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MICRO-CREDENTIALS

100% ONLINE

DIGITAL TRUST AND SECURITY

EMPOWERING DIGITAL TRUST

Our postgraduate-level online micro-credentials in Digital Trust and Security equip you with the skills to recognise risks, mitigate threats, and embed safe digital practices. Whether protecting your workplace, your team, or yourself, these courses build the confidence to meet today's challenges.

You can complete all four micro-credentials to gain a comprehensive understanding of digital trust and security or focus on the specific areas most relevant to your professional development.

Shaped by input from an Industry Advisory Board representing leading businesses, charities, and government organisations, the content reflects real-world needs and best practice.



Micro-credentials
Level: Postgraduate
FHEQ: 7



You can choose from
four different
micro-credentials



Our micro-credentials are
shaped by input from an
Industry Advisory Board



Each micro-credential
delivers 50 hours of
learning in 10 weeks



Assessments are
designed for practical,
real-life application



You can gain certification
with detailed, verifiable
information



WHAT ARE MICRO-CREDENTIALS?

Our postgraduate-level online micro-credentials offer a flexible, self-paced format to fit your schedule.

With 50 hours of learning delivered across 10 weeks, each course features assessments based on real-world challenges, ensuring your skills are practical and industry ready.



INDUSTRY-RELEVANT AND EMPLOYER-ALIGNED

Developed with employers to address key skills gaps, these non-credit bearing micro-credentials complement formal qualifications and offer practical workplace applications.



RECOGNISED AND ACCREDITED

Earn a digital certificate with verified credentials, recognised by employers, institutions, and professional bodies. Embedded metadata verifies study level, total learning hours, and validity for added transparency.



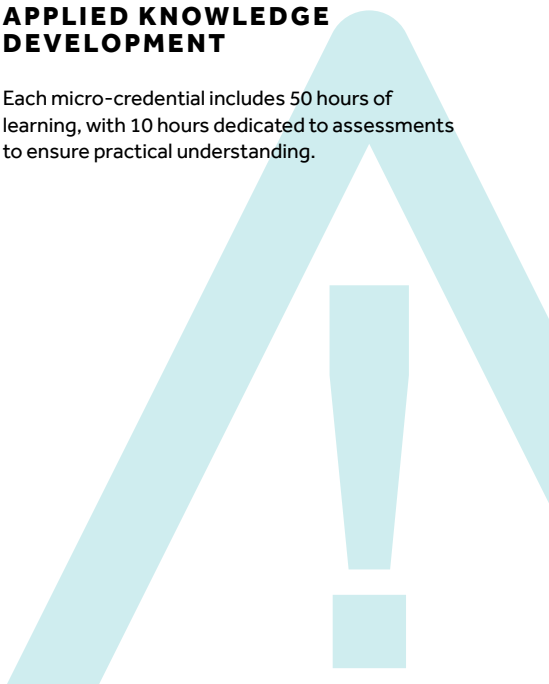
ONLINE AND FLEXIBLE

Study independently with high-quality digital content that fits around your professional commitments.



APPLIED KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT

Each micro-credential includes 50 hours of learning, with 10 hours dedicated to assessments to ensure practical understanding.



ASSESSMENTS AND CERTIFICATION

Our micro-credential courses use assessments designed to be relevant to real-world situations.

Each course will focus on two key learning outcomes, and your progress will be assessed through one assignment. Assessments have been designed in partnership with an Industry Advisory Board to ensure industry relevance.

Your learning is validated through detailed, verifiable information embedded in your digital certificate, ensuring transparency and credibility recognised by employers, educational institutions, and other stakeholders.

Upon completion (and relevant assessment), you'll receive an official electronic certificate detailing your achievement, including:

- + The total learning hours
- + The equivalent academic level of study
- + The certificate's validity period

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

Our postgraduate-level micro-credentials are ideal for professionals and learners who want to deepen their understanding of digital trust and security in today's hyperconnected world.

- ✦ Business leaders and managers seeking to protect their organisations from cyber threats and safeguard sensitive data.
- ✦ Policy makers and public sector staff who need to understand the societal impact of cybercrime, surveillance, and digital privacy.
- ✦ Non-profit and charity workers navigating digital risks while protecting communities and maintaining trust.
- ✦ Educators, researchers, and students interested in exploring the ethical dilemmas of digital footprints, online safety, and governance.
- ✦ Any professional or individual who wants to build resilience against cyberattacks, strengthen digital literacy, and confidently respond to the challenges of our increasingly connected world.

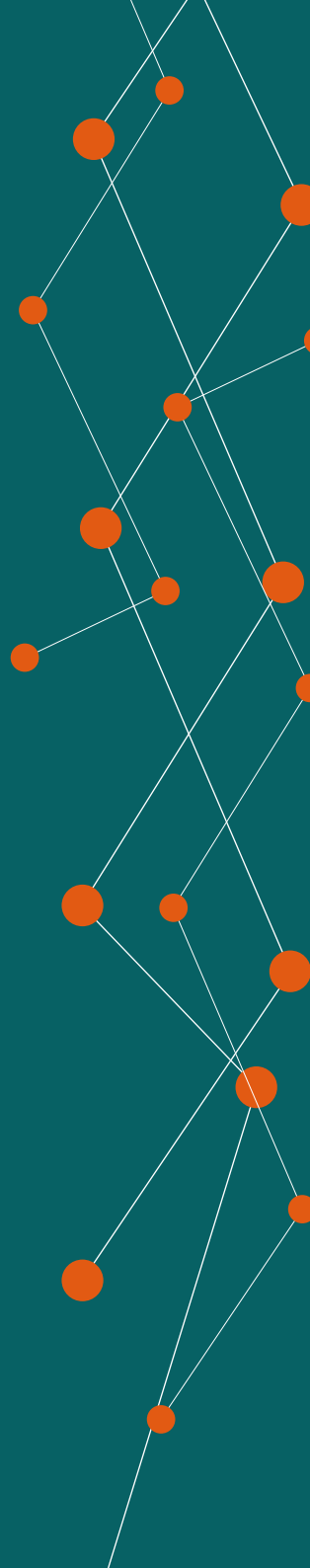
Developed with direct input from an Industry Advisory Board with representatives from leading businesses, charities, and governmental organisations, our micro-credentials ensure that the skills you gain are aligned with real-world needs and industry best practices.



"These courses explore the risks of our hyper-connected world, examining the threats, actors, and methods shaping cybersecurity today. Through case studies, we'll analyse how cyberattacks unfold, the strategies to prevent them, and the broader implications for privacy, surveillance, and ethics."

KORRY ROBERT

Course Director



FEES AND FUNDING

COURSE FEES

Standard price

- + £1,250 per micro-credential

INDIVIDUAL DISCOUNTS

- + Early Bird: 10% off for the first cohort starting in May 2026
- + UoM alumni: 10% off for returning UoM learners (email learningsupport@manchester.ac.uk with proof of your alumni status e.g. your degree certificate). This discount can be used in conjunction with the Early Bird discount for May 2026 start.

CORPORATE DISCOUNTS

Group Size	Discount
5-10 learners	10%
11-20 learners	15%
21+ learners	20%

WAYS TO PAY

Reserve your space via our [online store](#). You can choose to pay in full or in instalments, using either a credit or debit card.

To discuss corporate enrolment and payment by invoice, please contact:

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MICRO-CREDENTIAL 1

CORE ISSUES IN DIGITAL TRUST AND SECURITY



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CORE ISSUES IN DIGITAL TRUST AND SECURITY

This online micro-credential, part of postgraduate-level micro-credentials suite in Digital Trust and Security, delivers training in digital security threats and mitigation techniques. It covers core concepts related to cybersecurity and explores the challenges of our increasingly connected world.

KEY INFORMATION



Micro-credential
Level: Postgraduate
FHEQ: 7



Start date:
25 May 2026



50 hours self-directed
study over 10 weeks



£1,250
(discounts available)
Payment deadline:
18 May 2026



Assessment through
reflective journal
and final written
assignment.



Academic support via
two hours of weekly
contact with your
course lead via email.

COURSE OVERVIEW

- + Learn about threat actors, from individuals to nation-states, who exploit technology for malicious purposes.
- + Learn about how increasing digital connectivity is reshaping everyday life, and the cybersecurity risks this creates for individuals, organisations, and society.
- + Examine vulnerabilities that enable cybercriminals to steal data, money, and identities, and discover protective measures.
- + Investigate how hackers operate, the tools and techniques they use, and study case examples that show how attacks unfold in practice.
- + Consider how law enforcement and security agencies respond to cybercrime.
- + Reflect on key dilemmas in digital trust and security.

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MICRO-CREDENTIAL 2

UNDERSTANDING DIGITAL SOCIETY



LAUNCHING SOON



UNDERSTANDING DIGITAL SOCIETY

This micro-credential offers a foundational introduction to the social implications of the digital transformation. It explores how everyday life is shaped by digital technologies, examining how the processes of datafication — how data is collected, analysed, and used — and algorithmisation are increasingly embedded into the modern society.

KEY INFORMATION



Micro-credential
Level: Postgraduate
FHEQ: 7



Start date:
TBC



50 hours self-directed
study over 10 weeks



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COURSE OVERVIEW

- + Examine key social, economic, and political developments shaping the digital society.
- + Engage with critical topics like data privacy, surveillance practices, and disinformation to understand their societal impacts.
- + Analyse the opportunities and societal challenges arising from the increasing influence of digital technologies on everyday life.
- + Reflect on how datafication and algorithmic decision-making processes affect fairness, inequality, and trust in digital societies.

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MICRO-CREDENTIAL 3

DIGITAL MARKETS AND TRUST



LAUNCHING SOON



DIGITAL MARKETS AND TRUST

This micro-credential explores the complexities of trust within the digital platform economy and its significant social, economic, and political implications. Students will examine how digital infrastructures influence power dynamics, trust, and market exchanges in online environments.

KEY INFORMATION



Micro-credential
Level: Postgraduate
FHEQ: 7



Start date:
TBC



50 hours self-directed
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COURSE OVERVIEW

- + Identify how trust is constructed, challenged, and maintained within digital markets.
- + Analyse how platforms as digital infrastructures influence power dynamics, trust relationships, and market interactions within online environments.
- + Examine how digital markets facilitate criminal activities, focusing on the growth of financial cyber crime, the role of cryptocurrencies and dark markets.
- + Demonstrate an awareness of the opportunities, challenges, and risks posed by digital markets.
- + Assess law enforcement strategies and regulatory approaches to fight financial crime in cyberspace, considering diverse perspectives on digital regulation and privacy.

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MICRO-CREDENTIAL 4

ONLINE HARMS



LAUNCHING SOON



ONLINE HARMS

This micro-credential aims to develop learners' understanding of how digital technologies and platforms create and intensify interpersonal harms, including online harassment, relationship-based cyber abuse, and the creation and dissemination of online misinformation and disinformation. Through an analysis of the mechanisms that drive the spread of harmful content across digital platforms,

KEY INFORMATION



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FHEQ: 7



Start date:
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COURSE OVERVIEW

- + Learn about how digital technologies and platforms contribute to and exacerbate interpersonal harms, including harassment, abuse, and radicalisation in online environments
- + Explore real-world case studies of mis/disinformation, harassment, and cyber abuse to understand their impact on individuals, relationships, and communities.
- + Analyse how efforts to reduce online interpersonal harms intersect with freedom of expression, including the tensions and challenges involved in developing safer online environments.
- + Examine the key challenges for regulation and law enforcement in combating online interpersonal harms, including legal, technological, and educational-based approaches.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER EXCELLENCE

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56TH IN THE WORLD REPUTATION RANKINGS 2026

Our University has been ranked the 56th most powerful global university brand in the Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings 2026.



CENTRE FOR DIGITAL TRUST AND SOCIETY

The Centre for Digital Trust and Society generates cross-disciplinary perspectives on digital trust and cyber security within a social context. Our Digital Trust and Security courses are informed by the Centre's research, providing you with up to the minute insight and training in this area.



DIGITAL FUTURES

Our Digital Futures team is committed to solving key societal challenges, including Digital Skills development as a core theme. We achieve this through close collaboration with students and industry to identify and deliver the digital skills needed to support and responsibly transform the global workplace.



CYBER SECURITY

The University of Manchester has been named as an 'Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Research'. The award is made by the National Cyber Security Centre (a branch of GCHQ) and the EPSRC. It was made in 2024, and covers the entirety of The University of Manchester, one of only 21 institutions in the UK to hold this accreditation.

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