



Counterterrorism Risk Management and Resilience

MSc/PgDip/PgCert

The MSc Counterterrorism, Risk Management & Resilience pathway is specifically tailored for students interested in developing a career in the risk management or insurance sectors with a focus on protective security against terrorism and related threats. This course brings together a distinctive mix of different subjects, providing students with the fundamental knowledge, core expertise and evidence-based methodological tools and approaches necessary to understand, analyse, prevent and mitigate terrorism. This pathway should appeal particularly to candidates who are either serving or recently retired from government, military or policing agencies, or those who are already in the risk management or insurance space who want to specialise in counterterrorism risk management and protective security.

Course structure

Students are required to take four core modules and choose up to four elective modules based on their particular background, future requirements or interests. This is followed by a four-month research project and extended essay.

Individual project

The individual project takes four months from April to July. The student selects from a range of titles, or may propose their own topic. Most are practically or experimentally based using Cranfield's unique facilities.

Future career

We have entered an era where society faces critical issues in relation to terrorism and the fight against terrorism. The MSc Counterterrorism Studies provides a rigorous, evidence-based qualification which will assist graduates to start careers in a wide variety of fields, including those related to security, policing, military, government policy, and international work. Beyond this, the MSc will help assist the careers of graduates who are already working in these and related fields.

Example modules

Modules form only part of the course, with the project(s) and theses making up the balance. Please see the course structure for details.

The list below shows the modules offered in the 2019-20 academic year, to give you an idea of course content. To keep our courses relevant and up-to-date, modules are subject to change – please see the webpage for the latest information.

Compulsory:

- Applied Counterterrorism,
- Protecting Critical National Infrastructure,
- Risk, Crisis and Resilience,
- Terrorism Risk Management and Mitigation,
- Understanding Terrorism and Counterterrorism.

Elective (select four):

- CBRN Terrorism,
- Counter-Improvised Explosive Devised Capability,
- Counterterrorism and Intelligence,
- Courtroom Skills,
- Cyber Terrorism,
- Fires, Explosions and their Investigation,
- Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence,
- National Security: Resilience and Crisis,
- Strategies, Ideologies and Tactics of Terrorism.

Duration:

Full-time: MSc 11 months, PgDip and PgCert 1 year.
Part-time: MSc 3 years, PgDip and PgCert 2 years.

Start date:

October 2020.

Location:

Cranfield.

Entry requirements:

A first or second class Honours degree or equivalent in a relevant discipline (e.g. criminology, law, politics, psychology, forensic science, etc.) or the professional equivalent. Students with other degrees who can show a knowledge of and interest in the elements of the subject will also be considered.

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