THE OXFORD FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME



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Introduction

The Oxford Financial Excellence Programme Training Course raises the standard of financial practice across reporting, planning, control, and decision support. It gives finance professionals a single, connected view of how numbers move from transaction to statement to strategy. Participants strengthen their technical accuracy while building the analytical judgement that senior stakeholders expect. Furthermore, the programme connects day-to-day finance discipline with wider corporate goals, so reports inform action rather than sit unread. In addition, it addresses control, ethics, and communication as core professional skills. As a result, attendees leave able to run a finance function that earns trust.

The Oxford Financial Excellence Programme Course Objectives

- Prepare and interpret the income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow statement under IFRS.
- Apply accrual accounting, revenue recognition, and provisioning rules correctly.
- Build annual budgets and rolling forecasts using zero-based and driver-based methods.
- Perform variance analysis that separates price, volume, and mix effects.
- Calculate and interpret ratios covering liquidity, profitability, efficiency, and gearing.
- Appraise capital investments using net present value, internal rate of return, and payback.
- Manage working capital and improve the cash conversion cycle.
- Design internal controls under the COSO framework, including segregation of duties.
- Prepare management reporting packs with KPI dashboards and clear commentary.
- Apply ethical standards from the IESBA Code of Ethics to real finance dilemmas.

Course Methodology

- Guided practice on real financial statements and reporting packs.

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- Hands-on Excel modelling for budgets, forecasts, and investment cases.
- Case studies on cost control, working capital, and control failures.
- Group exercises on variance investigation and management commentary.
- Individual action planning linked to each participant's reporting duties.

Who Should Take This Course

- Finance officers, accountants, and accounting supervisors.
- Financial analysts and budgeting officers.
- Management accountants and cost controllers.
- Treasury and credit control staff.
- Internal auditors reviewing financial processes.
- Business unit managers owning budgets.
- Professionals targeting a senior finance role.

The Oxford Financial Excellence Programme Course Outlines

Day 1: Financial Reporting Accuracy and IFRS

- The three primary statements and their interconnections.
- Accrual accounting, matching, and revenue recognition under IFRS 15.
- Leases and financial instruments under IFRS 16 and IFRS 9.
- Inventory valuation under IAS 2 and asset depreciation under IAS 16.
- Provisions, contingencies, and impairment under IAS 37 and IAS 36.
- Disclosure notes, judgment, and materiality.
- Workshop: reviewing a published annual report for reporting quality.

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Day 2: Analysis, Ratios, and Performance Insight

- Vertical, horizontal, and trend analysis.
- Liquidity, solvency, and gearing ratios.
- Profitability and margin analysis across segments.
- Efficiency ratios, asset turnover, and DuPont analysis.
- Cash flow quality and earnings sustainability.
- Segment and product profitability review.
- Case exercise: diagnosing performance decline from the statements.

Day 3: Budgeting, Forecasting, and Cost Control

- The budget cycle and its alignment with strategy.
- Zero-based, incremental, and driver-based budgeting methods.
- Rolling forecasts, scenario planning, and sensitivity analysis.
- Standard costing and variance investigation.
- Activity-based costing and cost driver analysis.
- Break-even, contribution margin, and CVP analysis.
- Workshop: building a departmental budget and forecast model.

Day 4: Capital Appraisal and Working Capital

- Time value of money and discounting mechanics.
- Net present value, internal rate of return, and payback period.
- Weighted average cost of capital as a hurdle rate.
- Sensitivity and risk analysis in investment proposals.
- Receivables, payables, and inventory management.

- Cash conversion cycle optimisation and cash forecasting.
- Case study: appraising a capital project and a working capital plan.

Day 5: Control, Reporting, and Professional Standards

- Internal control principles under the COSO framework.
- Segregation of duties, authorisation, and reconciliation controls.
- Fraud red flags and control failure lessons.
- Management reporting packs and KPI dashboard design.
- Communicating results to non-financial audiences.
- Professional ethics under the IESBA Code of Ethics.
- Capstone: presenting a finance excellence improvement plan.

Conclusion

By successfully completing The Oxford Financial Excellence Programme Training Course, participants will gain a rigorous command of financial reporting, analysis, budgeting, and control. They will acquire the ability to build forecasts, appraise investments, tighten controls, and explain results in clear business language. As a result, they can lift the accuracy and credibility of the finance function. Gentex Training Center delivers this programme with a strong focus on practical application and measurable improvement.

FAQs for the The Oxford Financial Excellence Programme course

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Q1 What is the "The Oxford Financial Excellence Programme" course about?

It raises the standard of everyday financial practice, covering IFRS reporting accuracy, ratio analysis, budgeting and forecasting, capital appraisal, working capital management, internal controls, and professional ethics applied to real finance tasks.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "The Oxford Financial Excellence Programme" course?

Participants produce more accurate statements, close and forecast faster, and appraise investments with consistent evidence. They also strengthen controls and reporting quality, which raises credibility with auditors, managers, and boards.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "The Oxford Financial Excellence Programme" course?

IFRS financial reporting and statement preparation; financial analysis and ratio interpretation; budgeting, forecasting, and variance analysis; and internal control design under the COSO framework.

Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "The Oxford Financial Excellence Programme" course?

The programme covers IFRS 15, IFRS 16, IFRS 9, IAS 2, IAS 16, IAS 36 and IAS 37, the COSO internal control framework, zero-based and driver-based budgeting, activity-based costing, DuPont analysis, net present value and internal rate of return, cost-volume-profit analysis, and the IESBA Code of Ethics.

Q5 How is the "The Oxford Financial Excellence Programme" course applied in real-world practice?

Participants review a published annual report for reporting quality, build a departmental budget and forecast model, appraise a capital project alongside a working capital plan, and present a finance excellence improvement plan tasks that mirror daily finance work.