



Counterterrorism MSc

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Never before in history have the issues of what causes terrorism, how to combat it, and how to assess and manage the risks associated with it, attracted such wide and international attention and controversy.

The need for accessible, comprehensive and reliable research and education on terrorism and counterterrorism remains profound.

This MSc addresses those needs drawing on Cranfield's expert staff and facilities to offer students an exceptional and cutting-edge programme in this critical area.

Who is it for?

The course helps prepare students for both academic and non-academic careers, bringing together a unique mix of different subjects, combining modules from soft and hard sciences. The skills students gain will reflect the modules selected.

Students will gain fundamental knowledge, core expertise and advanced, evidence-based methodological tools and approaches necessary to understand, analyse, prevent and mitigate terrorism.

Your career

The Counterterrorism MSc 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.

Cranfield Careers and Employability Service

Cranfield's Career Service is dedicated to helping you meet your career aspirations. You will have access to career coaching and advice, CV development, interview practice, access to hundreds of available jobs via our Symplicity platform and opportunities to meet recruiting employers at our careers fairs.

Our strong reputation and links with potential employers provide you with outstanding opportunities to secure interesting jobs and develop successful careers.

Support continues after graduation and as a Cranfield alumnus, you have free life-long access to a range of career resources to help you continue your education and enhance your career.

Overview

Start date

October

Duration

Full-time: MSc 11 months, PgDip and PgCert one year; Part-time: MSc three years, PgDip and PgCert two years

Qualification

MSc, PgDip, PgCert

Study type

Full-time / Part-time

Structure

Taught modules 60%, research project 40%

Campus

Cranfield campus

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.

Security clearance for Shrivvenham

Some Cranfield University courses are delivered at the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom, Shrivvenham which is a Ministry of Defence (MoD) site. All applicants to courses that are wholly or partially delivered at Shrivvenham must complete the BPSS (HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard V4 April 2014) prior to registration on the course or must already hold a security clearance to this level or higher.

Please visit our security clearance page for further information.

Fees

Please see www.cranfield.ac.uk/fees for detailed information about fee status, full-time and part-time fees as well as deposit requirements and bursary and scholarship information.

Course details

The taught modules are delivered from October to April. Teaching methods vary from module to module, but include lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops and individual supervision.

Our education philosophy is led by the basic principles of:

- Research-led teaching – through a course team that are active researchers or practitioners
- Learning through assessment methods - we view assessment as part of the learning process, with a variety of assessment methods extending the curriculum and transferable skills.

Modules

Keeping our courses up-to-date and current requires constant innovation and change. The modules we offer reflect the needs of business and industry and the research interests of our staff. As a result, they may change or be withdrawn due to research developments, legislation changes or for a variety of other reasons. Changes may also be designed to improve the student learning experience or to respond to feedback from students, external examiners, accreditation bodies and industrial advisory panels.

To give you a taster, we have listed below the compulsory and elective (where applicable) modules which are currently affiliated with this course. All modules are indicative only, and may be subject to change for your year of entry

Compulsory modules

All the modules in the following list need to be taken as part of this course.

Introductory Studies

Understanding Terrorism and Counter-terrorism

Applied Counterterrorism

Strategies, Ideologies and Tactics of Terrorism

Research Project - Counter-Terrorism

Elective modules

Select seven to eight from the list below

Protecting Critical National Infrastructure

Cyberterrorism

Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Terrorism

Terrorism Risk Management and Mitigation

Risk, Crisis and Resilience

Counterterrorism and Intelligence

Negotiating with Violent Extremist and Terrorist Organisations

Terrorism and the Law

Courtroom Skills

Introduction to Fire Investigation

Introduction to Firearms Investigations and Forensic Ballistics

Firearms Investigations

Forensic Ballistic Investigations

Counter Improvised Explosive Devices Capability

Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence

Trauma Weapon Effects

"Cranfield University's Counterterrorism MSc has access to UK Ministry of Defence facilities and academic research at the Shrivenham campus.

The connections to the defence and security industry are second-to-none, covering areas such as risk management and mitigation, cyberterrorism, negotiation, law, CBRN and C-IED. "

Richard Robinson

Detachment Commander, Caribbean Military Academy , Counterterrorism MSc (2023)

Term dates

Orientation Week:

September 2024 – October 2024

Term One:

October 2024 – December 2024

Term Two:

January 2025 – March 2025

Term Three:

April 2025 – July 2025

Term Four:

July 2025 – September 2025

Class profile 2023/24

Gender:

Male 50% - Female 44% - Other 6%

Age range:

20 - 55 years

Number of nationalities:

4

Nationality:

UK: 81% - International: 19%

Class size:

16

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