Human Rights and Criminal Justice 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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Course Objectives

1. Understand the core principles of international human rights law and how they apply to criminal justice.
2. Identify and address systemic inequalities in law enforcement and justice systems.
3. Strengthen knowledge of fair trial rights and legal safeguards.
4. Analyze the impact of policing policies on civil liberties and human dignity.
5. Evaluate detention conditions and the role of prison reform.
6. Promote gender-sensitive justice and address gender-based violence.
7. Enhance awareness of racial profiling and discriminatory practices in criminal justice.
8. Foster victim-centered approaches and restorative justice mechanisms.
9. Examine legal responses to torture, abuse, and cruel treatment.
10. Apply international legal frameworks to domestic legal systems.
11. Advocate for marginalized and vulnerable populations in criminal proceedings.
12. Improve the role of judicial actors in protecting human rights.
13. Develop effective policy reforms to align national practices with international standards.

Target Audiences

1. Law enforcement professionals
2. Legal practitioners and attorneys
3. Judges and judicial officers
4. Human rights activists
5. Policymakers and legislators
6. Social workers and NGO personnel
7. Academics and criminal justice students
8. International development professionals

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Human Rights

- History and evolution of human rights
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
- Key institutions: UNHRC, ICC, ECHR
- Legal enforceability of human rights
- **Case Study**: The ACLU vs. United States Government (on surveillance and rights violations)

Module 2: Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems

- Comparative criminal justice systems
- Core components: police, courts, corrections
- Criminal justice ethics and principles
- Role of state and non-state actors
- Impact of colonial legacies on justice systems
- **Case Study**: South Africa’s post-apartheid justice reforms

Module 3: Arrest and Detention Standards

- Legal frameworks governing arrests
- Rights during detention
- Arbitrary arrest and illegal detention
- Use of force in arrest procedures
- Preventive detention and its implications
- **Case Study**: India’s preventive detention under the NSA

Module 4: The Right to a Fair Trial

- Due process guarantees
- Legal representation and equality before the law
- Role of impartial judiciary
- Protection against self-incrimination
- Speedy trial mandates
- **Case Study**: The Ocalan vs. Turkey (ECHR ruling on fair trial)

Module 5: Prison Conditions and Rights of Inmates

- International standards for prison conditions
- Health, hygiene, and rehabilitation
- Solitary confinement and mental health
- Overcrowding and its human rights impact
- Rights of juvenile detainees
- **Case Study**: European Court judgments on Greece’s overcrowded prisons

Module 6: Police Accountability and Human Rights

- Legal limits on use of force
- Independent oversight mechanisms
- Internal affairs and whistleblowing protection
- Qualified immunity debates
- Racial bias in policing
- **Case Study**: George Floyd case and global policing reforms

Module 7: Torture and Cruel Treatment

- Defining torture under international law
- The Convention Against Torture (CAT)
- Methods of prevention and reporting
- Custodial violence and redress
- Role of forensic documentation
- **Case Study**: Abu Ghraib Prison Scandal

Module 8: Racial Justice in Criminal Systems

- Structural racism and the law
- Sentencing disparities and race
- Over-policing of communities of color
- Legal redress and reform efforts
- Importance of community-led initiatives
- **Case Study**: The Central Park Five (USA)

Module 9: Gender and Justice

- Gender-based violence and criminal justice

- Role of law enforcement in protecting women
- Legal definitions of consent and coercion
- Justice for LGBTQ+ persons
- Reproductive justice and the law
- **Case Study**: #MeToo movement legal implications

Module 10: Rights of Victims and Witnesses

- Legal protections for victims
- Witness protection programs
- Victim compensation schemes
- Secondary victimization
- Restorative justice practices
- **Case Study**: South Korea’s Victim Protection Law

Module 11: Juvenile Justice and Child Rights

- Age-appropriate legal treatment
- Rehabilitation over retribution
- Juvenile detention facilities standards
- Diversion programs and alternatives
- International conventions on child rights
- **Case Study**: Norway’s child justice model

Module 12: Refugees, Migrants, and Stateless Persons

- Right to legal protection
- Criminalization of migration
- Access to justice for undocumented persons
- Detention conditions in immigration centers
- Non-refoulement principle
- **Case Study**: Rohingya crisis and international legal response

Module 13: Technology, Surveillance, and Rights

- Surveillance vs. privacy rights
- Digital profiling and racial targeting
- Biometric data and ethical use
- Predictive policing and AI risks
- Legal safeguards in cyberspace
- **Case Study**: Snowden revelations and legal aftermath

Module 14: International Humanitarian Law and Conflict Zones

- Legal protections during armed conflict
- Geneva Conventions and criminal accountability
- Rights of civilians and detainees
- Role of the ICC in war crimes
- State vs. non-state armed groups
- **Case Study**: Syria conflict and international responses

Module 15: Advocacy, Reform, and Policy Development

- Legal advocacy strategies
- Campaigns and civil society mobilization
- Evidence-based policy development

- Strategic litigation approaches
- Coalition-building for legal reform
- **Case Study**: Kenya's Public Interest Litigation model

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with visual aids and real-life examples
- Case study analysis to encourage critical thinking
- Group activities and debates on ethical dilemmas
- Workshops and role-play simulations
- Guided policy development exercises
- Pre- and post-assessment to measure learning outcomes

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

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
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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