Strategic Communication and Influence Operations Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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The course equips learners with the skills to analyze target audiences, develop tailored messaging, coordinate across multiple communication platforms, and evaluate the effectiveness of influence campaigns. Participants will explore real-world case studies, practical frameworks, and emerging technologies that enhance operational effectiveness. By the end of the training, learners will be able to design and implement strategic communication plans that align with organizational objectives, influence stakeholder behaviour, and maintain ethical standards while maximizing impact in complex operational environments.

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Course Objectives

1. Understand core principles of strategic communication and influence operations.
2. Analyze organizational objectives and align them with communication strategies.
3. Identify key audiences, stakeholders, and influence networks.
4. Develop tailored messaging and content for maximum impact.
5. Integrate digital, traditional, and social media channels into campaigns.
6. Apply psychological operations and behavioral insights in messaging.
7. Manage crisis communications and mitigate reputational risks.
8. Assess misinformation, adversarial narratives, and counter-influence tactics.
9. Design monitoring and evaluation frameworks for communication effectiveness.
10. Coordinate communication across multiple agencies or departments.
11. Apply ethical principles and compliance in influence operations.
12. Utilize emerging technologies and analytics in strategic messaging.
13. Develop actionable operational plans for influence campaigns.

Organizational Benefits

- Enhanced organizational credibility and reputation management
- Improved stakeholder engagement and influence
- Greater operational alignment of messaging and strategic objectives
- Enhanced decision-making through audience analysis and insights
- Strengthened crisis communication and rapid response capabilities
- Increased effectiveness of digital and social media campaigns
- Improved coordination across teams and departments
- Greater adaptability to evolving communication environments
- Enhanced monitoring and evaluation of communication initiatives
- Increased ability to counter misinformation and adversarial narratives

Target Audiences

- Public affairs and communication officers
- Military and defense strategic planners
- Intelligence and analysis officers
- Policy and government affairs professionals
- Media relations and digital communications specialists
- Crisis management and risk communication personnel
- Organizational leadership and senior management

- Consultants and advisors in influence operations

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Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of Strategic Communication

- Principles of strategic communication and influence operations
- Historical evolution of communication campaigns
- Roles and responsibilities in influence operations
- Integrating communication objectives with organizational strategy
- Identifying strategic outcomes and success indicators
- Case Study: Analysis of a multinational influence campaign

Module 2: Audience Analysis and Stakeholder Mapping

- Identifying target audiences and critical stakeholders
- Assessing audience needs, preferences, and behavior
- Mapping influence networks and communication channels
- Segmenting audiences for tailored messaging
- Using analytical frameworks for stakeholder prioritization
- Case Study: Stakeholder mapping in a regional stability operation

Module 3: Messaging and Content Development

- Crafting clear, persuasive, and actionable messages
- Adapting tone and style for different audiences
- Incorporating narratives and storytelling in communication
- Developing multi-channel content strategies
- Evaluating message effectiveness through feedback and metrics
- Case Study: Messaging campaign during an international crisis

Module 4: Digital Influence and Social Media Operations

- Leveraging social media for strategic communication
- Identifying trends, influencers, and digital platforms
- Using analytics for audience engagement and sentiment analysis
- Managing digital campaigns in real-time
- Detecting and countering adversarial narratives online
- Case Study: Social media influence in political and civic operations

Module 5: Psychological Operations and Behavioral Insights

- Principles of psychological operations (PSYOP)
- Applying behavioral science in influence campaigns
- Techniques to modify perception and behavior ethically
- Integrating PSYOP with broader communication strategies
- Evaluating behavioral outcomes and impact
- Case Study: Behavioral influence in a public health awareness campaign

Module 6: Crisis Communication and Risk Management

- Planning and implementing crisis communication strategies
- Managing reputational and operational risks
- Responding to misinformation and adversarial messaging
- Coordination with media, agencies, and stakeholders
- Post-crisis evaluation and lessons learned
- Case Study: Crisis communication during a regional emergency

Module 7: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Impact Assessment

- Designing frameworks to track communication effectiveness
- Metrics for evaluating audience reach and behavior change
- Conducting real-time monitoring and adjustments
- Integrating feedback into future planning
- Reporting outcomes to leadership and stakeholders
- Case Study: Impact assessment of a strategic influence operation

Module 8: Ethics, Compliance, and Emerging Technologies

- Applying ethical guidelines in influence operations
- Legal compliance in strategic messaging and data use
- Leveraging AI, analytics, and automation in communication
- Identifying risks associated with emerging technologies
- Building institutional policies for ethical and compliant operations
- Case Study: Ethical challenges in digital influence campaigns

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led presentations and theoretical briefings
- Case study analysis and scenario-based exercises
- Group discussions and problem-solving workshops
- Practical exercises in messaging and content creation
- Digital simulation and social media campaign exercises
- Development of operational influence plans with facilitator feedback

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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