Illicit Arms Trafficking Investigation 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

Illicit arms trafficking poses a significant threat to global peace, security, and development. Training Course on Illicit Arms Trafficking Investigation provides law enforcement personnel, border control officers, intelligence analysts, and legal professionals with cutting-edge tools and methodologies to combat the illegal trade and movement of small arms and light weapons (SALW). Participants will gain an in-depth understanding of arms smuggling networks, international legal frameworks, digital forensics, and field-based investigation techniques. With a focus on cross-border collaboration and real-world applications, this course leverages intelligence-led policing, blockchain tracking, and geospatial analysis to enhance national and global arms control.

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the global trends in illicit arms trafficking.
2. Identify and analyze transnational organized crime networks involved in arms smuggling.
3. Apply digital forensic techniques for tracing illegal firearms.
4. Use blockchain and AI tools for arms trafficking investigations.
5. Navigate international laws such as the UN Firearms Protocol and Arms Trade Treaty.
6. Strengthen inter-agency collaboration and intelligence sharing.
7. Conduct field surveillance and covert operations.
8. Utilize geospatial mapping and ballistic tracking systems.
9. Implement evidence chain of custody procedures in investigations.
10. Build effective cross-border law enforcement strategies.
11. Analyze case studies on high-profile arms trafficking operations.
12. Evaluate cyber-arms markets and dark web firearms trade.
13. Develop actionable policy recommendations and risk mitigation frameworks.

Target Audience

1. Law Enforcement Officers
2. Border Security Personnel
3. Intelligence Analysts
4. Forensic Investigators
5. Criminal Justice Professionals
6. Military Police Units
7. Policy Makers and Legislators
8. NGO Workers in Arms Control & Disarmament

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Illicit Arms Trafficking

- Definition and scope of illicit arms trade
- Global statistics and trends
- Types of illicitly trafficked weapons
- International legal definitions
- Role of conflict zones and weak governance
- **Case Study:** The West African Arms Trade Network

Module 2: Legal Frameworks and Treaties

- UN Firearms Protocol
- Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) compliance
- National arms laws and regulations
- Cross-border legal cooperation
- Licensing and export control mechanisms
- **Case Study:** ATT Violations in the Middle East

Module 3: Arms Trafficking Routes and Methods

- Maritime, land, and air trafficking channels
- Smuggling through postal/courier services
- Hidden compartments and concealment
- Use of drones and autonomous vehicles
- Surveillance and interception techniques
- **Case Study:** Balkan Route of SALW Trafficking

Module 4: Organized Crime and Terror Networks

- Role of cartels and paramilitary groups
- Funding through arms sales
- Link to drug and human trafficking
- Terrorist groups' weapon acquisition
- Money laundering in arms deals
- **Case Study:** FARC’s International Arms Suppliers

Module 5: Intelligence-Led Investigations

- Open-source intelligence (OSINT)
- Human intelligence (HUMINT) gathering
- Social media tracking
- Predictive analysis models
- Threat assessments and risk indicators
- **Case Study:** Europol’s Operation Bosphorus

Module 6: Forensics in Arms Investigations

- Firearms and ballistic forensics
- Gunshot residue (GSR) analysis

- Serial number restoration
- DNA and fingerprint recovery
- Laboratory chain of evidence
- **Case Study:** Post-shooting Forensics in Chicago

Module 7: Cyber and Dark Web Investigations

- Tracking arms deals on dark web
- Cryptocurrency and blockchain tracing
- Online sting operations
- Deep web monitoring tools
- Cybercrime task force coordination
- **Case Study:** FBI Operation DisrupTor

Module 8: Ballistic and Geospatial Intelligence

- Ballistic imaging systems (IBIS)
- Crime mapping and GIS applications
- Drone surveillance integration
- Satellite imagery for arms stockpiles
- Heat maps of trafficking hotspots
- **Case Study:** Mexico’s Urban Arms Mapping Project

Module 9: Airport and Seaport Control

- Advanced cargo screening systems
- Profiling and red-flagging techniques
- Use of K9 units and X-ray scanners
- Container inspection strategies
- Collaboration with customs and INTERPOL
- **Case Study:** Illegal Arms in Port of Antwerp

Module 10: Financial Flows and Money Laundering

- Illicit arms finance tracking
- Shell companies and offshore accounts
- Suspicious transaction indicators
- FIU and AML cooperation
- Integration with FATF recommendations
- **Case Study:** Hezbollah’s Arms-for-Cash Ring

Module 11: Covert Operations and Undercover Work

- Planning undercover stings
- Risk management and safety protocols
- Identity concealment and handler roles
- Surveillance equipment and recording

- Post-operation debriefing and legal prep
- **Case Study:** ATF's “Fast and Furious” Operation

Module 12: Arms Destruction and Stockpile Management

- Disarmament processes and disposal
- Verification and inventory protocols
- Secure weapons storage standards
- Role of international observers
- Post-conflict arms collection
- **Case Study:** Sierra Leone DDR Program

Module 13: Public Awareness and Media Strategy

- Community outreach campaigns
- Role of journalists in arms control
- Disinformation and counter-narratives
- Media training for investigators
- Civil society partnerships
- **Case Study:** Gun Control Advocacy in South Africa

Module 14: Prosecution and Legal Procedures

- Evidence admissibility in court
- Building prosecution cases
- Witness protection programs
- Cross-border extradition laws
- International court collaborations
- **Case Study:** Trial of Viktor Bout

Module 15: Policy Development and Strategic Planning

- National security strategies
- Policy drafting and legislative support
- International cooperation frameworks
- Performance evaluation metrics
- Strategic foresight and forecasting
- **Case Study:** Post-conflict Policy in Colombia

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led lectures and multimedia presentations
- Case-based learning and scenario simulations
- Group discussions and problem-solving workshops
- Hands-on training with forensic and surveillance tools
- Virtual labs and real-time OSINT investigations
- Interactive quizzes, assessments, and feedback sessions

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
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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