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# MSC FINANCIAL CRIME AND COMPLIANCE IN DIGITAL SOCIETIES (TOP-UP)

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## Develop robust procedures for the digital age

In this master's, you will learn the latest knowledge from the subject area leaders - The University of Manchester and the International Compliance Association (ICA). The cutting-edge research of our Department of Criminology combined with ICA's globally recognised standards will ensure that you build on your practical knowledge and boost your career.

**Dr Katie Benson**  
Course Director



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The course will equip senior managers with the knowledge, expertise and skills needed to refine their own professional and scientific development, and directly contribute to the enhancement of their business organisations by translating 'science into practice' in order to inform corporate strategies, policies and decisions in relation to governance, compliance and financial crime risks.

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**Bill Howarth**  
Founder and  
President, ICA



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We are delighted to be working with The University of Manchester on this new cutting-edge MSc top-up programme which is the culmination of a 20-year collaboration between our two institutions. The MSc in Financial Crime and Compliance in Digital Societies is the benchmark qualification for senior professionals working in governance, risk, compliance and financial crime prevention. This world-class qualification brings together a unique mix of academic excellence and practical application, ensuring that you gain significant opportunities to enhance your career.

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## Financial Crime and Compliance in Digital Societies

In the face of increasingly sophisticated financial crime concerns, it is crucial that you are equipped with the skills and expertise needed to understand and respond to these challenges. Our leading, top-up master's will provide you with the additional digital edge you need to sharpen your knowledge and develop strong governance, risk and compliance strategies to combat ever-evolving threats.



### Top-up degree

Build on your ICA qualification to gain an MSc from a leading university



### September start

Start your master's in September



### Blended learning

Online course with practical masterclasses, in-person or online



### 12 months, part-time

Study this part-time course while you work



### Build your global network

Meet and collaborate with like-minded professionals from around the world



### Leading and up-to-date knowledge

Learn the latest theory with real-world case studies



### Research and teaching excellence

Trusted by worldwide students and supported by high-profile academics



### Flexible format

Learn flexibly at your own pace

## Power your career forward

The MSc in Financial Crime and Compliance in Digital Societies is designed to provide you with an operational toolkit to lead initiatives in governance, risk and compliance within your field.

- ✓ Inform strategy creation and operational policies to **make your organisation more efficient, robust and compliant**, and in turn protect customers, investors and reputations more broadly.
- ✓ Recognise data vulnerabilities that emerge when new technologies are integrated and **be able to respond strategically**.
- ✓ Build your expertise, empowering you to confidently interact with your colleagues, organisation and other stakeholders to **shape approaches to prevention, intervention and reduction with regards to financial crime and compliance risks**.

This MSc will provide you with practical, actionable tools to enhance your work in governance, risk, financial crime and compliance amidst an increasingly complex, digital landscape. You'll also make lifelong connections across fields and economies at our practical masterclasses, enhancing your network and providing a strengthened global context to your professional practice.

### Dr Nicholas Lord

Professor of Criminology and Director of the Centre for Digital Trust and Society



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Financial crime and compliance risks in digital societies can be complex and businesses need to be prepared for the challenges they create. As Professor of Criminology at The University of Manchester, my research has primarily focused on financial and economic crimes such as fraud, corruption and money laundering, and their control and regulation. This course will equip you with the latest theoretical and practical knowledge making you well-placed to implement, where necessary, organisational change in governance, risk, compliance and financial crime prevention, and accelerate your career development.

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## Practical masterclasses

You will have the opportunity to join **three exclusive practical masterclasses in Manchester each year**, giving you a chance to network and reinforce your expertise.

These practical masterclasses will be your opportunity to strengthen your learning and connect with your global community. Held over three days in Week 4 of each unit, they involve talks by The University of Manchester academics and interactive workshops with subject experts on related and topical issues.

In these practical masterclasses, you'll benefit by participating in hands-on activities related to your studies, learning from industry leaders and working with your course peers, potentially finding partners for your dissertation project.

You'll enrich your study experience, enhance your practical skills and boost your international connections. While the masterclasses will take place in Manchester, they will also be streamed or recorded for those unable to attend.

### Nadim Awad

Senior Director, Compliance Investigations



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The networking part is very important to me. I am studying alongside professionals from different jurisdictions, providing me with insight into the best practice across various industries. For me, the practical masterclasses are an added value to the learning experience.

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### Rachel

Risk Specialist, Financial Services



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I find the in-person masterclasses very valuable. You interact with professionals from diverse backgrounds, external speakers with differing areas of specialism, and you have the opportunity to collaborate with peers and course academics. You meet people who may help your career development and you can make friends for life.

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## What you will study

You will learn the new best practice in governance, risk, compliance and financial crime prevention in the face of new challenges posed in digital societies, through the following units:

### 1 Compliance and Financial Crime Risk - Analysis and Explanation

- Understand motivations and propensities for engaging in risky practices.
- Learn how company cultures, structures and policies can inadvertently encourage risky behaviour.
- Realise how wider political-economic environments have an effect.

### 2 Digital Technologies, Financial Crimes and Compliance

- Identify issues that arise in relation to digital trust, digital security and digital vulnerabilities.
- Gain insight into digital vulnerabilities such as misinformation and the implications for business.
- Focus on cyber-enabled financial crime risks.

### 3 Data, Evidence and Intelligence on Financial Crime and Compliance

- Learn about the processes and approaches underpinning the production of evidence and intelligence on financial crime and compliance.
- Enhance your ability to undertake evidence-based research based on your existing knowledge.
- Develop methods to evaluate policies on financial crime and compliance and their impact.

### 4 Project (Three Pathways)

- Option A - Long Dissertation, original empirical research and 12,000-15,000 word dissertation.
- Option B - Short Dissertation, 6,000 - 8,000 words + 2 short units on research and practice.
- Option C - Group Dissertation, collaborative alternative content in a group of 3-5 and a personal reflection on the process.

Please note, this MSc carries a total of 200 hours of study per unit (for Units 1-3), a workload of approximately 20 hours per week.

## How you will study

We designed our top-up MSc Financial Crime and Compliance in Digital Societies in a way that allows you to enhance your knowledge while continuing to work.



### Learning tailored to you

This part-time, blended master's is delivered through a mix of online content and three in-person or online practical masterclasses, granting you the space to boost your practical skills and advance in your career.



### Flexibility and choice in project pathway

This MSc is assessed through a variety of methods including written coursework, recorded presentations and online tasks such as quizzes. To complete this MSc qualification, you must complete a project which includes a dissertation with three possible pathways.



### Access to online resources and media

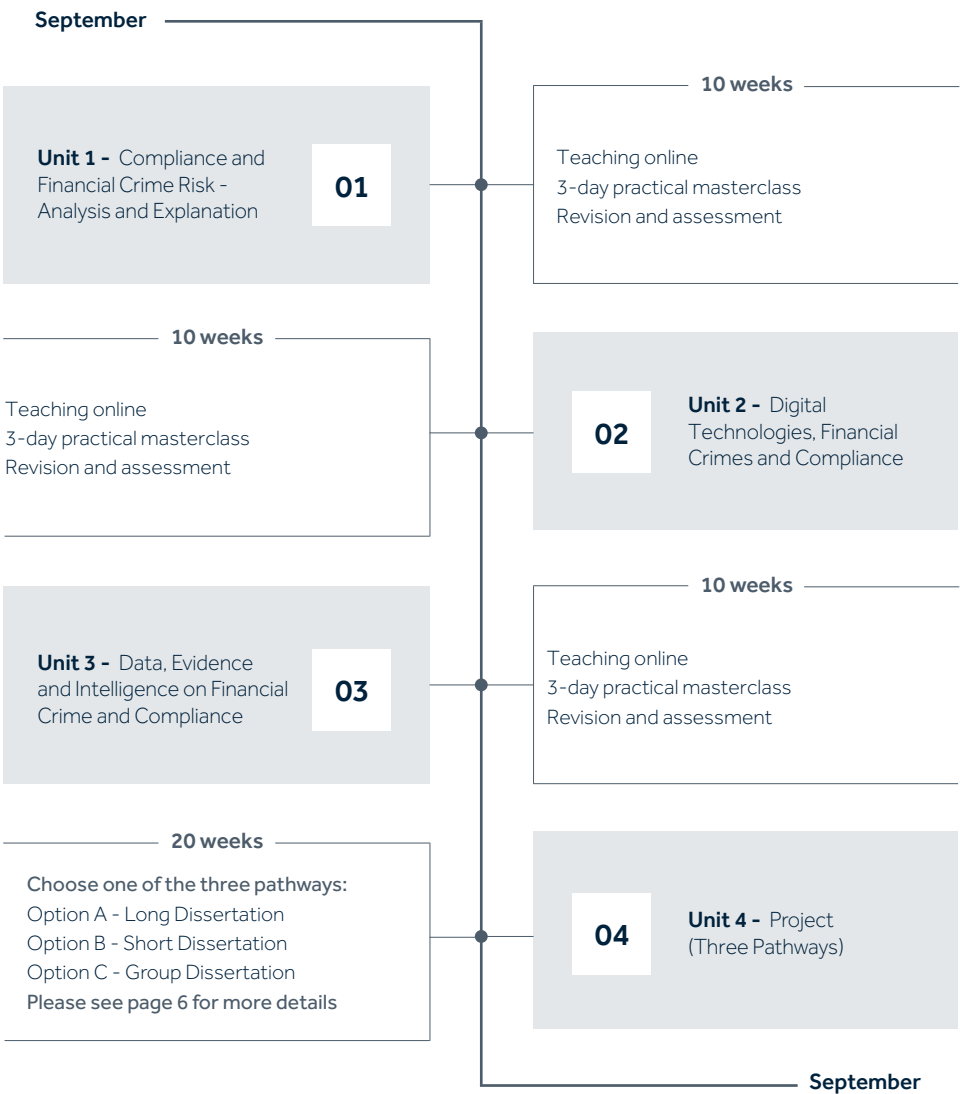
Teaching takes place through a virtual learning environment (VLE) which hosts online resources and a peer discussion forum. These resources include course materials such as podcasts, audio, text and video, as well as reading lists and access to the University's extensive online library.



### Hands-on training and networking

We hold practical masterclasses in Manchester three times each year which are designed to help you strengthen your applied knowledge and network with your peers. Held in Week 4 of each unit, they will feature workshops which involve problem-solving tasks based on case studies. The masterclasses will be streamed or recorded for those unable to attend.

# Join us in September





## Support and services

As a student of The University of Manchester, you will receive full access to our facilities and resources such as the online library, study support and wellbeing services. Many of these services offer personalised support and 24/7 access, and are all accessible to our global community.



### Additional reading material

The course learning material will be accessible from the VLE.



### Wellbeing

Benefit from our online support services including individual Zoom consultations and a 24/7 mental health helpline.



### Personalised support

Your Academic Tutor and Study Support Advisor will be your first points of contact for support and advice.



### International centres

In addition to Manchester, our centres in Dubai, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Singapore offer spaces for study and opportunities for collaboration and networking.



### Technical support

One-to-one VLE training from your Study Support Advisor and support from a dedicated IT Services team.

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When you study with us you really are joining a thriving online community. Studying online does not mean that you're studying alone. There's a wide range of support, resources and services which are available for you. We'll provide you with the tools that you need to help you along the way.

**Phoebe**

Course Advisor

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## Joining us

The MSc in Financial Crime and Compliance in Digital Societies top-up degree is designed specifically for ICA graduates who are working professionals in financial crime, governance, risk and compliance. This course is ideal for those with strategic and decision-making responsibilities in their organisations.

### Entry Requirements

If you have successfully completed the ICA PPGDip in Financial Crime Compliance or ICA PPGDip in Governance, Risk and Compliance, you can apply for this course.

### Fees

The tuition fee is £11,000 for all students and can be paid in instalments. This covers tuition only and does not include costs associated with the practical masterclasses.

You can apply to the course online at: [www.manchester.ac.uk/financialcrime](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/financialcrime). To speed up the application process, please submit the following documents with your online application form:

1. Copies of your official ICA certificates, showing the subjects taken and grades obtained.
2. At least one reference, academic or professional.



## Join us and add this prestigious master's to your CV



### Study part-time

Blended learning through online resources and practical masterclasses to suit your schedule.



### Real-world strategies

Learn theory reinforced with real-world examples to boost your expertise and develop a practical toolkit.



### Blended learning

Enhance your online study experience with in-person networking opportunities.



### Gain a competitive edge

Studying this unique MSc will ensure that you develop the latest leading knowledge and boost your career trajectory.



### Practical masterclasses

Hone your problem-solving skills and network with likeminded professionals.



### ICA and The University of Manchester

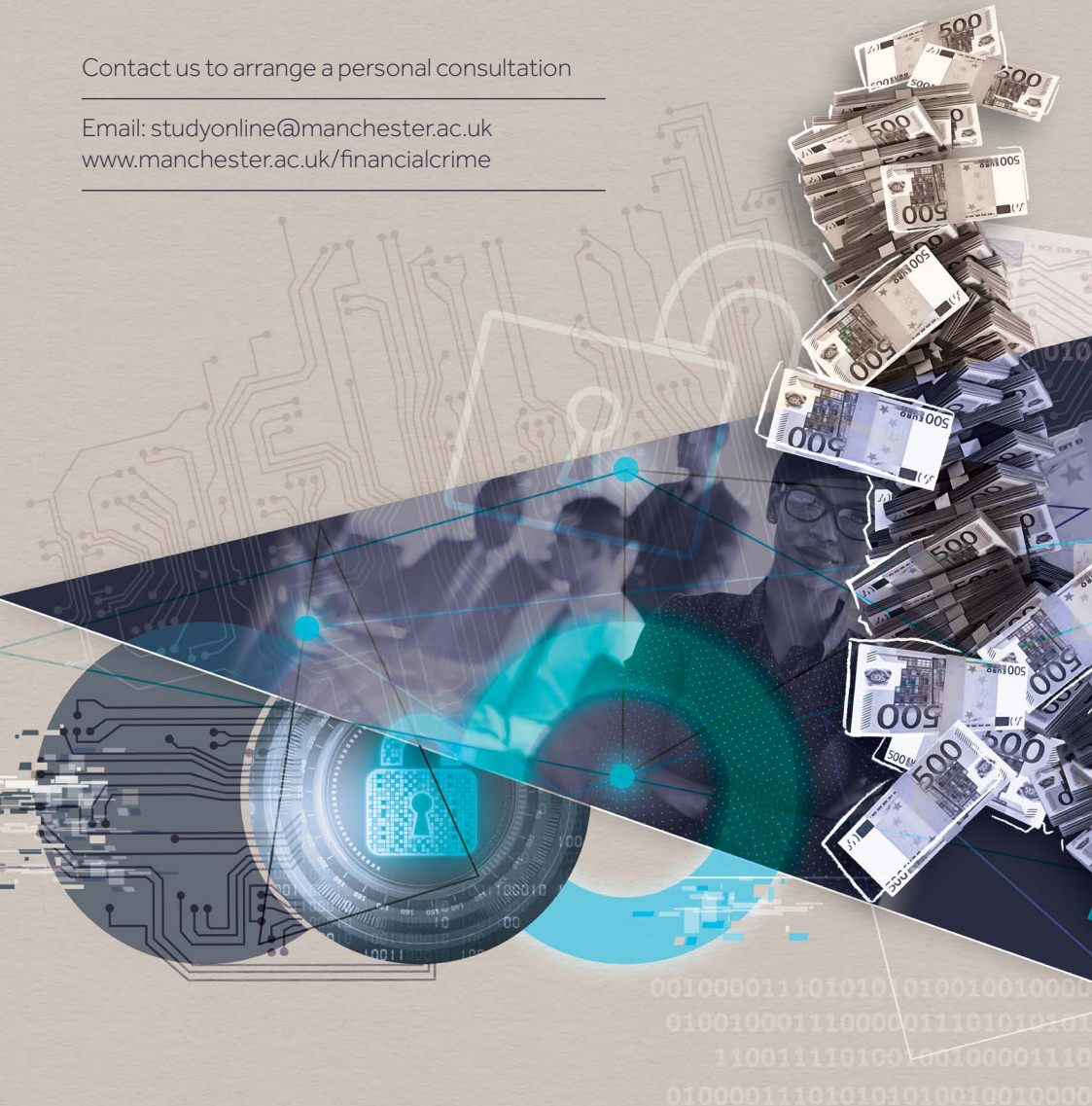
This collaboration unites globally recognised standards and award-winning research.



# GET IN TOUCH

Contact us to arrange a personal consultation

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