Year of entry: 2021/22



# **Programme Specification**

1	Awarding body	Universi	ty of Lor	ndon			
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College					
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Global Political Economy					
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSGLECM_C					
5	UCAS code	N/A					
6	Home Department	Politics					
7	Exit Award(s)	PG Cert; PGDip					
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	1 FT; 2 PT					
9	Mode of Study	FT	Х	PT	Х	DL	
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	7					
11	Other teaching depts or institution	Economics; Criminology; Law; Management					
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A					
13	QAA Benchmark Statement	N/A					

### 14 | Programme Rationale & Aims

#### Rationale:

"Global political economy" (also known as "international political economy") is a well-established and increasingly popular scholarly field — there are more than a dozen "global" or "international" political economy master's courses in the UK. The proposed programme deploys existing research and teaching expertise in the Department of Politics to put Birkbeck on the map in this field, in the context of a cross-school initiative that launches a family of "political economy" courses in BEI, Law and SSHP interlinked via a common, jointly-taught compulsory module. We are in a very strong position to provide a vibrant, intellectually challenging learning experience and will be able to sustain this programme in the foreseeable future.

#### Aims:

The programme offers a theoretically robust, analytically diverse and policy-relevant approach to investigating the interplay of global economic and political forces shaping our world, and will appeal to a wide range of home and international applicants. Students will:

- Develop an in-depth understanding of actors and structures governing the global economy;
- Examine the political context of the dynamics of global trade, finance and production to make sense of the current trajectory of international capitalism;
- Explore how issues central to global political economy are linked to international politics and can be approached from adjacent fields such as law, economics and management; and
- Learn to critically apply the broad range of concepts, theories and methods in the discipline of international / global political economy to independently research real-world phenomena.

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Together, the three interlinked BEI/Law/SSHP programmes will also foster the development of a distinct learning community of postgraduate political economy students, which will likely have a positive long-term impact on our research environment.

### <sup>15</sup> Entry Criteria

Applicants are expected to have a 2:2 in social sciences or humanities from a UK institution, or an equivalent qualification from a non-UK institution. However, other relevant educational or professional qualifications and experience might also be taken into account by the admissions tutor.

International students whose first language is not English must meet the standard language requirement of the Department of Politics (IELTS Academic with a minimum score of 6.5 overall and not less than 6.0 in each sub-test).

### 16 Learning Outcomes

Students completing this degree programme will be able to:

- Demonstrate an advanced understanding of the key concepts and major theories of the field of global political economy and a good scholarly grasp of the evolution of global capitalism;
- Critically analyse related contemporary issues, from the dynamics of global production, trade and finance to global economic governance and the structure of North-South relations;
- Demonstrate awareness and appreciation of contributions to political-economic analysis from other social disciplines such as law and management;
- Undertake supervised independent research in a topic within the field of global political economy to a good standard and effectively convey findings of such research in academic style;
- Demonstrate skills of analysis and critique that can be transferred to further study in the social sciences and humanities.

### 17 Learning, teaching and assessment methods

Students will attend weekly lectures and seminars and termly workshops in accordance with the standard teaching scheme in Politics PG taught programmes. Most of the teaching material will be available via Moodle.

Standard assessment pattern in Politics involves a mid-year essay and a year-end exam, each worth 50%. The MSc dissertation is worth 60 credits and expected to be 12,000-15,000 words. The cross-school compulsory module is evaluated via a single 4,000-word essay; any option module students might take from non-Politics departments may follow a different assessment scheme.

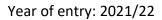
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# 18 | Programme Description

MSc Global Political Economy aims to provide students with a solid grasp in its subject matter while exposing them to political economy analysis elsewhere in social sciences and humanities. Students take two compulsory modules, two option modules, and write a master's dissertation. One compulsory module is cross-school and team taught, while the other is an existing Politics module that provides a direct advanced introduction to the subject. At least one of the option modules must be taken from Politics; the other can be taken from Law, Politics, Economics or Management. The master's dissertation will be supervised in Politics.

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POSO007S7	International Political Economy	30	Compulsory		
	Option (Politics)	30	Option		
	Option (Politics/BEI/Law)	30	Option		
SSPO147D7	Dissertation MSc Global Political Economy	60	Compulsory		
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	Option (Politics)	30	Option		
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POSO007S7	International Political Economy	30	Compulsory		
	Option (Politics/BEI/Law)	30	Option		
SSPO147D7	Dissertation MSc Global Political Economy	60	Compulsory		
Indicative list of option modules (select at least one from Politics):					
Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*		
SSPO120S7	Emerging Powers in World Politics (Politics)	30	Option		
SSPO144S7	Food, Politics, and Society (Politics)	30	Option		
SSPO121S7	Geopolitics, Population and Environment (Politics)	30	Option		
POSO082S7	Global Politics, Governance and Security (Politics)	30	Option		
SSPO006S7	Middle East Politics (Politics)	30	Option		
POSO044S7	Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict (Politics)	30	Option		
POSO025S7	Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions (Politics)	30	Option		
POSO006S7	The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy (Politics)	30	Option		
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## 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	Dr Ali Güven
21	Start Date (term/year)	Autumn 2020
22	Date approved by Education Committee	Autumn 2019
23	Date approved by Academic Board	Spring 2020
24	Date(s) updated/amended	January 2020