Forensic Linguistics Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of forensic linguistics and its legal applications.
2. Analyze language evidence in legal and criminal contexts.
3. Apply authorship attribution techniques using stylometry.
4. Evaluate threatening messages and anonymous texts.
5. Examine language used in police interviews and courtroom discourse.
6. Identify markers of linguistic deception and truthfulness.
7. Conduct forensic discourse analysis of written and spoken communication.
8. Interpret trademark disputes and linguistic intellectual property cases.
9. Utilize corpus linguistics in forensic investigations.
10. Develop skills in forensic phonetics and speaker identification.
11. Explore sociolinguistic profiling and linguistic fingerprinting.
12. Assess the impact of digital communication and cybercrime linguistics.
13. Create expert linguistic reports for court testimony.

Target Audiences:

1. Criminal investigators and detectives
2. Linguistics students and researchers
3. Cybersecurity professionals
4. Legal practitioners and paralegals
5. Law enforcement officers
6. Intelligence analysts
7. Journalists and media professionals
8. Human rights and NGO workers

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Forensic Linguistics

- Definition and scope of forensic linguistics
- Historical development and key figures
- Role in civil and criminal cases
- Key subfields and specializations
- Introduction to linguistic evidence types

- **Case Study**: The Unabomber Manifesto – Linguistic clues to author identity

Module 2: Authorship Attribution and Stylometry

- Principles of stylometric analysis
- Lexical, syntactic, and structural markers
- Writing style detection techniques
- Software tools for authorship analysis
- Limitations and challenges in attribution
- **Case Study**: J.K. Rowling and the "Robert Galbraith" pseudonym

Module 3: Deception Detection and Truth Verification

- Linguistic cues of lying and evasion
- Statement analysis techniques
- Pragmatic and discourse indicators
- Forensic psychological overlaps
- Linguistic markers of coercion or pressure
- **Case Study**: Analysis of the JonBenét Ramsey ransom note

Module 4: Language in Legal Settings

- Courtroom discourse and power dynamics
- Interrogation and interview linguistics
- Role of interpreters and translation
- Language rights and legal fairness
- Miscommunication in legal contexts
- **Case Study**: Miranda Rights comprehension in juvenile suspects

Module 5: Forensic Phonetics and Voice Identification

- Acoustic phonetics in speaker recognition
- Voice comparison techniques
- Audio analysis software and tools
- Background noise and recording quality
- Legal standards for voice evidence
- **Case Study**: Speaker identification in ransom call investigations

Module 6: Linguistics in Cybercrime and Digital Texts

- Language patterns in emails, chats, and texts
- Cyberbullying, trolling, and threat analysis
- Multilingual and coded communication
- NLP and machine learning in digital linguistics
- Challenges in online authorship attribution
- **Case Study**: Linguistic analysis in cyberstalking case

Module 7: Corpus Linguistics in Forensic Contexts

- Creating and analyzing linguistic corpora
- Quantitative vs qualitative linguistic data
- Legal document frequency analysis
- Linguistic profiling with corpora
- Corpus tools (AntConc, SketchEngine)
- **Case Study**: Gendered language in sentencing reports

Module 8: Expert Witnessing and Report Writing

- Structuring forensic linguistic reports
- Expert testimony techniques in court
- Ethics and neutrality in reporting
- Communicating findings to lay audiences
- Preparing for cross-examination
- **Case Study**: Linguistic evidence in the Zimmerman trial

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with real case examples and expert-led sessions
- Hands-on exercises using linguistic software and tools
- Group discussions and peer reviews of linguistic analyses
- Role-playing and mock trials to practice testimony delivery
- Capstone project involving a full forensic linguistic report

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	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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