Irregular Warfare and Counter-Insurgency 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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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the core characteristics, strategies, and phases of irregular warfare.
2. Analyze insurgent motivations, recruitment patterns, and organizational structures.
3. Apply counter-insurgency frameworks in multi-dimensional conflict environments.
4. Integrate intelligence, reconnaissance, and surveillance in COIN operations.
5. Assess political, social, and economic drivers of insurgent influence.
6. Implement stabilization and population-centric engagement strategies.
7. Develop civil-military coordination plans for irregular conflict zones.
8. Identify hybrid threats combining terrorism, crime, and political violence.
9. Design strategic communication and information warfare responses.
10. Strengthen community resilience and local governance in conflict areas.
11. Evaluate human rights, legal frameworks, and ethical considerations in COIN.
12. Conduct operational risk assessments for irregular warfare theaters.
13. Build adaptable, data-informed COIN strategies using current global trends.

Organizational Benefits

- Enhanced strategic preparedness for irregular threat environments
- Strengthened multi-agency and international coordination
- Improved operational planning and intelligence integration
- Better understanding of community engagement and stabilization
- Increased capacity to counter hybrid, asymmetric, and insurgent threats
- Stronger civil-military cooperation in field operations
- Reduced operational risks and improved mission success rates
- Greater agility in responding to evolving conflict dynamics
- Enhanced institutional resilience frameworks
- Improved capability to maintain security while respecting human rights

Target Audiences

- Defense and security personnel
- Intelligence analysts and military planners
- Law enforcement and counter-terrorism units
- Peacekeeping and stabilization actors
- Humanitarian and conflict mitigation professionals
- Policy advisors and strategic analysts
- Government officials in security and governance sectors
- Research institutions and defense study centers

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Irregular Warfare

- Define irregular warfare, its components, and evolving global trends
- Differentiate irregular warfare from conventional military operations
- Examine the role of ideology, identity, and grievances in conflict
- Analyze the structure and tactics of insurgent and guerrilla groups
- Understand the phases of insurgency and counter-insurgency
- Case Study: Strategic shifts in countering an evolving insurgent group

Module 2: Insurgent Strategies, Tactics, and Recruitment

- Review common insurgent operational patterns and attack methods
- Analyze recruitment drivers including social, political, and economic factors
- Understand how insurgent networks build influence within communities
- Examine financing, logistics, and clandestine support systems
- Identify early-warning indicators of insurgent expansion
- Case Study: Recruitment surge in a conflict-affected region

Module 3: Intelligence Integration in Counter-Insurgency

- Apply intelligence-led operations in irregular warfare environments
- Utilize reconnaissance, HUMINT, SIGINT, and OSINT effectively
- Develop actionable intelligence cycles for field operations
- Strengthen interagency intelligence coordination
- Anticipate insurgent adaptation and countermeasures
- Case Study: Intelligence integration in a successful COIN mission

Module 4: Population-Centric COIN Approaches

- Understand the central role of civilian populations in COIN success
- Design stabilization strategies that address community needs
- Strengthen local governance and non-violent dispute resolution
- Use community engagement to counter insurgent narratives
- Monitor social dynamics influencing conflict outcomes
- Case Study: Community-centered stabilization in a conflict zone

Module 5: Hybrid Threats and Asymmetric Conflict

- Identify hybrid threats merging terrorism, crime, and political violence
- Assess cyber influence, propaganda, and information warfare tactics
- Understand transnational support networks and cross-border dynamics
- Evaluate the impact of irregular armed groups on national security
- Strengthen adaptive counter-strategies to hybrid threats
- Case Study: Hybrid threat operations in a multi-actor conflict

Module 6: Civil-Military Coordination in Irregular Warfare

- Build effective cooperation between military, civilian, and humanitarian actors
- Apply conflict-sensitive operational planning
- Coordinate aid, security, and governance interventions

- Manage communication channels among relevant stakeholders
- Reduce duplication and mitigate operational risks
- Case Study: Civil-military collaboration during a stabilization mission

Module 7: Ethics, Human Rights, and Legal Frameworks

- Understand international humanitarian law in irregular warfare
- Prevent civilian harm through responsible operational conduct
- Apply rules of engagement tailored to COIN environments
- Strengthen accountability and transparency mechanisms
- Incorporate ethical considerations into field operations
- Case Study: Human rights challenges during counter-insurgency operations

Module 8: Designing Long-Term COIN Strategies

- Develop adaptive and sustainable counter-insurgency strategies
- Integrate governance reform, reconciliation, and long-term stabilization
- Strengthen institutional resilience in post-conflict contexts
- Monitor and evaluate COIN program effectiveness
- Build strategic communication plans to sustain public trust
- Case Study: Long-term COIN strategy implemented in a high-risk region

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led presentations and expert briefings on irregular warfare dynamics
- Group exercises applying COIN frameworks to realistic conflict scenarios
- Case study reviews and structured analytical discussions
- Simulation-based planning exercises for intelligence and field operations
- Practical tasks to develop population engagement and stabilization plans
- Action planning for integrating lessons into institutional strategies

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

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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
02 Nov 2026	06 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
02 Nov 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
02 Nov 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
02 Nov 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
02 Nov 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
02 Nov 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
02 Nov 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
02 Nov 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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