The course on Six Sigma will focus on detailed strategic and operational issues of process improvement and variation reduction called Six Sigma, a measure of quality that strives for near perfection. It is a disciplined, data-driven approach for eliminating defects (driving towards six standard deviations between the mean and the nearest specification limit) in any process—from manufacturing to transactional and from product to service. A Six Sigma defect is anything outside of customer specifications. To be tagged Six Sigma, a process must not produce more than 3.4 defects per million opportunities.

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COURSE PLAN:

**Week 01**: Brief overview of the course, Quality concepts and definition, Six Sigma overview and history of continuous improvement, Six Sigma principles and focus areas, Six Sigma Applications

**Week 02**: Quality management: Basics and Key concepts, Fundamentals of Total Quality Management (TQM), Cost of quality and Six Sigma, Voice of customer, Quality Function Deployment (QFD) Six Sigma Management tools

**Week 03**: Six Sigma : Project identification, selection and definition, Six Sigma : Project Charter and Monitoring, Process characteristics and analysis, Process Mapping, Data collection

**Week 04**: Measurement systems: Fundamentals, Measurement system analysis : Gauge R & R Study, Seven QC Tools, Basic statistics, Probability theory

**Week 05**: Hypothesis testing: Fundamentals, Hypothesis testing: Two population Test, Hypothesis testing: Two population: Examples and Illustrations, Correlation and Regression analysis: Key principles, Correlation and Regression analysis: Model validation


**Week 07**: Process capability analysis: Basics and concepts, Process capability analysis: Measures and indices, Process capability analysis: Minitab application, Non-normal process capability analysis, Non-normal process capability analysis: Minitab application

**Week 08**: Failure Mode Effect Analysis (FMEA): Basics and Principles, Failure Mode Effect Analysis (FMEA): Application, Multi-vari analysis: Basics and concepts, Multi-vari analysis: Illustrative example, Multi-vari analysis: Application in Minitab

**Week 09**: ANOVA: Basics, One-way ANOVA, Two-way ANOVA, Introduction to Design of Experiment, Design of Experiment: Replication, Repetition and Blocking

**Week 10**: Randomized block design: Basics, Randomized block design: Illustrative application, Randomized block design: Application in Minitab,Factorial design: Basics, Factorial design: Illustrative application

**Week 11**: Fractional factorial design: Basics and concepts, Fractional factorial design: Key principles, Fractional factorial design: Illustrative example, Taguchi Method: Basics and concepts, Taguchi Method: Practical application

**Week 12**: Design for Six Sigma (DFSS): Key concepts, Design for Six Sigma (DFSS): DFM, DFA, DMADOV, Team Management, Six Sigma: Case study, Six Sigma: Summary of key concepts and strategies