10-Week HTML and CSS Course Outline

This 10-week course outline gradually builds foundational skills and introduces intermediate and advanced topics in HTML and CSS.

Week 1: Introduction to Web Development

• Overview of Web Development:

- Introduction to HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- o Understanding the role of front-end development.

• Getting Started:

- Setting up a text editor (VS Code, Sublime, etc.).
- Basics of the web browser and developer tools.

• HTML Basics:

- Basic structure of an HTML document.
- o Common HTML elements: headings, paragraphs, links, images.

• Practice:

Create a basic HTML page with headings, paragraphs, and links.

Week 2: HTML Elements and Structure

• Semantic HTML:

Introduction to semantic tags (<header>, <footer>, <section>, <article>,
<nav>).

• HTML Lists and Tables:

- Ordered and unordered lists.
- Creating tables with rows and columns.

Forms:

 Introduction to form elements: input, button, textarea, checkbox, radio, etc.

• Practice:

Build a webpage with navigation, lists, and forms.

Week 3: Introduction to CSS

What is CSS?

- Inline, internal, and external CSS.
- CSS Syntax and Selectors:
 - Element, class, ID selectors, and grouping selectors.
- Styling Text:
 - o Fonts, colors, text alignment, and line height.
- Practice:
 - Style an HTML document with colors, fonts, and alignments.

Week 4: The Box Model

- Understanding the Box Model:
 - o Content, padding, border, and margin.
- Border and Backgrounds:
 - o Border styles, border radius, background colors, and images.
- Box Sizing:
 - o content-box **VS** border-box.
- Practice:
 - Create a card-like layout using the box model.

Week 5: Positioning and Layout Basics

- CSS Positioning:
 - o Static, relative, absolute, fixed, and sticky positioning.
- CSS Display:
 - o block, inline, inline-block, and none.
- Visibility:
 - o Difference between visibility and display.
- Practice:
 - Build a webpage with multiple positioned elements.

Week 6: Responsive Web Design

- Responsive Design Principles:
 - Importance of responsive design.
- Media Queries:
 - Adjusting styles for different screen sizes.

- Flexible Units:
 - o Using %, em, rem, vh, and vw for scaling.
- Practice:
 - Build a responsive webpage with a flexible layout.

Week 7: Advanced Layout Techniques

- CSS Flexbox:
 - Main axis, cross axis, justify-content, align-items, flex-wrap.
- CSS Grid:
 - Defining rows and columns, placing items in grid areas.
- Flexbox vs Grid:
 - When to use Flexbox or Grid.
- Practice:
 - o Build a responsive webpage using Flexbox and Grid.

Week 8: Advanced Styling

- CSS Transitions and Animations:
 - Adding smooth transitions and keyframe animations.
- CSS Variables:
 - Using variables for maintainable styling.
- Shadows and Effects:
 - Box shadows, text shadows, and hover effects.
- Practice:
 - o Add animations and hover effects to an existing webpage.

Week 9: Accessibility and SEO

- Introduction to Accessibility:
 - ARIA roles and semantic HTML.
 - Adding alt text to images and labels to forms.
- SEO Best Practices:
 - o Proper use of headings, metadata, and links.
- Performance Optimization:
 - Minifying CSS and optimizing images.

• Practice:

o Improve accessibility and SEO of a webpage.

Week 10: Final Project

• Project Overview:

- Build a fully responsive, multi-page website.
- Incorporate features like navigation menus, forms, and animations.

• Testing:

- Debugging using browser developer tools.
- o Cross-browser compatibility testing.

• Project Presentation:

 Present the completed project, discuss the design process and challenges.

Additional Notes

- Homework: Weekly assignments to reinforce concepts.
- Quizzes: At the end of each week to assess progress.

• Resources:

- o MDN Web Docs: https://developer.mozilla.org
- CodePen: https://codepen.io
- o FreeCodeCamp: https://www.freecodecamp.org