

What do LSE's Information Systems graduates do?



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Information Systems at LSE

In 2005/6, 91.9% of postgraduate leavers from the Information Systems Group were in employment, completing further study or taking time out just six months after graduation.

The range of organisations employing information technology graduates is extensive. Students from the department pursue careers in a wide range of sectors. Many choose to work in IT or finance-related roles within:

- business, management and IT consultancies
- investment banks
- accountancy or professional services firms
- local and national government departments

However, the range of analytical, design and problem solving skills developed through the study of information systems can be used in a wide range of careers. Recent graduates have found employment in government, PR, media and engineering.

National destinations

National statistics for graduates of IT in 2006 show that 64% of information technology graduates in the UK were in employment six months after graduation. 6.3% were combining work with further study and 6.4% were completing further study in the UK. Of the graduates in full time employment, 45% were working in the IT sector and 11% were working in commercial, industrial, engineering or public sector organisations.

Employment destinations

The table opposite provides a sample of some of the employers and job roles that previous graduates from the Information Systems group were doing, six months after graduating.

Further resources

www.lse.ac.uk/graduateDestinations

For the latest LSE statistics on the careers of former LSE graduates from your department and a wide selection of graduate profiles.

www.prospects.ac.uk

Provides national statistics on graduate destinations in the *What do graduates do?* section. Further analysis of how to use the skills gained in your degree can be found in '*Options with your subject.*'

Employer	Job role
Accenture	Analyst / Management Consultant
Adventor Limited	Foreign Direct Investment Consultant
Advertising.com (TimeWarner)	Media Partnerships Manager
Artemis Fund Management	Business Analyst
Barnet Council	Planning projects technician
Beauchamps	Software developer
BenQ Corporation	Engineer
BP	Digital Security Analyst
Cadbury Schwepps	Graduate Trainee, Global IT
Chinese Government	Foreign Trade Attaché
CSC	Content manager
GlaxoSmithKline	Consultant
Goldman Sachs	Senior business & market analyst
Lehman Bros	Management trainee - technology
Logica CMG	Systems analyst
Mori	Researcher
Rolls Royce	Finance graduate trainee
Self-employed	Web developer
Thai Day dot com	Journalist

Employability skills

Graduates of Information Systems at LSE become equipped with a portfolio of transferable skills which employers in all sectors look for. These include general skills such as being well organised and having effective communication skills. Aptitudes specific to studying Information Systems include:

Global thinking: the ability to see the bigger picture in a 'whole systems' manner. Useful for strategic roles within a range of organisations.

Knowledge of IT & business: being able to show how IT contributes to the performance and security of today's organisations is an extremely valuable asset.

Problem solving: most graduate employers look for this quality in potential recruits. The ADMIS course gives you specific ways to approach problems and further develops your critical thinking skills.

Design & development skills: courses in the IS group develop the ability to create a specification and outline a system design

Graduate Profiles

Tanmay Jha, Associate Ernst & Young, Singapore, MSc ADMIS 2006

"My previous experience indicated to me very strongly that my future lay in Information Technology advisory services and consulting. LSE, with its MSc ADMIS course, presented a balance between the business and technical themes affecting information systems which was ideal for me having had prior experience in an organisational setting."

"I came to London to complete my MSc ADMIS in 2005 after which I moved onto Singapore for a job with Ernst & Young LLP. At Ernst & Young, I work in the capacity of an associate with the Technology and Security Risk Services (TSRS) division."

"I would definitely consider that my career path has taken the kind of development I had always hoped for. I primarily saw a Masters degree as an intermediate transition to progress between two different industry sectors and MSc ADMIS has worked well for me in that regard. My LSE degree has indeed propelled me to work in an entirely new 'orbit', giving me the thrust to move from the power-engineering sector to now involving professional advisory services."

Read Tanmay's full story and other Information Systems Group graduate profiles at: www.lse.ac.uk/graduateDestinations

Personal development planning

What is PDP?

Personal Development Planning (PDP) is a process that can help you to identify the skills, competencies and experiences you want to enhance and develop while at LSE, whether for your academic, personal or career development. By undertaking PDP, you can identify the actions you will take in support of your skill development aims, and reflect on your progress and learning to date.

As an LSE student, you can get support from the LSE Careers Service and your personal tutor when working on a personal development plan. We have written the *Student Guide to Personal Development Planning* to assist you; download a free copy at www.lse.ac.uk/careers You can even keep a record your achievements online as part of LSEforYou.

PDP for Information Systems students

During your time at LSE you will have a chance to develop a variety of skills and partake in a range of experiences that will help you decide on your future career choices while improving your employability.

Your degree will help develop subject specific skills and transferable skills such as analytical ability and critical thinking. Ensure that you make optimum use of your time at LSE by practicing the skills you are developing through your studies in contexts outside of academia. You can add to your range of competencies, skills and achievements through involvement in extracurricular activities and work experience.

For example, you could help run a society, get involved in student mentoring or volunteering, assist in teaching secondary school children or undertaking paid work.

Whatever the activity, it will help you to understand what you enjoy doing. Such experiences will also act as evidence to employers that you have the skills needed for the job.

My Careers Service

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You can register your career interest under 'My Profile' on [My Careers Service](#) to receive targeted emails informing you of presentations, events and job opportunities that correspond with your interests.