Reputation and Brand Risk Management Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

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Course Objectives

1. Integrate an Enterprise Reputation Risk Management (ERRM) framework into overall business strategy.
2. Master AI-Driven Sentiment Analysis and Social Listening for real-time brand monitoring and early warning detection.
3. Develop a robust, proactive Crisis Communication Plan with clear roles, escalation paths, and rapid response protocols.
4. Safeguard Brand Equity and minimize financial impact by quantifying and mitigating key reputational risks.
5. Formulate a strategy for fostering radical Brand Transparency and demonstrating verifiable ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) commitment.
6. Navigate the risks associated with Influencer Marketing and User-Generated Content (UGC) authenticity.
7. Design and launch effective Employee Advocacy Programs to humanize the brand and amplify positive messaging.
8. Manage Online Reputation across complex multichannel environments, including review sites and hyperlocal platforms.
9. Apply Stakeholder Mapping techniques to understand and bridge the "perception gap" across critical audience groups.
10. Implement best practices for handling Misinformation and Fake News with speed, integrity, and factual communication.
11. Optimize Customer Experience (CX) and complaint handling as a first-line defense against reputational damage.
12. Conduct a thorough Reputation Audit to assess current vulnerabilities, media coverage, and online presence.
13. Utilize Data-Driven Storytelling and authentic narratives to enhance brand purpose and emotional capital.

Target Audience

1. Chief Risk Officers (CROs) & Enterprise Risk Managers
2. Marketing & Brand Managers (responsible for brand image and positioning)
3. Heads of Corporate Communications & Public Relations (PR)
4. Social Media & Digital Strategy Leads
5. Senior Executives (C-Suite) and Board Members
6. Compliance, Ethics, & Legal Professionals
7. Investor Relations & Stakeholder Engagement Managers
8. Customer Experience (CX) & Customer Service Directors

Course Modules

1. The Strategic Imperative of Reputation Risk

- Brand Equity and Reputational Value in the digital economy.
- Mapping the connection between ESG performance and shareholder value.
- Defining the 4 stages of Enterprise Reputation Risk Management.
- Quantifying the financial impact of reputation damage.
- The C-suite's role in establishing a Culture of Integrity and brand governance.
- Case Study: VW Emissions Scandal (Dieselgate).

2. Real-Time Brand Monitoring and Early Warning

- Implementing Social Listening tools for holistic, multichannel monitoring.
- Leveraging AI-Driven Sentiment Analysis for predicting reputational threats.
- Reputation Audit best practices: assessing media coverage, review sites, and dark web mentions.
- Identifying "sleeping risks" in the Supply Chain Ethics and third-party vendor relationships.
- Setting up Reputational KPIs and alert thresholds for rapid activation.
- Case Study Focus: Chipotle - E.coli outbreaks and the initial slow identification of the crisis source.

3. Crisis Communication and Rapid Response Protocols

- Developing a dynamic Crisis Response Matrix
- The principles of Authentic Communication during a crisis.
- Preparing Dark Sites and pre-approved Dark Posts for immediate deployment.
- Managing the media cycle.
- Post-crisis review and the process of Reputation Recovery and restoration.
- Case Study Focus: Johnson & Johnson (Tylenol 1982).

4. Digital and Online Reputation Management (ORM)

- Strategies for handling Negative Reviews and customer complaints on Yelp, Google, etc.
- Combating Misinformation, Disinformation, and Deepfakes with factual, verifiable content.
- Optimizing online assets to dominate search results for branded terms.
- Managing Multichannel Reputation across TikTok, Instagram, X, and professional platforms.
- The role of Augmented Reality (AR) and video content in reputation enhancement.
- Case Study Focus: United Airlines - Viral passenger removal video and failure to control the digital narrative.

5. Employee Advocacy and Internal Communications

- Building an internal Reputation-by-Design culture.
- Training employees to be credible Brand Advocates and first-line risk identifiers.
- Establishing a clear Social Media Policy for all employees to prevent unauthorized messaging.
- Using internal communication platforms for transparent leadership updates during a crisis.
- Linking Employee Satisfaction and engagement directly to external brand perception.
- Case Study Focus: Starbucks - Racial bias incident and the subsequent comprehensive employee training and corporate statement.

6. Brand Ethics and Corporate Responsibility

- Integrating Cultural Sensitivity and DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) into brand messaging.
- Navigating Activist Stakeholders and managing reputational boycotts or public pressure campaigns.
- The strategic value of Purpose-Driven Marketing and avoiding 'purpose-washing.'
- Ensuring Ethical AI practices in brand personalization and data use.
- Addressing Third-Party Risk in endorsements, sponsorships, and partnerships.
- Case Study Focus: Nike & Colin Kaepernick - Navigating polarized political/social stances with a clear brand purpose.

7. Stakeholder Engagement and Trust Building

- Conducting Stakeholder Mapping to prioritize key audiences
- Techniques for Building Trust through consistent, honest, and proactive communication.
- Managing the Investor Relations (IR) aspect of reputational events.
- Media Relations in the 24/7 news cycle and handling difficult questions.
- Developing Data-Driven Storytelling to showcase impact and integrity.
- Case Study Focus: BP Deepwater Horizon - Managing communication with local communities, government, and investors simultaneously.

8. Governance and Future Risk Landscape

- Developing a Reputational Risk Register and assigning accountability across departments.
- Measuring and reporting on Reputation Metrics and KPIs to the Board.
- Forecasting Emerging Risks
- Cybersecurity breaches as a primary reputational risk driver and response planning.
- Integrating reputation management into the Business Continuity Plan.
- Case Study Focus: Target/Equifax Data Breaches - Systemic failure to protect customer data and the resulting loss of trust.

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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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.

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Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
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23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
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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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