Programme Specification

1. Awarding body: University of London
2. Teaching Institution: Birkbeck College
3. Programme Title(s): MSc Global Governance and Emerging Powers
4. Programme Code(s): TMSGLGEP_C
5. UCAS code: N/A
6. Home Department: Politics
7. Exit Award(s): Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma
8. Duration of Study (number of years): 1 year full time, 2 years part time
9. Mode of Study: FT x PT x DL
10. Level of Award (FHEQ): 7
11. Other teaching depts or institution: N/A
12. Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details: N/A
13. QAA Benchmark Group: N/A

Programme Rationale & Aims

- Analyses the response of states, international institutions and non-governmental actors to the opportunities and challenges of globalisation
- Traces the enhanced international economic and political influence of emerging powers such as Brazil, Russia, India and China.
- Uses concepts, theories and evidence from the study of international relations, comparative politics and public policy to understand real-world policy problems across different sectors of the global economic and political system.
- Designed for students who wish to learn more about cutting-edge issues in the study of world politics and international public policy.
- Oriented towards careers in government, international organisations, NGOs, public affairs and research or for those who wish to advance their careers in these fields.
- Part-time, evening, face-to-face study
- Taught by leading figures in the field

Entry Criteria

A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in a social science or other relevant subject, or relevant experience combined with an adequate academic background (subject to interview).

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:

- undertake critical and well-informed analyses of global governance, with particular reference to emerging powers
- understand issues related to governance in an international setting
- apply theories from international relations and political science to issues relating to the changing world order.

**On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have**
- extended and developed their analytical, evaluative and critical capacities
- 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. There is a standard assessment pattern that means that students submit formative essays to obtain feedback in term 1 and assessed essays in term 2, and take exams in term 3.

### Programme Description

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

**Indicative list of options:**
- SSPO120S7 Emerging Powers in World Politics
- POSO007S7 International Political Economy
- POSO020S7 Modern British Politics
- SSPO006S7 Middle East Politics
- POSO044S7 Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict
- POSO023S7 The Political Sociology of the Modern State
- POSO022S7 Political Theory and Contemporary Politics
- SSPO121S7 Geopolitics, Population and Environment
- POSO041S7 Public Management: Theories and Innovations
- POSO025S7 Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions
- POSO075S7 Qualitative Social Research
- POSO076S7 Introduction to Quantitative Social Research
- POSO006S7 The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy
- POSO035S7 War, Politics and Society
- SSPO127S7 The Politics of Population Change: Immigration, Aging and Conflict
### Programme Structure

#### Full-Time programme – 1 year

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#### Part-Time programme – 2 years

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**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**

### 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  

- **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 (or not applicable)** N/A
**Student Attendance Framework – in brief**


**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.

**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](http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/services/facilities).

**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](http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/about-us/operations-and-quality).

**Programme Director**  
Dermot Hodson

**Start Date (term/year)**  
October 2013

**Date approved by TQEC**  
Spring 2013

**Date approved by Academic Board**  
Summer 2013

**Date(s) updated/amended**  
March 2017