

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSNLECN_C
5	UCAS code	N/A
6	Home Department	Politics
7	Exit Award(s)	PG Certificate, PG Diploma
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	1 year FT, 2 years PT
9	Mode of Study (FT/PT/DL)	FT/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	<u>QAA Benchmark Group</u>	N/A

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<p>This programme aims to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The analytical tools required to examine problems of national, ethnic and religious conflict in their broader context. • Balanced training in issues pertaining to nationalism and ethnic conflict in the modern world. • A good foundation for undertaking an MPhil/PhD related to nationalism and ethno-religious conflict. <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 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 conflicts arising from ethnic and religious divisions; • understand issues related to nationalist identity politics; • apply theories from international relations and political science to nationalist and ethno-religious mobilisation. <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	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. Assessment on core taught modules consists 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 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.

19	Programme Structure			
<i>Full-Time programme – 1 year</i>				
<i>Year 1</i>				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO229H7	Nationalism and Ethnic Politics	15	Core
7	SSPO230H7	Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict	15	Core
7	SPPO221H7	Political Sociology of the Modern State	15	Core
7	SSPO222H7	Contemporary Political Sociology	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

Year of entry: 2022/23



Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SSPO229H7	Nationalism and Ethnic Politics	15	Core
7	SSPO230H7	Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict	15	Core
7		Option module	15	Option
7		Option module	15	Option
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	SPPO221H7	Political Sociology of the Modern State	15	Core
7	SSPO222H7	Contemporary Political Sociology	15	Core
7		Option module	15	Option
7		Option module	30	Option
7	POSO069D7	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 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
- 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)
- SSPO223H7 Reading Classic Texts Today
- SSPO224H7 Political Theory and Contemporary Politics
- 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
- SSPO239H7 Introduction to Quantitative social research
- SSPO240H7 Intermediate Quantitative social research
- SSPO241H7 Advanced Quantitative social research
- SSPO242H7 Qualitative social research methods
- SSPO243H7 Qualitative Research Design
- SSPO231H7 The Political System of the European Union
- SSPO232H7 The European Union: Policy Modes
- SSPO252H7 War, Politics and Society I
- SSPO253H7 War, Politics and Society II

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²⁰	Programme Director	Eric Kaufmann
²¹	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	October 2005
²²	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2005
²³	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2005
²⁴	Date(s) updated/amended	February 2022 (for 2022/3)