

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London				
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College				
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Middle East in Global Politics: Islam, Conflict and Development				
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSMEGPI_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	<u>QAA Benchmark Group</u>	N/A				

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<p>This programme aims to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep insight into Middle East politics. • Balanced training in issues pertaining to Islam in the modern world. • A good foundation for undertaking an MPhil/PhD related to Middle East studies, international relations or international security and governance. <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding expertise of tutors and international recognition of their research. • Oriented to careers in international organisations, policy research, journalism or political forecasting.

15	Entry Criteria
	A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in humanities or social science, though other qualifications may be considered, 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 the Middle East in global politics; • understand issues related to Muslim identity politics and controversies surrounding religious extremism;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply political science theory to issues such as such as sectarianism and persistent authoritarianism. <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
17	<p>Learning, teaching and assessment methods</p>
	<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, in addition to the dissertation.</p>
18	<p>Programme Description</p>
	<p>Students take two core modules and four options (all 15 credits) and write a 60 credit dissertation. Full-time students take all eight taught modules Oct-July and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept. Part-time students take four modules each year (two core in each year) and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year.</p> <p>Indicative list of options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 SSPO227H7 British Politics: Participation, Representation and Deliberation SSPO228H7 Divided Power in British Politics 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 SSPO246H7 American Foreign Policy: Theories and Histories SSPO247H7 American Foreign Policy: The Domestic Sources SSPO258H7 The Politics of Population Change I: Youth, Aging and Conflict SSPO259H7 The Politics of Population Change II: Migration, Identity and Conflict

19	Programme Structure			
Full-Time programme – 1 year				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO256H7	Middle East Politics 1 (Core Features)	15	Core
7	SSPO257H7	Middle East Politics 2 (International Angles)	15	Core
7	SSPO251H7	Flashpoints in Global Politics	15	Core
7		Optional module	15	Option
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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	SSPO256H7	Middle East Politics 1 (Core Features)	15	Core
7	SSPO257H7	Middle East Politics 2 (International Angles)	15	Core
7		Optional module	15	Option
7		Optional module	15	Option
Year 2				
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
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	Matthijs van den Bos
21	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	October 2010
22	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2010
23	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2010
24	Date(s) updated/amended	September 2022 (for 2022/3)