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Atlantic
Technological
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Master of Arts/
Postgraduate Diploma
in Governance
& IT in
Financial Services

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL-
EMBRACE THE WORLD OF COMPLIANCE

DEVELOPING COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONALS

Demand is strong in the international Financial Services Industry for professionals with the skills and knowledge in regulation, risk and compliance. Similarly, demand for IT skills is increasing given rapid changes in relation to data analytics, data security and privacy management.

Mastering the new regulation agenda has been critical for Financial Services Providers in a dynamic landscape. This programme, which was developed in collaboration with industry partners, is a unique offering combining regulation with technology to leverage data analytics and enhance regulatory compliance.

Format:

Course is delivered in two formats:

Masters of Arts in Governance & IT in Financial Services (90 ECTS)

Postgraduate Diploma in Governance & IT in Financial Services (60 ECTS)

Key Features

- Level 9 major award programme (90 ECTS for MA and 60 ECTS for PG Diploma)
- Blended learning (1 day block delivery plus online) over 15 months
- Strongly aligned with current opportunities in the financial services industry
- Part funding may be available for this course

- Personal and supportive approach to teaching and learning
- Best practice speakers from industry
- Work Based Learning opportunities with Financial Service organisations
- Skillbase is transferable throughout wider compliance roles

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

This programme is designed to enhance skills, judgement, critical thinking and the ability to deal with practical application of theory in the management and practice of compliance in the financial services industry. The duration of the programme is 15 months and involves learners undertaking taught modules, which are classroom based supplemented by online learning.

The capstone module to obtain the Master's certification, is a Dissertation or Work Based Learning Project based on situated learning and critical reflection which is completed in Semester 4.

The programme includes the following modules:

Semester 1	Credits
Financial Services Industry	10
Blockchain Technology and Practice	5
Principles of Information Systems	5
Governance Ethics & Regulation	5
Research Methods	5
Semester 2	
Financial Services Regulation	10
IT Security Compliance & Privacy	10
IT Risk Management & Audit	10
Masters Programme Only	
Work Based Learning	30

MINIMUM ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements are a Level 8 honours Degree, or equivalent qualification in Legal or similar disciplines. Applications will also be accepted from candidates holding a qualification as a barrister or a solicitor in Ireland or the United Kingdom.

ATU Donegal recognises that life and work experience counts, and operates a comprehensive Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPL) scheme. Non-degree graduates (diploma/certificate) with significant relevant work experience may be eligible to apply.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications may be made directly for this programme by downloading the application form on the course programme page at www.lyit.ie.

Some applicants may be called for interview.

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TESTIMONIALS

"The Compliance, Governance and Data Protection programme is an excellent opportunity for any individual who wishes to specialise in a facet of the financial services industry that is rapidly growing and offers exciting employment opportunities.

From my own personal experience, the small class size allowed for greater learning opportunities that would not be possible in a larger class. The lecturers were not only helpful but ensured any individual queries were addressed and fully comprehended.

The work experience element of the programme allowed for an understanding of how the content of the course applies to the workplace which allows for enhanced learning through hands on experiences such as carrying out projects and interview practice.

The programme not only focuses on the compliance, governance and data privacy aspect of financial services but provides an understanding of relevant information systems management that greatly enhances the role of a future compliance officer.

The experience and knowledge I attained from this programme will greatly benefit my future career ambitions of acquiring a senior compliance role in a large financial services institution."

Joseph Gallagher

"The MA in Governance gave me a unique opportunity to gain industry-specific insight and experience, in a supportive learning environment. Being taught by lecturers who have years of experience working in international financial services companies means that everything learned in the classroom is practical and applicable in the workplace. Studying for this programme was a rewarding and enjoyable experience, as well as being a great stepping stone to a career in Governance."

Helen Lafferty