

Economic and Cyber Crime Academy

2026/27 Prospectus





Turning specialist expertise into frontline capability against economic and cyber crime

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One of the best courses I've been on in my whole police career of 21 years. The trainers kept us all engaged and involved throughout. Often in courses you see people losing concentration and switching off. This did not happen in this course. The trainers were A1 standard. Made it interesting, fun, relevant and highly helpful. I will employ my learning into my investigations. I wish all courses were held to the same high standard.

(Metropolitan Police Officer)

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Commissioner's Foreword

Economic and cyber crime now represent the single greatest volume threat facing policing, affecting individuals, organisations and economies at scale. These crimes cause significant harm to victims, undermine trust in systems and institutions, and continue to evolve at pace. As the national lead force for fraud and cyber crime, the City of London Police has a responsibility not only to pursue offenders, but also to build capability and confidence across policing, government, industry and our international partners.

The Economic and Cyber Crime Academy is central to delivering that responsibility. It brings together specialist expertise, national intelligence and live operational learning, transforming them into practical capability that can be applied immediately on the frontline. Whether addressing volume fraud, serious and organised economic crime, cyber-enabled offending or victim care, the Academy ensures training remains current, relevant and firmly grounded in the realities faced by practitioners every day.

This prospectus sets out more than a programme of courses. It reflects a professional development pathway built on prevention, investigation, leadership and care for victims, recognising that success in this complex threat environment depends on skilled decision-making, strong judgement and confident, capable people. The Academy's expert-led, interactive approach encourages learners to think differently, act decisively and apply their learning where it matters most.

The reach and reputation of the Academy extend well beyond the UK. Alongside strengthening national capability, we are proud to work closely with international partners to build resilience and share expertise. These partnerships reinforce the reality that economic and cyber crime do not respect borders, and that collective capability is essential to an effective response.

I am proud of the impact the Academy continues to make, reflected in more

effective investigations, improved outcomes for victims, enhanced leadership and growing confidence across sectors. I warmly commend this prospectus to you and encourage you to explore the full range of training on offer. Whether you are developing new skills or deepening existing expertise, the Academy provides the knowledge and confidence needed to meet these evolving threats. Investing in our people through high-quality training is essential if we are to protect communities effectively and stay ahead of those who seek to cause harm.

Pete O'Doherty

Commissioner of the City of London Police



“Training is essential if we are to protect communities effectively and stay ahead of those who seek to cause harm”



About the Economic and Cyber Crime Academy

Inspiring Confidence. Building Capability. Protecting Communities.

For more than a decade, the Economic and Cyber Crime Academy has empowered professionals across policing, the public sector and private industry to take on one of society's most complex and fast-evolving challenges: the fight against economic and cyber crime. As a centre of excellence within the City of London Police the national lead force for fraud and cyber crime, we transform world-class expertise into practical capability that protects people, organisations and communities.

Our mission is simple but vital: to equip today's practitioners with the insight, skills and confidence to stay ahead of criminals who operate without borders, limits or rules.

Positioned at the heart of live operational learning and national intelligence, we continually evolve our programmes to reflect the latest threats, technologies and investigative approaches. This ensures every learner benefits from training that is current, relevant and grounded in real-world experience.

We work with professionals from every sector; law enforcement teams, regulators, government bodies, financial institutions, technology companies, and more. Whether you are safeguarding public services, protecting customers, securing digital environments or supporting major investigations, our courses help you strengthen your capability and make a measurable difference.

Our expert-led programmes combine interactive learning, rich case studies and immersive discussion to spark new thinking and accelerate development. Learners return to their organisations with sharper judgement, increased confidence and practical tools they can apply immediately. Assessment is woven throughout every course, helping individuals understand their growth and deepen their professional competence.

Every programme offered by the Academy is externally accredited by Skills for Justice or certified by the Commissioner of the City of London Police, ensuring the highest standards of quality and professional recognition.

“Excellent. Great knowledge. Great teaching style. Real learning. Supportive environment. Flexible to needs of students.”



The Centre of Excellence for Economic and Cyber Crime Training

Your First Choice For Learning



Customers across the UK and internationally choose the Economic and Cyber Crime Academy because they want more than training - they want transformation. They come to us for learning that is grounded in real operational insight, powered by expert practitioners, and shaped by the latest emerging threats. Our learners know that when they invest in their development with the Academy, they gain not only new skills but a renewed sense of purpose, confidence and capability to protect the people, organisations and communities they serve. We inspire professionals to think differently, act decisively and lead with impact in the fight against economic and cyber crime.

Economic Crime Investigation Foundation Course



Professional training pathway

Economic
Crime
Investigation
Foundation
Course

5
days

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements for this course.



This course is intended as an entry-level course for investigators and intelligence staff who are new to fraud or other areas of economic crime.

Course Content

This foundation level course aims to give investigators and intelligence staff an understanding of the economic crime landscape, associated legislation and the investigation of volume and priority fraud using the Fraud Investigation Model. On this course you will learn about:

- The Fraud Act 2006 and other relevant offences under the Theft Act 1968 and Computer Misuse Act 1990.
- The role of Report Fraud and its functions.
- The importance of applying the investigative mindset, considering the investigator's primary objectives and using the Fraud Investigation Model.
- Understanding the process of conducting investigations, including Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 regulations and participate in analysing a case study from golden hour considerations to outcome.
- An introduction to money laundering and bribery offences.

Type of delivery

This course is a five-day trainer led in-person course.

Accreditation

SFJ

The classroom course has been accredited by Skills for Justice Awards. Upon successful completion learners will be awarded a certificate from Skills for Justice Awards.

Suitable for

Police officers and staff, and public sector professionals involved in the investigation of volume economic crime, and specifically fraud. Ideal for those new to economic crime or investigators who have not previously completed training in fraud.

Assessment

Undertaken throughout the course with a final multiple-choice knowledge check.

Per delegate price: £2,018



Economic Crime Specialist Investigator Programme

Economic
Crime
Specialist
Investigator
Programme

10
days

Entry requirements
PIP2 or Accredited financial investigators.



Professional training pathway





Course Content

The Economic Crime Specialist Investigator Programme is part of our professional training pathway and is essential for PIP2 level investigators working within economic crime.

Establishing best investigative practice and a solid understanding of the Fraud Investigation Model from the outset, delegates will leave properly equipped to face the challenges of modern economic crime with a greater knowledge of preventing, detecting, disrupting and investigating fraud offences. On this course you will learn about:

- The fraud landscape, types of fraud and the threat of fraud to the UK economy.
- The role of Report Fraud and its functions.
- Using the Fraud Investigation Model to disrupt, prevent and investigate fraud.
- Developing sound investigative strategies for preventing, disrupting and investigating fraud applying the 'investigative mind-set'.
- The role of Financial Investigators and partner agencies.
- Minimising harm, loss and vulnerability and managing multiple victims in fraud cases.
- Managing disclosure and material recovery in complex fraud cases.

Type of delivery

This course is a ten-day trainer led classroom course with a professional development portfolio completed post-course.

Accreditation SFJ

The course has been accredited by Skills for Justice Awards. On successful completion learners will be awarded a certificate from Skills for Justice Awards.

Suitable for

Accredited PIP2 investigators (or equivalent) or Accredited Financial Investigators with demonstrable experience of investigating serious and complex crime.

Assessment

Undertaken throughout the course and assessment of portfolio following the course to demonstrate competence.

Per delegate price: £3,932



Management of Economic Crime Investigation Course



Professional training pathway

Management of Economic Crime Investigation Course

5 days

Entry requirements

Supervisors and managers working in economic crime.



Course Content

The Management of Economic Crime Investigation Course is the last in the professional training pathway and has been designed to enable supervisors and managers to develop the necessary skills and knowledge to manage both volume and complex fraud cases. On this course you will learn about:

- The role and responsibilities of the supervisor/manager, building operational learning into management of fraud investigations and decision making using the Fraud Investigation Model (FIM).
- The role of Report Fraud and its functions.
- The current fraud landscape, including the national picture of investigation and trends in economic crime.
- Lessons learned from significant investigations, including the judicial review process and the manager's responsibilities with regards to procedural challenges.
- Assessment of a case study throughout the programme from instigation to conclusion using end game strategies.

Type of delivery

This course is a five-day trainer led in-person course.

Accreditation

SFJ

The classroom course has been accredited by Skills for Justice Awards. On successful completion learners will be awarded a certificate from Skills for Justice Awards.

Suitable for

Supervisors and managers of investigation teams who make investigative strategic decisions in the public sector.

Assessment

Undertaken via completion of a key decision log and a decision-making exercise.

Per delegate price: £2,052

“Despite not having a criminal investigation background, I found the entire course content extremely relevant to my current role as a manager of a civil investigation team.”

Learner, Management of Economic Crime Investigations Course

Investigating Money Laundering

Investigating
Money
Laundering

5
days

Entry requirements

This course is recommended for law enforcement and counter-fraud specialists.



Course Content

The course will develop learners' knowledge and skills in investigating money laundering, guiding investigators in identifying money laundering activities being carried out by individuals and organised crime groups. Delegates will learn:

- Money laundering typologies and the stages involved.
- The legislative framework relevant to money laundering investigation including international frameworks and civil and criminal options.
- Conducting money laundering investigations in a confident and professional manner.
- Tools and tactics available to investigator. including covert, financial intelligence, Financial Investigators, Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs).
- Identification of suspicious transactions both nationally and internationally and understanding the techniques used by criminals involved in money laundering.
- The role of the internet, trusts and offshore jurisdictions to launder the proceeds of crime.

Per delegate price: £1,918

Type of delivery

This course is a five-day trainer led in-person course.

Accreditation C

On successful completion learners will be awarded a certificate from the Commissioner of the City of London Police.

Suitable for

Individuals responsible for the investigation of money laundering.

Assessment

Formative assessment of participation in the case study exercises and a summative assessment at the end of the course.

“ *This will undoubtedly assist my management of fraud investigations moving forward.* ”

Learner, Management of Economic Crime Investigations Course



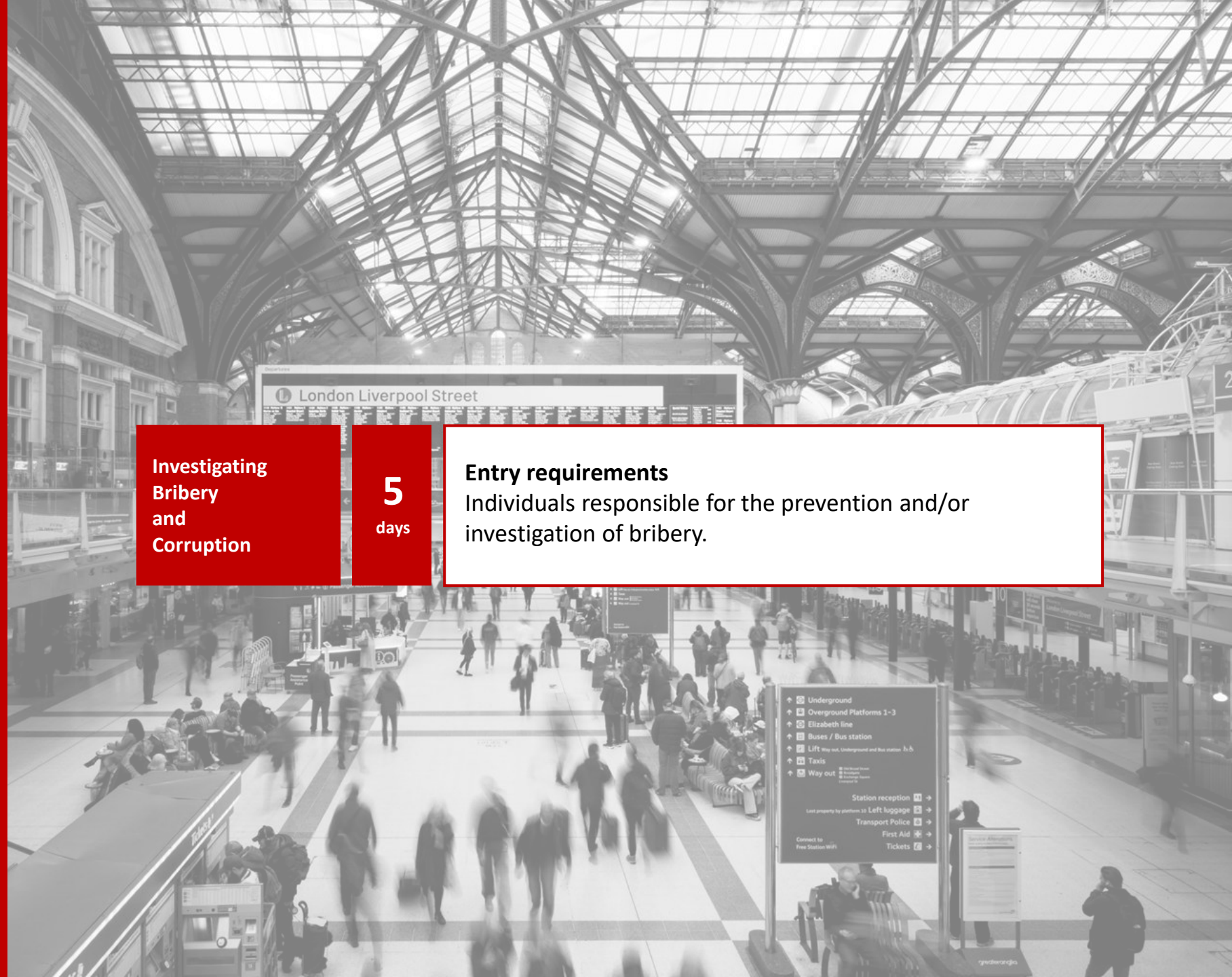
Investigating Bribery and Corruption

Investigating
Bribery
and
Corruption

5
days

Entry requirements

Individuals responsible for the prevention and/or investigation of bribery.





Course Content

This course aims to develop participants' understanding of the UK Bribery Act of 2010 and its wider context. Delegates will learn how to plan a bribery investigation from instigation, examining investigation strategies, maximising opportunities and future-proofing enquiries. A case study used throughout the course focuses on the practical considerations as well as legislation and the impact, threat and extent of bribery. Delegates will learn:

- The three elements of bribery and indicators of bribery and corruption.
- Enablers of bribery including company structures, formation agents and overseas territories.
- The application of the Bribery Act 2010 and Ministry of Justice Guidance.
- Principles of effective investigation, planning an investigation and managing 'self-reporting'.

Type of delivery

This course is a five-day trainer led in-person course.

Accreditation

On successful completion learners will be awarded a certificate from the Commissioner of the City of London Police.

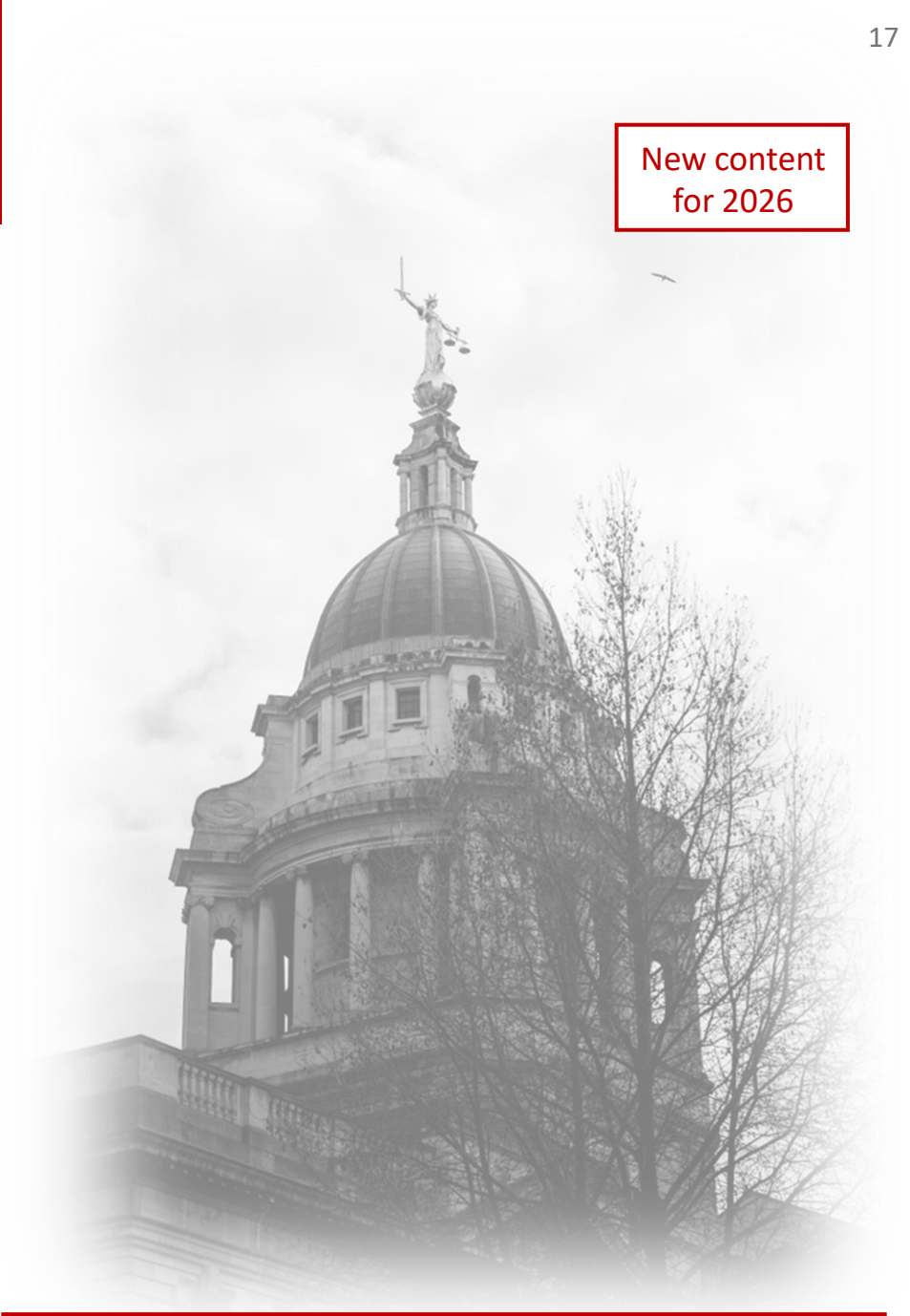
Suitable for

Individuals responsible for the prevention and/or investigation of bribery and corruption.

Assessment

Formative assessment of participation in the case study exercises and a summative assessment at the end of the course.

Per delegate price: £2,018



Policing Elections and Investigating Electoral Fraud

Policing
Elections and
Investigating
Electoral
Fraud

2
days

Entry requirements

This course is only open to policing.



Course Content

The course equips the practitioner to effectively investigate allegations of electoral fraud and fulfil the role of elections Single Point of Contact (SPOC). The topics covered include the relevant legislation, procedure and how to investigate allegations of electoral fraud. The course has been designed in collaboration with the Electoral Commission. Delegates will learn:

- The role of the police SPOC in electoral fraud cases and how to investigate allegations of electoral fraud.
- Relevant legislation.
- The electoral process and preparing for local council, Police and Crime Commissioner, mayoral and general elections.
- The roles of the Electoral Commission, the local authority electoral services office, and the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- Political culture and dealing with individuals involved in that culture.

Type of delivery

This course is a two-day trainer led online course.

Accreditation

C

On successful completion learners will be awarded a certificate from the Commissioner of the City of London Police.

Suitable for

Police officers and police staff involved in the investigation or management of investigations of alleged election malpractice and fraud.

Assessment

Assessment throughout the course.

Per delegate price: £1,129



The Essentials of Victim Care in Fraud and Cyber Crime

The Essentials
of Victim
Care in
Fraud and
Cyber Crime

5
days

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements for this course.



Course Content

This course is designed to give those working in victim care roles in fraud and cyber crime the underpinning knowledge to advise victims effectively with the aim of supporting recovery and reducing numbers of repeat victims.

Delegates will learn:

- Fraud and cyber crime legislation.
- Fraud typologies and techniques used by criminals.
- Decision making.
- Victim vulnerability indicators.
- Victim safeguarding.
- Mental ill health and the emotional impact of fraud.
- Victim recovery and victim contact.

“ Good course, was beneficial to do in person and learn from everyone in the room, trainers brought lots of real-world experience. ”

(Learner, Investigating Money Laundering)

Type of delivery

This course is a five-day trainer-led course.

Accreditation

C

On successful completion learners will be awarded a certificate of completion from the Commissioner of the City of London Police.

Suitable for

Anyone working in victim care roles in fraud and cyber crime.

Assessment

Assessment throughout the course.

Per delegate price: £1,918



Introduction to Fraud Investigation for CID Investigators

Introduction to
Fraud
Investigation for
CID Investigators

1
day

Entry requirements

PIP1 or PIP2 investigators working on volume and priority fraud.



Course Content

Investigators working in criminal investigations departments and other investigations roles will frequently be required to investigate volume fraud offences. This course is designed to give investigators in those roles the underpinning knowledge to successfully initiate fraud investigations.

On this course delegates will learn:

- Fraud offences and the main legal framework.
- Principal fraud types and how they present in practice.
- The Fraud Investigation Model and its purpose.
- Immediate actions on receipt of a fraud allegation.
- Early evidential opportunities including victim, financial, digital and third-party material.
- Victim care, vulnerability and safeguarding considerations.
- Case studies to identify fraud types and likely investigative routes.

Type of delivery

This course is a one-day trainer-led online course or can be delivered for up to 25 learners in person.

Accreditation

C

On successful completion learners will be awarded a certificate of completion from the Commissioner of the City of London Police.

Suitable for

All investigators working in roles where volume fraud investigations are undertaken.

Assessment

Assessment throughout the course.

Per delegate price: £299 (online)



Fraud and Cyber Protect for Practitioners

Fraud and Cyber
Protect for
Practitioners

5
day

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements for this course.



New course coming
Sep 2026

Course Content

The National Protect Foundation Course provides a nationally consistent introduction for officers and staff entering Fraud Protect and Cyber Protect roles. The course builds confidence and practical capability, enabling practitioners to deliver clear, credible prevention messages and operate with a shared Protect purpose across fraud and cyber settings.

On this course delegates will learn:

- Understand the purpose of the Protect role.
- Recognise common fraud and cyber threats and deliver consistent prevention advice.
- Adapt Protect messages for different audiences with confidence and professionalism.
- Work effectively across Fraud Protect and Cyber Protect boundaries.

Type of delivery

This course is a five-day trainer led in-person course.

Accreditation

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On successful completion learners will be awarded a certificate of completion from the Commissioner of the City of London Police.

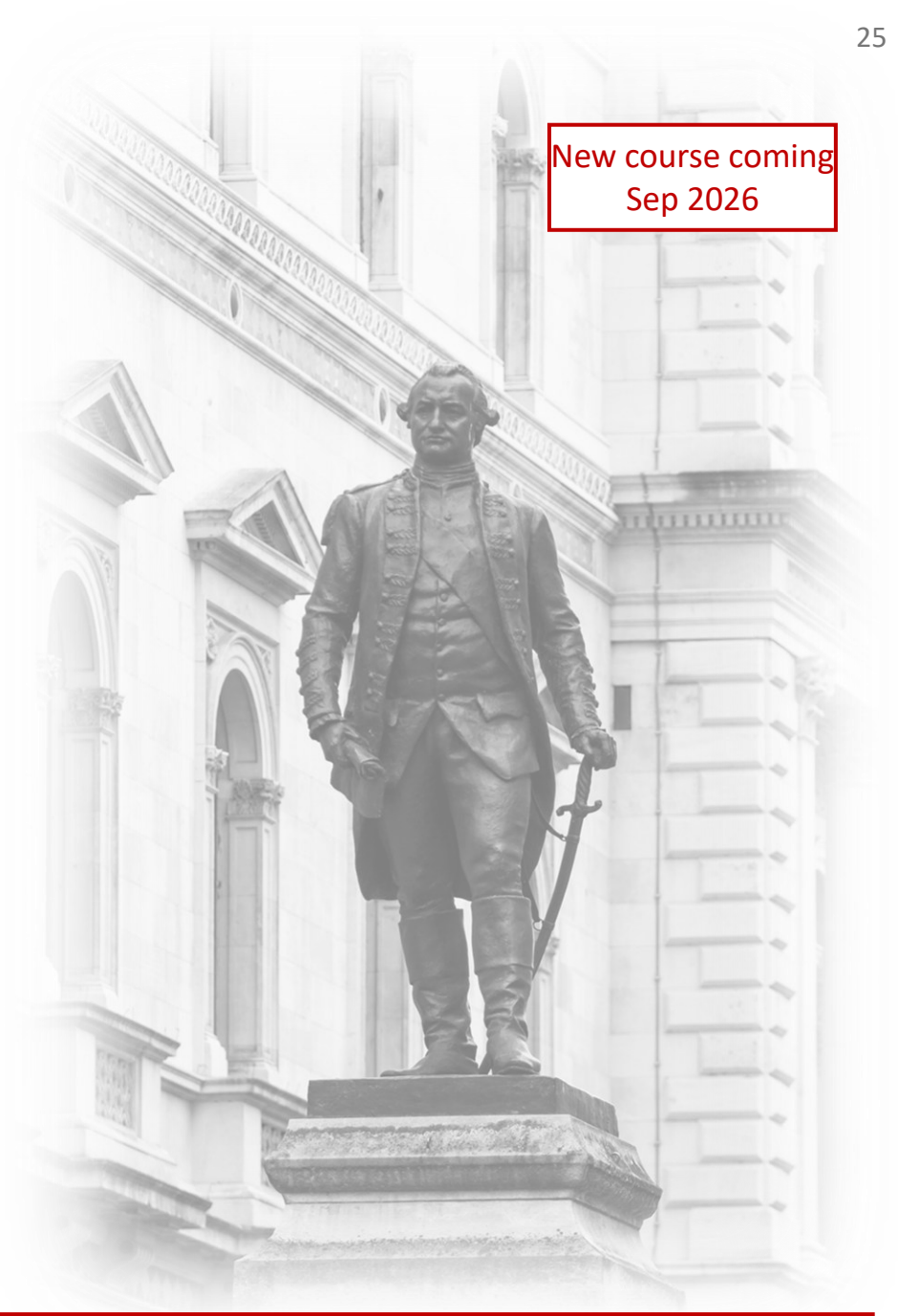
Suitable for

Police officers and police staff new to Fraud and Cyber Protect roles.

Assessment

Assessment is continuous throughout the course and embedded within practical activity, supporting reflective learning and professional development.

Per delegate price: TBC





Demystifying
Cyber Crime

12
hours

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements. This is a foundation level course.

Demystifying Cyber Crime

**Course content**

This course addresses the learning needs of non-technical officers and staff who are tasked with dealing with the evolving shape of cyber crime. Today's challenges include technical attacks on the smart home and office, as well as the hacking of robotic systems and the emergence of 'AI' platforms, such as ChatGPT. These are being widely exploited by online criminals as a means for developing attacks and creating pseudo content. Cyber-dependent crimes include the creation and spread of malware, hacking to steal sensitive personal or industry data and denial of service attacks to cause financial and/or reputational damage. All of these are addressed by this course. The course aims are to:

- Provide non-technical participants with a solid grasp of the fundamentals of modern internet and device technologies, and to demystify the technical jargon.
- Provide easy-to-grasp analogies and models for examining cyber crime cases so that participants can ask the right questions during an investigation and explain investigative outcomes to managers and juries.
- Explain the underlying causes and motives that drive cyber-dependent and cyber-enabled crimes.

- Illustrate the chain of events involved in a typical cyber crime, from reconnaissance to monetisation.
- Explain where in the chain of events particular types of evidence might be identified.
- Explain the main techniques used by the full range of cyber crime threat actors.

Type of delivery

This is a self-led online learning course which requires approximately 12 hours for completion.

Accreditation

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This online digital learning course will result in a certificate of completion from City of London Police Economic and Cyber Crime Academy.

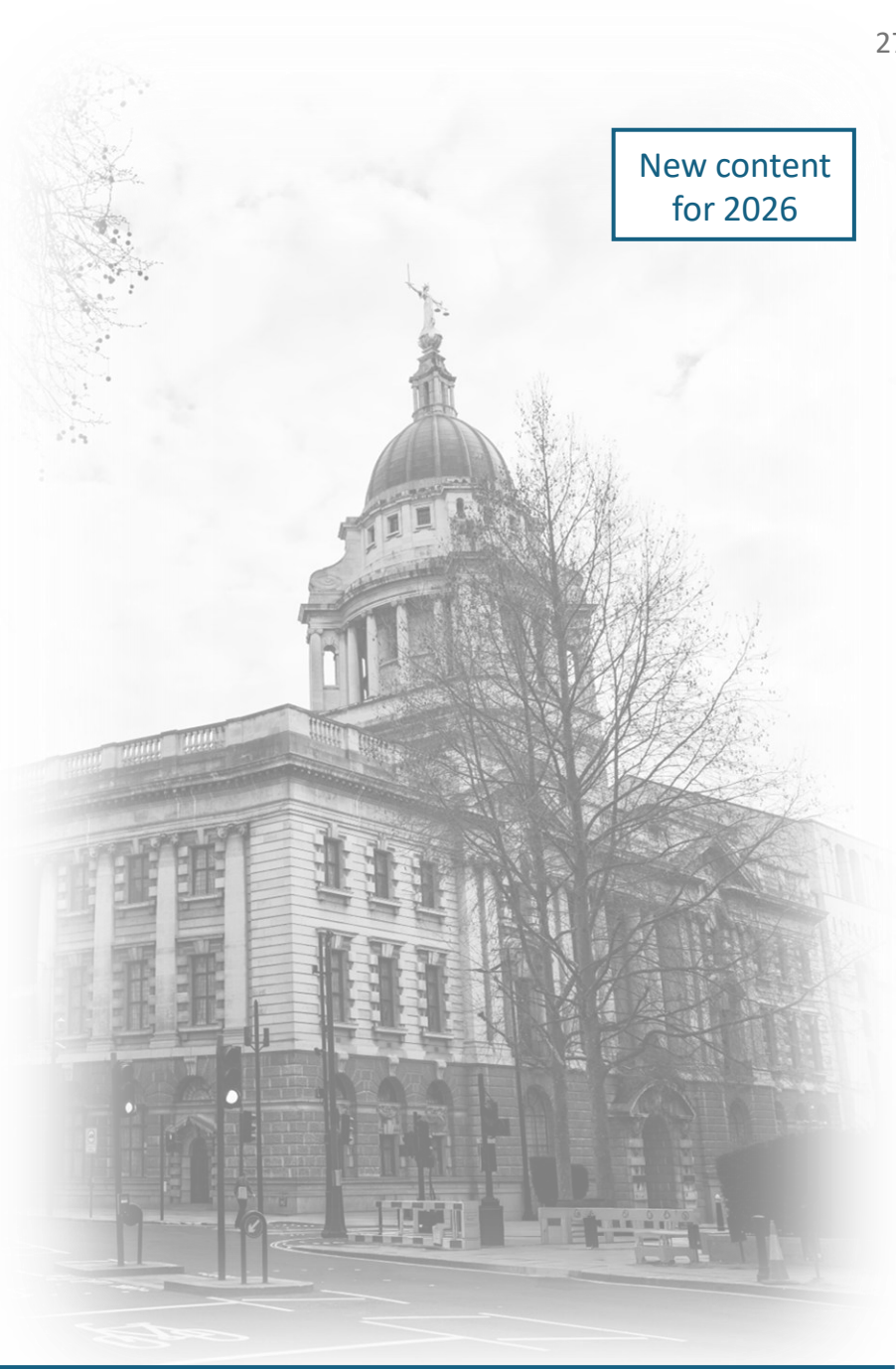
Suitable for

Public and private sector audiences involved in the identification and investigation of cyber crime. Ideal for non-technical audiences new to cyber crime or investigators who have not previously completed any cyber crime training.

Assessment

Self-assessment throughout the course in the form of multiple-choice knowledge checks.

Per delegate price: £99





Demystifying
Blockchain and
Cryptocurrency

4

hours

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements. This is a foundation level course.

Demystifying Blockchain and Cryptocurrency



New content
for 2026

Course Content

This course explains the fundamentals of blockchain and cryptocurrency technologies and services, providing insights into the related crime typologies. It is designed for entry-level delegates new to the space, including those who intend to delve deeper via more advanced courses.

The Course Aims are to:

- To provide non-technical participants with a solid grasp of the fundamental concepts supporting blockchain technology, cryptocurrencies (primarily Bitcoin), non-fungible tokens (NFTs), and Decentralised Finance (DeFi).
- To summarise the evidential aspects of blockchain and cryptocurrency investigations.
- To highlight the main crime typologies affecting or dependent on Blockchain and cryptocurrency systems.

Per delegate price: £49

Type of delivery

This is a self-led online learning course which requires approximately 4 hours for completion.

Accreditation

C

This online digital learning course will result in a certificate of completion from City of London Police Economic and Cyber Crime Academy.

Suitable for

Public and private sector audiences involved in the identification and investigation of cyber crime. Ideal for non-technical audiences new to cyber crime or investigators who have not previously completed any cyber crime training.

Assessment

Self-assessment throughout the course in the form of multiple-choice knowledge checks.

“ *The course is highly credible and practical for understanding blockchain and crypto from an investigative and regulatory perspective.* ”
(Learner, Demystifying Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies).



Cyber-enabled
Fraud

4
hours

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements. This is a foundation level course.

Cyber-enabled Fraud



Course Content

This course is designed to demystify the key enablers, typologies and cashing out techniques exploited by online fraudsters.

Using a graphical storytelling format, the course is intended for those new to the subject, or those with limited operational experience of cyber fraud investigations.

The course complements our Demystifying Cyber Crime and Demystifying Blockchain and Crypto packages, but you do not need to have taken those courses in order to engage fully with this course.

Delegates will learn:

- The primary enablers of cyber enabled fraud.
- The primary cyber fraud typologies affecting citizens and organisations.
- The most common cashing out mechanisms.

Per delegate price: £49

Type of delivery

This is a self-led online learning course which requires approximately 4 hours for completion.

Accreditation

C

This online digital learning course will result in a certificate of completion from City of London Police Economic and Cyber Crime Academy.

Suitable for

Public and private sector audiences involved in the identification and investigation of cyber crime. Ideal for non-technical audiences new to cyber crime or investigators who have not previously completed any cyber crime training.

Assessment

Self-assessment throughout the course in the form of multiple-choice knowledge checks.





Internet Investigations – Using Open-source Intelligence for Economic Crime Investigation

From Foundation to Advanced

Internet Investigations – Using OSINT for Economic Crime Investigation

3
days

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements. This course is suitable for all with basic internet skills, regardless of experience.



Course Content

This course is for those running an internet investigation or using the web to conduct due diligence checks in law enforcement, internal audit, fraud departments, or investigators in other sectors including, finance, retail, government, legal, insolvency.

Delegates will learn:

- **Master Advanced Search:** Use precision engines and deep-web discovery to find critical information that standard searches miss.
- **Trace Digital Footprints:** Identify online identities and verify corporate structures using rapid, AI-assisted investigation techniques.
- **Analyse Global Data:** Extract clear, actionable insights from social media, geolocation data, and multimedia content.
- **Enhance Research with AI:** Use Copilot, Gemini, and specialised OSINT tools to summarise findings, utilise facial recognition and identify patterns.
- **Ensure Operational Security:** Apply essential privacy and security techniques to conduct your investigations safely and discreetly.

Per delegate price: £1,380

Type of delivery

This course is a three-day trainer led online course.

Accreditation

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On successful completion learners will be awarded a certificate from the Commissioner of the City of London Police.

Suitable for

This course is suitable for all with basic internet skills, regardless of experience.

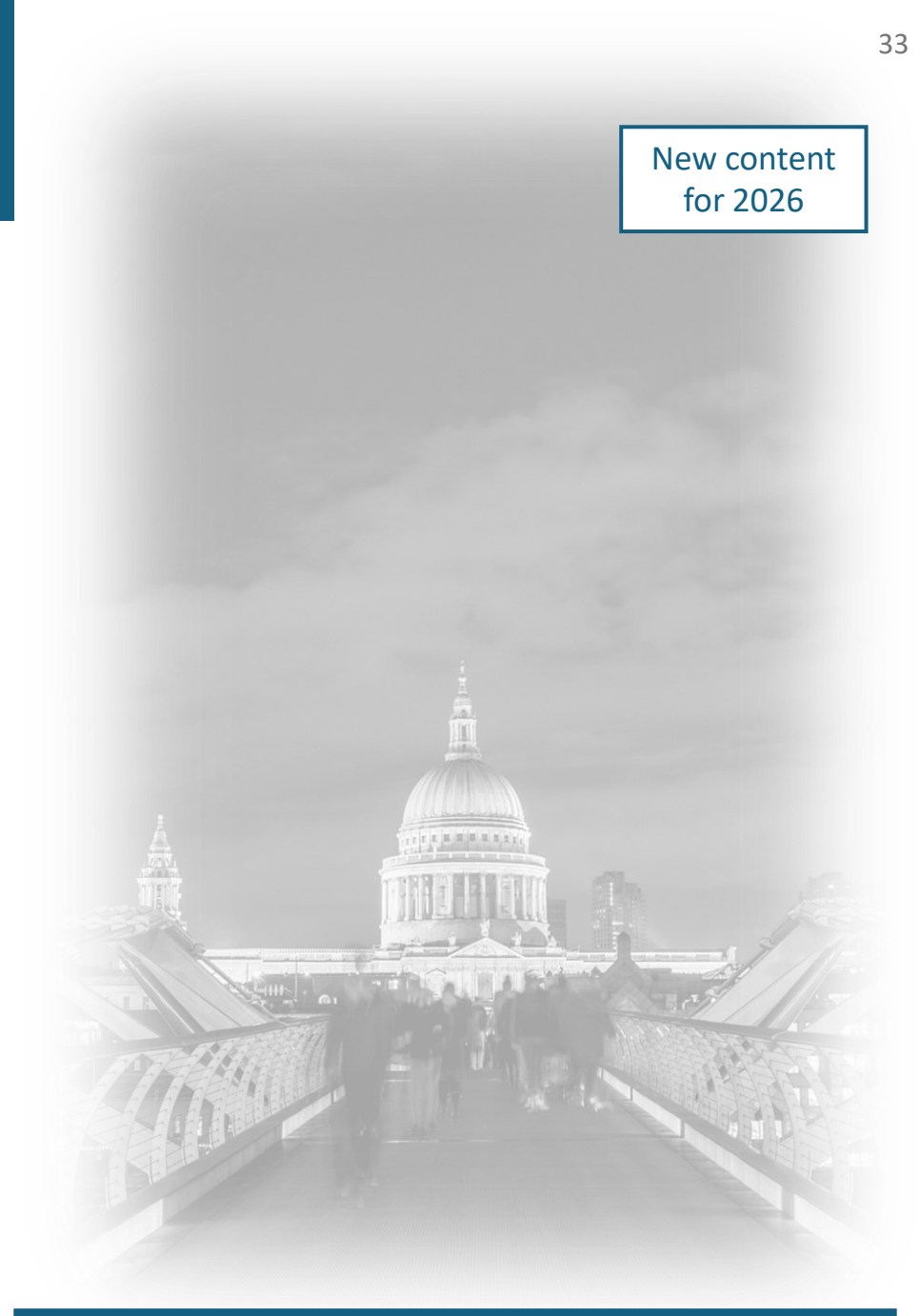
Public and private sector audiences.

Assessment

Ongoing assessment during the course.

About your instructor

Your Instructor is a globally-recognised OSINT specialist who's trained agencies, police units, and Fortune 500 companies, delivering cutting-edge skills across 5 continents.





International Courses



Courses for International Audiences

We have many years of experience in tailoring our courses to meet the needs of international customers which in recent years have included law enforcement in Nigeria, Ukraine, Thailand and British Overseas territories.

We offer the following of our courses tailored for international law enforcement and counter-fraud, money laundering and anti-corruption professionals:

- Economic Crime Investigation Foundation Course
- Economic Crime Specialist Investigator Programme
- Managing Economic Crime Investigation Course
- Investigating Money Laundering
- Investigating Bribery and Corruption

Our international versions of these courses place less emphasis on legislation and more emphasis on what you need to know to build capability including; offence typologies, case studies and investigation techniques.

Please contact us to discuss your training needs and allow our highly experienced team to tailor a course to suit you.

“ Thank you to the City of London Police Economic and Cyber Crime Academy for your magnificent support and excellent course. This marks a significant step toward future international collaboration in law enforcement against crime. ”

(Learner, International Foundation course)



Visit our website:

www.academy.cityoflondon.police.uk

Contact us:

academy@cityoflondon.police.uk

“ Another great course from the City Of London. The two trainers and both of the external guest speakers were engaging and knowledgeable about the subject matter and made it really interesting. The variety of inputs and the length of them was perfect. I would definitely recommend this course to anyone working in financial crime. Thank you for a great week, I have thoroughly enjoyed it.

(Learner, Investigating Money Laundering)

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