



**IMSIS**

International Master  
Security, Intelligence  
& Strategic Studies

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# Erasmus Mundus International Master Security, Intelligence & Strategic Studies

24 months

**This two-year programme is developed by a consortium of four European universities:**

- **University of Glasgow (UK)**
- **Dublin City University (Ireland)**
- **University of Trento (Italy)**
- **Charles University (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, covering student fees, as well as providing travel costs and monthly subsistence, 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 has two study tracks, structured around four mobility periods across two years. In Year 1 students on Study Track A will focus on 'Intelligence, Peace-building and Terrorism' in Glasgow and Dublin. Study Track B students will focus on the 'Causes of Conflict' in Glasgow and Trento. All students will undertake a series of core and optional courses reflecting key themes and research design.

In Year 2 all students will reunite at Charles University, choosing a specialist concentration containing a range of themed courses. Students complete their studies by writing a dissertation.

In either year, students will have the opportunity to undertake a work-based learning placement with a partner organisation.

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 Studies (UofG)
- Intelligence Analysis & Policy Making (UofG)
- European & International Security Strategies (UofG)
- Intelligence & Security Analysis: Theory & Practice (DCU)
- Political Terrorism (DCU)
- Conflict, Security & Peace-building (DCU)
- Gender & Security (DCU)
- Geographies of Security (Trento)
- Conflict, Human Rights and Natural Resources (Trento)
- Civil Societies and Contentious Politics (Trento)
- Arms Control & Disarmament (Charles)
- Economic Warfare (Charles)
- Radicalisation & Deradicalisation (Charles)
- Cyber Security (Charles)
- Space Security (Charles)
- Ethics & Violence (Charles)

For a full range of 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.



**Students can choose to participate in one of four applied studies summer schools. These include Strategic Analysis (OTH Regensburg), Borders & Conflict (University of Cadiz), Online Extremism & Radicalisation (DCU) and The Middle East (University of Trento).**



## International associate partners

International associate partners provide placement opportunities and master classes.

**They include:**

- United Nations
- OTH Regensburg (Germany)
- University of Cadiz (Spain)
- 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)
- European Strategic Intelligence & Security Center (Belgium)
- West African Network for Peacebuilding (Ghana)
- Bangladeshi Institute for Peace and Security Studies (Bangladesh)

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

## What our students/graduates say

The two years of my IMSISS experience have quickly passed and looking back I can say what an incredible journey it was. I started this programme to challenge myself academically, to solidify both hard and soft skills and to feel what it is like to study at internationally acclaimed universities. Over these two years, I was constantly humbled by how much I learned. Not only have I deepened my knowledge in security studies and learned about intelligence methodology and strategic analysis, I also contributed to a research project about “Social and political consequences of terrorism in Europe” on my work placement at the Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich. I have also very much enjoyed exploring local life and culture in four different countries. Having an opportunity to serve as Equality and Diversity Officer of my cohort taught me to embrace the diversity of people’s morals, opinions and backgrounds. IMSISS has transcended my expectations, introduced me to people whom I now call friends, and opened a bigger of worlds of opportunities.

**Aizhan Orozbekieva, Kyrgyzstan,  
2017-2019 student**

Being selected to become an IMSISS student and being awarded with an EMJMD scholarship came as one of the best surprises of my life. This programme has been life-changing from the very start by allowing me to study at outstanding universities in the field and by exposing me to different perspectives and teaching-methods. It has been equally wonderful to see IMSISS and Security Studies evolve with us, with many students interested in discussing non-traditional security threats, notably related to environmental and gender concerns. That is, in essence, what IMSISS has been about: as we grow academically and professionally, the programme also grows with us.

**Mariana Garrido, Portugal,  
2018-2020 student**



## 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. Applicants to Study Track B (Trento) must be able to speak both English and a language other than Italian.

## How to apply and for more information

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



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