

Programme Regulations: 2025/26

Programme Title: MSc Public Policy

Code: 5525F/P

Notes

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) *A core module is a module which a student must pass.*
- (iii) *A core module for PSRB accreditation is a module a student is required to obtain accreditation.*
- (iv) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (v) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

1. Programme Structure

- (a) The programme is available for study in both full-time and part-time modes.
- (b) The period of study for full-time mode shall be one year starting in September. The period of study for part-time mode shall normally be two years starting in September.
- (c) The programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180.
- (d) All candidates shall take 140 credits of compulsory modules depending on your degree programme:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level
POL8041	Thinking about Politics	20	20			7
POL8065	Principles of Data Science for Political Research	20		20		7
POL8067	The Moral Limits of the Market: Theoretical Foundations	10		10		7
POL8068	The Moral Limits of the Market: Public Policy Projects	10		10		7
POL8072	Public Policy in Practice: from the Local to the Global	20	20			7
POL8099	Dissertation	60			60	7

- (e) All candidates with the approval of the Degree Programme Director shall take modules to a credit value of 40 chosen from the following list:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level
POL8003	European Union: Policy and Politics	20		20		7
POL8059	The United Nations: Policy, Politics and Power	20		20		7

POL8020	American Foreign Policy	20		20		7
POL8070	Problem Solving for Defence (H4MoD)	20	20			7
POL8074	Power and Policy: Understanding Impact	20	20			7
GEO8030	Geographical Inequalities & Policy	20	20			7
SEC8026	Global Security: Politics, Space and Society (P)	20		20		7
SOC8072	Inequalities: Issues and Intersections	20	20			7
SOC8070	Global Sex Global Race	20		20		7
SOC8073	Perpetual Wars? Crime, Policing and (in)Security	20		20		7
LAW8131	Cybersecurity Law and Policy	20	20			7
LAW8146	Public International Law	20	20			7
LAW8581	Social Media Regulation: Law, Policy and Society	20		20		7

OR

- (f) With the approval of the Degree Programme Director students may take modules to a credit value of 20 from the list above and an additional 20 credits chosen from other modules offered by GPS or other schools in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and if appropriate to your degree programme.
- (g) Additional modules may be available in subsequent years and students will be invited to select from the programme offered at the start of every academic year. Please note that not all the modules are guaranteed to run each year.
- (h) The compulsory dissertation POL8099 (60), which shall not normally exceed 10,000 words, shall be on a subject inline with your degree programme, approved by the Degree Programme Director.
- (i) The part-time programme of study will be decided in consultation with the Degree Programme Director.

2. Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.