Social Media Intelligence (SOCMINT) for Investigations 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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Training Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of SOCMINT and OSINT in digital investigations.
2. Learn real-time monitoring techniques on social media platforms.
3. Master ethical frameworks and legal compliance in digital surveillance.
4. Analyze behavioral patterns and digital personas using AI tools.
5. Apply geolocation and timestamp metadata for investigative tracking.
6. Conduct deep profiling using open-source data.
7. Discover how to use social network analysis in crime detection.
8. Employ sentiment and language analysis for detecting online threats.
9. Identify and mitigate risks of disinformation and fake profiles.
10. Integrate AI-driven analytics and keyword mapping.
11. Gain hands-on experience with leading SOCMINT software tools.
12. Study real-life investigative case studies using social media data.
13. Build actionable SOCMINT reports and intelligence briefs.

Target Audience

1. Law Enforcement Officers
2. Cybercrime Investigators
3. Private Investigators
4. Intelligence Analysts
5. Corporate Security Teams
6. Journalists and Media Analysts
7. Government Surveillance Agencies
8. Legal and Compliance Professionals

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Social Media Intelligence (SOCMINT)

- Definition and scope of SOCMINT
- SOCMINT vs. OSINT: key differences
- Importance in modern investigations
- Core platforms: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn
- Legal boundaries and privacy concerns
- **Case Study:** Use of SOCMINT in solving a missing persons case

Module 2: Tools and Platforms for SOCMINT

- Overview of top SOCMINT tools (e.g., Maltego, Echosec, Hootsuite)
- AI-based analytic dashboards
- Multi-platform aggregation strategies
- Integrating APIs for data collection
- Monitoring dark and deep web conversations
- **Case Study:** Tool-based tracking of a terrorist cell on Twitter

Module 3: Digital Footprints and Identity Tracing

- Analyzing usernames and aliases
- IP tracing and location inference
- Metadata in photos and videos
- Reverse image search for verification
- Social graph creation
- **Case Study:** Unmasking online fraud through digital traces

Module 4: Geolocation and Time Analysis

- Geotagged data and image coordinates
- Time zone correlation for activity tracking
- Cross-checking check-ins and tagged locations
- Mapping software tools
- Device metadata interpretation
- **Case Study:** Locating a suspect using Instagram geotags

Module 5: Social Network Analysis

- Creating relationship maps
- Detecting influence patterns
- Centrality and connectivity metrics
- Identifying fake or bot accounts
- Tracking communication clusters
- **Case Study:** Gang network mapping using Facebook friend lists

Module 6: Sentiment Analysis and Threat Detection

- AI tools for analyzing emotions and tone
- Detecting aggression or radicalization cues

- Language trends and slang interpretation
- Monitoring hate speech and cyberbullying
- Predictive alerts based on sentiment triggers
- **Case Study:** Preventing school violence through Reddit analysis

Module 7: AI and Automation in SOCMINT

- Machine learning in social media surveillance
- Automating keyword tracking and alerts
- Chatbot scraping and monitoring
- Natural language processing (NLP) techniques
- Deep learning models for image/video classification
- **Case Study:** Using AI to flag violent extremism content

Module 8: Disinformation and Fake News Analysis

- Spotting fake profiles and trolls
- Misinformation trends and patterns
- Botnet detection
- Digital fingerprinting of viral content
- Verifying viral media
- **Case Study:** Election interference via Twitter bots

Module 9: Legal and Ethical Considerations

- Global laws governing social media surveillance
- GDPR, CCPA, and other regulatory frameworks
- Ethical dilemmas and best practices
- Chain of custody in digital data
- Warrants and privacy concerns
- **Case Study:** Legal review of surveillance in a cyberstalking case

Module 10: Crisis Management and Intelligence Response

- Using SOCMINT in real-time crisis events
- Coordinating with law enforcement agencies
- Live dashboard creation and deployment
- Mapping social unrest or disasters
- Crafting actionable alerts
- **Case Study:** Using SOCMINT during a public protest crisis

Module 11: Investigative Reporting Using SOCMINT

- Techniques for data storytelling
- Visualizing intelligence
- Report formatting best practices
- Combining SOCMINT with traditional investigation

- Media partnerships and confidentiality
- **Case Study:** Investigative journalism breaking a human trafficking story

Module 12: Corporate and Brand Protection

- Monitoring for brand impersonation
- Detecting corporate espionage
- Crisis communications tracking
- Risk scoring and threat assessment
- Social listening tools
- **Case Study:** Crisis management after a viral PR attack

Module 13: Dark Web and Encrypted Platforms

- SOCMINT vs. deep/dark web intel
- Tracking closed groups (Telegram, Discord, etc.)
- Analyzing encrypted messages
- Ethical infiltration techniques
- Leveraging leaks and data dumps
- **Case Study:** Tracing a ransomware group’s dark web forum

Module 14: Creating SOCMINT Intelligence Briefs

- Formatting investigation reports
- Dashboard creation for stakeholders
- Summary-to-detail drill-downs
- Risk scoring system
- Daily and weekly briefings
- **Case Study:** Weekly SOCMINT brief for a government agency

Module 15: Future Trends and SOCMINT Innovations

- Blockchain and decentralized platforms
- Facial recognition developments
- Social audio platforms (e.g., Clubhouse)
- Gamification and surveillance
- Cross-platform identity fusion
- **Case Study:** Using Clubhouse voice patterns to track organized crime

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with real-world SOCMINT use cases
- Hands-on tool demonstrations and simulations
- Group discussions and breakout activities
- Quizzes and knowledge assessments
- Final project involving a mock investigation using SOCMINT
- Access to downloadable SOCMINT toolkit and legal templates

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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