

Bias Detection and Mitigation in 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

Bias in the criminal justice system—whether implicit or explicit—poses a significant threat to the fairness, integrity, and public trust of legal processes. Training Course on Bias Detection & Mitigation in Criminal Justice is designed to equip law enforcement personnel, legal practitioners, policymakers, and allied professionals with the tools, knowledge, and strategies needed to identify and address both conscious and unconscious biases in policing, prosecution, adjudication, and corrections. By embedding evidence-based practices and real-world scenarios, the course enhances critical thinking, cultural competence, and equitable decision-making.

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the foundations of implicit and explicit bias in criminal justice systems.
2. Analyze how racial, gender, and socioeconomic biases impact law enforcement decisions.
3. Detect patterns of discriminatory behavior using data-driven tools.
4. Examine judicial and prosecutorial discretion through a bias-awareness lens.
5. Apply ethical and inclusive interviewing and investigation techniques.
6. Develop culturally responsive practices for community policing.
7. Evaluate courtroom procedures to identify structural inequalities.
8. Formulate policies that promote accountability and procedural justice.
9. Integrate restorative justice frameworks to reduce systemic harm.
10. Utilize neuroscience and behavioral science to understand bias formation.
11. Create institutional audit systems for continuous bias monitoring.
12. Design public engagement strategies to build trust and transparency.
13. Implement change management techniques to foster organizational reform.

Target Audiences

1. Law enforcement officers and criminal investigators
2. Prosecutors and public defenders
3. Judges and judicial clerks
4. Correctional officers and parole boards
5. Policy makers and criminal justice reform advocates
6. Human rights and civil liberties organizations
7. Criminology and criminal justice students
8. Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) trainers in justice systems

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Bias in Criminal Justice

- Definition and types of bias: implicit vs. explicit
- Historical context of systemic bias
- Psychological underpinnings of bias
- Real-world implications in legal decisions
- Introduction to institutional reform
- **Case Study:** The Central Park Five and cognitive bias in law enforcement

Module 2: Neuroscience of Bias Formation

- Role of the brain in forming stereotypes

- Emotional triggers in rapid judgment
- Cognitive shortcuts and heuristics
- Amygdala and fear-based bias responses
- Bias in high-stress policing scenarios
- **Case Study:** Neuroscience analysis in the shooting of unarmed suspects

Module 3: Racial & Ethnic Disparities in Law Enforcement

- Disproportionate targeting of minority groups
- Stop-and-frisk policies and profiling
- Intersection of race and socioeconomics
- Bias in use-of-force incidents
- Data collection and transparency efforts
- **Case Study:** Ferguson Report and racialized policing patterns

Module 4: Gender and LGBTQ+ Bias in the Justice System

- Gender stereotypes in victim and offender profiling
- Transphobia and mistreatment in detention
- Gender bias in domestic violence cases
- Underreporting and credibility assessments
- Inclusive policy development
- **Case Study:** Bias in handling LGBTQ+ hate crimes

Module 5: Socioeconomic Bias in Prosecution

- Wealth-based disparities in bail and sentencing
- Public defender bias and resource limitations
- Influence of media narratives
- Selective prosecution patterns
- Strategies for equity in charging decisions
- **Case Study:** The Kalief Browder case and pretrial injustice

Module 6: Bias in Judicial Decision-Making

- Judicial discretion and sentencing trends
- Bench bias and influence of prior rulings
- Role of personal belief systems
- Judicial training and education
- Best practices in equitable rulings
- **Case Study:** Gender bias in family court rulings

Module 7: Implicit Bias in Jury Selection and Deliberation

- Voir dire procedures and exclusion patterns
- Influence of juror background on outcomes
- Groupthink and confirmation bias in deliberation
- Remedies for biased jury instructions
- Importance of diverse jury pools
- **Case Study:** Batson v. Kentucky and racial exclusion of jurors

Module 8: Media, Public Perception, and Bias

- Role of news framing in public opinion
- Media bias in crime reporting
- Impact of viral footage and social media

- Ethical considerations in press coverage
- Countering stereotypes through education
- **Case Study:** Trial of George Floyd's killer and media influence

Module 9: Cultural Competency and Community Policing

- Principles of cultural humility
- Building cross-cultural trust
- Community-based crime prevention
- Inclusive language and de-escalation
- Training officers in cultural fluency
- **Case Study:** Camden, NJ police department's transformation

Module 10: Debiasing Techniques for Criminal Justice Professionals

- Self-reflection and bias awareness exercises
- Counter-stereotyping interventions
- Intergroup contact theory
- Bias interrupters in communication
- Institutional policy auditing
- **Case Study:** Chicago PD's implicit bias training outcomes

Module 11: Monitoring & Evaluating Systemic Bias

- Key performance indicators for equity
- Use of body cameras and AI data tools
- Policy compliance audits
- Internal investigations and transparency reports
- Stakeholder feedback mechanisms
- **Case Study:** DOJ consent decrees and systemic reform

Module 12: Restorative and Procedural Justice Models

- Principles of restorative justice
- Incorporating victim and offender perspectives
- Building community accountability structures
- Restorative dialogue frameworks
- Procedural fairness and legitimacy
- **Case Study:** Restorative justice program in Oakland schools

Module 13: Policy Development for Bias Reduction

- Anti-bias legislation and enforcement
- Inclusive policy drafting practices
- Multi-stakeholder collaboration
- Legal frameworks for accountability
- Equity-focused leadership models
- **Case Study:** New York State's repeal of Section 50-a

Module 14: Technological Tools for Bias Detection

- Predictive analytics and risk assessment
- Body-worn camera data analytics
- AI-driven pattern detection
- Ethical concerns in tech deployment
- Transparent tech policy design

- **Case Study:** Algorithmic bias in COMPAS sentencing software

Module 15: Organizational Change & Implementation Strategies

- Change management principles in public systems
- Overcoming resistance to reform
- Leadership and communication skills
- Training-the-trainer models
- Equity scorecards for justice institutions
- **Case Study:** Implementation of anti-bias policy in San Francisco DA's office

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with subject matter experts
- Group-based role plays and scenario analysis
- Case study presentations and breakout discussions
- Pre- and post-training assessment quizzes
- Hands-on activities using real data and tools
- Continuous feedback and peer-reviewed projects

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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
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0

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