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FINANCIAL CRIME INVESTIGATION

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
MASTER OF SCIENCE

Examining the key aspects of financial crime, fraud examination and the investigative role in responding to organised crime, terrorism and risk.



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INTRODUCTION

Dear Prospective Student,

Understanding patterns, trends and criminal behaviour associated with financial crime are some of the most important defences available to organizations in their ongoing effort to **identify and mitigate risk, disrupt and prosecute** those responsible for financial crime including organised crime groups.

However, the way criminals conduct financial crime is ever-changing and accordingly, those challenged with **the development of fraud strategy, risk management and investigations in financial crime** must continually adapt, innovate and evolve if they are to successfully counter criminal behaviour and reduce vulnerability. This requires detailed understanding of **the techniques, the law, the ethical boundaries and opportunities** for optimal intelligence and information collection as it relates to these areas. Utilising this knowledge, the investigator must be able **to analyse, evaluate and make timely operational decisions** to mitigate risk.

This innovative postgraduate Financial Crime Investigation programme will give you a solid understanding of the many challenges and opportunities facing the financial crime professional community today.

The programme examines **key themes and debates that shape policy and practice associated with financial crime investigations**. It addresses critical areas of concern within the field including effectiveness, value, lawfulness, risks and ethics. It does so by exploring a wider range of subjects including **fraud examination, the elicitation of intelligence, counter fraud and corruption, underpinning legislation, oversight mechanisms, intelligence sharing and analysis**.

This course has been designed to provide you with a deep and systematic understanding of the discipline, both within the UK and globally.

You will start with an understanding of the **main conceptual and theoretical** debates within the discipline of financial crime investigation and then apply them to current issues at a local, national and global level. To enhance critical thinking, **you will study this area from academic, strategic and operational perspectives**. You will develop the skills of in-depth and critical analysis and become familiar with the latest research in the discipline. By developing a critical awareness of current problems, **you will secure new insights**.

Aimed at the financial crime investigator/analyst/leader, or those wishing to pursue this as a career path, the programme provides a flexible study option of a PGCert, PGDip and MSc. The programme will enable you to better analyse and evaluate these issues, **a pre-requisite for anyone with a remit that involves financial crime investigation**. You will be supported during the programme with access to course materials including specially written content, video, audio, images, discussion forums and full access to the resources of our library's extensive electronic holdings.

I welcome your interest in this ground-breaking course and I look forward to welcoming you as a student to study the ever-changing field of financial crime investigations.



Ann Stevens

Programme Leader

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ABOUT THIS COURSE

This programme is designed for people either seeking to enter a career that involves financial crime investigation or those already in the field tasked with financial crime investigations, fraud strategy and risk management. The course aims to connect a diverse body of **domestic and international students**, to share knowledge and develop expertise in the field of Financial Crime Investigations.

The course will explore the concept of 'Financial Crime Investigation' and some justifications for the increasing scrutiny and sanctions on international financial markets. The course will provide an overview of important historical, present and projected fraud techniques and impact of a perceived failure to displace the issue effectively.

The programme will connect the **conceptual basis of the discipline to some of the practical issues** facing the international system including some of the emerging patterns, trends and threats pertaining to both public and private sector agencies. The material is delivered by **widely published academics and by experienced practitioners within financial crime and security investigations.** The University encourages applications from those professionals who may not have prior experience of academic study but may have substantial experience of operating within the field of financial crime and investigations.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS



Award:
PGCert / PGDip / MSc
Financial Crime Investigation



Mode:
Part-time



Progression:
Students may enrol for just the PGCert (60 credits), or the PGDip (120 credits), or straightaway for the MSc (180 credits). Students enrolling onto the PGCert/PGDip level may re-enrol in future years to increase the level of their academic award



Attendance:
100% online



Structure:
60 credits (PGCert), 120 credits (PGDip) or 180 credits (MSc) modules delivered online with associated multimedia resources, discussion forums, team collaboration and tutorial support



Delivery:
Online distance learning



Duration:
11 months (PGCert)
22 months (PGDip)
27 months (MSc)



Awarded by:
Liverpool John Moores University
This is an LJMU programme and qualification, with enrolment and delivery administered by Informa Connect. The course is taught, assessed, quality assured and awarded by Liverpool John Moores University

KEY INFORMATION



When does it start?

We offer one start date per academic year.
Please visit: www.informaconnect.com/msc-financial-crime-investigation/ for the next available start date.



What are the entry requirements?

- ✔ A relevant second-class honours degree or above (such as in criminology, law, policing, security, social or political science) or an overseas equivalent qualification is normally required.
- ✔ Alternatively, a graduate level professional qualification of comparable standard and/or suitable work experience (such as policing, corporate intelligence, security or military) may be accepted. This course has been designed to support those who may not have a first degree but wish to undertake this programme. To improve the student's experience on the programme it is preferred that this will include as an alternative, a minimum 3 years experience of operating within the field of financial crime and investigations.
- ✔ Proficiency in English – where English is a second language you will be required to demonstrate a minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.5 or a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 575. In some cases, applicants who do not pass the standard entry requirement may be permitted to enrol at the discretion of the programme leader.
- ✔ When you apply, you will need to submit proof of your prior qualifications, your CV, a copy of your passport page and the application fee.



How is the course assessed?

To successfully complete this course, you must pass each module taken. Assessment will incorporate coursework, online assessments, research assignments and essays. You will be expected to participate in the virtual learning environment with tutors and fellow students.



How much does it cost?

Please go online to www.informaconnect.com/msc-financial-crime-investigation/purchase/select-course-option/ and see the fees page for full details.

An interest free instalment plan is available. Please contact us for more details.

Postgraduate loan

If you are a UK or EU national, or have UK 'settled status', and have lived in the UK or the EU (or wider EEA) for the last 3 years, plus will be living in the UK on the first day of your course, and haven't been awarded an MSc, MA, MBA or PhD already, you may be eligible for a loan of over £11,570 from the UK Government to study this course. Contact us for information or call the UK Student Loan Company (0300 100 0031).

Apply straight to MSc level or build up your qualification by starting with PGCert/PGDip

WHO IS THE PROGRAMME FOR?

IDEAL FOR...

This programme is ideal for those seeking to enter into or advance their fraud and financial crime related careers in the public and private sector, as well as professionals already engaged in such fields who seek to enhance their knowledge, critical thinking and career prospects by undertaking further qualifications. The course is also of benefit to anyone wishing to work in financial crime or gain promotion in public, private or international organisations. It is ideal for those whose career plans involve knowledge and understanding of the global fraud landscape and dealing with organised crime, terrorism and international security.

HOW YOU WILL LEARN

The course is taught in a distance learning format, with no attendance required on campus. All aspects of the programme are managed over the internet using a dedicated virtual learning environment platform which manages each participant's learning schedule. The course will include access to online study materials plus tutorial and discussion forums for networking and interacting with tutors and peers. Forum discussions allow students to co-operate across time zones and share knowledge and experience and discuss the course content with other students and course tutors.

Each module uses a variety of learning tools combined into a varied, interactive programme with resources including:

- ✓ Detailed study guides
- ✓ Electronic documents, readings, case studies and coursework
- ✓ Pre-recorded lectures, asynchronous seminars and tutorials
- ✓ Traditional textbooks
- ✓ Online multimedia content
- ✓ Interactive discussion groups

The modules are made available to you following a schedule that allows you to work at your own pace but keep in sequence with the assessment requirements. Each module is broken into a series of units and lessons, making the content manageable while assisting with your time allocation throughout the programme.

Employability: Further your career prospects

Liverpool John Moores University has an excellent employability record with 96% (HESA 2017) of our postgraduates in work or further study six months after graduation. Our applied learning techniques and strong industry connections ensure our students are fully prepared for the workplace on graduation and understand how to apply their knowledge in a real-world context.

This programme prepares you for further study, employment or new roles in your current profession.

Law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies currently suffer a skills gap in relation to quantitative research. This programme aims to fill that gap. It teaches the skills of research, conceptualisation, analysis, argument, and presentation – all highly valued in many areas of employment.

Students with an interest in pursuing an academic path will be encouraged to progress to PhD level. This MSc plays an important development role in this process.

PROGRAMME FACULTY

PROGRAMME LEADER



Ann Stevens

Ann has worked in Criminal Intelligence and Financial Crime for 28 years in both Public and Private Sector roles.

Ann was a police officer and force intelligence officer (FIO) for Merseyside Police and later moved to Global Security Financial Crime and Intelligence positions in the private sector. With a focus on Intelligence Investigations, taking a proactive approach to crime reduction and risk mitigation, Ann has leveraged global networks and joint agency collaboration to effectively respond to crime, disorder and organized crime.

Ann has been the Director of Professional Development for IALEIA, she has also developed content and instructed Financial Crime and Intelligence Programs for the past 10 years. Ann's education and professional profile includes an MSc Counter Fraud & Counter Corruption, Certified Fraud Examiner, (CFE) Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS), Certified Geographic Profiling Analyst (GPA) and Certified Criminal Analyst (CCA).

PROGRAMME FACULTY CONTINUED

COURSE FACULTY



Mick Creedon QPM

Mick Creedon QPM has over 37 years of experience in policing and security spending the last 16 years working at executive level as a Chief Officer in two East Midlands forces and nationally representing the police service in England and Wales as the first national policing coordinator for serious and organised crime. Through his experience as a senior investigator he has carried out many external reviews and investigations in working with several other forces, the Independent Police Complaints Commission, HM Revenue and Customs, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, the Criminal Case Review Commission, the National Crime agency, and several other Government departments.



Dr Adrian James

Dr Adrian James is Reader in Police Studies at the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies and a former Scotland Yard detective. Awarded his doctorate by the London School of Economics for a study into the origins and development of intelligence-led policing. Adrian has published extensively on investigative policy and practice. His publications include a research monograph on the UK's National Intelligence Model, which is commonly viewed as the template for intelligence-led policing models that have emerged around the world. Other publications include the books *Examining Intelligence-Led Policing* (2013) and *Understanding Police Intelligence Work* (2016). He maintains strong links with the policing institution through his research and consultancy work and recently completed a study for the UK's College of Policing into 'what works' in police intelligence practice



Professor Sir Jon Murphy QPM

Sir Jon Murphy QPM joined Merseyside Police as a Cadet in January 1975. Following early uniform roles, he went on to an almost 20-year unbroken career as a detective rising to the rank of Detective Superintendent Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) before returning to uniform duties as Force Operations Manager. He is a former SIO and Head of Intelligence who has performed the role of Gold Command during a counter-terrorist operation. He is retained as a policing advisor to Government and in 2017, following a lone-actor terrorist attack on Parliament tragically resulting in the death of a police officer, he conducted a review of security at the Palace of Westminster



Peter Williams

Peter Williams is a lecturer in Policing at the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies. Prior to working in higher-education full time, he served as a Police Officer with Merseyside Police, retiring as an Inspector in 2005. He then became a Senior Lecturer in Policing at Teesside University and during that time delivered policing programmes to the Royal Military and Royal Air Force police, the Rwandan National Police and West Mercia Police. He has written on policing, criminal justice and terrorism and is a regular contributor to global media on the subjects of policing and terrorism.

About the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies (LCAPS)

Established in 2015, LCAPS delivers a range of undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral qualifications in a range of areas from forensics and cybercrime, to international investigation and covert techniques. LCAPS is the chosen provider of the new College of Policing endorsed Police Degree Apprenticeship on behalf of Merseyside Police and each year the Centre inducts over 350 new students a year across all of its programmes of study. The dedicated academics in the Centre cover research topics including: human trafficking to supply the drugs trade; international terrorism; serious and organised crime; intelligence analysis and counter-terrorism, and many have extensive experience within law enforcement related roles.

FINANCIAL CRIME INVESTIGATION MODULES

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

PGCert (Financial Crime Investigation)

Comprises three mandatory modules:

1. Financial Investigation (20 credits)
2. Countering Fraud and Corruption (20 credits)
3. Understanding Terrorist Financing (20 credits)

PGDip (Financial Crime Investigation)

Comprises the prior mandatory three modules and the following modules:

4. Fraud Examination (20 credits)
5. Intelligence Sharing and Co-operation (10 credits)
6. Research Methods (10 credits)
7. International Financial Crime and Security (20 credits)

MSc (Financial Crime Investigation)

Comprises of the prior requirement for the PGCert and the PGDip plus a dissertation of 15,000 words

8. Financial Crime Investigation (60 credits)

MODULE 1

Financial Investigation (20 credits)

This module will raise the student's awareness of the significant benefits in utilising the various aspects of financial investigation to effectively deal with all levels of criminality, including serious and organised crime. The programme will initially evaluate the strategic approaches, current legislation and assess the relationship between financial investigation, the proceeds of crime and asset recovery. It will take the student through a systematic and structured approach in considering the offences, powers and investigation processes involved, also assessing those same issues in relation to money laundering. The Module will evaluate the role of the Financial Investigator and Financial Investigation Teams from the local, regional, national and international perspective, together with measuring the benefits, efficiency and effectiveness of the multiagency approach to financial investigation, the re-use of assets, how performance is measured and the judicial processes.

- ✔ Understanding the current and potential future strategic approaches, the governing legislation, procedures and the relationship between financial investigation, proceeds of crime and asset recovery
- ✔ Money laundering - understanding the offences, powers and investigation processes, together with the international regulatory framework
- ✔ From local to global - the role of the financial investigators and financial investigation teams
- ✔ Effective use of financial intelligence and investigation in countering all levels of crime
- ✔ Financial investigation and organised crime
- ✔ The multi-agency approach to financial investigation
- ✔ Performance measurement, governance, the judicial processes and the re-use of assets

MODULES CONTINUED

MODULE 2

Countering Fraud and Corruption (20 credits)

This module will consider the global fraud landscape and escalating evolution of critical risks in the advent of the digital age. Students will review and analyse criminal behaviour theories that impact fraud and the challenges of collaboration, technology, privacy legislation and policy development in building an effective fraud risk strategy.

Key Topics

Following an introductory session the module will address the following topics:

- Public vs private fraud and intelligence concepts
- Organized crime – fraud and other activities
- Non-organized fraud – reasons/methods
- Assessing fraud risk in a developing market
- A history of fraud – pre internet
- Fraud in the developing technological space
- Learning Activities
- Common analysis techniques and popular technologies
- Process vs gadgets, the value of a good foundation
- The Fraud Triangle concept
- Behavioural displacement techniques and the impact to crime networks

MODULE 3

Understanding Terrorist Finance (20 credits)

The module examines terrorist groups and how they obtain and use finances, both for operational attacks and for long term existential objectives of the group or organisation. It further examines the international counter measures and analyses how successful or otherwise these have been to date. It considers the modes of operation of terrorist fund raising from both an operational, practitioner perspective and from the long term strategic international perspective.

Key Topics

- The international terrorist threat since 9/11
- Terrorist groups and organisations and their finances
- Terrorism in differing global regions and variations on finances
 - The attempts to establish financial compliance systems and compliance and regulatory regimes, transitioning from financial crime to encompass terrorist financing
- Global issues of financing of terrorism
- Modus operandi of terrorist financing
- Some underestimated or 'intelligence blind spot' in international efforts against terrorist financing
- Vulnerabilities of the private financial sector and financial institutions
- An overview of international and national counter measures deployed against to terrorist financing and assessing their effectiveness

MODULES CONTINUED

MODULE 4

Fraud Examination (20 credits)

This module will introduce students to conducting fraud investigations in the private sector. Fraud has evolved in the digital age at an ever-increasing rate and requires constant skill growth and adaptability to be effective at countering the problem. Complex multi-region regulatory controls around data protection and sovereignty can create boundaries to intelligence agencies, while the virtual environment enables criminal activity across international borders often unhindered, responding to fraud has many variables and shows no signs of slowing. This module will encourage students to critically assess response tactics and common information sources available to them in order to successfully conduct a fraud investigation.

Key Topics

Following an introductory session the module will address the following topics;

- ✔ Fraud in the private sector, a brief history and current landscape
- ✔ The impact of government regulations/legislation to fraud investigations
- ✔ Case studies of fraud/financial crime and lessons learned
- ✔ The value of partnerships & information sharing in fraud investigations
- ✔ Understanding identity crime, fraud and organized crime
- ✔ Understanding fraud reporting (organizational) – benefits/challenges (globally)
- ✔ networking for the greater good

MODULE 5

Intelligence Sharing and Cooperation (10 credits)

The failure to share information with others can undermine the effectiveness of operations and investigations, sometimes fatally. Even though the benefits of intelligence sharing have been well evidenced, why does this appear to be a regular problem across agencies. This module explores how intelligence sharing mechanisms have developed over time, locally, nationally and internationally. It will critically assess the legislative provision underpinning the management of information and explore the barriers and enablers to effective sharing and cooperation.

Key Topics

- ✔ The development of an intelligence sharing operational environment
- ✔ Intelligence sharing legislation
- ✔ UK intelligence sharing mechanisms
- ✔ EUROPOL and transnational cooperation
- ✔ The role of Interpol in intelligence and sharing
- ✔ The development and role of the Five Eyes Intelligence Community

MODULES CONTINUED

MODULE 6

Research Methods (10 credits)

The generation of high-quality research is critical for the development of financial crime studies. Without research how do we know what activities are effective? This module provides students with an introduction to quantitative and qualitative research methods, and the types of skills necessary for the planning, data gathering and writing a research proposal. It includes research design, methods of data collection and approaches to managing and analysing data. The module will equip students with a basic understanding of the underlying principles of quantitative and qualitative research and the links between the two. It will assist students in choosing the most appropriate research method to address a particular research question. The module will be geared towards the student completing the dissertation or an independent and original research paper, which may shape and influence future practice.

Key Topics

- ✔ Introduction to social research
- ✔ Using quantitative research & data
- ✔ Using qualitative research & data
- ✔ Data analysis and SPSS
- ✔ Research design
- ✔ Preparing the research ethics application
- ✔ Writing a research proposal

MODULE 7

International Financial Crime and Security (20 credits)

In an era of huge financial insecurity, this module looks at issues of crime within the international criminal system and dwells on emerging crimes. The module deals with the overall aspect and impact of financial crime in the context of the security of the financial system and wider security related issues, including financing of terrorism. Such fundamental issues will be deployed in horizon scanning of the potential macro-economic impact of illicit finances upon national economies, and the impact upon both the public and private financial sectors

Key Topics

Following an introductory session, the module will address the following topics:

- ✔ The international financial system
- ✔ International money laundering and the attempts to establish financial compliance systems and compliance and regulatory regimes
- ✔ Central banks and their involvement in anti-money laundering and potential role in anti-terrorist financing
- ✔ Global issues of financing of terrorism
- ✔ Overall economic impact of such financial crime and terrorist financing on the public and private sectors
- ✔ Vulnerabilities of the private financial sector and financial institutions
- ✔ An overview of international and national counter measures deployed against to financial crime, money laundering and terrorist financing and assessing their effectiveness

MODULES CONTINUED

MODULE 8

Financial Crime Dissertation (60 credits)

The vocational nature of this postgraduate programme is further enhanced by the dissertation, which is particularly useful for working professionals who want to focus their efforts on a topic that has particular relevance either to their own work environment or one in which they may want to further develop their career. The dissertation enables students to investigate and undertake an independent and sustained piece of research into a substantive topic within the field of Financial Crime studies. Students can select their own research area, but this is subject to authorisation of the course leader and the dissertation must include independent and original empirical research. Students will submit a formal dissertation plan and once this has been approved, students will be allocated a dissertation tutor, and for the remainder of the module, supervision of the dissertation will be conducted on an individual basis. It is expected that pertinent knowledge and skill gained in other course modules will be reflected in the dissertation.

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Hear what a student said about their experience on the Counter-Terrorism Studies course also offered by LCAPS at LJMU:



I found the module very well structured and the videos very educational. The interviewed guests provided a good insight on the topic discussed based on their real life experience. The tutor led us in this module with diligence and pointed out any shortcomings in regard to transferring our knowledge to an academic level. ”

Petre Corneliu Neacsu, Field Security Coordination Officer at the United Nations

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WHO WE ARE



ABOUT LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY

Today, with a vibrant community of 25,000 students from over 100 countries world-wide, 2,500 staff and 250 degree courses, Liverpool John Moores University is one of the largest, most dynamic and forward-thinking universities in the UK.

The Financial Crime Investigation programme is delivered by the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies at Liverpool John Moores University. The university combines professionally recognised qualifications with innovative and socially orientated courses. The centre has an outstanding reputation for research, with academic staff contributing regularly to industry journals, advisory groups, governmental policy, as well as gaining regular public exposure through the press and broadcast media.

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