

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

	<p>(such as the World Trade Organization); and issues in foreign direct investment, migration and global governance.</p> <p><i>On successful completion of this programme students will be expected to have:</i></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, assignments or essays submitted during the year and other core politics modules consist of either an essay or open book exam, and a seminar mark.</p>
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18	<p>Programme Description</p> <p>Students take eight core taught modules (all 15 credits) and write a 60 credit dissertation. The taught core modules are:</p> <p>One quantitative research methods module: Introduction to Quantitative Social Research, Intermediate Quantitative Social Research or Advanced Quantitative Social Research</p> <p>One qualitative research methods module: Introduction to Qualitative Social Research Methods or Qualitative Research Design</p> <p>Two further research methods modules (chosen from the list above and Experiments in Social Science)</p> <p>Four global politics and international political economy modules (Fragmentation and Integration in Global Politics, Flashpoints in Global Politics, International Political Economy (1): concepts and history and International Political Economy (2): issues and policies)</p> <p>Part-time students take four taught modules each year and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept of their second year. Full-time students take all eight taught modules Oct-July and submit their dissertation by 15 Sept.</p>
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¹⁹	Programme Description			
Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	EITHER SSPO239H7 SSPO240H7 OR SSPO241H7	Introduction to Quantitative Social Research, Applied Social Data Analysis in R or Advanced Quantitative Social Research	15	Core
7	EITHER SSPO242H7 OR SSPO243H7	Qualitative Social Research Methods OR Qualitative Research Design	15	Core
7	SSPO250H7	Fragmentation and Integration in Global Politics	15	Core
7	SSPO251H7	Flashpoints in Global Politics	15	Core
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	EITHER SSPO240H7, SSPO241H7, SSPO242H7, SSPO243H7, OR SSPO245H7	Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Quantitative Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods Qualitative Research Design OR Experiments in Social Science	15	Core
7	EITHER SSPO240H7, SSPO241H7, SSPO242H7, SSPO243H7, OR SSPO245H7	Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Quantitative Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods Qualitative Research Design OR Experiments in Social Science	15	Core
7	SSPO254H7	International Political Economy: concepts and history	15	Core
7	SSPO255H7	Issues and Policies in Global Political Economy	15	Core
7	POSO072D7	Dissertation MRes Politics	60	Core
Full-Time programme – 1 year				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	EITHER SSPO239H7 SSPO240H7 OR SSPO241H7	Introduction to Quantitative Social Research, Applied Social Data Analysis in R, or Advanced Quantitative Social Research	15	Core
7	EITHER SSPO242H7 OR SSPO243H7	Qualitative Social Research Methods or Qualitative Research Design	15	Core
7	EITHER SSPO240H7, SSPO241H7, SSPO242H7, SSPO243H7, OR SSPO245H7	Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Quantitative Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods Qualitative Research Design OR Experiments in Social Science	15	Core

Year of entry: 2022/23



7	EITHER SSPO240H7, SSPO241H7, SSPO242H7, SSPO243H7, OR SSPO245H7	Applied Social Data Analysis in R, Advanced Quantitative Social Research, Qualitative Social Research Methods Qualitative Research Design OR Experiments in Social Science	15	Core
7	SSPO250H7	Fragmentation and Integration in Global Politics	15	Core
7	SSPO251H7	Flashpoints in Global Politics	15	Core
7	SSPO254H7	International Political Economy: concepts and history	15	Core
7	SSPO255H7	Issues and Policies in Global Political Economy	15	Core
7	POSO072D7	Dissertation MRes 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	Dr Barry Maydom
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 2022