

## Overview

<b>Programme Code</b>	36639
<b>Programme Title</b>	Financial Crime Investigation
<b>Awarding Institution</b>	Liverpool John Moores University
<b>Programme Type</b>	Masters
<b>Language of Programme</b>	All LJMU programmes are delivered and assessed in English
<b>Programme Leader</b>	
<b>Link Tutor(s)</b>	Peter Williams

<b>Partner Name</b>	<b>Partnership Type</b>
Informa Connect	Supported Distance Learning

## Awards

Award Type	Award Description	Award Learning Outcomes
Target Award	Master of Science - MS	See Learning Outcomes Below
Recruitable Target	Postgraduate Diploma - PD	See Learning Outcomes Below
Recruitable Target	Postgraduate Certificate - PC	See Learning Outcomes Below
Alternative Exit	Postgraduate Diploma - PD	Evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in security studies. Evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses. Exercise self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level. Advance their knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level. Exercise initiative and personal responsibility, including decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations. Learn independently for the purposes of continuing professional development.
Alternative Exit	Postgraduate Certificate - PC	Exercise self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level. Advance their knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level. Exercise initiative and personal responsibility, including decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations. Learn independently for the purposes of continuing professional development.

### Alternate Award Names

## External Benchmarks

### Subject Benchmark Statement

## Programme Offering(s)

Mode of Study, Mode of Delivery	Intake Month	Teaching Institution	Programme Length
Part-Time, Distance Learning	September	Informa Connect	2 Years

## Aims and Outcomes

### Educational Aims of the Programme

These courses aim to provide students with a critical view of the use and management of information in financial crime investigations within the context of threat, risk and in particular exposure to serious organised crime. It will explore investigations conducted by intelligence agencies, law enforcement and private sector agencies. It will explore considerations for operational ethics in decision making and using real life case studies understand the criminal environment. During the programme, students will use reflection and critical analysis to understand and develop their own area of expertise within the fields of Financial Crime Investigation. To place these in context, the courses aim to provide an analysis of significant cases and investigation and issues of the late 20th and 21st century and place this within a practical basis for the use of financial crime investigation. An exploration of the history and development of Financial Crime, informed by both its success and failure nationally and internationally will help the student contextualise the importance of the disciplines and the varying degrees of impact on operational activity. An examination of the capabilities will provide the student with a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses when applied in a given set of operational circumstances. In particular, students will be introduced to the myriad of diverse regulatory and legal frameworks that exist globally. These courses are taught by distance learning and aim to connect a diverse body of domestic and international students across to time zones, to share knowledge and develop expertise in the fields. The courses key aims are:

- To provide a part-time distance learning programmes in Intelligence for full-time employees or for those seeking a career in Financial Crime Investigation.
- To enable students to make an original contribution to the discipline of Financial Crime.
- To produce competent, informed reflectively and ethically competent students who have a developed academic understanding the key issues within Financial Crime and the concepts which underpin the discipline.
- To enable students to connect the conceptual basis of the disciplines to some of the practical issues facing the national, regional and international Financial Services Industry.

### Learning Outcomes

Code	Description
PLO1	Critically demonstrate an understanding of the inter-related nature of terrorist organizations and illicit fund raising.
PLO2	Discuss and explain the key challenges of investigating fraud in the private sector
PLO3	Critically discuss the value of collaboration and intelligence sharing in fraud investigations – (Global/Local).
PLO4	Critically discuss the regulatory variances and their impact as it relates to Fraud investigations (Global/Local).
PLO5	Critically evaluate the fraud strategy/fraud risk framework in both public and private sector organizations.
PLO6	Independently engage with the subject literature, analyse and assess it to support critical and normative judgements within security studies and theories with relevant evidence and structured argument.
PLO7	Identify a range of research strategies and methods and reflexively assess the merits of each.
PLO8	Demonstrate the skills necessary to plan, conduct and report a research project.
PLO9	Undertake and present scholarly work.
PLO10	Critically engage with and scrutinize contemporary empirical research and best practice reports in the field of terrorist financing.

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PLO11	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the research designs, methodological choices, and validity of sources of empirical research and good/best practice guidance that seek to analyse and measure the performance of counter-terrorism interventions.
PLO12	Critically compare and contrast international and national counter measures and how they have attempted to utilize proactive financial intelligence.
PLO13	Examine the international context that influences national policy and develop an understanding of the history of the development of the discipline in the UK
PLO14	Critically assess the strategic approaches, the governing legislation, powers, procedures and the various investigation processes involved in financial investigation, proceeds of crime, asset recovery and money laundering
PLO15	Critically evaluate the role of the Financial Investigator and Financial Investigation Teams in effectively dealing with all levels of criminality including serious and organised crime
PLO16	Critically assess the impact of effective financial investigation, from the local to the international level and how this is enhanced by the multi-agency approach
PLO17	Critically analyse how performance in financial investigation is measured, taking into account the governance and the Judicial processes around confiscation and the re-use of Assets

## Programme Structure

### Programme Structure Description

Completion of 60 taught credits provides Postgraduate Certificate in Financial Crime Investigation. Completion of 120 taught credits provides Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Crime Investigation. Completion of 180 taught credits provides MSc in Financial Crime Investigation. Students enrolling onto the Postgraduate Certificate in Financial Crime Investigation will undertake the following modules; 7140PS: Understanding Terrorist Financing 7108PS: Financial Investigation (Inc POCA & Asset Recovery) 7230PS Counter Fraud and Corruption Students enrolling onto the Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Crime Investigation will undertake the following modules; The modules listed above plus; 7134PS: International Financial Crime and Security 7127PS: Intelligence Sharing & Cooperation 7231PS: Fraud Examination 7218PS Research Methods Students enrolling onto the MSc in Financial Crime Investigation will undertake the following modules; The modules listed above plus; 7141PS: Financial Crime Dissertation, which will be led by the module leader from the Policing Studies team and students will be supervised by the most appropriate member of academic staff from across the faculty. Skype tutorials with module leaders will be available within office hours for distance learning students. The learning outcomes for the alternative target award applies to any alternative exits that may be awarded. Students can be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate exit award for completion of any 60 credits from the taught modules. Students can be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma exit award for completion of the 120 credits from the taught modules.

Programme Structure - 180 credit points	
Level 7 - 180 credit points	
Level 7 Core - 180 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] 7108PSCPD Financial Investigation (Including POCA and Asset Recovery) Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7127PS Intelligence Sharing and Cooperation Approved 2022.04 - 10 credit points	
[MODULE] 7134PS International Financial Crime and Security Approved 2022.03 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7140PS Understanding Terrorist Financing Approved 2022.03 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7141PS Security Management Dissertation Approved 2022.01 - 60 credit points	
[MODULE] 7218PS Research Methods Approved 2022.03 - 10 credit points	
[MODULE] 7230PS Counter Fraud and Corruption Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7231PS Fraud Examination Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
Level 7 Optional - No credit points	OPTIONAL

Module specifications may be accessed at <https://proformas.ljmu.ac.uk/Default.aspx>

## Teaching, Learning and Assessment

The methods used to enable outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated are as follows: Teaching, learning and assessment methods used to enable outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated. On the course, there is a special emphasis on a sound grasp of the relevant academic literature, including substantial use of key scholarly journals in the field of security studies, intelligence analysis and criminology. The assessment strategy also concentrates on how theory relates to and enhances good practice. This is assessed through a variety of summative and formative assessments including online reports and essays. Students on the programme will be delivered research-informed teaching that is relevant and current to those seeking to understand the challenges facing societies. The input of LJMU based experts actively researching across the disciplines of (amongst others) policing studies, security studies, international relations, and criminology will be supplemented with teaching inputs from Security and Policing stakeholders drawn from such diverse backgrounds as police leaders, the military and Civil Servants. In a programme designed with the demands to balance work and study commitments the MSc in Financial Crime Investigation combines the extensive use of Informa Connect virtual learning environment to tutor and support students through the development of their agendas for work-based research activity. The diversity of the talents within the teaching team, drawing together as it does established LJMU based researchers and staff currently or recently employed in policing or security professions, enhances the learning development opportunities for students to engage with whilst also ensuring that course content is relevant to, and informed by, professional practice. A range of learning strategies and a variety of modes of interactive delivery conducive to on-line distance learning will be utilised throughout the programme and delivered by the LJMU VLE Canvas or Informa Connect learning platform, including an introductory lecture and a range of on-line activities; e.g. presentations, workbooks, podcasts, blogs, forums both tutor-led synchronous (which can be recorded) and asynchronous, Skype tutorials in addition to utilising suitable OER (open educational resources), such as 'You Tube' videos, supported by digital key readings. Knowledge and understanding is assessed via summative assessment methods suitable for on-line distance-learning, such as formal and reflective essays, and full-scale individual report. A range of periodic formative study skills and knowledge checks will be completed by the students on-line which feedback will be given in order to enable on-going development via reflective practice and aimed at research and compilation of the summative assessment tasks. Target Award Learning Outcomes are taught through on-line lectures and developed via on-line forums, knowledge checks and appropriate formative tasks designed for on-line learning. These skills are assessed across all modules while the variety of assessments across the programme ensures that these skills are assessed in different ways and in a mode suitable for on-line distance-learning. Formative assessment is used to develop knowledge, understanding and skills, while summative assessment is used to assess the student's success in achieving the learning outcomes.

## Opportunities for work related learning

It is envisaged that many of those undertaking this course will already be employed within policing institutions or security related agencies. However, for those based in Merseyside opportunities are available for students to work as Special Constables within Merseyside Police and British Transport Police.

## Entry Requirements

Type	Description
Other international requirements	Applicants are required to have achieved an IELTS score a minimum of a 6.5 or equivalent English language Programme.

Alternative qualifications considered

Applications will be especially welcomed from those who have at least one of the following: - A relevant first degree (such as a degree in criminology, social or political sciences) - Specific experience related to crime and security (such as police or military work) - Relevant professional qualifications In some circumstances applicants who do not possess the standard entry qualifications may be permitted to enrol on the MSc/PG Dip/PG Cert at the discretion of the course leader. Applications are welcomed from overseas students, and all applicants are considered on individual merit, without regard to gender, marital status, disability, race, ethnic origin, religion or social background. The course will be taught in English, and for those applicants whose native language is not English, evidence of proficiency in the English language will be required. The MSc/PG Dip/PG Cert in Financial Crime Investigation is tailored specifically for 'in-service' security professionals and those aspiring to work in this field. As outlined above applicants are required to possess an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline (which is defined broadly to take into account the potential breadth of interests of the students) but can include, criminology, police studies, criminal justice, security studies in a criminal justice or related social sciences discipline.

### **Extra Entry Requirements**