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FINANCIAL CRIME AND COMPLIANCE IN DIGITAL SOCIETIES



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Our MSc in Financial Crime and Compliance in Digital Societies (top-up) attracts applicants from around the world with an interest in improving their knowledge of governance, risk and compliance to the latest global standards. Developed with the ICA, this course brings a collaborative approach to help students enhance their knowledge and turn science into practice to drive corporate strategy, policy and processes.

We spoke to MSc Financial Crime and Compliance in Digital Societies graduate, Nadim Awad, about his background, career interests and what drove him to choose this master's.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Nadim Awad works as 'Head of Investigations' within the pharmaceutical industry in Jordan. This role involves responsibility for checking and investigating any internal misconduct, violations of internal loss, regulations and external regulated requirements or laws.

Nadim's goal was to make sure his knowledge of the current global regulations and standards was up to date. After completing his ICA PPGDip, continuing onto an online master's with The University of Manchester was a natural next step for Nadim and his career.

"I knew this course was the right choice for me based on the curriculum and the recommendation from the ICA."

COURSE BENEFITS

The combined practical and academic approach of this course appealed to Nadim and his career goals. Online learning is complemented with three in-person or online practical masterclasses, offering guest lectures, workshops and academic support before each assessment

"We have speakers who offer great insights which really add value to the course," he tells us, "I could do an online course without having these masterclasses but they are a huge added value for me outside of the material itself"

For Nadim, this master's provides not only an academic analysis of current policy and governance but a practical approach and guidance for how to apply your learning to your career sector. Working in the pharmaceutical sector, the adaptability of this course also appealed to him.

"The content we are learning can be manipulated and changed according to the practice you are following, which means I can easily input it into my day to day work. The course also helps me to understand what's going on in the wider world of compliance and apply that to my industry."

COURSE STRUCTURE

Completing an MSc alongside managing your career and personal life can be challenging at times. For Nadim, good time management was key in achieving his career goals.

"The online delivery helps me to learn around my other commitments, but this means you need to plan your time very effectively."

The structure of the course is designed to help you keep up to date whilst working, and Nadim has found this very useful whilst completing his studies.

"The flow of the material is convenient. Every week you have a certain section to go through which is a mixture of reading and videos"

"The timeline of the material delivery is well-managed and we have some breaks between units which is nice." Nadim tells us, he has found the content to be very engaging and relevant to his day to day practice. **"Within the course we are looking through an academic point of view but also adding a practical element."**

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

One of the highlights of the course for Nadim is working with academics and other students from around the world to enhance his understanding and develop his knowledge of a wider range of industries.

"The networking part is very important, there are colleagues from many different jurisdictions on the course so it's good to get insight into what's going on outside of your specific industry"

Accessing the knowledge of other colleagues in similar roles within other sectors has been hugely beneficial to Nadim's experience on the course and his key takeaways from his learning.

The international aspects of this course are also crucial to Nadim. His role at Hikma Pharmaceutical involves being the head of the investigation unit in the Middle East, Europe and the USA. Exploring the course material with a global perspective can help Nadim better understand the differences in laws and regulations across the world.

"I've been able to build my network, I'm meeting other employees from the financial sector, real estate, insurance and others."

This course has allowed Nadim to build his network and keep up to date with the latest in his field to help him succeed and progress within his career. The University of Manchester MSc in Financial Crime and Compliance in Digital Societies is an innovative and ICA accredited programme. This collaboration means that students on the course are able to benefit from globally recognised excellence of knowledge in addition to studying academic themes underpinned by real issues including specialist knowledge that can give their career a boost.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 12 months
- Part-time master's
- Developed with the ICA
- Online with 3 practical masterclasses (in-person or online)
- Flexible format
- Ability to study alongside career progression
- International collaboration

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