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Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	Universi	University of London				
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbec	Birkbeck College				
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Pol	MSc Politics, Philosophy and Economics				
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSPO	TMSPOPHE_C				
5	UCAS code	N/A	N/A				
6	Home Department	Econom	Economics, Mathematics and Statistics				
7	Exit Award(s)	PG Dip;	PG Dip; PG Cert				
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	One yea	r Full-Ti	me or tv	vo years	s part-tir	ne
9	Mode of Study	FT	Х	PT	х	DL	
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	Level 7	Level 7				
11	Other teaching depts or institution	Politics,	Politics, Philosophy				
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A					
13	QAA Benchmark Statement	N/A					

¹⁴ Programme Rationale & Aims

This programme meets the latent demand in the UK for an interdisciplinary graduate programme in politics, philosophy and economics, subjects that naturally overlap and complement each other. There are very few such programmes in the UK, and none available through the part-time mode through evening instruction.

Aims:

- Students will receive a high-quality education in all three of the component subjects;
- Students will get a good understanding of the central principles of economics via the newly created core economics module;
- Students will get a good understanding of politics and philosophy through doing Masters-level modules in each of those subjects;
- Students will have the opportunity to specialise in any particular area from any of the three; subjects, via free choice of additional option modules and via free choice of dissertation topic.

¹⁵ Entry Criteria

A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in any subject; prior exposure to at least one of the three component subjects would be a distinct advantage, but it might be possible for able students to acquire the relevant knowledge as part of this programme.

16	Learning Outcomes
	Students will receive a high-quality education in all three of the component subjects. They will
	get a good understanding of the central principles of economics via the newly created core

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economics module; and good understanding of politics and philosophy through doing Masters-level modules in each of those subjects. Students will have the opportunity to specialise in any particular area from any of the three subjects, via free choice of additional option modules and via free choice of dissertation topic.

Subject Specific

To gain the MSc qualification the student will have demonstrated separately the skills specified in the learning outcomes for approved modules in the programme. These will ensure that they understand key principles and analytical constructs used in economics, philosophy and politics

Intellectual

The ability to think in a structured manner about issues in politics, philosophy and economics, and in the social sciences more generally.

Personal and Social

The ability to study independently, to learn from a wide range of sources including journal articles and the ability to transfer knowledge from one context to another.

17 Learning, teaching and assessment methods

The primary method of teaching is through lectures and guided reading, to outline the core material in each module, as well as a range of supplementary material available over Moodle. Students will supplement lectures with considerable amount of time on self study.

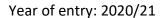
Many modules would also have small-group seminars for interactive discussion and problem solving, which fosters enthusiasm in students, as well as enabling them to develop their own opinions and to learn from those of fellow students.

One-to-one dissertation supervisions, enabling detailed and feedback on the student's choice of topic, as well as intensive training in academic writing as they improve successive drafts.

Assessment varies across modules, typically through essays, or exams supplemented with coursework assignments.

¹⁸ | Programme Description

Students doing the course in part-time mode will in their first year do a 30-credit core course in Economics; and choose a total of 30 credits of options from Philosophy and/or Politics. They will also begin work on a 60-credit dissertation, which they will complete in the second year. Also in their second year they will choose further options from Philosophy and / or Politics so that they have at least 30 credits of options from each of the component subjects (Economics, Philosophy and Politics). To make up the total requirement of 180 credits, the last 30 credits will allow free choice from any of the three departments, and may include level 7 or level 6 courses to maximise choice.)





¹⁹ Programme Structure

Full-Time programme – 1 year

Year 1

Level	Module Code	Module Title Credits S		Status*
7	BUEM087S7	Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions 30 C		Compulsory
7		Option module from Politics 30 Option		Optional
7		Option modules from Philosophy for a total of 30 Option credits		Optional
7 or 6		Option modules from Politics, Philosophy or Economics 30		Optional
7		Dissertation: to be done as any one of the following		Core
BUEM088D7 Dissertation MSc PPE				
SSPL216D7 Dissertation MSc PPE Philosophy				
	SSPO146D7	Dissertation MSc PPE Politics		

The structure requires students to complete a 60-credit dissertation; gain at least 30 credits from each of the three departments through taught Level 7 courses; have free choice of last 30 credits, which could include level 6 courses from the 3 departments.

Part-Time programme – 2 years

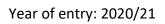
Year 1

Level	Module Code	Module Title		Status*
7	BUEM087S7	Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions 30 Comp		Compulsory
7		Option modules from Politics or Philosophy 30 Option		Optional
7		(Start work on Dissertation, to be completed in Year 2)		

Year 2

Level	Module Code	Module Title		Status*
7		Option module from Politics (if year 1 option was from Philosophy) or Philosophy (if year 1 option was from Politics)		Optional
7 or 6		Option module/s from any of the three subjects		Optional
7		Dissertation: to be done as any one of the following		Core
	BUEM088D7	Dissertation MSc PPE		
	SSPL216D7	Dissertation MSc PPE Philosophy		
	SSPO146D7	Dissertation MSc PPE Politics		

The structure requires students to complete a 60-credit dissertation; over the two years gain at least 30 credits from each of the three departments through taught Level 7 courses; have free choice of last 30 credits, which could include level 6 courses from the 3 departments.





Indica	Indicative List of Options					
Philos	sophy					
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*		
7	SSPL144H7	Adorno and Foucault Level 7 (15 Credits)	15	Option		
7	SSPL143H7	Aristotle's Biology and Ethics (Level 7, 15 credits)	15	Option		
7	SSPL135H7	Philosophy of Art	15	Option		
7	SSPL150H7	The Biology of Evil (15 Credits, Level 7)		Option		
7	SSPL121H7	Evolution and Philosophy	15	Option		
7	SSPL164H7	Hegel (Level 7)	15	Option		
7	SSPL140H7	The Idea of Freedom	15	Option		
7	SSPL123H7	Morality, Nature and Evolution	15	Option		
7	SSPL145H7	Moral Responsibility (15 Credits, Level 7)	15	Option		
7	SSPL142H7	The Philosophy of Nietzsche	15	Option		
7	SSPL134H7	Philosophy, Business and Society	15	Option		
7	SSPL125H7	Philosophy and Gender	15	Option		
7	SSPL124H7	Philosophical Logic	15	Option		
7	SSPL166H7	Early Modern Philosophy of Mind (Level 7, 15	15	Option		
		Credits)				
7	SSPL149H7	Philosophy of Psychology (15 Credits, Level 7)	15	Option		
7	SSPL137H7	Philosophy of Science	15	Option		
7	SSPL118H7	Propositions and Other Intentional Objects (Level	15	Option		
		7, 15 Credits)				
Econo	mics					
Level	Module Code	Module Title		Status*		
7	EMEC026S7	Econometrics	30	Option		
7	EMEC025S7	Macroeconomics	30	Option		
7	EMEC024S7	Microeconomics	30	Option		
7	EMEC033H7	Industrial Economics I	15	Option		
7	EMEC029H7	International Economics I	15	Option		
7	EMEC055H7	Monetary Economics	15	Option		
7	EMEC055S7	Financial Markets, Banking and Regulation	30	Option		
6	EMEC002S6	Applied Statistics and Econometrics	30	Option		
6	EMEC005S6	Economics of Public Policy	30	Option		
6	BUEM084S6	International Economics	30	Option		
6	EMEC014S6	Issues in Development Economics	30	Option		
6	BUEM016S6	Political Economy	30	Option		
Politic	Politics					
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*		
7	SSPO120S7	Emerging Powers in World Politics	30	Option		
7	SSPO121S7	Geopolitics, Population and Environment 30		Option		
7	POSO007S7	International Political Economy 30 Option		Option		
7	POSO020S7	Modern British Politics 30 Option		Option		
7	POSO022S7	Political Theory and Contemporary Politics 30 Option		Option		
7	SSPO127S7	The Politics of Population Change: Immigration, Aging and Conflict	30	Option		



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7	POSO041S7	Public Management: Theories and Innovations 30 Option		Option
7	POSO025S7	Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions 30 Option		Option
7	POSO006S7	The European Union: Integration, Politics and		Option
		Policy		
7	POSO023S7	The Political Sociology of the Modern State	30	Option

20 Regulations

Admissions

This programme adheres to the College Admissions Policy http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/documents/admissions-policy.pdf

Credit Transfer

Accredited Prior Learning will be considered in line with the College Policy on Accredited Prior Learning http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/documents/accreditation-prior-learning.pdf

Programme Regulations

This programme adheres to the College Common Awards Scheme http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/regulations

Programme Specific Regulations (or not applicable) N/A

21 Student Attendance Framework – in brief

The full version of the 'Student Attendance Framework' is available http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/services/rules/Attendance-Framework.pdf.

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

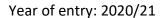
Birkbeck, University of London expects you to consistently attend all timetabled sessions, including lectures, seminars, group and individual tutorials, learning support sessions, workshops, laboratories, field trips, inductions and demonstrations.

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.

22 | 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/student-services





23 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 Academic Standards and Quality website http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/about-us/operations-and-quality .

24	Programme Director	Arup Daripa
25	Start Date (term/year)	Autumn 2018
26	Date approved by TQEC	January 2018 (by chair's action)
27	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2018
28	Date(s) updated/amended	October 2019