

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Public Policy and Management
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSPPMNG_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 FT, 2 years PT
9	Mode of Study	FT/PT
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	7
11	Other teaching depts or institution	N/A
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details (if applicable)	N/A
13	QAA Benchmark Group (if applicable)	N/A

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses the central issues that face everyone participating in the public policy process, whether as advisers, civil servants, managers or campaigners. • Highly topical material within contemporary UK political debates. • Ideal for people working in central and local government, or in other public and private organisations engaged in delivering government programmes, undertaking regulatory functions and participating in public policy processes. <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part-time, evening, face-to-face study • Taught by leading figures in the field

15	Entry Criteria
	<p>A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in a related area, or relevant experience combined with an adequate academic background (subject to interview).</p> <p>Applications are reviewed on their individual merits and your professional qualifications and/or relevant work experience will be taken into consideration positively. We actively support and encourage applications from mature learners.</p>

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"> • apply critically the key theories, models and concepts used in the study of politics to the analysis of politics and management in Britain; • demonstrate substantive knowledge of the organisation of the public sector at the national and subnational level demonstrate a comparative and historical understanding of public policy-making and administration in contemporary Britain. <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 • demonstrated the ability to conduct an independent research project. • developed their ability to obtain and analyse information from a wide array of sources

18	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>

19	Programme Structure
	<p>Description:</p> <p>Students take two core modules and two options (all 30 credits) and write a 60 credit dissertation.</p> <p>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>

Full-Time programme – 1 year

Year 1

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO025S7 BUEM087S7	Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions <i>or</i> Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions**	30	Core
7	POSO041S7	Public Management: Theories and Innovations	30	Core
7		Option module	30	Option
7		Option module	30	Option
7	POSO060D7	Dissertation	60	Core

****Please note: As a result of timetabling issues, the alternative compulsory module Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions is currently only available to students taking the programme part time**

Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO025S7 BUEM087S7	Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions <i>or</i> Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions	30	Core
7		Option module	30	Option
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO041S7	Public Management: Theories and Innovations	30	Core
7		Option module	30	Option
7	POSO060D7	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 list of options

SSPO120S7 Emerging Powers in World Politics
 POSO007S7 International Political Economy
 POSO082S7 Global Politics, Governance and Security
 SSPO006S7 Middle East Politics
 POSO020S7 Modern British 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
 POSO075S7 Qualitative Social Research
 POSO076S7 Quantitative Social Research
 POSO006S7 The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy
 SSPO127S7 The Politics of Population Change: Immigration, Aging and Conflict
 POSO035S7 War, Politics and Society

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme Specific Regulations (or not applicable) N/A
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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>

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	Deborah Mabbett
25	Start Date (term/year)	October 1996
26	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 1996
27	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 1996
28	Date(s) updated/amended	September 2018