

Programme Specification

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

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides quantitative and qualitative research methods training • 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
	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).

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 quantitative and qualitative methods to the analysis of politics, policy and public management in Britain;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • obtained a good level of competence in applying qualitative and quantitative research methods • 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
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17	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. 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.

18	Programme Description
	Students take four compulsory modules (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 and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year.

19	Programme Structure			
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	Compulsory
7	POSO041S7	Public Management: Theories and Innovations	30	Compulsory
7	POSO075S7	Qualitative Social Research	30	Compulsory
7	POSO076S7 SSPO133S7	Intro to Quantitative Social Research Or Intermediate Quantitative Social Research	30	Compulsory
7	POSO061D7	Dissertation	60	Compulsory

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

Year of entry: 2021/22



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	Compulsory
7	POSO075S7	Qualitative Social Research	30	Compulsory
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO041S7	Public Management: Theories and Innovations	30	Compulsory
7	POSO076S7 SSPO133S7	Intro to Quantitative Social Research Or Intermediate Quantitative Social Research	30	Compulsory
7	POSO061D7	Dissertation	60	Compulsory

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

24	Programme Director	Deborah Mabbett
25	Start Date (term/year)	October 2002
26	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2002
27	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2002
28	Date(s) updated/amended	September 2018