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Master in Anti-Money Laundering and Compliance

MQF Level 7 | 90 ECTS





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ABOUT US

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This programme equips students with advanced knowledge and understanding of Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Compliance practices and objectives to help them consolidate the skills required for professional practice related to AML and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CFT).

The course provides advanced knowledge on Money Laundering (ML) and Financing of Terrorism (FT) and how this affects the economic sectors of countries. Students will also learn how to combat Money Laundering (AML) the financing of terrorism (CFT) taking legislation and regulations into consideration.

The programme begins with addressing Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Typologies to determine whether it is possible to identify trends in the different phases of money laundering or terrorism financing.

The programme then moves on to tackle Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Threats from New Technologies; and to emphasise on an overall risk-based approach rather than a uniform wholesale approach of de-risking.

The course also addresses Risk-based approach for Financial Institutions where special emphasis is placed upon supervisors and supervised entities and their awareness regarding the money laundering and terrorism financing (ML/TF) risks in their country and the implementing of effective controls.

Furthermore, the course addresses the duties of firms and their employees in relation to preventing money laundering and terrorist financing. The assessment of risks relating to proliferation financing and how targeted financial sanctions diminish these risks is also explored within this programme.

The transparency of beneficial ownership and its importance in tax transparency, the integrity of



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INTERNATIONALLY**
Part-time basis
(Up to 30 months)

the financial sector and law enforcement efforts are also tackled in this programme.

Moreover, the course addresses financial investigations and how the AML/CFT framework helps in contributing to their effectiveness.

Students will also explore what entails a strong and robust AML/CFT legislative and regulatory framework as well as the need for strong national and international cooperation for an effective implementation of anti-money laundering, counteracting funding of terrorism and targeted financial sanctions (AML/CFT/TFS) legislative framework as well as the importance of adhering to a risk-based approach.

CAREER PATHS

The programme prepares for positions such as and not limited to:

- Compliance Supervisor/Manager/Officers
- Anti-Money Laundering Managers
- Money Laundering Reporting Officer and their deputies
- Law enforcement agencies and supervisory and regulatory authorities
- Managers with responsibilities for internal AML controls
- Risk Managers
- Director of Compliance

STRUCTURE & ASSESSMENT

This is a part-time programme and will typically take 30 months to complete. The programme comprises a total of 10 modules. The method of assessment is assignment-based.

The course comprises:

- 6 lectures per module;
- 3-hour lectures (evening);
- 12 hours of online content per module, comprising asynchronous online discussions, tutorials and/or videos.

The course also includes additional, specialised support to help you write your Dissertation, including classes on Qualitative/Quantitative data analysis tools, as well as Dissertation Workshops.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is targeted at people within the financial and banking sector, legal sector, gaming sector, corporate services industry, Governance sector, Business sector, Artificial Intelligence sector, and other individuals seeking for professional and academic advancement in Anti-Money Laundering and Compliance.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates who apply for this course must possess one of the following:

- Level 6 Degree related to one of the following areas: Law, Artificial Intelligence, Finance, Accounting, Insurance, Banking and Criminology, Governance, Business and Government Policy;

OR

- Level 6 degree not related to Law, Artificial Intelligence, Finance, Accounting, Governance, Business and Government Policy and a minimum of two years relevant experience

OR

- Level 5 Diploma or Higher Diploma and 4 years' mandatory work experience in a supervisory or managerial role.

COST

Reading for the entire Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Anti-Money Laundering and Compliance as presented in this brochure costs €9,775.*

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be eligible for a 70% refund of the cost through the 'Get Qualified' scheme.**

Due to the modular structure of the course, you may also opt to take individual modules as stand-alone. The entry requirements still apply.***

* Prices are applicable to students who already reside in Malta at the time of the application.

** Terms and Conditions apply.

*** For the price of individual modules, please contact the IDEA Academy team.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

MODULE/UNIT TITLE	COMPULSORY OR ELECTIVE	ECTS
1. Understanding and Managing Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing, Risks, Typologies and Red Flags	Compulsory	6 ECTS
2. Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing threats from New Technologies	Compulsory	6 ECTS
3. Risk-based Approach for Financial Institutions, Designated Non-Financial Business Professions and Virtual Asset Service Providers	Compulsory	6 ECTS
4. Preventive Measures for Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing	Compulsory	6 ECTS
5. Research Methods	Compulsory	6 ECTS
6. Proliferation Financing and Targeted Financial Sanctions	Compulsory	6 ECTS
7. Transparency of Beneficial Ownership	Compulsory	6 ECTS
8. Financial Investigations – Using Financial Information	Compulsory	6 ECTS
9. AML/CFT/TFS Legislative Framework	Compulsory	6 ECTS
10. National and International Cooperation.	Compulsory	6 ECTS
11. Dissertation	Compulsory	30 ECTS

You are required to complete all 10 compulsory modules (60 ECTS), as well as the Dissertation (30 ECTS) to fulfil the requirements of this master's degree.

Total credits: 90



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