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 4th AS or A2 pass)
- IB: 37 - 38 points overall, including HL 766 or 666

**International applicants**

- Pre-U, Advanced Highers, BTEC, Access to HE, Cert HE, degree level study... *and more*
- French Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Singapore H2s, Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education... *and more*

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

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

Most apply with predicted grades

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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

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2 out of 3 subjects should be “preferred”

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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

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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)
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

UCAS At the heart of connecting people to higher education

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.

Related content
Conservatoires: Writing a personal statement
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**

![Diagram showing assessment process]

- **Initial assessment** → Unsuccessful
- **Further consideration** → Unsuccessful, Offer
- **Competitive consideration** → Unsuccessful, Offer

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What happens next?

- **Deferred Entry**
  Applications welcomed by departments
  Offer holders: deferrals not guaranteed, requests must be made by end July

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

- **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.

- **Fee Status**
  Fee assessment based on government guidelines
  See 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](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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