

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London				
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College				
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Global Environmental Politics and Policy				
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSGEVPP_C				
5	UCAS code	N/A				
6	Home Department	Politics				
7	Exit Award(s)	PG Dip; PG Cert				
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	1 FT and 2 PT				
9	Mode of Study	FT	✓	PT	✓	DL
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	7				
11	Other teaching depts or institution	Geography				
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A				
13	<u>QAA Benchmark Statement</u>	N/A				

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<p>Questions surrounding climate change, resource wars, violent conflict and population growth are likely to remain central to contemporary global politics in the decades ahead. This programme offers an evening study degree that combines critical social theory and detailed empirical analysis in the explanation of contemporary global environmental politics and policy. It draws from research and teaching expertise across the Departments of Politics, and Geography, Environment and Development Studies (GEDS) to deliver an ambitious curriculum addressing conceptual issues of global scarcity, violence, demographic change and environmental crisis together with the more concrete examination of key areas in contemporary environmental policy and law. The programme core modules are taught by faculty who are research active in areas of demographic politics, gender studies, critical geopolitics, food security and International environmental policy and governance.</p> <p>Students taking this programme will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop skills and engage with materials needed to understand the trajectories of current demographic and environmental change, and to appreciate the tensions and contradictions they generate in the geopolitical realm through the relationships between and across states and regions. • learn about the principles, instruments and ethics of international environmental policy, governance and legislation. • acquire detailed knowledge of environmental policies in relation to natural environment, water, waste, energy, low carbon, and resources on a local, national, regional and global scale. • undertake specific case studies of geopolitical, population and environmental occurrences and debates in particular countries or regions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically explore key theories and concepts employed in political theory, environmental studies, political geography, global political economy, international relations, sociology and gender studies when explaining and understanding global environmental politics and policy.
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15	Entry Criteria
	Minimum 2:2 or equivalent in social sciences or humanities UG degree

16	Learning Outcomes
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17	Learning, teaching and assessment methods
	Teaching is through a combination of lectures and seminars. Assessment on core taught modules in Politics will consist of an essay worth 90% of the final mark, and a 10% seminar participation mark.

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19	Programme Structure			
Full-Time programme – 1 year				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO260H7	Geopolitics, Population and Environment: Crises and Contradictions	15	Core
7	SSPO261H7	Geopolitics, Population and Environment: Futures	15	Core
7	SSGE011S7	Environment and Policy	30	Core
7		Options (1 x 30 or 2 x 15 credits)	30	Option
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7	SSPO244D7	12,000-15,000-word Dissertation	60	Core
Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO260H7	Geopolitics, Population and Environment: Crises and Contradictions	15	Core
7	SSPO261H7	Geopolitics, Population and Environment: Futures	15	Core
7		Options (1 x 30 or 2 x 15 credits)	30	Option
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSGE011S7	Environment and Policy	30	Core
7		Options (1 x 30 or 2 x 15 credits)	30	Option
7	SSPO244D7	12,000-15,000-word Dissertation	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

Indicative Options:

SSGE010S7 Climate Change (30 credits)

SSGE119S7 Sustainable Business Practice (30 credits)

SSGE112S7 Energy and Climate Change (30 credits)

FDDV002S7 Gender and Development (30 credits)

SSPO250H7 Fragmentation and Integration in Global Politics (15 credits)

SSPO251H7 Flashpoints in Global Politics (15 credits)

SSPO249H7 Transformations in the Global South

SSPO248H7 Emerging Powers in World Politics (15 credits)

SSPO229H7 Nationalism and Ethnic Politics (15 credits)

SSPO230H7 Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict (15 credits)

SSPO237H7 Theories of Public Policy-Making: Interests, Institutions and Ideas (15 credits)

SSPO238H7 The Puzzles of Policy: Policy in Politics and Practice (15 credits)

SSPO258H7 The Politics of Population Change I: Youth, Aging and Conflict (15 credits)

SSPO259H7 The Politics of Population Change II: Migration, Identity and Conflict (15 credits)

Year of entry: 2022/23



20	Programme Director	Dr Kai Heron
21	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	October 2016
22	Date approved by TQEC	Summer 2016
23	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2016
24	Date(s) updated/amended	April 2022 (for 2022/3)