

## 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>MRes Politics</b>				
4	<b>Programme Code(s)</b>	TMRPOLTC_C				
5	<b>UCAS code</b>	N/A				
6	<b>Home Department</b>	Politics				
7	<b>Exit Award(s)</b>	Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma				
8	<b>Duration of Study (number of years)</b>	1 year full time, 2 years part time				
9	<b>Mode of Study</b>	FT	x	PT	x	DL
10	<b>Level of Award (FHEQ)</b>	7				
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 quantitative and qualitative research methods training</li> <li>• Flexible programme, allowing students to combine research training with any of the specialisms offered in politics at Master's level.</li> <li>• Ideal for students pursuing, or considering, a career in government or advisory bodies where research skills are required, or for students seeking to go on to an MPhil/PhD.</li> </ul> <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part-time, evening, face-to-face study</li> <li>• Taught by leading figures in the field</li> </ul>

15	<b>Entry Criteria</b>
	A second-class honours degree (2:2 or above) degree in a related area, or relevant experience combined with an adequate academic background (subject to interview).

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>• apply quantitative and qualitative methods to the study of politics</li> <li>• demonstrate substantive knowledge of fields of politics, political theory, international relations and global politics, depending on the options taken</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>• obtained a good level of competence in applying qualitative and quantitative research methods</li> <li>• extended and developed their analytical, evaluative and critical capacities</li> <li>• demonstrated the ability to conduct an independent research project.</li> <li>• developed their ability to obtain and analyse information from a wide array of sources</li> </ul>
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17	<p><b>Learning, teaching and assessment methods</b></p> <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. In the Qualitative and Quantitative methods modules, assessment is based on research projects submitted during the year and a final exam. In the compulsory substantive modules, students submit formative essays to obtain feedback in term 1 and take exams in term 3.</p>
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18	<p><b>Programme Description</b></p> <p>Students take two compulsory research methods modules (30 credits), two optional modules, 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 and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year.</p> <p><b>Indicative list of options:</b></p> <p>SSPO120S7 Emerging Powers in World Politics          POSO082S7 Global Politics, Governance and Security          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          POSO006S7 The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy          POSO035S7 War, Politics and Society          SSPO127S7 The Politics of Population Change: Immigration, Aging and Conflict</p>
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Year of entry: 2021/22



19	<b>Programme Structure</b>			
<b>Full-Time programme – 1 year</b>				
<b>Year 1</b>				
<b>Level</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Status*</b>
7	POSO075S7	Qualitative Social Research	30	Compulsory
7	POSO076S7 SSPO133S7	Introduction to Quantitative Social Research Or Intermediate Quantitative Social Research	30	Compulsory
7	POSO072D7	Dissertation	60	Core
7		Optional module	30	Option
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<b>Part-Time programme – 2 years</b>				
<b>Year 1</b>				
<b>Level</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Status*</b>
7	POSO075S7	Qualitative Social Research	30	compulsory
7		Optional module	30	Option
<b>Year 2</b>				
<b>Level</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Status*</b>
7	POSO076S7 SSPO133S7	Introduction to Quantitative Social Research Or Intermediate Quantitative Social Research	30	Compulsory
7	POSO072D7	Dissertation	60	Core
7		Optional 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	<b>Programme Director</b>	Barry Maydom
21	<b>Start Date</b> ( <i>term/year</i> )	October 2009
22	<b>Date approved by TQEC</b>	Spring 2009
23	<b>Date approved by Academic Board</b>	Summer 2009
24	<b>Date(s) updated/amended</b>	October 2016