

# INTERNATIONAL MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED RESEARCH IN CRIMINOLOGY: BORDER CROSSING, SECURITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

PROGRAMME JOINTLY OFFERED BY GHEENT UNIVERSITY, ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM, UNIVERSITY OF MALAGA, MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY LONDON

MAJORS: EUR - TRACK - MDX-TRACK - UMA-TRACK - UGENT - TRACK

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## WHAT

The International Master of Science in Advanced Research in Criminology (IMARC) aims to address the need for internationally oriented and interdisciplinary trained researchers who can offer original insights and analyses as well as innovative, effective and ethical solutions to advance policy, practice and academic research.

Increasing flows of people, goods and information raise new questions about how governments and societies respond to perceived and actual threats of crime. Current developments in Europe and beyond challenge not only our understanding of crime and crime control, but also the balance between demands for security and social justice. IMARC trains students to develop fresh and critical views on terrorism, human trafficking, cybercrime, corporate and organized crime, external and internal border control, EU criminal justice, policing and crime prevention, migration policies, human rights, social exclusion and urban safety. The programme gives students the opportunity to study a broad range of substantive criminological issues, whilst simultaneously providing a robust theoretical foundation within which students can develop deeper analytical and critical thinking. Being a research-intensive Master's programme there is also a strong emphasis on providing students with training in a variety of research approaches and methodologies and an extended dissertation.

A consortium of four European universities – **Erasmus University Rotterdam** (The Netherlands - EUR), **Ghent University** (Belgium - UGent), **University of Málaga** (Spain - UMA) and **Middlesex University** (United Kingdom - MDX) – offers this two-year joint Master's programme and brings together learning, research and practice through collaboration with already well-established partners such as governments, NGO's, corporate actors and other universities. IMARC's co-operation with both private and public organisations boosts the programme's innovation and our student's employability. IMARC provides an asset of transversal skills related to lifelong learning and employment opportunities.

## STRUCTURE

The IMARC joint programme is staggered across two full-time academic years, and is divided into four balanced terms, totalling 120 ECTS. Each term comprises thirty ECTS.

All students will be initially located at Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), where they will take their first taught semester. The **first term** focuses on central themes in international criminology and is aimed at developing a strong methodological foundation for student research projects by completing a suite of methods modules.

Students will take four modules: two modules introducing relevant themes in international criminology (Globalisation, Digitalisation & Crime; Corporate and White-collar Crime & Governance), and two modules developing methodological skills specifically relevant to undertaking research in international contexts (Advanced Research Methods; Analysing Criminal Policies).

From a theoretical as well as from a practical perspective, IMARC covers a wide range of themes, including theory and methodology, geopolitics, cities and urban transformations, inclusion and exclusion, migration, human smuggling and trafficking, culture and hybrid identities, radicalisation and extremism, European Union law and policy on justice and Home Affairs, and regulation and control.

In the **second term**, students will follow one of the thematic tracks available at EUR, UGent, UMA or MDX.

In the **third term**, students will participate in a mandatory Common Session in Critical Criminology, which is a twice-yearly conference for students and staff. Students will continue their supervised research, for example through fieldwork, or a research work placement (at network partner institutions), or desk-based data collection. And they will continue to strengthen their knowledge and research skills at the university of their choice.

In the **fourth term**, students write their Master's dissertation at their track university.

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## **LABOUR MARKET**

The programme will enable students to find employment not only as a researcher in the academic, public, or third sectors or commercial organisations, but also as a consultant, data analyst, compliance officer, policy adviser or policy maker, advocate or manager.

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## TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

### 1 Na onderzoek van de bekwaamheid van de student om de opleiding te volgen:

- Bachelor in de criminologische wetenschappen
- Een diploma van een bacheloropleiding in het academisch onderwijs binnen één van de volgende studiegebieden (of een combinatie ervan):
  - Archeologie en Kunstwetenschappen
  - Architectuur
  - Conservatie-restauratie
  - Economische en Toegepaste Economische Wetenschappen
  - Geschiedenis
  - Godgeleerdheid, Godsdienstwetenschappen en Kerkelijk Recht
  - Handelswetenschappen en Bedrijfskunde
  - Politieke en Sociale Wetenschappen
  - Psychologie en Pedagogische Wetenschappen
  - Rechten, Notariaat en Criminologische Wetenschappen
  - Taal- en Letterkunde
  - Toegepaste Taalkunde
  - Wijsbegeerte en Moraalwetenschappen

#### Additional Information on Admission (Flemish Degree)

The Consortium Board decides on the minimum requirements. Details on the required documents for enrolment, agreed between the Parties, will be provided on the programme website and in the application form.

Formal Diploma Requirements. Candidates are only eligible to enter the selection process if they hold one of the following degrees:

- a Bachelor's degree in Criminology;
  - a Bachelor's degree in one of the other Social Sciences or Humanities or Law on the condition that the holder a) can demonstrate knowledge of questions of deviance and social control, and b) can demonstrate sufficient knowledge of both qualitative and quantitative research methods.
- Criteria for research skills. Applicants should be able to meet the following requirements:
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  - Demonstrate sufficient knowledge of formulating

theoretically and empirically embedded research questions;

- Demonstrate sufficient knowledge of different research designs and research methods that are appropriate for answering different research questions;
- Demonstrate sufficient knowledge of and basic skills in analysing quantitative and qualitative data;
- Demonstrate basic experience in formulating a theoretically and empirically embedded scientific argument.

All applicants are required to write a letter of motivation.

- All applicants are required to provide a minimum of two reference letters

- All applicants are required to provide a self-evaluation report on methodology skills

Admissions are administratively managed centrally by the EUR for all three universities.

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Language requirements Dutch: no language requirements

Formal Language Requirements. Candidates should have an English proficiency corresponding to:

- a minimum IELTS (International English Testing System; <https://www.ielts.org/>) a minimum score of 7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in each component or
- a minimum TOEFL IBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language; <https://www.ets.org/toefl>) scores of 90 with a minimum of 22 in R; 21 in W; 17 in L; 20 in S;
- IELTS and TOEFL test results must not be older than two years. Institutional TOEFL test scores are not accepted.

Exemptions to the English proficiency test are:

- Native English speakers (countries in which English is an official language) and/or students with a degree in English taught secondary education or a first degree or higher degree from an institution in which English is the primary language of instruction;
- Students with a Dutch pre-university diploma;
- Students holding a diploma of secondary education awarded by (an educational institution that is recognised by) the Flemish community;
- Students with an English taught Bachelor's diploma;
- Students with an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma;
- Students who have passed University of

Cambridge exams, Proficiency (CPE) or Advanced (CAE);

- Students who have passed Advanced Placement International English Language examination (APIEL) with a minimum of 4 points.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme

[studiekiezer.ugent.be/international-master-of-science-in-advanced-research-in-criminology-border-crossing-security-and-social-justice-BMIMAR-en/programma](http://studiekiezer.ugent.be/international-master-of-science-in-advanced-research-in-criminology-border-crossing-security-and-social-justice-BMIMAR-en/programma)

### Information sessions

#### EVOLV

[evolv.gent/en/students/further-studies](http://evolv.gent/en/students/further-studies)

### Enrolling institution

Ghent University, Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Malaga, Middlesex University London

Information on enrolment at Ghent University.

### Application Deadline (for International degree students)

The application for this advanced master programme is to be started up via the specific programme website.

General deadlines:

for students who need a Visa: before 1st of April

for students who do not need a Visa: before 1st of June

### Tuition fee

More information is to be found on: [www.ugent.be/tuitionfee](http://www.ugent.be/tuitionfee)

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