



# Riders

DEMOCRATIZING ROBOTICS EDUCATION

## INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS COURSE



 **Lesson 1: Introduction to Riders with “ScoutRider”**

We will learn about making decisions in robotics coding.

**Basic Python Commands:** Simple Python commands to perform a task.

**Algorithms:** Connect multiple commands to form a sequence.

**Problem Solving:** Solve logic puzzles of increasing difficulty.

**Simple Translation:** Move from one point to another on a grid in unit steps.

**Simple Rotation:** Right and left turns as part of an algorithm.

 **Lesson 2: Programming Loops with “DirtRider”**

We will learn about while loops.

**While Loops:** Implement while loops in Python .

**Patterns:** Recognition and implementation of patterns.

**Algorithms:** Connect multiple commands to form a sequence.

**Simple Translation:** Move from one point to another on a grid in unit steps.

**Simple Rotation:** Right and left turns as part of an algorithm.

 **Lesson 3: Conditionals with “HotRider”**

We will learn to use conditional expressions in robotics coding.

**Conditionals:** Implement if and elif statements in Python.

**Algorithms:** Implement adaptive algorithms which respond to current conditions.

**Simple Translation:** Move from one point to another on a grid in unit steps.

**Simple Rotation:** Right and left turns as part of an algorithm.

 **Lesson 4: For Loops with “GarbageRider”**

We will learn about for loops.

**For Loops:** Iterating over a sequence a certain number of times

**Refactoring:** Improving code efficiency.

**Patterns:** Recognition and implementation of patterns for algorithm development.

**Translation:** Move from one point to another on a grid using fractional steps.

**Coordinates:** Recognize the plotted points on an obstacle course.

**Rotation:** Rotate using radians to implement simple left/right turns.

 **Lesson 5: Pathfinding with “LabRider”**

We will learn about path finding and flood-fill algorithms.

**Double For Loops:** Implement nested for loops.

**While Loops:** Implement while loops in python.

**Path Finding:** Implement algorithms to find the shortest path on a grid.

**Algorithms:** Implement adaptive algorithms which respond to current conditions.

**2D Coordinates:** Work with data assigned on a 2D grid.



 Lesson 6: Feedback with "WallRider"

We will learn about feedback and continuous-time commands.

**Translation:** Control robot velocity using meters/second.

**Rotation:** Control robot angular velocity using radians/second.

**Feedback Algorithms:** Implement feedback to create a stable control algorithm.

**Sensors:** Use a distance sensor as an input to an algorithm.

**Optimization:** Tune an algorithm to improve a result.

 Lesson 7: Image Processing with "LineRider"

We will learn about arrays and continue to improve our skills with feedback algorithms.

**Translation:** Control robot velocity using meters/second.

**Rotation:** Control robot angular velocity using radians/second.

**Arrays:** Work with a 1D array in python.

**Image Processing:** Read a 1D camera image and interpret the pixel data.

**Feedback Algorithms:** Implement feedback to create a stable control algorithm.

 Lesson 8: Introduction to Maze Problems with RodentRider

We will discover new algorithms to see how we can escape from a maze, by trying different strategies from random movements to following walls and pledge algorithm.

**Random Numbers:** Implement a random search algorithm.

**Algorithms:** Implement adaptive algorithms which respond to current conditions.

**Left Wall Following Algorithm:** Implement an algorithm to solve a maze.

**Pledge Algorithm:** Implement an algorithm to solve a maze which has internal islands.

 Lesson 9: Force and Motion with NewtonRider

We will apply Newton's physics rules into robotics and use our knowledge to create an algorithm with a high efficiency.

**Arrays:** Work with a 2D array in Python.

**Color Image Processing:** Interpret red, green, blue (RGB) pixel data.

**2D Image Processing:** Interpret the pixels of a 2D image.

**Algorithms:** Implement adaptive algorithms which respond to current conditions.

 Lesson 10: Recycling with GreenRider

We will use image processing to separate different products and create an algorithm to execute actions according to the product type.

**Kinematics:** Understand how rotation of a joint influences other joints down the chain.

**Algorithms:** Connect multiple commands to form a sequence.

**Radians:** Choose specific angles in radians to accomplish goals.

**Geometry:** Solves problems of triangles and angles using geometry.

**Sin and Cos: (Optional)** Use sin and cos to solve advanced problems.



 **Lesson 11: Coordinate Systems with EcoRider**

We will use coordinate system and make strategic decisions to complete tasks in planting sites.

We will also work with angles to determine the most efficient path to target positions.

**F = ma:** Solve physics problems using Newton's second law.

**Acceleration Equation:** Solve a problem using the relationship between acceleration and position.

**Graphing:** Make graphs of data to get insight into equation behaviors.

**Sin and Cos:** Use sin and cos to solve advanced problems.

 **Lesson 12: Introduction to Kinematics with JointRider**

We will combine our knowledge about angles and use kinematic equations in order to calibrate a 4-axis robot arm with multiple joints and a base.

**Queues:** Interpret a list of data in python which changes over time.

**Feedback Algorithms:** Implement feedback to create a stable control algorithm.

**3D Coordinates:** Motion in XYZ space.

**Angles:** Determine the angle of a vector to solve more advanced problems. Calculate the length of a vector.

 **Lesson 13: Control in 3D Space with ZeroGRider**

We will work with image feedbacks to guide our satellite into a dock. We will use image processing to place the target, and move around 3D Space to successfully place our satellite.

**Sensors:** Use a distance sensor as an input to an algorithm.

**Feedback Algorithms and Damping:** Stable feedback in a zero friction environment.

**Color Image Processing:** Interpret red, green, blue (RGB) pixel data.

**3D Coordinates:** Motion in XYZ space.

 **Lesson 14: Angular Motion with ZeroGRider**

We will learn the angular motion in 3D space and try to dock our robot while controlling our robot with yaw and pitch.

**Color Image Processing:** Interpret red, green, blue (RGB) pixel data.

**Feedback Algorithms and Damping:** Stable feedback in a zero friction environment.

**Sensors:** Use a distance sensor as an input to an algorithm.

**3D Rotation:** Rotation in 3D space using yaw and pitch.

**Rotation:** Control robot angular velocity using radians/second.

 **Lesson 15: Autonomous Driving with AutoRider**

We will try to drive around autonomously in a road where there are other vehicles. We will develop autonomous driving algorithms to avoid any collisions.

**Synthesis of Learning:** This lesson is not designed to teach a specific new concept. It is designed to synthesize many of the elements introduced in prior lessons.

**Feedback Algorithms:** Implement feedback to create a stable control algorithm.

**2D Image Processing:** Interpret the pixels of a 2D image.

