

Programme Specification

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| 1 | Awarding body | University of London | | | | |
| 2 | Teaching Institution | Birkbeck College | | | | |
| 3 | Programme Title(s) | MSc Politics, Philosophy and Economics | | | | |
| 4 | Programme Code(s) | TMSPOPHE_C | | | | |
| 5 | UCAS code | N/A | | | | |
| 6 | Home Department | Economics, Mathematics and Statistics | | | | |
| 7 | Exit Award(s) | PG Dip; PG Cert | | | | |
| 8 | Duration of Study (number of years) | One year Full-Time or two years part-time | | | | |
| 9 | Mode of Study | FT | X | PT | x | DL |
| 10 | Level of Award (FHEQ) | Level 7 | | | | |
| 11 | Other teaching depts or institution | Politics, Philosophy | | | | |
| 12 | Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details | N/A | | | | |
| 13 | <u>QAA Benchmark Statement</u> | N/A | | | | |

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| 14 | Programme Rationale & Aims |
| | <p>This programme meets the latent demand in the UK for an interdisciplinary graduate programme in politics, philosophy and economics, subjects that naturally overlap and complement each other. There are very few such programmes in the UK, and none available through the part-time mode through evening instruction.</p> <p>Aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will receive a high-quality education in all three of the component subjects; • Students will get a good understanding of the central principles of economics via the newly created core economics module; • Students will get a good understanding of politics and philosophy through doing Masters-level modules in each of those subjects; • Students will have the opportunity to specialise in any particular area from any of the three; subjects, via free choice of additional option modules and via free choice of dissertation topic. |

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| 15 | Entry Criteria |
| | A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in any subject; prior exposure to at least one of the three component subjects would be a distinct advantage, but it might be possible for able students to acquire the relevant knowledge as part of this programme. |

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| 16 | Learning Outcomes |
| | Students will receive a high-quality education in all three of the component subjects. They will get a good understanding of the central principles of economics via the newly created core |

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| | <p>economics module; and good understanding of politics and philosophy through doing Masters-level modules in each of those subjects. Students will have the opportunity to specialise in any particular area from any of the three subjects, via free choice of additional option modules and via free choice of dissertation topic.</p> <p>Subject Specific</p> <p>To gain the MSc qualification the student will have demonstrated separately the skills specified in the learning outcomes for approved modules in the programme. These will ensure that they understand key principles and analytical constructs used in economics, philosophy and politics</p> <p>Intellectual</p> <p>The ability to think in a structured manner about issues in politics, philosophy and economics, and in the social sciences more generally.</p> <p>Personal and Social</p> <p>The ability to study independently, to learn from a wide range of sources including journal articles and the ability to transfer knowledge from one context to another.</p> |
| 17 | <p>Learning, teaching and assessment methods</p> |
| | <p>The primary method of teaching is through lectures and guided reading, to outline the core material in each module, as well as a range of supplementary material available over Moodle. Students will supplement lectures with considerable amount of time on self study.</p> <p>Many modules would also have small-group seminars for interactive discussion and problem solving, which fosters enthusiasm in students, as well as enabling them to develop their own opinions and to learn from those of fellow students.</p> <p>One-to-one dissertation supervisions, enabling detailed and feedback on the student's choice of topic, as well as intensive training in academic writing as they improve successive drafts.</p> <p>Assessment varies across modules, typically through essays, or exams supplemented with coursework assignments.</p> |
| 18 | <p>Programme Description</p> |
| | <p>Students doing the course in part-time mode will in their first year do a 30-credit core course in Economics; and choose a total of 30 credits of options from Philosophy and/or Politics. They will also begin work on a 60-credit dissertation, which they will complete in the second year. Also in their second year they will choose further options from Philosophy and / or Politics so that they have at least 30 credits of options from each of the component subjects (Economics, Philosophy and Politics). To make up the total requirement of 180 credits, the last 30 credits will allow free choice from any of the three departments, and may include level 7 or level 6 courses to maximise choice.)</p> |

| 19 | Programme Structure | | | |
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| Full-Time programme – 1 year | | | | |
| Year 1 | | | | |
| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
| 7 | BUEM087S7 | Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions | 30 | Compulsory |
| 7 | | Option module from Politics | 30 | Optional |
| 7 | | Option modules from Philosophy for a total of 30 credits | 30 | Optional |
| 7 or 6 | | Option modules from Politics, Philosophy or Economics | 30 | Optional |
| 7 | BUEM088D7 SSPL216D7 SSPO146D7 | Dissertation: to be done as any one of the following Dissertation MSc PPE Dissertation MSc PPE Philosophy Dissertation MSc PPE Politics | 60 | Core |
| The structure requires students to complete a 60-credit dissertation; gain at least 30 credits from each of the three departments through taught Level 7 courses; have free choice of last 30 credits, which could include level 6 courses from the 3 departments. | | | | |
| Part-Time programme – 2 years | | | | |
| Year 1 | | | | |
| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
| 7 | BUEM087S7 | Economics: Theory, Policy and Institutions | 30 | Compulsory |
| 7 | | Option modules from Politics or Philosophy | 30 | Optional |
| 7 | | (Start work on Dissertation, to be completed in Year 2) | | |
| Year 2 | | | | |
| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
| 7 | | Option module from Politics (if year 1 option was from Philosophy) or Philosophy (if year 1 option was from Politics) | 30 | Optional |
| 7 or 6 | | Option module/s from any of the three subjects | 30 | Optional |
| 7 | BUEM088D7 SSPL216D7 SSPO146D7 | Dissertation: to be done as any one of the following Dissertation MSc PPE Dissertation MSc PPE Philosophy Dissertation MSc PPE Politics | 60 | Core |
| The structure requires students to complete a 60-credit dissertation; over the two years gain at least 30 credits from each of the three departments through taught Level 7 courses; have free choice of last 30 credits, which could include level 6 courses from the 3 departments. | | | | |

| Indicative List of Options | | | | |
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| Philosophy | | | | |
| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
| 7 | SSPL144H7 | Adorno and Foucault Level 7 (15 Credits) | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL143H7 | Aristotle's Biology and Ethics (Level 7, 15 credits) | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL135H7 | Philosophy of Art | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL150H7 | The Biology of Evil (15 Credits, Level 7) | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL121H7 | Evolution and Philosophy | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL164H7 | Hegel (Level 7) | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL140H7 | The Idea of Freedom | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL123H7 | Morality, Nature and Evolution | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL145H7 | Moral Responsibility (15 Credits, Level 7) | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL142H7 | The Philosophy of Nietzsche | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL134H7 | Philosophy, Business and Society | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL125H7 | Philosophy and Gender | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL124H7 | Philosophical Logic | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL166H7 | Early Modern Philosophy of Mind (Level 7, 15 Credits) | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL149H7 | Philosophy of Psychology (15 Credits, Level 7) | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL137H7 | Philosophy of Science | 15 | Option |
| 7 | SSPL118H7 | Propositions and Other Intentional Objects (Level 7, 15 Credits) | 15 | Option |
| Economics | | | | |
| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
| 7 | EMEC026S7 | Econometrics | 30 | Option |
| 7 | EMEC025S7 | Macroeconomics | 30 | Option |
| 7 | EMEC024S7 | Microeconomics | 30 | Option |
| 7 | EMEC033H7 | Industrial Economics I | 15 | Option |
| 7 | EMEC029H7 | International Economics I | 15 | Option |
| 7 | EMEC055H7 | Monetary Economics | 15 | Option |
| 7 | EMEC055S7 | Financial Markets, Banking and Regulation | 30 | Option |
| 6 | EMEC002S6 | Applied Statistics and Econometrics | 30 | Option |
| 6 | EMEC005S6 | Economics of Public Policy | 30 | Option |
| 6 | BUEM084S6 | International Economics | 30 | Option |
| 6 | EMEC014S6 | Issues in Development Economics | 30 | Option |
| 6 | BUEM016S6 | Political Economy | 30 | Option |
| Politics | | | | |
| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
| 7 | SSPO120S7 | Emerging Powers in World Politics | 30 | Option |
| 7 | SSPO121S7 | Geopolitics, Population and Environment | 30 | Option |
| 7 | POSO007S7 | International Political Economy | 30 | Option |
| 7 | POSO020S7 | Modern British Politics | 30 | Option |
| 7 | POSO022S7 | Political Theory and Contemporary Politics | 30 | Option |
| 7 | SSPO127S7 | The Politics of Population Change: Immigration, Aging and Conflict | 30 | Option |

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| 7 | POSO041S7 | Public Management: Theories and Innovations | 30 | Option |
| 7 | POSO025S7 | Public Policy: Interests, Ideas, Institutions | 30 | Option |
| 7 | POSO006S7 | The European Union: Integration, Politics and Policy | 30 | Option |
| 7 | POSO023S7 | The Political Sociology of the Modern State | 30 | Option |

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| 20 | Regulations |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions This programme adheres to the College Admissions Policy http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/documents/admissions-policy.pdf • Credit Transfer Accredited Prior Learning will be considered in line with the College Policy on Accredited Prior Learning http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/documents/accreditation-prior-learning.pdf • Programme Regulations This programme adheres to the College Common Awards Scheme http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/regulations • Programme Specific Regulations (or not applicable) N/A |

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| 21 | Student Attendance Framework – in brief |
| | <p>The full version of the 'Student Attendance Framework' is available http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/services/rules/Attendance-Framework.pdf .</p> <p>Principle Consistent and regular student attendance in class (or equivalent) promotes and affords student success. Inconsistent and irregular attendance is less likely to result in student success and is consistent with lower marks and degree classifications being achieved and awarded.</p> <p>Attendance expectation Birkbeck, University of London expects you to consistently attend all timetabled sessions, including lectures, seminars, group and individual tutorials, learning support sessions, workshops, laboratories, field trips, inductions and demonstrations.</p> <p>E-Registers All Birkbeck students are issued with student cards. Students are expected to take them to classes and to assessment venues and to present them to a member of staff if requested. This is for the purpose of identifying Birkbeck students.</p> |

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| 22 | Student Support and Guidance |
| | All Birkbeck students have access to a range of student support services, details can be found on our website here: http://www.bbk.ac.uk/student-services |

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| 23 | <p>Methods of Enhancing Quality and Standards</p> <p>The College has rigorous procedures in place for the monitoring and enhancing its educational provision. This includes regular monitoring of programmes drawing on feedback from various sources including external examiner's reports, student feedback, student achievement and progression data. In addition, departments are reviewed every four to five years through the internal review process that includes external input.</p> <p>For more information please see the Academic Standards and Quality website http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/about-us/operations-and-quality .</p> |
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| 24 | Programme Director | Arup Daripa |
| 25 | Start Date (<i>term/year</i>) | Autumn 2018 |
| 26 | Date approved by TQEC | January 2018 (by chair's action) |
| 27 | Date approved by Academic Board | Summer 2018 |
| 28 | Date(s) updated/amended | October 2019 |