Social Psychology of Crime 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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13 Learning Objectives

1. Define and explain core concepts of social psychology related to criminal behavior.
2. Understand the role of peer influence and conformity in youth and gang crimes.
3. Analyze aggression, frustration, and moral disengagement in offenders.
4. Identify socioeconomic and environmental triggers of deviant behavior.
5. Interpret criminal actions through cognitive-behavioral frameworks.
6. Evaluate the impact of family dynamics and social upbringing.
7. Apply social identity theory to group-based violence and hate crimes.
8. Examine media influence and desensitization to violence.
9. Explore online behavior and cybercrime psychology.
10. Create intervention strategies for early risk identification.
11. Understand the psychology of law enforcement and public trust.
12. Apply criminological theories in offender profiling and risk assessment.
13. Design and assess rehabilitation programs based on psychological principles.

Target Audiences

1. Criminal justice professionals
2. Law enforcement officers
3. Criminologists and sociologists
4. Mental health counselors
5. Social workers
6. Probation and parole officers
7. Educators and academic researchers
8. Policy makers and legal advisors

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Social Psychology of Crime

- Definition and scope of social psychology
- Key psychological theories linked to crime
- Differentiating psychological and sociological causes
- Historical overview of social psychology in criminology
- Real-life implications of social psychological insights
- **Case Study: Stanford Prison Experiment and authority influence**

Module 2: Social Learning and Criminal Behavior

- Bandura’s Social Learning Theory
- Role of imitation and reinforcement
- Peer groups and delinquent subcultures
- Crime as learned behavior
- Breaking the cycle of criminal reinforcement
- **Case Study: Columbine High School shooters’ peer dynamics**

Module 3: Aggression and Violence

- Psychological causes of aggression
- Frustration-aggression hypothesis

- Role of hormones and brain structures
- Impulse control and anger management
- Aggression in domestic vs. public settings
- **Case Study: Road rage and reactive aggression**

Module 4: Cognitive Distortions in Offenders

- Common distortions in criminal thinking
- Techniques for cognitive restructuring
- Rationalizations and denial mechanisms
- Identification through interviews and assessments
- Corrective cognitive behavioral techniques
- **Case Study: Cognitive distortions in sex offenders**

Module 5: Moral Disengagement and Justification

- Bandura's theory of moral disengagement
- Dehumanization and displacement of responsibility
- Techniques used by terrorists and war criminals
- Reducing justification through interventions
- Victim blaming and denial of consequences
- **Case Study: Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal**

Module 6: Group Influence and Conformity

- Groupthink and mob mentality
- Obedience to authority (Milgram experiment)
- Cults, gangs, and radicalization
- Influence of social identity and roles
- Resistance to negative group influence
- **Case Study: Nazi Germany and conformity pressure**

Module 7: Juvenile Delinquency

- Adolescent brain development
- Role of broken homes and poor parenting
- School environment and bullying
- Early intervention and social support
- Role of juvenile justice systems
- **Case Study: Chicago's Cure Violence model**

Module 8: The Role of Family and Upbringing

- Attachment theory and emotional development
- Parenting styles and crime risk
- Domestic violence and childhood trauma
- Family-based interventions
- Influence of socioeconomic status
- **Case Study: Cycle of violence in intergenerational offenders**

Module 9: Media Influence on Criminal Behavior

- Desensitization theory and violent media
- Copycat crimes and glorification of violence
- Role of social media in organizing crime
- Media regulation and parental control

- Balancing entertainment with responsibility
- **Case Study: Slender Man stabbing incident**

Module 10: Cybercrime and Online Behavior

- Psychology of anonymity
- Online disinhibition effect
- Cyberbullying and trolling
- Internet addiction and radicalization
- Prevention through digital literacy
- **Case Study: Dark web crimes and digital profiling**

Module 11: Antisocial Personality and Criminality

- Characteristics of ASPD and psychopathy
- Diagnostic tools and psychological assessments
- Early signs and interventions
- Treatment challenges and recidivism
- Prison reform and rehabilitation efforts
- **Case Study: Ted Bundy psychological profile**

Module 12: The Psychology of Victims

- Trauma and PTSD in crime victims
- Victim-offender relationship dynamics
- Support systems and victim advocacy
- Role of empathy in preventing reoffending
- Psychological recovery and therapy models
- **Case Study: Rape victims and trauma-informed care**

Module 13: Law Enforcement Psychology

- Stress and burnout among officers
- Decision-making under pressure
- Police-community relationships
- Implicit bias and profiling
- Training in emotional intelligence
- **Case Study: Use of force and split-second decisions**

Module 14: Crime Prevention Through Social Programs

- Community policing and engagement
- School-based preventive interventions
- Youth mentorship and recreation
- Social reintegration of ex-offenders
- Measuring program effectiveness
- **Case Study: Operation Ceasefire (Boston)**

Module 15: Restorative Justice and Rehabilitation

- Philosophy of restorative justice
- Victim-offender mediation
- Community conferencing
- Reducing recidivism through empathy
- Challenges in implementation
- **Case Study: Restorative justice in New Zealand**

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with multimedia support
- Real-life case study analysis and group discussions
- Simulation exercises and role-playing scenarios
- Reflective assignments and guided journaling
- Pre- and post-assessments for knowledge retention
- Access to online resources, videos, and reading materials

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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

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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