

Geographical Profiling of Offenders Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand core principles of geographical profiling in criminal investigations
2. Analyze serial offender spatial patterns using crime mapping tools
3. Apply GIS-based tools for crime scene analysis and prediction
4. Integrate environmental criminology theories into investigative strategies
5. Use journey-to-crime models for offender location prediction
6. Evaluate the role of mental mapping in offender decision-making
7. Create actionable offender profile maps from spatial data
8. Apply crime linkage analysis to identify serial offenses
9. Leverage predictive policing techniques in real-world contexts
10. Compare and contrast manual vs algorithmic profiling models
11. Assess the legal and ethical implications of spatial profiling
12. Interpret spatial-temporal crime data using real case files
13. Build strategic crime prevention frameworks using profiling outputs

Target Audiences

1. Law Enforcement Officers
2. Criminal Profilers
3. Forensic Analysts
4. Crime Intelligence Analysts
5. Criminology Researchers
6. Police Academy Cadets
7. Homeland Security Personnel
8. Graduate Students in Criminal Justice

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Geographical Profiling

- Definition and importance
- Evolution and history
- Key components of profiling
- Profiling in modern law enforcement
- Limitations and challenges
- **Case Study:** BTK Killer and geographical profiling

Module 2: Understanding Spatial Behavior of Offenders

- Patterns in serial crimes

- Mobility and mental maps
- Crime site selection
- Spatial decision-making
- Target backcloth theory
- **Case Study:** The Railway Rapist (UK)

Module 3: Environmental Criminology Theories

- Routine Activity Theory
- Crime Pattern Theory
- Rational Choice Theory
- Impact of environment on crime
- Predicting crime using place-based factors
- **Case Study:** Boston Strangler's neighborhood mapping

Module 4: Crime Mapping and Hotspot Analysis

- Heat maps and spatial visualization
- Types of crime maps
- Spatial autocorrelation
- Kernel density estimation
- Tools: ArcGIS, QGIS
- **Case Study:** Mapping violent crimes in Chicago

Module 5: GIS Tools and Software for Profiling

- Overview of GIS platforms
- Data entry and cleaning
- Layering and tagging crimes
- Analytical toolsets
- Customizing visual outputs
- **Case Study:** Phoenix PD GIS-assisted robbery analysis

Module 6: Journey-to-Crime Modeling

- Distance decay function
- Buffer zone analysis
- Directional bias
- Crime travel distance
- Journey modeling software
- **Case Study:** Atlanta child murders trajectory model

Module 7: Offender Hunting Behaviors

- Marauder vs Commuter models
- Offender mobility typology
- Displacement patterns
- Activity space mapping
- Integration with victimology
- **Case Study:** The Green River Killer

Module 8: Crime Linkage Analysis

- Linking offenses through spatial data
- Behavioral consistency
- Temporal-spatial links

- Cluster analysis
- Pattern recognition tools
- **Case Study:** Canadian serial burglary ring

Module 9: Psychological and Sociological Factors

- Profiling offender motivations
- Environmental triggers
- Geodemographic profiling
- Social disorganization theory
- Predicting future behavior
- **Case Study:** Ted Bundy's movement analysis

Module 10: Data Collection and Quality Control

- Sourcing crime data
- Ensuring data accuracy
- Avoiding bias in spatial data
- Data normalization
- Open-source intelligence (OSINT)
- **Case Study:** Los Angeles gang-related shooting database

Module 11: Ethical and Legal Considerations

- Privacy and data ethics
- Legal use of spatial data
- Racial and socioeconomic bias
- Data protection compliance
- Human rights implications
- **Case Study:** Predictive policing and racial bias lawsuit

Module 12: Predictive Policing and AI Integration

- AI in geoprofiling
- Machine learning models
- Risk terrain modeling
- Automation vs human analysis
- Future of smart policing
- **Case Study:** LAPD's use of PredPol

Module 13: Field Applications of Geoprofiling

- Practical applications in urban settings
- Tactical decision-making
- Cross-jurisdiction profiling
- Collaborative investigations
- Case closure impact
- **Case Study:** Washington Sniper spatial investigation

Module 14: Designing a Geographical Profiling Model

- Selecting model parameters
- Input data requirements
- Building and testing models
- Interpreting results
- Customizing outputs

- **Case Study:** Custom GIS model for serial arsonist

Module 15: Final Case Analysis and Simulation Exercise

- Comprehensive offender profiling
- Data analysis project
- Team simulation using real data
- Presentation of findings
- Peer evaluation
- **Capstone Case Study:** Reconstructing the case of the Golden State Killer

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and expert-led discussions
- Hands-on GIS software workshops
- Case study analysis and group work
- Real-world crime data simulations
- Individual profiling project assignments
- Assessment through quizzes, practicals, and final capstone presentation

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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 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	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,000

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21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0

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