

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSNLECN_C
5	UCAS code	N/A
6	Home Department	Politics
7	Exit Award(s)	PG Certificate, PG 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
	<p>This programme aims to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The analytical tools required to examine problems of national, ethnic and religious conflict in their broader context. ○ Balanced training in issues pertaining to nationalism and ethnic conflict in the modern world. ○ A good foundation for undertaking an MPhil/PhD related to nationalism and ethno-religious conflict. <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outstanding expertise of tutors and international recognition of their research. ○ Oriented to careers in international organisations, policy research, journalism or political forecasting.

15	Entry Criteria
	A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in a social science or other relevant subject, or relevant experience combined with an adequate academic background (subject to interview).

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"> • undertake critical and well-informed analyses of conflicts arising from ethnic and religious divisions; • understand issues related to nationalist identity politics; • apply theories from international relations and political science to nationalist and ethno-religious mobilisation. <p><i>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
	<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	Programme Description
	<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>

19	Programme Structure			
<i>Full-Time programme – 1 year</i>				
<i>Year 1</i>				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO044S7	Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict	30	Core
7	POSO023S7	The Political Sociology of the Modern State	30	Core
7		Option module	30	Option
7		Option module	30	Option
7	POSO069D7	Dissertation	60	core

Year of entry: 2021/22

Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO044S7	Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict	30	Core
7		Option module	30	Option
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	POSO023S7	The Political Sociology of the Modern State	30	Core
7		Option module	30	Option
7	POSO069D7	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

POSO020S7 Modern British Politics

SSPO006S7 Middle East Politics

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

POSO006S7 The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy

POSO035S7 War, Politics and Society

²⁰	Programme Director	Eric Kaufmann
²¹	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	October 2005
²²	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2005
²³	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2005
²⁴	Date(s) updated/amended	September 2019