



Welcome



Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Social Policy! Our Department has an international reputation for excellence and is the largest Social Policy department in the UK. The latest Research Excellence Framework (the UK's nationwide assessment of research quality, impact, and environment) ranked the Department first in the

country for world leading and internationally excellent research. We were also awarded the joint highest marks for the non-academic "real world" impacts of our work.

The study of Social Policy began at the LSE in 1912. It grew out of the early social work training course of the Charity Organisation Society and the generosity of an Indian industrialist, Sir Ratan Tata, who carried out pioneering work on poverty. This tradition of combining action and research, was followed by the ground-breaking contributions of Richard Titmuss, Peter Townsend, Brian Abel-Smith, and David Donnison; and led to the development of Social Policy as a discipline and the building of the Welfare State in Britain and abroad.

Today, the Department studies major issues that confront every country around the world, including: how best to finance and provide health and social care, education, housing, and social services; issues related to ageing populations, (im)migration, ethnic groups and other minorities; criminal justice; benefits and living standards, inequalities and poverty at national and global levels; and the roles of national and local government and non-governmental organisations. We monitor and evaluate existing policies and assess reforms. We employ perspectives that are increasingly international, not only

because all countries increasingly face a common set of issues but also because globalisation itself is affecting all countries. With our research-led teaching, we aim to communicate to you the relevance and importance of Social Policy in today's world.

The multidisciplinary nature of Social Policy means that when you graduate you will be equipped with a broad range of knowledge and skills that can be applied in many different settings. Many Social Policy alumni apply their academic training directly, working as policy specialists in the government, NGO and private sectors. Furthermore, the high-level analytical and research skills developed by our degree programmes are also highly valued by employers as diverse as the media, management consultancy, teaching, and the development sector.

The LSE is a vibrant and exciting place. There is much to enjoy, both academically and socially. In particular you will quickly discover that there are major public events – lectures, debates and so on – almost every day of the week. Being in the centre of a large capital city, close to the heart of government and all the main media, the LSE is uniquely well-placed to act as a host for the most distinguished of visitors. These occasions will focus on issues close to those our students are here to study, as well as matters well beyond.

We hope you enjoy learning more about our programmes.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Stephen P. Jenkins
Head of Department

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Overview

The subject of Social Policy is about social goals, such as improving living standards and social justice, the means by which these goals can best be achieved and the mixture of public, private and third sector institutions and laws providing benefits, services and facilities. The subject is concerned not only with this country today but also how (and why) social policies have changed over time and differ across nations. Some of the department's specialisms include:

Criminology

"Criminology provides an opportunity to apply concepts, theoretical perspectives and empirical analyses from sociology, psychology and law to the subject of crime, social order and the major criminal justice institutions such as the police, courts and prisons. The study of crime recognises that the wellbeing of society's members will be significantly influenced by their risks of becoming victims and offenders, and that these risks are not equally distributed across the social structure. Exploring the dynamics of inequality, particularly their classed, gendered and radicalised dimensions and how these interconnect with patterns of crime and social control requires engagement with broader concerns relating to political economy, risk, surveillance and citizenship. At the more coercive end of the welfare state, policy attempts to control crime centre on prevention, deterrence, incapacitation and rehabilitation and retribution. The challenges of how to respond to crime while upholding notions of justice and human rights makes this an exciting area of study."

Dr Coretta Phillips, Associate Professor

Development

"Whether focusing on the role of the state or non-state actors in development (including NGOs), the study of social policy and development will introduce students to the concepts, theoretical perspectives, and implementation of social policy in developing countries. This includes discussion of the challenges of achieving social and human development; conceptualizations and theories of the state, market and civil society as policy actors; citizenship, social justice, and rights based development; comparative approaches to the understanding of poverty, inequality, wellbeing and exclusion; global institutions and the international aid system; and power and the politics of the policy process."

Dr Armine Ishkanian, Assistant Professor

Health

"By studying health policy or health economics in the Department of Social Policy, students will gain key skills that are in short supply globally. Students will learn both theory and practical tools that allow them to address questions that are of great importance in health policy today. These include: what is the optimal health system? Is a new drug really cost effective? What has caused the obesity epidemic? Students will be taught by world-renowned academics in a supportive environment and will be prepared for careers in health management, government departments or agencies, consultancies, international organisations, the commercial health sector (eg, pharmaceutical companies, private health insurance industry); as well as employment in research, or further study for a PhD. At undergraduate level there is the option of taking a course in health and social care policy. This course offers an insight into popular topics of health policy and is a useful foundation for individuals considering

a career in either health policy or health economics. For more information on who we are and the type of research we do please go to lse.ac.uk/LSEHealthAndSocialCare/home.aspx"

Dr Grace Lordan, Assistant Professor

Inequality

"One of the most dramatic economic and social changes in recent years has been the growth of inequalities in people's incomes in many countries, and of levels of personal wealth compared to average incomes. This has had profound consequences for many aspects of people's lives – from the life chances of children to differences in how long people from different backgrounds can be expected to live. In response, the study of inequality has rapidly developed as one of the most important areas of social scientific study. You will be introduced to a range of approaches drawn from different academic disciplines that help analyse inequality. You will develop awareness of different conceptions of the meaning of inequality and its various dimensions, including by gender, race and ethnicity. We will introduce you to different methods for the measurement of inequality, both quantitative and qualitative and so you are familiar with debates on the causes and consequences of increasing global inequality. Inequalities shape the environments within which many practitioners work and against which policies are formulated, making their understanding crucial for those working in many careers."

Professor Sir John Hills, Professor of Social Policy

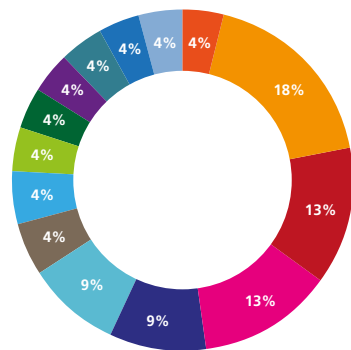
Population

"Population Studies / Demography is the study of human populations, past, present and future. It helps us understand how births, deaths and migration change in relation to social, cultural and economic dynamics. It also helps us understand how population change affects individuals, families and societies. Contemporary issues that population studies deal with include: population ageing; rates of population growth; population health; and migration. There are many cross-cutting issues in Population Studies and Social Policy, including gender, inequality and ethnicity. This means that studying population includes theoretical, policy and evidence-based approaches to understanding contemporary and future populations globally."

Dr Ernestina Coast, Associate Professor

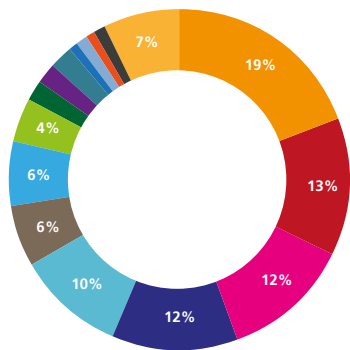


Our students go on to work in a variety of different sectors



Undergraduate Employment Destinations

- 18% Politics and Government
- 13% Advertising, Marketing and PR
- 13% Banking and Finance
- 9% Education and Teaching
- 9% Media, Publishing and Journalism
- 4% Consultancy
- 4% NGOs, Charities and International Development
- 4% Research
- 4% Accounting and Auditing
- 4% Social and Community Work
- 4% Energy and Natural Resources
- 4% FMCG, Manufacturing and Processing
- 4% Logistics and Supply Chain
- 4% Recruitment



Postgraduate Employment Destinations

- 19% Politics and Government
- 13% Education and Teaching
- 12% Consultancy
- 12% NGOs, Charities and International Development
- 10% Pharmaceuticals and Science
- 6% Healthcare
- 6% Research
- 4% Law and Legal Services
- 4% Accounting and Auditing
- 2% Banking and Finance
- 2% Media, Publishing and Journalism
- 1% Information and Digital Technology
- 1% Actuarial, Insurance and Pensions
- 1% FMCG, Manufacturing and Processing
- 1% Social and Community Work
- 7% Other

Top employers

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| Accura Accounting | Lloyds Bank |
| Artec Engineering | Marmalade PR |
| Cambridge Associates | Morgan Stanley |
| Capco | National Center for Child Health and Development |
| Civil Service | National Probation Service |
| Concordia Health | Nuffield Trust |
| Department for Business, Innovation and Skills | Police Service |
| Deutsche Bank | Sainsbury's |
| Financial Times | Teach First |
| Goldman Sachs | UK Parliament |
| Home Office | VMK Accountants |
| ITN | WAVE Trust |
| Lexington Communications | |



Our Alumni



Emily Murrell – BSc in Social Policy with Government

I thoroughly enjoyed my degree, in particular the poverty and social exclusion module I chose in my second year and the compulsory international and comparative social policy module in my third year.

On a practical level it taught me about how our political system works, how policy is created/reviewed and about the challenges our society faces. On a personal level, it gave me the confidence and ability to negotiate, influence others and communicate in an effective manner verbally and in writing. My degree certainly gave me the knowledge, network and skills I needed to pursue a successful career in the British Government. I currently work as Senior Policy Advisor in the Cabinet Office in the European and Global Issues Secretariat as a permanent UK Civil Servant. My job primarily involves protecting the UK's interests on climate and energy policy in the EU and internationally.



Hannah Harniess – MSc Health, Population and Society

I have loved my time at LSE. As a working mother of three, I was apprehensive about embarking on a master's degree and meeting the high standards expected by the School. However, the Department has been incredibly supportive and enabled me to excel despite the challenges I faced. My experience at LSE has given me skills which will benefit me for life. As a clinician I have many years experience of frontline healthcare, however through my study at LSE I have been able to look critically at health and social policy and grapple with the drivers of the current population health challenges we face. The School motto of 'rerum cognoscere causas' has permeated my learning experience and I have graduated with the skills to confidently contribute to high level debate regarding the future of our healthcare system. The master's programme has given me the opportunity to move into a leadership position within the NHS and I am thriving on translating the knowledge and skills learnt at LSE into practice.



Alexander Joeris – Executive MSc Health Economics, Policy and Management

Attending the Executive Master's in Health Economics Policy and Management at LSE was a great experience and an excellent complementary education. After working

for more than 12 years as a medical doctor in clinic, over two years ago I started a career in clinical research within the medical device area. Nowadays looking at benefits in clinical trials only is not sufficient anymore but cost-benefit data are more and more mandatory. The Executive Master's gave me a comprehensive overview about the topic and contained a well-balanced mixture of theory and praxis. The variety of different professions of my classmates made the course even more valuable. I highly recommend this Executive Master's for all who see their future in health economics, regardless of their professional background.



Dr Louise Caffrey – MPhil/PhD Social Policy

The PhD in social policy from the LSE gave me a qualification from a highly prestigious university, which has served me very well in my career, but the experience went far beyond this. Researching under the supervision of a world-leading expert in child protection in a department filled with prestigious academics and students from around the world was the most intellectually enriching experience of my life. Since my PhD, I have been working as a postdoctoral research fellow in King's College London, where I continue to work on research relevant to my PhD and where I lecture on post-graduate courses and supervise master's students' dissertations.



Undergraduate Study



BSc Social Policy (UCAS code: L400)

The BSc in Social Policy aims to provide a thorough understanding of how policies that are vital to our collective well-being are formulated and implemented in industrialised societies, transition economies and the developing world. You will study a broad range of fields from social, economic and political perspectives. These include health and social care, social security, education, urban and housing issues as well as cross cutting dimensions like gender, race, international development, and the impact of globalisation. Our focus is strongly comparative, international and contemporary: investigating the changing role of states, the non-profit sector, the market and informal providers like families and communities in producing social welfare. Our aim is to equip you with the skills to work effectively in a large variety of settings in local, national and international organisations whether in the public or private sector as well as in research, lobbying, journalism and broadcasting.

Usual standard offer: A-level (AAB), International Baccalaureate (Diploma with 37 points including 666 at Higher level). Other qualifications considered.

BSc Social Policy and Economics (UCAS code: LLK1)

The BSc in Social Policy and Economics leads to jobs in the private, public or third sector or further study. Social policy and economics are closely linked. For example, it is prosperous economies that can most easily introduce and support generous social policies; but the nature of social policy provision can have substantial impacts on how an economy performs. With your social policy courses, you learn about issues facing societies around the world today such as how best to finance and provide cash benefits, health and social care, and education, housing and social services, and how the issues have been addressed in the past and in different countries. With your economics courses, you learn about economic success at a national and international level (macroeconomics) and about the interactions of firms, governments, and individuals within countries (microeconomics).

Usual standard offer: A-level (AAB, including an A in Mathematics), International Baccalaureate (Diploma with 37 points including 666 at Higher level (to include Mathematics). Other qualifications considered.

BSc Social Policy with Government (UCAS code: LL42)

The social policies you see around you were not created in a vacuum but reflect an accumulation of decisions in which political behaviour by citizens and their representatives, and governments and other organisations at local, national and international levels, have all played key roles. Studying Social Policy with Government, you have the opportunity to study these interactions in detail. Social Policy courses include discussion about the current and past social policies, in the UK and around the world, and the analytical principles underlying them – including for example levels of social security benefits and their eligibility conditions, the nature of private-public

partnerships in health service provision, or the mix of local authority schools and academies. From your Government courses, you can learn how voters, political parties and politicians, civil servants, different governmental departments and agencies interact, whether proposing, modifying, blocking or stopping – or implementing – policies. Our students go on to good jobs in the private, public and third sectors, many working at the sharp end of the interactions referred to above.

Usual standard offer: A-level (AAB), International Baccalaureate (Diploma with 37 points including 666 at Higher level). Other qualifications considered.

BSc Social Policy and Sociology (UCAS code: LL34)

The BSc in Social Policy and Sociology provides a thorough understanding of our rapidly changing world and the role of social policies. Social Policy and Sociology are closely linked. How societies are organised, and the changes taking place, shape the key issues facing social policy; but the nature of social policy can have substantial impacts on those issues. With your Sociology courses, you develop the skills to understand our changing societies and contemporary social issues. With your Social Policy courses, you develop the skills to understand how policies address those issues, including through the provision of social security, health and social care, education and housing; the role of the state, market, non-profit sector, families and communities; and to critically analyse policy change in different contexts. Students go on to work in a variety of settings in the public, private or third sector, or continue with further study.

Usual standard offer: A-level (AAB), International Baccalaureate (Diploma with 37 points including 666 at Higher level). Other qualifications considered.

For full information on undergraduate entry requirements please go to:
lse.ac.uk/ugAdmissionsCriteria



Undergraduates in the Social Policy Student Common Room.



Rhea Dattani, BSc Social Policy

My desire to study BSc Social Policy at the LSE arose out of my curiosity about why, in spite of being a comparatively wealthy country, the UK exhibits income and wealth disparities, uneven education standards, unequal access to healthcare, gender and

racial inequalities and social deprivation. What I have most enjoyed about my studies is the theoretical and multidisciplinary analysis which has practical relevance and is global in scope. Interacting with academics who frequently challenge conventional wisdom and put forth interesting policy proposals as well as with fellow students from all parts of the world is intellectually stimulating. With the exciting social life that London has to offer, my LSE experience has been a truly enjoyable one. Studying Social Policy enabled me to apply for jobs in the public as well as the private sector and I have chosen to join the Graduate Development Programme at the UK's Financial Conduct Authority based in Canary Wharf.

Postgraduate Study



MSc Criminal Justice Policy

The MSc Criminal Justice Policy provides an opportunity to develop the intellectual tools (using theory, empirical research and policy analysis from criminology, sociology, law and psychology) to the subjects of crime, social order and criminal justice institutions. The teaching is provided by internationally renowned criminologists in the Departments of Social Policy, Law, and Sociology. You will be exposed to topics as varied as the recent crime drop in Western nations, to how to assess harm in the production and use of illegal drugs, to how political economy and cultural analysis can account for differences in penal policies across states. The programme provides access to the Mannheim Centre for Criminology's seminar series and events. You will leave the programme with critical thinking, analytical, problem-solving, and communication skills. Graduates usually move into careers in the criminal justice professions, policy work or research in governments and charities, or into academia.

Minimum entry requirements: undergraduate degree (UK: 2:1 or overseas equivalent) in a social science or law, or in another field with relevant practitioner experience. Standard level of English.



MSc Global Health

The MSc Global Health is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in the field of global health policy. The programme offers teaching by specialists at the forefront of research into global health policy, health economics and population health. You will study with a highly international group of students in a comparative and multidisciplinary environment with links to several specialist research groups based within the department. Possible professional destinations upon completion include international organisations, consultancies, insurance funds, pharmaceutical/medical devices industries, national health services, government agencies and NGOs, as well as employment in research or further study for a PhD.

Minimum entry requirements: undergraduate degree (UK: 2:1 or overseas equivalent) in any discipline, with social science background and/or work experience in the social policy field advantageous but not essential. Standard level of English.



MSc Health Policy, Planning and Financing

The aim of the programme is to develop critical analysis of issues within the areas of health policy and finance and to enable you to devise appropriate health policy responses. You take a range of courses from one or more disciplines relevant to the study of health policy, planning and financing (health policy, epidemiology, health economics and other social sciences) offered by two world-renowned institutions namely LSE and LSHTM. By the end of the programme you will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a diverse range of international and national health policies relevant to the study of health policy, planning and financing and apply their knowledge and skills using a multidisciplinary approach to formulate, implement and evaluate health policies. Successful completion of the programme may serve as excellent preparation for students who wish to go on to take a higher degree. The programme is suitable for those aiming to enter careers in health policy and planning, research, advisory or advocacy roles in governments and international agencies.

Applications are made through the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. For further information email: mschppf@lshtm.ac.uk



MSc Health, Population and Society

The MSc Health, Population and Society programme provides state-of-the-art training on population and health issues, that are substantive, technical and policy related. World-wide implications of changing patterns in health and mortality are discussed and analysed. It is difficult to separate the demographic and health aspects of global health issues and the policies that should respond to them – thus, in a unique approach, the programme sees population and health issues at a global level as closely related to each other and so that the resulting policy responses can be tailored accordingly. The programme is suitable for recent graduates, professionals and/or those wishing to pursue a research career in health and demography after graduation.

Minimum entry requirements: undergraduate degree (UK: 2:1 or overseas equivalent). Standard level of English.



MSc International Health Policy and MSc International Health Policy (Health Economics)

The **MSc International Health Policy** programme provides the opportunity to analyse key health policy issues through the application of health policy principles. Wide-ranging health policy courses are available, plus the opportunity of specialisation in health economics, developing or developed country policy, behavioural policy or population related courses.

The **MSc International Health Policy (Health Economics)** programme provides comprehensive training in the theory and practice of Health Economics plus an introduction to microeconomic theory as applied to the health sector. Also taught is an advanced analysis of topics as varied as the determination of health care expenditure, the incentive mechanisms aimed at providing efficient levels of health care, the equity of health care provision, and the economic evaluation of new health technologies. Graduates gain an in-depth understanding of how economic analysis can be applied to matters of health care through acquiring a detailed knowledge of the professional academic literature.

A summer work placement is also available on both programmes and is linked with the MSc dissertation. After graduation career destinations have included health administration, health management, government departments/agencies, consultancies and international organisations.

Minimum entry requirements: undergraduate degree (UK: 2:1 or overseas equivalent). For Health Economics, a first degree should be in economics, mathematics, statistics, or any other quantitative subject. Standard level of English.



MSc Population and Development

The MSc Population and Development will bring you up-to-date with current international issues in the relationship between development and population. The programme will equip you with the skills to assess and understand contemporary and future issues of population and development. The content and structure of the course are designed to provide skills and knowledge to students looking for high level careers in public, private and voluntary agencies dealing with population and development issues at the national and international levels. The approach is multi-perspective, addressing issues from theoretical, substantive and policy angles, and provides an exceptional overview of the inter-relationships between population and development. This course is taught jointly between the Departments of Social Policy and International Development.

Minimum entry requirements: undergraduate degree (UK: 2:1 or overseas equivalent). Standard level of English.



MSc Social Policy (Research)

This programme aims to provide you with an appreciation of the 'state of the art' in social policy research. It will equip you with the critical skills you need to become successful in research and policy roles in government, academia or the third sector. Participants acquire advanced analytical skills through courses on quantitative and qualitative research methods and research design, and have the opportunity to apply these skills in practice through a research-based dissertation on a subject of their choice. You also gain in-depth understanding of one or more areas of social policy, through courses taught by faculty at the cutting edge of their fields of research. Graduates typically progress directly to postdoctoral research, enjoy accelerated promotion within their country's civil service, or take up senior research and policy posts in national or international non-governmental organisations.

Minimum entry requirements: undergraduate degree (UK: 2:1 or overseas equivalent) in any discipline, with social science background and/or work experience in the social policy field advantageous but not essential. Standard level of English.



MSc Social Policy and Development and MSc Social Policy and Development (NGOs)

This MSc programme is divided into two streams. The first stream, Social Policy and Development, approaches social policy and development primarily from the perspective of government. The second stream, Social Policy and Development: Non-Governmental Organisations approaches the subject from the perspective of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and wider civil society. Both streams share a common engagement with the core concepts and debates within social policy and development including the policy process, wellbeing, poverty and exclusion, global institutions and the aid system, sustainability and livelihoods, and rights and citizenship. The programme, which is aimed at candidates with work experience in or from Africa, Asia, Latin America and post-communist societies, aims to develop understanding of the theory and practice of social policy in developing and post-communist countries and to compare experience of social policy in a variety of countries and development institutions. Students who have graduated from the MSc programme have gone on to work for government ministries, a variety of small and large NGOs, different UN agencies, consulting companies and intergovernmental organisations.

Minimum entry requirements: undergraduate degree (UK: 2:1 or overseas equivalent) in a relevant social science. Professional experience is advantageous. Standard level of English.



MSc Social Policy (Social Policy and Planning) and MSc Social Policy (European and Comparative)

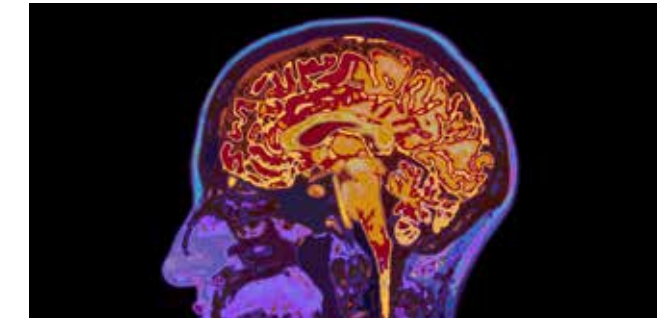
The MSc Social Policy is the world's oldest master's level course in social policy but it has evolved to reflect new interests and challenges. Social policy is no longer seen as a subject only concerned with governmental social services but increasingly with all aspects of societies – the family, the third sector, the market economy, and various forms of social protection among other social issues. The MSc course will examine the causes of social problems, the goals of social policy, types of intervention and developments in social policy; options include social policy research, health, education, social security, housing, the third sector, rights, ethnicity, gender, globalisation and social disadvantage. The Social Policy and Planning stream takes broad approach, the European and Comparative option focusses on Europe and international differences. Your studies will incorporate political analysis, economics and international relations to deepen understanding of social issues and the contemporary governance of welfare as delivered by states, markets and society at local, national and international level. Students go on to careers in research, the policy arena in think tanks and the political sphere, in social service administration, in voluntary organisations and in international institutions and in EU and international institutions.

Minimum entry requirements: undergraduate degree (UK: 2:1 or overseas equivalent) in any discipline, with social science background and/or work experience in the social policy field advantageous but not essential. Standard level of English.



The modular delivery of an Executive MSc programme at LSE provides you with the opportunity to study alongside your employment, and to enhance and support your professional development.

Participants will gain a theoretical and conceptual understanding of topics while engaging with the UK's top academics, policy-makers and professionals.

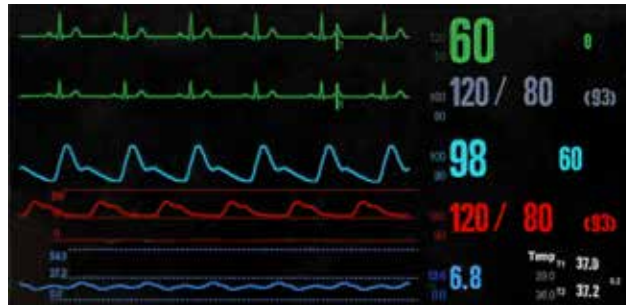


Executive MSc Behavioural Science

Behavioural Science focuses understanding why people (individuals, citizens, consumers) do the things they do. It is a malleable science that can be adapted to many different industries. A student on the Executive MSc Behavioural Science will be among an academically and professionally diverse cohort from backgrounds such as – but not limited to – finance, management, medicine, psychology, public policy and marketing.

Many organisations now engage with the idea of applying behavioural insights to their organisational challenges. After all, these challenges ultimately require behaviour change of some kind. Further, many companies, charities and public bodies are recognising the power of “live testing”; testing their products and policies in real world environments. The motivation for this comes from increasing recognition of the limitations of traditional research methods, like market research and customer insight.

Minimum entry requirements: undergraduate degree (UK: 2:1 or overseas equivalent) and three years' relevant work experience. Standard level of English.



Executive MSc Health Economics, Outcomes and Management in Cardiovascular Sciences

The MSc Health Economics, Outcomes and Management in Cardiovascular Sciences aims to provide practicing healthcare professionals with a set of tailored courses in health economics, outcomes research and health care management in cardiovascular sciences. Offered in collaboration with the European Society of Cardiology, this programme offers teaching and guest lecturers by academics and experts who are at the forefront of research into health economics, outcomes research, and health care management. In addition to gaining a theoretical and conceptual understanding of health economics, this Executive MSc will prepare you to explore new advisory, management, and leadership roles through unique modules tailored for cardiovascular healthcare professionals. Beyond your current work settings, it will allow you to expand your employment opportunities in related sectors including the pharmaceutical and medical devices industries, consultancies, government, and non-governmental organisations. Upon graduation, we aim to give you the tools to take on more responsibility or shift your career focus within clinical management, health administration, regulation, or clinical research.

Minimum entry requirements: undergraduate degree (UK: 2:1 or overseas equivalent) and three years' relevant work experience. Standard level of English. (see lse.ac.uk/heomcs for details).



Executive MSc Health Economics, Policy and Management

The Executive MSc Health Economics, Policy and Management aims to help working professionals to accelerate their careers by exploring new options within the pharmaceutical and healthcare fields and by enhancing their existing set of health economics and policy skills. You will gain a theoretical and conceptual understanding of these topics while engaging with the UK's top academics, policy-makers and professionals in international health. The diverse cohort of professionals from various health services, insurance funds, pharmaceutical and consulting companies from across the globe will have the flexibility to customise their curriculum, pursue the areas that most interest them and challenge them to reach their fullest potential. You will leave LSE with the high level knowledge and range of skills needed to master new challenges and expand your choice of careers.

Minimum entry requirements: undergraduate degree (UK: 2:1 or overseas equivalent) in any discipline and three years' relevant work experience. Standard level of English.



Research Degree Programmes

The PhD programmes in Social Policy and Demography aim to provide students with the skills and competencies that will enable them successfully to undertake original primary research in the broad field of either social policy or demography. In the first year students are registered on the MPhil programme and follow a compulsory seminar course which prepares them for upgrade to PhD status. This follows a formal assessment of their proposed doctoral research. Students may also attend specialised courses in the Methodology Department. Throughout the programme, students meet regularly with their supervisor(s) to discuss and gain feedback on their work. At the end of the programme, the student submits a thesis; this must form a direct contribution to knowledge of the subject and afford evidence of originality by the discovery of new facts and/or by the exercise of independent critical power. There is a diverse cohort of students carrying out social policy research on topics including disadvantage and inequalities, health policy and economics, social care, international development, criminal justice, family policies, education policies, and demography/

population studies. Destinations of former PhD students have included research and lecturing positions at UK universities, overseas universities (in Canada, China, Italy, Singapore, US) and employment with the World Bank, UK government (Ministry of Justice, Home Office, HMRC) and the US government.

Master's degree marks equivalent to an LSE high merit grade, preferably in Social Policy or Public Policy, with an overall average of 65 per cent in their MSc (or equivalent) and 65 per cent in their dissertation (or equivalent).

Visiting Research Students

Visiting research students are normally PhD students registered at overseas universities who wish to undertake some aspect of their research in the UK. Students may spend up to 9 months in the Department of Social Policy. A supervisor is assigned to every student and advice and direction offered as necessary. The student can also take up to four full unit taught courses, but examinations are optional, and grades do not contribute towards a degree.

Master's degree marks equivalent to an LSE high merit grade, preferably in Social Policy or Public Policy, with an overall average of 65 per cent in their MSc (or equivalent) and 65 per cent in their dissertation (or equivalent).



How can we **reduce** the number of working poor?
What kind of **care** do we need for our ageing population?
What can be done about street **homelessness**?
Why has **crime** dropped in the last 15 years?
What is the **effect** of war and famine on fertility rates?
What caused **the riots** in England in August 2011?
How can policy makers positively influence the **future** of the NHS?
Who **benefits** and who loses from immigration?

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