

Critical Thinking for Intelligence Analysts



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Okemos Conference Center
2187 University Park Drive
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Seminar Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - Noon, Friday

The Workshop:

This course, named MindLeap, has a simple objective: To change the way analysts think. Obviously this is not something achieved in a single course. A life quest is more accurate. Nevertheless, critical thinking is at the heart of this course. What it is, and is not, and how it can be achieved, improved upon, and operationalized on a daily basis by intelligence analysts, are just a few of the important issues we will be grappling with. To maximize one's reasoning effectiveness, it is necessary to master the skills of 'ingenious thinking', which is a fundamental characteristic of successful innovators, scientists, strategists and many Nobel prize winners. By leveraging reasoning skills, you are investing in your most important resource and the ultimate competitive advantage — your mind.

Numerous case studies will be presented, explored, and critiqued as a means of 'operationalizing' the material being taught in the classroom about how reasoning fails, works, and how studies are designed, conducted, and hypotheses tested via statistical analyses. These case studies have been carefully selected to highlight the role of critical thinking for intelligence analysts.



What others say:

"Absolutely one of the best courses I have taken in a long time. Content is fascinating. I needed this years ago."

"The application of the theory and usage of critical theory in the case studies brought it all together for me."

"Very interesting. Enjoyed the case studies. I liked that they were updated regularly. Dr. Rip does a great job of keeping people engaged."

"This was an excellent workshop. It opened my eyes to what is going on around me as well as what is going on within me."

"Excellent. Good case study material."



Who should attend?

Law enforcement intelligence analysts in fusion centers and intelligence units at local, state, Tribal, and federal levels as well as military and corporate security analysts.

Program fee:

Non-credit professional enrollment:
\$1350 by 03/01; \$1500 after 03/01

Enrollment in CJ 839 (3 graduate credits):
MSU tuition \$1560;
in-state lifelong \$1302;
out-of-state lifelong \$1704.

Included in fee:

- Seminar materials
- Continental breakfast, refreshment breaks, lunch each day (M-Th)
- Parking

Hotel:

Housing accommodations are available through **Comfort Inn**, 2187 University Park Drive, Okemos; \$79 single. Reservations can be made by calling 517-347-6690.

Refund Policy:

Fees will be refunded minus expenses incurred at the time of the request for refunds.

Payment and Registration Dates

- Payment does not have to accompany registration but is due by the seminar date
- MSU accepts government purchase orders in lieu of advance payment. MSU's federal ID# is 38-6005984
- Early registrations will be confirmed by March 1. Upon receiving your registration, you will receive additional information.

Register online at

<https://intellprogram.msu.edu/index.php>

If you are unable to register online, use the form below or call 517-353-5272

Two options for enrollment:

⇒ Analysts seeking professional growth and application can enroll as a non-academic credit continuing professional. This will include all course materials and full participation but will not include an individualized research project. CEU (continuing education unit) credits are available.

⇒ Analysts and students seeking academic credit can enroll for three academic credits through **CJ 839: Topics in Criminal Justice: Analytic Thinking and Intelligence**. This course will count as CJ 839 within the Masters Degree in Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis (CJ 839 has been approved by Michigan State University as of January 1, 2009). The course can also be applied to the Certificate in Law Enforcement Intelligence offered by the School of Criminal Justice.

Enrollment capacity is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Questions? Contact Peg Kowalk
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Name _____ Title _____

Email _____ Dept or Agency _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Extension _____ Fax Number _____