



# Master of Science Information Security

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## ONLINE

**This programme is delivered exclusively online.**

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

The programme was designed with experts from leading Information Security 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 Information Security labs.

Upon successful completion of the MSc in Information Security 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

Information Security 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, Information Security 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 Information Security within most multinational entities.

## Information Security (MSc)

The MSc in Information Security 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 Information Security experts.

Designed to address the widening practical and theoretical skills shortage in Information Security 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 Information Security graduates.

## Who Should Apply?

Are you interested in a career in Information Security? 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 online programme is delivered over 24-months. Each semester has a number of mandatory modules and a choice of electives as outlined below.

| Semester 1 (Autumn - Year 1)    | Type      | Credits |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Network Security & Forensics    | Mandatory | 10      |
| Scripting for System Automation | Mandatory | 5       |
| Malware Investigations          | Elective  | 5       |
| Cloud Security                  | Elective  | 5       |
| Free Choice Module (Various)    | Elective  | 5       |

| Semester 2 (Spring - Year 1) | Type      | Credits |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Offensive Security           | Mandatory | 10      |
| Applied Cryptography         | Mandatory | 5       |
| Malware Reverse Engineering  | Elective  | 5       |
| Data Analytics               | Elective  | 5       |
| Free Choice Module (Various) | Elective  | 5       |

| Semester 3 (Autumn - Year 2)  | Type      | Credits |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Security Management and Law   | Mandatory | 10      |
| Incident Response & Forensics | Mandatory | 10      |

| Semester 4 (Spring - Year 2) | Type      | Credits |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Research Project             | Mandatory | 30      |

Module descriptors can be viewed under the Computer Science link at <http://courses.cit.ie>. You can apply for the programme online at <http://cs.cit.ie>. Recognition of Prior Learning information is available at [www.cit.ie/rpl](http://www.cit.ie/rpl).