

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Programme Regulations 2021-2022

Programme Title:	International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies
Programme Code	IMSISS
Offered on a full-time or part-time basis	Full-time

The Degree of International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies (IMSISS) is offered jointly by the University of Glasgow, Charles University, Prague, and Dublin City University, Ireland or the University of Trento, Italy (the 'Partner Institutions'). From 2020-2021, students will be admitted to one of two study tracks: Track A is offered by the University of Glasgow, Charles University, Prague, and Dublin City University, while Track B is offered by the University of Glasgow, Charles University, Prague, and the University of Trento. The IMSISS Joint Academic Regulations in Appendix B are those promulgated by the University of Glasgow, the Coordinating Institution, which have been created in collaboration with the Partner Institutions. The programme regulations outlined in this document apply to all taught module components at DCU, and are complementary to the IMSISS Joint Academic Regulations.

1. Programme Specific Rules and Requirements

1.1 *Calculation for the Award Classification*

In order to qualify for the award of the degree a candidate must complete a minimum of 120 ECTS equivalent including 90 ECTS of taught courses and a 30 ECTS research portfolio. DCU's recorded grades—in conjunction with Marks and Standards—will be converted to University of Glasgow's grading scale, as per the Grade Conversion Table (see Appendix A).

2. Derogations from Marks and Standards

2.1 Marks and Standards in respect of individual DCU taught modules apply.

2.2 A repeat option is not available on the IMSISS programme except where documented extenuating circumstances apply as confirmed by the Programme Board. For information on progression, see section 3.

3. Progression

- 3.1 Progression, as defined in DCU Marks and Standards¹, is automatic on this programme. Students will progress from Year 1 to Year 2 irrespective of the module results they achieve in Year 1 at DCU, to facilitate their participation in the third mobility period of the programme at Charles University, Prague, in Semester 1 of Year 2. Where a student has not successfully completed a module or modules in Year 1 at DCU, they may be allowed to carry the module into Year 2 if they have documented extenuating circumstances.
- 3.2 Progression, as outlined in item 3.3 and in Appendix B, item 6.1 of these regulations, refers to the decision of the Joint Progress Board² as to whether a student is of suitable academic standing to undertake a dissertation or equivalent piece of independent research. Progression, by this definition, is not considered until after the third mobility period, i.e. after Semester 1 of Year 2.
- 3.3 In line with the progression regulations of the Coordinating Institution, the University of Glasgow (Appendix B, item 6.1), a candidate will be permitted to progress to preparation of the dissertation only if he or she has obtained an average of 50% or above in the taught modules with at least 75% of the credits at 40% or better and all credits at 10% or above. The Programme Guide may specify a module or modules in respect of which a specific grade is a minimum requirement of progression.

3.4 *Exit Awards*

Upon completion of 30 ECTS of taught modules, students may exit with a Postgraduate Certificate in Global Security. Upon completion of 60 ECTS of taught modules, students may exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in Global Security. Students may also transfer to the University of Glasgow's MSc in Global Security after year one of IMSISS, where they will have the opportunity to complete 90 credits (60 ECTS taught modules + 30 ECTS dissertation for the award of MSc in Global Security). Early exit awards will be awarded solely by the University of Glasgow and will recognise modules provided by Dublin City University on an exchange basis.

4. Compensation

Marks and Standards apply in respect of DCU taught modules.

5. Resit Categories

All modules offered by DCU satisfy the requirements of Resit Category 1

Resit category 1: A resit is available for all components of the module.

¹ [Marks and Standards, v2021.1](#): "Progression is defined as the permission granted to a student to register in the subsequent academic session for the next diet of modules within his/her programme of study."

² The Joint Progress Board monitors and oversees the progress of students through the programme and draws on the same membership as the Joint Board of Examiners. The membership of the Joint Board of Examiners is defined in the relevant Consortium Agreement.

6. Resit Arrangements

Students who are required to resit assessment components for DCU modules must do so within the normal DCU timelines as outlined in the [DCU Academic Calendar](#), i.e. during the summer of Year 1. Students who have been permitted to progress to Year 2 carrying a DCU module or modules, as outlined in item 3.1 of these regulations, may only avail of one attempt to complete the module or modules in question in Year 2, i.e. a resit opportunity will not be available in Year 2 for a carried module (see Appendix B, item 5.1).

7. Regulations, Policies and Guidelines

DCU regulations, policies and guidelines are applicable to all modules delivered in DCU.

APPENDIX A

IMSISS Grade Conversion Table

ECTS / percentage scale	UoG	CU	DCU
A (top results, 99-100% exceptionally strong performance during entire semester) Excellent	22 (A1) Excellent	A (99-100)	80-100
A (above average A, 97-98%) Excellent	21 (A2) Excellent	A (97-98)	77-79
A (average A, 95-96%) Excellent	20 (A3) Excellent	A (95-96)	74-76
A (weak A, 93-94%) Excellent	19 (A4) Excellent	A (93-94)	72-73
A (weakest A, 91-92%) Excellent	18 (A5) Excellent	A (91-92)	70-71
B (strong B, 86-90%) Very Good	17 (B1) Very Good	B (86-90)	67-69
B (weak B, 81-85%) Very Good	16 (B2) Very Good	B (81-85)	64-66
C (strong C, 76-80%) Good	15 (B3) Very Good	C (76-80)	60-63
C (weak C, 71-75%) Good	14 (C1) Good	C (71-75)	57-59
D (strong D, 66-70%) Satisfactory	13 (C2) Good	D (66-70)	54-56
D (weak D, 61-65%) Satisfactory	12 (C3) Good	D (61-65)	50-53
E (strong E, 57-60%) Sufficient – meets minimum criteria for award of credits	11 (D1) Satisfactory	E (57-60)	47-49
E (average E, 54-56%) Sufficient – meets minimum criteria for award of credits	10 (D2) Satisfactory	E (54-56)	44-46
E (weak E, 51-53%) Sufficient – meets minimum criteria for award of credits	9 (D3) Satisfactory	E (51-53)	40-43
FX (strong FX, 47-50%) Fail – some work required before credit can be awarded	8 (E1) Weak	F (0-50)	35-39
FX (average FX, 44-46%) Fail – some work required before credit can be awarded	7 (E2) Weak	-	30-34
FX (weak FX, 40-43%) Fail – some work required before credit can be awarded	6 (E3) Weak	-	25-29
F (strong F, 37-39%) Fail – considerable work required before credit can be awarded	5 (F1) Poor	-	20-24
F (average FX, 34-36%) Fail – considerable work required before credit can be awarded	4 (F2) Poor	-	15-19
F (weak FX, 30-33%) Fail – considerable work required before credit can be awarded	3 (F3) Poor	-	10-14
F (zero percent)	2 (G1) Very poor	-	7-9
F (zero percent)	1 (G2) Very poor	-	4-6
F (zero percent)	0 (N)	-	1-3

APPENDIX B

Resolution 679

INTERNATIONAL MASTER in SECURITY, INTELLIGENCE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

The Degree of International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies is offered jointly by the University of Glasgow, Charles University, Prague, and Dublin City University, Ireland or the University of Trento, Italy (the 'Partner Institutions'). The regulations are those promulgated by the University of Glasgow, the coordinating institution.

RESOLUTION

The Degree of International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies is governed by Resolution No. 679 of the University Court with provision that:

1. The Degree of International Master (IM/IntM/Mgr./LM52³) may be awarded jointly by the Senate of the University of Glasgow in the College of Social Sciences and by Charles University, Prague, and Dublin City University, Ireland or the University of Trento, Italy.
2. The Senate may make regulations governing the award of the Degree which are subject to the approval of the University Court - these are set out in the section entitled 'Regulations' below.

REGULATIONS

A student admitted onto the programme must follow the instructions issued by the relevant School and be aware of the content of the Programme Specification and the Programme Document (often referred to as the Programme or 'Course' Guide) which will contain further details on the Programme and may include further requirements associated with the award.

1. Admission

Before being considered for admission to study for an award to which these Regulations apply, a candidate must normally have obtained a degree or equivalent.

2. Duration of Study

The minimum period of study for the award of the degree is 24 calendar months. The maximum period for full-time study is 48 calendar months of registered study.

3. Programme Components

³ The award abbreviation IM/IntM/Mgr. refers to the award for students who take the DCU pathway ("Track A"), IntM/Mgr./LM52 refers to the award granted to students who complete the University of Trento pathway ("Track B"). Graduates will only be conferred with the award appropriate to the pathway taken.

In order to qualify for the award of the degree a candidate must complete a minimum of 240 creditsⁱ [120 ECTS equivalent] including taught courses and a 60 credit [30 ECTS] research portfolio.

4. Minimum Requirement for the Award of Credits

Credits for courses contributing to a candidate's curriculum shall be awarded subject to the fulfilment of required conditions. The minimum requirements for the award of credits are set out in the Code of Assessment at §16.40 – §16.44 in the 'University Fees and General Information for Students' section of the [University Regulations](#).

5. Assessment

5.1 For each academic session, assessment and reassessment are, insofar as not modified by these regulations, governed by the Code of Assessment which is contained in the 'University Fees and General Information for Students' section of the [University Regulations](#) published for that session.

5.2 The assessment of each taught course will be conducted by the institution teaching that course, with the course result determined in accordance with the assessment grading/mark schedule of that institution. In determining whether a candidate has satisfied the requirements set out in these regulations, the equivalence of course results recorded by the Partner Institutions to those recorded by the University of Glasgow shall be set out in the Programme Guide. The result for the dissertation will be determined in accordance with the assessment schedule of the University of Glasgow.

5.3 (a) Courses for which the candidate has registered must be counted towards the calculation of the candidate's grade point average for the purposes of §6 and §8 unless other provision is justified by good cause circumstances affecting the candidate.

(b) This regulation applies where course registration continues: i) on the date on which the first summative assessment for that course is to be submitted; or ii) on such other date as may be specified in the course document for that course.

(c) This regulation does not apply to the Czech State Examination referred to in §8.1 or to any modern language courses undertaken as part of the programme, the results from which will not contribute to calculation of the candidate's grade point average.

6. Progress

6.1 A candidate will be permitted to progress to preparation of the dissertation only if he or she has obtained a grade point averageⁱⁱ of 12 (equivalent to C3) or above in the taught courses referred to in §3 with at least 75% of the credits at grade D3 or better and all credits at grade F3 or above. The Programme Guide may specify a course or courses in respect of which a specific grade is a minimum requirement of progression.

6.2 A candidate may be required to commence work on the research portfolio before the assessment of the taught courses referred to in §3 has been completed. Such a requirement shall not indicate that the candidate has satisfied the requirements for award in relation to the taught courses. In the event that subsequently after all opportunities at assessment have been exhausted the candidate does not achieve the standard required in relation to the taught courses specified in §8.1, the candidate will not be eligible for the award of the Masters degree and the following will apply:

- If the research portfolio has been submitted, it will be marked and a grade published.
- If the research portfolio has not been submitted but is substantially complete and no further supervisory input is required, the candidate may submit the work by the published deadline. The work will be marked and a grade published.
- If the research portfolio is not substantially complete or requires further supervisory input, the work should be discontinued and no submission made. No grade will be published for the candidate.

7. Reassessment of Research Portfolio

7.1 Where a candidate requires a higher grade in the research portfolio to satisfy the requirements set out in §8.1, reassessment of that research portfolio will be permitted on one occasion only, under such conditions as the Examiners may prescribe in each particular case. Normally, resubmission should be no later than three months after the date of the meeting of the Board of Examiners. There is no automatic entitlement to repeat any previous practical work associated with the research portfolio or to undertake further practical work.

7.2 Where at the time of publication of the grade achieved on the research portfolio a candidate has exhausted all assessment opportunities on the taught courses referred to in §3 and has failed to satisfy the standard required in relation to the taught courses specified in §8.1 for the award of the degree, a resubmission will only be permitted where the Board determines that no further supervisory input is required.

8. Requirements for the Award of the International Master Degree and Rules for Award of Distinction and Merit

8.1 A candidate will be eligible for the award of the Degree on obtaining:

- (a) a grade point average of 12 (equivalent to C3) or above in all the taught courses within the programme, as specified in §3, with at least 75% of these credits at grade D3 or better, and
- (b) all credits at grade F3 or above, and
- (c) grade D3 or better in the research portfolio, and
- (d) grade D3 or above in all components of the Czech State Examination (comprising written and oral examination).

8.2 A candidate will be eligible for the award with Merit on achieving at the first attempt:

- (a) a grade point average of 15 (equivalent to B3) or above across the taught courses and the research portfolio, and
- (b) a grade point average of 14 (equivalent to C1) or above for the taught courses, and
- (c) grade C1 or above for the research portfolio, and
- (d) grade D3 or above in all components of the Czech State Examination.

Where a candidate has satisfied the requirements set out in §8.2 (b), (c) and (d), and their grade point average for the 240 credits completed on the programme at the first attempt falls within the range 14.1 and 14.9 the Board of Examiners shall have discretion to make the award with Merit. No discretion can be applied in relation to the grade required for the Czech State Examination.

8.3 A candidate will be eligible for the award with Distinction on achieving at the first attempt:

- (a) a grade point average of 18 (equivalent to A5) or above across the taught courses and the research portfolio, and
- (b) a grade point average of 17 (equivalent to B1) or above for the taught courses, and

- (c) grade B1 or above for the research portfolio, and
- (d) grade D3 or above in all components of the Czech State Examination.

Where a candidate has satisfied the requirements set out in §8.3 (b), (c) and (d), and their grade point average for the 240 credits completed on the programme at the first attempt falls within the range 17.1 to 17.9 the Board of Examiners shall have the discretion to make the award with Distinction. No discretion can be applied in relation to the grade required for the research portfolio or the Czech State Examination.

9. Transfer of Registration

A student who is unable to complete the programme may transfer their registration to the MSc Global Security, offered by the University of Glasgow, which has provision for the additional exit awards of Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma.

10. Academic Appeals

A candidate wishing to appeal against an academic decision relating to a course should follow the academic appeals procedure of the Partner Institution delivering that course; a candidate wishing to appeal against an academic decision made in relation to the overall Programme should follow the academic appeals procedure of the University of Glasgow.

ⁱ In compliance with the Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework for a Masters Degree 150 credits must be gained from Masters level courses (level M/SCQF level 11). 20 SCQF credits equals 10 ECTS.

ⁱⁱ 4 The grade point average is determined with reference to the schedule of grades and grade points contained in Schedule A and Schedule B of the University's Code of Assessment. The grade point average is calculated by taking the product of each course's weight and the candidate's grade points and dividing the sum of these products by the sum of the courses' weights. The weights shall correspond to the courses' credit ratings unless specified otherwise in the relevant programme documentation. The grade point average is expressed to one decimal place (§16.34(a) of the Code of Assessment). In determining whether a candidate has satisfied requirements in relation to progress and award, no further rounding is permitted. For example, a grade point average of 11.9 would not satisfy a requirement for a grade point average of 12.