# Programme Specification

| 1 | Awarding body | University of London |
| 2 | Teaching Institution | Birkbeck College |
| 3 | Programme Title(s) | MRes Global Politics |
| 4 | Programme Code(s) | TMRPOGLB_C |
| 5 | UCAS code (if applicable) | N/A |
| 6 | Home Department | Politics |
| 7 | Exit Award(s) | Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma |
| 8 | Duration of Study (number of years) | 2 years PT  
1 year FT |
| 9 | Mode of Study (FT/PT/DL) | PT, FT |
| 10 | Level of Award (FHEQ) | 7 |
| 11 | Other teaching depts or institution (if applicable) | N/A |
| 12 | Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body (PSRB) details (if applicable) | (include URL to PSRB) |
| 13 | QAA Benchmark Group (if applicable) | N/A |

### 14 Programme Rationale & Aims

This programme aims to provide
- quantitative and qualitative research methods training
- the analytical tools required to examine the changing nature of international politics and the emergence of a global political space.
- a good foundation from which to undertake a research degree related to globalisation in the social sciences.

Distinctive features
- Ideal for candidates planning a career in international organisations, policy research, journalism or economic and political forecasting.
- Part-time, evening, face-to-face study
- Taught by leading figures in the field
Entry Criteria

A good undergraduate degree in a related area, or relevant experience combined with an adequate academic background (subject to interview).

Prospectus Entry

This programme provides a historical understanding of the evolution of global political and economic forces and the ideas that shaped them. It also includes evaluations of: the spread of neo-liberal economic orthodoxy; the creation and operation of multilateral institutions (such as the World Trade Organization); foreign direct investment; migration; and global governance.

You will develop the capacity to analyse political debates and issues in a critical manner, while improving teamwork and both written and oral communication skills. You will also learn to locate and analyse qualitative and quantitative data on globalisation from printed and electronic sources.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:
understand and explain key concepts related to global politics, such as the spread of neo-liberal economic orthodoxy; the creation and operation of multilateral institutions (such as the World Trade Organization); and issues in foreign direct investment, migration and global governance.

On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have obtained a good level of competence in applying qualitative and quantitative research methods extended and developed their analytical, evaluative and critical capacities developed skills of expository writing and oral communication, demonstrated the ability to conduct an independent research project. developed their ability to obtain and analyse information from a wide array of sources

Learning, teaching and assessment methods

The programme uses the established teaching and assessment methods on the Politics MSc programmes, consisting of lectures and seminars for taught modules, along with a dissertation. In the Qualitative and Quantitative methods modules, assessment is based on research projects submitted during the year and, in Quantitative Methods, a final exam. In the compulsory substantive modules, students submit formative essays to obtain feedback in term 1 and take exams in term 3.
Programme Structure

Description
Students take four core/compulsory taught modules (all 30 credits) and write a 60 credit dissertation. Part-time students take two modules each year and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year. Full-time students take all four taught modules Oct-May and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept.

2 year programme (part-time)

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1 year programme (full-time)

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Regulations

**Admissions**
This programme adheres to the College Admissions Policy

**Credit Transfer**
Accredited Prior Learning will be considered in line with the College Policy on Accredited Prior Learning [http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/services/rules/AccreditedPriorLearning.pdf](http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/services/rules/AccreditedPriorLearning.pdf)

**Programme Regulations**
This programme adheres to the College Common Awards Scheme
[http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/regulations](http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/regulations)

**Programme Specific Regulations (if applicable)** N/A

Student Attendance Framework – in brief
The full version of the ‘Student Attendance Framework’ is available

**Principle**

Consistent and regular student attendance in class (or equivalent) promotes and affords student success. Inconsistent and irregular attendance is less likely to result in student success and is consistent with lower marks and degree classifications being achieved and awarded.

**Attendance expectation**

Birkbeck, University of London expects you to consistently attend all timetabled sessions, including lectures, seminars, group and individual tutorials, learning support sessions, workshops, laboratories, field trips, inductions and demonstrations.

**E-Registers**

All Birkbeck students are issued with student cards. Students are expected to take them to classes and to assessment venues and to present them to a member of staff if requested. This is for the purpose of identifying Birkbeck students.

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**Student Support and Guidance**

All Birkbeck students have access to a range of student support services, details can be found on our website here: http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/services/facilities

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**Methods of Enhancing Quality and Standards**

The College has rigorous procedures in place for the monitoring and enhancing its educational provision. This includes regular monitoring of programmes drawing on feedback from various sources including external examiner's reports, student feedback, student achievement and progression data. In addition, departments are reviewed every four to five years through the internal review process that includes external input.

For more information please see the Quality Enhancement and Validation website www.bbk.ac.uk/qev

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**Programme Director**

David Styan

**Start Date (term/year)**

Oct 2002

**Date approved by TQEC**

Spring 2002

**Date approved by Academic Board**

Summer 2002

**Date(s) updated/amended**

March 2017