

Programme Specification (PG)

Awarding body / institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Teaching institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Name of final award and title:	MSc Public Policy
Name of interim award(s):	PGCert, PGDip
Duration of study / period of registration:	1 year full time; 2 years part time
Queen Mary programme code(s):	
QAA Benchmark Group:	
FHEQ Level of Award:	Level 7
Programme accredited by:	N/A
Date Programme Specification approved:	
Responsible School / Institute:	School of Politics and International Relations

Schools / Institutes which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme:

Collaborative institution(s) / organisation(s) involved in delivering the programme:

Programme outline

Public Policy is the study of how problems are addressed within political institutions. Through studying public policy, students will gain theoretical and practical insights into policy formation and implementation. Students will take taught courses which allow them to explore the development, implementation and evaluation of a wide range of policies. By the end of the programme, they will have a strong grasp of the theoretical tools and empirical evidence necessary for an in-depth understanding of the policy making process.

Aims of the programme

- 1) To enable students to critically engage with the problems and possibilities of policy-making
- 2) To enable students to apply concepts and theoretical arguments to concrete cases of public policy
- 3) To provide students with the opportunity to contribute to the formulation and development of ideas leading to a substantial piece of individual research
- 4) To equip students with a range of specific and transferable skills

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What will you be expected to achieve?

On successful completion of the programme, students will be able to:

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Academic Content:

A 1	Students will demonstrate the ability to critically analyse and explain processes of international public policy-making
A 2	Students will demonstrate the ability to apply conceptual and theoretical arguments to a range of empirical case studies
A 3	Students will be able to assess and explain the successes and failures of international public policy

Disciplinary Skills - able to:

B 1	Deal with the complex processes of international public policy-making in a creative and systematic manner, and make informed and substantiated judgements
B 2	Combine conceptual, theoretical and empirical materials in the analysis of international public policy
B 3	Construct and carry out a research proposal in international public policy broadly defined

Attributes:

C 1	Think critically and systematically about completing arguments, ideas and interpretations
C 2	Communicate arguments and research findings clearly and systematically in written form and in participatory
C 3	Develop participations, presentation and group working skills

How will you learn?

The programme will be delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars and individual research supervision

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How will you be assessed?

Assessment will be by essays, presentations and a dissertation

How is the programme structured?

Please specify the structure of the programme diets for all variants of the programme (e.g. full-time, part-time - if applicable). The description should be sufficiently detailed to fully define the structure of the diet.

Full-time students enrolling on this programme will take one compulsory module in Semester A:

- POLM092 Theories and Concepts in Public Policy (30 credits)

They will choose one elective module (30 credits each) from:

- POLM054 War and International Security
- POLM050 International Public Policy: Concepts and Practice
- POLM059 Approaches to Political Economy
- POLM093 Public Management and Governance

They will take one compulsory module (30 credits) in Semester B:

- POLM025 Evaluation and Delivery in Public Policy

They will choose one elective module (30 credits each) from:

- POLM026 Globalisation and the International Political Economy of Development
- POLM040 Themes and Cases in US Foreign Policy
- POLM095 International Migration Policy
- POLMXXX Governing the European Union in times of Crisis
- POLM099 International Organisations
- POLM056 Life, Death and Money

They will also take the Dissertation module POLM017 (60 credits) in Semester C.

The part-time programme structure will be as follows:

Year 1 Sem 1 - POLM092 Theories and Concepts in Public Policy

Year 1 Sem 2 - POLM025 Evaluation and Delivery in Public Policy

Year 2 Sem 1 - One elective module from the above

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Year 2 Sem 2 - One elective module from the above

Year 2 Sem 3 - POLM017 Dissertation

Academic Year of Study

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Theories and Concepts in Public Policy	POLM092	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Evaluation and Delivery of Public Policy	POLM025	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semester 2
International Migration Policy	POLM095	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Governing the European Union in times of Crisis	POLM103	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Globalisation and the IPE of Development	POLM026	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Themes and Cases in US Foreign Policy	POLM040	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Public Policy	POLM050	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Approaches to Political Economy	POLM059	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Dissertation	POLM017	60	7	Core	1	Semester 3
War and International Security	POLM054	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Public Management and Governance	POLM093	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Life Death and Money: Welfare State	POLM056	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

What are the entry requirements?

Upper second class honours or equivalent in a cognate subject. IELTS 7.0 with 6.5 in the writing component

How will the quality of the programme be managed and enhanced? How do we listen to and act on your feedback?

The Staff-Student Liaison Committee provides a formal means of communication and discussion between Schools and its students. The committee consists of student representatives from each year in the school/institute together with appropriate representation from staff within the school/institute. It is designed to respond to the needs of students, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments. Staff-Student Liaison Committees meet regularly throughout the year.

Each school operates a Learning and Teaching Committee, or equivalent, which advises the School/Institute Director of Taught Programmes on all matters relating to the delivery of taught programmes at school level including monitoring the application of relevant QM policies and reviewing all proposals for module and programme approval and amendment before submission to Taught Programmes Board. Student views are incorporated in this Committee's work in a number of ways, such as through student membership, or consideration of student surveys.

All schools operate an Annual Programme Review of their taught undergraduate and postgraduate provision. The process is normally organised at a School-level basis with the Head of School, or equivalent, responsible for the completion of the school's Annual Programme Reviews. Schools/institutes are required to produce a separate Annual Programme Review for undergraduate programmes and for postgraduate taught programmes using the relevant Undergraduate or Postgraduate Annual Programme Review pro-forma. Students' views are considered in this process through analysis of the PTES and module evaluations.

What academic support is available?

All students enrolled on this programme will be allocated a personal advisor, who will be available throughout the year to provide academic as well as pastoral support. Advisors will be allocated by the programme organiser in consultation with the Masters committee. Advisors will advise on module choice and hold supervision meetings to develop dissertation proposals. Module convenors and other members of staff will be available at designated times each week to see students to discuss academic issues relating to their particular modules. A programme induction will be provided for all incoming students during Welcome Week. This will acquaint students with the format of the programme, with library and other resources, including the online learning environment. All students will meet with their advisors during this week to discuss module selection and other related matters. Students with special educational needs will have the opportunity to talk to their adviser about how the college can best support their needs. All students will be able to access support services provided by the School and University.

Part-time students will undertake the same induction programme as full-time students at the beginning of their studies, and wherever possible we will ensure that their personal advisor is the same for both years of their study, to ensure continuity of support.

Programme-specific rules and facts

How inclusive is the programme for all students, including those with disabilities?

Queen Mary has a central Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) that offers support for all students with disabilities, specific learning difficulties and mental health issues. The DDS supports all Queen Mary students: full-time, part-time, undergraduate, postgraduate, UK and international at all campuses and all sites.

Students can access advice, guidance and support in the following areas:

- Finding out if you have a specific learning difficulty like dyslexia
- Applying for funding through the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)
- Arranging DSA assessments of need
- Special arrangements in examinations

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- Accessing loaned equipment (e.g. digital recorders)
- Specialist one-to-one "study skills" tuition
- Ensuring access to course materials in alternative formats (e.g. Braille)
- Providing educational support workers (e.g. note-takers, readers, library assistants)
- Mentoring support for students with mental health issues and conditions on the autistic spectrum.

Links with employers, placement opportunities and transferable skills

The programme will develop a range of skills and expertise including:

- presentation and groups working skills
- Clear communication, both written and oral
- Research and analysis skills
- Empirical knowledge of areas of contemporary international public policy
- An appreciation of the complexity of policy-making at the international level

Programme Specification Approval

Person completing Programme Specification:

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Person responsible for management of programme:

Chris Phillips

Date Programme Specification produced / amended by School / Institute Education Committee:

11 Dec 2023

Date Programme Specification approved by Taught Programmes Board: