CFI’s Financial Modeling & Valuation Analyst (FMVA)® Certification Program covers the most important skills required to become a world-class financial analyst including finance, accounting, Excel, financial modeling, valuation, budgeting, forecasting, presentations, dashboards, and strategy.

**How it Works**

- **100% online; learn at your own pace**
- **12 required courses (9 core and 3 electives)**
- **Complete real-world case studies in Excel and PowerPoint**
- **Earn a minimum passing grade of 80% in each course assessment**

**Common Career Paths**

- Financial Planning and Analysis (FP&A)
- Investment Banking
- Corporate Development
- Equity Research
- Private Equity & Venture Capital

- **24 total courses (12 required)**
- **Recommended study time of 120 - 200 hours**
- **127+ downloadable templates**
- **Average CFI student salary of $121,000**
- **Average completion time of 6 months**
All Courses

Prerequisites (optional)
- Accounting Fundamentals
- Reading Financial Statement
- Fixed Income Fundamentals
- Excel Crash Course
- Introduction to Corporate Finance
- Math for Corporate Finance

Core Courses (required)
- Financial Analysis Fundamentals
- Building a 3 Statement Financial Model
- Business Valuation Modeling
- Budgeting and Forecasting
- FP&A Monthly Cash Flow Forecast Model
- Scenario and Sensitivity Analysis
- Dashboard and Data Visualization
- PowerPoint and Pitchbooks
- Advanced Financial Modeling and Valuation (Amazon Case)

Elective Courses (choose 3)
- Advanced Excel Formulas
- Real Estate Financial Modeling
- Start-up/e-Commerce Financial Model and Valuation
- Mining Financial Model and Valuation
- Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) Modeling
- Leveraged Buyout LBO Modeling
- Corporate and Business Strategy
- Renewable Energy - Solar Financial Modeling

Template Library
- Financial Modeling Templates

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Curriculum Topics

Financial Modeling
- 3-statement financial modeling
- Discounted Cash Flow (DCF)
- Scenario and sensitivity analysis
- Monthly cash flow forecasting
- Accretion/dilution analysis
- Leveraged Buyout (LBO)
- Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A)
- Industry-specific financial modeling

Excel
- Functions and formulas (XNPV, XIRR, PMT, IPMT, VLOOKUP, CHOOSE, INDEX MATCH MATCH, OFFSET)
- Auditing tools (tracing precedents/dependents, go to special, conditional formatting)
- Data validation, data table, goal seek
- Solver and Macros

Budgeting & Forecasting
- Incremental, activity based, value proposition, zero based budgeting
- Break-even analysis, margin of safety
- Quantitative forecasting — moving average, simple and multiple linear regression
- Variance analysis
- Budgeting tools — goal seek, solver, consolidate, pivot tables

Presentations & Visuals
- Dynamic charts and graphs (football field chart, waterfall chart, tornado chart, gravity sort table, gauge chart, bullet charts, sparklines, combo chart)
- Professional pitch decks
- Financial dashboards

Strategy
- Strategic analysis process
- Corporate, business, functional-level strategy
- PEST and Porter’s 5 forces
- Competitive advantage
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- SWOT analysis and lifecycle analysis
- Market segmentation and Porter’s generic strategies
- Balanced scorecard