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# CFA Study Roadmap

Week-by-Week Plans for Level 1 & Level 2

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This guide is designed to be actionable. Each section includes specific data, templates, and step-by-step advice you can apply immediately. Bookmark the sections most relevant to your current stage.

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# CFA Level 1: 20-Week Study Roadmap

A structured, week-by-week plan to cover all 10 CFA Level 1 topics and build exam readiness.

## Topic Weights & Recommended Hours

Topic	Weight	Hours	Schedule
Ethical & Professional Standards	15-20%	36	Weeks 1-3
Quantitative Methods	6-9%	24	Week 4
Economics	6-9%	28	Weeks 5-6
Financial Statement Analysis	11-14%	48	Weeks 7-9
Corporate Issuers	6-9%	20	Week 10
Equity Investments	11-14%	36	Weeks 11-12
Fixed Income	11-14%	36	Weeks 13-14
Derivatives	5-8%	20	Week 15
Alternative Investments	7-10%	16	Week 16
Portfolio Management	8-12%	24	Weeks 17-18

★ **Weeks 19-20: Full revision + 3 mock exams. Aim for 70%+ on mocks before exam day.**

## Daily Study Plan

- ✓ Weekdays: 2.5-3 hours (1.5 hrs reading + 1 hr practice problems)
- ✓ Weekends: 4-5 hours (include topic review + timed question sets)
- ✓ Total target: 300+ hours across 20 weeks
- ✓ Schedule 1 rest day per week to avoid burnout

## Mock Exam Schedule

- ✓ Week 14: First diagnostic mock (identify weak areas)
- ✓ Week 17: Second mock under timed conditions
- ✓ Week 19: Full-length mock (AM + PM sessions, 4.5 hours)
- ✓ Week 20: Final mock + targeted review of weak areas

## Top-Scorer Tips

- ✓ Start with Ethics — it's weighted heavily and can be the tie-breaker
- ✓ FSA is the highest-weighted section. Master the ratios and footnote analysis
- ✓ Practice 2,000+ questions minimum from the CFAI question bank
- ✓ Use spaced repetition for formulas (Anki cards work well)

- ✓ Never skip the CFAI end-of-chapter questions — they mirror exam style
- ✓ Review the CFA Institute mock exam explanations, not just answers

# CFA Level 2: 22-Week Study Roadmap

Level 2 is case-study based with vignettes. The study approach must shift from breadth to depth.

## Level 2 Topic Weights & Schedule

Topic	Weight	Hours	Schedule
Ethical & Professional Standards	10-15%	32	Weeks 1-2
Quantitative Methods	5-10%	28	Week 3
Economics	5-10%	28	Week 4
Financial Statement Analysis	10-15%	52	Weeks 5-7
Corporate Issuers	5-10%	24	Week 8
Equity Investments	10-15%	48	Weeks 9-11
Fixed Income	10-15%	40	Weeks 12-13
Derivatives	5-10%	32	Weeks 14-15
Alternative Investments	5-10%	24	Week 16
Portfolio Management	10-15%	40	Weeks 17-18

★ **Weeks 19-22: Intensive review + 4 mock exams. Practice reading vignettes under time pressure.**

## Common Mistakes by Topic

- ✓ Ethics: Misinterpreting the "least likely" question format
- ✓ FSA: Confusing IFRS vs US GAAP treatment (pension, leases, revenue)
- ✓ Equity: Failing to adjust multiples for differences in accounting methods
- ✓ Fixed Income: Misapplying duration/convexity in rate change scenarios
- ✓ Derivatives: Not drawing payoff diagrams for option strategies
- ✓ Quant: Mixing up regression assumptions and hypothesis tests

## Level 2 Study Strategy

- ✓ Read each vignette twice: first for context, second for detail
- ✓ Build a formula sheet per topic and review weekly
- ✓ Allocate 350+ study hours — Level 2 pass rates are ~44%
- ✓ Join a study group for case discussion — it helps with vignettes
- ✓ Focus on conceptual understanding over rote memorization

# Exam Day Strategy & Mental Preparation

## One Week Before the Exam

- ✓ Stop learning new material — focus entirely on revision
- ✓ Review your formula sheets and weak-area notes
- ✓ Take one final mock exam 5-6 days before (not the day before)
- ✓ Ensure passport/ID is valid and matches your registration exactly
- ✓ Confirm your test center location and plan your travel route
- ✓ Prepare what you'll bring: ID, approved calculator, water, snacks

## Exam Day Tips

- ✓ Arrive 30-45 minutes early to avoid check-in stress
- ✓ Read each question carefully — many errors come from misreading
- ✓ Flag difficult questions and return to them later
- ✓ Pace yourself: ~1.5 minutes per question for Level 1, ~3 minutes per vignette question for Level 2
- ✓ Don't change answers unless you're confident — first instinct is usually right
- ✓ Use the break between sessions to reset mentally, not to study

## After the Exam

- ✓ Results are released approximately 6-8 weeks after the exam window
- ✓ If you pass: Celebrate, then immediately plan for the next level
- ✓ If you don't pass: Review your topic-level results, identify weak areas, and retake
- ✓ The average candidate takes 4+ years across all 3 levels — persistence matters more than perfection

**★ CFA candidates who follow a structured study plan (like this one) are 2.5x more likely to pass than those who study ad hoc. Stay disciplined.**

# How QuintEdge Gives You the Edge

QuintEdge is one of India's fastest-growing finance education platforms, trusted by over 50,000 students across Delhi, Mumbai, and online cohorts. Here's what sets our coaching apart.

## 50,000+ Students Trained

Across CFA, FRM, ACCA & Financial Modeling programs

## 88% CFA Pass Rate

Consistently above global average of ~44%

## 100% Practitioner Faculty

Every instructor works in finance — no full-time academics

## 4.8/5 Student Rating

Based on verified Google and course-end surveys

## What You Get with QuintEdge Coaching

- ✓ AI-powered study notes that adapt to your learning pace and weak areas
- ✓ Live + recorded classes with unlimited doubt-clearing sessions
- ✓ Comprehensive mock exams modeled on actual exam patterns
- ✓ Dedicated mentorship from CFA/FRM/ACCA charterholders
- ✓ Placement support with resume reviews, mock interviews, and recruiter connects
- ✓ Flexible batch timings — morning, evening, and weekend options
- ✓ Study groups and peer learning communities on WhatsApp/Telegram

★ Students who complete QuintEdge's full coaching program pass at nearly 2x the global average rate. Our structured approach eliminates guesswork.

# QuintEdge: Programs & Outcomes

## Our Course Offerings

Program	Coverage	Highlight	Learn More
CFA Program Coaching	Level 1, 2 & 3	88% pass rate	<a href="https://quintedge.com/cfa-coaching-classes/">quintedge.com/cfa-coaching-classes/</a>
FRM Program Coaching	Part 1 & 2	82% pass rate	<a href="https://quintedge.com/frm-coaching-classes/">quintedge.com/frm-coaching-classes/</a>
ACCA Program Coaching	All 13 papers	78% pass rate	<a href="https://quintedge.com/acca-coaching-classes/">quintedge.com/acca-coaching-classes/</a>
Financial Modeling	3-Statement, DCF, LBO	Job-ready skills	<a href="https://quintedge.com/financial-modeling-course-certification/">quintedge.com/financial-modeling-course-certification/</a>

## The QuintEdge Learning Experience

### Phase 1: Foundation Building

- ✓ Diagnostic assessment to identify your starting level and knowledge gaps
- ✓ Personalized study plan created by your dedicated mentor
- ✓ Access to AI-powered study notes that highlight your weak areas

### Phase 2: Structured Learning

- ✓ Live classes with industry practitioners (not academic theorists)
- ✓ Recorded sessions for revision — watch at 1.5x or 2x speed
- ✓ Weekly quizzes and topic tests to track progress
- ✓ Doubt-clearing sessions within 24 hours of raising a query

### Phase 3: Exam Readiness

- ✓ Full-length mock exams under exam conditions
- ✓ Detailed score analysis with topic-wise breakdown
- ✓ One-on-one strategy sessions for the final 2 weeks before exam
- ✓ Last-mile revision notes covering high-frequency exam topics

### Phase 4: Career Support

- ✓ Resume and LinkedIn profile review by hiring managers
- ✓ Mock interviews with industry professionals
- ✓ Job referrals through our network of 500+ corporate partners
- ✓ Lifetime access to the QuintEdge alumni network

## Student Outcomes

- ✓ Average salary increase of 40-60% within 12 months of certification
- ✓ Graduates placed at Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Deloitte, EY, HDFC, ICICI, Kotak & more
- ✓ Active alumni network of 10,000+ working professionals across 15 countries

✓ 98% of students recommend QuintEdge to peers (NPS 72)

✓ **QuintEdge offers EMI options starting at ■3,999/month. Scholarships available for meritorious students and those from economically weaker backgrounds.**

# Ready to Start?

Take the next step in your finance career.

## Enroll in CFA Coaching

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