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Statistics and Data Analysis

Duration: 5 Days (Total: 20 Hours)

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1.0 Course Overview

This course introduces participants to the essential concepts and tools in **statistics and data analysis**, enabling them to collect, clean, analyze, and visualize data in meaningful ways for academic, business, or research purposes.

2.0 Learning Outcomes

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

- Understand key statistical concepts and data types
- Collect, clean, and organize datasets for analysis
- Visualize data trends and summaries with charts and tables
- Conduct hypothesis tests, correlations, and regressions
- Interpret results and make evidence-based decisions

3.0 Training Methodology

- Real-World Data Sets and Case Studies
- Step-by-Step Demonstrations in Excel/SPSS/Python
- Group Data Challenges and Individual Analysis Tasks
- Practice Worksheets and Assessment Quizzes
- Mini Projects and Data Presentations

4.0 Fundamentals of Statistics: Descriptive and Inferential (3 Hours)

Objectives:

- Build a foundation in understanding and classifying data

Topics Covered:

- Types of Data: Categorical, Numerical, Ordinal
- Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median, Mode
- Measures of Spread: Range, Variance, Standard Deviation
- Inferential vs Descriptive Statistics

Activities:

- Task: Analyze a small dataset for key descriptive metrics
- Exercise: Group discussion on real-life applications of stats
- Quiz: Classify and interpret types of variables

5.0 Data Collection, Sampling & Cleaning (3 Hours)**Objectives:**

- Learn to gather reliable data and prepare it for analysis

Topics Covered:

- Primary vs Secondary Data
- Sampling Methods: Random, Stratified, Systematic
- Bias and Reliability in Data Collection
- Data Cleaning: Handling Missing Values, Outliers, and Duplicates

Activities:

- Task: Create a survey and define a sampling method
- Lab: Clean a messy dataset (Excel/SPSS)
- Worksheet: Spot and fix sampling errors in scenarios

6.0 Visualizing and Summarizing Data (4 Hours)

Objectives:

- Represent data clearly through visual and tabular formats

Topics Covered:

- Charts: Histograms, Boxplots, Pie Charts, Bar Graphs
- Frequency Tables and Cross-Tabulations
- Choosing the Right Chart for the Right Data
- Using Visualization to Reveal Patterns and Trends

Activities:

- Task: Create 3 types of charts using a given dataset
- Challenge: Visual storytelling with data
- Peer Review: Critique the effectiveness of sample visuals

7.0 Hypothesis Testing, Correlation, and Regression (3 Hours)

Objectives:

- Apply statistical tests to explore relationships and draw conclusions

Topics Covered:

- Null and Alternative Hypotheses
- P-values, Confidence Intervals, and Significance
- Pearson Correlation, Spearman Rank
- Simple Linear Regression

Activities:

- Lab: Run a correlation test in Excel/SPSS
- Task: Formulate and test a hypothesis with data
- Group Debate: Misuse and misunderstanding of p-values

8.0 Tools and Applications: Excel, SPSS, or Python Basics (3 Hours)**Objectives:**

- Use analytical tools to automate and execute calculations

Topics Covered:

- Data Entry and Formulas in Excel
- Using SPSS for Descriptive and Inferential Stats
- Python Libraries: Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn (Intro level)
- Automating Charts, Reports, and Analyses

Activities:

- Task: Create a dashboard or summary report

- Demo: Basic data analysis with Python code
- Optional: Choose your preferred tool and analyze a mini dataset

9.0 Data Interpretation and Reporting Insights (2 Hours)

Objectives:

- Turn analysis into action by communicating results clearly

Topics Covered:

- Interpreting Trends and Results with Context
- Writing Analytical Summaries
- Avoiding Common Misinterpretation Errors
- Ethical Use of Data

Activities:

- Task: Write a 1-page insight report from analysis
- Peer Review: Clarity, relevance, and visualization in reports
- Discussion: “Telling the story behind the numbers”

10.0 Conclusion and Wrap-Up (1 Hour)

Key Takeaways:

- Review core tools, share your growth, and plan your next step

Final Activities:

- Showcase: Mini data project or presentation
- Certificate Distribution
- Journaling Prompt: “What data means to me now...”