

Training curriculum

Module 1: AI in Legal Practice: Tools, Opportunities, and Risks

Overview

In this module, you will explore how AI is used in judicial contexts, its potential to improve access to justice, and its risks. You will examine AI tools in courts, assess their outputs, and consider key points for adoption, enabling you to evaluate AI applications in judicial workflows.

Learning Outcomes

- Recognise how AI is currently used within your context.
- Review how different types of AI tools are used in courts across the globe.
- Outline the most common risks of AI in the judiciary.
- Determine the key decision points for courts when they explore the adoption or procurement of a new AI system.
- Analyse an AI tool's judicial task output.

Module 2: Ensuring AI Fairness and Accuracy in Judicial Contexts

Overview

This module examines AI-assisted tools, evidence, and procedures to understand how they can uphold or threaten judicial fairness. By exploring bias, data quality, and system accuracy, you will learn strategies to prevent harm and promote fair outcomes.

Learning Outcomes

- Define fairness in the use of AI.
- Identify the types and sources of bias in AI systems.
- Determine the harm caused by algorithmic bias.
- Investigate the importance of data as an enabler for safe and fair AI systems.
- Recommend key approaches to prevent and mitigate bias at data, model, and institutional levels within a judicial setting.
- Evaluate accuracy and error in AI-assisted judicial tools, including their implications for fairness.

Module 3: Developing AI Transparency Mechanisms in the Justice System

Overview

This module focuses on developing transparency mechanisms for AI in the justice system. You will examine black-box AI systems, explore the roles of explainability and interpretability, and consider data governance, privacy, and intellectual property issues.

Learning Outcomes

- Recognise the importance of transparency in court proceedings.
- Identify the key differences and interconnectedness of transparency, explainability, and interpretability.
- Determine how data governance practices enable transparency of AI systems.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how the use of AI in court proceedings affects the contestability of outcomes.
- Investigate the complexities of data protection, privacy, and intellectual property rights in relation to AI systems.
- Recommend the minimum information a judge should have available before admitting or using AI outputs in court proceedings.

Module 4: Building Trust and Accountability When Using AI

Overview

In this module, you will examine human oversight, appropriate reliance on AI, and how trust, accuracy, and accountability issues arise across judicial processes. By the end, you will be able to recommend ways to maintain trust and fairness when AI is applied in court.

Learning Outcomes

- Recognise the different levels of human oversight of AI systems.
- Indicate when and to what extent it is appropriate to rely on AI in judicial work.
- Investigate how trust, accuracy, and accountability issues arise before, during, and after trial.
- Reflect on how the use of AI complicates the enforcement of procedural principles for the judiciary.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how the use of AI in court proceedings affects the contestability of the decision-making process and its outcomes.

Module 5: Promoting Human Rights of Access to Justice and Fair Trial in the Age of AI

Overview

This module focuses on protecting human rights in AI-enabled judicial processes. You will examine how AI affects access to justice and fair trials, evaluate limits on automated decision-making, and identify gaps in existing frameworks.

Learning Outcomes

- Indicate how the components of the right to a fair trial apply when AI tools are used in judicial processes.
- Determine the limits of delegation to automated systems as an enabler for final, reviewable, and transparent judicial discretion.
- Analyse existing access to justice and fair trial frameworks to uncover gaps in protection, monitoring, and remedy.

- Recommend good practices for the use of generative AI tools by counsel.

Module 6: Protecting Women's Rights and Access to Justice in the Age of AI

Overview

This module examines how AI can both undermine and advance women's rights. You will explore how AI propagates gender bias, creates new risks for women and marginalised groups, and consider how human rights and intersectional governance can guide equitable AI use.

Learning Outcomes

- Recognise how AI propagates gender bias.
- Explain how emerging technologies create new vectors for harm against women and marginalised groups.
- Articulate how AI can be a double-edged sword when used to address gender-based violence, and the actions needed to overcome these risks.
- Compare how established human rights standards and intersectional governance practices can be applied to address contemporary AI-related challenges.
- Explain how AI can advance gender justice.

Module 7: Prompting and Prompt Engineering for Judicial and Legal Workflows

Overview

This module covers practical techniques for crafting, structuring, and evaluating prompts when interacting with Large Language Models (LLMs) in legal contexts. You will explore how effective prompt design improves accuracy, minimizes AI hallucinations, and maintains professional standards when summarizing case law, drafting documents, or conducting legal research.

Learning Outcome

- Understand the core mechanics of generative language models and how system/user instructions direct AI outputs.
- Apply prompt engineering techniques (such as role-definition, few-shot prompting, and chain-of-thought reasoning) to complex legal tasks.
- Structure clear constraints and guidelines to reduce errors, hallucinations, and ungrounded assumptions in model responses.
- Design legal research, summary, and drafting prompts that adhere to strict confidentiality, safety, and privacy boundaries.
- Critically audit and refine prompt outputs against authoritative legal sources to ensure accuracy and procedural compliance.