

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London					
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College					
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Global Politics					
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSPOGLB_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 (or not applicable)	N/A					
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A					
13	QAA Benchmark Group	N/A					

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<p>This programme aims to provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

15	Entry Criteria
	A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in a social science or other relevant subject, or equivalent professional experience (<i>subject to interview</i>).

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 explain key concepts related to global politics, such as the spread of neo-liberal economic orthodoxy; the creation and operation of multilateral institutions

	<p>(such as the World Trade Organization); and issues in foreign direct investment, migration and global governance.</p> <p><i>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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17	Learning, teaching and assessment methods
	<p>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.</p>

18	Programme Description
	<p>Students take two core modules and two options (all 30 credits) and write a 60 credit dissertation. This is the standard structure for Politics masters programmes. 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.</p> <p>Indicative list of options:</p> <p>POSO002S7 American Foreign Policy</p> <p>SSPO120S7 Emerging Powers in World Politics</p> <p>SSPO006S7 Middle East Politics</p> <p>POSO020S7 Modern British Politics</p> <p>POSO044S7 Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict</p> <p>POSO023S7 The Political Sociology of the Modern State</p> <p>POSO022S7 Political Theory</p> <p>POSO041S7 Public Management: Theories and Innovations</p> <p>POSO077S7 Public Policy: Equality and Redistribution</p> <p>POSO025S7 Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions</p> <p>POSO075S7 Qualitative Social Research</p> <p>POSO076S7 Quantitative Social Research</p> <p>POSO006S7 The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy</p> <p>POSO078S7 The Politics of Global Europe</p> <p>SSPO127S7 The Politics of Population Change: Immigration, Aging and Conflict</p> <p>POSO035S7 War, Politics and Society</p>

19	Programme Structure			
Full-Time programme – 1 year				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO007S7	International Political Economy	30	Core
7	POSO082S7	Global Politics, Governance and Security	30	Core
7	POSO054D7	Dissertation	60	Core
7	n/a	Optional module	30	Option
7	n/a	Optional module	30	Option
Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO082S7	Global Politics, Governance and Security	30	Core
7	n/a	Option module	30	Option
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status
7	POSO007S7	International Political Economy	30	Core
7	POSO054D7	Dissertation	60	Core
7	n/a	Option module	30	Option

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

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
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	<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
	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

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	David Styan
25	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	Oct 2000
26	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2000
28	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2000
29	Date(s) updated/amended	July 2017