

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London				
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College				
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Global Governance and Emerging Powers				
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSGLGEP_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	FT	x	PT	x	DL
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	7				
11	Other teaching depts or institution	N/A				
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A				
13	QAA Benchmark Group	N/A				

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyses the response of states, international institutions and non-governmental actors to the opportunities and challenges of globalisation • Traces the enhanced international economic and political influence of emerging powers such as Brazil, Russia, India and China. • Uses concepts, theories and evidence from the study of international relations, comparative politics and public policy to understand real-world policy problems across different sectors of the global economic and political system. • Designed for students who wish to learn more about cutting-edge issues in the study of world politics and international public policy. • Oriented towards careers in government, international organisations, NGOs, public affairs and research or for those who wish to advance their careers in these fields. • 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 social science or other relevant subject, 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"> • undertake critical and well-informed analyses of global governance, with particular reference to emerging powers • understand issues related to governance in an international setting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply theories from international relations and political science to issues relating to the changing world order. <p><i>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	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. Assessment on core taught modules will consist of either an essay or an open-book exam worth 90% of the final mark, and a 10% seminar participation mark.</p>

18	Programme Description
	<p>Students take four core modules and four options (all 15 credits) and write a 60 credit dissertation. Full-time students take all four taught modules in terms 1 to 3 and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept. Part-time students take four taught modules each year (two cores in each year) and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year.</p> <p><i>Indicative list of options:</i></p> <p>SSPO254H7 International Political Economy: Concepts and History SSPO255H7 Issues and Policies in Global Political Economy SSPO227H7 British Politics: Participation, Representation and Deliberation SSPO228H7 Divided Power in British Politics SSPO256H7 Middle East Politics 1 (Core Features) SSPO257H7 Middle East Politics 2 (International Angles) SSPO229H7 Nationalism and Ethnic Politics SSPO230H7 Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict SPPO221H7 Political Sociology of the Modern State SSPO222H7 Contemporary Political Sociology SSPO223H7 Reading Classic Texts Today SSPO224H7 Political Theory and Contemporary Politics SSPO121S7 Geopolitics, Population and Environment SSPO235H7Governing Public Services SSPO236H7The Political Economy of the Public Sector SSPO237H7Theories of Public Policy-Making: Interests, Institutions and Ideas SSPO238H7 The Puzzles of Policy: Policy in Politics and Practice SSPO242H7 Qualitative Social Research Methods SSPO243H7 Qualitative Research Design SSPO239H7 Introduction to Quantitative social research SSPO240H7 Intermediate Quantitative social research SSPO241H7 Advanced Quantitative social research SSPO231H7 The Political System of the European Union SSPO232H7 The European Union: Policy Modes SSPO252H7 War, Politics and Society I</p>

SSPO253H7 War, Politics and Society II SSPO258H7The Politics of Population Change I: Youth, Aging and Conflict SSPO259H7The Politics of Population Change II: Migration, Identity and Conflict
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¹⁹	Programme Structure			
Full-Time programme – 1 year				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO250H7	Fragmentation and Integration in Global Politics	15	Core
7	SSPO251H7	Flashpoints in Global Politics	15	Core
7	SSPO249H7	Transformations in the Global South	15	Core
7	SSPO248H7	Emerging Powers in World Politics	15	Core
7		Optional module	15	Option
7		Optional module	15	Option
7		Optional module	15	Option
7		Optional module	15	Option
7	SSPO244D7	Dissertation MSc Politics	60	Core
Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO250H7	Fragmentation and Integration in Global Politics	15	Core
7	SSPO251H7	Flashpoints in Global Politics	15	Core
7		Optional module	15	Option
7		Optional module	15	Option
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO249H7	Transformations in the Global South	15	Core
7	SSPO248H7	Emerging Powers in World Politics	15	Core
7		Optional module	15	Option
7		Optional module	15	Option
7	SSPO244D7	Dissertation MSc 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	Dermot Hodson
²¹	Start Date (term/year)	October 2013
²²	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2013
²³	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2013
²⁴	Date(s) updated/amended	February 2022