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APPLYING TO LSE  
July 2018

# Applying to LSE

## LSE admission figures: 2018 entry

- 20, 067 UCAS applications
- 1,601 places
- 987 UK/EU places, 614 overseas places
- Applications to places ratio: 12:5 overall
- Approx. 2 offers for each place

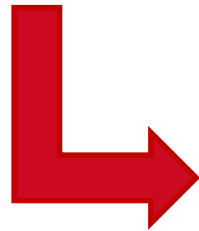


# Applying to LSE

## Competitive application

### We are looking for:

- Academic merit & potential
- Suitability for course
- Enthusiasm & engagement with subject



### Application form:

- Academic performance
- Contextual information
- Reference
- Personal Statement





# Academic Performance

## Entry Requirements

### UK educated applicants

**A level:** A\*AA – AAB (+ sometimes a 4<sup>th</sup> AS or A2 pass)

**IB:** 37 - 38 points overall, including HL 766 or 666

Pre-U, Advanced Highers, BTEC, Access to HE, Cert HE, degree level study... *and more*

**GCSEs:** English and Maths minimum grade 5  
(*Grade B if taken prior to 2016*)

### International applicants

French Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Singapore H2s, Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education... *and more*

**English Language Proficiency:** GCSE English grade B, IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 107, CPE 185... *and more*

Most apply with predicted grades



[lse.ac.uk/study](http://lse.ac.uk/study)



# New courses for 2019

## BSc Psychological and Behavioural Science

- A\*AA (including at least one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics or Psychology)
- Grade 7 or A in GCSE mathematics

## BSc International Relations and Mandarin (4 years / study abroad)

- AAA
- At least a GCSE in a modern language

## BSc Language, Culture and Society (4 years / study abroad)

- AAB
- GCSE or A level in a language is desirable

## BSc Criminology

- AAB

Courses within Social Policy Department have been renamed -  
**International Social and Public Policy**



# Entry Requirements

## Subject combination

### “Generally preferred” subjects

#### Example subjects:

- Biology
- Classical Civilisation
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English
- Further Maths
- History
- Languages
- Law
- Maths
- Sociology

### “Non-preferred” subjects

#### Example subjects:

- Business Studies
- Citizenship Studies
- Film Studies
- Health & Social Care
- Home Economics
- Information Technology
- Leisure Studies
- Media Studies
- Music Technology
- PE
- Travel and Tourism

2 out of 3 subjects  
should be  
“preferred”



# Entry Requirements

## Subject combination

- **Required subjects**

e.g. Maths, a Science

- **Excluded subjects**

e.g. Critical thinking, Global Perspectives

- **Language qualifications**

Language learning qualifications & significant prior exposure

- **Overlapping subjects**

e.g. English Language & English Literature

- **Narrow combinations**

e.g. Business Studies & Economics

- **Maths & Further Maths**

Can be recommended; not considered; not competitive

Update for 2019 entry:  
**BSc Economics**  
Maths, Further Maths & one other accepted – preferable with essay writing subject

Some courses have recommended or less competitive subject combinations





# Entry Requirements

## LNAT

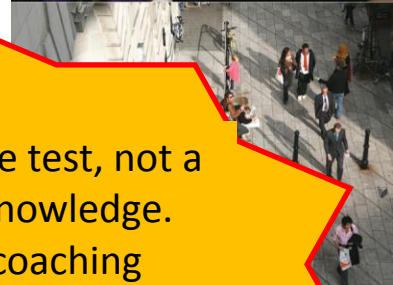
### For 2019 entry and deferred entry for 2020

- All applicants for the LLB (M100)
- Test taken between 1 Sep 2018 and 20 Jan 2019
- PEARSON test centres found all over the world
- Two parts – **multiple choice questions** and essay
- This year only multiple choice question score will be used in decision making
- No minimum score required, test score used holistically with all other application information
- Small fee to take the test – bursaries available
- See LNat website or LSE website for further information **LNAT.ac.uk**

LNAT is an aptitude test, not a test of general knowledge.

No additional coaching required.

Preparation resources on LNat website





# Entry Requirements

## Undergraduate Admissions Assessment

- Additional assessment for applicants offering less well known or non externally examined subjects.
- Exam in March
- *See website for more details*

## Relevant and recent study

- Academic and at least level 3
- Typically within 3 years of expected start date
- See Mature Applicants pages online



# Academic Performance

## Competitive assessment

- GCSE profile (or other qualifications)
- AS levels (if taking)
- Extended project
- First attempt – re-sit less competitive
- Less competitive subject combinations

## Contextual Information (UK Students)

- Educational context  
School/college GCSE & A level performance
- University Participation  
by post code
- Personal Circumstance  
(Looked after/In Care)
- LSE WP Programmes

## Extenuating Circumstances



# Reference

- Academic referee
- Professional email address
- Brief information about school / qualifications offered
- Referee provides predicted grades
- Relevant contextual information

- Skills, qualities & personal characteristics
- Academic performance and & achievements
- Support / rationale for predicted grades
- Extra-curricular activities & achievements





# Personal Statement

Not about you as a person but about your *personal interest in the subject(s)*

- 4,000 characters / 43 lines
- Distinguish between similarly qualified applicants
- 75 – 80% engagement with the subject(s)
- Well written
- Clear, concise, coherent
- Original & written by the applicant
- Demonstrate good fit for course
- Demonstrate enthusiasm for subject(s)

One personal statement for all five courses



# Personal Statement

## DO


- Research courses carefully & show you are a good fit for the course
- Discuss all subjects if applying for combined courses
- Work with your referee
- Give examples & evidence of engagement with the subject(s)  
e.g. *articles, books, TED talks, podcasts, EPQ...*
- Explain, analyse and critique
- Give your opinion

## DON'T

- Assume all the courses you are applying to are the same
- List academic grades, experiences & interests
- Praise a particular university
- Use too many quotes
- Begin with *“Ever since I was born, I have wanted to study X....”*

# Personal Statement

## Further information




LSE Virtual Open Day




Support services

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Watch: personal statement advice webinar



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### Writing a personal statement

When to apply

Filling in your application

Key dates

**Writing a personal statement**

How to get a reference

Track your application

Results

**Related content**

Conservatoires: Writing a personal statement

Course tutors read personal statements to compare different applicants – ambitions, skills and experience that will make you suitable for the course.

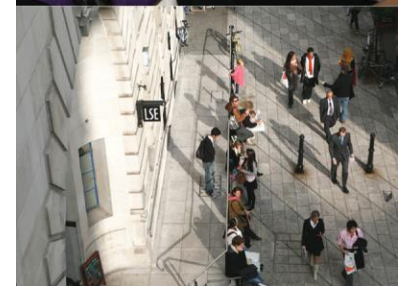
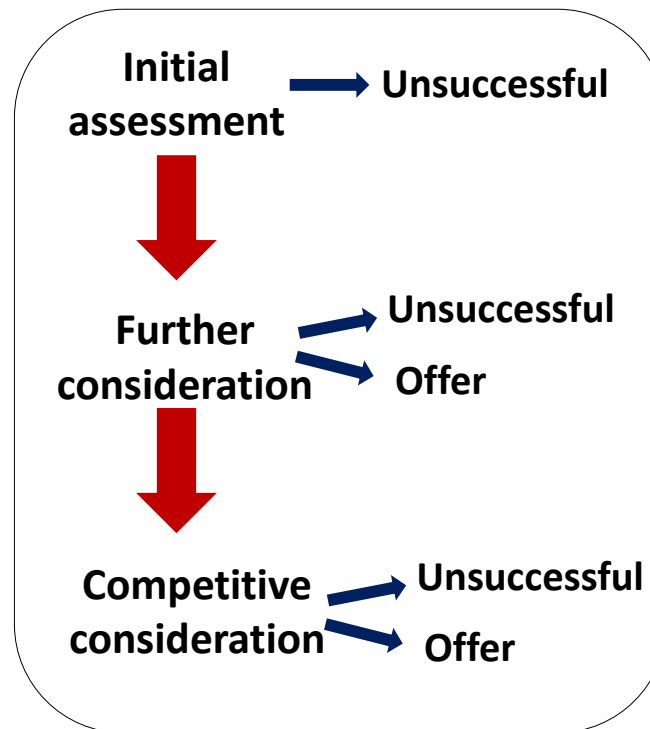




# What happens next

## Assessment process

- Applications by **15 January** given equal consideration
- Gathered field – applicants considered in competition with other similar applications
- Decisions length typically 12 weeks but can often be longer
- Regular email updates
- All decisions made by **31 March**



# What happens next?

## ▪ **Deferred Entry**

**Applications** welcomed by departments

**Offer holders:** deferrals not guaranteed, requests must be made by end July

## ▪ **Programme transfer**

Offer holders are *unlikely* to be able to transfer to a different programme.

## ▪ **Adjustment & Clearing**

Level of competition means it is unlikely that there will be vacancies. Check website.

## ▪ **Exam Results**

Places confirmed if entry requirements met; “Near misses” may be considered but places not guaranteed.

## ▪ **Fee Status**

Fee assessment based on government guidelines  
See [ukcisa.org.uk](http://ukcisa.org.uk) for guidance

## ▪ **EU Students**

£9,250 tuition fee & loan eligibility for **2019 entry** confirmed



## Further help and information

- Information Stands in LSE LIFE
  - Admissions
  - Careers
  - Disability and Wellbeing
  - Financial Support
  - General Enquiries
  - Language Centre
  - LSE Alumni
  - LSE100
  - LSE LIFE
  - Residential Services
  - Students' Union

- Online

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Undergraduate/Prospective-Students/How-to-Apply>

- Email – Student Marketing and Recruitment at [stu.rec@lse.ac.uk](mailto:stu.rec@lse.ac.uk)







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