Portfolio Risk Management for Project Portfolios Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Risk Management	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master Strategic Risk Alignment: Ensure the entire portfolio’s risk profile supports and is constrained by the organizational Risk Appetite.
2. Implement a robust Portfolio Governance Framework for effective risk oversight and decision-making.
3. Utilize Risk Aggregation techniques to quantify and visualize the cumulative, systemic risk exposure of the entire portfolio.
4. Conduct advanced Interdependency Risk Analysis to uncover hidden correlations and cascading failure points between projects.
5. Develop and execute a Portfolio Stress Testing and Scenario Planning regimen for critical market shifts or high-impact events.
6. Apply Value-Based Risk Management principles to prioritize risk response based on potential impact to Business Value.
7. Integrate Risk Intelligence from project-level reporting into a cohesive, executive-level Portfolio Risk Dashboard.
8. Formulate optimal Contingency Funding and Resource Buffering strategies across the portfolio to manage high-impact threats.
9. Effectively communicate the portfolio’s Risk-Adjusted Performance to Executive Stakeholders and the Board.
10. Incorporate emerging risk categories, including Cyber Security Risk and Digital Transformation Risk, into the PRM process.
11. Drive a Proactive Risk Culture by establishing clear roles, responsibilities, and a continuous review process.
12. Leverage Predictive Analytics and AI/ML concepts for improved risk forecasting and early warning signals within the portfolio.
13. Establish and monitor Key Risk Indicators (KRIs) that directly link to the organization’s Strategic Objectives.

Target Audience

1. Portfolio Managers and Directors
2. Chief Risk Officers (CROs) and Risk Management Executives
3. Project Management Office (PMO) Directors and Senior Staff
4. Executive-Level Sponsors and Business Unit Heads
5. Financial Controllers and Investment Analysts involved in capital allocation
6. Strategic Planners and Decision-Makers
7. Senior Program Managers overseeing multiple, interrelated projects
8. Internal Audit and Compliance Professionals

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundational Principles and Strategic Alignment

- Defining the Project Portfolio and its Strategic Mandate.
- Distinction between Project, Program, and Portfolio-Level Risk Management.
- Establishing and translating Risk Appetite into actionable portfolio thresholds.
- Introduction to Portfolio Governance and the roles of the Risk Committee.
- Case Study: Analyzing a major financial institution's shift from siloed project risk to a centralized PRM model following a market downturn.

Module 2: Portfolio Risk Identification and Interdependencies

- Identifying top-down and bottom-up risks.
- Techniques for mapping and quantifying Interdependency Risks.
- Categorizing and classifying portfolio-level risks
- Developing a dynamic Portfolio Risk Register with portfolio-impact scoring.
- Case Study: A global manufacturer's failure to recognize a shared supply chain risk across several R&D projects, leading to a major launch delay.

Module 3: Quantitative Risk Analysis and Aggregation

- Applying concepts from Modern Portfolio Theory to project selection.
- Calculating Expected Monetary Value at the portfolio level.
- Introduction to Monte Carlo Simulation for portfolio uncertainty modeling.
- Risk Aggregation methods to estimate the total portfolio risk exposure
- Case Study: Using Monte Carlo to determine the probability of a major infrastructure portfolio exceeding its total budget and schedule by more than 15%.

Module 4: Risk Response and Optimization

- Developing portfolio-level risk response strategies
- Optimizing the portfolio mix to maximize Risk-Adjusted Return
- Techniques for creating and managing a centralized Contingency Reserve and management reserve.
- Prioritizing risk response actions based on potential Value-at-Risk reduction.
- Case Study: A tech company reallocates its portfolio funding, accepting higher risk on high-return innovation projects while aggressively mitigating resource risk on core projects.

Module 5: Performance Monitoring and Reporting

- Defining and tracking Key Risk Indicators linked to strategic goals.
- Creating executive-friendly Portfolio Risk Dashboards for continuous monitoring.
- Establishing a periodic Portfolio Risk Review cadence and reporting cycle.

- Techniques for effective risk communication to the Board and diverse Stakeholders.
- Case Study: Examining a non-profit organization’s risk reporting framework that visually communicated ESG and regulatory risks to its governing board, securing proactive investment.

Module 6: Advanced Stress Testing and Scenario Planning

- Designing and facilitating Portfolio Stress Tests based on "Black Swan" events
- Developing specific, high-impact Risk Scenarios and their cascading effects on the portfolio.
- Quantifying the financial and operational impact of stress test results.
- Formulating actionable plans for triggering Business Continuity mechanisms at the portfolio level.
- Case Study: Simulating the impact of a new, disruptive technology and using the results to justify terminating a legacy modernization program.

Module 7: Emerging Risks and Future Trends

- Managing risks associated with Digital Transformation and Agile methodologies in a portfolio context.
- Integrating ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) Risk and sustainability into portfolio selection criteria.
- Assessing and preparing for heightened Geopolitical Risk and market fragmentation.
- Leveraging AI and Machine Learning for predictive risk forecasting.
- Case Study: Developing a risk mitigation plan for a portfolio of IT projects facing a new national data privacy regulation, focusing on compliance risk.

Module 8: Cultural Integration and Maturity

- Fostering a Proactive Risk Culture through training, incentives, and leadership buy-in.
- Integrating PRM processes with existing Enterprise Risk Management frameworks.
- Assessing and improving the organization’s Portfolio Risk Management Maturity.
- Selecting and deploying appropriate PPM Software and risk analysis tools.
- Case Study: Benchmarking a corporation's PRM maturity against industry leaders and developing a 3-year improvement roadmap for greater risk-informed decision-making.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
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- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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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	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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