



Department
of Economics

MSc Economics Newsletter

Congratulations on your offer of a place on the MSc Economics programme. Welcome to the [Department of Economics](#) and to [LSE](#)!

We hope this will be the start of an interesting, challenging and rewarding experience for you as a postgraduate student within the Department of Economics. Your programme aims to equip you with the tools of the professional economist, for work in government, international organisations, business, or as preparation for economics research.

Our MSc programmes have a very competitive admissions process and you have been carefully selected from a high number of applicants this year; to have become an offer holder is a tremendous achievement!



This newsletter will give you more information about your programme, the Department and your time here at the LSE. Ensure you keep up-to-date with our [news](#) and follow us on Twitter [@LSEEcon](#) or like our Facebook [page](#). Join our [MSc Economics and EME Facebook](#) group! Access is available once you have accepted your offer. If you have any queries [email us](#). We'd love to hear from you, even if it's just to say hello! Admissions related

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February's newsletter contains details specific to your MSc programme; our focus topics this month are [finance](#) and [accommodation](#).

Your MSc Programme

What to do now?

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to accept your offer of a place with us. To accept your offer, go to your [LSE for You](#) account and complete the offer reply form online. You can find a really useful checklist of what to do once you have received your offer on page 3 of your [graduate offer pack](#) – do use this list, it will help you!

Check your offer holder letter and conditions of your offer (if any) carefully. Information on conditions and how to submit documentation can be found in your [offer pack](#). Any documentation regarding your offer should be sent to the [Graduate Admissions Office](#) as early as possible.

Dates for your diary!

- **Week of 22 August 2016** – Arrive in London
- **25 August 2016** – Register for your programme
- **26 August 2016** – Welcome Day - join us for our welcome treasure hunt!



Mathematics for Postgraduate Economists (Pre-arrival online course) and Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics (EC400)

Before your arrival at LSE you will be given access to our Mathematics for Postgraduate Economists course. This is an online course which provides you with background materials for the pre-session course [EC400 Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics](#), quizzes are available on the course to test your knowledge of mathematical and statistical concepts. Should you find a gap in your knowledge, further reading and notes are available which cover all the EC400 background material. You will find EC400 considerably less difficult in September if you endeavour to study this material before you arrive; particularly if it has been some time since you last studied this material. In order to gain access to Mathematics for Postgraduate Economists you **must** accept your offer. Details on how to access Mathematics for Postgraduate Economists will be sent to you in late July.

The [EC400 Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics](#) will commence on **30 August 2016**.

Focus on: Finance

Around 19% of taught master's offer holders obtain some form of financial support from LSE, with values ranging from 10% of tuition fees to full fees and maintenance. The [Financial Support Office](#) is responsible for administering School funds and a variety of scholarships, studentships, prizes and awards:

[Graduate Support Scheme](#)

LSE's major financial support scheme for study at taught master's level is the Graduate Support Scheme (GSS). The [Graduate Support Scheme](#) is now open for the 2016-2017 session and you are strongly advised to apply early. **The application process will close at 5pm UK time on 27 April 2016.** More information can be found on the [Financial Support](#) webpage and the [taught masters scholarships and award](#)

webpage.

[LSE Anniversary Scholarship](#)

For 2016 entry, LSE will be offering 80 [LSE Anniversary Scholarships](#) for taught Master's students from the UK to help with fees and living costs. The awards will vary in value, based on financial need. You are advised to apply early: the process will close on 27 April 2016 and selection will take place in May and June 2016.

Other financial support for MSc students is available through [Country-based awards](#) and [Programme-based awards](#).

Focus on: Accommodation

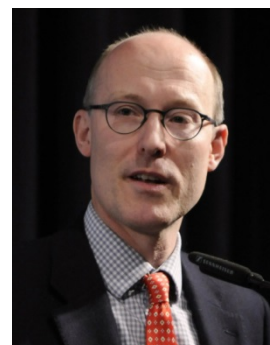
If you are looking for accommodation for the 2016-2017 session, the [LSE Residential Services Office](#) (LSE RSO) should be your first port of call. It may seem a little daunting to move to London and find the right accommodation at first. However, once you have established what your needs are and the options open to you, it shouldn't be long before you find a new home in London with LSE. The LSE RSO webpage gives you the full lowdown on LSE Residential Halls as well as private housing for students. **As with financial support, you are strongly advised to apply early for accommodation. Feedback from past students reflects this.** The [LSE RSO application](#) page gives you all the information you need on how to apply for accommodation.

Once you have your halls or private accommodation sorted, use our [Facebook group](#) to let your classmates know who you are, where you come from and what you're looking forward to most whilst you're in London!

Department News

Lent Term is upon us and the Department of Economics is as busy as ever. This term we've already hosted two public lectures (joint with the [Centre for Macroeconomics](#)): "[Debt, demographics and the distribution of income](#)" with Dr Gertjan Vlieghe and "[Economics of Migration](#)" with Professor Alan Manning. Our [You Tube channel](#) has all our podcasts from our public lectures!

We also are pleased to announce the inaugural [Sir William Arthur Lewis Chair in Development Economics](#) lecture by Professor Tim Besley on 10 February 2016. The podcast will be available from our [You Tube Channel](#).



As part of our [MSc programme activities](#), our students joined the Economic Research and Policy Networking Event. This event is exclusively for MSc students based in the Department of Economics.

The aim of this niche event is for our MSc students to hear from and speak with a variety of economics research and policy-focused organisations. Organisations represented included National Institute of Economic and Social Research, Competition and Markets Authority, The Government Economic Service (Department for Transport), STICERD LSE and Centre for Economic Performance LSE.

We look forward to welcoming you to your MSc programme, the Department and to LSE!

