Programme Specification

1	**Awarding body**	University of London
2	**Teaching Institution**	**Birkbeck College**
3	**Programme Title(s)**	**MSc International Security and Global Governance**
4	**Programme Code(s)**	TMSICGIP_C (on-campus study) TMSICGMX_C (flexible study) TMSICGON_C (online study)
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 FT, 2 years PT
9	**Mode of Study** (FT/PT/DL)	FT/PT/DL-FT/DL-PT
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**
	- Provides the analytical tools required to examine security issues in their broad context, linked to research on security, governance and international relations. - A good foundation for undertaking a research degree related to international security and governance in the social sciences. - Ideal if you are planning a career in international organisations, policy research, journalism, economic and political forecasting or private sector management **Distinctive features:** - Part-time and full-time, evening, in-person or online 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: understand the changing nature of war, violence and security, and their relationship with state and society

- advance a historical perspective on the evolution of global military, humanitarian and governance structures and the ideas that shaped them.
- analyse political debates and issues in a critical manner

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

- 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. The programme is offered in person and there is also a fully online route. Options for students taking the online route are restricted to modules offered in the Department with an online seminar (the core modules on the MSc Public Policy and Management and selected others). Prerecorded lectures are provided online for both in-person and online modes. In-person and online classes run once a week over 90 minutes. 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.

18	**Programme Description**
	Students take four core modules and four options (all 15 credits) and write a 60 credit dissertation. Full-time students take all taught modules Oct-July and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept. Part-time students take four taught modules each year (two core in 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*
7	SSPO250H7	Fragmentation and Integration in Global Politics	15	Core
7	SSPO252H7	War and Society I	15	Core
7	SSPO251H7	Flashpoints in Global Security	15	Core
7	SSPO253H7	War and Society II	15	Core
7		Option module	15	Option
7		Option module	15	Option
7		Option module	15	Option
7		Option 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 Security	15	Core
7		Option module	15	Option
7		Option module	15	Option

Year 2

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO252H7	War and Society I	15	Core
7	SSPO253H7	War and Society II	15	Core
7		Option module	15	Option
7		Option 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

Indicative list of options

SSPO248H7 Emerging Powers in World Politics
SSPO249H7 Transformations in the Global South
SSPO254H7 International Political Economy: Concepts and History
SSPO255H7 Issues and Policies in Global Political Economy
SSPO256H7 Middle East Politics 1 (Core Features)
SSPO257H7 Middle East Politics 2 (International Angles)
SSPO227H7 British Politics: Participation, Representation and Deliberation
SSPO228H7 Divided Power in British Politics
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
SPO224H7 Political Theory and Contemporary Politics
SSPO121S7 Geopolitics, Population and Environment
SSPO235H7 Governing Public Services
SSPO236H7 The Political Economy of the Public Sector
SSPO237H7 Theories 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

SSPO258H7 The Politics of Population Change I: Youth, Aging and Conflict
SSPO259H7 The Politics of Population Change II: Migration, Identity and Conflict
SSPO141S7 Fields of War and Humanitarianism

Note: option choices for students taking a fully online route are restricted to those being offered with an online seminar. The following have been confirmed as running online and in-person for 2022/3:

Indicative list of options for online routes:
SSPO235H7 Governing Public Services
SSPO236H7 The Political Economy of the Public Sector
SSPO237H7 Theories 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
SSPO141S7 Fields of War and Humanitarianism

20	**Programme Director**	Alex Colas
21	**Start Date** *(term/year)*	October 2004
22	**Date approved by TQEC**	Spring 2004
23	**Date approved by Academic Board**	Summer 2004
24	**Date(s) updated/amended**	March 2022 (for 2022/3)