What's included in Bloc's 360 Support?

Bloc's 360 Support includes various channels of support to supplement and aid in the student experience. 360 Support includes group sessions, mentorship, live Q&A, and Career Prep Curriculum. Regardless of your pace, these different types of support are available to you!

Part 1 of 360 Support: Group Sessions

Group sessions are a chance for Bloc students to come together with their peers and learn in a group setting. These Group Sessions are moderated by Bloc mentors. Currently, our group sessions available are:

The Job Wants You- The right job is out there, but how do you find it? Come get some tips and tricks and change the way you think about the job search!

Career: How to Succeed at Bloc with a Growth Mindset- Your attitude towards your learning affects your progress more than your innate abilities. Learn how to learn more and faster with a growth mindset!

Intro to Git and Github- An introduction to Git and Github. Watch the host add, commit, push, and solve some problems in between.

Intermediate Git and Github- An intermediate walkthrough to Git and Github. You understand the basics, and you want to know how to use git more effectively.

Thoughts on Code- Learn how to write quality code, how to focus on performance, and what's really important: shipping!

How Professionals do the Work- Learn effective tools to getting your work done and handling the challenges that are thrown your way. Don't worry, it happens to all of us!

The Browser- A look into how the browser works, a necessary intro for every web developer

JavaScript Debugging- Learn the strategies and tools necessary to effectively debug your javascript code with a heavy focus on chrome developer tools.

Struggler's Cove- A chance to hangout with your fellow students and discuss where you are in the program, come with thoughts and questions. Lightly moderated by a mentor.

Solving a Code Challenge- Come solve a code challenge live with a Software Developer! You will be expected to participate actively to help solve the challenge

Group Session Testimonials:

"Hearing experts expose their vulnerabilities and show us (less experiences devs) that there are in fact no 'know-it-alls' and that they struggle just like we do. This can be oddly powerful and motivating. Which in the end, becomes a win-win for student's success and Bloc's mission." -Anonymous Student

"Had a really great JavaScript debugging workshop at @trybloc led by @bdougieYO - following your blog, it is really inspiring. Thank you for all of your help at the session yesterday, it was excellent." -Ann

Part 2 of 360 Support: 1:1 Mentorship

Every week, students meet with their mentor for a 30-minute mentor meeting. This is the time for you to ask career advice, go deeper into a topic you're struggling with, or maybe walk through a project idea you have outside of Bloc.

Our goal of students having a mentor is to have someone there to guide you throughout your program. Our mentors are seasoned professionals- their advice is invaluable and something that cannot be taught in our curriculum.

Mentorship testimonials:

"Bloc was great from the very beginning, and the main reason for it was mentorship. The sessions with my mentor were very engaging from the start. He asked me what my hobbies are, asked about my experience, and made sure to tailor the sessions to my interests. Often he went way beyond the curriculum to make the sessions more exciting. For example, when he found out I was interested in music tech, he immediately proposed we build a software synthesizer, which became my first mini project. As I hoped, the mentorship became the game changer." -Ivan

"Despite being online, you have a lot of resources to help you get unstuck if necessary. Talking to my mentor every week is a great way to get inspired and motivated." -Ben

"I can't imagine what learning development would have been like without having a mentor. This is the factor I underestimated the most in making my decision [on a bootcamp]. Having someone to turn to with questions, get feedback from, and freak out to when I was feeling stressed or insecure was such an important factor in my journey." -Kasey

Part 3 of 360 Support: Live Q&A

What happens in between mentor meetings and group sessions? Live Q&A! This type of support is available through Slack where mentors are standing by to answer your questions. While learning to code, you'll often find yourself stuck and in need of help right away. Your mentor may not always be available depending on their schedule so this is a great way to practice talking about your code to other Bloc mentors!

Live Q&A covers the following hours. If you have questions outside of these hours, a mentor will be in touch as soon as possible (typically within the hour) to make sure your question is answered:

Monday through Friday: 10am - 12am EST
Saturday: 10am-12am EST
Sunday: 10am - 2pm, 8pm-12am EST

Live Q&A testimonials:

"*There is a slack team that all students, regardless of track, are apart of. Mentors and other students are incredibly active on slack, making it a great place to get help or to help other students.*" -Joel

"*Outside of the mentor sessions, there is a Slack group for all students to interact and experts in the field are fully dedicated to answer questions and help students 'get unstuck'.*" -Maria

"*You'll also need to utilize outside help like the Bloc community Slack channel and the internet to get through some checkpoint assignments, but it's all a great learning experience and the Slack channel helps you build a pretty good network of people who are all in the same industry.*" -Rashel

Part 4 of 360 Support: Career Prep Curriculum

The Web Developer Track is designed to get you a job as a developer upon completion of the program. Technical interviews are different from what you may have experienced in your previous career, so it is critical to practice interviewing and develop soft skills with our Career Services team.

In addition to career specific workshops (like the ones available in group sessions), Career Prep Curriculum is woven into your program. Career related modules include: **networking**, **finding focus in your job search**, **technical interview practice**, **writing your cover letter and resume**, **salary negotiations**, and **more**!

You will start reviewing Career Prep Curriculum long before completing your program to allow time to adequately prepare for your new career.

Career Services testimonials:

"*Bloc's Career Services team was extremely knowledgable and supportive throughout the program. I gained knowledge reading through Bloc's career-related Slack channels and the program's career checkpoints ahead of my search, and then drew on their support on an individual basis once I got deeper into the interview and negotiation process. I appreciate that Bloc focuses so intensely on the job search in terms of preparing students and supporting them. I have never had this level of support from any academic institution, from high school to graduate school. It really is unprecedented.*" -Amy

"*Bloc's Career Services was spectacular. They checked on how I was doing after the program quite frequently. They looked at my resume, portfolio, and LinkedIn to make sure I had everything as optimized as possible. They gave me tips I never would have thought about for my LinkedIn and resume that definitely made it look more professional. Career Services was amazing.*" -Ted

"*Bloc helped me jump start a totally new career path. I went from being a restaurant worker with an Anthropology degree to a full stack developer at an interesting company in just about 8 months. Erin (Head of Student Success) was always responsive whenever I had questions and never missed a call as soon as I started my job search. She offered great feedback as well as helped to keep me motivated when I was getting turned down by over 100 companies.*" -Sean