

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London					
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College					
3	Programme Title(s)	Cert HE Politics and International Studies					
4	Programme Code(s)	TBC					
5	UCAS code (if applicable)	N/A					
6	Home Department	Politics					
7	Exit Award(s)	N/A					
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	1 year FT, 2 years PT					
9	Mode of Study	FT	x	PT	x	DL	
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	4					

11	Other teaching depts or institution	N/A
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A
13	QAA Benchmark Group	N/A

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides an introduction to the fields of political science and international relations • Improves students' general knowledge of domestic and international political affairs and processes.

15	Entry Criteria
	Entry is subject to an English language writing test.

16	Learning Outcomes
	<p><i>On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand and interpret current and historical events in domestic politics and international affairs <p><i>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved their skills in reading, writing and speaking about current affairs • begun to use theories to analyse topical issues and events

17	Learning, teaching and assessment methods
	The programme consists of lectures and seminars. Assessment is by coursework and take-home tests.

18	Programme Description
	Students take four compulsory modules amounting to 120 credits. Modules can be taken in any order.

19	Programme Structure				
	Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status
	4	SSPO017S4	The Study of Politics	30	Compulsory
	4	SSPO118S4	Introduction to Global Politics	30	Compulsory
	4	FFPO956S4	Comparative Government	30	Compulsory
	4	FFHE026S4	Introductions: Understanding the Social World	30	Compulsory

20	Regulations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
	<p>The full version of the 'Student Attendance Framework' is available http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/services/rules/Attendance-Framework.pdf .</p> <p>Principle</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Attendance expectation</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>E-Registers</p> <p>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.</p>
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22	Student Support and Guidance
	<p>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</p>

23	Methods of Enhancing Quality and Standards
	<p>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.</p> <p>For more information please see the Academic Standards and Quality website http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/about-us/operations-and-quality</p>

24	Programme Director	Ali Burak Güven
25	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	Autumn 2011
26	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2011
27	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2011
28	Date(s) updated/amended	June 2019