Advanced Forecasting Models Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Business Intelligence	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master advanced forecasting techniques including ARIMA, exponential smoothing, and machine learning-based models.
2. Develop skills in predictive analytics to enhance data-driven decision-making.
3. Apply scenario analysis to optimize strategic business outcomes.
4. Interpret complex datasets using quantitative and qualitative forecasting methods.
5. Implement rolling forecasts and real-time predictive dashboards.
6. Enhance accuracy in demand planning, inventory optimization, and financial forecasting.
7. Understand model selection, parameter tuning, and validation techniques.
8. Integrate forecasting models with ERP and business intelligence platforms.
9. Identify and mitigate risks in forecasting using sensitivity analysis.
10. Apply time-series analysis for market trend prediction.
11. Utilize advanced visualization techniques for forecasting insights.
12. Design actionable reports and presentations for stakeholders.
13. Leverage AI-driven tools for improved predictive performance.

Organizational Benefits

- Improved accuracy in financial and operational planning
- Optimized inventory management and demand forecasting
- Enhanced strategic decision-making through data-driven insights
- Better alignment between departments and forecasting teams
- Reduced operational risks and improved risk mitigation strategies
- Increased ROI through effective resource allocation
- Streamlined business processes with predictive insights
- Enhanced customer satisfaction through accurate demand prediction
- Improved market responsiveness and agility
- Strengthened competitive advantage through forecasting excellence

Target Audiences

- Business analysts and data scientists
- Supply chain and operations managers
- Financial analysts and planners
- Marketing analysts
- Risk management professionals
- Strategic planners and consultants
- IT and business intelligence professionals
- Senior management and executives

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Forecasting

- Principles of forecasting and types of models
- Importance of accurate forecasting in decision-making
- Key performance indicators and metrics in forecasting
- Overview of software tools for forecasting
- Limitations and challenges in forecasting
- Case Study: Forecasting sales trends for a retail company

Module 2: Time-Series Analysis

- Components of time-series data: trend, seasonality, cyclic patterns
- Decomposition techniques for time-series
- Stationarity and its significance in forecasting
- Autocorrelation and partial autocorrelation functions
- Implementing time-series analysis in Excel and Python
- Case Study: Predicting energy consumption using time-series models

Module 3: ARIMA and Advanced Statistical Models

- Introduction to ARIMA, SARIMA, and ARIMAX models
- Model selection criteria: AIC, BIC, and residual analysis
- Parameter estimation techniques
- Forecast evaluation metrics: RMSE, MAPE, and MAE
- Model validation and back-testing
- Case Study: Forecasting product demand for a manufacturing firm

Module 4: Exponential Smoothing Techniques

- Simple, double, and triple exponential smoothing
- Holt-Winters method for seasonal data
- Comparing exponential smoothing with ARIMA
- Forecasting short-term and long-term trends
- Implementing smoothing models using software tools
- Case Study: Forecasting hotel occupancy rates

Module 5: Regression and Causal Models

- Linear and multiple regression forecasting models
- Incorporating external variables and leading indicators
- Model assumptions and diagnostics
- Building predictive models for financial forecasting
- Scenario analysis using regression models
- Case Study: Revenue forecasting for an e-commerce platform

Module 6: Machine Learning Forecasting Models

- Overview of machine learning approaches for forecasting
- Random forests, gradient boosting, and neural networks
- Feature engineering and model optimization
- Evaluating machine learning models for accuracy
- Deployment and monitoring of ML forecasting models

- Case Study: Predicting customer churn using ML models

Module 7: Demand Forecasting

- Demand planning and inventory optimization techniques
- Forecasting for new products and seasonal demand
- Collaborative forecasting and sales integration
- Error measurement and correction techniques
- Integrating demand forecasts with supply chain systems
- Case Study: Forecasting demand in the FMCG sector

Module 8: Financial Forecasting

- Budgeting and revenue forecasting techniques
- Cash flow projection and financial modeling
- Incorporating macroeconomic indicators in forecasts
- Risk-adjusted forecasting and scenario planning
- Communication of financial forecasts to stakeholders
- Case Study: Financial forecasting for a multinational corporation

Module 9: Forecasting Software and Tools

- Overview of ERP and BI platforms for forecasting
- Excel, Python, R, and specialized forecasting tools
- Automation of forecast models
- Dashboard creation and visualization of forecasts
- Data management and integration
- Case Study: Implementing forecasting dashboards in Power BI

Module 10: Rolling and Real-Time Forecasts

- Principles of rolling forecasts
- Setting up real-time predictive dashboards
- Continuous forecast updating and monitoring
- Integration with operational and financial systems
- Use of alerts and notifications for deviations
- Case Study: Real-time sales forecasting in retail

Module 11: Forecast Accuracy and Validation

- Metrics for evaluating forecast performance
- Techniques for model validation and error reduction
- Benchmarking against industry standards
- Scenario testing and sensitivity analysis
- Continuous improvement in forecasting accuracy
- Case Study: Improving forecast accuracy for supply chain operations

Module 12: Scenario Planning and Risk Mitigation

- Developing scenarios for strategic planning
- Assessing forecast uncertainty and risk
- Mitigation strategies for potential forecasting errors

- Stress testing and contingency planning
- Decision-making under uncertainty
- Case Study: Scenario-based forecasting for oil & gas sector

Module 13: Integration with Business Strategy

- Aligning forecasting with organizational objectives
- Linking forecasts to KPIs and performance metrics
- Strategic decision-making using predictive insights
- Cross-functional collaboration for data-driven planning
- Reporting and presentation techniques
- Case Study: Strategic forecasting implementation in healthcare

Module 14: Advanced Forecasting Techniques

- Neural networks, deep learning, and AI-based forecasting
- Hybrid models combining statistical and ML techniques
- Advanced feature engineering
- Automation of model selection and validation
- Leveraging cloud-based predictive analytics platforms
- Case Study: AI-driven forecasting for e-commerce sales

Module 15: Capstone Project

- Hands-on project integrating multiple forecasting models
- Data collection, cleaning, and preprocessing
- Model selection, implementation, and validation
- Forecast evaluation and presentation to stakeholders
- Real-world problem-solving with guidance from instructors
- Case Study: Comprehensive forecasting project for a multinational company

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with real-world examples
- Hands-on exercises using Excel, Python, and R
- Case studies from multiple industries
- Group discussions and collaborative problem-solving
- Scenario analysis and forecasting simulations
- Capstone project integrating all modules

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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