PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

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PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Focus:

- How does a globalising market operate in the framework of the international system of states?
- To what extent are wars, conflicts and political stability linked to the underlying economic conditions?
- Does the global environmental catastrophe require an economic or political solution?
- Will the 21st century be an Asian century, or will the American age continue into the future?

Questions like these confront not only statesmen and governments, but also world business leaders and other officials around the world. The challenges of global shifts suggest that today, we need to think in a systemic and integrated way about the relationship between political processes, economic phenomena, and social traditions and institutions. City, University of London is offering this BSc in IPE to provide you with the conceptual and analytical skills that will help you address these and other questions about global capitalism, and lead a rewarding professional life in the rapidly changing global political-economic context.

International Political Economy (IPE) is an academic discipline uniquely suited to address academic issues of interdisciplinary and meet student demand for knowledge and skills related to the international political-economic phenomena of the global age. The aim of City’s UG degree in IPE is to provide you with conceptual knowledge and analytical skills that will help you answer the questions about changing economic and political topography of the world.

Our Approach

The aim of this degree is to help you acquire, develop and advance analytical and conceptual knowledge of key processes, structures, institutions and agents of the world economic system.

Rather than separating disciplines according to their perceived academic niches, IPE is founded on the assumption and methodologies that treat politics, economy and society as an integrated whole. In this way, you are not alone in negotiating and working out the relationships between economics and politics, states and markets, national governments and global governance bodies. Rather, from the very first week of study, you are introduced to academic traditions that examine these phenomena in a systemic way.
Broadly in line with the educational vision developed by the Institute of New Economic Thinking (INET), we divide UG education in IPE in three distinct stages.

Year 1 (Breadth). The purpose of the first year is to introduce you to the wide range of problems in which economics and IPE deal. Insights from history of the world economy, core concepts of political economy, and quantitative skills and foundational tools of micro- and macro-economics, are what you need most at this stage.

Year 2 (Competency). The purpose of the second year is to give you the opportunity to develop skills as political economists. During the second year of study, you will become conversant not only in key qualitative and quantitative approaches to economic analysis and reasoning but apply your knowledge to the analysis of the real phenomena and problems of the global economic system.

Year 3 (Depth). During the final year of UG study you will have the opportunity to engage with specific topics and sub-field at length, so as to experience the challenge and reward of independent research and thought. Third-year modules and research projects will bring the analytical competencies developed during second year to bear on a wide range of theoretical and empirical issues covering the range of the discipline of IPE.

As a student on the BSc in IPE, you will be able to choose from a wide range of modules that are directly relevant to the study of the global economic and political issues, and which are offered by the Department of International Politics, and Department of Sociology.

Our aims are:

- To provide a specialist education in the field of international political economy.
- To enable you to develop your analytical capacities and the ability to examine and evaluate the complex structure of relationships between markets, governments, transnational actors and networks in the setting of the globalising economy.
- To provide you with a variety of conceptual frameworks for the analysis of problems of global capitalism in the 21st century.
- To enable you to investigate rapid economic changes, crises and transformations and their socio-political facets in the contemporary world.
- To enable you to develop your analytical capacities and articulate their analysis of complex issues and debates to a high level.
- To prepare you for a diverse range of careers, and help you develop contextual knowledge that will be applicable for life-long learning in a rapidly changing economic environment.

Certificate

Programme Stage One: Following successful completion of Programme Stage One or the Certificate of Higher Education in International Political Economy, you will be able to discuss underlying concepts and principles associated with the study of international political economy and interpret these within the context of your practice.

Diploma

Programme Stage Two: When you have successfully completed Programme Stage Two or the Diploma of Higher Education in International Political Economy you will have built on your previous knowledge and experience. You will have developed skills of enquiry in your subject and different approaches to problem-solving, you will also be able to identify the limitations of your knowledge.

Bachelor of Science (BSc)

Programme Stage Three: Following successful completion of Programme Stage Three or the degree
you will have a coherent, systematic and detailed knowledge of the study of international political economy. You will be able to develop techniques for practice drawing on research and scholarship demonstrating your role as a reflective practitioner.

WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?

The BSc in IPE aims to provide you with the analytical and conceptual skills necessary to address the dilemmas and policy issues arising in the increasingly integrated world.

On successful completion of this programme, you will be expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding:

- Identify and apply concepts and theoretical approaches within IPE and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches in a wide range of different competing contexts.
- Identify, analyse and articulate the means and processes through which actors, institutions and structures of global political economy participate in and shape the core processes of economic and political life.
- Analyse the complex and changing roles of private markets, states, institutions and transnational forces and actors in the historical context of global capitalism.
- Analyse the different ways in which key economic and socio-political relationships inform, and are shaped by, national, regional, local and global structures of power and authority.
- Understand how different theoretical positions in International Political Economy tend to be associated with different historical contexts, substantive concepts, methodological positions, research strategies and underlying philosophical positions.
- Evaluate the interrelationships between evidence and theory in a wide range of different contexts.

Skills:

- Identify, incorporate and analyse complex ideas about the nature of the economic system.
- Gather, retrieve and synthesise information from a number of different primary and secondary data sources in order to understand the complexities of issues in global political economy.
- Identify, gather and test main types of empirical and statistical data characterising the international economic system.
- Identify, gather and employ types of quantitative data necessary for comparative analysis of national economic systems.
- Formulate arguments based on sound evidential and theoretical reasoning.
- Reflect on your own learning and make use of constructive feedback.
- Challenge received explanations of topics and controversies in mainstream (formal) economics.
- Unpack the systemic nature of markets and employ a variety of sources of information, to interpret the political, social, environmental and cultural dimensions of economic decisions and processes.
- Place individual economic phenomena in the wider historical context of processes of economic change and globalisation.

Values and attitudes:

- Appreciate the social and political connotations of economic processes and market mechanisms.
- Analyse the nature of the economic system as a complex web of socio-political relationships.
- Produce written materials that indicate in a precise and honest manner what is your own work and
This programme has been developed in accordance with the QAA Subject Benchmark for Politics and International Relations and Economics.

**HOW WILL I LEARN?**

The educational aims are achieved through a combination of lectures, interactive sessions, practical workshops and small group classes (tutorials), supported by a personal tutorial system. Lectures are used to provide commentary on and explanation of key content areas. Small group classes are used to develop understanding by inviting you to raise questions and participate in the debate and by providing guidance for further study.

You are required to undertake extensive reading and guided independent study in order to understand the topics covered in lectures and classes and to broaden and deepen your knowledge.

Lecturing and teaching is supported by a personal tutorial, mentoring and supervision system, and from your second year of study, with an organised research seminar series with outside speakers, both professional and academic. Third year UG students are also invited to attend PhD workshops organised by doctoral students in the Department of International Politics and specialised events (e.g. workshops, conferences) hosted by City Political Economy Research Centre (CITYPERC). The BSc in IPE will include an average of 10-12 contact hours per week (8-10 teaching face to face hours and two office hours with module leaders and tutors). This amounts to around 200 contact hours during the academic year. In addition, you will be expected to guided undertake independent study hours. Some of these hours will include use of online learning tools such as Moodle.

The BSc in IPE involves two type of research dissertations: a 5000 word research paper at the end of the second year, and a 10000 word dissertation submitted at the end of your third year of UG study. Topics for both research projects are chosen by the students themselves, in consultation with module leaders and supervisors. The dissertations are designed to help students develop and advance their conceptual, quantitative and research skills in the field of IPE.

**WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?**

Assessment is by coursework (assessed essays and assignments), team projects, presentations, unseen examinations and the final year dissertation.

For the third-year dissertation, you will receive supervision and the opportunity to develop research methods and writing skills.

Assessment Criteria are descriptions, based on the intended learning outcomes, of the skills, knowledge or attitudes that you need to demonstrate in order to complete an assessment successfully, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured. Grade-Related Criteria are descriptions of the level of skills, knowledge or attributes that you need to demonstrate in order achieve a certain grade or mark in an assessment, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured and placed within the overall set of marks. Assessment Criteria and Grade-Related Criteria will be made available to you to support you in completing assessments. These may be provided in programme handbooks, module specifications, on the virtual learning environment or attached to a specific assessment task.

Feedback on assessment

Feedback will be provided in line with our Assessment and Feedback Policy. In particular, you will normally be provided with feedback within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date. This would normally include a provisional grade or mark. For end of module examinations or an
equivalent significant task (e.g. an end of module project), feedback will normally be provided within four weeks. The timescale for feedback on final year projects or dissertations may be longer. The full policy can be found at: https://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/68921/assessment_and_feedback_policy.pdf

Assessment Regulations

In order to pass your Programme, you should complete successfully or be exempted from the relevant modules and assessments and will therefore acquire the required number of credits. You also need to pass each Programme Stage of your Programme in order to progress to the following Programme Stage.

For how each Programme Stage of your programme is weighted, please see 'What Award Can I Get?' below.

The Pass mark for each module is 40%.

If you fail an assessment component or a module, the following will apply:

1. Compensation: where you fail up to a total of one sixth of the total credits of a Programme Stage at first or resit attempt, you may be allowed compensation if:
   - Compensation is permitted for the module involved (see the What will I Study section of the programme specification), and
   - It can be demonstrated that you have satisfied all the Learning Outcomes of the modules in the Programme Stage, and
   - A minimum overall mark of no more than 10% below the module pass mark has been achieved in the module to be compensated, and
   - An aggregate mark of 40% has been achieved for the Programme Stage.

   Where you are eligible for compensation at the first attempt, this will be applied in the first instance rather than offering a resit opportunity.

   If you receive a compensated pass in a module you will be awarded the credit for that module. The original component marks will be retained in the record of marks and your original module mark will be used for the purpose of your Award calculation.

2. Resit: where you are not eligible for compensation at the first attempt, you will be offered one resit attempt.

   If you are successful in the resit, you will be awarded the credit for that module. The mark for each assessment component that is subject to a resit will be capped at the pass mark for the module. This capped mark will be used in the calculation of the final module mark together with the original marks for the components that you passed at first attempt.

   If you do not meet the pass requirements for a module and do not complete your resit by the date specified you will not progress to the next Programme Stage and the Assessment Board will require you to be withdrawn from the Programme.

   If you fail to meet the requirements for a particular Programme Stage or the Programme, the Assessment Board will consider whether you are eligible for an Exit Award as per the table below.

   If you would like to know more about the way in which assessment works at City, please see the full version of the Assessment Regulations at: http://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0003/69249/s19.doc
WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

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Class % required

I 70
II upper division 60
II lower division 50
III 40

Ordinary Degree:

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Class % required

With Distinction 70
With Merit 60
Without classification 40

Diploma of Higher Education:

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Programme Stage 1 (Breadth)

Level 4 (120 credits): 6 core modules worth 15 credits each which introduce you to the wide range of problems in which economics and IPE deal. The remaining 30 credits are chosen from a range of International Politics and Sociology modules.

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**Programme Stage 2 (Competencies)**

Level 5 (120 credits): Five core modules worth 15 credits each covering writing skills and key issues and concepts in IPE/global economy. The remaining 45 credits are chosen from a list of International Politics and Sociology Electives.

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TO WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ON?

This degree was designed to meet increasing demand for an interdisciplinary training that prepares graduates for both the public and the private job markets. You will benefit from City's competitive
advantage in the area of IPE and our close links to businesses, institutions and think tanks. Graduates will be suited to a wide range of career options, from the global corporate sector, banking and finance to Civil Service, international diplomatic corps, global media and international organizations.

If you would like more information on the Careers support available at City, please go to: http://www.city.ac.uk/careers/for-students-and-recent-graduates.

WHAT STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

For information on study abroad options, please go to: http://www.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/exchange-programmes

WHAT PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

You can spend four years completing your degree by undertaking a work placement between completing Programme Stage 2 and entering Programme Stage 3. The degree title awarded would be:

BSc International Political Economy with Integrated Professional Training.

1) You should discuss your plans with the relevant Department Placement Officer at the earliest opportunity, preferably during the autumn term of your second year.
2) The work placement must extend over a minimum of 9 months and a maximum of 12 months (including holidays allowed by the employing body). The Placement must run between 1st September to the 31st August in the following year.
3) The Placement must be approved by City as providing suitable supervision and training.
4) You will be required to pay an administrative charge to cover the School’s costs associated with the work placement. However, this will be a reduced fee which will cover continued enrolment with City and access to all of its facilities.

HOW DO I ENTER THE PROGRAMME?

Entry Requirements
A-level grades AAB
A/AS-level: 330 UCAS tariff points
GCSE: grade B or equivalent in English language and Maths or Sciences.

Alternative entry requirements

National Diploma DDD
International Baccalaureate 35
European Baccalaureate 77-80%
Scottish ABBBB
Irish A1A1A1A2, A1A1A1B1
French 14/20
German 1.8
Italian 90%

English Language Requirements
Grade B in GCSE (or International GCSE) Cambridge
ESOL CPE grade C or above
IELTS 6.5

RPL/RPEL Requirements
RPL/RPEL: You may apply for RPL/RPEL for a minimum of one module and a maximum of 120 credits (direct entry to Year 2). Students who wish to gain direct entry onto Year 2 of the degree must be able to demonstrate that they have passed Year 1 of an equivalent programme at another institution. The weighting of the degree classification will be 1:2 for Programme Stages 2 and 3.

City, University of London is offering a Scholarship of up to £3,000 per year to UK and EU undergraduate students achieving grades AAB or above at A-level (or equivalent) starting an undergraduate course at City in September 2014. Further details can be found on City’s website at http://www.city.ac.uk/study-at-city/undergraduate/funding-and-financial-support/bursaries-and-scholarships/the-lord-mayor-of-london-scholarships

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