

# AI Governance & Oversight

Participants will engage in case studies, policy analysis, and hands-on exercises focused on establishing governance structures, managing cross-functional risks, overseeing third-party solutions, and responding to evolving legal and ethical requirements. The course emphasizes actionable strategies for embedding AI governance into agency policies, procurement, and daily operations.

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## Course Outline

### Foundations of AI Governance

- Defining AI governance and its importance in government agencies
- Core principles: accountability, transparency, risk management, compliance

### Government Policy Landscape

- NIST AI Risk Management Framework (AI RMF)
- OMB, GAO, and EO guidance on AI governance
- International standards and cross-border considerations

### Designing AI Governance Structures

- Roles and responsibilities (e.g., CDAO, Chief Data/AI Officers, program managers)
- Establishing policies, charters, and oversight committees
- Governance for agency-developed vs. third-party/vendor solutions

### Lifecycle Oversight and Risk Management

Approaches for monitoring AI systems throughout their lifecycle

### Procurement, Vendor Management, and Third-Party Risk

- Integrating governance into procurement and contracting
- Evaluating vendor compliance and risk posture
- Data sharing, interoperability, and documentation standards

### Legal, Ethical, and Societal Challenges

Navigating legal frameworks (privacy, civil rights, liability)

### Maturity Models and Continuous Improvement

- Assessing and advancing AI governance maturity

- Tools for self-assessment and external audit

## **Action Planning**

Steps to building or strengthening an AI governance program in your agency