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# Harvard computer programming course to be offered free in Miami

Harvard University is teaming up with job-placement nonprofit LaunchCode, The Idea Center at Miami Dade College and Career Source South Florida to offer its computer programming course to the public free of charge. Based on the popular Harvard University/edX CS50 class, CS50x Miami is a 16-week course that requires no prior coding experience. Online lessons will be supplemented by live instructors.

Anyone interested can register by May 29 for the course at [www.launchcode.org/cs50xmiami](http://www.launchcode.org/cs50xmiami). LaunchCode and The Idea Center will host an open house and informational session for CS50x Miami on May 22 at 5:30PM in the Chapman Conference Center at Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus.

"The opportunity to have free access to a high-level coding class is revolutionary," said Jim McKelvey, co-founder of both LaunchCode and Square. "South Floridians can get the hands-on education, mentorship, and experience they need --for free." Students who complete the course are eligible to apply for an apprenticeship through LaunchCode's job placement program.

The Idea Center's goal is to put 1,000 students through the program over the next year, said Leandro Finol, executive director of the Miami Dade College entrepreneurship hub.

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