Python for Beginners – Week 1 Curriculum

Duration: 5 Days

@ Goal: Build a solid foundation in core Python concepts with hands-on practice and daily

assignments.

Day 1: Welcome to Python

Concepts Introduced:

- What is Python? Why is it popular?
- Installing Python and VS Code
- Writing your first Python script (print())
- Code structure, indentation, and comments

Assignment:

"Getting to Know You"

Create a script that prints:

- Your name
- Your age
- Your favorite hobby
- A one-line motivational quote

Mini Challenge:

Print the sentence:

Python is fun!

...five times using only one line of code.

Day 2: Variables & Data Types

Concepts Introduced:

- Variables and assignment
- Data types: int, float, str, bool
- Checking types with type()
- Type conversion (str(), int(), float())

Assignment:

"My Digital ID Card"

Ask the user for:

- Full name
- Age
- Favorite color
- Student ID (numbers only)

Then print it in a formatted multi-line string like a badge.

Mini Challenge:

Convert an age (e.g., 23) into months, days, and hours (approx.).

Day 3: Operators & Expressions

Concepts Introduced:

- Arithmetic operators: +, -, *, /, //, %, **
- Comparison operators: ==, !=, >, <
- Logical operators: and, or, not

Assignment:

"Simple Math Bot"

Build a calculator that:

- Asks the user for two numbers
- Performs all 5 basic operations
- Displays the results clearly

Mini Challenge:

Let the user input a number. Print:

- If it's odd or even
- If it's divisible by 3

Day 4: Conditional Statements (Control Flow)

Concepts Introduced:

- if, elif, and else statements
- Nesting conditions
- Boolean expressions

Assignment:

"Grading Assistant"

Ask the user for a numeric test score. Based on it:

- Print "Excellent" for 90+
- "Good" for 70-89
- "Pass" for 50–69
- "Fail" below 50

Also, let them know if the score is an exact multiple of 5.

Mini Challenge:

Write a program that checks if a given year is a leap year.

Day 5: Loops – Repetition Made Easy

Concepts Introduced:

- for loops with range()
- while loops
- Loop control: break, continue, pass

Assignment:

"Number Fun Zone"

- Print all odd numbers between 10 and 50
- Ask the user to guess a number between 1 and 10 using a while loop until correct

Mini Challenge:

Create a loop that prints every third number from 3 to 30.

2 Python for Beginners – Week 2 Curriculum

To Duration: 5 Days

© Goal: Strengthen programming logic, master key Python structures (functions, lists,

dictionaries), and apply them in real scenarios.

Day 6: Functions – Writing Reusable Code

Concepts Introduced:

- Defining functions with def
- Parameters and return values
- Function scope (local vs global variables)
- Calling functions from within other functions

Assignment:

"Smart Calculator (v2)"

- Create a calculator where each operation is a function
- Functions: add(), subtract(), multiply(), divide()
- The main function lets users choose an operation

Mini Challenge:

Create a greet_user(name) function that formats a custom message depending on the time of day (simulate with a variable).

Day 7: Lists & Tuples – Organizing Collections

Concepts Introduced:

- Creating lists and tuples
- Indexing, slicing, and modifying lists
- Common list methods: append(), remove(), sort(), pop()
- Looping through lists with for
- Tuples: immutability and use cases

Assignment:

"Classroom List Manager"

- Add students to a list
- Allow removal of a student
- Display the list sorted alphabetically

Add validation: only allow unique names.

Mini Challenge:

Create a list of numbers. Print the sum of all even numbers in the list.

Day 8: Dictionaries & Sets – Key-Value Magic

Concepts Introduced:

- Creating dictionaries
- Accessing, adding, and updating values
- Iterating over keys and values

- Using .get() safely
- Intro to set and uniqueness

Assignment:

"Student Grades Tracker"

- Store names as keys and grades as values
- Allow updating a grade
- Print a report showing names and status: Pass/Fail

Use a loop and if statement to determine pass/fail based on grade.

Mini Challenge:

Write a program that counts word frequency in a sentence using a dictionary.

Day 9: Practice & Quiz 2 – Logic Builder Day

Activities:

- Problem-solving using functions, lists, and dictionaries
- Review nested data (list of dictionaries, dict of lists)

Quiz 2 Topics:

- Functions
- Lists and Tuples
- Dictionaries
- Logic in loops and conditions

Assignment: "Mini Library System"

- Store book titles and availability (True/False) in a dictionary
- Add features to:
 - View all books
 - Mark as borrowed or returned

Use functions for each action.

Day 10: String Manipulation – Playing with Text

Concepts Introduced:

- String methods: .lower(), .upper(), .strip(), .replace(), .split()
- Joining and splitting strings
- in keyword and membership tests
- f-strings for formatted output

Assignment:

"Sentence Styler"

- Ask the user to input a sentence
- · Convert it to title case
- Replace any bad words from a predefined list with ***

Mini Challenge:

Ask for a name and format it:

"Hello, JANE DOE" (all uppercase)

2 Python for Beginners – Week 3 Curriculum

Duration: 2 Days + Final Project

Goal: Empower students to build full Python scripts using external files, handle errors gracefully, and complete a working project.

Day 11: File Handling – Saving & Reading Data

Concepts Introduced:

- Opening files with open(): modes "r", "w", "a"
- Reading from files: .read(), .readlines()
- Writing to files with .write()
- Using with blocks to manage files safely

Assignment:

"Notes App (v1)"

- Prompt user to write a short note
- Save it to a file (append mode)
- Display all saved notes on command

Organize using functions: write_note(), read_notes()

Mini Challenge:

Write a script that copies all lines from one file to another.

Day 12: Error Handling & Modules

Concepts Introduced:

- Try-except blocks for catching runtime errors
- Catching specific errors (ValueError, ZeroDivisionError, FileNotFoundError)
- finally block
- Using standard Python modules: random, math, datetime

Assignment:

"Resilient Calculator"

- Add error handling to the calculator
- Catch division by zero, invalid inputs, and more
- Use math for extra functions: square root, power

Mini Challenge:

Use random.choice() to simulate a dice roll or coin toss.

Day 13: Final Project – Your First Python App

@ Project Goal:

Apply all major concepts (functions, conditionals, loops, lists/dictionaries, file I/O, error handling) to build a complete working script.

Troject Options (Choose One):

1. To-Do List Manager

- Add, delete, and mark tasks as done
- Store tasks in a text file
- Show tasks on startup

2. Expense Tracker

- Add and categorize expenses
- Save to file with date and amount
- Show total and category summary

3. Student Result Portal

- Input student scores for subjects
- Calculate and store average
- Show pass/fail and grade

✓ Project Requirements:

- Use at least 2 functions
- Include user input and validation
- Handle file saving/loading
- Handle at least 1 type of exception
- Have clean output and formatting

Wrap-Up: Course Review + Next Steps

- Quick review of:
 - Variables & types
 - o Loops, functions, collections
 - File handling & error management
- Encourage students to:
 - o Expand their final project
 - Explore basic Python modules (os, csv, json)
 - Start learning **Django** (in a future separate course)