MRes International Terrorism and Extremism

Programme Overview

The MRes in International Terrorism and Extremism Studies draws on Liverpool Hope's significant research strength in this field, and offers an innovative programme for aspiring academic researchers, policy makers, and practitioners with an interest in a subject at the cutting edge of contemporary criminology.

This unique degree programme aims to give students a robust grounding in the study of terrorism and extremism, and the interplay between security and the criminal justice system. Across two taught modules and an original research dissertation students will engage with in-depth subject teaching in this area, as well as advanced quantitative and qualitative research skills and the ethics and practicalities of conducting research on terrorism and extremism. This will build towards the production of an original research dissertation that explores a contemporary terrorism or extremism issue in line with the course content.

By providing students with a world-leading understanding of the core issues around this field and the skills to produce high-quality original research, the course will allow them to pursue careers in and around criminal justice and security policy or practice, or to engage in advanced academic study via further postgraduate research qualifications.

Why Choose Liverpool Hope

This innovative course is designed as blended delivery Masters by research to increase flexibility and accessibility to students. The largely online nature of the course means that students can fit study around careers and other aspects of a busy life.

Here at Hope we have a group of criminological scholars who are active researchers in the fields of terrorism and extremism. Our research underpins the teaching delivery, ensuring that classes are grounded in cutting-edge research from this field of scholarship.

The course has an impressive research methods dimension which prepares students to participate as active researchers in their own right. The experience that is built on this part of the course provides students with important transferable skills to take into their future careers.

Key Information

Award: MRes International Terrorism and Extremism

Study Mode: Full-time & Part-time

Duration: 12 months full-time; 27 months part-time.

Intake: September.

Entry Criteria: A minimum of a Second-Class Honours degree in a relevant discipline awarded by a UK university, or an equivalent higher education qualification.

For students whose first language is not English there is a language requirement of IELTS 6.0 overall (reading 5.5, writing 5.5). In addition to this, we also accept a wide range of International Qualifications.

Fees and Funding: For tuition fee information, please go to the Student Finance pages at **www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/feesandfunding**

How to Apply: For details on the application process visit: **www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/howtoapply**

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Curriculum

The MRes in Green Criminology and The MRes in International Terrorism and Extremism comprises two compulsory taught modules of 30 credits each and a compulsory research dissertation of 120 credits. Assessment methods may include coursework, in the form of essays, reports, presentations, and an empirical research dissertation.

Modules

During the programme you will study:

Terrorism and Extremism (30 Credits - Compulsory)

This module will critically explore key contemporary concepts and issues in extremism and terrorism studies. It will provide a broad-ranging perspective on the field through consideration of national and international controversies, research, and areas of academic and policy debate. It will investigate areas such as radicalisation, counter-violent extremism (CVE), and political violence, and will provide students with a holistic overview of criminological research around contemporary terrorism and extremism.

The module will be delivered through a combination of lectures and discussion-based seminar classes. These lectures will be grouped into four themes: defining extremism and terrorism; causes of extremism and terrorism; counter violent extremism policy frameworks; case studies in extremism and terrorism.

Seminars will take a problem-based learning approach, using case studies to support students to consolidate and apply their learning from the lecture programme, set reading, and further directed study activities.

Advanced Research Methods (30 credits - compulsory)

This module will provide students with an overview of the advanced social research methods that provide the foundation for their dissertation research. It will cover a range of relevant topics and skills, including quantitative and qualitative research methods, research design, ethical issues in research, sources of data collection, and the use of specialist software.

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Seminars will focus on practical research skills, and will provide students with the opportunity to work in groups on the design and analysis of quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods research projects. The sessions will also provide guidance for students in developing a research proposal for an empirical dissertation project.

Extended dissertation (120 credits - compulsory)

The extended dissertation offers students the opportunity to produce a longer piece of original research on a topic related to the core subject focus of the degree programme. This may draw on themes introduced in taught modules, or may alternatively speak to interests and/or topics from outside the core programme syllabus.

Produced under the guidance and oversight of a member of academic staff through regular one-hour one-on-one supervisory meetings, the 30,000-word extended dissertation will involve the collection, analysis, and presentation of results from original primary and/or secondary research. In so doing it will provide a test of the student's knowledge and understanding of ethics, research practice, planning, and time-management.

Research Environment

The MRes on International Terrorism and Extremism is taught by highly-regarded criminologists with strong teaching and research reputations. Our academics have published well-regarded papers and developed important research into various strands of contemporary extremism. Several members of our team active in various international research networks dedicated to the study of extremism and the search for solutions to the problem of political violence.

Teaching follows Liverpool Hope University's Learning and Teaching strategy, with an emphasis on small-group teaching. The programme is delivered through lectures and seminars, providing you with the opportunity to work with other students and critically apply your learning. This is supported by directed independent study.

Teaching is delivered at Liverpool Hope University's main campus, Hope Park. The campus is situated just four miles from the city centre and offers superb academic and support facilities, including a library with extended opening hours, computer and wi-fi access, a gym and sports centre, and a careers service for advice on part-time work opportunities and post-study careers.

Future Career Opportunities

Students who complete this course will be well placed to pursue careers in policing, intelligence, security services and the wider law-enforcement network. However, the course will also prepare students to pursue a range of careers outside the security sector. The research skills built on this course will allow students to pursue careers in a range of sectors including, policy development, the civil service, local and national government, media, the third sector to list but a few.

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