Top AI Education Just Went Free

Carnegie Mellon opens its elite CS classes to everyone — no paywall, no gatekeeping.

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Courses Launched

The CS Learn platform launched with one initial course offering.



Carnegie Mellon University's Kenneth C. Griffin School of Computer Science has released its first batch of free, high-level computer science courses through the new CS Learn platform. These include foundational and frontier topics like Generative AI and AI Agents, taught by experts in the field. This is not a MOOC-lite; it's full-semester, classroom-recorded content with real student questions and faculty responses, now accessible globally.

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AI Sovereignty Starts in the Classroom

The CS Learn platform doesn’t just distribute lectures; it distributes intellectual lineage. By preserving the actual classroom dialogue — student questions, faculty answers — it replicates the real-time, iterative learning that defines mastery. This is the pedagogical foundation of sovereignty: not just copying code, but understanding the reasoning behind it.



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The Real AI Stack Is Open Source Education

What makes this different from past free education is the fidelity of the original classroom experience. The AI-assisted system used by ScottyLabs to optimize recordings preserves the exact flow of teaching, including real-time student interaction — a feature that ensures learners aren't just consuming content but engaging with the intellectual process itself. This is how future AI builders are being trained — not in isolation, but in the open.

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