

MA in Terrorism, Security and Radical Right Extremism

(Taught by Richmond in partnership with The Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right)

Six Facts about this Programme

One year, full-time programme, based in central London

Optional accredited internship with key players in the counter-extremism, security, tech, and journalism industries

Partnership with a global leading research body on radical right extremism

Upon successful completion you will get two degrees simultaneously: one UK and one US, both from Richmond, providing more opportunities on graduation

International, research active faculty

Small class sizes and close supervision by faculty

Summary

The aim of the [Terrorism, Security and Radical Right Extremism MA](#) – a collaboration between the Centre for the Analysis of the Radical Right (CARR) and Richmond, The American International University in London - is to equip students with an in-depth knowledge of the theories, debates and practical issues associated with radical right extremism, allowing students to gain the analytical and research skills as well as an opportunity to get practical work experience in security, counter-extremism and journalistic industries.

The Curriculum

Working closely with a team of internationally recognised experts in their field, the MA in Terrorism, Security and Radical Right Extremism prepares students for further graduate study in the discipline of security and terrorism studies. It is also for careers in the world of local, national, regional, and international security, counter-terrorism and counter-extremism, and in governmental and non-governmental organisations. The degree can lead to eventual careers in roles that require articulate, clear thinking individuals with a grasp of contemporary debates and approaches towards the particularly thorny issue of radical right extremism.

We offer a rigorous curriculum encompassing theoretical and practical developments in the dynamic field of security, terrorism and radical right extremism studies. All of this is set in the vibrant context of cosmopolitan London, in an international university where students come from over 60 different nations, and which gives graduates distinct advantages in developing vital inter-personal and intercultural communication skills.

The programme offers courses on a range of highly current topics including Insurgency, Civil War, and Terrorism. The aim of the programme is to equip students with in-depth knowledge of the security challenges posed by radical right extremism, key analytical and research skills, together with an opportunity to gain practical experience in industry through an optional internship – with the below potential intern partners (see Appendix A).

Programme Structure

The MA in Terrorism, Security and Radical Right Extremism is structured as follows:

Fall Semester - Three core courses (12 credits)

- Insurgency, Civil War, and Terrorism
- Security & Insecurities: Bodies, Identities, Images
- Evolutions in Radical Right Ideology

Spring Semester - One core course and two option courses (12 credits)

- Research Methodology
- Contemporary Radical Right Politics and Parties
- Countering Terrorism, Extremism and Hate Crimes

Summer Semester

(12 credits)

- Research Thesis with Graduate Internship, 10,000 - 12,000 words (8 credits, plus 4 credit internship)

Or

- Extended Research Thesis without Internship, 15,000 - 20,000 words (12 credits)

Programme Information

Faculty:

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Awarding Institution

Developed and delivered by Richmond, The American International University in London.

Accredited by:

Middle States Commission on Higher Education (US).

The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) (UK).

Duration

One year full-time.

September to September.

Location

Kensington facility. Additionally, off-site locations may be used in London as part of the practical element of the programme, as well as trips overseas (COVID-19 permitting).

Entry Requirements

US Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, or UK first degree with minimum second class honours, or an overseas equivalent as determined by the University. Relevant work experience is welcomed and may, on occasion, be accepted in lieu of a first degree, but is not required.

English Language

Applicants who are not from a majority English speaking country will be asked to supply evidence of their English language skills which will usually be an IELTS with 6.0 in each of the four components.

Scholarships

Merit-based scholarships are available to all students who meet the requirements.

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**Appendix A: MA Terrorism, Security & Radical Right Extremism Intern Partners
(subject to availability)**

The Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right is the leading network of scholars and practitioners working on right-wing extremism. Interns have the opportunity to learn

and develop experience across several work strands, including publications, podcasting and updating Fellows. Available for May 2022 start.



The **Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD)** is an independent, non-profit organisation dedicated to safeguarding human rights and reversing the rising tide of polarisation, extremism and disinformation worldwide. Interns will be integrated into a number of projects across ISD and learn about countering violent extremism, social cohesion and/or disinformation, data analysis and report writing qualitative and quantitative research methods.



The **Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)** is the world's oldest and the UK's leading defence and security think tank. Our mission is to inform, influence and enhance public debate to help build a safer and more stable world. Interns will work on existing projects under the Terrorism and Conflict research group's Far-Right Extremism and Terrorism (FRET) programme, as well as on general counter-terrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism research.



Rantt Media is an independent media company that seeks to create community through common understanding with journalism and conversation. Interns will garner experience in content creation, marketing, and social media. Available for May 2022.



Fair Observer is an independent, non-profit media organisation that engages in citizen journalism and civic education. With fact-checking and a rigorous editorial process, we provide diversity and quality in an era of echo chambers and fake news. Internships include commissioning and editing content and producing multimedia features.



The **Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism** (GIFCT) brings together the technology industry, government, civil society, and academia to foster collaboration and information-sharing to counter terrorist and violent extremist activity online. As such, GIFCT is seeking a part-time spring intern to support its research, programming, and technological activities.



Hedayah, the International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), was created in response to the growing desire from members of the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum (GCTF) and the wider international community for the establishment of an independent, neutral, and multilateral center devoted to dialogue and communications, capacity building programs, research and analysis to counter violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations.



Tech Against Terrorism works to support the global tech industry in tackling terrorist use of the internet whilst respecting human rights. Tech Against Terrorism supports tech platforms via providing bespoke risk assessments, policy guidance, and technical solutions to identify and mitigate against terrorist activity. With the support of Public Safety Canada, Tech Against Terrorism is currently building the Terrorist Content Analytics Platform, which interns may be able to assist in developing.



Human Rights First is a non-profit, non-partisan international human rights organisation with a track record of success in delivering change that has made a meaningful difference in people's lives. Human Rights First empowers Americans to fight for justice in our own communities and around the world. We focus on four big challenges that are becoming especially critical to the future of human rights: systemic injustice, authoritarianism, extremism, and the use and abuse of technology. Interns will learn open source research skills and aid the organisation in investigating extremism in the military and veteran communities in the U.S. Interns will learn open

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THE KHALIFA IHLER INSTITUTE

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The **Khalifa-Ihler Institute** is a global peace-building organisation working for thriving and inclusive communities. Our key focus rests in the prevention of violence and the celebration of diversity as an integral aspect of thriving communities. Interns have the possibility to work on projects on different topics, such as education in countering hate-speech online and analysis of the global far-right.