

Case Study Methodology for Policy Research Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

- **Design** and implement **policy research** projects using a **case study approach**.
- **Identify** and select appropriate cases for **in-depth analysis**.
- **Conduct qualitative data collection** through interviews, document analysis, and observation.
- **Apply analytical frameworks** to interpret and synthesize case study data.
- **Translate complex findings** into clear, concise, and **persuasive policy briefs**.
- **Develop strategic communication skills** for engaging with policymakers and stakeholders.
- **Evaluate the ethical dimensions** of conducting and disseminating policy research.
- **Critically analyze** existing policy cases to understand their successes and failures.
- **Master mixed-methods research design** to enhance the validity of findings.
- **Utilize digital tools** and software for qualitative data management and analysis.
- **Formulate actionable policy recommendations** supported by evidence.
- **Build a professional network** with fellow policy researchers and experts.
- **Present research findings** in a professional and compelling manner.

Target Audience

- Public policy professionals seeking to enhance their research capabilities.
- Civil servants and government officials involved in evidence-based policy formulation.
- Researchers and academics specializing in public policy and social sciences.
- Non-governmental organization (NGO) staff and advocacy groups focusing on policy change.
- Think tank analysts and researchers developing policy-focused reports.
- Graduate students in public administration, political science, and development studies.
- Journalists and communication specialists covering public and social issues.
- Project managers

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Module 1: Foundational Concepts in Policy Research

- Understanding the policy cycle and research's role.
- Defining research problems and questions in a policy context.
- Comparing quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods approaches.
- Case Study: **Analyzing the impact of a specific public health policy.**
- Case Study: **Evaluating an environmental regulation in a developing country.**

Module 2: Designing a Case Study

- Choosing an appropriate case: single vs. comparative design.
- Defining the boundaries of a case and its unit of analysis.
- Developing a robust research framework and conceptual model.
- Case Study: **Comparing education reform policies in two different cities.**
- Case Study: **Investigating a successful microfinance program.**

Module 3: Qualitative Data Collection

- Techniques for conducting semi-structured and in-depth interviews.
- Systematic document analysis and archival research.
- Effective observation and field-note taking.
- Case Study: **Gathering data on a community development project.**
- Case Study: **Researching the implementation of a new labor law.**

Module 4: Data Analysis and Interpretation

- Introduction to thematic analysis and coding qualitative data.
- Using pattern matching and process tracing to establish causality.
- Structuring an analysis to tell a compelling story.
- Case Study: **Analyzing data from interviews with government officials.**
- Case Study: **Interpreting a complex social policy outcome.**

Module 5: Communicating Research Findings

- Principles of writing effective and concise policy briefs.
- Creating impactful data visualizations and charts.
- Crafting a clear and persuasive narrative.
- Case Study: **Presenting findings on a social welfare program.**
- Case Study: **Developing a policy brief for a legislative committee.**

Module 6: Stakeholder Engagement

- Identifying and mapping key policy actors and their interests.
- Strategies for effective communication and building trust.
- Engaging with diverse audiences, including policymakers and the public.
- Case Study: **Navigating stakeholder interests in a land-use policy debate.**
- Case Study: **Building a coalition for policy advocacy.**

Module 7: Policy Evaluation and Impact

- Understanding different models of policy evaluation.
- Establishing clear and measurable indicators of success.
- Communicating the long-term impact of a policy intervention.
- Case Study: **Evaluating the effectiveness of a crime prevention program.**
- Case Study: **Assessing the impact of a new trade agreement.**

Module 8: Ethical Considerations and Best Practices

- Informed consent and ensuring participant privacy.
- Managing researcher bias and maintaining objectivity.

- Data security and ethical data storage.
- Case Study: **Ethical dilemmas in researching sensitive policy issues.**
- Case Study: **Responsible data sharing in cross-sector research.**

Training Methodology

This course employs a highly interactive and **learner-centered methodology** to ensure practical skill acquisition. We will use a blend of:

- Interactive Lectures.
- Group Discussions.
- Hands-on Workshops.
- Real-world Case Studies.
- Individual and Group Projects
- Expert Guest Speakers
- Constructive Feedback Sessions.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be done at least a week before commencement of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
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21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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