

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

PUBLIC POLICY

Master of Science in Public Policy
Postgraduate Diploma in Public Policy
Postgraduate Certificate in Public Policy

These regulations are to be read in conjunction with [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Admission

1. Notwithstanding the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#), applicants shall possess:
 - i. a first or second class Honours degree in Social Science from a United Kingdom university; or
 - ii. a qualification deemed by the Head of Department acting on behalf of the Senate to be equivalent to (i) above
2. In all cases, applicants whose first language is not English, shall be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of English.

Duration of Study

3. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Mode of Study

4. The programmes are available by full-time and part-time study.

Place of Study

5. The programmes are available on campus only.

Curriculum

6. All students shall undertake an approved curriculum as follows:

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2945	Theories and Practices of Regulation and Governance	5	20
L2917	Policy Analysis	5	20

and a minimum of two of the following:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2909	Qualitative Methods	5	20
L2916	Comparative Public Policy	5	20

L2905	Quantitative Methods 1	5	20
L2948	Policy Analysis: Problem Structuring Methods	5	20

Equivalent modules may be substituted with the agreement of the programme leader.

Optional Modules

A maximum of 40 credits may be chosen from the list below.

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2908	Quantitative Methods 2*	5	20
L2912	International Institutions and Regimes	5	20
L2914	European Governance	5	20
L2929	Political Behaviour	5	20
L2963	Contemporary Security Challenges and Responses	5	20
L2993	Comparative Political Institutions	5	20
L2946	Levelling Up: A Guide to the New Regional and Industrial Policies	5	20
L2947	Networked Institutions, Infrastructure and Technology	5	20

* With appropriate prerequisite.

Any level 5 module offered by the Department of Government and Public Policy may also be chosen with approval of the Programme Leader. Up to a maximum of 40 credits at level 5 from other programmes offered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences may be approved the Programme Leader and the Department(s) offering the module(s).

Not all optional modules on this list will be available in each academic year.

Students for the degree of MSc only:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2933	Dissertation	5	60
Or			
L2974	Placement Dissertation	5	60

Progress

- See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level.](#)
- Progress may be dependent on satisfactory performance against prescribed criteria outlined in the Programme Handbook.
- The final award will be based on performance in all elements of the coursework and the dissertation.

Award

10. **Degree of MSc:** In order to qualify for the award of the degree of MSc in Public Policy, a candidate must have performed to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners and must have accumulated no fewer than 180 credits, of which 60 credits must have been awarded in respect of the Dissertation L2933 or Placement Dissertation L2974.
11. **Postgraduate Diploma:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Policy, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 120 credits from the taught modules of the programme curriculum.
12. **Postgraduate Certificate:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in Public Policy, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 60 credits from the programme curriculum.