FREE AI TRAINING • UPDATED NOVEMBER 2026

OpenAI's Free AI Courses

All 14 free OpenAI Academy courses for ChatGPT, Codex, and the API, plus free Codex bootcamps, organized by who they're for.

How to get started (5 minutes)

1. Go to OpenAI Academy at academy.openai.com/.
2. Sign in with a free ChatGPT account (no paid plan needed). Use the account you want your badges tied to.
3. Open **Courses** in the sidebar, or go straight to the course list at academy.openai.com/pages/courses.
4. Finish a course and score 80% or higher on its assessment to earn a shareable **course badge**.
5. Finish every course in a pathway (Foundations, API, or Codex) to earn a **pathway certificate of completion**.

Suggested learning paths

A quick way to pick a starting point based on your background.

If you are…	Suggested order
Any job seeker (no coding)	AI Foundations → Applied AI Foundations → Agents and Workflows (earns the Foundations certificate)
IT support / help desk / sysadmin	Foundations pathway → Get Started with Codex → Scope AI Solutions
Developer / DevOps	Get Started with Codex → Extend Codex Workflows → Design and Build Agentic Systems → Build with Retrieval-Augmented Generation
Manager / team lead	AI Foundations → AI Leadership

01 Apply AI at work (Foundations pathway)

For anyone using ChatGPT at work. Finish all three for a pathway certificate.

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
AI Foundations AI basics, how ChatGPT works, prompting, context, and responsible use. **Best first course for anyone.** academy.openai.com/pages/ai-at-work-bcx7td	60–75 min	Badge

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Applied AI Foundations Turn a recurring task from your own job into a repeatable AI workflow with review checkpoints. academy.openai.com/pages/ai-at-work-bcx7td	75–90 min	Badge
Agents and Workflows Delegate structured tasks to AI agents while keeping a human in charge. academy.openai.com/pages/ai-at-work-bcx7td	75–90 min	Badge

02 Build with AI (API pathway)

For developers building on the OpenAI API. Finish all five for a pathway certificate.

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Scope AI Solutions Spot good AI opportunities and plan a solution. academy.openai.com/pages/courses	30 min	Badge
Evaluate AI Applications Build evaluations, analyze failures, and prevent quality regressions. academy.openai.com/pages/courses	70 min	Badge
Design and Build Agentic Systems Design agents with clear roles, tools, and handoffs. academy.openai.com/pages/courses	110 min	Badge
Build with Retrieval-Augmented Generation Build retrieval pipelines and measure answer quality. academy.openai.com/pages/courses	100 min	Badge
Optimize AI Application Performance Balance quality, speed, reliability, and cost in production. academy.openai.com/pages/courses	30 min	Badge

03 Codex: AI-assisted coding (Codex pathway)

For developers using OpenAI's coding agent. Finish all three for a pathway certificate.

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Get Started with Codex Scope coding tasks, verify changes, and review the agent's work. academy.openai.com/pages/courses	80 min	Badge
Extend Codex Workflows Turn good Codex habits into repeatable team workflows. academy.openai.com/pages/courses	90 min	Badge

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Scale Codex Across Governed Teams and Systems Coordinate parallel Codex work with governance in place. academy.openai.com/pages/courses	100 min	Badge

04 Lead, teach, and learn

Standalone courses for leaders, teachers, and college students.

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
AI Leadership Set business priorities, governance, and a roadmap for AI adoption. academy.openai.com/pages/courses	180 min	Badge
AI for Educators Lesson planning, activities, assessments, and parent communication with ChatGPT. academy.openai.com/pages/courses	45 min	Badge
AI for College Students Study planning, group work, writing, and career prep with ChatGPT. academy.openai.com/pages/courses	45 min	Badge

05 Codex & builder bootcamps (free recordings)

Recorded sessions for developers and IT pros using OpenAI's coding agent and API.

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Codex 101: Introduction and Onboarding Getting set up with Codex and running your first tasks. academy.openai.com/public/clubs/builders-etkn1/resources/codex-101-introduction-and-onboarding-2026-03-18	Session	—
Codex 102: Practical Workflows Everyday workflows for getting real work done with Codex. academy.openai.com/public/clubs/builders-etkn1/resources/codex-102-practical-workflows-2026-03-18	Session	—
Codex 103: Advanced Workflows and Automation Automating larger and repeatable coding work with Codex. academy.openai.com/public/clubs/builders-etkn1/resources/codex-103-advanced-workflows-and-automation-2026-03-18	Session	—
Codex Bootcamp 201: Team workflows Replay: using Codex across a team. academy.openai.com/home/videos/september-30-codex-bootcamp-201-2026-10-01	1 hr	—
Codex Bootcamp 301: Advanced automation Replay: advanced Codex automation. academy.openai.com/home/videos/codex-bootcamp-301-advanced-automation-2026-10-07	1 hr	—

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Codex for Builders (all Codex resources) OpenAI's collection of Codex sessions, workshops, and guides. academy.openai.com/public/clubs/builders-etkn1/tags/codex-for-builders-6a1f09c4a9f06c84af305c74	Varies	—

06 More free resources

- **Live webinars and events:** academy.openai.com/public/events: frequent free sessions, many with replays.
- **All Academy content (videos, guides, stories):** academy.openai.com/public/content
- **Communities (builders, government, nonprofits, news, and more):** academy.openai.com/public/clubs
- **ChatGPT for Teachers (on Coursera):** free for verified US K-12 educators through June 2027.

Good to know: OpenAI's course badges and pathway certificates are free and are issued through Accredible, so you can share them online. They are **not** formal certifications. OpenAI's proctored certification exam is currently invite-only through employer pilot programs, with no public launch date announced. Course times are OpenAI's estimates.