

The Geopolitics of Cyber Warfare Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

- Analyze and interpret **cyber threat intelligence** from a geopolitical perspective.
- Understand the role of cyber warfare in **national security strategies**.
- Identify and mitigate risks to **critical infrastructure** from state-sponsored attacks.
- Recognize and counter **cyber espionage** and intellectual property theft campaigns.
- Conduct **geopolitical risk assessments** of cyber threats for businesses and governments.
- Evaluate the application of **international law** and norms to cyber conflict.
- Explore concepts of **strategic deterrence** in the cyber domain.
- Develop and implement effective **cyber incident response** plans for nation-state attacks.
- Master **threat hunting** techniques to proactively identify advanced persistent threats (APTs).
- Analyze the impact of evolving **cybersecurity policy** and regulation.
- Understand the dynamics of **information warfare** and digital disinformation.
- Assess the security implications of **emerging technologies** like AI and quantum computing.
- Foster **public-private partnerships** for collective cyber defense.

Organizational Benefits

- Build a more **resilient** organization capable of withstanding **geopolitical cyberattacks**.
- Safeguard valuable digital assets, intellectual property, and sensitive data from **nation-state adversaries**.
- Enable executives and board members to make informed, **strategic decisions** regarding cybersecurity investments and risk management.
- Improve the security posture of the entire **digital supply chain** by understanding and mitigating third-party risks.
- Ensure compliance with international and national **cybersecurity regulations** and frameworks.
- Equip security teams with the **advanced skills** needed to counter sophisticated, state-level threats.

Target Audience

1. Cybersecurity Professionals (e.g., CISOs, Security Analysts, Threat Hunters)
2. Government and Military Personnel (e.g., Intelligence Officers, Military Planners, Cyber Command Staff)
3. Risk Management and Compliance Officers
4. Corporate Executives and Board Members

5. Policymakers and International Relations Experts
6. Critical Infrastructure and Industrial Control Systems (ICS) operators
7. Legal and Policy Advisors
8. IT Managers and Network Administrators

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Module 1: The Evolving Landscape of Cyber Warfare

- Defining cyber warfare and its relationship to conventional conflict.
- Analyzing the motivations and capabilities of key nation-state actors.
- The role of non-state actors, hacktivists, and proxy groups.
- Understanding the concept of "gray-zone" warfare.
- **Case Study:** The NotPetya Attack and its global economic impact.

Module 2: Strategic Cyber Espionage and Intellectual Property Theft

- Tactics and techniques used for state-sponsored espionage.
- Protecting sensitive corporate and government data.
- Identifying and responding to Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs).
- Supply chain attacks and their geopolitical implications.
- **Case Study:** Operation Aurora and the theft of intellectual property from Google and other firms.

Module 3: Critical Infrastructure and National Security

- Vulnerabilities of critical infrastructure (e.g., energy grids, financial systems).
- Developing resilient cyber-physical systems.
- The convergence of IT and Operational Technology (OT) security.
- Legal and policy frameworks for critical infrastructure protection.
- **Case Study:** The cyberattacks on Ukraine's power grid.

Module 4: Information Warfare and Disinformation Campaigns

- The use of cyberspace for psychological operations and propaganda.
- Identifying and countering state-sponsored disinformation.
- The weaponization of social media and digital platforms.
- Protecting democratic processes from foreign interference.
- **Case Study:** Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Module 5: Cyber Law, Norms, and International Relations

- Applying international law (e.g., the Tallinn Manual) to cyber conflict.
- The challenge of attribution in cyberspace.
- Developing international norms of behavior.
- Cyber diplomacy and de-escalation strategies.
- **Case Study:** The Stuxnet worm and its implications for cyber-enabled sabotage.

Module 6: Proactive Cyber Defense and Threat Hunting

- Building a proactive security posture to detect threats early.
- Techniques for threat intelligence gathering and analysis.
- Conducting effective threat hunting operations.

- Developing a "zero trust" security model.
- **Case Study:** The response to the SolarWinds supply chain attack.

Module 7: Emerging Technologies and Future Cyber Conflicts

- The impact of artificial intelligence and machine learning on cyber warfare.
- The security risks and opportunities of quantum computing.
- The role of 5G networks in the future of cyber conflict.
- Preparing for the next generation of cyber threats.
- **Case Study:** The use of AI-driven tools in state-backed cyber campaigns.

Module 8: Crisis Management and Incident Response Simulation

- Developing a comprehensive cyber incident response plan.
- Implementing effective communication strategies during a crisis.
- Tabletop exercises and real-world simulation drills.
- Post-incident analysis and lessons learned.
- **Case Study:** The Maersk cyberattack and its cascading effects on global logistics.

Training Methodology

Our training methodology is a blend of interactive and practical learning, ensuring maximum engagement and skill retention. It includes:

- **Instructor-Led Sessions:** Expert-led lectures with interactive Q&A.
- **Real-World Case Studies:** In-depth analysis of major cyber incidents to illustrate concepts.
- **Hands-On Workshops:** Practical exercises on threat analysis, intelligence gathering, and incident response.
- **Tabletop Exercises:** Simulated cyber crisis scenarios to test and refine response plans.
- **Group Discussions:** Collaborative problem-solving and peer-to-peer learning.

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
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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