

Policy Analysis in Criminal Justice 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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Course Objectives

1. Understand the role of criminal justice policy in public administration.
2. Apply evidence-based practices to policy development and analysis.
3. Identify and assess criminal justice reform strategies.
4. Evaluate the impact of systemic racism and bias in law enforcement.
5. Use data-driven methods to analyze policy effectiveness.
6. Explore the influence of legislation on sentencing guidelines.
7. Examine policies related to police accountability and oversight.
8. Develop skills in cost-benefit analysis of justice policies.
9. Investigate the implications of mass incarceration trends.
10. Understand the role of community engagement in policymaking.
11. Utilize performance metrics for policy evaluation.
12. Integrate technology and digital tools in policy research.
13. Formulate strategic policy recommendations based on real-world issues.

Target Audiences

1. Criminal Justice Administrators
2. Law Enforcement Officers
3. Policy Analysts
4. Legal Advocates
5. Government Officials
6. Academic Researchers in Criminology
7. Nonprofit Organization Leaders
8. Graduate Students in Criminal Justice or Public Policy

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Criminal Justice Policy

- Definition and scope of policy analysis
- Structure of the criminal justice system
- Role of federal, state, and local jurisdictions
- Interagency collaboration
- Policy vs. legislation
- **Case Study:** The War on Drugs and Federal Sentencing Policies

Module 2: Evidence-Based Policy Making

- Definition and importance
- Data collection and validation
- Program evaluation techniques
- Understanding policy indicators
- Translating research into action
- **Case Study:** Reducing Juvenile Recidivism in Chicago

Module 3: Data Analysis in Criminal Justice

- Quantitative vs. qualitative data
- Data visualization tools
- Forecasting crime trends
- Evaluating racial disparities
- Predictive policing tools
- **Case Study:** NYC Stop-and-Frisk Policy Analysis

Module 4: Criminal Justice Reform Strategies

- Bail reform overview
- Prison population reduction policies
- Police defunding debates
- Alternatives to incarceration
- Grassroots activism
- **Case Study:** California Proposition 47

Module 5: Budgeting and Cost-Benefit Analysis

- Understanding criminal justice budgets
- Cost-effectiveness in corrections
- Public safety expenditure trends
- Funding and resource allocation
- Evaluating ROI in prevention programs
- **Case Study:** Mental Health Courts vs. Incarceration Costs

Module 6: Racial Equity in Justice Policy

- Racial bias in policing
- Sentencing disparities
- Policy approaches to equity
- Community impact assessments
- Equity audits in policy evaluation
- **Case Study:** Ferguson DOJ Report Findings

Module 7: Police Accountability and Oversight

- Civilian review boards

- Body camera policies
- Use-of-force standards
- Internal affairs procedures
- Transparency laws
- **Case Study:** Minneapolis Police Reform after George Floyd

Module 8: Sentencing Guidelines and Legislation

- Sentencing commissions
- Three-strikes laws
- Mandatory minimums
- Rehabilitation-focused legislation
- Judicial discretion debates
- **Case Study:** Federal Sentencing Guidelines Reform

Module 9: Mass Incarceration Trends

- Historical overview
- Demographics of incarceration
- Private prison influence
- Policy responses to overcrowding
- Reducing recidivism
- **Case Study:** The First Step Act

Module 10: Youth and Juvenile Justice Policy

- Status offenses and diversion
- School-to-prison pipeline
- Trauma-informed approaches
- Age-based sentencing
- Juvenile rehabilitation models
- **Case Study:** Missouri Model for Juvenile Justice

Module 11: Technology and Policy Analysis Tools

- Digital dashboards
- GIS mapping for crime
- Policy simulation software
- AI tools in law enforcement
- Digital ethics in surveillance
- **Case Study:** Predictive Policing in Los Angeles

Module 12: Community Involvement and Engagement

- Stakeholder analysis
- Participatory policymaking
- Restorative justice programs

- Building public trust
- Community-led safety models
- **Case Study:** Cure Violence Initiative

Module 13: Crisis Management in Policy Making

- Policy response during unrest
- Decision-making under pressure
- Risk communication
- Managing political backlash
- Adaptive policy strategies
- **Case Study:** COVID-19 and Correctional Facility Policies

Module 14: Evaluation and Monitoring of Policies

- Setting performance indicators
- Benchmarking tools
- Real-time policy tracking
- Policy feedback loops
- Accountability mechanisms
- **Case Study:** Recidivism Monitoring in Georgia

Module 15: Strategic Policy Development

- Problem identification
- Policy design models
- Political feasibility assessment
- Coalition building
- Drafting policy briefs
- **Case Study:** Gun Policy Reform Proposals

Training Methodology

- Interactive Lectures with policy professionals and criminologists
- Case Study Analysis to evaluate real-life policy impacts
- Group Discussions and Role Play for critical thinking
- Hands-on Data Workshops using public datasets
- Policy Brief Writing Assignments to apply learnings
- Pre- and Post-Training Assessments to measure impact

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Certification

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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 commencement of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

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