Training Course on Strategic Thinking, Analysis, and Planning

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Develop critical strategic thinking skills to address complex organizational challenges.
2. Enhance the ability to analyze market trends and competitive landscapes.
3. Master the frameworks of strategic analysis and planning.
4. Understand how to identify and leverage competitive advantages.
5. Build leadership skills for high-level decision-making and problem-solving.
6. Learn the importance of organizational alignment in strategy execution.
7. Integrate forecasting techniques to anticipate future business challenges.
8. Understand and apply risk management strategies in strategic planning.
9. Develop a practical understanding of SWOT analysis and its strategic application.
10. Cultivate innovation and creativity within strategic planning processes.
11. Understand the link between strategic thinking and financial performance.
12. Learn how to build and maintain a strategic planning process across teams.
13. Improve communication skills for effectively presenting strategic ideas.

Target Audience

1. Senior Business Executives
2. Department Heads and Managers
3. Strategic Consultants
4. Entrepreneurs and Business Owners
5. Marketing and Sales Leaders
6. Financial Analysts
7. Project Managers
8. HR Professionals

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Strategic Thinking

- Definition of strategic thinking
- Key skills required for strategic thinking
- Importance of strategic thinking in decision-making
- Tools and techniques for strategic analysis
- Case study: A Fortune 500 company’s turnaround strategy

Module 2: Market and Competitive Analysis

- Analyzing market trends and dynamics
- Competitive analysis and benchmarking
- Identifying and analyzing competitors
- Tools for market research
- Case study: Analyzing competitor strategies in a tech industry

Module 3: SWOT Analysis for Strategy Development

- Understanding the SWOT framework

- How to perform a SWOT analysis
- Application of SWOT in business strategy
- Leveraging strengths and opportunities
- Case study: Strategic planning in the hospitality industry

Module 4: Forecasting and Long-Term Planning

- Types of forecasting models
- How to forecast industry trends and disruptions
- Using data for strategic planning
- Implementing long-term planning in organizations
- Case study: Forecasting the future of electric vehicles

Module 5: Strategic Risk Management

- Identifying potential risks in strategy
- Risk assessment and mitigation strategies
- Aligning risk with organizational goals
- Creating risk management plans
- Case study: Risk management in the airline industry

Module 6: Building a Competitive Advantage

- Analyzing the sources of competitive advantage
- Strategies for gaining and sustaining competitive advantage
- Porter's Five Forces framework
- Leveraging innovation for competitive advantage
- Case study: Innovation-driven competitive strategies in fashion

Module 7: Financial Implications of Strategic Decisions

- Linking strategy to financial performance
- Analyzing the financial risks of strategic decisions
- Budgeting and resource allocation for strategic initiatives
- Cost-benefit analysis in strategic planning
- Case study: Financial analysis of a merger and acquisition

Module 8: Strategy Implementation and Execution

- Aligning strategy with organizational structure
- Communicating strategy effectively across teams
- Monitoring and evaluating strategy execution
- Tools for measuring success in strategy implementation
- Case study: Implementation of a new strategic direction in retail

Module 9: Leadership and Strategic Decision-Making

- The role of leadership in strategic thinking
- Decision-making models for leaders
- Creating a culture of strategic thinking within teams
- Developing leadership capabilities for strategic roles
- Case study: Leadership in a successful corporate turnaround

Module 10: Innovation and Creativity in Strategy

- Fostering a culture of innovation for strategic advantage
- Techniques for creative problem-solving

- Incorporating creative thinking into strategic plans
- Managing innovation in large organizations
- Case study: Creative strategies in the tech industry

Module 11: Strategic Communication

- Communicating strategic vision to stakeholders
- Negotiation and persuasion in strategy implementation
- Overcoming communication barriers in strategic planning
- Presenting complex strategic plans effectively
- Case study: Communicating a major organizational change

Module 12: Measuring Strategic Success

- KPIs and metrics for strategic success
- Analyzing the effectiveness of strategic plans
- Continuous improvement in strategic processes
- Conducting post-implementation reviews
- Case study: Measuring the impact of a new market entry strategy

Module 13: Scaling Strategies for Growth

- Developing scalability in business strategies
- Strategies for expanding market presence
- Managing growth in a sustainable way
- Assessing the scalability of strategic plans
- Case study: Scaling up a start-up into a global brand

Module 14: Managing Strategic Change

- Navigating through strategic change
- Change management techniques for leaders
- Aligning teams with new strategic directions
- Overcoming resistance to strategic changes
- Case study: Leading a digital transformation in a large corporation

Module 15: Strategic Planning in a Global Context

- Global strategic planning challenges
- Cultural considerations in international strategy
- Adapting strategies for global markets
- Building a global strategy framework
- Case study: Global strategy in the pharmaceutical industry

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Hands-on activities to apply strategic thinking concepts.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to demonstrate strategic decision-making processes.
- **Group Discussions:** Collaborative learning to promote idea exchange and problem-solving.
- **Simulations:** Simulate real-life business scenarios for immersive learning.
- **Role-playing:** Engage in practical exercises to practice strategic leadership and decision-making.
- **Expert-led Sessions:** Guidance from industry experts to gain insights on strategic thinking and planning.

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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
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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