



## **Angela M. Quiroga**

I decided to come to London to do a Master's in Public Administration at LSE. My primary motivation was my lack of confidence when speaking and communicating my ideas. In addition, I wanted to improve my writing skills, as I knew academic writing was going to be challenging. Over the 10 weeks, I learnt how to successfully give a good presentation and, through a capstone project and the final assignment, I developed skills that have helped me succeed in my current assignments. Finally but not less important, I met people from around the world who are still my friends, and who have helped ease my adaptation to this amazing, cosmopolitan city. I recommend this course as it's a great opportunity to improve both professionally and personally.

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## **Nattanan Tangsakul**

As English skills are vital for the Master of Law Degree, I was aware an insufficiency of those skills might cause difficulties during my study. The pre-sessional Programme offered by LSE language centre lessened my concern, and strengthened my skills in the specific areas I needed. During the programme, I was familiarised with the academic environment similar to that of the Master's programme. For example, I was able to familiarise myself with lecture listening by listening to LSE lecturers

conducting lectures and seminars weekly. Apart from improving my basic English skills, I was trained to be able to deal with academia and research. The programme boosted my confidence to express ideas clearly, both orally and in written form. In essence, with the aid of the very professional staff, I feel much better able to follow my Master's course content without too much hindrance from the language barrier.

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## **Takumi Konno**

Attending the pre-session programme at the LSE language centre was deeply motivating and, I have no doubt, of primary importance for my MSc. During the programme, I gained an insight into the skills needed for academic writing and improved overall my abilities in the language. Not least, I enjoyed a motivating atmosphere and met generous classmates and an energetic faculty. Through multiple group discussions and presentations, I improved my speaking skills and gained considerably more confidence. The group orientated "Capstone Project" was, in particular, an excellent exercise. I worked with other group members to explore and then deliver our task, and was profoundly satisfied when our group was nominated as 1st runner-up. Even after finishing the course, I keep meeting old classmates and sharing experiences of the MSc programmes. It was always valuable and sustaining, helping to boost our confidence as we inspired each other. Overall, the EAP programme was a good way for me to settle in. Therefore, I would like to recommend it for those who also hope to have a good start for their MSc.