



Professional Training Series Course Descriptions

Fundamentals of Crime Analysis

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“Fundamentals of Crime Analysis” explores the basic terms, concepts, and techniques of crime analysis. It is intended for new analysts, officers or executives charged with developing crime analysis programs, or self-taught journeyman analysts looking for formal training.

With a combination of seminar, group projects, and hands-on exercises, the class covers the functions and processes of crime analysis, the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed, proper administration of a crime analysis unit, and pointers for further training and development. The class includes an overview of the more extensive training found in the other four IACA Professional Training Series courses.



Class Requirements: Standard classroom

IACA Certification Skills: Fundamentals of Crime Analysis, Interpreting Crime Statistics, Critical Thinking, Criminal Behavior, Data Integrity

Primary Text: Boba, Rachel. *Crime Analysis and Crime Mapping*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2005.