

# 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 KENT

MAJORS: TRACK BORDER CROSSING – THEORY, CULTURE, POWER AND THE GLOBAL – KENT - TRACK GLOBAL FLOWS OF PEOPLE, LOCAL DILEMMAS AND GLOBAL ANSWERS – ROTTERDAM - TRACK EUROPEAN UNION CRIMINAL POLICY AND JUSTICE IN CONTEXT – GHEENT

120 ECTS CREDITS – LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

## WHAT

The International Master of Science in Advanced Research in Criminology (IMARC) aims to address the need for internationally oriented and interdisciplinary trained researchers that 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. As 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 three European universities – Erasmus University Rotterdam, Ghent University and the University of Kent – established 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 cooperation with both private and public organisations boosts the innovation of IMARC and the employability of our students. IMARC provides asset of transversal skills related to lifelong learning and employment opportunities.

## STRUCTURE

The joint programme of the IMARC runs over two years full time, and is divided into four equally weighted semesters totalling 120 ECTS. Each semester comprises 30 ECTS (in the case of the UKent track semester two includes 35 credits). The first semester at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam focuses on central themes in international criminology. Students will take four modules: one module introducing students to relevant themes in Global Criminology, which includes its historical and economic dimension, two modules developing methodological skills specifically relevant to undertaking research in international contexts and one module that focusses on doing research in IMARC themes that prepares students for the research they want to conduct.

Both from a theoretical and from a practical perspective IMARC covers a 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.

Students choose a thematic track in the second semester and take taught modules and participate in a mandatory Common Session in Critical Criminology, which is a twice-yearly conference for students and staff.

In the third semester students will write four research papers in which they approach their research topic from each of the thematical angles of the second semester tracks. Students will continue their supervised research, for example through fieldwork, or a research internship (at network partner institutions), or desk-based data collection. In semester four students write their master's dissertation under supervision of the university at which they followed one of these tracks:

- Global flows of people, local dilemma's and global answers
- European Union criminal policy and justice in context
- Border crossing – theory, culture, power, and the

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## > **Master's dissertation**

The master's dissertation is a requirement for every candidate to obtain a master's degree. The master's dissertation is an original piece of research work. It aims to develop and strengthen the research capacity skills of the students. The student selects a topic and is given guidance by a promoter or supervisor. The research shall draw on and deepen subject area of the thematic track, build on the knowledge and skills acquired throughout the programme and show that the student is capable of original, independent research.

## **LABOUR MARKET**

The programme will enable students to work not only as a researcher in academic, public, third sector and 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)

Holders of one of the above-mentioned degrees who wish to follow the programme must apply to the Consortium Board (via Erasmus University Rotterdam) of the programme before 31 May of the preceding academic year. After this date, they cannot be admitted.

The aptitude test checks whether the holder of the degree concerned has sufficient knowledge of deviant behaviour and social control, and of both qualitative and quantitative research methods. Knowledge of investigative methods is tested against the following criteria:

- Knowledge of the strengths, limitations and ethical concerns of both qualitative and quantitative research methods;
- The ability to formulate theoretically and evidence-based research questions;
- Knowledge of different types of research design and research methods suitable for answering a variety of research questions;
- Knowledge of and basic skills in the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data;

- Basic experience in formulating a theoretically and empirically based scientific argument.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

Bachelors in Criminology, in other Social Sciences, in Humanities or Law are eligible if the holder can:

- demonstrate sufficient knowledge of questions of deviance and social control;
- sufficient knowledge of both qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Students need to apply for admission to the programme before the deadline, using the completed application form and submitting all required documents. They will only be accepted after a thorough screening and selection.

Information on admission requirements and the administrative procedure for admission on the basis of a diploma obtained abroad, can be found on the following page: <https://www.internationalmastercriminology.eu/practical/>.

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Language requirements Dutch: no language requirements

The language requirements for this study programme can be found on: <https://www.internationalmastercriminology.eu/practical/>

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme

[studiekiezer.ugent.be/international-master-of-science-in-advanced-research-and-criminology-en/programma](https://studiekiezer.ugent.be/international-master-of-science-in-advanced-research-and-criminology-en/programma)

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## Information sessions

### Graduation Fair

[afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies](https://afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies)

## Enrolling institution

Ghent University, Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Kent

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](https://www.ugent.be/tuitionfee)

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