Advanced Foreign Policy Analysis Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master **advanced foreign policy theories** and their real-world application.
2. Conduct comprehensive **geopolitical risk assessment** and strategic analysis.
3. Analyze the role of **non-state actors** and **transnational issues** in international relations.
4. Develop **strategic foresight** models for anticipating future global trends.
5. Evaluate the impact of **domestic politics** on a nation's foreign policy.
6. Apply **game theory** and **negotiation strategies** in complex diplomatic scenarios.
7. Understand the dynamics of **power projection** and **grand strategy**.
8. Assess the influence of **emerging technologies** (e.g., AI, cyber warfare) on international security.
9. Formulate effective **crisis management** and conflict resolution strategies.
10. Analyze the interplay of **economic statecraft** and diplomacy.
11. Examine the role of **public opinion** and media in shaping foreign policy narratives.
12. Design and present compelling **policy briefs** and recommendations.
13. Practice **cross-cultural communication** and diplomatic protocol.

Target Audience

- **Mid-career government officials** and diplomats.
- **Policy analysts** and researchers at think tanks.
- **International business leaders** and risk managers.
- **Journalists** and foreign correspondents.
- **Military and intelligence professionals**.
- **Senior staff** from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and international organizations.
- **Academics** and graduate students in political science or international relations.
- **Aspiring foreign service officers**.

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Foreign Policy Analysis

- **Theories of Foreign Policy**: Realism, Liberalism, Constructivism.
- **Levels of Analysis**: Individual, State, and Systemic.
- **Core Concepts**: National Interest, Power, and Diplomacy.
- **Historical Evolution of FPA**: From classical to contemporary approaches.

- **Case Study**: Analyzing the Cold War foreign policies of the US and USSR.

Module 2: Geopolitical Risk & Strategic Assessment

- **Methodologies for Risk Analysis**: PESTLE, SWOT, and scenario planning.
- **Identifying Geopolitical Hotspots**: Case studies on regional conflicts.
- **Economic & Political Risk**: Assessing stability in developing and developed nations.
- **The Role of Intelligence**: Understanding the use of intelligence in policy formulation.
- **Case Study**: The geopolitical risks associated with the Belt and Road Initiative.

Module 3: Strategic Foresight & Future Trends

- **Foresight Methodologies**: Delphi method, horizon scanning, and trend analysis.
- **Global Megatrends**: Demographic shifts, climate change, and resource scarcity.
- **Technological Disruptions**: The impact of AI, quantum computing, and biotech.
- **Anticipating Black Swans**: Preparing for unpredictable global events.
- **Case Study**: Forecasting the future of the Arctic region and its geopolitical implications.

Module 4: The Domestic-Foreign Policy Nexus

- **Public Opinion & Media**: How domestic sentiment shapes international actions.
- **Bureaucratic Politics**: Allison's Model and inter-agency rivalries.
- **The Role of Political Institutions**: Executive vs. Legislative power in foreign policy.
- **Interest Groups & Lobbying**: The influence of corporations and advocacy groups.
- **Case Study**: The influence of domestic US politics on its foreign policy toward the Middle East.

Module 5: Diplomacy & Negotiation

- **The Art of Negotiation**: Principles of effective diplomatic bargaining.
- **Types of Diplomacy**: Public, Track-two, and Coercive diplomacy.
- **Crisis Negotiation**: Techniques for de-escalating international conflicts.
- **Multilateral Diplomacy**: Navigating international organizations (UN, WTO).
- **Case Study**: The Iran Nuclear Deal negotiations and the role of diplomacy.

Module 6: International Security & Conflict Studies

- **Modern Warfare**: Hybrid warfare, cyber-attacks, and information operations.
- **Nuclear Proliferation**: Challenges and non-proliferation strategies.
- **Terrorism & Counter-terrorism**: Global threats and policy responses.
- **Conflict Resolution**: Mediation, arbitration, and peacekeeping operations.
- **Case Study**: The ongoing conflict in Ukraine and its implications for European security.

Module 7: Economic Statecraft

- **Sanctions & Coercive Economics**: The use of economic tools in foreign policy.
- **Trade Agreements**: Their impact on geopolitical alliances.
- **Foreign Aid & Development**: Using aid as a diplomatic tool.
- **The Role of International Financial Institutions**: IMF, World Bank, and their influence.
- **Case Study**: The US-China trade war and its global economic repercussions.

Module 8: Intelligence & Information Warfare

- **Intelligence Cycle**: Collection, analysis, and dissemination.

- **Covert Operations**: Ethics and effectiveness of clandestine actions.
- **Disinformation & Propaganda**: Combating state-sponsored information campaigns.
- **Cyber Espionage**: Protecting national security in the digital age.
- **Case Study**: Russian interference in Western elections and its foreign policy objectives.

Module 9: Power Projection & Grand Strategy

- **Defining Grand Strategy**: The long-term vision for a nation's role in the world.
- **Military Power**: The role of armed forces in foreign policy.
- **Soft Power**: Culture, values, and diplomacy as tools of influence.
- **Balancing Power**: Alliances, partnerships, and rivalries.
- **Case Study**: Analyzing China's grand strategy in the 21st century.

Module 10: The Rise of Non-State Actors

- **International NGOs**: Their influence on human rights and environmental policy.
- **Multinational Corporations**: Corporate foreign policy and economic power.
- **Transnational Criminal Organizations**: Challenges to state authority.
- **The Role of Diasporas**: Community influence on foreign policy.
- **Case Study**: The influence of Amnesty International on global human rights policy.

Module 11: International Law & Governance

- **Principles of International Law**: Treaties, conventions, and customary law.
- **International Courts**: The role of the ICC and ICJ.
- **Human Rights & Sovereignty**: The tension between universal norms and state authority.
- **Global Governance Challenges**: Climate change and pandemic response.
- **Case Study**: The legal ramifications of the US withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.

Module 12: Public Diplomacy & Communication

- **Crafting a National Narrative**: Shaping a country's image abroad.
- **Strategic Communication**: The use of media, social platforms, and cultural exchange.
- **Combating Misinformation**: Tools and techniques for effective counter-narratives.
- **Crisis Communication**: Responding to international incidents.
- **Case Study**: Japan's use of "Cool Japan" soft power to enhance its global image.

Module 13: Crisis Management & Simulation

- **Crisis Decision-Making**: The psychology of high-stakes choices.
- **Wargaming & Scenarios**: Simulating complex international crises.
- **Developing Actionable Plans**: Creating a crisis response framework.
- **Post-Crisis Evaluation**: Learning from successes and failures.
- **Case Study**: A real-time, interactive simulation of a global cyber crisis.

Module 14: Regional Foreign Policies

- **US Foreign Policy**: Analyzing continuity and change across administrations.
- **EU Foreign Policy**: The challenges of a multi-state foreign policy.
- **Russian Foreign Policy**: Understanding Moscow's geopolitical calculus.
- **Middle East Geopolitics**: Regional rivalries and external interventions.
- **Case Study**: The evolving foreign policies of emerging powers like India and Brazil.

Module 15: Policy Briefs & Professional Practice

- **Writing a Policy Brief**: Structure, style, and key elements.
- **Presenting to Decision-Makers**: Public speaking and effective communication.
- **Ethical Considerations**: The responsibility of the foreign policy analyst.
- **Career Pathways**: Exploring opportunities in diplomacy, intelligence, and business.
- **Case Study**: Participants will develop and present a policy brief on a current global issue.

Training Methodology

- Interactive Lectures & Discussions.
- Hands-on Workshops & Labs.
- Case Study Analysis.
- Group Projects & Collaborative Learning
- Q&A Sessions & Expert Guidance
- Demonstrations & Visualizations

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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
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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