ISFT

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF FINANCIAL TRAINING

ISFT-SERIES-2 · JOB-READY

Technical Analysis & Trading Certificate

Your job-ready path into trading and analysis: read the economy, read the chart, build a plan you can test.

12	24	240 hrs	Online
MODULES	CREDITS	LEARNING	LIVE WEEKLY



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WHY THIS PROGRAMME

Job-ready trading and analysis skills, in one course.

One complete programme: you learn how economic data and central banks move markets, then master the chart, from candlesticks and trends to indicators and market profile, and finish by building and testing a full trade plan. These are the practical skills employers look for in analyst and trading roles.



01

One complete certification

Twelve modules, two practical projects and a final case, certified through OCN London and ISFT.

02

Built on real market events

Case studies drawn from real central bank decisions and major economic data releases, not textbook theory.

03

Market-agnostic by design

Chart reading skills that transfer directly across equities, FX, commodities and futures markets.

04

A real portfolio, not just a test

A news-trading plan around a real release, then five annotated charts backed by a written report.

WHO IT IS FOR

For learners ready to work in markets.

For learners who know the basics and want a job-ready, professional-level approach to reading economic data and price charts.

Students and graduates

Aiming at trading, analyst or research-support roles.

Active traders

Self-taught, and want a rigorous, tested method.

Job seekers

Aiming for analyst, trading or research roles.



Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements.

- Series 1, or equivalent market knowledge, is recommended
- Comfortable with financial news and basic economic data
- A free charting platform, e.g. TradingView, and internet access

WHAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DO

Four things you will be able to do.



Read data and policy

Explain how data and central bank policy move markets.

MODULES 1–4



Read and trade charts

Read and trade the main chart patterns and indicators.

MODULES 5–12



Build a trade plan

Build a complete trade plan with an entry, a stop and a target.

MODULES 4 & 12



Backtest a strategy

Backtest a strategy and judge it by win rate, risk/reward, drawdown and profit factor.

FULL PROGRAMME

ABOUT US

Who's behind it.

ISFT
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF FINANCIAL TRAINING

ISFT, the International School of Financial Training, teaches financial markets online through structured, assessed programmes. ISFT is the education brand of Derivion International Private Limited, a DPIIT-recognised EdTech company in Gurugram, and an approved centre of OCN London.

WE TRAIN FUTURE LEADERS ACROSS

- Trading
- Broking
- Research
- Portfolio management
- Risk management
- Investment banking

OCN London

OCN London is an established awarding organisation. ISFT-Series-2 is quality-assured by OCN London, and successful learners receive OCN London certification alongside the ISFT certificate.

GUIDED BY VALUES OF

- Social justice
- Diversity
- Integrity
- Quality

AWARDING ORGANISATION

For ISFT-Series-2

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

The numbers behind the programme.

One complete programme: 12 modules, 24 credits and 240 learning hours, at about 10 hours a week including the live session.

24	12	240	~24
CREDITS	MODULES	LEARNING HOURS	WEEKS TYPICAL



12 modules

About 20 hours each, 240 hours in total

2 projects

Plus a quiz per module and a one-hour final case

SERIES	ISFT-Series-2: Technical Analysis & Trading
CERTIFICATION	OCN London · ISFT
CENTRE	Derivion International Private Limited (trading as ISFT)
DELIVERY	Online, recorded lessons + one live session a week
START DATES	A new batch starts on the 1st of every month

HOW IT WORKS

Five steps to job-ready.

Step one is simply choosing your batch: a new batch starts on the 1st of every month. Study at about 10 hours a week and most learners finish in around 24 weeks.



02

Learn online

Recorded lessons and notes for every module, at your own pace.

03

Weekly live session

Ask questions and work through examples with a trainer.

04

Prove what you know

A quiz after each module, two practical projects, and a final case.

05

Get certified

Your ISFT-Series-2 certificate, OCN London certification and a statement of results.

WHAT YOU NEED

- Computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone
- An internet connection
- A free charting platform, e.g. TradingView

YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY · ONE PROGRAMME, TWELVE MODULES

Twelve modules, one clear path to job-ready.

1

Fundamental Analysis and Economic Indicators

20 HOURS · QUIZ

2

Central Banks and Monetary Policy

20 HOURS · QUIZ

3

Applied News Trading and Market Strategy

20 HOURS · QUIZ

4

Economics for Financial Traders

20 HOURS · QUIZ + PROJECT

5

Foundations of Technical Analysis

20 HOURS · QUIZ

6

Candlestick Patterns: Structure and Types

20 HOURS · QUIZ

7

Candlestick Reversal Patterns

20 HOURS · QUIZ

8

Support, Resistance and Breakout Trading

20 HOURS · QUIZ

9

Trends, Channels and Wedges

20 HOURS · QUIZ

10

Chart Patterns and Fibonacci Analysis

20 HOURS · QUIZ

11

Moving Averages, Bollinger Bands and Oscillators

20 HOURS · QUIZ

12

Market Profile, Volatility Time Bands and Advanced Tools

20 HOURS · QUIZ + PROJECT

MODULE 1

Fundamental Analysis and Economic Indicators

The categories of fundamental data traders use, and how key economic indicators move a specified market.

2 credits | 20 hours | Online MCQ



Principles of fundamental analysis

- Identify the main categories of fundamental data used by traders
- Identify how fundamental analysis differs from technical analysis

Key economic indicators

- Explain the purpose and significance of GDP, inflation and employment data
- Analyse how a given economic indicator release could affect a specified market

Applying fundamental analysis

- Interpret a simple set of economic data to form a view on likely market direction
- Justify a trading decision using fundamental analysis reasoning

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Fundamental vs technical analysis | GDP, CPI, employment data | Reading an economic calendar | Case studies of indicator releases

MODULE 2

Central Banks and Monetary Policy

How central banks operate, and how their policy decisions ripple through currency, bond and equity markets.

2 credits | 20 hours | Online MCQ



The role of central banks

- Explain the core objectives of a central bank, e.g. RBI, US Federal Reserve
- Describe the main tools of monetary policy available to a central bank

Policy decisions and markets

- Explain how a change in interest rates can affect currency, bond and equity markets
- Identify the likely market reaction to a hypothetical central bank policy statement

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Role and objectives of central banks
- Interest rate policy
- Quantitative easing / tightening
- RBI framework alongside global central banks

MODULE 3

Applied News Trading and Market Strategy

How volatility behaves around scheduled news events, and how to build a structured plan for trading them.

2 credits | 20 hours | Online MCQ



Trading around scheduled news

- Explain the risks and opportunities associated with trading economic news releases
- Describe how volatility typically behaves before and after a major news release

A structured approach to planning

- Construct a simple trading plan for a scheduled news event, including entry, risk and exit considerations
- Evaluate the outcome of a news-based trade scenario against the original plan

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- News trading risk and opportunity
- Volatility behaviour around releases
- Building a news-event trading plan
- Post-trade evaluation

MODULE 4

Economics for Financial Traders

The macroeconomic picture behind the market, applied to a real scheduled release in a written plan and evaluation.

2 credits | 20 hours | Quiz + project



Basic macroeconomic concepts

- Explain the relationship between economic growth, inflation and interest rates
- Describe the economic concept of supply and demand as applied to a financial market

Global economic relationships

- Explain how trade balances and capital flows can affect currency values
- Analyse how an economic development in one country or region could affect Indian markets

Applying analysis to a real event

- Construct a written trading plan from a real, recent scheduled economic release, including entry, risk and exit considerations
- Evaluate the actual market outcome against the original plan in a written post-event analysis

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Macroeconomic fundamentals | Supply and demand in markets | Trade balances and capital flows | Global economic interconnection with Indian markets

MODULE 4 · PROJECT 1

Plan the trade. Then mark your own work against it.

Module 4 ends with a written news-trading plan built from a real, scheduled economic release, then a post-event evaluation of how it actually played out.

800–1,200

words, written news-trading plan and evaluation

Assessed by the Head Educator against a published marking brief.

NEWS-TRADING PLAN

Written scenario and post-event evaluation

Real scheduled release

Chosen from an upcoming economic calendar event

Entry, risk and exit plan

A structured plan constructed before the release

Post-event evaluation

The actual outcome assessed against the original plan

MODULE 5

Foundations of Technical Analysis

The core assumptions behind technical analysis, how it compares to fundamental analysis, and the basic tools used to read a price chart.

2 credits | 20 hours | Online MCQ



Principles underpinning technical analysis

- Explain the core assumptions underlying technical analysis: price discounts everything, prices move in trends, history repeats
- Compare technical analysis with fundamental analysis as an approach to market analysis

Basic tools for reading price charts

- Identify the main chart types and their relative uses within the context of price charts
- Explain how timeframe selection affects technical analysis

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Core assumptions of technical analysis | Technical vs fundamental analysis | Chart types | Timeframe selection

MODULE 6

Candlestick Patterns: Structure and Types

What each part of a candlestick tells you about price action, and the common single and multi-candle patterns worth recognising.

2 credits | 20 hours | Online MCQ



Structure of a candlestick

- Identify the components of a candlestick
- Explain what a candlestick's shape indicates about price action within a period

Single and multi-candle patterns

- Identify common candlestick patterns including doji, hammer, and engulfing patterns
- Explain the typical market context in which each identified pattern is considered significant

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Candlestick anatomy | Doji, hammer and engulfing patterns | Market context for pattern significance

MODULE 7

Candlestick Reversal Patterns

The bullish and bearish patterns associated with a potential trend reversal, and how to judge whether one is likely to be reliable.

2 credits | 20 hours | Online MCQ



Patterns associated with trend reversal

- Identify common bullish and bearish reversal patterns, e.g. morning star, evening star, shooting star
- Explain the conditions under which a reversal pattern is considered more reliable

Reversal patterns in a chart scenario

- Identify a reversal pattern within a given chart example
- Identify factors that strengthen or weaken the reliability of an identified reversal pattern

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Bullish and bearish reversal patterns

Reliability conditions

Applied chart recognition exercises

MODULE 8

Support, Resistance and Breakout Trading

How support and resistance levels are identified on a chart, and how to trade, and manage the risk of, a breakout.

2 credits | 20 hours | Online MCQ



Support and resistance

- Explain how support and resistance levels are identified on a price chart
- Describe why previously tested support/resistance levels are considered significant

Breakout trading concepts

- Explain what constitutes a price breakout from a support or resistance level
- Identify common false breakout patterns and how traders may manage this risk

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Identifying support and resistance | Significance of tested levels | Breakout trading | False breakouts and risk management

MODULE 9

Trends, Channels and Wedges

How an uptrend, downtrend or sideways trend is identified and confirmed with a trendline, and what a channel or wedge is telling you.

2 credits | 20 hours | Online MCQ



How trends are identified and classified

- Explain how an uptrend, downtrend, and sideways trend are identified using price action
- Describe how trendlines are drawn and used to confirm trend direction

Channel and wedge chart patterns

- Identify a price channel and explain its trading significance
- Identify rising and falling wedge patterns and their typical implications

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Trend identification and classification | Trendline construction | Price channels | Rising and falling wedges

MODULE 10

Chart Patterns and Fibonacci Analysis

The classical chart patterns that imply a price target, and how Fibonacci retracement and extension levels are calculated and applied.

2 credits | 20 hours | Online MCQ



Common classical chart patterns

- Identify head and shoulders, double top/bottom, and triangle patterns
- Explain the typical price target implied by a given classical chart pattern

Applying Fibonacci analysis to trading

- Explain how Fibonacci retracement and extension levels are calculated and applied
- Identify a Fibonacci retracement level on a given chart example and explain its trading relevance

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Head and shoulders, double top/bottom, triangles

Price target projection

Fibonacci retracement and extension

MODULE 11

Moving Averages, Bollinger Bands and Oscillators

The difference between a simple and exponential moving average, and how Bollinger Bands and momentum oscillators are used.

2 credits | 20 hours | Online MCQ



Moving averages in technical analysis

- Explain the difference between a simple and exponential moving average
- Describe how moving average crossovers are used to identify potential trend changes

Volatility and momentum indicators

- Explain how Bollinger Bands are constructed and used to assess volatility
- Describe how a momentum oscillator, e.g. RSI, MACD, is used to assess overbought/oversold conditions

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Simple vs exponential moving averages | Moving average crossovers | Bollinger Bands | RSI and MACD oscillators

MODULE 12

Market Profile, Volatility Time Bands and Advanced Tools

The advanced tools professional traders use to read volume at price, then applying every technical analysis concept in a real portfolio.

2 credits | 20 hours | Quiz + project



Advanced technical analysis tools

- Explain the principles of Market Profile analysis and how it represents traded volume at price
- Describe the purpose of Volatility Time Bands and Range Deviation Pivots in identifying significant price levels

Applying tools to a portfolio task

- Produce a portfolio of five annotated charts across different markets and timeframes
- Justify the analysis in an accompanying written analytical report referencing appropriate technical concepts

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Market Profile principles | Volatility Time Bands | Range Deviation Pivots | Multi-chart portfolio exercise

MODULE 12 · PROJECT 2

Build the portfolio. Defend every chart.

Module 12 ends with a Practical Chart Analysis Portfolio: five annotated charts across different markets and timeframes, backed by a written analytical report.

5 charts

annotated, across different markets and timeframes

1,500–2,000

words, accompanying written analytical report

Assessed by the Head Educator against a published marking brief.

CHART ANALYSIS PORTFOLIO

Five annotated charts and a report

Produce the portfolio

Five annotated charts, different markets and timeframes

Reference the concepts

Appropriate technical analysis concepts, applied

Justify the analysis

In an accompanying written analytical report

ASSESSMENT

How you're assessed.

Every module ends with a quiz: 25 multiple-choice questions in 75 minutes, 70% to pass, and you can retake it. Projects get feedback within 10 working days and one free resubmission. The programme ends with a one-hour final case.



1

EVERY MODULE

Module quizzes

Twelve quizzes, one after each module, auto-marked online

12 quizzes · 25 questions · 70% pass mark · Retakes

2

PRACTICAL PROJECTS

Two written projects

A news-trading plan and evaluation, and a five-chart analysis portfolio

Project 1 · Project 2 · 10-day feedback · Resubmit once

3

FINAL STEP

Final case

About one hour, opening once all twelve modules are passed. It ties the programme together.

About 1 hour · All modules · One grade

Your grade

Pass 70–74%, Merit 75–84%, Distinction 85%+, with one overall grade for the programme.

Projects

Tasks that ask you to construct, produce or justify are assessed through the Module 4 plan and the Module 12 portfolio.

QUALITY AND STANDARDS

Standards you can rely on.

Assessment is quality-assured at every stage, and the programme is reviewed every year.



1 Set

Activities are set internally by tutor/assessors so learners can meet the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

2 Moderated

Assessed evidence is internally moderated at the centre, unless it is computer-assessed.

3 Externally verified

An OCN London External Quality Assurer moderates externally.

4 Reviewed every year

The Head Educator reviews the programme annually, informed by learner feedback, assessment outcomes and OCN London quality reports.

MEET YOUR HEAD EDUCATOR



Neil Crammond

HEAD EDUCATOR · UK

A practising financial markets trader.

40+

years of active experience

ACTIVE ACROSS

LIFFE · CBOT · CME

Designed by a practitioner

Neil designed and authored this programme, drawing on decades of applied, chart-based trading across multiple asset classes and timeframes.

Assessed by a practitioner

He assesses the Module 4 news-trading plan and the Module 12 chart portfolio directly, against a published marking brief.

QUESTIONS ON THIS PROGRAMME

Questions learners ask.



Do I need to take Series 1 first?

It is the best starting point if you are new to markets, but it is not required if you already know the basics.

BACKGROUND



Will I trade real money?

No. Practice and backtesting use demo accounts and past data.

PRACTICE



Will this help me get a job?

It is built for that: the practical skills employers look for in analyst, trading and research-support roles. Hiring decisions rest with employers, so no course can guarantee a job.

CAREERS



How heavy is the workload?

About 10 hours a week over 24 weeks, with the heaviest weeks in the chart-analysis modules.

TIME



Not sure this programme fits you?

Write to info@derivion.in and we will help you choose.

TALK TO US

CAREER OUTCOMES

Ready for analyst and trading roles.



JOB-READY FOR

Roles such as technical analyst, junior trader and research support.

BUILD ON IT WITH THE REST OF THE SERIES

- **ISFT-Series-1: Financial Markets Foundations Certificate**
- **ISFT-Series-3: Derivatives & Fixed Income Markets Certificate**
- **ISFT-Series-4: Trader Risk & Mindset Certificate**

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