



COURSE BROCHURE · VERSION 2026.02.24

AI-Empowered Leading SAFe® SAFe Agilist

Leading the change with SAFe and AI

2 days

LIVE ONLINE

16 hrs

PDUS & SEUS

Included

EXAM + RETAKE

\$515

PER SEAT

NEW IN THIS RELEASE

AI runs through the class

Five of six lessons now carry AI content — discussion in Lesson 1, foundations in Lesson 2, and working activities from Lesson 3 on.

A new topic on AI

"Empowering agility with AI" joins Lesson 2, covering model types, prompting, and where AI is revolutionary but not without risk.

Leaders get their own section

Lesson 6 closes on empowering leaders with AI — what to delegate to it, and what stays yours.



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AT A GLANCE

Course version	2026.02.24
Format	Live online
Duration	2 days · 16 hours
Credits	16 PDUs / SEUs
Exam	90 minutes
Passing score	80%
Exam attempts	First two included
Membership	1 year SAFe Studio
Prerequisites	None
Investment	\$515 \$1,030

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★★★★★ 4.9 / 5

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WHAT CHANGED IN VERSION 2026.02.24

AI-Empowered branding

This is the AI-Empowered release of Leading SAFe. Slides, activities, and learning objectives were reworked around it rather than appended.

Working activities, not slides

The AI content is discussion- and activity-led: AI disruption, empowering teams with AI, prompt-refine-edit, and refining an epic hypothesis.

Portfolio work gets AI

Lesson 5 now has you put a real epic hypothesis statement to an LLM and edit what it gives back.

01 · PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Lead the transformation, not just attend it

Leading SAFe is where executives, managers, and change agents learn to run a Lean-Agile enterprise — organizing around the flow of value, funding it through a Lean portfolio, and leading the change by example rather than mandate.

The AI-Empowered release adds the question every leader is now being asked: what does AI actually change? The answer this course gives is precise — it changes decision velocity, experimentation, and feedback, not the foundations. You leave able to sit the SAFe Agilist exam, and able to lead that conversation without hand-waving.

THE AGILE36 DIFFERENCE

PI Planning, portfolio flow, and leading change are taught from lived enterprise work — not slides alone.

Every class is live, capped for discussion, and led by a certified SAFe® Practice Consultant.

2

Days, live and instructor-led

6

Lessons in the official
2026.02.24 courseware

5/6

Lessons that now carry AI
content

80%

To pass the 90-minute SAFe
Agilist exam

WHAT'S INCLUDED



16 hours live

2 days of instructor-led
virtual classroom — not
recordings.



Exam + retake

Official exam fee with first
two included.



16 PDUs / SEUs

Credit toward PMI and
Scrum Alliance renewal
requirements.



SAFe Studio

One-year membership plus
SAFe Connect community
access.



Digital workbook

The official 2026.02.24
courseware, yours to keep
and annotate.



AI prompt library

Reusable prompt patterns
you can run the week after
class.



Practice test

Free practice exam and
preparation materials.



Free reschedule

Miss a session and join the
next cohort at no extra
cost.

Hands-on, not lecture. The class runs on activities, small-group discussion, role-play, and a running case study — including 4 AI activities where you write prompts, critique the output, and edit it into something a real team could use.

02 · WHY THIS CERTIFICATION, NOW

AI raises decision velocity. Someone still owns the decision

Leaders are being asked to adopt AI and to stay accountable for what it produces — often in the same meeting. This release of Leading SAFe treats that squarely: where AI genuinely accelerates flow, feedback and experimentation, where it introduces risk, and why the moment AI is allowed to act, leadership accountability increases rather than decreases.

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New topic: **Empowering agility with AI**, added to Lesson 2

Source: Scaled Agile, *AI-Empowered Leading SAFe® (2026.02.24)* courseware.

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Hands-on AI discussions and activities across the two days

6

Lessons, ending on empowering leaders with AI

WHERE THIS TRAINING LANDS

Agile36 has delivered this course into:

- ✓ Financial services and insurance
- ✓ Healthcare and life sciences
- ✓ Government and public sector
- ✓ Telecom and media
- ✓ Retail and logistics
- ✓ Higher education

“The Leading SAFe course was exceptional! The comprehensive coverage of SAFe principles and practices gave me the foundation I needed. I passed the SAFe Agilist exam on my first attempt!”

Christopher Lee · SAFe Agilist

03 · DELIVERY MODE

- ✓ Live virtual classroom delivered remotely worldwide, over 2 days
- ✓ Taught by certified SAFe® Practice Consultants (SPCs), never contractors reading slides
- ✓ Cohorts kept small enough for real discussion and Q&A
- ✓ Open to attendees anywhere — weekday and weekend cohorts across US time zones, with private cohorts timed to your region

PREREQUISITES

- ✓ None. The course is open to all attendees.
- ✓ Five or more years in software, systems, or business development helps, but is not required.
- ✓ No prior AI experience is assumed — prompting is taught from the ground up.

04 · WHAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO

Outcomes you can point to on Monday morning

Lead the change

- ✓ Thrive in the age of disruption by building a Lean-Agile organization
- ✓ Lead by example and model the Lean-Agile mindset
- ✓ Establish the SAFe Core Values and Principles as the basis for decisions
- ✓ Build and lead a transformation others will follow

Organize around value

- ✓ Form cross-functional Agile Teams and organize ARTs around the flow of value
- ✓ Build in quality rather than inspecting it in
- ✓ Establish a Continuous Delivery Pipeline with DevOps
- ✓ Apply customer centricity and design thinking

Run the portfolio

- ✓ Define a SAFe portfolio and connect it to enterprise strategy
- ✓ Maintain the portfolio vision and realize it through epics
- ✓ Establish Lean budgets and guardrails
- ✓ Establish portfolio flow and prioritize the ART backlog

AI-augmented product work NEW

- ✓ Use AI to **test strategy** — challenge an epic hypothesis before you fund it
- ✓ Turn customer research into a **defensible vision**, not a generated one
- ✓ Judge **AI-generated data** critically: garbage in, garbage out, at portfolio scale
- ✓ Understand where **AI accelerates quality** and where it quietly erodes it
- ✓ Lead teams that use AI without handing them your **accountability**

05 · WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Executives & Directors

Sponsoring or funding the change.

Managers

Leading teams through a transformation.

Change Agents

Driving Lean-Agile adoption.

Portfolio Managers

Connecting strategy to execution.

Product Managers

Owning vision and roadmaps.

Programme Managers

Moving to ART-based delivery.

Consultants

Advising on enterprise agility.

Architects

Enterprise, solution, and system.

Certification. Exam: 90 minutes, 80% to pass. Annual renewal requires 12 CEUs. Your first two attempts are included.

06 · COURSE CURRICULUM

6 lessons, 2 days

The official 2026.02.24 lesson structure. Topics marked **AI** are new or reworked in this release — AI runs through the lessons rather than sitting in one at the end.

01 Adapting and Thriving with SAFe

- Thriving in the age of disruption
- Building a Lean-Agile organization
- Discussion: AI disruption and what it changes for leaders

02 Building a Foundation with Mindset, Values, and Principles

- The Lean-Agile mindset and SAFe Core Values
- Applying SAFe Principles
- Empowering agility with AI — what AI accelerates, and where the risks sit

03 Team and Technical Agility

- Forming cross-functional Agile Teams
- Organizing Agile Release Trains around the flow of value
- Built-in quality
- Building a Continuous Delivery Pipeline with DevOps
- AI as a quality accelerator, and empowering Agile Teams with AI

04 Product Development Flow

- Customer centricity and design thinking
- Prioritizing the ART backlog
- PI Planning
- Executing the PI
- Exploring customer needs with AI-supported research, and AI-empowered PI Planning

05 Lean Portfolio Management

- Defining a SAFe portfolio
- Connecting the portfolio to enterprise strategy
- Maintaining the portfolio vision
- Realizing the portfolio vision through epics
- Establishing Lean budgets and guardrails
- Establishing portfolio flow
- Using AI to challenge and refine the epic hypothesis statement

06 Leading the Change

- Leading by example
- Leading the change
- Empowering leaders with AI

EXAM BLUEPRINT WEIGHTING

Adapting and Thriving with SAFe	7-9%
Building a Foundation with Mindset, Values and Principles	18-21%
Establishing Team and Technical Agility	7-9%
Product Development Flow	25-28%
Exploring Lean Portfolio Management	25-28%
Leading the Change	7-9%

07 · AI IN THIS COURSE

What AI changes for the people leading

AI shows up in five of the six lessons — as discussion, activity, and a working tool. You write the prompts yourself and judge what comes back.

Discussion: AI disruption LESSON 1

Open the class on what AI actually changes for a leader — and what it plainly does not. Speed, not foundations.

Empowering agility with AI LESSON 2

Understand AI, ML, DL and generative AI well enough to lead a conversation about them, and see where the real risks sit.

Prompt, refine, and edit LESSON 4

Explore customer needs with AI-supported research, then practise spotting where the model has confidently invented something.

Refine the epic hypothesis LESSON 5

Put a real epic hypothesis statement to an LLM, have it challenge the thinking, and edit toward a statement the portfolio can fund.

PROMPTING TECHNIQUES YOU'LL TAKE AWAY

- Use AI to **test strategy** — challenge an epic hypothesis before you fund it
- Turn customer research into a **defensible vision**, not a generated one
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- Lead teams that use AI without handing them your **accountability**

RESPONSIBLE AI

A full topic, not a disclaimer. You'll work through common AI risks and the three aspects of responsible use:

- ✓ **Trustworthy AI** — reliable enough to base a decision on
- ✓ **Explainable AI** — you can say why it produced that
- ✓ **Human-centric AI** — the person stays accountable

AI-EMPOWERED AGILITY — THE FOUR SHIFTS

SHIFT 01

Outcomes and intent

Direct the work by the result you want, not the tasks you'd have assigned.

SHIFT 02

Rapid experimentation

Shorter learning loops, because the cost of trying an option has collapsed.

SHIFT 03

Innovation at scale

Development and discovery running wider than headcount alone would allow.

SHIFT 04

AI-augmented teams

Cross-functional teams where AI is a working member, and a human still owns the call.

Aligned to Scaled Agile's *Achieving AI-Empowered Agility* framework article.

08 · YOUR INSTRUCTORS

Taught by practising SPCs



Deadra Stevenson

CEO & Founder · SPC®

15+ years leading large-scale change and 30+ Lean-Agile transformations for Fortune and enterprise organizations. Pairs deep SAFe expertise with practical AI transformation guidance.



Marcus Ball

Enterprise Agile Coach · SPC®

Specializes in SAFe certification training and transformation coaching, helping teams improve flow, alignment, and the value they actually deliver.



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