

Programme Specification

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| 1 | Awarding body | University of London | | | | | | |
| 2 | Teaching Institution | Birkbeck College | | | | | | |
| 3 | Programme Title(s) | MSc European Politics and Policy | | | | | | |
| 4 | Programme Code(s) | TMSEUPOP_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) | 1 year full time, 2 years part time | | | | | | |
| 9 | Mode of Study | <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">FT</td> <td style="text-align: center;">x</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PT</td> <td style="text-align: center;">x</td> <td style="text-align: center;">DL</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | FT | x | PT | x | DL | |
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| 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 | | | | | | |

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| 14 | Programme Rationale & Aims |
| | <p>This programme is designed to enable students to develop an advanced knowledge and understanding of the main currents in thinking about the process of European integration as well as European politics and policy more broadly.</p> <p>It provides a training in the critical evaluation of central concepts and theories in European politics, public policy and European integration. It is a good foundation for undertaking an MPhil/PhD related to the politics of European integration.</p> <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding expertise of tutors and international recognition of their research. • Offers an advanced understanding of politics and policy making in Europe (incl. the EU) using concepts, models and theories of political science |

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| 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). |

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| 16 | Learning Outcomes |
| | <p><i>On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:</i></p> <p>On successful completion of this programme a student will be expected to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply critically the theories, models and concepts used in the study of politics to the analysis of the European Union |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate substantive knowledge of political systems, institutions, processes and developments at the national and international level in Europe • demonstrate substantive knowledge of theories and models of public policy making • locate and evaluate EU documentation <p>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extended and developed their analytical, evaluative and critical capacities • developed skills of policy analysis, expository writing and oral communication, • demonstrated the ability to conduct an independent research project • developed their ability to obtain and analyse information from a wide array of sources and to distil complex quantitative data to use or challenge for the purposes of policy advocacy |
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| 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 across the Department that means that students submit a mixture of essays, exams, and other minor assessment exercises (incl. in-class tests), in addition to the dissertation. Assessment on core taught modules in politics usually consists of either an essay or an open-book exam worth 90% of the final mark, and 10% for a quiz or seminar log.</p> |

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| 18 | Programme Description |
| | <p>Students take four core modules and four options (15 credits each) and write a 60-credit dissertation. Full-time students take all eight taught modules between October and July and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept. Part-time students take four modules each year (all core in year 1; all options in year 2) and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year.</p> |

| 19 | Programme Structure | | | |
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| Full-Time programme – 1 year | | | | |
| Year 1 | | | | |
| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
| 7 | SSPO231H7 | The Political System of the European Union | 15 | Core |
| 7 | SSPO232H7 | The European Union: Policy Modes | 15 | Core |
| 7 | SSPO237H7 | Theories of Public Policy-Making | 15 | Core |
| 7 | SSPO238H7 | The Puzzles of Policy | 15 | Core |
| 7 | SSPO244D7 | Dissertation | 60 | Core |
| 7 | | Optional module | 15 | Optional |

Year of entry: 2022/23



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| 7 | | Optional module | 15 | Optional |
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Part-Time programme – 2 years

Year 1

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
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| 7 | SSPO231H7 | The Political System of the European Union | 15 | Core |
| 7 | SSPO232H7 | The European Union: Policy Modes | 15 | Core |
| 7 | SSPO237H7 | Theories of Public Policy-Making | 15 | Core |
| 7 | SSPO238H7 | The Puzzles of Policy | 15 | Core |

Year 2

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status |
|-------|-------------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| 7 | | Optional module | 15 | Optional |
| 7 | | Optional module | 15 | Optional |
| 7 | SSPO244D7 | Dissertation | 60 | Core |
| 7 | | Optional module | 15 | Optional |
| 7 | | Optional module | 15 | Optional |

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

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| ²⁰ | Programme Director | Dr Dionyssis Dimitrakopoulos |
| ²¹ | Start Date (term/year) | October 2009 |
| ²² | Date approved by TQEC | Spring 2009 |
| ²³ | Date approved by Academic Board | Summer 2009 |
| ²⁴ | Date(s) updated/amended | February 2022 (for 2022/3) |