

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London				
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College				
3	Programme Title(s)	Cert HE Politics and International Studies				
4	Programme Code(s)	TBC				
5	UCAS code	N/A				
6	Home Department	Politics				
7	Exit Award(s)	N/A				
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	1 year FT, 2 years PT				
9	Mode of Study	FT	x	PT	x	DL
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	4				
11	Other teaching depts or institution	N/A				
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A				
13	<u>QAA Benchmark Group</u>	N/A				

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides an introduction to the fields of political science and international relations • Improves students' general knowledge of domestic and international political affairs and processes.

15	Entry Criteria
	Entry is subject to an English language writing test.

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 interpret current and historical events in domestic politics and international affairs <p><i>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved their skills in reading, writing and speaking about current affairs • begun to use theories to analyse topical issues and events

17	Learning, teaching and assessment methods
	The programme consists of lectures and seminars. Assessment is by coursework and take-home tests.

18	Programme Description
	Students take 5 compulsory modules (90 credits). The remaining 30 credits (2 15 credit modules) are options reflecting preferred specialisation / BA pathway (international relations, politics, or global political economy).

19	Programme Structure			
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
4	SSPO017S4	The Study of Politics	30	Compulsory
4	SSPO152H4	How the West Was Made: Transformations in Modern Politics	15	Compulsory
4	SSPO153H4	Democracy and Authoritarianism	15	Compulsory
4	SSPO154H4	Political Ideologies and Imaginaries	15	Compulsory
4	SSPO155H4	Conceptualising Politics	15	Compulsory
4		Options (2 x 15 credits from list below)	30	Optional
A further 2 x 15 credit options selected from the following:				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
4	SSPO170H4	Introduction to International Relations: History and Theory	15	Option
4	SSPO171H4	Structures and Issues in Global Politics	15	Option
4	SSPO166H4	Comparative Government - Concepts, Methods, and Institutions	15	Option
4	SSPO167H4	Comparative Government - Processes	15	Option
4	SSPO156H4	Introduction to International Political Economy: Theories and History	15	Option
4	SSPO157H4	International Political Economy: Issues and Policies	15	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	Ali Burak Güven
21	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	Autumn 2011
22	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2011
23	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2011
24	Date(s) updated/amended	March 2021