



IMSISS

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The International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies (IMSISS) is a 24-month Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) developed by a consortium of three European universities – Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic), Dublin City University (Ireland), and University of Glasgow (UK).

- Mobility 1: Glasgow
- Mobility 2: Dublin
- Mobility 3: Prague
- Mobility 4: Return to one of the 3 or visit a 4th location (e.g. placement partner).

Erasmus Mundus is part of the Erasmus+ programme and specifically focuses on postgraduate education and mobility. Erasmus+ is the European Commission's prestigious education programme (coordinated by the EU's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency - EACEA), which aims to enhance quality in higher education through scholarships and academic cooperation within the EU and between the EU and the rest of the world.

There is a strong focus on mobility – students study in multiple countries over the course of the programme, and staff have the opportunity to teach in different countries. IMSISS is the only Security Studies programme in the world with Erasmus Mundus funding. The programme attracts a large number of high-quality student applications from a wide range of nationalities and backgrounds.



Work Based Learning Placement:

The programme provides students with the opportunity to undertake a work-based learning placement linked to their studies. IMSISS has cohorts of students who require work-based experience – essential for skills development and to prepare them for long-term employment. At the same time, partner organisations often have need for knowledge and information which has immediate relevance to the world, but do not necessarily have the resources or capabilities to undertake that work.

Placements are based around specific projects. Partner organisations would identify a project where they require support. This is promoted to the students who undertake a competitive process to be matched. This includes submitting a CV, a statement of interest and a Skype interview. There are two types of project placement:

Collaborative Research Placement:

This takes place over a 16-18 month period where the student undertakes research for a project idea proposed by the partner. Once a student is matched, they work with their university supervisor and liaise with the partner to develop the research design. The partner can decide on their level of involvement at this stage.

During the final stages of the degree programme the student will undertake a 6-8 week in-house placement at their matched partner organisation. This enables the student to turn their research findings into a value-based product (a briefing paper, report, website, etc.) and allows them to work on other tasks relevant to their partner.

This placement would normally be undertaken after the submission of the dissertation, which is normally at the end of May in Year Two.

Skills Based Placement:

Organisations often require employees with specific skills sets to support their day-to-day work or specialist projects. IMSISS students with a solid level of background knowledge and relevant skills can support such organisations, while at the same time benefitting from learning on the job and adapting their existing skills to relevant real life scenarios.

Organisations provide a general job description as well as highlighting some key skills and knowledge required, to which students then apply competitively. Successfully matched students will undertake a 6-8 week in-house placement working with the partner undertaking a range of relevant tasks. It is expected that the work undertaken with the partner would in some way inform the student's independent dissertation research. Partners would not be involved with the dissertation process unless they saw merit to continue working with the student.

This placement would normally be undertaken prior to the submission of the dissertation in the summer of the first year.

Benefits for a partner organisation:

- The opportunity to work with world class academic institutions
- 1-2 work placement students for a 6-8 week period (depending on the number of projects)
- A large scale piece of research
- No financial implications

Placement providers will:

- Work with the programme convenor and placement officer to ensure the placement meets necessary academic requirements
- Identify a mentor to support the student prior to and during the placement period.

If you are interested in becoming a partner organisation of the programme then please contact:

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