

Soft Skills and Workplace Communication course from IIT Bombay

Under 'IITBombayX - LAKSHYA' programme (<http://www.it.iitb.ac.in/lakshya>), we are offering a six-week course on 'Soft Skills and Workplace Communication', commencing from 22 January 2018. This is an initiative of ESOS (Educational Services for Outreach at Scale) and CDEEP (Centre for Distance Engineering Education Programme) at IIT Bombay. This course is primarily targeted at students to help them prepare for the corporate world, and perform better in the recruitment process. If the students/candidates are aware of the corporate expectations, and acquire the skills required to fulfill these, their journey to professional world would become easier. The course details, including registration and fees, are available on the site.

The course is conducted using the blended MOOCs pedagogy developed at IIT Bombay. This approach combines online learning with face-to-face sessions.

Online learning

The online component is delivered using IITBombayX hybrid MOOC platform (<http://iitbombayx.in>). A student needs to spend between 3 to 4 hours per week, using the online content, and to carry out the indicated activities. The understanding of the topics so covered will be assessed online using practice/graded quizzes. This part can be completed at any time and place convenient to students, within the prescribed time limit set for a topic. All one needs is a PC with an Internet connection. An active discussion forum permits the participants to ask doubts and questions, which are clarified by the faculty and course teams.

Face-to-face sessions

IIT Bombay holds live face-to-face sessions with participants using the open source A-View software developed by Amrita University. Faculty speaking from IIT Bombay can be heard and seen by all students, as these sessions are broadcast live on a YouTube channel. In addition, more than 390 engineering colleges in the country act as our Remote Centres (RCs), and have established virtual class rooms which can connect live to these sessions. The complete list of the Remote Centers is available at (<http://www.nmeict.iitb.ac.in/nmeict/wsmng/allrc.php>). Students attending from those RCs, which agree to arrange for group interactions on Saturdays, can participate in live interaction with IIT Bombay. List of such RCs will be updated regularly on the course site.

In these live face-to-face sessions, faculty from IIT Bombay will answer selected questions and difficulties raised by students. These sessions will be held on six Saturdays from 9:30 am to 12:45 pm on: 27 Jan, 3, 10, 17, 24 Feb, and 3 Mar 2018. An additional post-course session will be held on 10 March 2018.

The registration for the course has already started and the extended last date is 24 January, 2018. We look forward to your enthusiastic participation. In case of any queries, please send an email, quoting Lakshya in the subject line, to eoutreach@it.iitb.ac.in; or call at 022- 25764989.

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