

Structural Dynamics in Buildings Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Architectural Engineering	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master structural dynamics principles for earthquake-resistant design
2. Apply modal analysis techniques in multi-storey buildings
3. Understand time-history response analysis for seismic events
4. Implement response spectrum methods in structural design
5. Evaluate wind-induced vibration effects on tall structures
6. Analyze soil-structure interaction in dynamic loading conditions
7. Use finite element modeling for structural simulation accuracy
8. Design vibration control systems for smart infrastructure
9. Assess structural damping mechanisms in building systems
10. Perform performance-based seismic design optimization
11. Integrate AI-driven structural health monitoring concepts
12. Strengthen retrofit strategies for earthquake-damaged buildings
13. Enhance resilient infrastructure design using advanced dynamics tools

Target Audience

1. Structural Engineers
2. Civil Engineers
3. Construction Project Managers
4. Architectural Designers
5. Geotechnical Engineers
6. Infrastructure Consultants
7. Engineering Students
8. Government Urban Development Planners

Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of Structural Dynamics

- Newtonian mechanics in structures
- Degrees of freedom in buildings
- Dynamic vs static loading
- Mass, stiffness, damping concepts

- Natural frequency behavior
- **Case Study:** Vibrational response analysis of a mid-rise office building under wind loading

Module 2: Seismic Analysis of Buildings

- Earthquake ground motion characteristics
- Elastic and inelastic behavior
- Seismic load distribution
- Base shear calculation methods
- Code-based seismic design principles
- **Case Study:** Earthquake performance assessment of a reinforced concrete apartment block

Module 3: Modal Analysis Techniques

- Mode shapes identification
- Eigenvalue problem solving
- Multi-degree of freedom systems
- Modal participation factors
- Structural resonance evaluation
- **Case Study:** Modal analysis of a high-rise tower subjected to lateral loading

Module 4: Time History Analysis

- Real earthquake data input
- Linear and nonlinear response
- Numerical integration methods
- Structural response simulation
- Peak displacement evaluation
- **Case Study:** Simulation of Kobe earthquake effects on a commercial complex

Module 5: Response Spectrum Methods

- Design response spectrum curves
- Elastic spectral acceleration
- Seismic zoning considerations
- Code implementation (Eurocode/ASCE)
- Combination of modal responses
- **Case Study:** Response spectrum design of a hospital structure in seismic zone

Module 6: Wind Engineering & Vibration Control

- Aerodynamic effects on tall buildings
- Vortex shedding phenomenon
- Human comfort criteria
- Tuned mass dampers
- Structural oscillation mitigation
- **Case Study:** Wind-induced vibration control in a 60-storey skyscraper

Module 7: Soil-Structure Interaction

- Foundation flexibility effects
- Dynamic soil behavior

- Wave propagation in soil
- Pile-structure interaction
- Site response analysis
- **Case Study:** Bridge foundation response during seismic excitation

Module 8: Advanced Structural Modeling & Retrofitting

- Finite element simulation tools
- Damage detection techniques
- Retrofitting strategies (jacketing, dampers)
- Performance-based rehabilitation
- Smart structural monitoring systems
- **Case Study:** Retrofitting of an earthquake-damaged school building

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.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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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
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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