



LSE

Department of
Accounting

OFFER HOLDERS
Welcome Booklet

**BSC ACCOUNTING
AND FINANCE
2024-2027**



CHECKLIST: What to do next

- ✓ Accept and confirm your offer
- ✓ Submit your **Financial Undertaking Form**. It is best to do this as early as possible, particularly if you require a CAS for your visa
- ✓ Read the [Undergraduate Offer Pack](#) for information on visas, accommodation, what to do before you arrive at LSE, and general information about student life and London

Disclaimer: The information in this booklet may be superseded by recent changes in regulations and other, more recent, particulars. As a guiding principle, the School's webpages will generally contain the latest, most up-to-date information.

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Questions about admissions and your application



WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

Congratulations on receiving an offer of a place on the BSc Accounting and Finance programme in the Department of Accounting at LSE. Places on this programme are in strong demand and it is a great achievement to receive an offer.

The LSE is an important, remarkable and unique institution and this also extends to our department. Our culture is built around creating a supportive environment for your learning journey. Central to this is ensuring you have a first class academic experience, but it does not stop there.

Our programme gives you the prospect to learn core accounting and finance knowledge and skills not only from a practical perspective, but also crucially from an economic, political, and social perspective, and how accounting and finance have implications at local, national and international levels. We guide you in debating about contemporary accounting and finance issues. We encourage our students to ask questions, think critically, conduct independent research, and explore suitable ways to solve current problems from both theoretical and practical lenses. You will be supported by our faculty who have a strong research profile in various areas of accounting, finance and financial management, and who are keen to share their insights.

We promote cutting-edge thinking and support you with a wide-ranging learning and assessment approaches (e.g. group work, presentation, case analysis) to cultivate your interests in accounting and finance. We will furnish you with the accounting and finance knowledge and professional skills as you make the transition from academic study to the professional world and your career aspirations.

As your Head of Department, I am passionately committed to all of these aspects of our programme, as are all of our faculty and professional services staff.

Committing to this rigorous programme will mean great rewards for your future. You will graduate with a suite of critical skills, embedded in accounting and finance knowledge, applicable to a wide range of professional tasks and problems. In addition, you will develop a network of contacts to last over your lifetime career.

I hope you will become a member of our lively, diverse and inclusive learning community at LSE. Hope to meet you in person in the very near future.

Best regards

PROFESSOR ANE TAMAYO
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF
ACCOUNTING



The Marshall Building, home to the Department of Accounting at LSE since 2022.

WHY LSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING?

LSE presents an unparalleled chance to delve into the social sciences within a globally renowned university setting, all amidst the vibrant cultural, social, and recreational offerings of one of the world's premier capital cities.

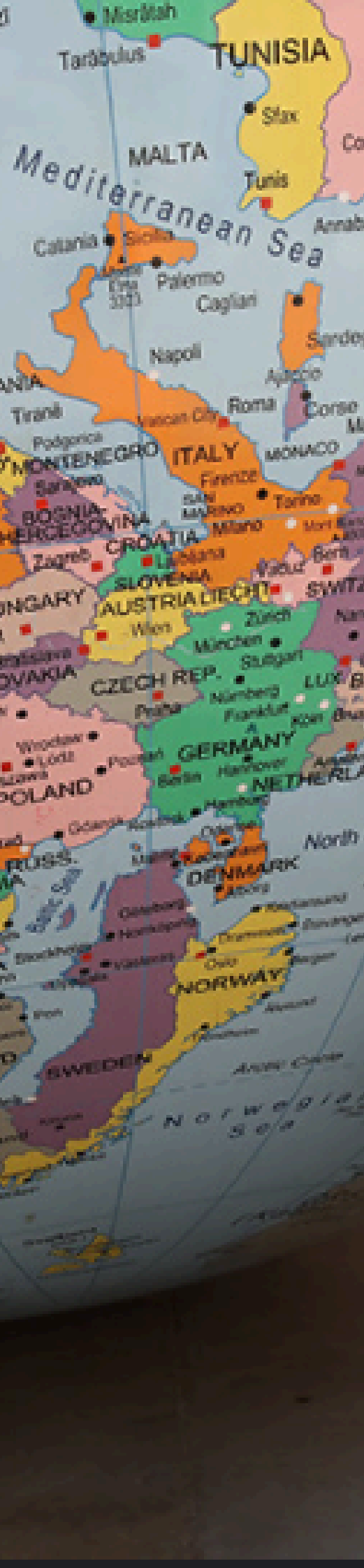
The heart of London

LSE provides a distinctive opportunity to engage with the social sciences within a globally esteemed academic institution while immersing oneself in the rich cultural, social, and recreational offerings of one of the world's most illustrious capital cities.

The essence of LSE is intertwined with its location. Nestled in the heart of central London, the School thrives in one of the most diverse cities worldwide. With close proximity to Europe's financial, legal, and cultural hubs, LSE serves as a pivotal hub for international discourse, reflecting our commitment to engaging with UK and global affairs.

LSE epitomises a dynamic, cosmopolitan environment deeply rooted in the 'real world'. This vibrancy stems from the diverse blend of faculty and students, our active engagement in academic and political spheres, and the seamless exchange of ideas between the School and its surroundings. Government, Parliament, financial institutions, legal entities, and media outlets are all within easy reach of the School, fostering a dynamic ecosystem of collaboration and influence.





A world centre for research and teaching

Our teaching is continuously enriched and guided by our research endeavours. Graduate students, in particular, hold a cherished and significant position in bolstering the School's scholarly contributions through their research pursuits during their academic journey. LSE fosters a conducive environment for staff research, leveraging academic departments, institutes, and interdisciplinary research centres. A remarkable 97 percent of LSE academics are actively involved in research, positioning them as sought-after advisers, consultants, and commentators. This active engagement extends their influence into the practical realms of the subjects they both teach and research.

Research quality

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) is a comprehensive evaluation of research quality across UK universities conducted by the Higher Education Funding Councils approximately every five to seven years. Findings from the 2021 REF reaffirmed LSE's status as a global leader in research, with the School consistently ranking at the forefront or near the summit in various assessments of research excellence.

The Department of Accounting

The Department of Accounting maintains its esteemed status as one of the foremost entities worldwide for both teaching and research in the economic, institutional, and organisational dimensions of accounting and financial management. Accounting at LSE is rooted in research and grounded in the social sciences, with a clear aim to influence accounting regulation, practice, or the professional realm.

Faculty members within the Department are actively engaged in research and education spanning a wide spectrum of accounting topics. They collaborate across disciplines such as economics, finance, history, law, management, organisational studies, psychology, and sociology. The Department's research and teaching endeavours encompass a broad range of subjects, addressing both private and public sector concerns and advocating for various evidentiary sources and investigative methodologies.

This year the LSE has been ranked first for Accounting and Finance by *The Guardian*, *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*. In the QS World Rankings 2024, the Department secures a prestigious position, ranking first in London, and sixth globally for Accounting and Finance.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

As a undergraduate student in Accounting, you will receive specialised support from our dedicated career consultants within the Department, in addition to the services offered by the central [LSE Careers Service](#). Throughout your programme and beyond graduation, you'll have access to professional development activities, guidance, and career coaching tailored to your needs.

Situated in central London, LSE provides unparalleled access to a vast array of internationally renowned employers. Exclusive employer events are hosted on campus for LSE students, offering unique networking opportunities. Additionally, a series of career seminars and events are organised specifically to address the professional development requirements of students within the Department of Accounting.

Our extensive alumni network presents invaluable networking prospects, boasting over 10,000 graduates from the Department of Accounting. This network spans across various sectors globally, providing access to inspirational leaders and fostering connections that can shape your career trajectory.

Graduate Destinations

Upon completing their undergraduate degree, our graduates embark on diverse career paths.

Beyond acquiring specialised academic knowledge applicable to roles in the financial sector—such as financial reporting, management accounting, or asset markets—you will also cultivate transferable competencies like project management, communication, and quantitative skills. These skills are valuable across various sectors, including the public sector, consulting, and broader industry domains

LSE Accounting graduates have pursued employment opportunities with businesses spanning a multitude of sectors worldwide. Common areas of employment include:

- Investment Banking
- Auditing
- Retail and Commercial Banking
- Accounting
- Central Banking

Companies who have employed recent graduates from this programme include Bain & Company, Bank of New York Mellon, Barclays Capital, BlackRock, Crédit Agricole, Crowe Horwath, General Electric, JP Morgan, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, PwC, KPMG, Proctor & Gamble, Merrill Lynch, Mondelez, EMI Music, Nordea Bank, Royal Dutch Shell, Schrodgers and Strategic Asset Partners LLP.

Events/Workshops

Throughout the year the LSE Careers Service and the Department of Accounting hosts a number of career events and workshops including:

- Careers Fairs such as Banking and Financial Services; Consultancy; Business and Management; Public Sector and Policy; European Internships; and Asia Careers Fairs)
- Alumni-Networking evenings
- Workshops in financial modelling; presentations skills; assessment centres and group assessment; interview practice; understanding the internship to graduate role cycle.



INTERVIEW WITH LSE ALUM OMIROS OMIROU

BSc Accounting and Finance Class of 2019

Omiros, a native of Nicosia, Cyprus, completed his studies in the summer of 2019. He began his career journey at Goldman Sachs, initially as an audit associate before transitioning to his current role as their Global Market Analyst.

“Joining the LSE was a natural choice for me as it is an institution of unrivalled academic excellence. Its reputation ranks it among the top universities in the world, especially for courses like Accounting and Finance, which made me confident that I would receive the highest quality education and experience what it feels like to be studying with some of the brightest individuals of my generation.

Attaining a degree from such a prestigious institution opened doors for me to pursue my future aspirations. As for my degree selection, the decision was based on my desire to broaden my knowledge on two fields that I didn't get the chance to explore prior to attending the LSE and which I have always found interesting.

The thing that I love most about this programme is that it provides you with the necessary skills and knowledge to be able to understand concepts that you come across in your everyday life and puts you in a position to form an opinion and engage in constructive discussions on these. Alongside my university studies, I have mentored young minds at a professional, academic and personal level as a Career Mentor for the LSESU Investment Society, a Student Academic Mentor for the Department of Accounting and the Vice President of the LSESU Cypriot Society.”

Why accounting and finance?

These were two fields that I didn't get the chance to explore prior to attending the LSE and which I have always had an interest in. Admittedly, it was a bit of a gamble for me to choose this but fortunately it paid off greatly!



What did you most enjoy about the BSc?

I mostly enjoyed the chance to work with a diverse pool of like-minded, talented and extremely motivated individuals, while broadening my knowledge on subjects that interest me. Looking back, I am positively surprised by the immense personal and professional development I have been through over the 3 years I was there. Getting hands on real-life applications enabled me to gain a deeper understanding of concepts that I come across in my everyday life and put me in a position to form an opinion and engage in constructive discussions on these.

Top society to join?

Definitely an Athletics Union (AU) society! Joining the Futsal society was one of the best decisions I've made during my time at the LSE. I got to meet a lot of people outside of my course and built genuine relationships with my teammates both on and off the pitch. The best part so far has been our trip to Prague to participate as a mixed team representing the LSE at a tournament there. It was a great chance to bond with each other and create memories that will last for a lifetime.

What have you enjoyed about living in London?

I found the fast paced style of living very enjoyable as it has given me an extra push to be efficient and productive at all times. Also, the fact that the list of museums, galleries, concerts, musicals restaurants and bars that you can visit is literally endless. I have never been bored because I can always experience something new!

What is your top tips for students thinking about doing the BSc AF at LSE?

Just go for it! My journey over the 3 years while completing my BSc in Accounting and Finance at the LSE has been the most productive and rewarding journey of my life so far. The journey has been amazing from start to finish and the programme will challenge you to reach new levels of knowledge and skills that you will find useful for the rest of your career. Also the fact that you have the opportunity to choose outside options will allow you to get a taste of disciplines other than accounting and finance if you wish to do so.







Additional support/information

Accounting Peer Mentoring Scheme

The accounting peer mentoring scheme is a student-to-student mentoring programme run by the Department of Accounting and LSE Life. As first year UG you will be matched with current second/third year accounting Student Academic Mentor (SAM). Your mentor will support you to make the most of LSE, sign post you to the right support resource and help you settle into the School.

Academic Mentor

Your Academic Mentor oversees your academic journey, ensuring progress and offering support in addressing any challenges, whether academic or personal. At the beginning of the Autumn, all undergraduate students will be allocated an Academic Mentor. Do not hesitate to reach out to your Academic Mentor whenever you encounter uncertainty or difficulty.

AC10x Peer Tutor

The AC10x Peer Tutor scheme run by the LSESU Accounting Society starts from week 3 of Autumn Term to the end of Winter Term. Peer Tutors are current second year Accounting student volunteers who are here to help you with your independent study of AC10x. Sessions are 1:1 every Wednesday at LSE Life.

Course choice video

Brief introductory videos for Accounting courses are accessible for viewing on the [Department website](#). However, please note that not all courses have corresponding videos. For comprehensive details, it's advisable to contact the respective course leader.

Accounting study space

In addition to the learning spaces around campus and the LSE Library the Department of Accounting has three dedicated study rooms in the Marshall Building for Accounting undergraduate students.

EXCHANGE and INSIGHTS lectures

To illustrate the practical application of theoretical concepts, the Department organises two series of lectures. EXCHANGE and INSIGHTS features presentations by practitioners and academics, addressing topical subjects within accounting, finance, or themes covered in students' lectures and classes.

LSE LIFE

[LSE LIFE](#) serves as a hub for self-discovery, academic enrichment, and goal attainment. Our array of workshops and distinctive events cater to your chosen skills and personal interests. Additionally, we provide personalised one-to-one sessions to unearth your strengths, enhance your skills, and align them towards achieving your objectives.

As a student, you can utilise LSE LIFE to bolster your academic, communication, numeracy, and research abilities. Furthermore, you can seek guidance on personal effectiveness, life decisions, and gain valuable insights into graduate recruitment and career pathways. All these resources are conveniently located in a purpose-built space on the ground floor of the LSE Library.

LSE public events

lse.ac.uk/events

Discover the range of free events at LSE in the Public Lecture Programme. As a student, you have first-hand access to influential outside speakers at the School (national and international politicians, business leaders, industrialists and civil servants) as well as leading academics from all around the world who visit to participate in teaching, to give public lectures and to pursue their own research.

Language Centre

The learning of another language will lead to a more in-depth understanding of societies and cultures and of the diversity and multiplicity of today's globalised societies and through literature you'll expand your mind, gaining understanding and experiencing other systems of living and other worlds. The [LSE Language Centre](#) offers language courses outside your degree in the following languages: Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

PROGRAMME TIMELINE

The BSc Accounting and Finance is a three year full-time course. Below is key term dates for your first year at LSE:

[LSE Term Dates](#)

LSE's Welcome Week starts the week commencing 23 September 2024. Events and activities include registration, welcome presentations from the School and Department, and networking with peers.

Autumn Term (AT)
Monday 30 September 2024 - Friday 13 December 2024

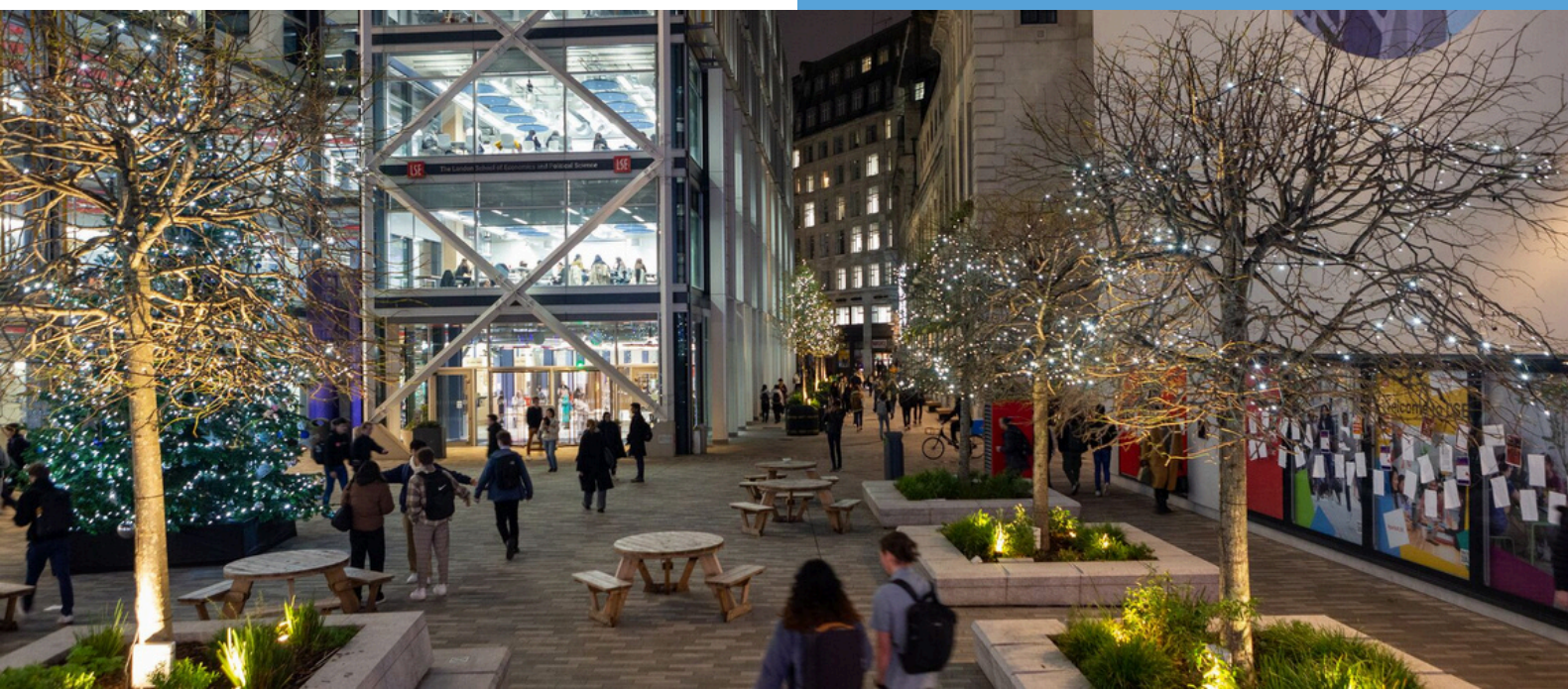
Winter Break
Monday 16 December 2024 - Friday 17 January 2025

January exams
Monday 13 – Friday 17 January 2025

Winter Term (WT)
Monday 20 January 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025

Spring break
Monday 7 April - Monday 5 May 2025

Spring Term (ST)
Tuesday 6 May 2025 - Friday 20 June 2025



LSESU ACCOUNTING SOCIETY

Welcome message from Vatsal Agarwal, out-going President of the LSESU Accounting Society 2023-24

Congratulations on receiving an offer!

The LSESU Accounting Society looks forward to welcoming you. As the only society at the LSE specialising in the field of accounting and professional qualifications, our society embraces a reputable portfolio of high-quality events aiming to raise commercial awareness and to inspire our members to take advantage of the breadth of opportunities available to them. As the most closely-bonded student society to LSE's Department of Accounting, we can boast a distinguished place at the heart of one world's leading social science institutions.

We endeavour to create as many opportunities as possible for our members to gain a greater insight into Accountancy and Finance; network with representatives from top firms; develop skills for application processes; and understand the breadth of opportunities available in many different sectors. We aim to achieve these through mentorship programmes, talks, skills workshops, and so much more.

In addition, we hope to hold social events such as cultural celebrations, pizza nights, and of course our annual dinner, to create a close community.

Finally, we also hold weekly peer tutoring help sessions where you can clarify any doubts regarding the course content or even meet some new people.

First steps - how to get involved?

When you start in September you can join as a member, either in the Students' Union Welcome Fair or through the LSESU website. Additionally, we will be opening applications for members to join our subcommittee in early October so keep an eye out for that - this is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, make friends, and would look great on your CV as well!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us on our social media pages!



CONNECTING WITH FELLOW ACCOUNTING OFFER HOLDERS



The Department of Accounting has established a LinkedIn group for incoming BSc Accounting offer holders (Class of 2027), enabling you to connect with your peers before beginning your studies with us in September. Invitation to join will be sent in the summer.



Furthermore, the Department maintains a WhatsApp community group for Accounting students to provide updates on news and events throughout your tenure at LSE. Invitation to join will be sent in the summer.



PROGRAMME TEAM



Programme Director

Dr Saipriya Kamath, Associate Professor (Education) - BSc Programme Director

Saipriya has been with the Department of Accounting since 2016 having completed her PhD in Accounting from Indian School of Business. She is an accomplished educator and the recipient of an LSE Excellence in Education Award. Saipriya's research interests span taxation, pensions, and corporate governance. She has also provided impactful research-driven consulting services to (inter)governmental organizations, such as the European Parliament and the Ministry of Finance, India.

At LSE, Saipriya will be teaching on the first-year module – AC105: Introduction to Financial Accounting.

Programme Office

The Programme Office team, based in the Marshall Building, 3rd Floor - MAR 3.07, will work with you through the duration of your study to help manage your academic journey at LSE.



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