# Qualitative Research Methods Masterclass Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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| **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**

Upon completion of this masterclass, participants will be able to:

1. Design a robust qualitative study aligned with research goals and ethical principles.
2. Formulate powerful research questions that drive rich qualitative inquiry.
3. Master diverse data collection techniques, including in-depth interviews, focus groups, and ethnographic observation.
4. Employ advanced qualitative data analysis methods like thematic analysis, grounded theory, and discourse analysis.
5. Utilize qualitative data analysis software (e.g., NVivo, ATLAS.ti) for efficient data management and coding.
6. Ensure research rigor and trustworthiness through techniques like triangulation and member-checking.
7. Apply qualitative methods for user research and consumer insights in a business context.
8. Conduct qualitative case studies to explore complex phenomena in real-world settings.
9. Write and publish high-impact qualitative research reports and scholarly articles.
10. Navigate ethical challenges in qualitative research, including informed consent and confidentiality.
11. Synthesize qualitative findings to inform decision-making and policy development.
12. Integrate qualitative and quantitative data in powerful mixed-methods research designs.
13. Stay current with trending qualitative inquiry in a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

**Organizational Benefits**

- Equip teams to uncover unspoken customer needs, motivations, and behaviors, leading to more targeted product development and marketing strategies.
- Enable human resources and management to understand organizational culture, employee satisfaction, and team dynamics, fostering a more positive and productive work environment.
- Facilitate the discovery of new product opportunities and service gaps by exploring user experiences and pain points.
- Provide leaders with rich, contextual data to inform strategic choices, mitigate risks, and validate business hypotheses.

- Build a strong internal capability for **market research** and **consumer insights**, allowing the organization to react faster to market shifts and customer trends.
- Empower non-profits and government agencies to create more effective, human-centered programs based on the lived experiences of beneficiaries.

**Target Audience**

1. Market Research and Consumer Insights Professionals.
2. UX/UI Designers and Product Managers.
3. Academics and Graduate Students.
4. Monitoring and Evaluation Specialists.
5. HR and Organizational Development Professionals.
6. Public Health Researchers.
7. Policy Analysts and Program Officers.
8. Consultants and Analysts.

**Course Outline**

**Module 1: Foundations of Qualitative Inquiry**

- Understanding the Philosophical Underpinnings.
- The Power of Qualitative Research.
- Qualitative Research Design.
- Navigating Research Ethics.
- **Case Study**: *Analyzing a study on how a non-profit used **ethnographic research** to understand the daily struggles of a community, leading to a more effective program.*

**Module 2: In-Depth Interviews & Focus Groups**

- Crafting Powerful Interview Guides.
- Conducting Effective Interviews.
- Facilitating Dynamic Focus Groups.
- Transcribing and Preparing Data.
- **Case Study**: *Examining a market research project where **in-depth interviews** with consumers revealed a hidden pain point that led to the launch of a new product line.*

**Module 3: Ethnography and Observational Methods**

- Introduction to Ethnography.
- Planning and Executing Fieldwork.
- Digital Ethnography.
- Photo and Video Elicitation.
- **Case Study**: *A technology company used **digital ethnography** to study how users interacted with a beta product in online forums, identifying critical usability issues before the official launch.*

**Module 4: Thematic Analysis & Coding**

- Principles of Thematic Analysis.
- Qualitative Coding Fundamentals.
- Data Management with Software.
- Establishing Inter-Rater Reliability.

- **Case Study**: *Analyzing how a political campaign used **thematic analysis** of social media comments to understand public sentiment and refine their messaging.*

**Module 5: Grounded Theory and Advanced Analysis**

- Introduction to Grounded Theory.
- Developing a Theory.
- Discourse and Narrative Analysis.
- Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis (IPA).
- **Case Study**: *A research team used **grounded theory** to develop a new theoretical model for how remote employees maintain work-life balance, based on interviews and team observations.*

**Module 6: Ensuring Rigor and Quality**

- The Concept of Rigor.
- Triangulation Techniques
- Member-Checking and Peer Debriefing.
- Writing a Rigorous Report.
- **Case Study**: *A health research project used **triangulation** of patient interviews, hospital records, and staff focus groups to provide a more holistic understanding of patient care quality.*

**Module 7: Mixed-Methods Research & Integration**

- Designing a Mixed-Methods Study.
- Integration Strategies.
- Visualizing Qualitative Data.
- Writing a Mixed-Methods Report.
- **Case Study**: *A corporate wellness program used a **mixed-methods approach**, combining quantitative survey data on fitness with qualitative interviews about employee motivations, to design a more effective intervention.*

**Module 8: The Qualitative Researcher as a Consultant**

- Communicating Findings to Non-Researchers.
- Qualitative Research in Industry
- Building a Qualitative Research Practice.
- Emerging Trends in Qualitative Research.
- **Case Study**: *A marketing consultant used a **qualitative approach** to understand brand perception among a target demographic, leading to a successful brand repositioning campaign for a major client.*

**Training Methodology**

Our training is highly **interactive and participant-centered**. We use a blended approach combining:

- **Practical, Hands-on Exercises**: Participants will work on a live qualitative research project throughout the course.
- **Case Study Analysis**: Real-world case studies will be used to illustrate key concepts and challenges.
- **Live Software Demos**: Step-by-step demonstrations and practice sessions with qualitative analysis software like NVivo.
- **Group Discussions and Peer Feedback**: Collaborative sessions to discuss research designs, coding frameworks, and findings.
- **Expert-Led Lectures**: Concise, theory-based lectures to provide foundational knowledge.

**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 |
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| **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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