

Predictive Analytics for Economic Forecasting 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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Course Objectives

Participants will be able to:

1. Understand core concepts of predictive analytics and their relevance to economic forecasting.
2. Apply time series analysis and regression models to real-world economic data.
3. Build and evaluate machine learning models for economic prediction.
4. Utilize Python and R for economic modeling and forecasting.
5. Interpret key economic indicators using data visualization tools.
6. Conduct scenario and sensitivity analysis to assess economic risk.
7. Forecast GDP, inflation, employment, and trade metrics.
8. Understand the application of AI and big data in economic prediction.
9. Identify trends using real-time economic data sources.
10. Translate analytical findings into strategic policy recommendations.
11. Explore ethical implications of automated economic decision-making.
12. Learn to present economic forecasts to stakeholders using data storytelling techniques.
13. Examine case studies of global economic forecasting successes and failures.

Target Audiences

1. Economists and policy analysts
2. Financial analysts and investors
3. Government planners and regulators
4. Business strategists and consultants
5. Data scientists and AI engineers
6. Academic researchers and students
7. Development economists and NGO officers
8. Market intelligence and risk analysts

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Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of Predictive Analytics in Economics

- Overview of predictive analytics and economic theory
- Key concepts in data science for economists
- Introduction to time series and regression analysis
- Role of historical data in forecasting
- Tools and platforms used in economic analytics
- **Case Study:** Predicting inflation trends in East Africa using historical data

Module 2: Economic Indicators and Data Sources

- Types of economic indicators (leading, lagging, coincident)
- Reliable data sources (World Bank, IMF, national bureaus)

- Data cleaning and preprocessing techniques
- Visualizing economic trends
- Using APIs for real-time economic data
- **Case Study:** Forecasting GDP using World Bank data

Module 3: Time Series Forecasting Techniques

- Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA)
- Exponential smoothing and Holt-Winters models
- Stationarity and seasonality in economic data
- Forecasting accuracy metrics (MAE, RMSE, MAPE)
- Introduction to Prophet by Facebook for economics
- **Case Study:** Forecasting unemployment rates with ARIMA

Module 4: Machine Learning for Economic Forecasting

- Supervised learning for economic prediction
- Decision trees, random forests, and ensemble models
- Model evaluation and cross-validation
- Overfitting and underfitting in economic data
- Practical use of Python's Scikit-learn
- **Case Study:** Using ML to forecast inflationary pressures in Sub-Saharan Africa

Module 5: Econometrics and Advanced Modeling

- Introduction to econometrics and causal inference
- Multiple regression models in economics
- Panel data analysis techniques
- Instrumental variables and endogeneity
- Comparing econometrics and machine learning
- **Case Study:** Evaluating the impact of trade policies on inflation

Module 6: Scenario Planning and Economic Risk Forecasting

- Constructing economic scenarios
- Sensitivity and what-if analysis
- Risk mapping and uncertainty modeling
- Tools for stress testing economic models
- Integration with financial forecasting tools
- **Case Study:** Predicting economic downturns post-pandemic

Module 7: Communicating Economic Forecasts

- Data storytelling and dashboard creation
- Building visual economic reports
- Interactive charts with Tableau/Power BI
- Presentation techniques for stakeholders
- Creating policy briefs from forecasts
- **Case Study:** Presenting GDP forecasts to a Ministry of Planning

Module 8: Ethics and Future of Economic Forecasting

- Bias in predictive models
- Transparency and explainability in economic AI
- Ethical use of forecasting in public policy
- The future of AI in global economic modeling

- Regulatory frameworks for automated decision systems
- **Case Study:** AI ethics in predicting public welfare distributions

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led interactive sessions
- Hands-on workshops using R and Python
- Data-driven case study analysis
- Peer collaboration and discussions
- Capstone forecasting project with real datasets

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

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- 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
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