System Dynamics Modeling for Policy Analysis Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Research and Data Analysis	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Training Objectives

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the foundational concepts of system dynamics modeling.
2. Analyze complex systems using feedback loops and time delays.
3. Develop causal loop diagrams for real-world policy challenges.
4. Create and simulate stock and flow models in Vensim or Stella.
5. Apply scenario planning techniques to evaluate policy alternatives.
6. Interpret dynamic simulation results for actionable policy insights.
7. Integrate data-driven modeling with system dynamics tools.
8. Use policy impact analysis techniques for social and economic systems.
9. Model long-term behavior of public policy interventions.
10. Understand system behavior under different feedback structures.
11. Communicate model-based insights to stakeholders and policymakers.
12. Leverage AI-enhanced simulations in modern policy analysis.
13. Apply real-world modeling case studies across various sectors.

Target Audiences

1. Policy Analysts
2. Government Decision-Makers
3. Urban Planners
4. Public Health Professionals
5. Environmental Scientists
6. Data Scientists and Modelers
7. Academic Researchers in Public Policy
8. NGO Program Managers and Evaluators

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to System Dynamics

- Understanding systems thinking fundamentals
- Identifying dynamic problems
- Concepts of feedback, stocks, and flows
- Introduction to causal loop diagrams
- Software tools overview: Vensim, Stella
- **Case Study**: Urban traffic congestion modeling

Module 2: Causal Loop Diagramming

- Components of causal relationships
- Balancing vs reinforcing loops
- Delay and feedback analysis
- Diagramming policy systems
- Identifying system archetypes
- **Case Study**: Public health vaccination strategy

Module 3: Building Stock and Flow Models

- Setting up model structures

- Formulating rate equations
- Time-step selection and integration
- Validation and testing strategies
- Behavioral analysis
- **Case Study**: Climate adaptation model in coastal regions

Module 4: Simulation and Scenario Planning

- Creating policy scenarios
- Sensitivity testing
- Multi-run simulation design
- Using dashboards for scenario analysis
- Results interpretation
- **Case Study**: Education funding policy simulation

Module 5: Policy Design and Impact Evaluation

- Measuring system performance
- Short-term vs long-term trade-offs
- Identifying leverage points
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Communicating findings to stakeholders
- **Case Study**: Waste management systems reform

Module 6: Advanced Modeling Techniques

- Nonlinear relationships
- Endogenous decision-making
- Calibration with real data
- Hybrid modeling with AI/ML integration
- Model complexity management
- **Case Study**: Epidemic modeling with behavior change feedback

Module 7: Participatory System Dynamics

- Stakeholder engagement in model building
- Group model building facilitation
- Validation through stakeholder input
- Enhancing trust and transparency
- Policy co-creation methods
- **Case Study**: Community-driven housing policy model

Module 8: Sector-Specific Applications

- Health systems
- Environmental policy
- Infrastructure and energy
- Economics and labor
- Governance and public administration
- **Case Study**: Renewable energy transition policy in emerging economies

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with real-time demos
- Hands-on model development sessions

- Group workshops and brainstorming
- Guided software simulations
- Case study analysis and discussions
- Capstone project presentation and peer review

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
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

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