Year of entry: 2021/22



Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London					
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College					
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc European Politics and Policy					
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSEUPOP_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	Х	PT	х	DL	
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	7					
11	Other teaching depts or institution	N/A					
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A					
13	QAA Benchmark Group	N/A					

14 | Programme Rationale & Aims

Distinctive Features:

- Part-time, evening, face-to-face study
- Taught by leading figures in the field
- Offers an advanced understanding of politics and policy-making in West and Central European states, the European Union, and the European Union's place in the world, using the concepts, models and theories of political science

¹⁵ Entry Criteria

A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above, preferably in politics, law, economics, history or languages. We will consider applications from those with degrees in other disciplines, or relevant experience combined with an adequate academic background (subject to interview).

16 Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:

- apply critically the theories, models and concepts used in the study of politics to the analysis of the European Union
- demonstrate substantive knowledge of political systems, institutions, processes and developments at the national and international level in Europe
- locate and evaluate EU documentation

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On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have:

- extended and developed their analytical, evaluative and critical capacities
- developed skills of policy analysis, 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 and to distil complex quantitative data to use or challenge for the purposes of policy advocacy

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. 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.

18 | Programme Description

Students take two core modules and two options (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 (two core in the first year) and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year.

Indicative list of options:

SSPO120S7 Emerging Powers in World Politics

POSO082S7 Global Politics, Governance and Security

POSO007S7 International Political Economy

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

POSO041S7 Public Management: Theories and Innovations

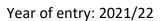
POSO025S7 Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions

POSO075S7 Qualitative Social Research

POSO076S7 Introduction to Quantitative Social Research

SSPO127S7 The Politics of Population Change: Immigration, Aging and Conflict

POSO035S7 War, Politics and Society





19 Prog	gramme Structu	re							
Full-Time programme – 1 year									
Year 1									
Level	Module Code	de Module Title		Status*					
7	7 POSO006S7 The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy			Core					
7	7 POSO025S7 Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, and Institutions		30	Core					
7	7 SSPO004D7 Dissertation		60	Core					
7		Optional module	30	Option					
7		Optional module	30	Option					
Part-Tin	ne programme –	- 2 years	<u>'</u>						
Year 1									
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*					
7	POSO006S7	The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy	30	Core					
7	7 POSO025S7 Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, and Institutions		30	Core					
Year 2			- 1						
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*					
7		Optional module	ional module 30 Option						
7		Optional module	30 Option						
7	SSPO004D7	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

20	Programme Director	Dionyssis Dimitrakopoulos
21	Start Date (term/year)	October 2009
22	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2009
23	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2009
24	Date(s) updated/amended	July 2017