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FUNDAMENTALS OF FORENSIC LINGUISTICS

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Course Overview

In digital investigations, the one true constant is often the written word. Whether it is an email, social media post, forum message, threat communication, fraud correspondence, or even a username, language provides valuable intelligence about the person behind it.

The Fundamentals of Forensic Linguistics Course is a practical 2-day intensive programme designed to introduce investigators and intelligence professionals to the science of analysing language for evidential and intelligence purposes.

Forensic Linguistics focuses on how words, structure, style, and linguistic habits can reveal authorship, intent, deception, behavioural patterns, and attribution opportunities. Even when all that exists is a username or a short message, there may be valuable investigative opportunities hidden within the language used.

Sorinteq has been one of the pioneers in recognising the value of forensic linguistics within digital investigations, and this unique course provides learners with both the practical understanding of linguistic assessment and an appreciation of the “art of the possible” when working with specialist forensic linguists.

Who is the course for?

This course is designed for professionals involved in investigations, intelligence gathering, and evidential analysis, including:

- Law enforcement investigators
- Intelligence officers and analysts
- Cybercrime and cyber intelligence practitioners
- Corporate investigators and fraud specialists
- Due diligence and risk professionals
- Digital media investigators
- Security and threat intelligence teams

No formal linguistic background is required. The course is suitable for both operational investigators and analysts seeking to enhance attribution and investigative capability.





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Course Content

The course provides practical, investigator-focused instruction across key areas, including:

- Introduction to Forensic Linguistics
- Understanding the discipline, its history, and operational investigative value
- Language as Evidence
- How writing style, structure, and choice of words create intelligence opportunities
- Username and Alias Analysis
- What usernames, handles, and online identities may reveal about an individual
- Authorship Analysis
- Identifying patterns, habits, and linguistic fingerprints across written content
- Threat, Fraud, and Deception Indicators
- Understanding intent, manipulation, and deception within communications
- Cross-Platform Linguistic Attribution
- Comparing language use across social media, forums, emails, and messaging platforms
- Supporting Interviews and Investigations
- Using linguistic findings to shape interview strategy and challenge suspect explanations
- Working with Specialist Forensic Linguists
- Understanding what support can be requested and how to maximise evidential value
- Case Studies and Practical Exercises
- Real-world examples of forensic linguistic analysis supporting successful investigations

Final Exercise Phase

- Live Linguistic Analysis Scenario
- Participants assess written content, usernames, and digital communications to identify investigative opportunities
- Attribution and Behavioural Assessment Exercise
- Applying linguistic techniques to support authorship analysis and investigative strategy
- Debrief and Analytical Review
- Structured feedback on methodology, findings, and evidential opportunities





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Aims and Objectives of the Course

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the principles and investigative value of forensic linguistics
- Identify how written language can support attribution and behavioural analysis
- Assess usernames, messages, and written communications for investigative indicators
- Recognise linguistic markers linked to authorship, deception, and intent
- Understand how language analysis supports digital investigations and intelligence development
- Identify when specialist forensic linguistic support should be sought
- Apply forensic linguistic thinking to support interviews, evidential recovery, and investigative strategy
- Improve the quality of intelligence and evidential outputs using language analysis techniques

Why Choose Sorinteq

Sorinteq delivers university-accredited, practitioner-led training trusted by Government and commercial organisations. Our forensic linguistics training provides practical, operationally relevant capability, enabling investigators to identify hidden intelligence opportunities in the written word and strengthen attribution, evidential quality, and investigative outcomes.

Students undertaking courses provided by Sorinteq may earn credits towards formal academic qualifications such as Post Graduate Certificate, Diploma or MSc at the university of Buckingham.

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Sorinteq provide all necessary training equipment including laptop computers, internet connectivity, mobile devices and training material.

