The exact month-by-month path our 2,000+ free-path alumni followed. Each month: what to learn, what to build, what to ship. Total cost: Rs 0.

Month 1 Foundation: Python + SQL + Analytics Mindset

20 hrs/week

Learn (Free Resources)

- Google Data Analytics Cert (Audit) - Weeks 1-4
- Core

Build (Portfolio Project #1)

- Dataset: Kaggle Titanic (or any UCI dataset)
- EDA:

Ship (Deliverables)

- Google Cert Course 1-3 completed (audit)
- Pyth

Months 2-3 Core ML: Statistics + Classical ML + First Deployments

20 hrs/week

Learn

- StatQuest (Josh Starmer) - Entire playlist (stats intuition)
- IBM

Build (Portfolio Projects #2 & #3)

- Dataset: Telco Churn (Kaggle) or IBM Telco
- Pipel

Ship

- StatQuest playlist complete (make Anki cards for key concepts)

- IBM

Month 4 Specialization: GenAI / MLOps / NLP / CV (Pick ONE)

25 hrs/week

Learn (Choose Your Track)

- HuggingFace Course (Transformers, Datasets, Tokenizers)

- Lang

Build (Portfolio Project #4 - Your "Flagship")

- Pick domain: Legal (contract analysis) / Medical (clinical notes) / Finance (earnings calls) / Code (PR reviewer)

- Archi

Ship

- Track learning complete (certificates/screenshots for proof)

Month 5 Portfolio Polish + Open Source + Personal Brand

20 hrs/week

Learn

- GitHub Profile README - Make it stunning

Build

- README: Problem -> Solution -> Architecture -> Results -> How to run -> Future work

Ship

- All 4 projects: Professional READMEs + Live demos + Videos

Month 6 Interview Mastery + Offer Negotiation

30 hrs/week

Learn

- LeetCode 150 - Complete (Daily 2-3)

Build (Interview Machine)

- Peer mocks: 3x/week (TaskVeda Discord #mock-interviews)

Ship (The Offer)

- LeetCode 150: 100% complete (track: Easy 45, Medium 75, Hard 30)

- 20+

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For the full comparison of 12 programs x 15 parameters, company hiring data and interview playbooks, read the guide at taskveda.in/blog/data-science-course-placement.html