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COBIT® 2019 for Internal Auditors

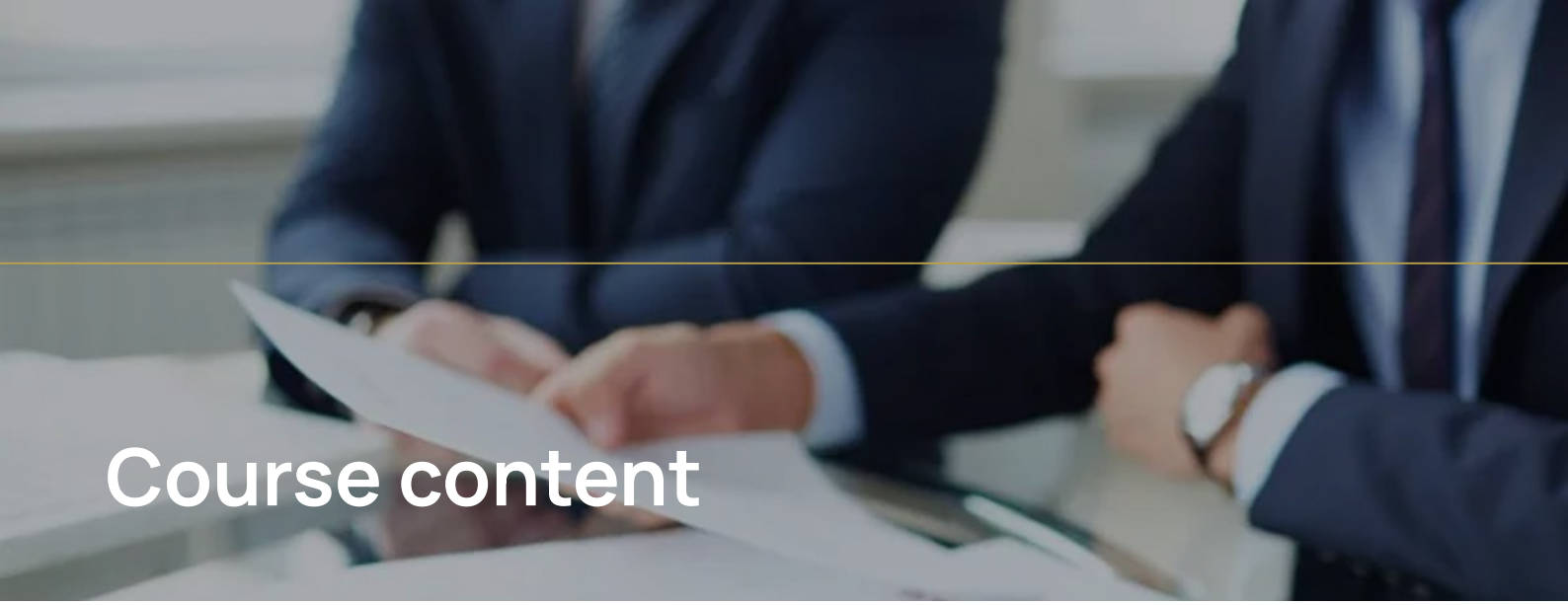
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Why attend

This course equips internal auditors with the knowledge and skills to effectively apply COBIT® 2019 principles in governance and management of enterprise IT. Participants will learn to assess and enhance IT processes, ensuring alignment with business objectives and risk management frameworks.

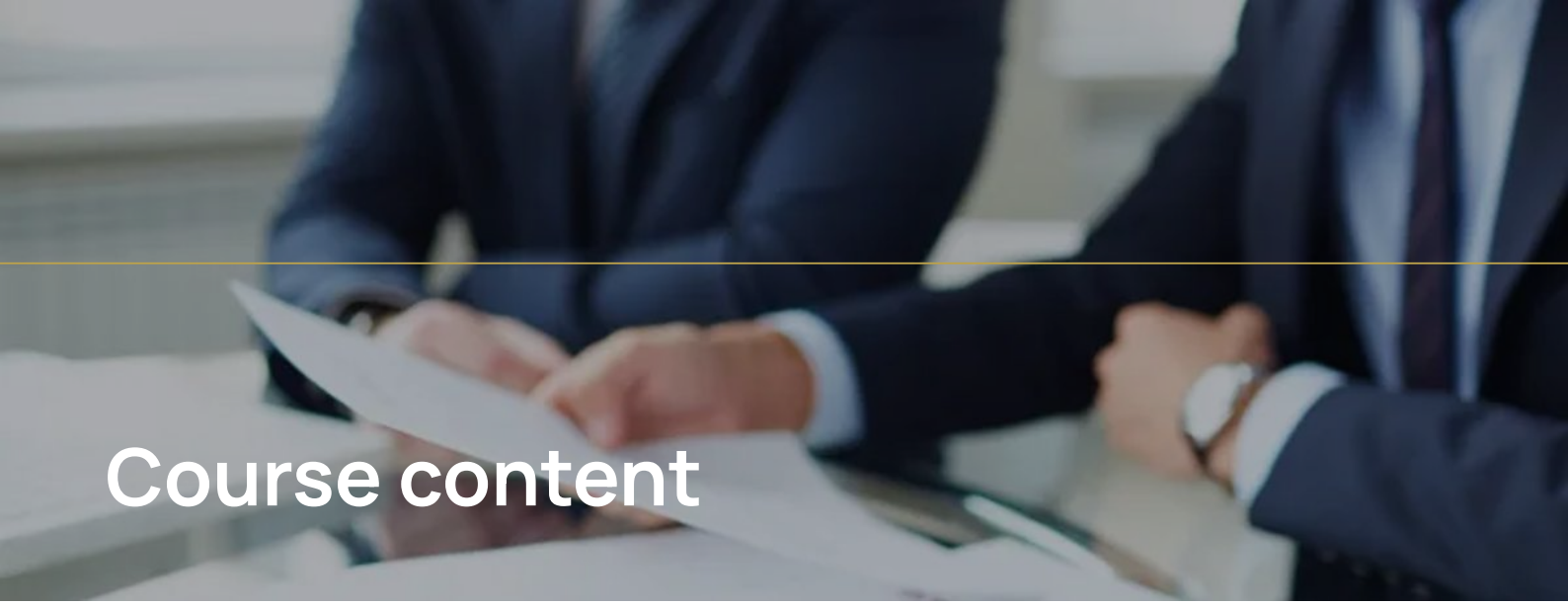
Internal auditors face the challenge of ensuring that IT governance aligns with organisational objectives while effectively managing risks. Understanding COBIT® 2019 provides auditors with a structured framework to evaluate IT processes, controls, and compliance, which are crucial for operational efficiency and risk mitigation. This course will empower participants to identify key performance indicators, assess IT governance maturity, and engage stakeholders effectively. By mastering these skills, auditors can make informed decisions that enhance organisational performance and compliance, ultimately contributing to the strategic goals of their organisations. The ability to conduct thorough assessments and communicate findings will significantly improve the value auditors bring to their teams.
Participants will develop practical capabilities to assess IT governance frameworks, identify gaps in compliance, and recommend improvements that align with COBIT® 2019. Through hands-on exercises, they will practise evaluating IT processes, conducting audits, and reporting findings. This course prepares auditors to contribute meaningfully to their organisations' governance strategies by equipping them with the tools necessary to navigate complex IT environments. Participants will also learn to facilitate discussions with stakeholders and present actionable recommendations, ensuring that governance frameworks are robust and aligned with business objectives. The skills gained will enable participants to drive continuous improvement and foster a culture of accountability within their organisations.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

- Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
- Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
- Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

The course employs a blend of case studies, group discussions, and practical workshops to build participants' capabilities in applying COBIT® 2019. Each day includes scenario-based exercises where participants will analyse real-world situations, assess governance structures, and develop audit reports. Participants will engage in role-playing exercises to simulate stakeholder interactions and decision-making processes. Learning evidence includes completed assessments, audit plans, and process improvement recommendations, ensuring participants can apply their knowledge directly to their roles. This hands-on approach fosters collaboration and critical thinking, enabling auditors to effectively implement COBIT® principles in their organisations. The integration of practical applications ensures that participants leave with tangible skills and outputs relevant to their work.



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Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Assess the COBIT® 2019 framework and its relevance to internal auditing processes.
• Analyse IT governance structures within an organisation using COBIT® principles.
• Evaluate the effectiveness of IT management practices against COBIT® 2019 standards.
• Design an audit plan that incorporates COBIT® 2019 for IT governance assessments.
• Identify gaps in IT processes and recommend improvements based on COBIT® 2019.
• Construct a compliance report that reflects findings from COBIT® assessments.

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• Internal Auditors responsible for IT audits and governance assessments.
• Compliance Officers focused on aligning IT processes with regulatory requirements.
• IT Governance Professionals involved in implementing COBIT® frameworks.
• Risk Management Specialists assessing IT-related risks and controls.

Target competencies

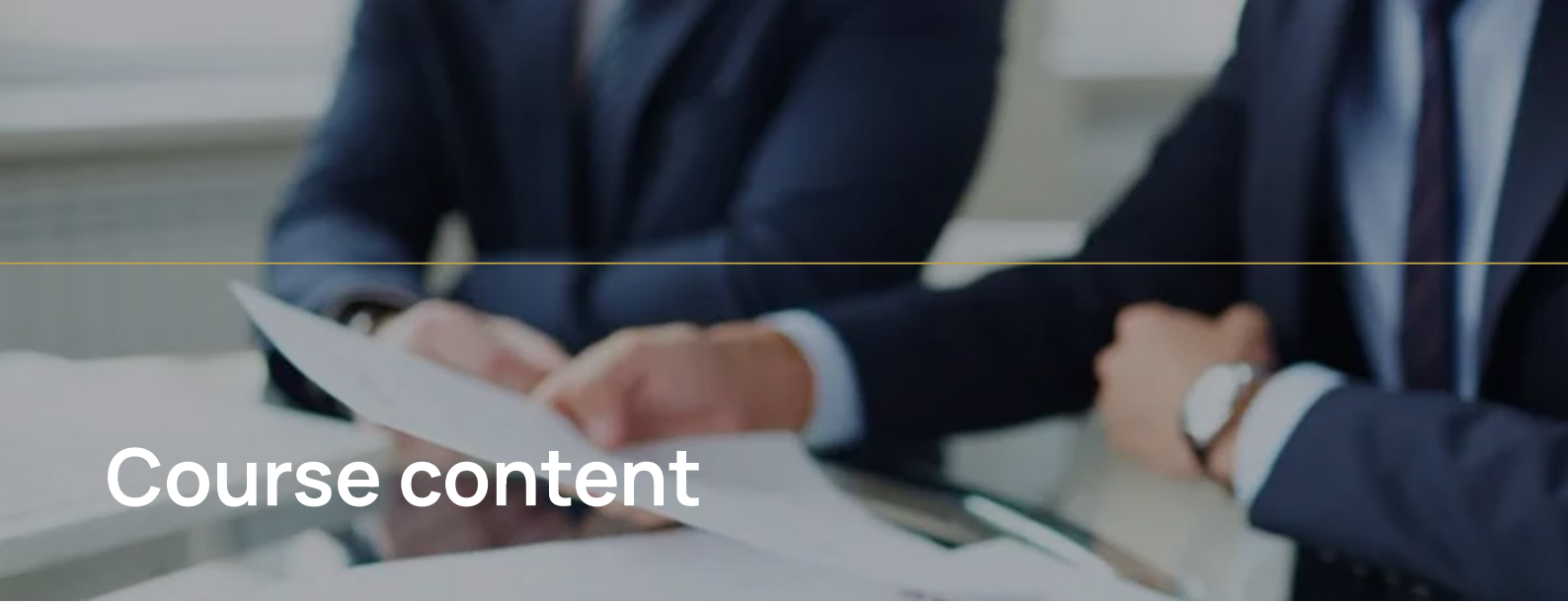
Participants will develop competencies in:
• Evaluate IT governance frameworks using COBIT® 2019 principles.
• Conduct compliance assessments aligned with organisational objectives.
• Develop audit plans that integrate COBIT® 2019 methodologies.
• Recommend process improvements based on COBIT® assessments.
• Prepare detailed audit reports reflecting compliance and governance findings.
• Facilitate discussions on IT governance and risk management with stakeholders.

Course outline

Day 1: Introduction to COBIT® 2019

Applied activity: Participants will analyse a fictional organisation's current IT governance framework and identify areas for improvement using COBIT® 2019 principles. They will discuss their findings in groups and prepare to present their recommendations, focusing on how these improvements can enhance governance and compliance.
Output: A gap analysis report highlighting key areas for enhancement in IT governance.

09:00–09:54	Overview of COBIT® 2019 framework and its principles for internal auditors.
09:54–10:48	Understanding the role of internal auditors in IT governance and risk management.



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10:48–11:00	Key components of governance and management objectives in COBIT® 2019.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Key components of governance and management objectives in COBIT® 2019. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Mapping COBIT® 2019 to organisational goals and business objectives.
13:06–14:00	Introduction to the COBIT® design and implementation approach for audits.

Day 2: Assessing IT Governance Structures

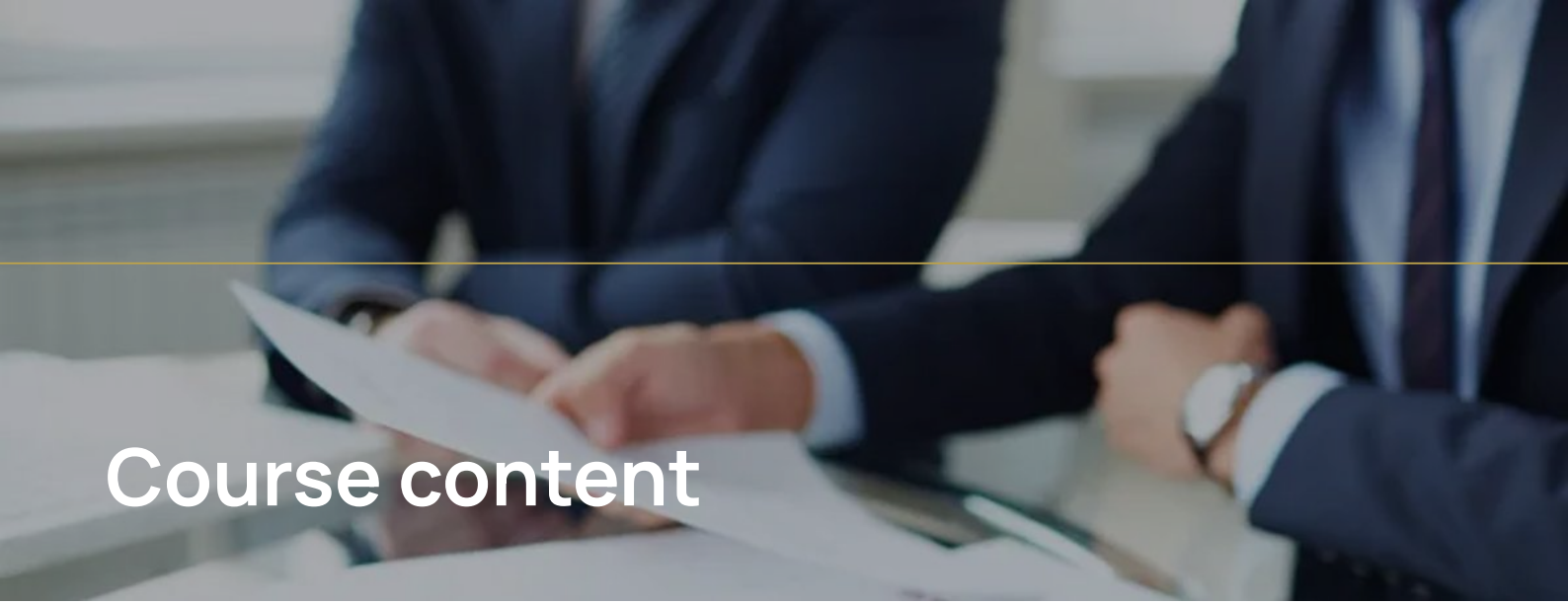
Applied activity: In groups, participants will assess the governance structure of a fictional company using provided criteria. They will evaluate stakeholder engagement and present their findings and recommendations to the class, focusing on how to improve stakeholder collaboration in governance.
Output: A presentation summarising the assessment results and actionable recommendations for governance improvements.

09:00–09:54	Identifying stakeholders in IT governance and their roles in the audit process.
09:54–10:48	Evaluating governance structures against COBIT® 2019 standards and best practices.
10:48–11:00	Understanding the importance of stakeholder engagement in governance assessments.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Understanding the importance of stakeholder engagement in governance assessments. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Techniques for assessing IT governance maturity using COBIT® 2019.
13:06–14:00	Developing assessment criteria based on COBIT® 2019 for effective audits.

Day 3: Evaluating IT Management Practices

Applied activity: Participants will evaluate the IT management practices of a fictional organisation, focusing on KPIs and compliance with COBIT® 2019. They will prepare a report detailing their findings and suggested improvements, emphasising how these changes can drive better performance.
Output: An evaluation report detailing findings and suggested improvements for IT management practices.

09:00–09:54	Understanding IT management objectives in COBIT® 2019 and their significance.
09:54–10:48	Methods for evaluating IT management practices against COBIT® standards.
10:48–11:00	Identifying key performance indicators (KPIs) for effective IT governance.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**



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11:30–12:12	Identifying key performance indicators (KPIs) for effective IT governance. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Using COBIT® 2019 to assess IT service management and operational effectiveness.
13:06–14:00	Reporting on the effectiveness of IT management practices and their alignment with business goals.

Day 4: Designing an Audit Plan

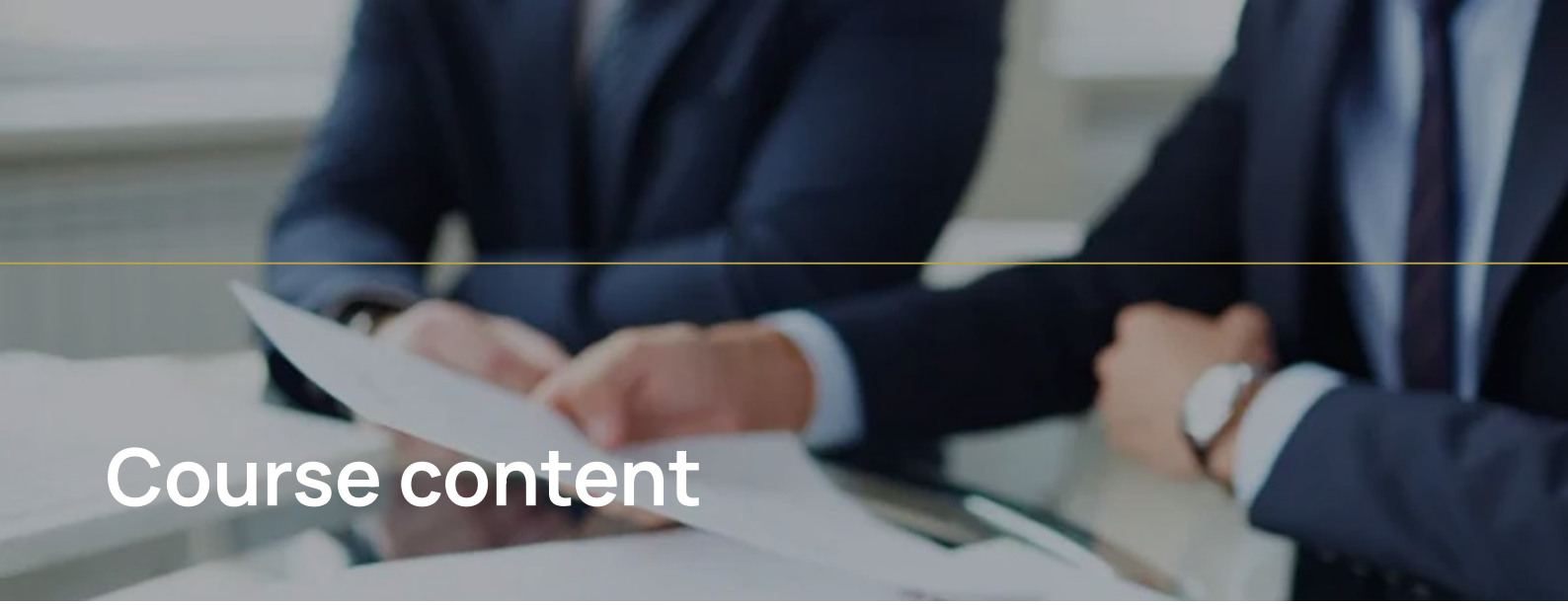
Applied activity: Participants will design an audit plan for a fictional organisation's IT governance framework, incorporating COBIT® 2019 elements, timelines, and resource allocation. They will present their plans to the group for feedback, focusing on how to ensure audit effectiveness and stakeholder buy-in.
Output: A comprehensive audit plan document ready for implementation.

09:00–09:54	Components of an effective audit plan using COBIT® 2019 principles.
09:54–10:48	Aligning audit objectives with business goals and IT governance requirements.
10:48–11:00	Identifying audit scope, resources needed, and potential risks.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Identifying audit scope, resources needed, and potential risks. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Developing audit methodologies based on COBIT® 2019 for comprehensive assessments.
13:06–14:00	Creating a timeline and milestones for the audit process to ensure timely delivery.

Day 5: Reporting and Recommendations

Applied activity: Participants will draft a compliance report based on their audit findings from the previous day, including actionable recommendations for improvement. They will simulate presenting this report to stakeholders for feedback, focusing on how to address potential concerns and ensure effective implementation.
Output: A detailed compliance report ready for presentation to stakeholders, including recommendations for improvement.

09:00–09:54	Best practices for reporting audit findings in a clear and actionable manner.
09:54–10:48	Structuring compliance reports based on COBIT® 2019 assessments and organisational standards.
10:48–11:00	Communicating recommendations to stakeholders effectively to ensure buy-in.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Communicating recommendations to stakeholders effectively to ensure buy-in. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Understanding the follow-up process after audits and the importance of continuous improvement.



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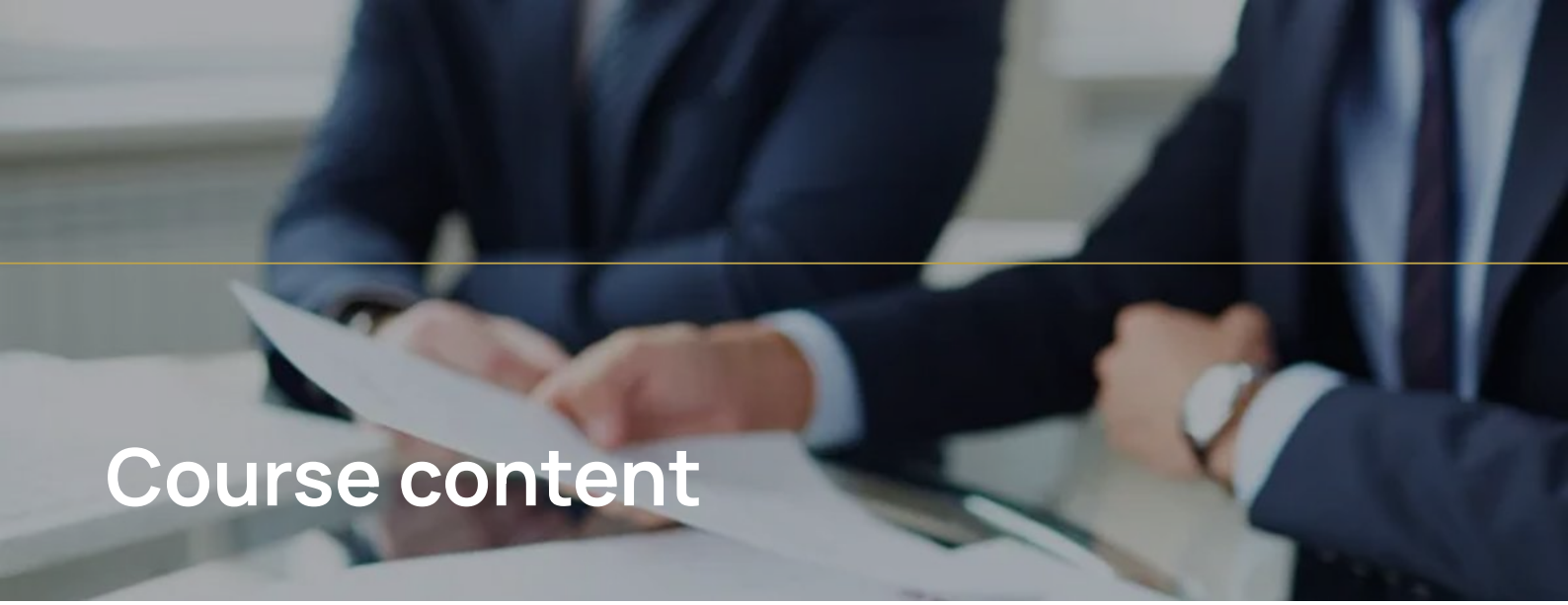
13:06–14:00	Evaluating the impact of recommendations on IT governance and overall organisational performance.

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.

Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in EUR, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

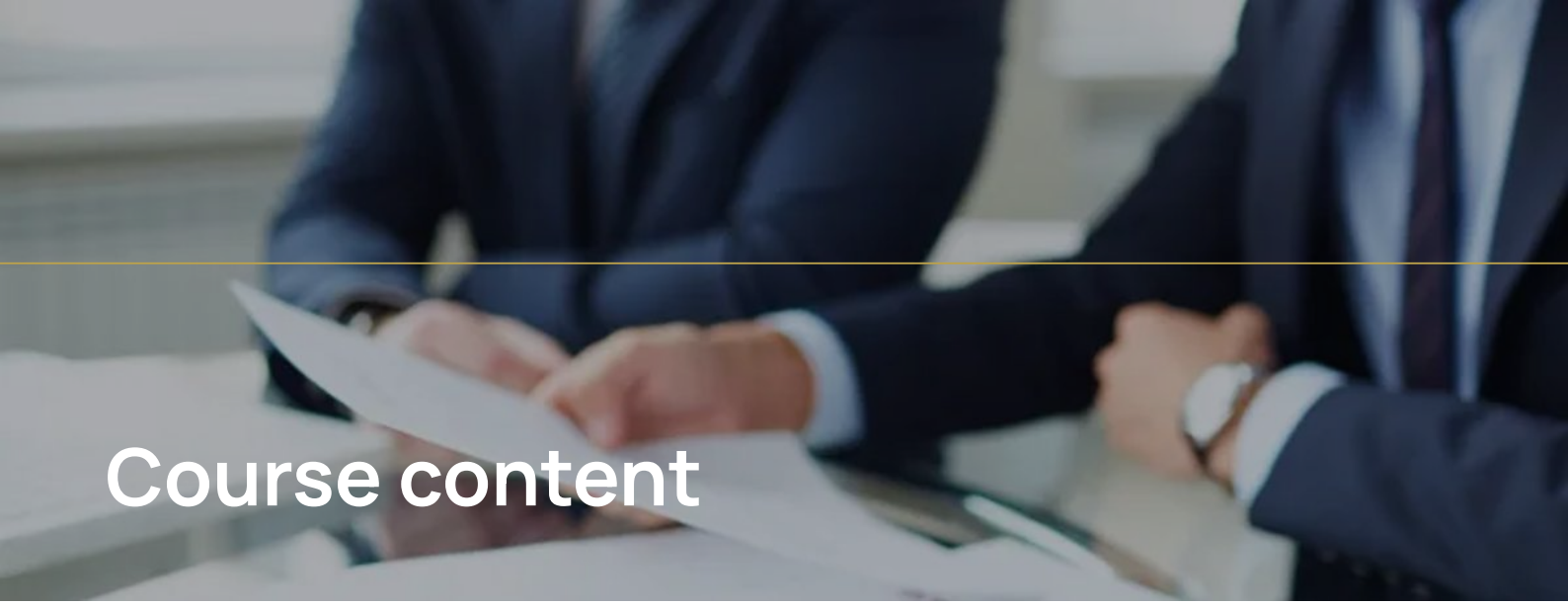
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Dubai Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**€3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**€1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**€2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**€1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**€1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**€1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	4 Jan 2027	8 Jan 2027	**€2,860.–**



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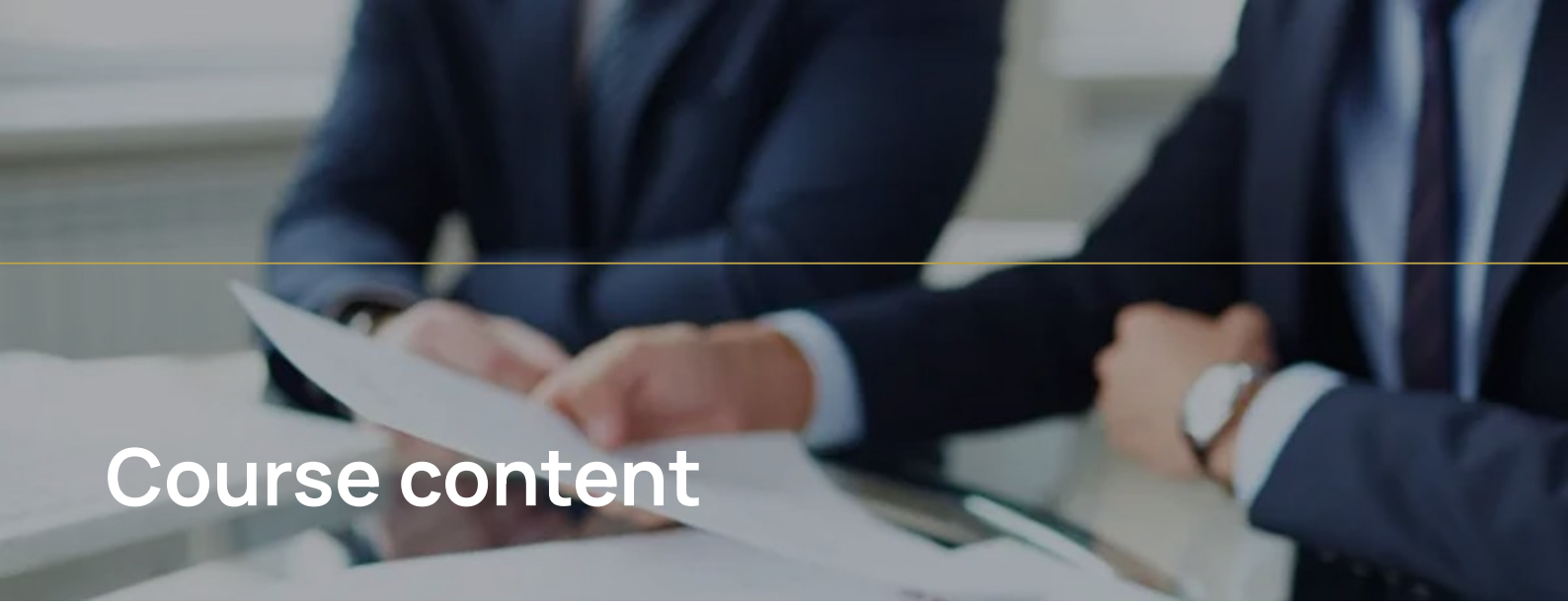
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Online Confirmed dates	4 Jan 2027	8 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	18 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	**€2,650.-**
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Barcelona Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**€2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**€2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**€1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	15 Feb 2027	19 Feb 2027	**€2,820.-**
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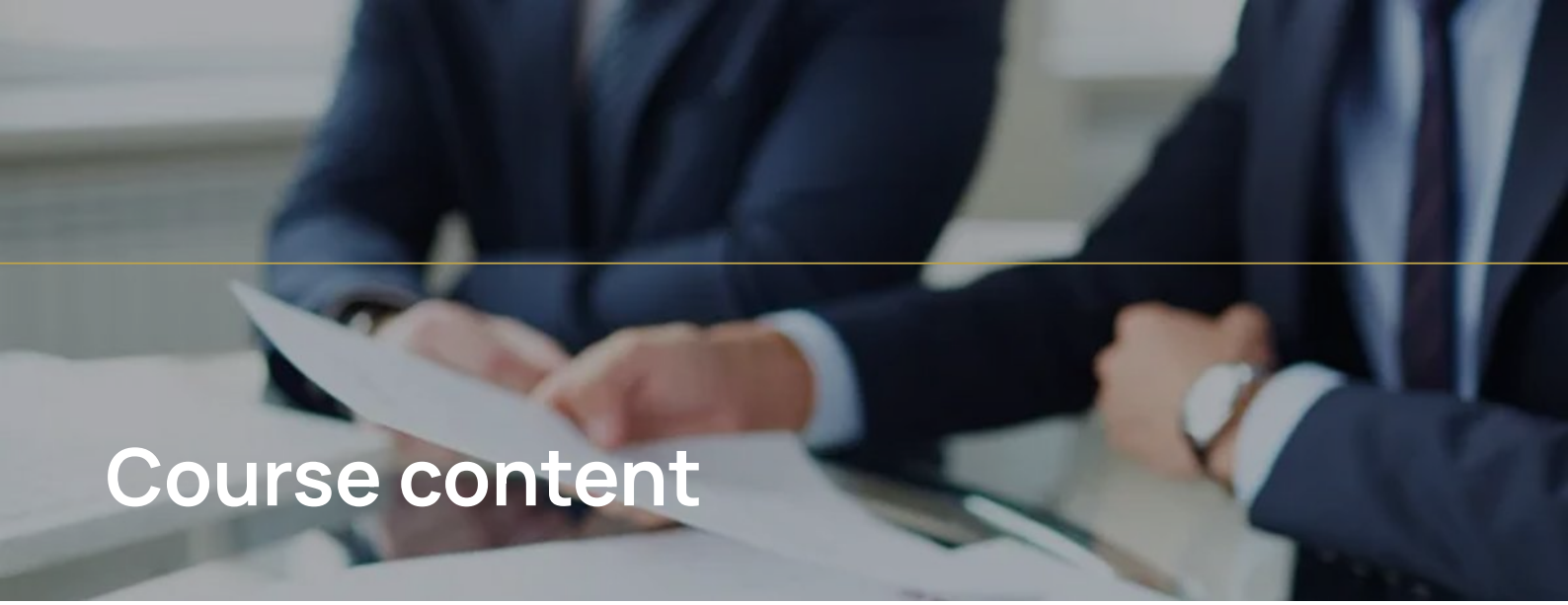
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Dubai Confirmed dates	15 Mar 2027	19 Mar 2027	**€3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	15 Mar 2027	19 Mar 2027	**€1,250.–**
Rome Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**€2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**€1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**€2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**€1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**€1,450.–**



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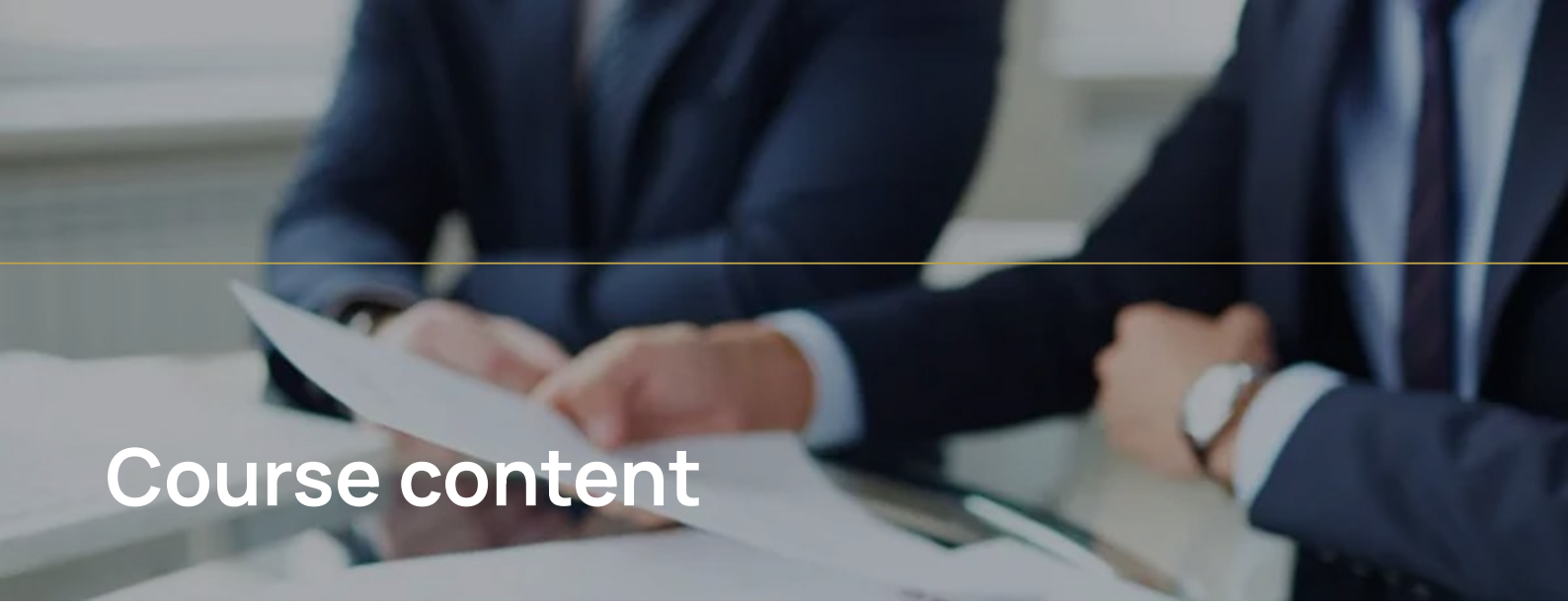
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Paris Confirmed dates	3 May 2027	7 May 2027	**€2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	3 May 2027	7 May 2027	**€1,250.–**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	17 May 2027	21 May 2027	**€2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	17 May 2027	21 May 2027	**€1,250.–**
Rome Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**€2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**€1,250.–**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	7 Jun 2027	11 Jun 2027	**€2,540.–**
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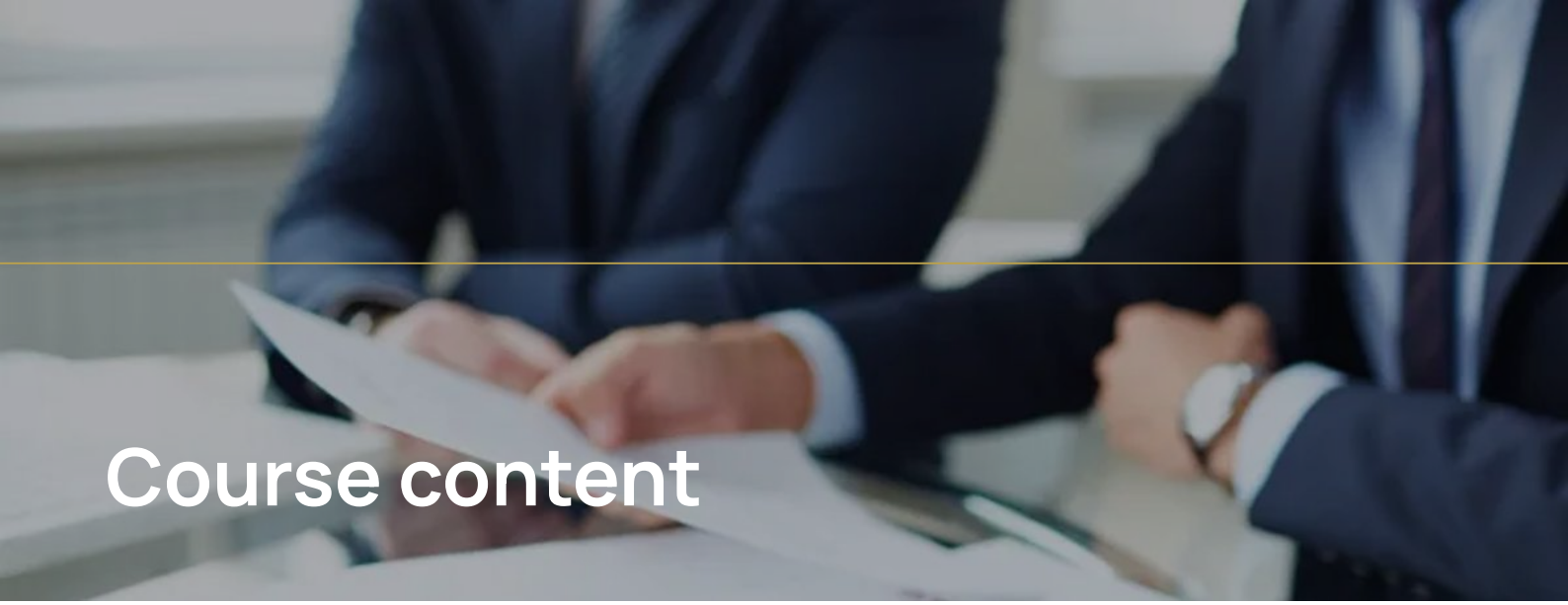
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Dubai Confirmed dates	19 Jul 2027	23 Jul 2027	**€3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	19 Jul 2027	23 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**€1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	2 Aug 2027	6 Aug 2027	**€2,650.-**



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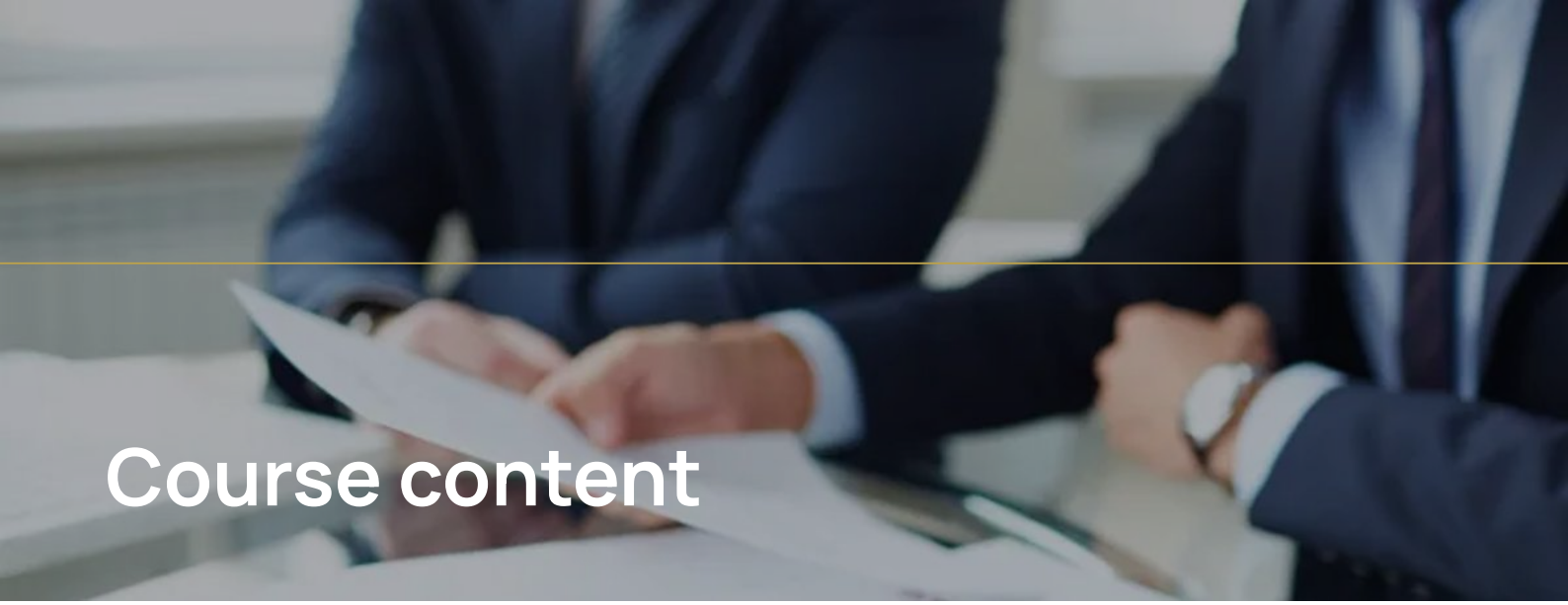
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