Year of entry: 2022/23



Programme Specification

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| | 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 |
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| 10 | Level of Award (FHEQ) | 7 |
| 11 | Other teaching depts or institution | N/A |
| 12 | Professional, Statutory Regulatory | N/A |
| | Body(PSRB) details | |
| 13 | QAA Benchmark Group | N/A |

Programme Rationale & Aims

- 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.

Distinctive features:

- 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

On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:

• apply quantitative and qualitative methods to the analysis of politics, policy and public management in Britain;

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- 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.

On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have:

- 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

17 Learning, teaching and assessment methods

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.

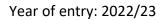
18 Programme Description

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:

- 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

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.





19 Programme Structure

Full-Time programme - 1 year

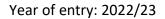
Year 1

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
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| 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 | POSO072D7 | Dissertation MRes Politics | 60 | Core |

Part-Time programme – 2 years

Year 1

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
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| 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 | | | | |
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| 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 | | 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 |