

## Programme Specification

1	<b>Awarding body</b>	University of London				
2	<b>Teaching Institution</b>	<b>Birkbeck College</b>				
3	<b>Programme Title(s)</b>	<b>Cert HE Politics and International Studies</b>				
4	<b>Programme Code(s)</b>	TBC				
5	<b>UCAS code</b>	N/A				
6	<b>Home Department</b>	Politics				
7	<b>Exit Award(s)</b>	N/A				
8	<b>Duration of Study (number of years)</b>	1 year FT, 2 years PT				
9	<b>Mode of Study</b>	FT	x	PT	x	DL
10	<b>Level of Award (FHEQ)</b>	4				
11	<b>Other teaching depts or institution</b>	N/A				
12	<b>Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details</b>	N/A				
13	<a href="#"><u>QAA Benchmark Group</u></a>	N/A				

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

15	<b>Entry Criteria</b>
	Entry is subject to an English language writing test.

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

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

18	<b>Programme Description</b>
	Students take 5 compulsory modules (90 credits). The remaining 30 credits (2 15 credit modules) are options reflecting preferred specialisation / BA pathway (international relations, politics, or global political economy).

19	<b>Programme Structure</b>			
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
4	SSPO017S4	The Study of Politics	30	Compulsory
4	SSPO152H4	How the West Was Made: Transformations in Modern Politics	15	Compulsory
4	SSPO153H4	Democracy and Authoritarianism	15	Compulsory
4	SSPO154H4	Political Ideologies and Imaginaries	15	Compulsory
4	SSPO155H4	Conceptualising Politics	15	Compulsory
4		Options (2 x 15 credits from list below)	30	Optional
<b>A further 2 x 15 credit options selected from the following:</b>				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
4	SSPO170H4	Introduction to International Relations: History and Theory	15	Option
4	SSPO171H4	Structures and Issues in Global Politics	15	Option
4	SSPO166H4	Comparative Government - Concepts, Methods, and Institutions	15	Option
4	SSPO167H4	Comparative Government - Processes	15	Option
4	SSPO156H4	Introduction to International Political Economy: Theories and History	15	Option
4	SSPO157H4	International Political Economy: Issues and Policies	15	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	<b>Programme Director</b>	Ali Burak Güven
21	<b>Start Date</b> ( <i>term/year</i> )	Autumn 2011
22	<b>Date approved by TQEC</b>	Spring 2011
23	<b>Date approved by Academic Board</b>	Summer 2011
24	<b>Date(s) updated/amended</b>	March 2021