# Master's in Forensic Investigative Psychology, Crime Analysis and Criminology



PgC - 30 ECTS	ECTS	Compulsory / Elective	Teaching	Assessment
The Science of Offender Profiling	4	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Report (50%)
Psychological Modus Operandi	4	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Essay (50%)
Advanced Computer Forensics	7	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Project (20%), Individual Essay/Report (20%), Individual Class Presentation (10%)
Cyber Security	6	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Assignment (20%), Individual Class Presentation (30%)
Introduction to Financial Crime and Fraud	4	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Essay (20%), Individual Class Presentation (30%)
PgC Independent Research	6	С	Online Classroom	Dissertation Content (80%), Presentation (20%)
PgD - 30 ECTS	ECTS	Compulsory / Elective	Teaching	Assessment
Techniques and Methods in Investigative Psychology	4	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Essay/Report(50%)
Investigative Interviewing	4	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Essay (50%)
Cyber Threat Intelligence	4	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Project (20%), Individual Essay (20%), Individual Class Presentation (10%)
Applying Science to Crime and Criminals	4	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Group Project (50%)
Crime Analysis and Geographical Offender Profiling	4	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Group Project (50%)
Advanced Web and Open Source Intelligence	4	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Project (20%), Individual Class Presentation (30%)
PgD Independent Research	6	С	Online Classroom	Dissertation Content (80%), Presentation (20%)
Master's - 30 ECTS	ECTS	Compulsory / Elective	Teaching	Assessment
Detecting Deception	4		Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Essay/Report (50%)
Terrorism, Radicalisation and Organised Crime	4	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Essay (50%)
Violent and Sexual Offending	4	С	Online Classroom	Final exam (50%), Individual Essay (50%)
Master's Independent Research and Final Dissertation	18	С	Online Classroom	Dissertation contents (80%) Presentation (20%)

- 1. Official Qualification Educational Programme/s:
  - Master's in Forensic Investigative Psychology, Crime Analysis and Criminology 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 7 MQF and Level 7 EQF
- 5. Type of Course/s

#### Qualifications:

- 1. Master's in Forensic Investigative Psychology, Crime Analysis and Criminology (90 ECTS)
- 2. Post Graduate Diploma in Forensic Investigative Psychology, Crime Analysis and Criminology (60 ECTS)
- 3. Post Graduate Certificate in Forensic Investigative Psychology, Crime Analysis and Criminology (30 ECTS)

Awards: in individual modules (more information available in Course Outline)

- 6. **Delivery Method:** Online.
- 7. **Hours of total learning:** 2250 hours (contact hours, self-study hours, supervised placement, practice hours and assessment hours). Please refer to Course Outline for details
- 8. Total credits: 90 ECTS9. Attendance: Full-time
- 10. **Programme Duration:** 18 months Full-Time
- 11. Target audience & group

Students: 19-30 and Professionals: 31-65

- 12. **Language:** English [programme will run if we meet the minimum student number]
- 13. Entry requirements: Bachelor's Degree at MQF/EQF Level 6 or equivalent
- 14. Learning Outcomes:

## Knowledge

The learner will be able to:

- a) Distinguish the core psychological modus operandi across all major forms of criminal behavior.
- b) Determine the psychological profile of any offender based on the offence actions committed.
- c) Understand the core principles of effective investigative interviewing.
- d) Address key operational questions during the investigation using IP techniques to address these.
- e) Apply scientific psychological principles to the determination of veracity or detection of deception.

- f) Detail the psychological explanations offered for violent and sexual offending, fraud and financial crime, organized crime, terrorism and radicalization.
- g) Explain the core processes underpinning offender spatial decision making and offence location choices.
- h) Identify and address security vulnerabilities in the computer networks, web applications, and IT-related systems.
- i) Suggest information security controls based on risk assessments carried out by organizations and businesses.
- j) Investigate and analyze current threat intelligence to determine who was behind the cyber-attack.
- k) Generate open-source intelligence reports on a focused offender, criminal organization or crime problem.
- I) Produce a comprehensive Geographical Offender Profiling report on any offence series.
- m) Know how to conduct an empirical examination or study of any crime- related question or problem.
- n) Know how to describe a crime problem in terms of key statistical and visual indicators, trends and patterns.

#### **Skills**

The learner will be able to:

- a) Identify the particular form of violent and sexual offending, terrorism, organized crime, financial crime or cybercrime.
- b) Inform suspect elicitation and prioritization in police and commercial investigations.
- c) Inform investigative strategy and interviewing techniques
- d) Provide veracity assessments of evidence in varied formats including witness accounts, false allegations, victim statements, suspect interviews.
- e) Produce systematic reports on crime problems, including intelligence analysis, pattern prediction, hotspot analysis and geographical offender profiling.
- f) Produce cybercrime intelligence briefings.
- g) Conduct offender assessments and make offender management recommendations.
- h) Conduct complex real-world research on any aspect of criminal behavior.
- 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. Assessments are online.
- 16. **Type of Assessment:** Research Assignment (including elements of report writing, critical analysis of case studies, presentations, group work as appropriate), Dissertations and Case Study + Individual Presentation.

(Teaching and learning methodologies available in the Course Outlines)

- a) **Registration Method:** Online on EFI Admissions Portal
- b) **Next Intake:** September every Academic Year
- c) **Pass Rate:** > 40% (EFI grading system)

# 17. **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 outscome with significant issues noted
0	0	Fail	Fail	Fail	Student did not answer question

- 18. **Registration:** admissions process, a step-by-step-guide and other information are available on our website https://www.eufor.eu/education/admission/
- 19. Identity Malta's VISA requirement for third-country nationals:

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

- 20. **Contact Details:** available on our website (https://www.eufor.eu/contact-us/)
- 21. Address: Malta Life Sciences Park, Sir Temi Zammit Buildings SGN 3000, San Gwann

## The Science of Offender Profiling

#### **Competences:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Identify the evidence-based investigative inferences that can be made for any pattern of criminal action
- b) Suggest possible solutions to a given Profiling Equation based on the theories, concepts and psychological frameworks learnt

## Knowledge:

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding of:

- a) The origins and evolution of scientific offender profiling
- b) The Canter Profiling Equations
- c) The Methodological challenges to resolving the Canter Profiling Equations
- d) The Theoretical challenges to resolving the Canter Profiling Equations
- e) The Conceptual challenges to resolving the Canter Profiling Equations
- f) The empirical catalogue of Offender Action- Offender Characteristic inferences

#### Skills:

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Define the varied forms of real-world application of psychological expertise into the investigative process
- b) Articulate the professional and scientific issues in psychological profiling
- c) Report on the empirically-established investigative inferences that can be given against any given offending action pattern

#### **Module-Specific Learner Skills:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Derive the behavioural data from crime scene reports, witness statements and other police data to inform a psychological profile
- b) Construct Profiling Equations across the range of criminal activity

#### **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences:**

At the end of the module/unit, the learner will

a) Have familiarity with the Profiling software tools available to investigations

## **Psychological Modus Operandi**

#### **Competences:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Advise with regard to the core psychological distinctions observed within any offence type
- b) Describe the template of the full range of potential criminal actions that can occur with an offence category; provide base rate data and identify key distinguishing offence actions

### **Knowledge:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding of:

- a) The structure of criminal variation, in particular, the Radex Model of Differentiation
- b) The offence actions that are pertinent to distinguishing modus operandi and different types of perpetrators
- c) The psychological processes that drive and underpin different offending styles.

#### Skills:

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Provide a psychological classification system for the full range of offence types (from arson, burglary, robbery through to rape, stalking, murder) according to empirical models of offending style.
- b) Categorize an observed psychological modus operandi on the basis of its criminal action profile

## **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Distinguish offence actions that are non-salient to identifying psychological modus operandi
- b) Identify the empirical support for proposed offence action- offender characteristic inferences posited

#### **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

At the end of the module/unit, the learner will be able to

a) Generate context specific Radex Models of Modus Operandi using Facet software tools.

## **Advanced Computer Forensics**

#### **Competences:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Acquire complex digital evidence.
- b) Analyze complex digital evidence, RAW searches and virtualization.
- c) Create the final report and present it to the Court.

### **Knowledge:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding to:

- a) Explain the method and processes for determining whether or not a case is admissible in court.
- b) Recognize when digital forensics may be useful and how to conduct an investigation.
- c) Demonstrate existing and developing digital forensics technology and tools for analyzing the case.

#### Skills:

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Handle evidence on the scene
- b) Create and maintain an on-site digital forensics capability.
- c) Gather digital evidence (physical, network, and live acquisition).
- d) Analyze and export the findings of the gathered data from the target environment.
- e) Write a report to provide details of the incident, such as what happened (what we know), which process, tools, and methods were used during the investigation, and what evidence was found.

## **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Examine a computer-based environment for obtaining any type of digital evidence.
- b) Solve a range of digital forensics case studies.
- c) Able to present DF findings in a courtroom setting.

#### **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

- a) Use specialized digital forensics software/tools/procedures.
- b) Use a computer and editing software to create a report.

## **Cyber Security**

#### **Competences:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Discuss an organization's/IT-based company's security procedures in action.
- b) Collaborate on an evaluation of an organization's or company's current cybersecurity plans and practices.

### **Knowledge:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding to:

- a) Connect key cybersecurity terms and concepts.
- b) Discuss how cybersecurity affects the security of a business.
- c) Analyse the most common threats, attacks, and vulnerabilities.
- d) Contrast cyber attackers and their motivations.

#### Skills:

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Recommend the best cybersecurity practices to maintain confidentiality, integrity, and availability of computer systems.
- b) Create policies and procedures to control cybersecurity threats.
- c) Discuss information security concerns in a professional context with cybersecurity experts and practitioners.

## **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Illustrate their knowledge of cybersecurity threats and controls in an IT-based setting.
- b) Implement and follow the best cybersecurity practices/policies, in order to safeguard the computerized system.

## **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

At the end of the module/unit, the learner will be able to

a) Match the relevant best practices for a computerized environment with online cybersecurity resources.

#### Introduction to Financial Crime and Fraud

#### **Competences:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Interpret the rules governing financial crime.
- b) Advise about the risk of financial crimes
- c) Carry out risk assessments based on business environment red flags
- d) Monitor for gaps and discrepancies in various financial crimes
- e) Develop strategies for managing financial crime risks.

### **Knowledge:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding to:

- a) define types of financial crimes
- b) Explain how the risk of financial crime affects your business.
- c) Recognize various types of fraud in the financial sector
- d) Draw accurate conclusions on case studies of various financial crimes
- e) Identify red flags that indicate financial crimes including behavioral red flags
- f) Explain key concepts in fraud identification, deterrence, and detection.
- g) Relate the most important risks and preventative measures for financial crime.

#### Skills:

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Demonstrate an understanding of the various financial crimes
- b) Examine financial crime trends.
- c) Use fraud investigation process from planning to reporting
- d) Apply the type of financial crime and red flag to the various case studies
- e) Relate various key concepts in fraud investigation process and different techniques used to investigate the fraud.
- f) Plan the risk of financial crimes based on the red flags identified
- g) Develop a comprehensive and efficient fraud response program for the business.

#### **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

- a) At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to
- b) Independently recognize behavioral red flags
- c) Analyze and make a report of fraud and investigation activities.
- d) Evaluate the gathering of evidence for a court case or for a client.
- e) Proactively identify and report on new fraud patterns and make recommendations to mitigate the risks.

## Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences

At the end of the module/unit, the learner will be able to

a) Analyze the public, private or court documents to see whether there are any criminal records.

## **PgC Independent Research**

#### **Competences**

at the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Demonstrate administrative design for original content of research
- b) Undertake further studies with a fair degree of autonomy including searching for and studying existing research papers on relevant field and appropriately citing the source

### Knowledge

at the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Use theories and principles in chosen field of research
- b) Apply methods and tools available to accomplish their research goal

#### Skills

at the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

## Applying knowledge and understanding

The learner will be able to:

- a) Communicate ideas, problems and solutions using a range of techniques involving qualitative and quantitative information in a written report suitable for a professional in the field
- b) Evaluate own learning and identifies learning needs

#### **Judgment Skills and Critical Abilities**

The learner will be able to:

- a) Critically evaluate and interpret the results of the personal analysis
- b) Analyse, identify key issues, carry out an independent investigation using multiple information sources and apply critical judgement to construct logical arguments

#### **Module-Specific Communication Skills**

The learner will be able to:

- a) Explain in a clear and simple way the chosen procedure and the reached conclusions.
- b) Write a report in a correct and clear way, relevant and understandable to professionals in the field
- c) Submit his/her findings before the set deadline and answer any question that may rise about the research in a professional and confident manner

## **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

The learner will be able to:

a) Conduct a research on chosen field using cross-disciplinary knowledge acquired in the previous months

# **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

The learner will be able to:

- a) Write a 15-20 (3750-5000 words) pages long paper using IT instruments
- b) Use the internet to find information

Where relevant, use applicable software for different needs throughout stages of research.

## **Techniques and Methods in Investigative Psychology**

#### **Competences:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Effectively translate crime scene and other police investigative reports into an Offence Behavioral Profile
- b) Suggest offence series
- c) Measure levels of criminal involvement
- d) Distinguish Criminal History patterns
- e) Use IP tools to determine an offender's criminal narrative

### **Knowledge:**

- a) At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding to:
- b) The behaviours that are consistent across offences allowing series linking
- c) The IP content coding process for translating crime scene information into a database for statistical analysis
- d) The forms of criminal specialism and development within criminal history careers
- e) The principles of psychological threat prediction

#### Skills:

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Code up a crime scene against offence-specific coding frameworks
- b) Use Multiple Scalogram Analysis to determine linked offences
- c) Use Partial Order Scalogram Analysis to predict offence development and genuine threat
- d) Conduct a Narrative interview with an offender
- e) Measure levels of criminal involvement

#### **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Use the LAAF (Narrative Elicitation and Interpretation)Tool
- b) Use the D70 offending measure
- c) Assign criminal history records to Specialism categories
- d) Use the Criminal Experience measure to elicit offender role and emotional experience during an offence

### **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

At the end of the module/unit, the learner will know how to

a) Use Facet Software Tools to identify linked offences, predict high-threat blackmail/coercion behavior, map criminal specialisms.

## **Investigative Interviewing**

#### **Competences:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Advise an investigation on good practice when interviewing witnesses.
- b) Articulate the competing approaches to effective suspect investigative interviewing
- c) Identify and advise with regard to potentially vulnerable witnesses or suspects

### **Knowledge:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding of:

- a) The cognitive psychology principles of effective witness interviewing.
- b) The principles and support for a variety of approaches to effective suspect interviewing and interrogation.
- c) How the Narrative-tailored interview framework can inform overall interviewing strategy
- d) How and when forensic evidence should be introduced into an investigative interview

#### Skills:

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Advise with regard to the use of the Cognitive Interview and the Enhanced Cognitive Interview
- b) Contribute to the development of formal investigative interviewing strategy, with reference to PEACE, REID and Conversation Management paradigms.
- c) Provide an assessment of vulnerable interviewees, using Suggestibility measurement tools.
- d) Advise with regard to the interviewing of child, young adult or vulnerable witnesses and suspects.

#### **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Use innovative investigative interviewing tools including the Griffiths Question Map and the Morgan Interview Theme Technique (MITT).
- b) Conduct assessments of interviews using tools such as the Forensic Interview Traces (FIT) tool and identify and measure oppressive police interviewing tactics.

#### **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

At the end of the module/unit, the learner will be able to

a) Able to use various online tools for interviewee vulnerability/suggestibility assessment

## **Cyber Threat Intelligence**

#### **Competences**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Carry-out an investigation and analysis of the Intelligence-Driven Incident Response method.
- b) Perform a cyber-attack event analysis and document the behavior of the adversary.
- c) Represent the Diamond Model and MITRE ATT&CK framework to create a threat model for a cyber incident.
- d) Be able to assess an organization's attack surface, determining how it corresponds to cyber threats, and developing effective CTI policies.

### Knowledge

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding to:

- a) Explain Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI), its main attributes, value and advantages.
- b) Determine how threat actors carry out their cyberspace actions to achieve their objectives.
- c) Connect CTI at tactical, operational, and strategic levels to detect sophisticated threats and critical functions defenses.

#### **Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Discover how cyber intelligence, digital forensics and penetration testing can work together.
- b) Relate the relationship between a threat actor's motivation, access, and capabilities and their aims.
- c) Analyse a cyber threat actor's tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) in detail.
- d) Make suggestions for modifications to information system security design, implementation, policy, and practices using cyber intelligence.

## **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Create a Cyber Threat Intelligence report on a threat actor that is aimed at top decision makers.
- b) Be able to collect threat intelligence from a variety of online sources, analyzing it, and reporting on it.

## **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

- a) Categorise various online information about a company's threats.
- b) To gather and use cyber threat intelligence from a variety of online sources, with a focus on open source intelligence (OSINT).

## **Applying Science to Crime and Criminals**

#### **Competences**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Classify a real-world question in terms of a practical problem classification system
- b) Identify the appropriate technique to provide evidence-based solutions to the problem class
- c) Conduct the appropriate problem-solving strategy to provide evidence to answer the distinct real-world question forms observed in criminal investigations and crime analysis

### Knowledge

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding to:

- a) How a Case Study technique can identify a fraudster's persuasion strategy
- b) How a Survey can provide Crime Seriousness estimations
- c) How Experimental evidence can help to distinguish a forgery
- d) How a Simulation can inform understanding of interactive crime such as bank robbery

#### **Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Conduct Crime Surveys and other surveys pertaining to offending activity .
- b) Conduct Action Experiments relating to answer specific questions
- c) Create Simulations to mimic real world scenarios
- d) Unravel Case Study material to inform policy and practice

#### **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Match a practical investigative challenge to a problem-solving strategy.
- b) Design, execute, and conduct action research.
- c) Derive and organize evidence required in response to a practical investigative challenge.

## **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

- a) Represent different forms of real-world investigative problems quantitatively
- b) Generate output data that provides evidence-based responses to real-world investigative problems

## **Crime Analysis and Geographical Offender Profiling**

#### Competences

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Perform a Tactical Crime Analysis on diverse crime problems or offending groups.
- b) Perform a Strategic Crime Analysis on diverse crime problems or offending groups.
- c) Perform an Administrative Crime Analysis on diverse crime problems and current trends.
- d) Conduct a Geographical Offender Profiling analysis of one-off and series offences
- e) Utilize advanced Geographical Offender Profiling software (Dragnet) including calibration to local conditions, interpret and report on statistical output to make operational recommendations.

## Knowledge

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding to:

- a) The different forms of Tactical Crime Analysis, Strategic Crime Analysis, Administrative Crime Analysis, Intelligence Analysis and Investigative Crime Analysis.
- b) The core principles from Cognitive Psychology, Environmental Psychology and Environmental Criminology informing understanding of criminal spatial behavior and offence location choices.
- c) The mathematical, statistical and technical underpinnings of geographical offender profiling software and tools.

#### Skills

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Produce a detailed crime analysis report on a given crime or investigative problem, drawing on core analytic concepts within the domains of tactical, strategic, administrative, intelligence and investigative analysis.
- b) Produce a complex, calibrated Geographical Offender Profiling analysis on different types of crime, including crime series, multiple location- offences and multiple offender offences.

#### **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

- a) Analyse an immediate and specific crime problem, providing analysis to inform the rapid response of operational teams.
- b) Perform a strategic analysis of long-range crime problems to inform the planning of crime prevention officers, community-oriented policing officers and other strategic prevention initiatives.
- c) Provide appropriate summary data and statistics and general pattern information to law enforcement management and government personnel.
- d) Produce for an ongoing investigation a Geographical Offender Profiling analysis.

# **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

At the end of the module/unit, the learner will know how to

- a) Utilize Dragnet-K Geo- Profiling software across crime contexts and conditions, with appropriate interpretation of the statistical output from this tool
- b) Utilize a suite of crime analysis software tools and interpret the outputs from these tools

## **Advanced Web and Open Source Intelligence**

#### **Competences**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Advise businesses and government agencies about the various types of Web and Open Source Intelligence Tools.
- b) Carry out a Web and Open-Source process and investigation
- c) Be responsible for various types of data available including sourcing from the dark web
- d) Establish a secure data collection platform.
- e) Carry out OSINT investigations for a wide range of clients.
- f) Examine the customers' collection requirements.

## Knowledge

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding to:

- a) Apply the various types of Web and Open Source Intelligence Tools
- b) Sequence a Web and Open Source process and investigation
- c) Discover the various types of data available including sourcing from the dark web
- d) Analyze online resources for tracking people and organizations on a global scale, including public record databases and a powerful people search tool.
- e) Discuss current challenges and trends in social media and open source research

#### Skills

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Demonstrate the application of various types of Web and Open Source Intelligence Tools.
- b) Apply a Web and Open Source process and investigation
- c) Discover more about the ethical issues surrounding the use of OSINT methods in law enforcement and research.
- d) Demonstrate the various types of data available including sourcing from the dark web
- e) Use open source platforms such as social media, search engines, and the dark web to access, explore, and gather intelligence.
- f) Evaluate the usefulness and accuracy of internet sources and data.

## **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Create tools and methods for gathering and managing data from both online and offline sources.
- b) Investigate and locate relevant information from a variety of sources using cutting-edge technology and innovative research approaches.

#### **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

- a) Perform advanced browsing.
- b) Structure collected data.
- c) Use a wide range of web Intelligence Open Source tools.

## **PgD Independent Research**

#### Competences

at the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Demonstrate administrative design for original content of research
- b) Be responsible for work and study contexts that require problems to be solved
- c) Undertake further studies with a relevant degree of autonomy including searching for and studying existing research papers on relevant field and appropriately citing the source

### Knowledge

at the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Provide details of theorectical and practical knowledge involving understanding of theories and principles in chosen field of research
- b) Understanding methods and tools available including most recent innovation in the field

#### **Skills**

at the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

## Applying knowledge and understanding

The learner will be able to

- a) Communicate ideas, problems and solutions using a range of techniques involving qualitative and quantitative information in a written report suitable for a professional in the field
- b) Evaluate own learning and identifies learning needs
- c) Devise and sustain arguments to solve problems

### **Judgment Skills and Critical Abilities**

- a) The learner will be able to:
- b) Gather and critically evaluate and interpret the results of the personal analysis and of the analysis of other experts involved in the research
- c) Investigate and analyse, identify key issues, carry out an independent investigation using multiple information sources and apply critical judgement to construct logical arguments

#### **Module-Specific Communication Skills**

The learner will be able to:

- a) Communicate to colleagues and co-workers personal ideas regarding procedural choices, made or to be made.
- b) Write a report in a correct and clear way, relevant and understandable to professionals in the field being able to write a conclusion of his/her research
- c) Submit his/her findings before the set deadline and answer any question that may rise about the research in a professional and confident manner

## **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

The learner will be able to:

- a) Conduct a detailed research on chosen field using cross-disciplinary knowledge acquired throughout the year
- **b)** Develop in-depth study, be it experimental, conducted alone or in a team.

## **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

The learner will be able to:

- a) Write a 20-30 (5000-7500 words) pages long paper using IT instruments
- b) Use the internet to find information

Where relevant, use applicable software for different needs throughout stages of research

## **Detecting Deception**

### Competences

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Advise with regard to the psychological bases for veracity determination across spoken and written accounts given during an investigation.
- b) Identify deception through varied techniques including Statement Validity Assessment, Reality Monitoring and the Polygraph test.

## **Knowledge:**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding of:

- a) The established competency levels in lie detection of professional law enforcement personnel, including the identification of common errors in lie detection.
- b) Describe the psychological indications of veracity in written and spoken accounts.
- c) Explain the theoretical bases to the different lie detection approaches

#### **Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Identify deception in verbal and non-verbal behavior.
- b) Determine the veracity of a written statement or witness account
- c) Advise with regard to the conducting of a Behavior Analysis Interview

## **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Detail the Voice Stress Analysis technique of lie detection.
- b) Detail the Polygraph technique of lie detection.
- c) Detail the Thermal Imaging technique of lie detection.
- d) Detail the EEG-P300 technique of lie detection.
- e) Explain the Scientific Validity Assessment approach to veracity assessment.
- f) Explain the Reality Monitoring approach to veracity assessment.
- g) Explain the Scientific Content Analysis approach to veracity assessment.

#### **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

- a) Utilize veracity assessment software tools.
- b) Interpret lie detection tool outputs including the Polygraph test output

## Terrorism, Radicalisation and Organised Crime

### **Competences**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Identify different types of terrorist actor
- b) Identify the radicalization pathway of a target.
- c) Conduct a network analysis on an organized crime group
- d) Recommend criminal network disruption strategies

### **Knowledge**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding to:

- a) Explain the causes of terrorism and the theories of terrorist radicalization
- b) Describe the approaches to disengagement available to authorities.
- c) Explain the communication structure of organized criminal gangs

#### **Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Differentiate forms of terrorist actor and groups
- b) Identify the structure of an organized criminal network

## **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Identify the level of radicalization of a terrorist actor
- b) Recommend deradicalization and disengagement strategies
- c) Conduct a Social Network Analysis of an organized crime group
- d) Recommend network disruption strategies

## **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

- a) Produce Social Network representations of criminal gangs and terrorist organizations
- b) Use Personal Construct modelling software to indicate levels of authentic deradicalization

## **Violent and Sexual Offending**

### Competences

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Delineate the psychological form of violent or sexual offending under consideration
- b) Advise investigators and other legal practitioners on the psychological explanations for particular forms of violent and sexual offending behavior

### **Knowledge**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have gained knowledge and understanding to:

- a) Identify the underlying psychological causal mechanisms for all forms of violent and sexual offending.
- b) Identify the likely psychological correlates of all forms of violent and sexual offending
- c) Classify the components of risk assessment and the data required to conduct a thorough risk evaluation.
- d) Describe best practices in risk management, including risk assessment and risk treatment domains.

#### Skills

At the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

- a) Distinguish alternative psychological forms of violent and sexual offending
- b) Apply psychological explanations to any form of violent or sexual offending.
- c) Predict the psychological correlates and behavioral responses of diverse violent and sexual offenders

#### **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

At the end of the module/unit the learner will be able to

- a) Undertake a preliminary Risk Assessment to inform offender management
- b) Monitor and review the risks.
- c) Prioritize risk remediation measures, as a consequence of the risk assessment.

## **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

At the end of the module/unit, the learner will be able to

a) Adopt online risk management and methodologies in order to reduce/control the risks.

## Master's Independent Research and Final Dissertation

#### Competences

at the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Demonstrate administrative design for original content of research
- b) Be responsible for work and study contexts that are unpredictable and require that complex problems are solved
- c) Undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy including searching for and studying existing research papers on relevant field and appropriately citing the source

### **Knowledge**

at the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Analyse cross-disciplinary knowledge that includes some aspects that will be at the forefront of this field
- b) Use theories and principles in chosen field of research
- c) Apply methods and tools available including most recent innovation in the field
- d) Create a genuine work using specialized anti-plagiarism software (pedagogical approach)

#### **Skills**

at the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the following skills:

## Applying knowledge and understanding

The learner will be able to:

- a) Apply cross-disciplinary knowledge and understanding acquired throughout the programme in a professional manner
- b) Communicate ideas, problems and solutions using a range of techniques involving qualitative and quantitative information in a written report suitable for a professional in the field
- c) Devise and sustain arguments to solve problems
- d) Continuously evaluates own learning and identifies learning needs

## **Judgment Skills and Critical Abilities**

The learner will be able to:

- a) Gather and critically investigate relevant data to inform judgements that include reflection on social, scientific and/or ethical issues
- b) Critically evaluate and interpret the results of the personal analysis and of the analysis of other experts involved in the research
- c) Investigate and analyse, 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

## **Module-Specific Communication Skills**

The learner will be able to:

- a) Communicate to colleagues and co-workers personal ideas regarding procedural choices, made or to be made.
- b) Explain in a clear and simple way the chosen procedure and the reached conclusions.
- c) Write a report/essay/thesis in a correct and clear way, relevant and understandable to professionals in the field
- d) Present his/her findings professionally to a panel and confidently discuss any questions raised

## **Module-Specific Learner Skills**

The learner will be able to:

- a) a)Conduct in-depth study and research on chosen field using cross-disciplinary knowledge acquired throughout the programme
- b) Develop projects of innovative research or in-depth study, be it experimental, conducted alone or in a team.

## **Module-Specific Digital Skills and Competences**

The learner will be able to:

- a) Write a 30-40 (7500-10000 words) pages long dissertation using IT instruments
- b) Use the internet to find information
- c) Write a genuine dissertation with the support of anti-plagiarism software

Where relevant, use applicable software for different needs throughout stages of research