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The AI Engineering Series · Executive Programme

AI Leadership Strategies

A decision course for the people who sign the budget, own the risk, and answer to a board. Sixteen live sessions on Microsoft Teams, September to December 2026.

16

LIVE SESSIONS

2h

PER SESSION

32

TOTAL LIVE HOURS

6 Sep

STARTS 2026

WHAT THIS IS

The Five Judgements You Actually Have to Make

This is not an AI course. Nobody leaves it able to build an agent, and that is deliberate. It is a course about the five judgements a senior leader actually has to make about AI: where to bet, what to build versus buy versus wait for, how to govern it, how to reorganise around it, and how to talk about it without over-claiming.

The problem

You can get a demo. You cannot get a line in the operating plan. Your inbox carries a vendor statistic every week and no way to tell a measurement from a forecast from marketing. Your counsel says the EU AI Act was delayed; your marketing team is already publishing AI-generated video into India. Roughly two-thirds of organisations have not begun scaling AI across the enterprise, and the single most-cited barrier is not capability — it is security and risk. The scarce executive skill in 2026 is knowing which AI claims to disbelieve.

What this course gives you

Sixteen sessions that end with a one-page AI thesis for your own organisation: where we bet, what we will not do, what the board sees quarterly, and what would make us stop. Along the way you classify your own use cases against the EU AI Act, decide which workflows may run without a human, price the gap between "we have data" and governed data, and learn what actually binds an Indian entity today rather than in 2027. Every regulatory fact in this programme was verified against source on 9 August 2026, with its date and its confidence stated in the room.

OUTCOMES

What You Can Be Seen to Do Afterwards

Each of these is something you can be seen to do afterwards, not something you will have heard about.

- ✓ Classify your own organisation's AI use cases against the EU AI Act and say which obligations bind you *today* rather than in 2027.
- ✓ Take any AI statistic apart and say whether it is a measurement, a forecast or marketing, and name who funded it.
- ✓ Write a business case whose benefit line is not headcount and whose cost line reflects 2026 model economics rather than 2024's.
- ✓ Map which bodies of law already reach your AI systems — privacy, IP, nondiscrimination, consumer protection, product liability — with no AI-specific statute required.
- ✓ Combine ISO/IEC 42001, the NIST AI RMF, ISO/IEC 42005 and AI Act obligations into one governance approach, and define the quarterly board pack.
- ✓ Lead the change and communicate to investors, employees, regulators and customers without over-claiming.
- ✓ Decide whether a workflow runs autonomously, using reversibility and blast radius rather than model quality — and defend the decision with a stated rule.
- ✓ Map your value chain and produce a prioritised, sequenced use-case portfolio.
- ✓ Make a defensible build / buy / partner call, and scrutinise a multi-year single-model commitment.
- ✓ Say what binds an Indian entity now under the IT Amendment Rules 2026, and what commences in 2027 under DPDP.
- ✓ Design the operating model and specify which professional credential to require for each governance role you hire into — and for which roles to require none.
- ✓ Put a one-page AI thesis in front of a board.

WHO IT IS FOR

Built for the People Who Sign It Off

Assumed prior knowledge: none, technically. You are expected to read a P&L, chair a steering committee and challenge a business case. You are not expected to have written code, used an AI assistant seriously, or read a line of the EU AI Act.



Chief executives and boards

CEOs, board members and non-executive directors who must approve an AI programme, and then hold management to account for it quarterly.



Functional heads

Finance, operations, HR, legal, marketing and technology leaders whose function is where the AI use case actually lands.



Programme owners

The senior leaders one rung below the board who will be asked to own the AI programme and to make it survive contact with the operating plan.



Regulated and consumer-facing businesses

Financial services, insurance, healthcare and anyone with a customer-facing chatbot, algorithmic pricing or AI-generated marketing — where the 2026 picture has actually tightened.

Nineteen Modules, Taught Value-First

Taught value-first, with a governance thread running through every module and just enough technology to make both credible. That ordering is contested — engineering schools teach technology-first, a rising 2026 school teaches governance-first — and we say so in the room, because a deliberate choice defended out loud is worth more than a syllabus pretending there is only one way.

Seeing clearly

M0–M3 · 5.5 hours

the five judgements LLMs and agents agent washing
AGI claims model-layer economics tier routing
procurement evidence triage the adoption picture

What the technology is, at the resolution needed to call a vendor's bluff; why capability leadership rotates every two to four months and model-agnostic architecture is therefore a governance requirement; and how to sort the Gartner 40%, the MIT 95% and the vendor's 97% into measurement, forecast and marketing.

Where to bet

M4–M7 · 6.0 hours

value-chain mapping use-case portfolio sequencing
business case ROI and measurement build / buy / partner
the AI stack data readiness

From your own value chain to a prioritised portfolio, a business case whose cost line reflects 2026 economics, a defensible build/buy/partner call, and an honest price on the distance between "we have data" and governed, joined, permissioned data.

Control

M8–M9A, M12A · 5.0 hours

agents in workflows the autonomy dial human in the loop
bias and explainability prompt injection third-party risk
privacy law IP and nondiscrimination
impact assessments model cards

Autonomy scales with reversibility and blast radius, not model quality. The risks that actually stop programmes scaling. The law you are already subject to that reaches your AI today. And the artefacts a leader must demand, read and challenge — never produce.

The regulatory map

M10–M12 · 6.5 hours

EU AI Act Article 50 Reg. 2026/1744 Annex III
EO 14365 US states DPDP IT Rules 2026
SEBI 16C RBI FREE-AI ISO/IEC 42001 NIST AI RMF
board pack

What is in force today, jurisdiction by jurisdiction, with the dates and the regulation numbers. Article 50 transparency landed 2 August 2026; the Annex III high-risk rules moved to 2 December 2027 under Regulation (EU) 2026/1744. India's only live AI obligation is the IT Amendment Rules 2026. Then the frameworks that turn all of it into one governance approach and one quarterly board pack.

Making it stick

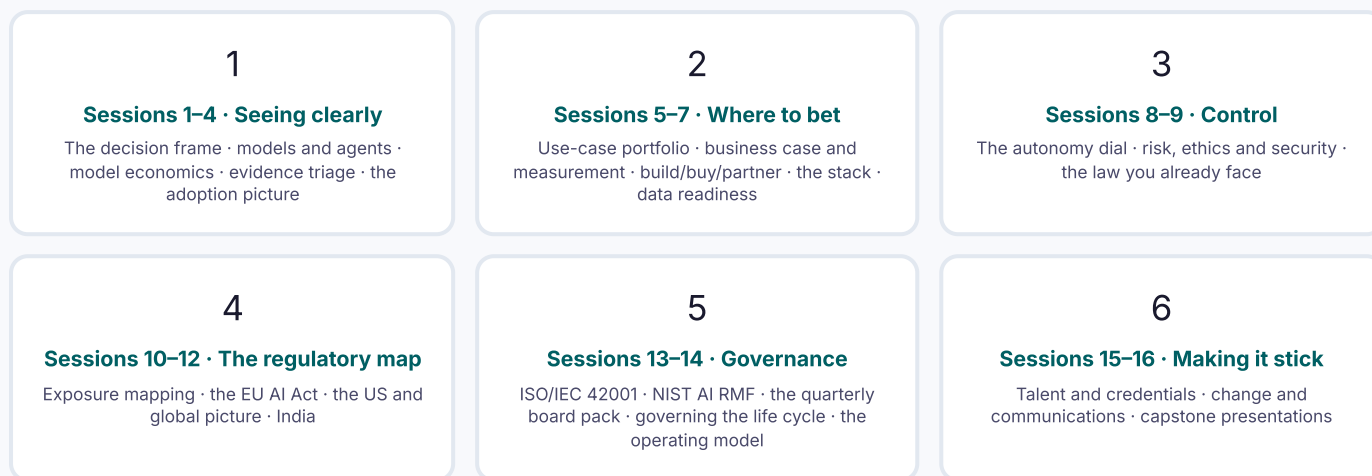
M13–M15 · 4.5 hours

org design roles and incentives reskilling
credentials to require change management
investor and regulator comms capstone

The operating model an AI programme needs, which credential to require of each governance hire (and why the board needs none), how to lead the change that most AI programmes actually die of — and the one-page thesis, presented and challenged.

Sixteen Sessions, One Workflow of Your Own

Every session carries 1.75 hours of module content in a 2.0-hour slot. The remaining fifteen minutes is recap, Q&A and overrun — deliberately protected rather than optimistically spent.



The capstone is not a single-session event. The value-chain map from session 4, the business case from session 5, the autonomy decision from session 8, the exposure map from session 10, the AI Act classification from session 11 and the board pack from session 13 are each a takeaway artefact that becomes a line in the final page. Session 16 assembles and defends it.

SCOPE, HONESTLY STATED

One Course. Nothing Held Back for Part Two.

This is one course, and it carries the whole of the source material. There is no follow-on part to buy.

Nineteen modules were extracted from four research reports. At full depth they would run to 33.5 hours; the schedule holds 32.0, and the practical teach-and-demo fill after recap and Q&A is 28.8. Ten modules are therefore taught at a deliberately shallower depth — decision depth rather than briefing depth — removing 5.5 hours and bringing the course to **28.0 hours of content inside a 32.0-hour schedule**. Every one of those ten reductions is named module by module in the full scope document, so you can see exactly what was tightened and judge it. No aspect of the research is dropped. The India module was deliberately protected at full depth, because it is the jurisdiction this cohort operates in and the one obligation live today binds them now.

What is deliberately out of scope. No prompt engineering curriculum, no fine-tuning, no retrieval pipelines, no code — you will see agents demonstrated, and see them fail, but you will not build one. No machine-learning mathematics. No legal advice: the course teaches you to classify your own systems and ask counsel the right question. No named model recommendations or price tables, on evidence grounds — capability leadership rotated four times in a single month during 2026, so any recommendation printed in a brochure would be wrong by the time it was taught. The UK, China and other national regimes are surveyed and named rather than taught in depth, and that limit is stated in the room.

Five Things No Other Programme Does

1

Dated facts, with their confidence attached

Regulation (EU) 2026/1744, in force 27 July 2026. Article 50, applying since 2 August 2026. India's IT Amendment Rules, effective 20 February 2026. Each taught with its source and, where a source is single or disputed, said so out loud.

2

It teaches you to disbelieve

The Gartner 40% is a June 2025 prediction, not a finding. The MIT 95% is a small-sample working paper by a group selling the remedy. You leave able to take apart the next statistic that lands in your board pack.

3

India is a module, not a footnote

No AI statute, no bill, no draft — but a live content-labelling obligation today, DPDP substantive duties in 2027, and four sector regulators moving at completely different speeds. Most executive AI programmes do not cover this at all.

4

Governance mapped to a real body of knowledge

The governance content is mapped competency by competency against the IAPP AIGP Body of Knowledge v2.1. It is not exam preparation and does not pretend to be — but nothing was missed by accident.

5

Your own workflow is the running example

You bring one real workflow — an approval chain, a screening process, a customer interaction, a reporting cycle — and it runs through the autonomy, regulatory and change modules. The capstone is your organisation's thesis, not a case study about someone else's.

THE PRACTICAL DETAILS

Dates, Delivery and What You Leave With

SESSIONS	16 sessions, 2 hours each — 32.0 live hours in total	DAY AND TIME	Sundays, 10:00–12:00 IST
DATES	Sunday 6 September 2026 to Sunday 20 December 2026	DELIVERY	Live online on Microsoft Teams — trainer-led teach, demonstration and Q&A. Every session recorded and made available.
PREREQUISITES	None technical. A Teams client, a browser, and one real workflow from your own organisation — sanitised, never live client or personal data.	ASSESSMENT	A one-page AI thesis for your own organisation, presented in session 16 and challenged by peers and the trainer. No examination.
CERTIFICATION	Certificate of completion for attending at least twelve of sixteen sessions and presenting a capstone. A professional development certificate from the trainer — not an accredited academic qualification, and not an ISO/IEC 42001 or any other certifiable-standard credential.	AIGP ALIGNMENT	Governance content mapped to the IAPP AIGP Body of Knowledge v2.1. This course is not accredited, endorsed or recognised by the IAPP, confers no designation, grants no exemption, counts toward no continuing education, and is not exam preparation.

COHORT

Single client cohort, delivered privately. Group size and fee agreed per engagement.

Bring one workflow. Leave with a board-ready thesis.

We are scheduling the September 2026 cohort now. Tell us your sector and the one AI decision currently sitting unresolved on your desk, and we will show you which of the sixteen sessions answers it.

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Training that survives contact with the operating plan.



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