



**IMSIS**

International Master  
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# Erasmus Mundus International Master Security, Intelligence & Strategic Studies

24 months

This two year programme is developed by a consortium of three European universities:

- University of Glasgow (UK)
- Dublin City University (Ireland)
- Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic)

Students will examine a broad range of contemporary security challenges, such as terrorism, civil war and intra-state conflict, mass migration, energy security, cyber security, and transnational crime. Students will also explore the intelligence and strategic approaches used by governmental and non-governmental actors to combat these threats.

The degree adopts a unique approach to the study of security by combining theoretical, applied and empirical knowledge and skill sets. Students will have the opportunity to meet with and work alongside a range of academics and researchers from international partner universities and think tanks from around the world, as well as practitioner experts from governmental and industry security and defence sectors.

Erasmus Mundus scholarships are available for the programme. Further information and details on how to apply can be found on the website.

[www.securityintelligence-erasmusmundus.eu](http://www.securityintelligence-erasmusmundus.eu)



## What will I get from this programme?

The programme will provide opportunities for dedicated training and shared knowledge, experiences and best practice.

### It will ensure students:

- attain a firm understanding of the theoretical concepts that inform contemporary security studies
- acquire the expertise and necessary skills to critically engage with security, intelligence and strategy in an applied manner
- are provided with experiential learning and employability enhancement through work-based learning opportunities with practitioner organisations
- have access to a range of academic and non-academic personnel from industry and business, the military, intelligence community, governmental and non-governmental organisations thus helping to understand how security experts shape security practice
- utilise mobility experiences to develop, appreciate the importance of, and articulate intercultural awareness as a key aspect of addressing security challenges

## Programme structure

The programme is structured around four mobility periods across two years. During Year 1 you will undertake a series of core and optional courses reflecting key themes and research design.

In Year 2 you will choose a specialist concentration containing a range of themed courses. Also included is a fourth flexible study period, during which time you will complete your independent study (dissertation) and may have the opportunity to undertake a work-based learning placement with a relevant associate partner.

Each mobility period is designed to provide you with a variety of perspectives on the three core themes of the programme and to develop valuable knowledge and practical skills that will feed into future career opportunities.

### Core and optional courses include:

- International security & strategic thought (UofG)
- Intelligence analysis & policy making (UofG)
- European & international security strategies (UofG)
- Intelligence & security analysis: theory & practice (DCU)
- Political terrorism (DCU)
- Conflict, security & peacebuilding (DCU)
- Politics of the Middle East & North Africa (DCU)
- Arms control & disarmament (Charles)
- Economic warfare (Charles)
- Radicalisation & deradicalisation (Charles)
- Cyber security (Charles)
- Space security (Charles)
- Ethics & violence (Charles)

For a full range of available courses and concentrations, please see the programme website.

## Career prospects

The programme will provide students with the training and knowledge to move into national/ international government/ civil service, NGOs, private security sector, media, armed forces, business related activities (i.e. risk analysis) or academia.



**An optional summer school, provided by OTH Regensburg, includes training on data analytics, social network analysis, and methods of strategic intelligence and analysis, such as the intel cycle and target centric approaches.**



## International associate partners

International associate partners provide placement opportunities and master classes.

**They include:**

- United Nations
- OTH Regensburg (Germany)
- ETH Zurich (Switzerland)
- Macquarie University (Australia)
- McGill University (Canada)
- WITS University (South Africa)
- Vietnam National University (Vietnam)
- Centre for Intelligence Studies (Norway)
- International Centre for Defence and Security (Estonia)
- Partnership for Global Security (USA)

For a full list of associate partners, please see the programme website



## What our students/graduates say

Security has a different meaning to everyone - it can relate to your livelihood, your home, your family or for some having a stable job. The IMSISS program ideally enables studying security in how it has evolved over time, and how it has different contexts in different countries. Most of all, the highly interactive nature of the seminars allow you to compare your ideas with those of your classmates. My cohort has 26 different nationalities, the diversity in experiences and opinions is amazing!

**Dorien van Dam, The Netherlands**

## Entry requirements

Applicants should normally possess a qualification equivalent to a UK 2:1 honours degree in international relations, political science, or related social science disciplines; or an interdisciplinary degree which includes security/terrorism/intelligence as a significant component. Primary degrees in other disciplines, including languages, computing science and humanities are also very welcome, while candidates with practical/professional experience will be strongly considered.

## How to apply and for more information

Consortium webpage: [www.securityintelligence-erasmusmundus.eu](http://www.securityintelligence-erasmusmundus.eu)



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