

Erasmus  
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# International Master's in Advanced Research in Criminology

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A close-up photograph of a hand touching a soccer goal net. The net is made of white hexagonal mesh. In the background, a young boy in a blue soccer jersey is visible, looking towards the camera. The background is a clear blue sky.

Becoming a specialist in  
understanding crime and  
crime control, and finding a  
balance between demands  
for security and social justice

Erasmus University Rotterdam

The Erasmus University logo, featuring the word "Erasmus" in a stylized, cursive script.

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## What does this IMARC program offers you?

IMARC brings together learning, research and practice through collaboration with partners such as governments, ngo's, corporate actors and other universities. You are trained in a variety of research approaches and methodologies. You participate in international conferences and intercultural and interdisciplinary exchange. As a graduate you will have a lot of expertise in the field of border crossing, security and social justice. As an IMARC student you develop fresh and critical views on the essential criminological issues.

### Joint programme

IMARC is a joint programme of two European universities: Erasmus University Rotterdam and Ghent University. At EUR, the theoretical and methodological foundation will be laid in the first semester. In the second semester, you will choose a thematic track:

- **Global flows, local dilemmas and glocal answers (Rotterdam)**  
How are global developments interrelated with local problems? What 'glocal' answers are needed from research, policy and practice? Key themes are how global flows of people, goods and business transactions relate to law enforcement and governmental control, urban issues, radicalization, and organized and corporate crime.
- **European Union criminal policy and justice in context (Ghent)** How does the EU respond to the various challenges of criminal activities? The modules focus on theoretical foundations of EU policy as well as practical application to crime and control.

In the 3rd semester you will have the choice between a research-based internship or fieldwork for your thesis (if you wish, at another university). In semester 4 you will write your Master's thesis, at the university of your track.

### Your future with IMARC

What is your ambition? Would you like to be a policy maker at the EU? Or prefer to do academic research on border security? Maybe become a policy maker at an NGO or an human rights organisation. With a valuable multiple IMARC degree you will have numerous options to build a great career. As an interdisciplinary expert and an skillful researcher, you will contribute to answers to the current social and political challenges of crimes and crime control.

**“Climate change, migration... they transcend national borders and require an international response.”**

*Taavet Hinrikus, entrepreneur*

human trafficking  
radicalisation  
geopolitics  
terrorism  
human rights  
border control  
cybercrime  
migration policies

## International Master's in Advanced Research in Criminology

| Year 1  | EC        |
|---|-----------|
| <b>Semester 1: Basic courses at EUR</b>             | <b>30</b> |
| Globalisation, digitalisation and crime             | 7,5       |
| Corporate & white collar crime                      | 5         |
| Analysing criminal policies in a global perspective | 7,5       |
| Advanced research methods                           | 10        |

| Semester 2: Specialization track  | 30  |
|---|-----|
| <b>EUR track: Global flows, local dilemmas and glocal answers Urban issues, culture and crime</b> |     |
| Cross-border organised crime  | 5   |
| Terrorism, extremism and control  | 7,5 |
| Urban issues, culture and crime   | 7,5 |
| Doing research in IMARC   | 5   |
| One course includes Common Study Session preparation  | 5   |

| UGhent track:   |   |
|---|---|
| Advanced European criminal policy   | 9 |
| Advanced European and international asylum and migration law and policy   | 8 |
| One elective course from list:<br>• Sexual offending, prostitution and human trafficking<br>• Financial and economic crime<br>• Cybercrime, technology and surveillance<br>• Spatiotemporal criminology | 5 |
| Critical Criminology and the Criminal Justice System (includes Common Session)  | 8 |

| Year 2  | EC        |
|---|-----------|
| <b>Semester 3: Preparing and doing research</b>                           | <b>30</b> |
| Research module I: Where the local meets the global                       | 7,5       |
| Research module II: European Union criminal policy and justice in context | 7,5       |
| Research module III: Global discourse and narratives of crime             | 7,5       |
| Research module IV: Power relations and abuses of power                   | 7,5       |

| Semester 4: Writing the Master's thesis | 30 |
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| Final Master's Thesis                   | 30 |

EEA

56%

44%

non-EEA

Admitted in  
total so far

138

25

started in 2024

53

alumni



Application deadline

(non-EEA) **30 April 2025**



Application deadline

(EEA) **30 June 2025**



Start

**September 2025**

## Questions?

Do not hesitate to contact the master coordinator, Elisabeth Brein, via [imarc@law.eur.nl](mailto:imarc@law.eur.nl).

Questions about admission?

- For Dutch students, please contact Eddie van Roon via [masterinstroom@law.eur.nl](mailto:masterinstroom@law.eur.nl);
- For international students, please contact André van der Schee via [informationdesk.llm@law.eur.nl](mailto:informationdesk.llm@law.eur.nl).



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