application Guidelines



Lesson 4: Getting Organized





# Mango Languages (SPL offered)

Lessons in 60-plus languages, including English. Includes specialty courses, such as medical Spanish, and full-length theatrical movies with subtitles and enhanced instruction. Download the Mango Languages app to use on mobile devices.

The screenshot shows the Mango Languages website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Mango Languages logo on the left, and links for Feedback, Translate, and a user greeting (Hello, guest! Log in.) on the right. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features the text "72 Languages" in a large, orange font, followed by the tagline "Pick one and conquer the world." Below this, there is a horizontal menu with six categories: Top languages, All languages, Learn English, Specialty Courses, All Movies, and Kids. The main content area displays a grid of language options, each represented by a rounded square icon with a background image and text. The visible options are Spanish (Latin America) with a green background and a cityscape, French with an orange background and the Eiffel Tower, and English with a teal background and the Statue of Liberty. Below these, the tops of three more language options (pink, purple, and red) are visible.



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Prepare for Veterinary Technician Certification  
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### Prepare for Dental Assisting Certification


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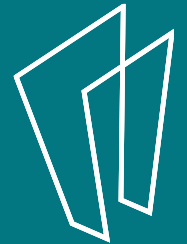




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# Why take a Course?

## Pros:

- Most are free and open to anyone
- Tend to be self-paced & flexible
- Diverse subjects & students
- More & more colleges offering degree programs online

## Cons:

- Free courses offer no credit or certification
- Lack of personalized teaching
- Easy to drop out
- Increasingly becoming monetized



# Coursera (coursera.org)

Coursera has launched a monthly subscription payment option to entice in the hope that learners on its platform can be enticed into ongoing educational activity, rather than a more piecemeal pay-per-course-bundle option. subscriptions will be “typically priced from \$39 to \$89 per month” per Specialization

Accessing course materials for free is still an option on the platform (labelled ‘audit’; and available for “most”, though not all, courses).





# Khan Academy (khanacademy.org)

tutorials are self-paced, without start or end dates. Assessments are not fixed, either; rather, users dip into a huge repository of computer-graded problem questions and exercises. Exploring Khan Academy is as simple as following your nose. You do not need an account to search the site's catalog of skills, subjects, and videos. In fact, you do not even need to use the site to watch its tutorials, available on YouTube. That said, there are advantages to having an account: You can set your default language (English, Spanish, French, or Portuguese), track your progress, and participate in gamified features. It's also easy. You can sign up with your email address or sign in with a Facebook or Google+ account.

