

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College
3	Programme Title(s)	MRes Global Politics
4	Programme Code(s)	TMRPOGLB_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)	2 years PT, 1 year FT
9	Mode of Study (FT/PT/DL)	PT, FT
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"> • quantitative and qualitative research methods training • the analytical tools required to examine the changing nature of international politics and the emergence of a global political space. • a good foundation from which to undertake a research degree related to globalisation in the social sciences. <p>Distinctive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideal for candidates planning a career in international organisations, policy research, journalism or economic and political forecasting. • 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"> • understand and explain key concepts related to global politics, such as the spread of neo-liberal economic orthodoxy; the creation and operation of multilateral institutions

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	<p>(such as the World Trade Organization); and issues in foreign direct investment, migration and global governance.</p> <p>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtained a good level of competence in applying qualitative and quantitative research methods • extended and developed their analytical, evaluative and critical capacities • developed skills of expository writing and oral communication, • 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	<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. In the Qualitative and Quantitative methods modules, assessment is based on research projects submitted during the year and, in Quantitative Methods, a final exam. In the compulsory substantive modules, students submit formative essays to obtain feedback in term 1 and take exams in term 3.</p>
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18	<p>Programme Description</p> <p>Students take four core/compulsory taught modules (all 30 credits) and write a 60 credit dissertation. Part-time students take two modules each year and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year. Full-time students take all four taught modules Oct-May and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept.</p>
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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	David Styan
²¹	Start Date (term/year)	Oct 2002
²²	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2002
²³	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2002
²⁴	Date(s) updated/amended	March 2017