

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College
3	Programme Title(s)	MRes Public Policy and Management
4	Programme Code(s)	TMRPPMNG_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)	2 years PT 1 year FT
9	Mode of Study (FT/PT/DL)	PT/FT
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	7
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 quantitative and qualitative research methods training • Addresses the central issues that face everyone participating in the public policy process, whether as advisers, civil servants, managers or campaigners. • Highly topical material within contemporary UK political debates. • Ideal for people working in central and local government, or in other public and private organisations engaged in delivering government programmes, undertaking regulatory functions and participating in public policy processes. <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
	<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"> • apply quantitative and qualitative methods to the analysis of politics, policy and public management in Britain;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate substantive knowledge of the organisation of the public sector at the national and subnational level • demonstrate a comparative and historical understanding of public policy-making and administration in contemporary Britain. <p><i>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtained a good level of competence in applying qualitative and quantitative research methods • 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
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17	<p>Learning, teaching and assessment methods</p> <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. In the Qualitative and Quantitative methods modules, assessment is based on research projects, assignments or essays submitted during the year and other core politics modules consist of either an essay or open book exam, and a seminar mark.</p>
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18	<p>Programme Description</p> <p>Students take eight taught core modules (all 15 credits) and write a 60 credit dissertation. The core modules for MRes Public Policy and Management are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One quantitative research methods module: either Introduction to Quantitative Social Research, Intermediate Quantitative Social Research or Advanced Quantitative Social Research • One qualitative research methods module: either Qualitative Social Research Methods or Qualitative Research Design • Two further research methods modules (chosen from the lists above and Experiments in Social Science) • Four public policy and public management modules: Governing Public Services, The Political Economy of the Public Sector, Theories of Public Policy Making and The Puzzles of Policy: Policy in Politics and Practice • Dissertation <p>Full-time students take all eight taught modules Oct-July and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept. Part-time students take four taught modules each year and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year.</p>
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¹⁹ Programme Structure				
Full-Time programme - 1 year				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	EITHER SSPO239H7 SSPO240H7 OR SSPO241H7	Introduction to Quantitative Social Research, Applied Social Data Analysis in R, or Advanced Quantitative Social Research	15	Core
7	EITHER SSPO242H7 OR SSPO243H7	Qualitative Social Research Methods or Qualitative Research Design	15	Core
7	EITHER SSPO240H7, SSPO241H7, SSPO242H7, SSPO243H7, OR SSPO245H7	Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Quantitative Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods Qualitative Research Design OR Experiments in Social Science	15	Core
7	EITHER SSPO240H7, SSPO241H7, SSPO242H7, SSPO243H7, OR SSPO245H7	Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Quantitative Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods Qualitative Research Design OR Experiments in Social Science	15	Core
7	SSPO235H7	Governing Public Services	15	Core
7	SSPO236H7	The Political Economy of the Public Sector	15	Core
7	SSPO237H7	Theories of Public Policy-Making: Interests, Institutions & Ideas	15	Core
7	SSPO238H7	The Puzzles of Policy: Policy in Politics and Practice	15	Core
7	POS0072D7	Dissertation MRes Politics	60	Core
Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	EITHER SSPO239H7 SSPO240H7 OR SSPO241H7	Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Intermediate Quantitative Social Research or Advanced Quantitative Social Research	15	Core
7	EITHER SSPO242H7 OR SSPO243H7	Qualitative Social Research Methods or Qualitative Research Design	15	Core
7	SSPO235H7	Governing Public Services	15	Core
7	SSPO236H7	The Political Economy of the Public Sector	15	Core

Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	EITHER SSPO240H7, SSPO241H7, SSPO242H7, SSPO243H7, OR SSPO245H7	Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Quantitative Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods Qualitative Research Design OR Experiments in Social Science	15	Core
7	EITHER SSPO240H7, SSPO241H7, SSPO242H7, SSPO243H7, OR SSPO245H7	Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Quantitative Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods Qualitative Research Design OR Experiments in Social Science	15	Core
7	SSPO237H7	Theories of Public Policy-Making: Interests, Institutions & Ideas	15	Core
7	SSPO238H7	The Puzzles of Policy: Policy in Politics and Practice	15	Core
7	POSO072D7	Dissertation MRes Politics	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

20	Programme Director	Dr Barry Maydom
21	Start Date (term/year)	October 2002
22	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2002
23	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2002
24	Date(s) updated/amended	March 2022