Natural Language Processing for Evaluation Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of Natural Language Processing and its relevance in M&E.
2. Apply text preprocessing techniques for high-quality data analysis.
3. Perform sentiment analysis to evaluate stakeholder feedback.
4. Implement topic modeling to uncover hidden trends and patterns.
5. Conduct named entity recognition for program data extraction.
6. Automate qualitative data coding using NLP tools.
7. Integrate NLP with dashboards for real-time evaluation insights.
8. Use machine learning models for predictive evaluation analytics.
9. Enhance decision-making through NLP-driven data visualization.
10. Leverage social media and survey text data for program monitoring.
11. Assess program impact using NLP-enhanced evaluation techniques.
12. Develop actionable reports using automated text summarization.
13. Address ethical considerations and data privacy in NLP applications.

Target Audience

1. Monitoring and Evaluation Officers
2. Program Managers and Coordinators
3. Data Analysts and Research Assistants
4. Policy Analysts
5. Social Scientists
6. Impact Evaluation Consultants
7. NGO and Development Practitioners
8. IT Professionals working in Data Analytics and AI

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to NLP and Evaluation

- Definition and scope of NLP in evaluation
- History and evolution of NLP techniques
- Applications in program monitoring and evaluation
- Key NLP tools and frameworks
- Case Study: NLP use in evaluating social development programs

Module 2: Text Data Preprocessing

- Tokenization and normalization
- Stop words removal and stemming/lemmatization
- Handling special characters and emojis
- Text vectorization techniques
- Case Study: Preparing survey data for sentiment analysis

Module 3: Sentiment Analysis

- Understanding sentiment in textual data
- Rule-based vs. ML-based sentiment approaches
- Analyzing feedback from beneficiaries
- Visualization of sentiment trends
- Case Study: Sentiment analysis for public health campaigns

Module 4: Topic Modeling

- Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)
- Non-negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)
- Identifying key themes in program reports
- Practical exercises with Python or R
- Case Study: Topic modeling in NGO impact reports

Module 5: Named Entity Recognition (NER)

- Concept of entities in text
- Techniques for automated entity extraction
- Application in stakeholder mapping
- Integration with dashboards
- Case Study: Extracting entities from policy documents

Module 6: NLP for Surveys and Feedback

- Textual survey analysis
- Open-ended question coding
- Automated insight generation
- Combining NLP with traditional metrics
- Case Study: Feedback analysis for education programs

Module 7: Text Classification

- Supervised machine learning for text
- Categorizing program data automatically
- Model evaluation metrics
- Real-world applications in M&E
- Case Study: Classifying beneficiary reports by outcome

Module 8: Text Summarization

- Extractive vs. abstractive summarization
- Generating concise reports

- NLP for executive decision-making
- Automating routine reporting tasks
- Case Study: Summarizing NGO evaluation reports

Module 9: NLP and Social Media Analytics

- Social listening and monitoring programs
- Hashtag and keyword analysis
- Detecting emerging trends
- Case Study: Evaluating public campaigns via Twitter data

Module 10: Predictive Analytics with NLP

- Forecasting program outcomes
- Regression and classification models
- Integrating NLP insights with structured data
- Case Study: Predicting dropout rates in education programs

Module 11: Visualization of NLP Insights

- Word clouds, graphs, and dashboards
- Interactive data visualization tools
- Communicating findings to stakeholders
- Case Study: Visualization of beneficiary feedback trends

Module 12: Ethical Considerations in NLP

- Data privacy and security
- Bias in NLP algorithms
- Responsible AI practices in evaluation
- Case Study: Addressing ethical challenges in social media monitoring

Module 13: Integrating NLP in M&E Systems

- Linking NLP outputs to KPIs
- Automation in monitoring systems
- Case Study: NLP-driven M&E platform for health interventions

Module 14: Advanced NLP Techniques

- Deep learning for text analysis
- Transformer models (e.g., BERT, GPT) in evaluation
- Fine-tuning NLP models for specific programs
- Case Study: Using transformer models for large-scale evaluation

Module 15: Capstone Project

- Hands-on project using real evaluation data
- NLP pipeline development
- Reporting and visualization
- Peer review and feedback sessions
- Case Study: Comprehensive NLP evaluation report for an NGO

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.

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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

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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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