

ADVANCED INTERNAL AUDIT



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Introduction

Advanced Internal Audit Training Course prepares internal auditors to deliver assurance that management and boards can act on. Participants work through the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, risk-based audit planning, engagement execution, control testing, data analytics, fraud awareness, findings development, reporting, and quality assurance as one connected discipline. The programme links audit findings with the risk and control decisions they should influence. As a result, learners gain a repeatable, defensible audit method. Furthermore, the course strengthens professional judgement, evidence quality, and audit reporting.

Advanced Internal Audit Course Objectives

- Apply the IIA International Standards and Code of Ethics to audit work.
- Build a risk-based internal audit plan aligned with strategy.
- Apply COSO frameworks for internal control and enterprise risk management.
- Plan engagements with clear objectives, scope, and criteria.
- Design audit programmes, sampling plans, and working papers.
- Apply data analytics and CAAT techniques to audit evidence.
- Assess fraud risk indicators and evaluate anti-fraud controls.
- Evaluate governance, risk management, and compliance processes.
- Write clear findings, root causes, and actionable recommendations.
- Apply audit follow-up, quality assurance, and stakeholder reporting.

Course Methodology

- Interactive sessions built on internal audit case studies.
- Workshops on risk-based planning, audit programmes, and working papers.
- Group exercises on control testing, sampling, and finding development.

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- Hands-on practice with audit programmes, CAAT tools, and risk registers.
- Simulation of an audit exit meeting and a fraud red-flag review.
- Facilitator coaching and peer review on personal audit plans.

Who Should Take This Course

- Internal auditors, senior auditors, and audit supervisors.
- Audit managers and heads of internal audit.
- Compliance officers and risk management professionals.
- Finance and operations professionals supporting audit work.
- Quality assurance and internal control specialists.
- Consultants advising on internal audit and control frameworks.

Advanced Internal Audit Course Outlines

Day 1: Internal Audit Foundations and Standards

- Definition, purpose, and scope of internal auditing.
- The IIA International Standards and Code of Ethics.
- Independence, objectivity, and the audit charter.
- The three lines model and assurance roles.
- Types of audit: compliance, operational, financial, and IT.
- Auditor competencies and professional scepticism.
- Case discussion: an audit that lost its independence.

Day 2: Risk-Based Audit Planning

- Risk management concepts and risk appetite.



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- COSO ERM and the COSO internal control framework.
- Risk assessment and building the audit universe.
- Risk-based prioritisation and annual audit planning.
- Engagement planning and audit objectives.
- Resource allocation, budgeting, and audit scheduling.
- Workshop: building a risk-based annual audit plan.

Day 3: Audit Execution and Control Testing

- Audit programmes and procedure design.
- Evidence gathering, sufficiency, and reliability.
- Sampling methods, statistical and judgemental.
- Tests of controls and substantive testing.
- Walkthroughs, observation, and inquiry techniques.
- Working paper standards and documentation quality.
- Exercise: designing an audit programme and testing controls.

Day 4: Data Analytics, Fraud, and Compliance Auditing

- Computer-assisted audit techniques (CAAT) and audit software.
- Data analytics for full-population testing.
- Duplicate payment, anomaly, and exception testing.
- Compliance testing against laws, policies, and regulations.
- Fraud red flags and fraud risk assessment.
- Designing anti-fraud controls and detection routines.
- Simulation: running an analytics test and reviewing red flags.





Day 5: Reporting, Follow-Up, and Quality Assurance

- Structuring findings: criteria, condition, cause, effect, and recommendation.
- Root cause analysis and practical recommendations.
- Report writing, rating, and communicating with management.
- Exit meetings, management responses, and action plans.
- Follow-up, issue tracking, and closure validation.
- Quality assurance and improvement programme (QAIP) and external assessment.
- Capstone: presenting an audit engagement and report.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Advanced Internal Audit, participants will gain a practical command of internal audit standards, risk-based planning, engagement execution, control testing, data analytics, fraud awareness, and audit reporting. They will acquire skills in audit programme design, risk assessment, findings development, and follow-up that strengthen assurance and governance. Gentex Training Center designs the programme to help auditors deliver insight that drives change.

FAQs

Q1 What is the "Advanced Internal Audit" course about?

It prepares internal auditors to deliver assurance that management and boards can act on. The course spans internal audit foundations and standards, risk-based audit planning, audit execution and control testing, data analytics, fraud and compliance auditing, and reporting, follow-up and quality assurance.



Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Advanced Internal Audit" course?

You gain a repeatable, defensible audit method that connects findings with the risk and control decisions they should influence. The course improves risk-based planning and control testing, strengthens evidence quality and data analytics use, sharpens fraud awareness, and gives you reporting and follow-up discipline that raises audit credibility.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Advanced Internal Audit" course?

You will develop four core skills: risk-based audit planning using COSO and the IIA standards, engagement execution with control testing and evidence evaluation, data analytics and compliance and fraud testing, and audit findings development with reporting, follow-up and quality assurance.



Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Advanced Internal Audit" course?

The course covers the IIA International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing and the Code of Ethics, the audit charter and independence and objectivity requirements, the three lines model, audit types across compliance, operational, financial and IT, risk management concepts and risk appetite, the COSO enterprise risk management and internal control frameworks, risk assessment and the audit universe, risk-based annual audit planning, engagement planning and audit objectives, audit programmes and procedure design, evidence sufficiency and reliability, statistical and judgemental sampling, tests of controls and substantive testing, walkthroughs, observation and inquiry, working paper standards, computer-assisted audit techniques (CAAT) and audit software, full-population data analytics, duplicate payment and anomaly and exception testing, compliance testing against laws, policies and regulations, fraud red flags and fraud risk assessment, anti-fraud control design, findings structured on criteria, condition, cause, effect and recommendation, root cause analysis, report writing and audit rating, exit meetings and management responses, follow-up and issue tracking and closure validation, and the quality assurance and improvement programme (QAIP) and external assessment.

Q5 How is the "Advanced Internal Audit" course applied in real-world practice?

Participants apply it to real work such as building a risk-based annual audit plan, designing an audit programme for a process, testing controls and evaluating evidence, running analytics over full transaction populations, assessing fraud red flags, drafting findings with root causes and recommendations, and presenting an audit report at an exit meeting. The same methods support follow-up tracking and quality assurance reviews.