

Course Outline

BSc (Hons) in Investigative Criminology and Criminal Psychology



YEAR 1: Modules	ECTS	Compulsory / Elective	Teaching	Assessment
History of Forensic Sciences and International Police Organizations	4	C	Online Classroom	Final Exam (75%), Research Assignment (25%)
Techniques of Investigation and Intelligence	10	C	Online & In-person Classroom, Laboratory	Final Exam (75%), Research Assignment (25%)
Research Methods and Professional Ethics	4	C	Online Classroom	Research Assignment (100%)
Crime Scene Investigation and Documentation	12	C	Online & In-person Classroom, Laboratory	Final Exam (75%), Laboratory Report (25%)
Physiological Psychology	10	C	Online Classroom	Final Exam (100%)
General Psychology	10	C	Online Classroom	Final Exam (100%)
General Criminology	10	C	Online Classroom	Final Exam (100%)
YEAR 2: Modules	ECTS	Compulsory / Elective	Teaching	Assessment
Criminal and Forensic Psychology	12	C	Online Classroom	Final Exam (100%)
European and International Criminal Law	10	C	Online Classroom	Final Exam (75%), Research Assignment (25%)
Computer forensics	10	C	Online & In-person Classroom, Laboratory	Final Exam (75%), Laboratory Report (25%)
PWitness Psychology, Behavioural Analysis and Interrogation Techniques	8	E	Online Classroom	Final Exam (75%), Research Assignment (25%)
Forensic Medicine and Toxicology	8	E	Online Classroom	Final Exam (100%)
Prison Psychology	6	E	Online Classroom	Final Exam (100%)
Neurocriminology	6	E	Online Classroom	Final Exam (100%)
Forensic Entomology and Archaeology	6	E	Online Classroom	Final Exam (75%), Research Assignment (25%)
Geographical Profiling	6	E	Online Classroom	Final Exam (75%), Research Assignment (25%)
Forensic Pathology and Toxicology	6	E	Online Classroom	Final Exam (75%), Research Assignment (25%)
Video Forensics	6	E	Online Classroom	Final Exam (75%), Research Assignment (25%)
YEAR 3: Modules	ECTS	Mandatory / Elective	Teaching	Assessment
Applied Criminology for Criminal Investigation and Security	14	C	Online Classroom	Final Exam (75%), Research Assignment (25%)
From Crime Scene to Court: Expert Witness	8	C	Online Classroom	Final Exam (75%), Research Assignment (25%)
Ballistics and Firearms	8	C	Online & In-person Classroom, Laboratory	Final Exam (75%), Laboratory Report (25%)
Web and Open Source Intelligence	8	C	Online Classroom	Final Exam (75%), Research Assignment (25%)
Final Dissertation	6	C	Online Classroom	Final Thesis on Research Area; 15-20 pages (100%)
Practical Work Experience	16	C	On-the-job Learning	On-the-job Performance and Feedback from supervisor (100%)

1. **Official Qualification - Educational Programme/s:**
BSc (Hons) in Investigative Criminology and Criminal Psychology. Full-time
2. **Higher Education Provider:** European Forensic Institute
3. **Accredited status:** Accredited by the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) – Higher Education Institution, License n. 2018-014
4. **Level of qualification:** Level 6 MQF and Level 6 EQF
5. **Type of Course/s**
Qualifications:
 - a. BSc (Hons) in Investigative Criminology and Criminal Psychology
 - b. Higher Diploma in Investigative Criminology and Criminal Psychology
 - c. Diploma in Investigative Criminology and Criminal Psychology
 - d. Certificate in Investigative Criminology and Criminal PsychologyAwards: in individual modules (more information available in Course Outline)
6. **Delivery Method:** Blended. Online sessions, in-person laboratory sessions (if applicable), in-person sessions and assessments at the Malta Life Sciences Park
7. **Hours of total learning:** 4.500 hours (contact hours, self-study hours, supervised placement, practice hours and assessment hours). Please refer to Course Outline for details
8. **Total credits:** 180 ECTS
9. **Attendance:** Full-time
10. **Programme Duration:** 3 Academic Years Full-Time
11. **Target audience & group**
Students: 18-30
Professionals: 21-65+
12. **Language:** English or Italian [programme will run if we meet the minimum student number]
13. **Entry requirements:** Maltese Matriculation Certification or international equivalent at EQF Level 4 [including Mathematics or science]; Minimum Language qualification threshold of B1 in accordance with the Central European Framework for Languages (CEFR) or its equivalent in programme language of delivery.

Learning Outcomes

14. The learner will be able to:

- a. use technical language correctly, to present complex concepts and information in a clear and concise manner, both orally and in writing, and the ability to interact and communicate effectively within a wide range of professional environments
- b. present and explain complex concepts and information in a clear and concise manner, both orally and in writing, to non-professionals
- c. use IT systems effectively to access, analyse and present complex data, research findings and the evidence base for forensic and investigative science
- d. work effectively and independently both within and/or lead an expert team
- e. use written and oral legal language for the courts

The learner will acquire, in the following categories:

- Detailed knowledge and understanding of selected aspects of criminology in order to be capable of: - Supporting the traditional investigative activities of the leaders of investigations (prosecutors, lawyers, police forces); - Carrying out observations and psycho-social-criminological analysis, on the victims, the witnesses and any other person involved directly or indirectly into a case; - Carrying out and/or support scientifically interviews, questionings or interviews with alleged criminals, convicts, victims, persons of interest, etc.; - Examining and analysing places and/or environmental or social contexts where the criminal events occurred in order to draw scientific hypotheses useful to the investigators when related to criminogenesis and criminodynamics; - Carrying out activities of precautionary investigation to have useful data on the probability that a crime will occur in a specific place or context; - Operating in critical contexts, both in the preliminary phase and the occurrence of a real threat or emergency
- Interpretation, Evaluation and Presentation of Evidence: - knowledge of how to record, manage, interpret, critically evaluate and present complex evidence and experimental results; - sound knowledge of prevailing legal standards and legislation applicable to the recovery, storage, retention, analysis and disposal of evidence
- Crime Scene Investigation and Criminal Behaviour: - knowledge of the principles and effective application of the relevant techniques needed for the formulation of

criminal examination strategies; - clear understanding of the responsibilities, roles and liabilities of the individuals and agencies involved in a crime, and of information exchange between them

- Legal Knowledge: a familiarity with the justice system (locally, EU Wide and internationally) and an appreciation of the importance of the continuity of evidence from crime scene to court
- Use of modern technology: - detailed and up to date knowledge of modern technology used for investigations in fields such as engineering and anti-counterfeiting
- Research Skills: - hands-on experience on leading and conducting a research piece in relevant fields; - investigative and analytical skills, including the ability to formulate problems clearly, identify key issues, carry out a substantial independent investigation using multiple information sources and apply critical judgement to construct logical arguments
- Laboratory Analysis: detailed knowledge of the theory, application and limitations of the principal laboratory methods used routinely in criminology, and competence in the selection and use of such methods
- Autonomous learning and development: students will be intellectually stimulated and encouraged to critically challenge and question all areas of Forensics and Investigative sciences with an open mind
- Responsible Ethical Standards: students will be taught and encouraged to demonstrate the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct and to take into consideration the public interest

15. **Teaching, learning and assessment procedures**: Online sessions delivered through our Institutional platform (MS Teams), access to study material on MS Teams and our Digital Library for independent study, in-presence sessions and laboratories (if applicable) under the guidelines provided by lecturers and their assistants. Assessments are in-presence or online depending on the type of assessment.

16. **Type of Assessment**: Written examination, laboratory report and research assignment (Teaching and learning methodologies available in the Course outlines)

17. **Registration Method**: Online on EFI Admission Portal

18. **Next Intake**: October every Academic Year

19. **Pass Rate:** > 40% (EFI grading system)

20. Grading system

Learning Outcome Score	Percentage Equivalent	Description	Honours Degree Classification	Other Award Classification	Qualitative Description
10	100	Pass	First	High Distinction	Student has achieved the learning outcome with no issues noted
7 - 9	70 - 99	Pass	First	Distinction	Student has achieved the learning outcome with minimal and/or negligible issues
6	60 - 69	Pass	Upper Second	Merit	Student has achieved the learning outcome with minor but non-negligible issues
5	50 - 59	Pass	Lower Second	Pass	Student has achieved the learning outcome with non-negligible issues
4	40 - 49	Pass	Third	Pass	Student has achieved the learning outcome with significant non-negligible issues
1 - 3	1 - 39	Fail	Fail	Fail	Student has NOT achieved the learning outcome with significant issues noted
0	0	Fail	Fail	Fail	Student did not answer question

21. **Registration:** admission process, a step-by-step-guide and other information are available on our website - <https://www.eufor.eu/education/admission/>

22. Identity Malta's VISA requirement for third country nationals:

<https://www.identitymalta.com/unit/central-visa-unit/>

23. Contact Details: available on our website (<https://www.eufor.eu/contact-us/>)

24. Address: Malta Life Sciences Park, Sir Temi Zammit Buildings – SGN 3000, San Gwann