



**THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
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About LSE

The London School of Economics and Political Science – LSE
– is one of the foremost social science universities in the world.

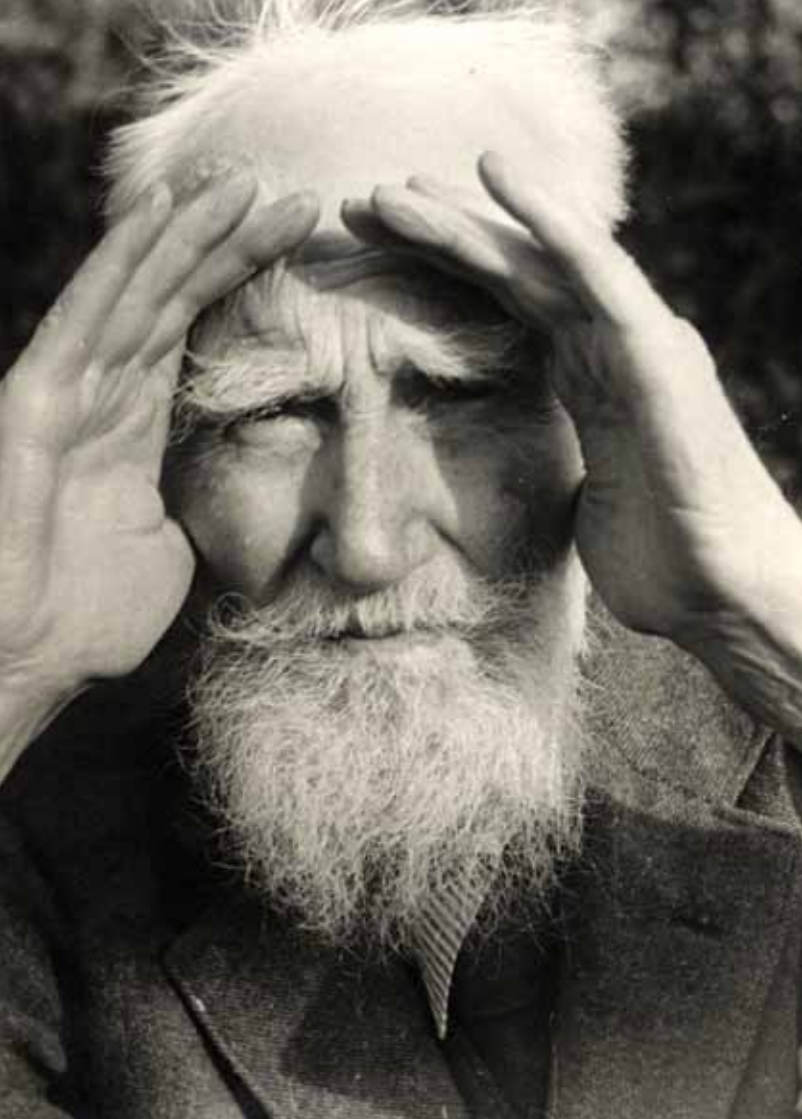
It is a specialist university with an international intake and a global reach. Its research and teaching span the full breadth of the social sciences, from economics, politics and law to sociology, anthropology, accounting and finance. As the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise confirmed, it has the highest percentage of world-leading research of any UK university. The School is now working towards the new Research Excellence Framework, which will not be completed until 2014.

In 2011-12 LSE was ranked amongst the top four UK universities in all major league tables compiled by UK newspapers.

“LSE is a remarkable institution. It is top-ranked, intellectually innovative, and full of brilliant people. Since its foundation the School has been devoted to understanding major social issues and to grasping the course of social change. Its research shapes and leads public debate.”

Professor Craig Calhoun, Director of LSE





History of LSE

The decision to create LSE was made by four leading members of the Fabian Society at a breakfast party in Surrey in August 1894. They were Beatrice and Sidney Webb, Graham Wallas and George Bernard Shaw. Within a year the School was founded, opening its doors in October 1895. In 1906 there were 181 postgraduates in the whole of England and Wales: 69 were at LSE.

The aim of the School was the betterment of society. In 1922 it adopted as its motto the phrase *rerum cognoscere causas* (from Virgil's *Georgics*), which means to know the causes of things. The industrious beaver was chosen as the School's emblem in the same year.

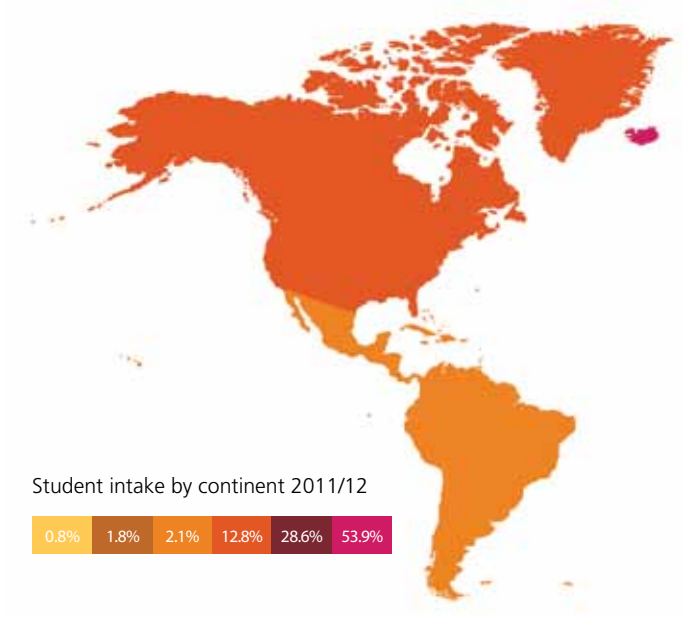
“Sidney Webb had a vision ‘of a centre not only of lectures on special subjects but an association of students who would be directed and supported in doing original work.’”

From the diaries of **Beatrice Webb**

Students and alumni

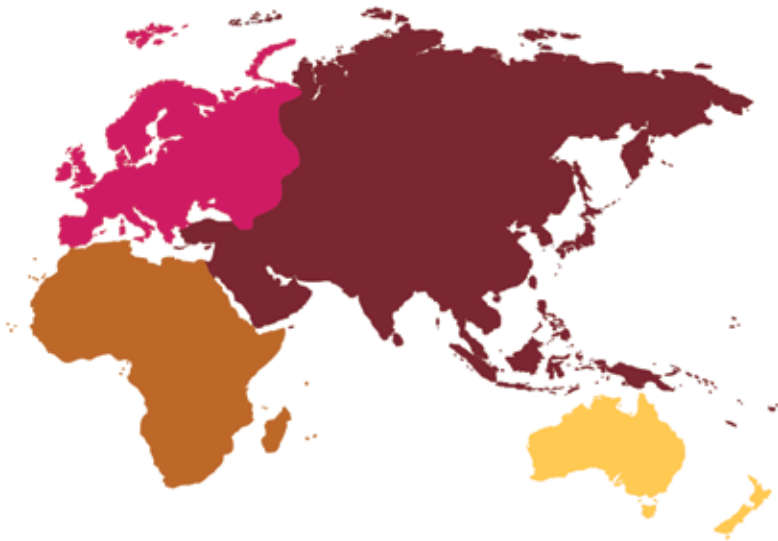
LSE has a cosmopolitan student body, drawing its students from around 145 countries worldwide, and a network of over 100,000 alumni in more than 190 countries, with over 70 groups and contact networks and an active Alumni Association.

In 2011/12 the School had around 9,300 full-time students and over 700 part-time students. Of these, 57 per cent were postgraduates. Around two thirds of students came from outside the UK.

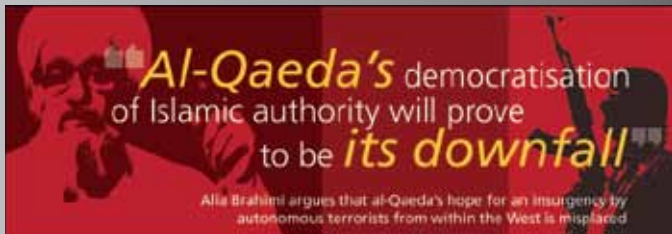



“The diversity of the students means that every one has different educational and cultural backgrounds and frames of reference – and so it is a very interesting academic environment.”

Ben Gershlick, 3rd year, Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method



Join the global debate at LSE



 **Al-Qaeda's** democratisation of Islamic authority will prove to be **its downfall** 

Alia Brahimi argues that al-Qaeda's hope for an insurgency by autonomous terrorists from within the West is misplaced



 It feels like I am **not allowed** to dream anymore  Lina, 27

Athanasia Chelari speaks to young Greeks about their experience of the economic crisis



The religious/secular split **no longer** makes sense 

Matthew Engleke on what evangelical outreach tells us about the state of faith in contemporary Britain



 The European Central Bank should **stop panic and fear** from undermining the Eurozone 

A policy of wait and see is no longer an option says Paul De Grauwe

Staff

LSE has a cosmopolitan staff, with about 45 per cent drawn from countries outside the UK.

In all, around 1,630 people work full-time for LSE and 1,350 part-time.

LSE staff are at the forefront of their disciplines. They advise governments, public bodies and government inquiries, and are frequently seconded to national and international organisations.

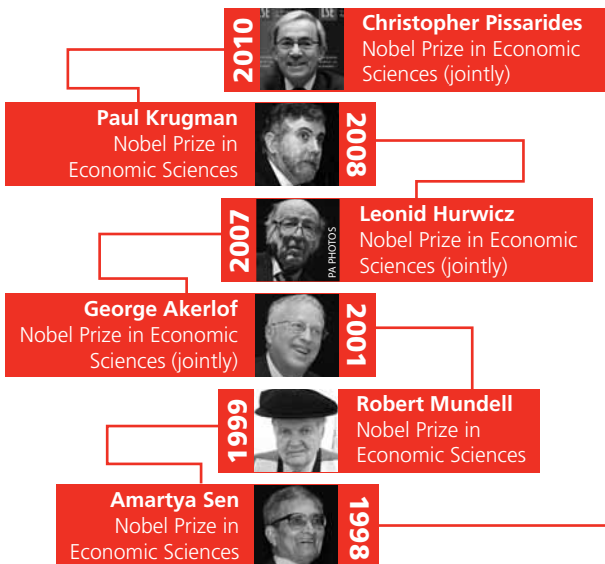
LSE academics are frequently in the news, commenting on major issues of the day. In 2012 these included Europe's financial crisis, upheaval in the Middle East and climate change.

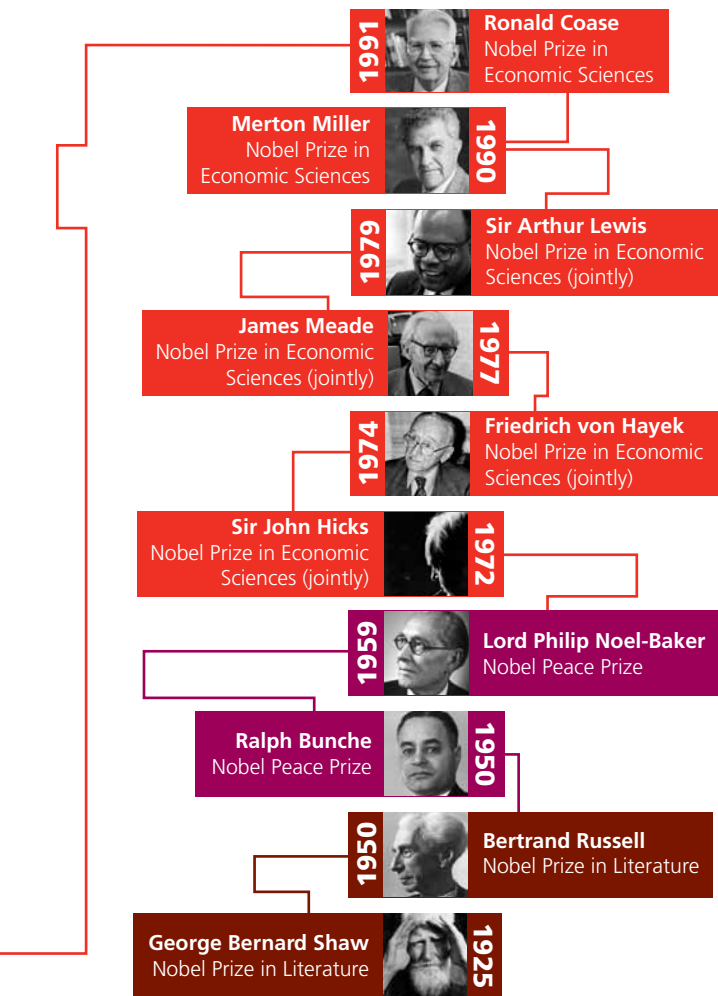
“Two-thirds of our staff work in LSE departments ranked in the top five in the country, and 26 per cent work in departments ranked first in the country in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise. We are a specialist university that continues to deliver extraordinary results and are working to ensure that the School's outstanding research is equally well reflected in the Research Excellence Framework, due in 2014.”

Professor Stuart Corbridge, Pro-Director for Research and External Relations

World leaders

In all, 35 past or present world leaders have studied or taught at LSE, including John Atta Mills, Shri KR Narayanan and Romano Prodi. Twenty-six current members of the UK House of Commons and 43 members of the House of Lords have also either taught or studied at LSE. A total of 16 Nobel prize winners in economics, peace and literature have been either LSE staff or alumni.





Academic departments



Accounting

Anthropology

Economic History

Economics

European Institute

Finance

Gender Institute

Geography and Environment

Government

International Development

International History

International Relations

Language Centre

Law

Management

Mathematics

Media and Communications

Methodology

Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method

Social Policy

Sociology

Statistics

Social Psychology

Teaching

LSE offers a very wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the social sciences. Teaching is carried out through academic departments and interdisciplinary institutes, and in partnership with internationally renowned higher education institutions.

One of many teaching initiatives is an innovative course called LSE100. This introduces all first year undergraduates to the fundamental elements of thinking like a social scientist, by exploring some of the great intellectual debates of our time from the perspectives of different disciplines. Students engage with academics from across the School to answer questions such as: “How should we manage climate change?”; “Does culture matter?”; and “Why are great events so difficult to predict?”.

Following a review by an internal Teaching Taskforce in 2008, LSE is set to spend an extra £3 million a year to ensure that its teaching is of the highest quality.

“LSE is investing heavily in exciting teaching initiatives, such as the LSE 100 course, which push the boundaries of the social sciences and send students into the world with experience of tackling the big issues of our time.”

Professor Paul Kelly, Pro-Director for Teaching and Learning

Research

From its foundation over a hundred years ago LSE has aimed to be a laboratory of the social sciences, a place where ideas are developed, analysed, evaluated and disseminated around the world.

In 2008 LSE's outstanding success in the Research Assessment Exercise confirmed it as a world leading research university. The School had the highest percentage of world leading research of any university in the UK, topping or coming close to the top of a number of rankings of research excellence.

Individual subject areas, notably economics, law, social policy and European studies, also headed national tables of excellence. The School is now working towards the new Research Excellence Framework, with submissions due in 2013.

There are currently 16 research centres at the School, ranging from large multidisciplinary centres with substantial financial support to smaller centres. These centres lead research in their fields and tackle some of the most pressing issues of our time.

Research is also carried out in academic departments and research groups. In all, LSE has one of the largest concentrations of applied economic, financial and social research anywhere in the world.

Research centres

Asia Research Centre

Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE)

Centre for the Analysis of Time Series (CATS)

Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy (CCCEP)

Centre for Economic Performance (CEP)

Centre for Philosophy of Natural
and Social Sciences (CPNSS)

Centre for the Study of Human Rights

Financial Markets Group (FMG)

The Grantham Research Institute on Climate
Change and the Environment (GRI)

IDEAS: International Affairs,
Diplomacy and Strategy

International Growth Centre (IGC)

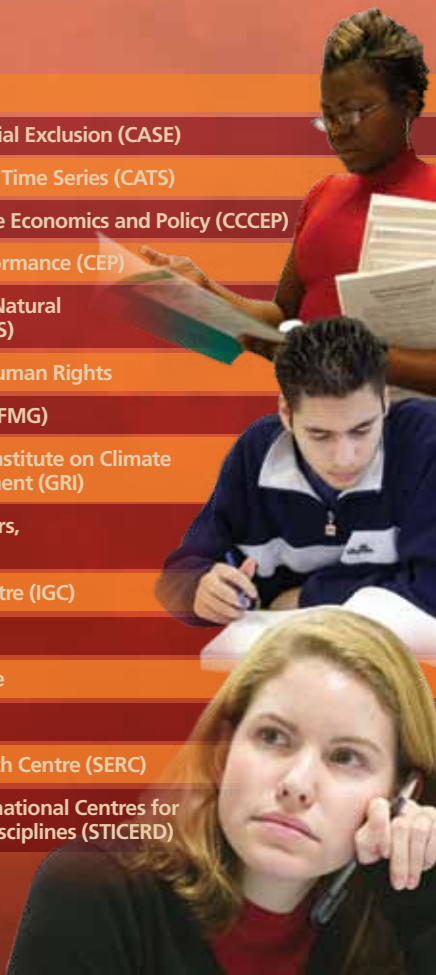
LSE Cities

LSE Health and Social Care

Middle East Centre

Spatial Economics Research Centre (SERC)

Suntory and Toyota International Centres for
Economics and Related Disciplines (STICERD)





Engagement

Set up to improve society and to “understand the causes of things”, LSE has always put engagement with the wider world at the heart of its mission.

From its location in the heart of London, the School links to communities across the world, from formal academic partnerships to advisory work with governments and international organisations.

LSE academics inform policy globally, shedding expert light on subjects from the world financial crisis to measures for a safe, secure internet and from the strategic policies of China and India to global energy policy. The full breadth of the social sciences studied at LSE gives its academics rich inter-disciplinary expertise to draw on, helping them understand the worldwide impacts of policies and trends.

From the London teenagers who attend weekend classes at LSE, to the thousands of adults who flock to one of the largest Summer School programmes in Europe and to its daily public events and lectures, LSE engages and shares its research with different and disparate communities.

International partnerships

LSE has established a global network with a small number of high quality universities across the world. With an emphasis on quality rather than quantity, these relationships serve to create strong and valuable links that enable both LSE and its institutional partners to provide innovative world class education to their students and to undertake innovative research, dealing with real problems.

There are multi-faceted institutional partnerships with Columbia University (New York), Sciences Po (Paris), Peking University (Beijing), and, most recently, the University of Cape Town (South Africa), plus a developing partnership with the National University of Singapore. Collaborative activities include double master's degree programmes and summer schools in Beijing and Cape Town (from 2013), as well as faculty and PhD student exchanges.

Right: University of Cape Town





A changing campus

In 2008 Her Majesty The Queen opened the New Academic Building (NAB) at the School. The £71 million building houses the School's Departments of Management and Law. LSE alumni and other supporters have helped to pay for the project, with donations and gifts from more than 20 countries across the world – including four gifts of £1 million or more.

The School is now seeking to further transform the student experience by building an exciting and innovative New Students' Centre (pictured) to house the Students' Union and other vital student services such as the School's Careers Service and Accommodation Office. In parallel with this development the School has purchased the former Land Registry building on Lincoln's Inn Fields. This Grade II Listed building is being converted into high-quality teaching and research accommodation and will house the Department of Economics and its associated research centres.

Both the NAB and the New Students' Centre have been designed to minimise their impact on the environment. The Students' Centre is only the 17th building in the world to achieve the BREEAM "outstanding" rating for its sustainable design.

“To enthuse and inspire – our aim is to create an exceptional piece of architecture that will play a key role in enhancing the student experience at LSE.”

Julian Robinson, Director of Estates

Events

LSE has one of the most prestigious public events programmes in the world. World leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Dmitry Medvedev, Bill Clinton, Angela Merkel, David Cameron and Nick Clegg have all spoken at LSE. Financial figures such as Ben Bernanke, current chair of the US Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board and George Soros have drawn huge crowds.

Leaders of business, such as Bill Gates, chair of the Gates Foundation, Steve Ballmer, chief executive of Microsoft and Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer of Facebook, have also spoken at LSE.

Nobel laureates the Dalai Lama and Aung San Suu Kyi, chairman of the National League for Democracy in Burma, both spoke on peace and justice.

The School has a vibrant arts and music programme and holds an annual literary festival.

For information on forthcoming events and for transcripts, podcasts and videos, see lse.ac.uk/events

Clockwise from top left: Michelle Bachelet of UN Women; Bill Clinton; Kofi Annan; Bill Gates; the Dalai Lama; Ben Bernanke, chair of US Federal Reserve; Nelson Mandela; Aung San Suu Kyi; President John Atta Mills of Ghana





Library and IT

The LSE Library, founded in 1896 as the British Library of Political and Economic Science, is the largest in the world devoted exclusively to the social sciences. Its extensive research collections are international in scope with particular strengths in government and official publications, data and statistical materials. It includes important collections of manuscripts, archives and rare books and has been recognised by the Higher Education Funding Council as one of only five National Research Libraries in England.

The Library provides a wide range of services to support the teaching and research of the School including LSE Research Online, the institutional repository for research produced by LSE staff; information skills training for students and staff; and dedicated support staff for each department.

IT Services supports the use of IT facilities across the School, including desktop and laptop computers, software, fixed and mobile phones, and IT and audio-visual technologies in the learning spaces, and also provides an extensive training programme for both staff and students. There are 1,000 student PCs on campus, of which half are located in the Library, providing 24-hour access seven days a week for part of the year. There is an extensive wireless network across the whole campus as well as over 300 laptop points in the Library.

Students' Union

LSE Students' Union is an independent student-led, democratic organisation, which students join automatically on starting at LSE. It is focused on improving the lives of students, through representation, campaigns, activities and support.

It runs a weekly newspaper, its own radio and TV stations, charity fundraising activities, a shop, a café, a bar and an Advice and Welfare service. Every year students are elected to serve on the Students' Union executive and students can have their say at the weekly Union General meeting – it is the only Students' Union in the country which offers this unique and open forum to shape democracy and policy.

The Students' Union funds and supports over 220 societies, covering a wide range of social, political, cultural and intellectual interests. As well as societies, it houses the Athletics Union, with over 40 sports clubs. It offers facilities including a fitness centre, badminton and squash courts and a gymnasium. The sports ground has football, rugby, cricket and tennis facilities.

LSE students also have access to the University of London Union which provides facilities for sports, recreation and entertainment across London. The LSE Students' Union is also a member of the National Union of Students.







Widening participation

LSE has a strong commitment to helping pupils from under-represented backgrounds to access higher education. The School is involved in a number of widening participation and access initiatives which aim to raise the aspirations and attainment of school and college students.

All activities are open to pupils from state schools and colleges across the Greater London area. Students from Year 6 through to Year 13 can take part in a variety of different projects including ACE (Aiming for a College Education), Pathways to Law, student tutoring, mentoring, summer schools and LSE CHOICE. In 2011-12, LSE launched two new initiatives – Introduction to the Social Sciences (a one day event aimed at students in Year 8) and the Promoting Potential Summer School (a week-long summer school aimed at Year 8 African-Caribbean boys).

These projects are delivered by LSE's Widening Participation team, with the support of LSE academics, over 200 current LSE students and external funding from individual donors and organisations such as the College of Law and the Sutton Trust. For more information, see lse.ac.uk/wideningParticipation

Careers Service

LSE Careers provides a varied and comprehensive careers guidance and employment service for LSE students, including running events which make it easy for students to make contact with employers. LSE students are in demand and their average earnings six months after graduation are well above the UK average: in 2010/11 LSE graduates' average salary was £34,521, with earnings ranging from £500,000 to students working in voluntary positions. For further information see lse.ac.uk/careers

Language Centre

The LSE Language Centre specialises in creating courses targeted to the needs of students and practitioners in the field of social science and related areas. In addition to modern foreign languages such as French, Russian, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese, the centre specialises in teaching English for specific purposes and runs a whole range of professional and executive programmes. For further information, see lse.ac.uk/language





Other forms of study

Students at institutions overseas are offered the opportunity to spend a year of fully integrated undergraduate study at the School through LSE's study abroad programme, the General Course. Applicants should have completed two years of university level study with a GPA of 3.3 or above. For more details, telephone +44 (0)20 7955 6613, email gc@lse.ac.uk or visit the website at lse.ac.uk/generalCourse

LSE contributes academic direction and support to a wide range of the University of London degrees and diplomas that students can study wherever they are currently living. For more details, contact the University of London Information Centre, tel: +44 (0)20 7862 8398, email: enquiries@london.ac.uk, website: londoninternational.ac.uk, or LSE Office for University of London International Programmes, tel: +44 (0)20 7955 7768, email: uolip@lse.ac.uk, website: lse.ac.uk/study/UOLIP

The Summer School programme, held at LSE between July and August, offers courses taught and examined to LSE standards and accepted for credit by numerous universities worldwide. Telephone +44 (0)20 7955 7227, email summer.school@lse.ac.uk or visit lse.ac.uk/summerschool. In 2012 the School launched the Methods Summer Programme, visit lse.ac.uk/methods

LSE also runs innovative summer schools in Beijing, China with Peking University and (from 2013) in Cape Town, South Africa with the University of Cape Town.

Scholarships and financial support

LSE awards around £13 million a year in student support, thanks in part to help from alumni, corporations, foundations and friends all over the world. Many other students secure external funding and many finance their study through part-time work at LSE.

LSE support is available to students at all levels, and helps keep an LSE education within the reach of talented students regardless of means. At undergraduate and taught postgraduate levels, funding is primarily needs based, with additional named awards supporting those on particular programmes or from specific parts of the world. Postgraduate research students can apply for merit based funding. See lse.ac.uk/financialSupport

Advice for applicants

Prospective applicants can find out more about LSE by attending one of our Undergraduate Open Days or on-campus events, by meeting LSE staff in over 30 countries worldwide, by emailing the Student Recruitment Office or an alumnus, by viewing one of our videos on the LSE website or YouTube, or by reading our printed or online prospectus. For more information, see lse.ac.uk/study



Connecting with business

The Corporate Relations Unit at LSE is responsible for developing, designing and delivering long term, sustainable research partnerships with the corporate sector using the expertise of leading academics within LSE. It provides an entry point into the School and can liaise with the relevant academic departments to discuss research proposals. Email corporaterelations@lse.ac.uk or see lse.ac.uk/CRU

The School offers a gateway to a range of LSE expertise through a professional consultancy service, LSE Consulting. It is run by experienced project managers who specialise in matching the skills and talents of LSE's academic consultants with the needs of clients around the world. Email enterprise@lse.ac.uk or see lse.ac.uk/consulting

In addition, LSE offers a range of specialist teaching programmes:

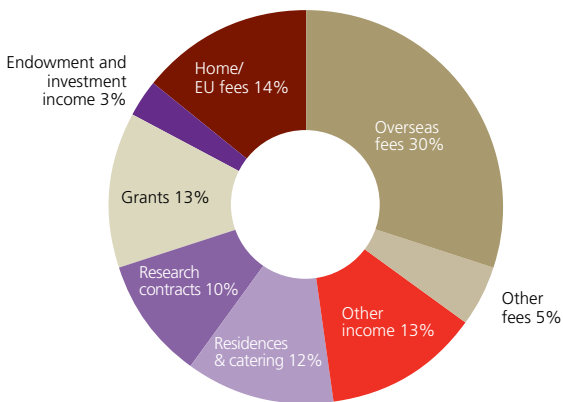
- LSE Executive Education designs and delivers customised programmes for individuals and groups of executives in organisations around the world. See lse.ac.uk/executiveEducation
- The TRIUM executive MBA is offered in partnership with the NYU Stern School of Business and HEC, School of Management, Paris. See triumemba.org
- Executive Summer School offers intensive one week open enrolment courses for global professionals. See lse.ac.uk/ess
- Tailored language tuition is offered for individuals or small groups. See lse.ac.uk/language



Finance

LSE had an annual income of £233.7 million for the financial year ending 31 July 2011.

2010/11 income



Governance

The governing body is the Council. The principal academic body is the Academic Board, chaired by the Director.

Ethics Code

The Ethics Code is a set of six core principles underpinning life at LSE. It was drawn up by a Consultation Group established by Council in January 2012, after discussions with students, staff, governors and alumni of the School. It is accompanied by a set of Ethical Guidelines that aim to show how each principle should apply in practice. See lse.ac.uk/ethicsCode

Social media

LSE has a strong social media presence. Visit lse.ac.uk/socialMedia to find out more.

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lse.ac.uk/study

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Freedom of thought and expression is essential to the pursuit, advancement and dissemination of knowledge. LSE seeks to ensure that intellectual freedom and freedom of expression within the law is secured for all our members and those we invite to the School.

The School seeks to ensure that people are treated equitably, regardless of age, disability, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation or personal circumstances. Equality and diversity are integral to the School's priorities and objectives. We will support inter-faith and inter-cultural dialogue and understanding and engage all students in playing a full and active role in wider engagement with society.

