



# Master of Science Cybersecurity

Designed to address the widening skills shortage in Cybersecurity, this programme delivers content that follows best practice in industry.

## FULL-TIME

**This programme is delivered full-time over 12 months.**

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This master's programme is unique as it's 100% Cybersecurity. All modules are security focused, 100% relevant and exactly what industry requires.

The programme was designed with experts from leading Cybersecurity companies. Modules include Network Security and Network Forensics, Penetration Testing, Security Management & IT Law, Digital Forensics & Incident Response, Scripting for Automation, Applied Cryptography, Malware Investigations, Malware Reverse Engineering, Data Analytics, Cloud Security, Embedded Security, Software Security and Threat Intelligence.

Hands-on labs are provided through CIT's private cloud, giving students 24/7 access to state-of-the-art cybersecurity labs.

Upon successful completion of the MSc in Cybersecurity programme, the graduate will both understand and have the capacity to deploy many of the most advanced methods and systems to protect information at rest, in transit, and at work.

Graduates may also wish to continue to PhD level in this exciting field of study.

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## Department of Computer Science

The Department of Computer Science at CIT is one of the largest Computer Science departments in Ireland. We offer a range of modern undergraduate programmes and a host of opportunities at master's degree and at PhD level.

Our industry engaged programmes match the needs of our economy and have an excellent reputation for producing the most employable computer science graduates in the region. These highly skilled graduates are in huge demand and contribute significantly to the development of the region. As technology plays a greater role in our society the growth in the demand for these graduates will continue year after year.

### Background

Cybersecurity can be defined as the protection of information and information systems from unauthorised access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction in order to provide confidentiality, integrity, and availability. Today, Cybersecurity is becoming a function of increasing importance for the continued operation of commercial entities.

The increasing level of interconnectedness of information networks and the reliance of business models on this interconnectedness has resulted in a network (currently the Internet) that has over a yottabyte of information stored, much of which is unsecured. This continuing trend is predicted to strongly increase the importance of cybersecurity within most multinational entities.

### Cybersecurity (MSc)

The MSc in Cybersecurity programme has a strong applied emphasis which is supported by in-depth theoretical knowledge. The programme was developed with significant input from industry's leading cybersecurity experts.

Designed to address the widening practical and theoretical skills shortage in cybersecurity the programme delivers content that follows best practice in industry. The continuing trend of skills shortage in this area is predicted to increase the global demand for Cybersecurity graduates.

## Who Should Apply?

Are you interested in a career in Cybersecurity? Do you hold an honours degree in Computer Science, Engineering or in a cognate discipline? If so, this master's degree is the right choice for you.

## Programme Structure

The programme places significant emphasis on student learning by doing. It adopts a practical, hands-on, approach to learning, where all modules are fully assessed using continuous assessment methods. There are no formal end of semester written examinations and this ensures that you will learn by doing from the first module to the last.

This 90 credit programme is delivered over three 30 credit semesters. Each taught semester has a number of mandatory modules and a choice of electives as outlined below. The Research Project is started in Semester 2 and completed over the summer months.

Semester 1 (Autumn)	Type	Credits
<a href="#">Network Security &amp; Forensics</a>	Mandatory	10
<a href="#">Incident Response &amp; Forensics</a>	Mandatory	10
<a href="#">Scripting for System Automation</a>	Mandatory	5
<a href="#">Cloud Security</a>	Elective	5
<a href="#">Malware Investigations</a>	Elective	5
<a href="#">Data Analytics</a>	Elective	5
<a href="#">Free Choice Module</a>	Elective	5

Semester 2 (Spring)	Type	Credits
<a href="#">Security Management and Law</a>	Mandatory	10
<a href="#">Offensive Security</a>	Mandatory	10
<a href="#">Applied Cryptography</a>	Mandatory	5
<a href="#">Malware Reverse Engineering</a>	Elective	5
<a href="#">Threat Intelligence</a>	Elective	5
<a href="#">Software Vulnerabilities</a>	Elective	5
<a href="#">Free Choice Module</a>	Elective	5

Semester 3 (Summer)	Type	Credits
<a href="#">Research Project</a>	Mandatory	30

Detailed module descriptors can be viewed under the Computer Science link at <http://courses.cit.ie>. You can apply online at <http://cs.cit.ie/security>