

# International Master's in Advanced Research in Criminology

2026-2028

A close-up photograph of a hand touching a soccer goal net. The net is made of white hexagonal mesh. In the background, a soccer player in a blue jersey is visible, but out of focus. The background is a clear blue sky.

Becoming a specialist in  
understanding crime and  
crime control, and finding a  
balance between demands  
for security and social justice

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## What does this IMARC program offers you?

The International Master's in Advanced Research in Criminology (IMARC)

IMARC is a learning programme in international criminology with a focus on the critical, cultural and global dimensions of border crossing, security and social justice. IMARC aims to address the need for internationally oriented and interdisciplinary trained researchers that can offer original insights and analyses as well as innovative, effective and ethical solutions to advance both policy and practice, and academic research.

IMARC brings together learning, research and practice through collaboration with partners such as governments, ngo's, corporate actors and other universities. You are trained in a variety of research approaches and methodologies. You participate in international conferences and intercultural and interdisciplinary exchange. As a graduate you will have a lot of expertise in the field of border crossing, security and social justice. As an IMARC student you develop fresh and critical views on the essential criminological issues.

A consortium of four European universities, Erasmus University Rotterdam (the Netherlands), Ghent University (Belgium), University of Málaga (Spain) and Middlesex University London (UK) offers this two-year, joint master's programme and brings together learning, research and practice through collaboration with already well-established partners among which governments, NGO's, corporate actors and other universities.

**"Climate change, migration... they transcend national borders and require an international response."**

*Taavet Hinrikus, entrepreneur*

### Your future with IMARC

IMARC is an international, two-year postgraduate educational programme, with a focus on border-crossing, security and social justice and involves different Universities in Europe. Increasing flows of people, goods and information raise new questions about how governments and societies respond to perceived and actual treats of crime. Current developments in Europe and beyond challenge not only our understanding of crime and crime control, but also the balance between demands for security and social justice. IMARC trains students to develop fresh and critical views on terrorism, human trafficking, cybercrime, corporate and organized crime, to external and internal border control, EU criminal justice, policing and crime prevention, to migration policies, human rights, social exclusion and urban safety.

### We offer

- Theoretical and practical perspectives on border-crossing, security and social justice;
- Scientific research of the highest quality: empirical research with quantitative and qualitative methods, dossier studies and discourse analyses.
- Engagement in research and being open minded to reflect and respond to new developments and current discussions in criminology and the work field of borders, security and social justice.
- The programme brings together learning, research and practice through collaboration with already well-established partners among which governments, ngo's, corporate actors and other Universities, which contributes to the employability of our students.
- Participation in international conferences, twice a year with students from other universities;
- International mobility, intercultural and interdisciplinary exchange
- Upon successful completion of the Joint Master's Programme, you will be awarded the national degree of the university you spent at least one semester.
- Two year programme, four semester: the programme starts at EUR, where you take several basic theoretical and methodological courses in criminology. In the second semester, you will move to one of the four universities according to your chosen thematic track. In the third semester you can opt for a research-based internship or to do fieldwork for your thesis. And in semester 4 you write your Master's thesis under supervision of the university at which you follow the track.

### Erasmus Mundus

The IMARC programme has been selected as an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master (EMJM) programme. This award is a very prestigious recognition by the European Commission and a sign of top quality. The highest-ranked students who match the eligibility criteria will be offered an Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM) Scholarship by the European Commission.

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**human trafficking**  
radicalisation **geopolitics**  
**terrorism** **human rights**  
border control **cybercrime**  
migration policies

## International Master's in Advanced Research in Criminology

| Year 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | EC        |
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| <b>Semester 1: Basic courses at EUR</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>30</b> |
| Globalisation, Digitalization, Crime & Governance                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7,5       |
| Advanced Research Methods                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10        |
| Analysing Criminal Policies                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7,5       |
| Corporate and White Collar Crime & Governance                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5         |
| <b>Semester 2: Specialization track</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>30</b> |
| <b>EUR track</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |           |
| Cross-border organised crime                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5         |
| Terrorism, extremism and control                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7,5       |
| Urban issues, culture and crime                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7,5       |
| Doing research in IMARC                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 5         |
| Elective course                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5         |
| <b>UGENT track</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |
| Advanced European Criminal Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 9         |
| Critical Criminology and the Criminal Justice System (includes Common Session)                                                                                                                                                        | 8         |
| International Migration Law and Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8         |
| One of the following elective course:<br>• Sexual Offending, Prostitution and Human Trafficking; • Cybercrime, technology and surveillance.                                                                                           | 5         |
| <b>UMA track</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |           |
| International criminal judicial cooperation                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3         |
| Fundamental rights and criminal proceedings                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3         |
| Economic criminal law                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3         |
| Criminal policy on Intellectual and Industrial Property                                                                                                                                                                               | 3         |
| Criminal policy on cultural diversity and immigration                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3         |
| Criminal policy models                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3         |
| Criminal legislative policy                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3         |
| Criminal law and gender                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3         |
| Criminal Law and Criminal Policy of Corruption                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3         |
| Drug Trafficking Offenses and Criminal Drug Policy                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3         |
| <b>MDX track</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |           |
| Criminal Justice, Courts and Prisons                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 15        |
| 'Terrorism and Violent Extremism': Transformations and Responses                                                                                                                                                                      | 7,5       |
| One elective from the list:<br>• Cyber Safety and Practice; • International Criminal Law; • Climate Justice;<br>• Drugs & Crime • International Organisations and International Dispute Resolution; • AI, Ethics and Digital Society. | 7,5       |
| <b>Semester 3: Repairing and doing research</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>20</b> |
| Common Study Sessions                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 5         |
| Key Ideas in Criminology. An IMARC public lecture                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5         |
| <b>Semester 4: Writing the Master's thesis</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>30</b> |
| Final Master's Thesis                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 30        |

EEA

60%

40%

non-EEA

Admitted in  
total so far

180

28

started in 2025

70

alumni



Application deadline EMJM  
scholarships **15 March 2026**



Application deadline  
(non-EEA) **30 April 2026**



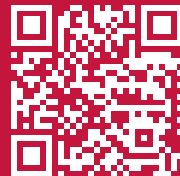
Application deadline  
(EEA) **30 June 2026**

## Questions?

Do not hesitate to contact the master coordinator, Elisabeth Brein, via **imarc@law.eur.nl**.

Questions about admission?

- For Dutch students, please contact Eddie van Roon via **masterinstroom@law.eur.nl**;
- For international students, please contact André van der Schee via **informationdesk.llm@law.eur.nl**.



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