

Crime and Deviance: Sociological Perspectives 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

Crime and deviance are pivotal concepts in sociology, revealing how societal norms shape behavior and how violations of those norms impact communities. Training Course on Crime & Deviance: Sociological Perspectives explores crime through a sociological lens, unpacking structural inequalities, cultural influences, labeling theory, and the criminal justice system. With the rise in global crime trends, digital crime, and systemic inequality, understanding the root sociological causes is essential for students, practitioners, and policymakers.

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Course Objectives

1. Define and explain the sociological definitions of crime and deviance.
2. Analyze key criminological theories and their sociological implications.
3. Explore social constructs that influence crime, including race, gender, and class.
4. Understand the role of mass media in shaping crime perceptions.
5. Examine the global trends in organized and cybercrime.
6. Evaluate the effectiveness of criminal justice systems through a sociological lens.
7. Investigate juvenile delinquency and youth deviance in contemporary society.
8. Explore social control mechanisms, including surveillance and policing.
9. Assess the impact of structural inequality on criminal behavior.
10. Understand prison systems and their sociological effects on recidivism.
11. Learn to apply qualitative and quantitative crime data in sociological research.
12. Evaluate deviance in relation to cultural relativism and moral panics.
13. Formulate evidence-based strategies for crime prevention and community rehabilitation.

Target Audiences

1. Criminology students
2. Law enforcement professionals
3. Policy analysts
4. Sociologists and researchers
5. Criminal justice reform advocates
6. Social workers and youth counselors
7. Legal practitioners and paralegals
8. Community organization leaders

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Crime & Deviance

- Define crime and deviance in sociological terms
- Discuss the relativity of deviant behavior across cultures
- Examine the functionalist and conflict perspectives
- Explore the history of sociological crime studies

- Analyze the intersection of law, norms, and values
- **Case Study:** Durkheim's study of suicide as social deviance

Module 2: Theoretical Frameworks in Criminology

- Overview of classical and positivist theories
- Differential association and strain theory
- Feminist criminology perspectives
- Postmodernism and crime
- The significance of critical criminology
- **Case Study:** Robert Merton's Strain Theory and urban crime

Module 3: Social Inequality and Criminal Behavior

- Impact of poverty and unemployment on crime
- Race, ethnicity, and systemic bias
- Gender and victimization trends
- Class stratification and incarceration rates
- Global disparities in crime control
- **Case Study:** The Central Park Five and racial injustice

Module 4: Youth Deviance and Juvenile Delinquency

- Adolescent brain development and deviance
- Peer pressure and subcultures
- Gang affiliation and identity
- School-to-prison pipeline analysis
- Juvenile justice systems worldwide
- **Case Study:** Crips and Bloods: Made in America (Documentary analysis)

Module 5: Media, Crime, and Moral Panic

- Role of media in shaping fear of crime
- Construction of moral panics
- Digital platforms and viral deviance
- Public perception vs actual crime rates
- Media bias and stereotyping in criminal reporting
- **Case Study:** The 1990s UK "Mods and Rockers" panic

Module 6: Cybercrime and Digital Deviance

- Definition and scope of cybercrime
- Cyberbullying and online harassment
- Hacking and digital theft
- Internet fraud and identity theft
- State surveillance and privacy debates
- **Case Study:** Anonymous hacking group and digital activism

Module 7: Criminal Justice Systems and Reform

- Global criminal justice systems comparison
- Incarceration and prison-industrial complex
- Police accountability and reform movements
- Sentencing disparities and racial profiling
- Rehabilitation vs punishment debate
- **Case Study:** Norway's rehabilitative prison model vs US punitive systems

Module 8: Strategies for Crime Prevention and Social Control

- Community policing and neighborhood watch
- Early intervention programs
- Role of education in prevention
- Restorative justice practices
- Mental health and crime prevention
- **Case Study:** Cure Violence Initiative (Chicago)

Training Methodology

- Interactive online lectures with multimedia integration
- Case study analysis and group discussions
- Role-play simulations and problem-solving exercises
- Access to real-time crime data dashboards
- Peer-reviewed collaborative assignments
- Final capstone project analyzing a sociological crime trend

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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	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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