

Criminal Law for Non-Lawyers Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of criminal law and legal systems.
2. Define key terms like mens rea, actus reus, and burden of proof.
3. Identify different types of crimes: felonies, misdemeanors, infractions.
4. Analyze criminal liability and responsibility for actions.
5. Explore the role of police, prosecution, and defense in criminal cases.
6. Comprehend due process, trial procedures, and legal timelines.
7. Learn about search and seizure laws and evidence admissibility.
8. Distinguish between civil vs. criminal offenses.
9. Apply criminal defenses such as insanity, self-defense, and duress.
10. Evaluate juvenile justice system vs. adult criminal justice.
11. Understand victim rights and restitution laws.
12. Examine legal ethics and common legal pitfalls for professionals.
13. Interpret real-world case studies to apply learned principles.

Target Audience

1. Human Resource Managers
2. Journalists and Media Professionals
3. Social Workers and Case Managers
4. Educators and Academic Administrators
5. NGO and Nonprofit Workers
6. Business Owners and Compliance Officers
7. Law Enforcement Support Staff
8. Psychology and Criminology Students

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Criminal Law

- What is Criminal Law?
- Key Legal Terminologies
- Historical Evolution of Criminal Law
- Classifications of Crimes
- Overview of Criminal Law Systems Globally

- **Case Study:** The People v. John Doe – Understanding the Basics

Module 2: Elements of a Crime

- Mens Rea vs. Actus Reus
- Conspiracy and Attempt
- Causation and Criminal Intent
- Types of Criminal Acts
- Role of Circumstantial Evidence
- **Case Study:** State v. Mitchell – The Mental Element in Crime

Module 3: Roles in the Criminal Justice System

- Law Enforcement and Investigations
- Prosecution and Defense
- The Role of the Judge
- Role of Juries in Criminal Trials
- Pre-Trial and Trial Processes
- **Case Study:** U.S. v. Smith – The Criminal Trial in Action

Module 4: Criminal Procedure and Due Process

- Arrest and Booking
- Bail and Pre-Trial Rights
- Arraignment and Plea Bargaining
- The Trial Process
- Sentencing Guidelines
- **Case Study:** Miranda v. Arizona – Rights of the Accused

Module 5: Search, Seizure & Evidence

- Legal Search Warrants
- Exceptions to Warrant Requirement
- Admissibility of Evidence
- Chain of Custody
- Exclusionary Rule
- **Case Study:** Mapp v. Ohio – Illegal Searches and Evidence

Module 6: Criminal Defenses

- Self-Defense and Defense of Others
- Insanity and Mental Incapacity
- Duress and Necessity
- Entrapment
- Alibi Defense
- **Case Study:** State v. Borden – The Role of Defenses

Module 7: Juvenile and Victim Justice

- Juvenile Justice System vs. Adult System
- Rights of Juvenile Offenders
- Victim Rights and Legal Protections
- Restitution and Compensation
- Special Courts for Minors
- **Case Study:** In re Gault – Juvenile Rights Landmark

Module 8: Legal Ethics & Risk Management

- Ethical Responsibilities for Non-Lawyers
- Avoiding Unauthorized Practice of Law
- Confidentiality and Reporting
- Compliance and Legal Boundaries
- Mitigating Legal Risks in Practice
- **Case Study:** Ethics in the Workplace – The HR Dilemma

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led virtual and/or in-person lectures
- Interactive scenario-based learning
- Group discussion and legal role-plays
- Real-life case study analysis
- Downloadable resources and reading materials

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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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

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence 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
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
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