

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London				
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College				
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Politics, Philosophy and Economics				
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSPOPHE_C				
5	UCAS code	N/A				
6	Home Department	Economics, Mathematics and Statistics				
7	Exit Award(s)	PG Dip; PG Cert				
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	One year Full-Time or two years part-time				
9	Mode of Study	FT	X	PT	x	DL
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	Level 7				
11	Other teaching depts or institution	Politics, Philosophy				
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A				
13	<u>QAA Benchmark Statement</u>	N/A				

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<p>This programme meets the latent demand in the UK for an interdisciplinary graduate programme in politics, philosophy and economics, subjects that naturally overlap and complement each other. There are very few such programmes in the UK, and none available through the part-time mode through evening instruction.</p> <p>Aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will receive a high-quality education in all three of the component subjects; • Students will get a good understanding of the central principles of economics via the newly created core economics module; • Students will get a good understanding of politics and philosophy through doing Masters-level modules in each of those subjects; • Students will have the opportunity to specialise in any particular area from any of the three; subjects, via free choice of additional option modules and via free choice of dissertation topic.

15	Entry Criteria
	A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in any subject; prior exposure to at least one of the three component subjects would be a distinct advantage, but it might be possible for able students to acquire the relevant knowledge as part of this programme.

16	Learning Outcomes
	Students will receive a high-quality education in all three of the component subjects. They will get a good understanding of the central principles of economics via the newly created core

	<p>economics module; and good understanding of politics and philosophy through doing Masters-level modules in each of those subjects. Students will have the opportunity to specialise in any particular area from any of the three subjects, via free choice of additional option modules and via free choice of dissertation topic.</p> <p>Subject Specific</p> <p>To gain the MSc qualification the student will have demonstrated separately the skills specified in the learning outcomes for approved modules in the programme. These will ensure that they understand key principles and analytical constructs used in economics, philosophy and politics</p> <p>Intellectual</p> <p>The ability to think in a structured manner about issues in politics, philosophy and economics, and in the social sciences more generally.</p> <p>Personal and Social</p> <p>The ability to study independently, to learn from a wide range of sources including journal articles and the ability to transfer knowledge from one context to another.</p>
17	<p>Learning, teaching and assessment methods</p> <p>The primary method of teaching is through lectures and guided reading, to outline the core material in each module, as well as a range of supplementary material available over Moodle. Students will supplement lectures with considerable amount of time on self study.</p> <p>Many modules would also have small-group seminars for interactive discussion and problem solving, which fosters enthusiasm in students, as well as enabling them to develop their own opinions and to learn from those of fellow students.</p> <p>One-to-one dissertation supervisions, enabling detailed and feedback on the student's choice of topic, as well as intensive training in academic writing as they improve successive drafts.</p> <p>Assessment varies across modules, typically through essays, or exams supplemented with coursework assignments.</p>
18	<p>Programme Description</p> <p>Students doing the course in part-time mode will in their first year do a 30-credit core course in Economics; and choose a total of 30 credits of options from Philosophy and/or Politics. They will also begin work on a 60-credit dissertation, which they will complete in the second year. Also in their second year they will choose further options from Philosophy and / or Politics so that they have at least 30 credits of options from each of the component subjects (Economics, Philosophy and Politics). To make up the total requirement of 180 credits, the last 30 credits will allow free choice from any of the three departments, and may include level 7 or level 6 courses to maximise choice.)</p>

19	Programme Structure			
Full-Time programme – 1 year				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	BUEM087S7	Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions	30	Compulsory
7		Option module from Politics	30	Optional
7		Option modules from Philosophy for a total of 30 credits	30	Optional
7 or 6		Option modules from Politics, Philosophy or Economics	30	Optional
7	BUEM088D7 SSPL216D7 SSPO146D7	Dissertation: to be done as any one of the following Dissertation MSc PPE Dissertation MSc PPE Philosophy Dissertation MSc PPE Politics	60	Core
The structure requires students to complete a 60-credit dissertation; gain at least 30 credits from each of the three departments through taught Level 7 courses; have free choice of last 30 credits, which could include level 6 courses from the 3 departments.				
Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	BUEM087S7	Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions	30	Compulsory
7		Option modules from Politics or Philosophy	30	Optional
7		(Start work on Dissertation, to be completed in Year 2)		
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7		Option module from Politics (if year 1 option was from Philosophy) or Philosophy (if year 1 option was from Politics)	30	Optional
7 or 6		Option module/s from any of the three subjects	30	Optional
7	BUEM088D7 SSPL216D7 SSPO146D7	Dissertation: to be done as any one of the following Dissertation MSc PPE Dissertation MSc PPE Philosophy Dissertation MSc PPE Politics	60	Core
The structure requires students to complete a 60-credit dissertation; over the two years gain at least 30 credits from each of the three departments through taught Level 7 courses; have free choice of last 30 credits, which could include level 6 courses from the 3 departments.				

Indicative List of Options				
Philosophy				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPL144H7	Adorno and Foucault Level 7 (15 Credits)	15	Option
7	SSPL143H7	Aristotle's Biology and Ethics (Level 7, 15 credits)	15	Option
7	SSPL135H7	Philosophy of Art	15	Option
7	SSPL150H7	The Biology of Evil (15 Credits, Level 7)	15	Option
7	SSPL121H7	Evolution and Philosophy	15	Option
7	SSPL164H7	Hegel (Level 7)	15	Option
7	SSPL140H7	The Idea of Freedom	15	Option
7	SSPL123H7	Morality, Nature and Evolution	15	Option
7	SSPL145H7	Moral Responsibility (15 Credits, Level 7)	15	Option
7	SSPL142H7	The Philosophy of Nietzsche	15	Option
7	SSPL134H7	Philosophy, Business and Society	15	Option
7	SSPL125H7	Philosophy and Gender	15	Option
7	SSPL124H7	Philosophical Logic	15	Option
7	SSPL166H7	Early Modern Philosophy of Mind (Level 7, 15 Credits)	15	Option
7	SSPL149H7	Philosophy of Psychology (15 Credits, Level 7)	15	Option
7	SSPL137H7	Philosophy of Science	15	Option
7	SSPL118H7	Propositions and Other Intentional Objects (Level 7, 15 Credits)	15	Option
Economics				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	EMEC026S7	Econometrics	30	Option
7	EMEC025S7	Macroeconomics	30	Option
7	EMEC024S7	Microeconomics	30	Option
7	EMEC033H7	Industrial Economics I	15	Option
7	EMEC029H7	International Economics I	15	Option
7	EMEC055H7	Monetary Economics	15	Option
7	EMEC055S7	Financial Markets, Banking and Regulation	30	Option
6	EMEC002S6	Applied Statistics and Econometrics	30	Option
6	EMEC005S6	Economics of Public Policy	30	Option
6	BUEM084S6	International Economics	30	Option
6	EMEC014S6	Issues in Development Economics	30	Option
6	BUEM016S6	Political Economy	30	Option
Politics				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO120S7	Emerging Powers in World Politics	30	Option
7	SSPO121S7	Geopolitics, Population and Environment	30	Option
7	POSO007S7	International Political Economy	30	Option
7	POSO020S7	Modern British Politics	30	Option
7	POSO022S7	Political Theory and Contemporary Politics	30	Option
7	SSPO127S7	The Politics of Population Change: Immigration, Aging and Conflict	30	Option

Year of entry: 2022/23

7	POSO041S7	Public Management: Theories and Innovations	30	Option
7	POSO025S7	Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions	30	Option
7	POSO006S7	The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy	30	Option
7	POSO023S7	The Political Sociology of the Modern State	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	Arup Daripa
21	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	Autumn 2018
22	Date approved by TQEC	January 2018 (by chair's action)
23	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2018
24	Date(s) updated/amended	October 2019