

# Welcome to the course

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Hello, welcome to first steps in a career in artificial intelligence. I'm Amy Brereton and I'm one of the creators of this course. I'm a teaching fellow at the University of Leeds, where I teach a variety of our programming courses to undergraduate students.

In this course, you'll be finding out some of the history of artificial intelligence and looking at how AI has developed from the early days of chess, playing computers all the way to smartphone assistants such as Siri and Alexa, and to the large language models, which power tools such as a ChatGPT and Google's Bard.

You'll learn a little about how these work, but more importantly, you'll find out about the sort of roles which use AI, how you can use AI in your own work or hobbies, and how you can make your CV stand out to employers. You'll also start to think about how we can make sure that AI is used in an ethical way, and look at some of the current laws which help to govern the use of AI.

If you're interested in a career in artificial intelligence, this course is a good place to start. We look forward to welcoming you and your fellow learners to what we hope is a useful and engaging learning experience.