

## Programme Specification

1	<b>Awarding body</b>	University of London				
2	<b>Teaching Institution</b>	<b>Birkbeck College</b>				
3	<b>Programme Title(s)</b>	<b>MSc Middle East in Global Politics: Islam, Conflict and Development</b>				
4	<b>Programme Code(s)</b>	TMSMEGPI_C				
5	<b>UCAS code</b>	N/A				
6	<b>Home Department</b>	Politics				
7	<b>Exit Award(s)</b>	Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma				
8	<b>Duration of Study (number of years)</b>	1 year full time, 2 years part time				
9	<b>Mode of Study</b>	FT	x	PT	x	DL
10	<b>Level of Award (FHEQ)</b>	7				
11	<b>Other teaching depts or institution</b>	N/A				
12	<b>Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details</b>	N/A				
13	<a href="#"><u>QAA Benchmark Group</u></a>	N/A				

14	<b>Programme Rationale &amp; Aims</b>
	<p>This programme aims to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deep insight into Middle East politics.</li> <li>○ Balanced training in issues pertaining to Islam in the modern world.</li> <li>○ A good foundation for undertaking an MPhil/PhD related to Middle East studies, international relations or international security and governance.</li> </ul> <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outstanding expertise of tutors and international recognition of their research.</li> <li>○ Oriented to careers in international organisations, policy research, journalism or political forecasting.</li> </ul>

15	<b>Entry Criteria</b>
	A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in humanities or social science, though other qualifications may be considered, or relevant experience combined with an adequate academic background (subject to interview).

16	<b>Learning Outcomes</b>
	<p><b><i>On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• undertake critical and well-informed analyses of the Middle East in global politics;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understand issues related to Muslim identity politics and controversies surrounding religious extremism;</li> <li>• apply theories from international relations and political science to issues such as such as sectarianism and persistent authoritarianism.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• extended and developed their analytical, evaluative and critical capacities</li> <li>• demonstrated the ability to conduct an independent research project.</li> <li>• developed their ability to obtain and analyse information from a wide array of sources</li> </ul>
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17	<b>Learning, teaching and assessment methods</b>
	<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>

18	<b>Programme Description</b>
	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Indicative list of options:</b></p> <p>SSPO120S7 Emerging Powers in World Politics</p> <p>POSO007S7 International Political Economy</p> <p>POSO020S7 Modern British Politics</p> <p>POSO022S7 Political Theory and Contemporary Politics</p> <p>SSPO121S7 Geopolitics, Population and Environment</p> <p>POSO041S7 Public Management: Theories and Innovations</p> <p>POSO025S7 Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions</p> <p>POSO075S7 Qualitative Social Research</p> <p>POSO076S7 Introduction to Quantitative Social Research</p> <p>POSO006S7 The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy</p> <p>SSPO127S7 The Politics of Population Change: Immigration, Aging and Conflict</p>

<sup>19</sup>	<b>Programme Structure</b>			
<b>Full-Time programme – 1 year</b>				
<b>Year 1</b>				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO082S7	Global Politics, Governance and Security	30	Core
7	SSPO006S7	Middle East Politics	30	Core
7	SSPO014D7	Dissertation	60	Core
7		Optional module	30	Option
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<b>Part-Time programme – 2 years</b>				
<b>Year 1</b>				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO082S7	Global Politics, Governance and Security	30	Core
7		Optional module	30	Option
<b>Year 2</b>				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO006S7	Middle East Politics	30	Core
7	SSPO014D7	Dissertation	60	Core
7		Optional 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*

<sup>20</sup>	<b>Programme Director</b>	Matthijs van den Bos
<sup>21</sup>	<b>Start Date</b> ( <i>term/year</i> )	October 2010
<sup>22</sup>	<b>Date approved by TQEC</b>	Spring 2010
<sup>23</sup>	<b>Date approved by Academic Board</b>	Summer 2010
<sup>24</sup>	<b>Date(s) updated/amended</b>	March 2017