

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Public Policy and Management
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSPPMNG_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 FT, 2 years PT
9	Mode of Study	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	<u>QAA Benchmark Group</u>	N/A

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses the central issues that face everyone participating in the public policy process, whether as advisers, civil servants, managers or campaigners. • Highly topical material within contemporary UK political debates. • Ideal for people working in central and local government, or in other public and private organisations engaged in delivering government programmes, undertaking regulatory functions and participating in public policy processes. <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part-time and full-time, evening, in-person or online study • Taught by leading figures in the field

15	Entry Criteria
	<p>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).</p> <p>Applications are reviewed on their individual merits and your professional qualifications and/or relevant work experience will be taken into consideration positively. We actively support and encourage applications from mature learners.</p>

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"> • apply critically the key theories, models and concepts used in the study of politics to the analysis of politics and management in Britain; • demonstrate substantive knowledge of the organisation of the public sector at the national and subnational level demonstrate a comparative and historical understanding of public policy-making and administration in contemporary Britain. <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			
	<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. 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 International Security and Global Governance and selected others). Pre-recorded 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.</p>			
18	Programme Description			
	<p>Students take 60 credits of core modules and 60 credits of options, and write a 60 credit dissertation. Full-time students take all their taught modules Oct-July and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept. Part-time students take 60 taught credits each year (30 credits core in each year) and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year.</p>			
19	Programme Structure			
	<i>Full-Time programme – 1 year</i>			
	<i>Year 1</i>			
	Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits Status*
	Students must take at least 60 credits from the following list of core modules:			
	7	SSPO237H7	Theories of Public Policy-making	15 Core
	7	SSPO238H7	The Puzzles of Policy: Policy in Politics and Practice	15 Core
	7	SSPO235H7	Governing Public Services	15 Core
	7	SSPO236H7	The Political Economy of the Public Sector	15 Core
	7	BUEM087S7	Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions	30 Core
	7		Option modules (4 x 15 credits)	60 Option
	7	SSPO244D7	Dissertation MSc Politics	60 Core

Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
Students must take at least 30 credits from the following list of core modules:				
7	SSPO237H7	Theories of Public Policy-making	15	Core
7	SSPO238H7	The Puzzles of Policy: Policy in Politics and Practice	15	Core
7	SSPO235H7	Governing Public Services	15	Core
7	SSPO236H7	The Political Economy of the Public Sector	15	Core
7	BUEM087S7	Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions	30	Core
7		Option modules (2 x 15 credits)	30	Options
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
Students must take at least 30 credits from the following list of core modules:				
7	SSPO237H7	Theories of Public Policy-making	15	Core
7	SSPO238H7	The Puzzles of Policy: Policy in Politics and Practice	15	Core
7	SSPO235H7	Governing Public Services	15	Core
7	SSPO236H7	The Political Economy of the Public Sector	15	Core
7	BUEM087S7	Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions	30	Core
7		Option modules (2 x 15 credits)	30	Options
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
 SSPO250H7 Fragmentation and Integration in Global Politics
 SSPO251H7 Flashpoints in Global Security
 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

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SSPO236H7 The Political Economy of the Public Sector
 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
 SSPO252H7 War, Politics and Society I
 SSPO253H7 War, Politics and Society II

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:

SSPO250H7 Fragmentation and Integration in Global Politics
 SSPO251H7 Flashpoints in Global Security
 SSPO252H7 War, Politics and Society I
 SSPO253H7 War, Politics and Society II
 SSPO242H7 Qualitative Social Research Methods
 SSPO243H7 Qualitative Research Design
 SSPO141S7 Fields of War and Humanitarianism
 SSPO227H7 British Politics: Participation, Representation and Deliberation
 SSPO228H7 Divided Power in British Politics

20	Programme Director	Deborah Mabbett
21	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	October 1996
22	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 1996
23	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 1996
24	Date(s) updated/amended	May 2022 (for 2022/3)