TO 412: Data Driven Management
Q&A

Can I take TO 412 if I have no prior coding Experience?

Yes! In TO 412 we learn how to work with data utilizing three tools: Tableau, SQL and Python. Prior coding experience does not really make a difference when learning Tableau and SQL. Tableau does not require any coding, while SQL, unlike C++ or Python, is a declarative language and is very easy to pick up.

In the last part of the course we learn how to use Python to work with data. Clearly this part of the course is easier for students that already know Python. However, prior coding experience is not required. **I do teach everything needed from scratch**, but in a relatively fast path. Students with no prior coding/Python experience just need to put extra time/effort in comparison students with prior python experience. In past offerings of the course I would say at least 25% of the class did not have prior coding experience. Majority of those students still did great!!

Can I take TO 420, Intro to coding in parallel?

TO 420 will not be offered in winter 2021. I am moving the course to Fall B. Next offering will be Fall B 2021.

Can I learn Python basics myself before the course start?

Yes! I can provide you with recommendations for a few free courses on Datacamp.com, and you can learn the basics over a week or two during the winter break. However, there is no need to do so. We will cover the basics in class.