

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London					
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College					
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Global Environmental Politics and Policy					
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSGVPP_C					
5	UCAS code	N/A					
6	Home Department	Politics					
7	Exit Award(s)	PG Dip; PG Cert					
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	1 FT and 2 PT					
9	Mode of Study	FT	✓	PT	✓	DL	
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	Level 7					
11	Other teaching depts or institution	Geography					
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A					
13	<u>QAA Benchmark Statement</u>	N/A					

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<p>Questions surrounding climate change, resource wars, violent conflict and population growth are likely to remain central to contemporary global politics in the decades ahead. This programme offers an evening study degree that combines critical social theory and detailed empirical analysis in the explanation of contemporary global environmental politics and policy. It draws from research and teaching expertise across the Departments of Politics, and Geography, Environment and Development Studies (GEDS) to deliver an ambitious curriculum addressing conceptual issues of global scarcity, violence, demographic change and environmental crisis together with the more concrete examination of key areas in contemporary environmental policy and law. The programme core modules are taught by faculty who are research active in areas of demographic politics, gender studies, critical geopolitics, food security and International environmental policy and governance.</p> <p>Students taking this programme will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop skills and engage with materials needed to understand the trajectories of current demographic and environmental change, and to appreciate the tensions and contradictions they generate in the geopolitical realm through the relationships between and across states and regions. • learn about the principles, instruments and ethics of international environmental policy, governance and legislation. • acquire detailed knowledge of environmental policies in relation to natural environment, water, waste, energy, low carbon, and resources on a local, national, regional and global scale. • undertake specific case studies of geopolitical, population and environmental occurrences and debates in particular countries or regions.

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15	Entry Criteria
	Minimum 2:2 or equivalent in social sciences or humanities UG degree

16	Learning Outcomes
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17	Learning, teaching and assessment methods
	<p>Combination of lectures and seminars. Assessment is as follows:</p> <p>FT: 50% exam, 50% coursework + 60 credit dissertation.</p> <p>Year 1 – PT: 50% exam, 50% coursework;</p> <p>Year 2 – PT: 50% exam, 50% coursework + 60 credit dissertation.</p>

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19	Programme Structure			
Full-Time programme – 1 year				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO121S7	Geopolitics, Population and Environment	30	Core
7	SSGE011S7	Environment and Policy	30	Core
7		Option 1	30	Option
7		Option 2	30	Option
7	SSPO135D7	12,000-15,000-word Dissertation	60	Core
Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO121S7	Geopolitics, Population and Environment	30	Core
7		Option 1	30	Option
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSGE011S7	Environment and Policy	30	Core
7		Option 2	30	Option
7	SSPO135D7	12,000-15,000-word Dissertation	60	Core

***Status:** CORE – Module must be taken and passed by student; COMPULSORY – Module must be taken, mark can be reviewed at sub-exam board; OPTIONAL – Student can choose to take this module

Indicative Options:

SSGE010S7 Climate Change (30 credits)
 GGPH033H7 Sustainable Business Practice (15 credits)
 SSGE014H7 Energy and Climate Change (15 credits)
 SSGE059H7 Environmental reporting and management systems (15 credits)
 FDDV002S7 Gender and Development (30 credits)
 SSPO130S7 Global Conflict, Security and Humanitarianism (30 credits)
 POSO082S7 Global Governance (30 credits)
 POSO044S7 Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict (30 credits)
 POSO025S7 Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions (30 credits)
 SSPO127S7 The Politics of Population Change: Immigration, Aging and Conflict (30 credits)
 FDDV020S7 War, Conflict and Development (30 credits)

20	Regulations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions

	<p>This programme adheres to the College Admissions Policy: http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/documents/admissions-policy.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Student Attendance Framework – in brief</p> <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 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 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 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>
22	<p>Student Support and Guidance</p> <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	<p>Methods of Enhancing Quality and Standards</p> <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>

Year of entry: 2020/21



	For more information please see the Academic Standards and Quality website http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/about-us/operations-and-quality .
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24	Programme Director	Dr Alex Colás
25	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	October 2016
26	Date approved by TQEC	Summer 2016
27	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2016
28	Date(s) updated/amended	April 2016