



**Jindal Global Business School  
Course Outline**

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| Course Title                                 | Machine Learning Foundation (powered by AWS Academy) |
| Core or Elective                             | Industry Elective                                    |
| Program and Batch                            | MBA-2, IBM-4   |
| Semester & Academic Year                     | Spring 2026  |
| Credits                                      | 1.5  |
| Discipline/Area                              | IS & Analytics                                       |
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### **Introduction to the Course**

Machine Learning Foundation introduces students to the concepts of Artificial Intelligence and machine learning on the AWS platform. By the end of this course, students will be able to select and apply machine learning services on AWS to resolve business problems. The students will be exposed to different tools within the AWS platform such as Amazon Sagemaker, Amazon Rekognition, Amazon Comprehend, and so on. They will also be able to label, build, train, and deploy a custom machine learning model through a guided, hands-on approach.

### **Course Learning Objectives**

**At the end of the course, students should be able to**

CLO1: Implement machine learning pipelines using Amazon SageMaker

CLO2: Use managed Amazon services for forecasting

CLO3: Use managed Amazon services for computer vision

CLO4: Use managed Amazon services for natural language processing

## Programme Competency Goals

| MBA Programme Competency Goals (PCGs) |  | MBA Programme Learning Objectives (PLOs)  |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                       |  | Students will be able to  |
| 1                                     | <b>Technological Agility:</b> Ability to adopt relevant technologies for better business decision making.  | 1. Understand relevant business technologies<br>2. Understand future technologies in business domain  |
| 2                                     | <b>Responsible Global Citizenship:</b> Ability to understand the interplay between local and global issues and to act with sensitivity towards ethical and social issues | 3. Understand the interplay between local and global business issues<br>4. Demonstrate sensitivity towards ethical issues<br>5. Demonstrate sensitivity towards social issues<br>6. Address societal issues |
| 3                                     | <b>Effective communication:</b> Ability to effectively exchange ideas and information  | 7. Present their ideas with clarity<br>8. Prepare an organized and logical business document<br>9. Use technology for effective communication   |
| 4                                     | <b>Critical Thinking:</b> Ability to identify, analyze business problems and propose effective solutions   | 10. Identify main issues of business problems<br>11. Examine information from different sources<br>12. Draw inferences from analysis<br>13. Evaluate alternatives<br>14. Summarize and conclude             |
| 5                                     | <b>Leadership:</b> Ability to take initiative, inspire and collaborate with others   | 15. Take initiative<br>16. Contribute effectively in groups   |

## PLO-PCG Assessments Mapping Matrix

| Program Learning Objectives (PLOs)  | Program Competency Goals (PCGs)  | Course Assessment Item  |
|---|--|---|
| This course helps you to develop the following Program Learning Outcomes:     | This course helps you to develop the following Program Competency Goals: | This learning outcome will be assessed in the following items |
| PLO1, PLO2  | PCG1   | A1, A2, A3, A4  |
| PLO1, PLO2, PLO3, PLO4  | PCG1, PCG2   | A2  |
| PLO1, PLO2, PLO3, PLO4, PLO7, PLO8, PLO9                                      | PCG1, PCG 2, PCG3  | A2, A3  |
| PLO1, PLO2, PLO7, PLO8, PLO9, PLO10, PLO11, PLO12, PLO13, PLO14               | PCG1, PCG 3, PCG4  | A3, A4  |
| PLO1, PLO2, PLO7, PLO8, PLO9, PLO10, PLO11, PLO12, PLO13, PLO14, PLO15, PLO16 | PCG1, PCG 3, PCG4, PCG5  | A3  |

## Evaluation Schema

The course grade will be determined based on:

| Assessment Task          | Weightage (Percentage) | Nature (Individual/Group) | Week of Assessment       | PLOs to be Assessed   |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| A1: Quiz                 | 20%                    | Individual                | Continuous               | PLO1, PLO2  |
| A2: Assignment           | 20%                    | Individual                | 8 <sup>th</sup> Session  | PLO1, PLO2, PLO3, PLO4, PLO7, PLO9  |
| A3: Project Presentation | 30%                    | Group                     | 10 <sup>th</sup> Session | PLO1, PLO2, PLO7, PLO8, PLO9, PLO10, PLO11, PLO12, PLO13, PLO14, PLO15, PLO16 |
| A4: Written Examination  | 30%                    | Individual                | 13 <sup>th</sup> Session | PLO1, PLO2, PLO7, PLO9, PLO10, PLO11, PLO12, PLO13, PLO14                     |

### Description of Assessments:

**A1 – Quiz** – These will be multiple choice questions and used to assess students' ability to understand conceptually and syntactically the critical concepts discussed in the class.

**A2 – Assignment** – This will be assigned a case which the students have to architect a Machine Learning based solution. The evaluation will be done on the coverage, research and presentation

**A3 – Project Presentation** – Identify and evaluate a business analytics issue and implement your learning as an end-to-end Python script. The presentation must carry a problem identification, analysis and a demo of the code implemented. A detailed note on the format for the presentation & submission would be provided separately.

**A4 - Written Examination** – Evaluate on overall learning objectives from the course. The in-class written examination will be of 30 marks of 90 minutes duration.

### Rubrics for Assessment

#### A2 Assignment

| Criteria/Level                      | Poor (0)   | Fair (1-2)   | Good (3-4)  | Excellent (5)   |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Identification of the right problem | The problem identified has little relevance to the assignment guidelines | The problem identified has some relevance to the assignment guidelines | The problem identified is mostly relevant and topical and aligns to the assignment guidelines | The problem identified is very relevant and topical and aligns to the assignment guidelines |
| Solution to the problem(s)          | Demonstrates superficial understanding and solution of problem(s)        | Demonstrates limited understanding and solutioning of problem(s)       | Demonstrates deep understanding of problem(s) and relevant solution(s)                        | Demonstrates a clear and deep understanding of the problem and comprehensive solution(s)    |

#### A3 Project Presentation Rubrics

| Criteria/Level                      | Poor (0)   | Fair (1-2)   | Good (3-4)  | Excellent (5)   |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Identification of the right dataset | The dataset identified has little relevance to the learning objectives or project guidelines | The dataset identified has some relevance to the learning objectives or project guidelines | The dataset identified is relevant and topical and aligns to the learning objectives and project guidelines | The dataset identified is relevant and topical and aligns to the learning objectives and project guidelines |
| Understanding of problem(s)         | Demonstrates superficial understanding of problem(s)   | Demonstrates limited understanding of problem(s)   | Demonstrates deep understanding of problem(s)   | Demonstrates a clear and deep understanding of an issue/problem   |

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| Quality of Analysis                           | No attempt to draw linkages between topic and research | Some connections drawn between topic and research with basic insights | Frequent connections drawn between topic and research showing some detail and deeper insights | Consistent insightful connections drawn between topic and research with adequate detail/ clearly explained and strong insights. |
| Logical Flow                                  | No coherence or organisation of ideas                  | Little coherence and organisation of ideas generally clear.           | Some coherence and organisation of ideas generally clear.                                     | Coherent and clear organisations of ideas   |
| Understanding and linking theory and concepts | Incomplete links between the problems and the theory.  | Limited links between the problems and the theory.                    | Good, documented links between the problems and the theory.                                   | Excellent documented links to the theory and possibly additional material read and used.  |

### Teaching Method

The course will have a judicious mix of lectures, class discussions, demonstrations, and hands on activities using AWS lab infrastructure.

### Textbook / Other Readings

#### Textbook:

**Reference Book:** Mengle, S., & Gurmendez, M. Mastering Machine Learning on AWS.

The online AWS course Machine Learning Foundations on awsacademy.com will be a reference for students for this course.

### Session Plan

| Session Details           | Topics   | PLOs Covered |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|
| Session 1                 | Introduction to the AWS Machine Learning Course  | PLO1, PLO2   |
| Objective of the sessions | Introduction to the Course Coverage  |              |
| Subtopics to be covered   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of the course, lab infrastructure</li> <li>Resources available on AWS</li> </ul> |              |
| Readings                  | AWS Module 1 Student Notes   |              |
| Case Title & Number       | NA   |              |
| Pedagogy                  | Lecture  |              |

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| <b>Session 2</b>         | Recap of Machine Learning Fundamentals  | PLO1, PLO2                                    |
| Objective of the session | Learn about the ML Fundamentals   |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AI, ML, Deep Learning</li> <li>ML Algorithms</li> </ul>  |   |
| Readings                 | AWS Module 2 Student Notes  |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA  |   |
| Pedagogy                 | Lecture and Hands On  |   |
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| <b>Session 3</b>         | Machine Learning Process  | PLO1, PLO2                                    |
| Objective of the session | Understand the ML process   |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ML Pipelines</li> <li>Tools &amp; Python libraries</li> <li>Sage Maker Overview</li> <li>Challenges</li> </ul>           |   |
| Readings                 | AWS Module 2 Student Notes  |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA  |   |
| Pedagogy                 | Lecture and Hands On  |   |
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| <b>Session 4</b>         | Implementing an End-to-End ML Pipeline  | PLO1, PLO2                                    |
| Objective of the session | Understand the end-to-end process, data sources and storage   |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand the end-to-end ML pipeline</li> <li>Data Sources</li> <li>Data storage in AWS</li> <li>ETL Process</li> </ul> |   |
| Readings                 | AWS Module 3 Student Notes  |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA  |   |
| Pedagogy                 | Lecture and Hands On  |   |
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| <b>Session 5</b>         | Hands On Session- “Exploratory Analysis & Feature Engineering”  | PLO1, PLO2, PLO10, PLO11, PLO12, PLO13, PLO14 |
| Objective of the session | Data preparation for modelling  |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data exploration and Visualization</li> <li>Feature Engineering</li> <li>Feature Selection</li> </ul>                    |   |
| Readings                 | AWS Module 3 Student Notes  |   |
| Case Title & Number      | Wine Dataset  |   |
| Pedagogy                 | Lecture and Hands On  |   |
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| <b>Session 6</b>         | Training and evaluating the model using Sage Maker  | PLO1, PLO2,                                   |

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| Objective of the session | Model training and evaluation   | PLO10, PLO11, PLO12, PLO13, PLO14   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model Training</li> <li>• Model Evaluation</li> </ul>  |   |
| Readings                 | AWS Module 3 Student Notes  |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA  |   |
| Pedagogy                 | Lecture and Hands On  |   |
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| <b>Session 7</b>         | Guest Lecture-1   | PLO1, PLO2  |
| Objective of the session | Understand the Applications of Machine Learning Algorithms in Making Business Decisions   |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | Guest Lecture by Dr. Arunava Ghosh, Strategy Manager, Enzene Biosciences Ltd.   |   |
| Readings                 | NA  |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA  |   |
| Pedagogy                 | Lecture and Hands On  |   |
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| <b>Session 8</b>         | Forecasting Applications  | PLO1, PLO2, PLO10, PLO11, PLO12, PLO13, PLO14                                 |
| Objective of the session | Overview of Forecasting Applications  |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Times Series Applications</li> <li>• Data Preparation for time series forecasting</li> </ul> |   |
| Readings                 | AWS Module 4 Student Notes  |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA  |   |
| Pedagogy                 | Lecture and Hands On  |   |
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| <b>Session 9</b>         | Amazon Forecast Service   | PLO1, PLO2, PLO10, PLO11, PLO12, PLO13, PLO14                                 |
| Objective of the session | Understand the Amazon Forecasting Tools   |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported Algorithms</li> <li>• Amazon Forecast</li> </ul>                                   |   |
| Readings                 | AWS Module 4 Student Notes  |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA  |   |
| Pedagogy                 | Lecture and Hands On  |   |
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| <b>Session 10</b>        | Project Presentations   | PLO1, PLO2, PLO7, PLO8, PLO9, PLO10, PLO11, PLO12, PLO13, PLO14, PLO15, PLO16 |
| Objective of the session | Applications of Learned Concepts  |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | Group-wise Project Presentations  |   |
| Readings                 | NA  |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA  |   |
| Pedagogy                 | Class Discussion and Presentation   |   |

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| <b>Session 11</b>        | Using and Building Facial Recognition Applications   | PLO1, PLO2,   |
| Objective of the session | Understanding Computer Vision and Hands on with a computer vision application  | PLO10, PLO11,<br>PLO12, PLO13,  |
| Subtopics to be covered  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amazon Rekognition</li> <li>Training the model</li> </ul>                       | PLO14   |
| Readings                 | AWS Module 5 Student Notes   |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA   |   |
| Pedagogy                 | Lecture and Hands On   |   |
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| <b>Session 12</b>        | Hands On Session – “Using AWS for Natural Language Processing Applications”  | PLO1, PLO2  |
| Objective of the session | Overview of AWS NLP tools  |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AWS Transcribe, Translate</li> <li>AWS Comprehend</li> <li>AWS Polly</li> </ul> |   |
| Readings                 | AWS Module 6 Student Notes   |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA   |   |
| Pedagogy                 | Lecture and Hands On   |   |
|                          |  |   |
| <b>Session 13</b>        | Written Examination  | PLO1, PLO2,<br>PLO7, PLO9,<br>PLO10, PLO11,<br>PLO12, PLO13,<br>PLO14 |
| Objective of the session | Theory and Applications of Learned Concepts  |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | In-class exam involving full syllabus  |   |
| Readings                 | NA   |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA   |   |
| Pedagogy                 | In-class written assignment  |   |
|                          |  |   |
| <b>Session 14</b>        | Revision Week  | PLO1, PLO2,<br>PLO7, PLO9,<br>PLO10, PLO11,<br>PLO12, PLO13,<br>PLO14 |
| Objective of the session | Course Revision and Doubt Clearing   |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | NA   |   |
| Readings                 | NA   |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA   |   |
| Pedagogy                 | NA   |   |
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| <b>Session 15</b>        | Revision Week  | PLO1, PLO2,<br>PLO7, PLO9,<br>PLO10, PLO11,<br>PLO12, PLO13,<br>PLO14 |
| Objective of the session | Course Revision and Doubt Clearing   |   |
| Subtopics to be covered  | NA   |   |
| Readings                 | NA   |   |
| Case Title & Number      | NA   |   |

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| Pedagogy | NA |
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## Disability Support

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The DSC maintains strict confidentiality about the identity of the student and the nature of their disability and the same is requested from faculty members and staff as well. The DSC takes a strong stance against in-class and out-of-class references made about a student's disability without their consent and disrespectful comments referring to a student's disability.

All general queries are to be addressed to [disabilitysupportcommittee@jgu.edu.in](mailto:disabilitysupportcommittee@jgu.edu.in)

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