

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London				
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College				
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Global Politics				
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSPOGLB_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	x	PT	x	DL
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	7				
11	Other teaching depts or institution (or not applicable)	N/A				
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A				
13	QAA Benchmark Group	N/A				

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<p>This programme aims to provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the analytical tools required to examine the changing nature of international politics and the emergence of a global political space. a good foundation from which to undertake a research degree related to globalisation in the social sciences. <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideal for candidates planning a career in international organisations, policy research, journalism or economic and political forecasting. 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 social science or other relevant subject, or equivalent professional experience (<i>subject to interview</i>).

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"> understand and explain key concepts related to global politics, such as the spread of neo-liberal economic orthodoxy; the creation and operation of multilateral institutions

	<p>(such as the World Trade Organization); and issues in foreign direct investment, migration and global governance.</p> <p>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extended and developed their analytical, evaluative and critical capacities • developed skills of 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
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17	<p>Learning, teaching and assessment methods</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. 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.</p>
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18	<p>Programme Description</p> <p>Students take two core modules and two options (all 30 credits) and write a 60 credit dissertation. This is the standard structure for Politics masters programmes. 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 (one core in each year) and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year.</p> <p>Indicative list of options:</p> <p>POSO002S7 American Foreign Policy</p> <p>SSPO120S7 Emerging Powers in World Politics</p> <p>SSPO006S7 Middle East Politics</p> <p>POSO020S7 Modern British Politics</p> <p>POSO044S7 Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict</p> <p>POSO023S7 The Political Sociology of the Modern State</p> <p>POSO022S7 Political Theory</p> <p>POSO041S7 Public Management: Theories and Innovations</p> <p>POSO077S7 Public Policy: Equality and Redistribution</p> <p>POSO025S7 Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions</p> <p>POSO075S7 Qualitative Social Research</p> <p>POSO076S7 Quantitative Social Research</p> <p>POSO006S7 The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy</p> <p>POSO078S7 The Politics of Global Europe</p> <p>SSPO127S7 The Politics of Population Change: Immigration, Aging and Conflict</p> <p>POSO035S7 War, Politics and Society</p>
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¹⁹	Programme Structure			
Full-Time programme – 1 year				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO007S7	International Political Economy	30	Core
7	POSO082S7	Global Politics, Governance and Security	30	Core
7	POSO054D7	Dissertation	60	Core
7	n/a	Optional module	30	Option
7	n/a	Optional module	30	Option
Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO082S7	Global Politics, Governance and Security	30	Core
7	n/a	Option module	30	Option
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status
7	POSO007S7	International Political Economy	30	Core
7	POSO054D7	Dissertation	60	Core
7	n/a	Option 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	Programme Director	David Styan
²¹	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	Oct 2000
²²	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2000
²³	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2000
²⁴	Date(s) updated/amended	July 2017