Programme Specification

1	**Awarding body**	University of London
2	**Teaching Institution**	**Birkbeck College**
3	**Programme Title(s)**	**MSc International Security and Global Governance**
4	**Programme Code(s)**	TMSICGBG_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 FT, 2 years PT
9	**Mode of Study** (FT/PT/DL)	FT/PT
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**

- Provides the analytical tools required to examine security issues in their broad context, linked to research on security, governance and international relations.
- A good foundation for undertaking a research degree related to international security and governance in the social sciences.
- Ideal if you are planning a career in international organisations, policy research, journalism, economic and political forecasting or private sector management

Distinctive features:
- 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**

On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:
- understand the changing nature of war, violence and security, and their relationship with state and society
- advance a historical perspective on the evolution of global military, humanitarian and governance structures and the ideas that shaped them.

- analyse political debates and issues in a critical manner

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

- 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

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. 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 (one core in 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	POSO082S7	Global Politics, Governance and Security	30	Core
7	POSO035S7	War, Politics and Society	30	Core
7		Option module	30	Option
7		Option module	30	Option
7	POSO058D7	Dissertation	60	Core

Part-Time programme - 2 years

Year 1

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO082S7	Global Politics, Governance and Security	30	Core
7		Option module	30	Option

Year 2

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO035S7	War, Politics and Society	30	Core
7		Option module	30	Option
7	POSO058D7	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

Indicative list of options

SSPO120S7 Emerging Powers in World Politics

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

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

POSO006S7 The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy

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

20	**Programme Director**	Alex Colas
21	**Start Date** *(term/year)*	October 2004
22	**Date approved by TQEC**	Spring 2004
23	**Date approved by Academic Board**	Summer 2004
24	**Date(s) updated/amended**	March 2017