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MICRO-CREDENTIALS   100% ONLINE

DIGITAL TRUST AND SECURITY

EMPOWERING DIGITAL TRUST

Strong digital trust is essential for business success and effective public service.

To address this need, our online micro-credential courses in Digital Trust and Security, launching soon, are designed to educate and empower individuals to identify risks, mitigate threats, and promote safe digital practices.

Whether you're protecting your workplace, your team, or yourself, these courses provide the tools to navigate today's challenges with confidence.

Developed with direct input from an Industry Advisory Board of representatives from leading businesses, charities, and governmental organisations, these courses ensure our content and outcomes align with real-world needs and industry best practices

Micro-credentials

Launching soon

Developing digital skills is a core theme for our **Digital Futures** team

Delivered online in 50-hour sprints of applied learning

50th in THE World Reputation Rankings 2025

The **Centre for Digital Trust and Society** is at the centre of pioneering research in digital trust

OUR MICRO-CREDENTIALS

CORE ISSUES IN DIGITAL TRUST AND SECURITY

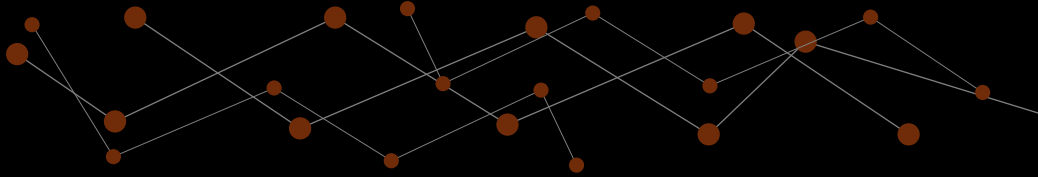This micro-credential explores digital security threats and mitigation techniques.

+ Learn about threat actors, from individuals to nation-states, who exploit technology for malicious purposes.

+ Examine vulnerabilities that enable cybercriminals to steal data, money, and identities, and discover protective measures for citizens, businesses, and governments.

+ Explore privacy concerns, digital footprints, and the impact of digital media on democracy and trust.

UNDERSTANDING DIGITAL SOCIETY

This micro-credential examines how digital technologies - datafication, algorithmisation, and automation - shape modern society.

+ Analyse the social, economic, and political forces driving digital transformation and the role of these technologies in shaping privacy, surveillance, and governance.

+ Explore how digital systems process and categorise information, influencing decision-making and societal structures.

+ Gain a critical perspective on the challenges and implications of a data-driven world.

DIGITAL MARKETS AND TRUST

This micro-credential investigates the role of trust in online interactions and digital platform markets.

+ Consider the societal harms and regulatory challenges of the digital economy.

+ Examine financial crime classifications, how digital networks enable illicit transactions, and explore theoretical models of financial cybercrime.

+ Gain insight into the use of digital technologies in organised crime, with a focus on crypto markets and the dark web.

ONLINE HARMS

This micro-credential explores misinformation, disinformation, conspiracy theories, and extremism in the digital space.

+ Analyse how problematic content spreads online, examining the mechanisms that amplify its reach.

+ Gain insight into digital information dynamics, privacy concerns, and the societal consequences of online harms.

+ Understand the challenges of combating misinformation and consider approaches to governing digital media responsibly.

WHAT ARE MICRO-CREDENTIALS?

Micro-credentials offer a flexible, self-paced format to fit your schedule.

Each 50-hour course includes an assessment designed to reflect real-world scenarios, ensuring relevant and practical learning. Upon completion, you'll earn a certificate detailing your achievement, validated by industry standards and recognised by employers.

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.

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.

RECOGNISED AND ACCREDITED

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

STACKABLE LEARNING

Build expertise with themed courses designed to support career development and future credit-bearing pathways.

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. All assessments are quality assured to a high standard and approved by relevant bodies.

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 (typically 50, though individual learning paces may vary)

+ The equivalent academic level of study (levels 4-8 available)

+ Clear learning outcomes

+ The certificate's validity period

+ The awarding institution

+ (Where applicable) Industry or professional body recognition

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