Alternative Assessments during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak

In line with our current General Regulations, the University may offer you alternative assessments where necessary. This includes holding online timed examinations in place of written examinations, which are usually held at examination centres. Please note that this statement replaces any published information relating to assessments or examinations in any of our materials including the website. Previously published materials relating to examinations should therefore be read in conjunction with this statement.

The University of London continues to work towards supporting the academic progression of all its students. The University also continues to be mindful of the health and wellbeing of its students during this pandemic, whilst protecting the academic standards of its awards.

1 Structure of the programmes

Qualifications

1.1

The following named qualifications are awarded under the Gender, Sexuality in Global Politics programme:

MA Gender, Sexuality in Global Politics

The Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) and the Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) are awarded as Exit Qualifications only.

Postgraduate Diploma in Gender, Sexuality in Global Politics (PGDip)

Postgraduate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality in Global Politics (PGCert)

Qualification structure

1.2

The MA programme consists of four modules and a dissertation as follows:

Three core modules

One elective module derived from the list of those available

A dissertation

Exit awards

1.3

If you are registered on the MA and are unable to complete your studies you may be eligible for an exit award. A related PGCert or a PGDip may be awarded for the successful completion of either two modules and two dissertation development stages or four modules and four dissertation development stages respectively.

2 Registration

Effective date of registration

2.1

Your effective date of registration will be:

1 April if you register in March/April, of the year in which you initially register

1 October if you register in September/October, of the year in which you initially register.

2.2

If your effective date of registration is:

1 April this allows you to be assessed in August of the same year

1 October this allows you to be assessed in February / March of the following year

4.3

Where you have not yet passed a module and you are registering for it again, this may be permitted in addition to the module for that study session. This will be at the discretion of the programme director.

4.4

You may apply to change your assigned module in consultation with the Programme Director up to two weeks before the start date for that module. If you have already begun studying the module your application will not be considered.

Modules from other SOAS departments

4.5

MA students may select as an elective module, a maximum of one 30 credit module offered by another SOAS distance learning programme. This will be at the discretion of the Programme Director.

4.6

If you study a module offered by another SOAS department, that module will be assessed and

5.6

Any submission made after the published deadline will be penalised: Marks will be deducted at a rate of one mark per day up to a maximum of five marks for e-tivities submitted up to 5 days after the deadline. E-tivities will not be accepted if submitted later than 5 days after the deadline.

5.7

With each submission you must accept the No Plagiarism declaration via the online submission procedure to confirm that the completed e-tivity is all your own work (except where the terms of the e-tivity require reference to collaborating with others) and that there has been no plagiarism.

5.8

Extensions to deadline dates will usually not be granted. Extensions are only permitted in cases of mitigating circumstances, and are at the discretion of the Programme Director.

> For more detail see 5.13 Mitigating Circumstances.

5.9

If an assignment exceeds the word limit by the amounts specified below, we will implement the following deductions.

For **e-tivities 2, 3 and 5** for all modules, the following deductions will apply:

Excess length	Mark Deduction
Up to and including 20%	1 mark
More than 20%	It will not be marked and will be assigned a mark of zero (0)

For e-tivity 4 and e-tivity 6 for all modules, the dissertation research proposal and the final dissertation, the following schedule of deductions will apply:

Excess Length	Mark Deduction (deductions for dissertation given in parentheses)
More than 10% up to and including 20%	5 marks
More than 20% up to and including 30%	10 marks

Word count is defined as the number of words contained within the main body of the text which include: titles, headings, abstracts, summaries, in-text citations, quotations, footnotes and text boxes and tables containing primarily text.

Items excluded fro

6   Number of attempts permitted at an assessment element

7   Progression within the programme

See Section 5 for method of assessment.

7.1

You are required to study the core modules in the first study sessions following your registration on the programme.

7.2

You will be expected to complete the elective modules during the subsequent study sessions. Elective modules may not all be offered at every study session and may be studied in any order.

All modules are worth 30 credits. Not all modules are offered in every session. Refer to the SOAS website for more information on module availability.

7.3

You must attempt and pass e-tivity 6 of a module before you progress to your next module. Where this is not the case, progression will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Programme Director and Chair ofcoefore

Appendix A   Structure of the programmes

New modules that the Programme Director deems relevant and appropriate to develop for the programme, may be introduced throughout the course of year.

An outline of the module syllabus is provided in Appendix C and further information can be found on the SOAS course page.

MA Gender, Sexuality in Global Politics

Three core modules:

GDM425   Gender, Sexuality in Global Politics

GDM430   Gender and Social Inequality

GDM330   Gender Conflict and the Middle East

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One elective module chosen from:

The modules listed below are indicative of the general electives available each year.

The modules listed below demonstrate the electives that are usually available each year.

For a complete list of current modules, please view the course information on the SOAS website. If you would like to submit an enquiry regarding module options, please contact genderandmediaonline@soas.ac.uk.

All modules will be assessed according to Section 5 of these regulations.

GDM435   Gender and Security in Africa

GDM115   Muslim Minorities in a Global Context

GDM145   Global Citizenship and Advocacy

GDM305   Digital Diplomacy

GDM375   Diplomacy and Power: International Actors in the Middle East

GDM365   Cultural Diplomacy

Any module from Development Studies depending on availability

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One compulsory dissertation module:

GDM200   Dissertation

a detailed understanding of the major factual and/or theoretical issues and directly engages with the relevant literature on the topic;

clear evidence of planning and appropriate choice of sources and methodology with correct referencing;

ability to analyse data critically;

capacity to develop a focussed and clear argument and articulate clearly and convincingly a sustained train of logical thought.

Pass 50-59 / 7.5-9

A mark in the range 50-59 will fulfil the following criteria:

Ability to plan, organise and execute a research project or coursework assignment;

a reasonable understanding of the major factual and/or theoretical issues involved;

evidence of some knowledge of the literature with correct referencing;

ability to analyse data;

shows examples of a clear train of thought or argument;

the text is introduced and concludes appropriately.

Fail 40-49 / 6-7.49

A Fail will be awarded in cases in which there is:

limited ability to plan, organise and execute a research project or coursework assignment;

Fail 0-19 / 0-2

A Fail will be awarded in cases which there is:

no demonstrable ability to plan, organise and execute a research project or coursework assignment;

little or no knowledge or understanding related to the research project or assignment;

little or no knowledge of the relevant literature;

major errors in referencing;

no evidence of critical thought or data analysis;

incoherent argument.

The following criteria will be used in determining the marks awarded for e-tivities 2, 3 and 5 for each elective module:

5/5

Thorough critical analysis of a range of arguments from a wide literature (e.g. considers criticisms and defences of positions discussed and provides a clear and convincing position of own view derived from this discussion)

Concise and well-structured

Provides original arguments (e.g. makes original connection to wider academic debates, formulates an innovative criticism/defence)

Very clear expression

4/5

Broad understanding of topic

Unable to illustrate basic academic skills in any meaningful capacity.

Absence of understanding

Appendix C   Module Descriptions

All modules are worth 30 credits. Not all modules are offered in every session. Refer to the
SOAS website for more information on module availability.

GDM425 Gender, Sexuality in Global Politics

This module is at the intersection between feminist/queer and political analysis. It prioritizes
critical feminist approaches to knowledge production and feminist and queer interventions in
the study of global political and socio-economic processes. The module establishes the
conceptual and historical context for understanding the centrality of gender to contemporary
societies and global processes and explores the continuum of gendered processes from the
intimate level to the global level.

Feminist and queer interventions uncover power dynamics that are central to the liveability of
bodies and serve many different purposes: political, cultural, economic. They are primarily
preoccupied with the gendered, classed, and racialized component of structural violence and
their ultimate unfolding at the global stage. Overall, the course takes an interdisciplinary
approach. It provides a comprehensive understanding of the deployment of gender and
sexuality around International Relations, International Law, conflict resolution, peace-building,
political participation, human rights, development and society and thus encompasses micro,
meso and macro levels of analysis.

Students will acquire theoretical and methodological tools to study gender across a range of
contemporary events and spheres, including NGO-ization, Metoo, necropolitics, the rise of
neoliberalism and populism, peace-building and governance. This course is predicated upon an
intersectional approach that upholds the intersection of gender race, class, sexuality, ethnicity
and further categories.

This module requires students to think critically about the world through the examination of the
gendered aspect of cultural production, policy-making, and politics, among others. Students will
gain an interdisciplinary social science foundation, that brings together theoretical grounding in
gender theory, feminist approaches to knowledge production, and decolonial approaches. By
engaging with a series of key debates related to gender and sexuality, the students will gain an
understanding of their centrality to global politics and processes.

The course draws from the wealth of the scholarship on sex, gender, and violence. The topics
covered include the continuum of violence, the gendered causes and consequences of war,
            involvement in violence, the deployment of sexuality in foreign policies. The course
also includes seminal and critical policy responses and interventions addressing said violence.
Readings in the module include a mix of seminal articles/work by ac5h0u.004 (de)2.9d8 (se)TJ( )-3.995 (co (

GDM375 Diplomacy and Power: International Actors in the Middle East

The Middle East has long been an area of interstate conflict and an important area for proxy conflict of global great powers as well as regional actors. This module will investigate the Diplomacy and Power politics of key regional and Global actors in the Middle East region and how they leverage these to achieve their national objectives. This module will also engage with key international organisations such as the UN and Arab League. It will focus on the region from the End of the Cold War to the present day.

GDM145