Academic Progression Statement – Additional Study

As you successfully achieved the same level of qualification as you are now applying for, we require you to complete our Academic Progression Statement form. This form will support your application and provide us with additional information about your suitability to secure an offer at the University of Wolverhampton.

Full Name:

Course Title:

1. **Please confirm the course, the duration of your studies and if the qualification was achieved in the UK or oversees.**

   International Business, One year , it was achieved in the UK

2. **Please provide an overview of the differences between this new course you have applied for and your previous qualification achieved.**

   My Masters program focused on the big picture of global business by understanding markets, leading teams across cultures, and figuring out how companies grow internationally. Now, I'm pivoting sharply toward the MRes in Cybersecurity. This is less about boardrooms and more about the hidden architecture of our digital world. I want to shift from analyzing spreadsheets to analyzing code and network traffic, from writing business plans to conducting hands-on security research in a lab.

   It's a big switch from the "why" of business to the "how" of digital defense. But I see a strong connection. My business background helps me understand the real-world cost of a data breach or system failure. I want to combine that with technical skills so I can not only help build stronger digital defenses but also explain, in simple terms, why those defenses matter to an organization's survival. I'm excited to become a translator between the technical side and the decision-makers.

3. **Please confirm what skill sets you believe this new course will provide you, please provide an overview of how you intend to use the skills learned from this new course in your future career aspirations.**

This MRes will reveal the "why" behind the security alerts I now handle as a frontend developer. It will shift my focus from merely implementing security features to understanding the core principles of cryptography, network threats, and secure architecture. Most importantly, it will teach me the rigorous research methodology needed to systematically investigate new vulnerabilities which is a significant upgrade from just finding solutions on Stack Overflow to actively contributing knowledge myself.

I plan to apply this skillset to transition into a specialized role as a Security-focused Developer Advocate or Application Security Engineer. In this position, I can bridge the gap I encounter daily: translating complex security research into practical, actionable guidance for development teams. My frontend background allows me to speak their language and create realistic examples, while my MRes knowledge will enable me to advocate for secure design from the very first line of code, not just as an afterthought. I aim to foster a proactive security culture in tech, ensuring businesses are resilient by design, not solely through response.