

iOS App Development Curriculum

Course Description

The Foundation in iOS App Development course is a combination of guided tutorials and challenges. The guided tutorials introduce new concepts and provide detailed explanations of how to make a particular app. The challenges reinforce learning as participants solve problems by applying the concepts from the guided tutorials.

Course Objectives

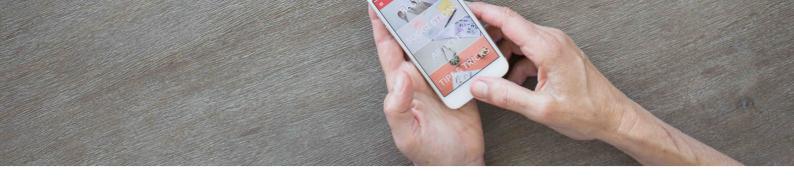
Participants will learn to code and develop iOS apps by building over 8 popular apps from the App Store from scratch using the Swift 3 programming language and Xcode software. Through making these apps, students will learn key programming skills and become familiarised with Cocoa APIs.

































Learning to Code - Programming Techniques Covered

- Concepts of Object Oriented Programming (OOP): The type system, variables, functions and methods, inheritance, classes and protocols.
- **Control Structures**: Using If-Else clauses, Switch statements and logic to control the flow of execution.
- Data Structures: How to work with collections, such as arrays and dictionaries.
- **Software Design**: How to organise and format code for readability and how to implement the Model-View-Controller (MVC) design pattern.
- **Networking**: How to make asynchronous API calls, store and retrieve data from the cloud, and use the JSON format for server communication.

Learning the iOS Framework - Aspects Covered

- **Using Apple's Xcode software**: Xcode is key for making an app. Participants learn to set up projects, use the Storyboard and Interface Builder, integrate third party libraries and CocoaPods into projects, and debug their apps based on compiler warnings and error reports in the console.
- App Design: Participants customise the appearance of an app using the
 Interface Builder, arrange UI (user interface) elements on screen, and learn to
 use constraints to make an app fit different screen sizes and screen orientations
 for a good user experience. Participants also learn to use modal views and
 make custom .xib files to modify the native designs.
- **App Behaviour**: How to connect UI elements to code using IBOutlets and IBActions and modify how they appear on screen. How to navigate between different screens and pass data between them using segues and delegates.
- Key iOS classes: How to work with key aspects of iOS such as ViewControllers, NavigationControllers, the AppDelegate, TableViews and Core Location.











Students will need to bring their own Mac laptops with Xcode 8 preinstalled. We have a set of installation instructions for iOS development which we will send out prior to the course.



Students who wish to run and the test the applications on a physical device will require an iPhone running iOS 10 or above and they will need to bring the connection cable.



The course will run from 10:00 to 17:00 over two consecutive Saturdays. The class is capped at 10 students, with 2 instructors present.



The course will take place in our central London classrooms. Students will receive the address and travel directions prior to the start of course. All locations are based within zone 1 or zone 2 with easy underground train access.













