July 2017



Remember you can access the archive of newsletters on our website.

July's focus topic is **Course choices**.

COURSE CHOICES

Almost all programmes at LSE offer optional courses. You can start to browse the Graduate Course Choice (GCC) from Monday 18 September, and the system opens on Friday 22 September from 10am UK time. The GCC remains open until Monday 9 October. Selections for Lent Term half units can be made in the first three weeks of the Lent Term in January 2018. If you want to get a head start, take a look at your programme entry in the <u>Calendar</u>.

In order to access the GCC, you must have accepted your offer and submitted financial undertaking form, and have met any conditions of your offer.

Course choice tutorials are available from LFY. The tutorials go over course selection, including how to select courses outside your programme regulations.



NOTES AND DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Information about Registration and Welcome Week will be posted in early August – check out the <u>Your first weeks</u> pages for details.

We have limited spaces in LSE halls for new graduate applicants. These are listed on our webpage <u>here</u>.

Quick links

Graduate Admissions Access earlier editions of the newsletter Offer Pack [PDF] Amendments to Offer Pack Department contacts Term dates 2017/8 LSE for You FAQs Careers Graduate Destinations CMA Postgraduate course and programme information for 2017/8



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ISSUING CASs

We are currently issuing CASs at the rate of about 80 - 100 per day. The admissions team are concentrating on processing documents and confirming applications so that they are ready for the CAS to be issued. The CAS team are working hard to make sure that all checks are carried out and that CASs are issued as quickly as possible. We know that it is an anxious time of year for many of you, but we do ask that you please be patient, and resist the urge to telephone us to ask if we have received your documents or when your CAS will be issued. Please bear in mind the following:

- We process everything in the order it is received.
- We cannot confirm receipt of documents until they are processed. All documents first go to the main post room, and are sent on to Admissions. When we do process them we send you an email and update your status as appropriate – you can see this on the <u>application tracker</u>.
- If we need any additional document or information from you we will contact you to let you know.
- You should only phone us if you know that your documents should have arrived before the <u>current processing date</u> listed on our website and we have not updated your status.
- Our telephone service is currently available from 9am – 5pm, but may be subject to short notice change. Please check the <u>getting in touch</u> page.

JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERING

LSE Careers are dedicated to promoting LSE students to the outside world, sourcing opportunities and fostering new relationships that establish LSE as the school of choice in graduate recruitment, both in the UK and internationally.

<u>LSE CareerHub</u> contains an online vacancy board, exclusively for LSE students and recent alumni, where you can search for:

- · Full-time vacancies
- Part-time vacancies
- Internships
- Vacation work
- · Volunteering opportunities

Register your occupational interests on LSE CareerHub to receive targeted careers emails and alerts. You can only access LSE CareerHub once you have registered as a current student at LSE. For more information visit logging in.

LSE Parliamentary internships are exclusive to LSE postgraduate students. You apply through LSE Careers who match you with MPs, Peers, UK MEPs and various departments in the Houses of Parliament. If successful, your internship will take place for up to 15 hours a week during term time.

It's worth preparing your CV over the summer, as some internship applications will close early, i.e. during October.



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JANUARY EXAMINATIONS 2018

Some courses will have a summative examination in the week of 2-5 January 2018. This allows assessment to occur immediately after the conclusion of the associated teaching and helps to spread the assessment load over the academic year. January examinations count towards the final course mark and students registered on these courses must be in attendance at the School to sit the examination at this time. It is important that you take this into consideration when planning your travel and accommodation needs. A full list of courses with January examinations can be found here in the School's Calendar:

http://www.lse.ac.uk/resources/Calendar/CourseAndProgrammeInfo/JanuaryExams2018.htm

Please note that while this page is currently accurate, additions and changes may be necessary, so check it periodically or contact the relevant academic department for confirmation of examination periods. The associated course guides for 2017/18 will be published in August 2017 and will include detailed information about examination duration and weighting. Additional information about January examination procedures for 2017/18 will be available on arrival.

CHANGES TO SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT FOR 2017/18

Each year all courses undergo a review of their course content, assessment and availability. Sometimes, this leads to a change to the summative assessment tasks (summative assessment is assessment that contributes to your final grades), which students are required to complete. A course's summative assessment may be reviewed and enhanced in light of developments in the discipline, changes to course content, or on the basis of student feedback. These changes are intended to improve the quality of the overall student learning experience.

A full list of summative assessment changes for 2017/18 postgraduate students can be found here in the School's Calendar:

http://www.lse.ac.uk/resources/calendar/CourseAndProgrammeInfo/ updatedPGProspectiveSummativeAssessment.htm

Please note that this page will be updated with additions and changes as necessary, so check it periodically or contact the relevant academic department for confirmation of course assessment requirements.

This information is provided to assist you when considering your course choices for 2017/18 and to keep you fully informed of any changes which may affect the courses available on your programme of study.

COURSES NOT AVAILABLE IN 2017/18

The Offer Holder News in April alerted students that some courses (modules) will not be running in 2017/18 due to temporary suspension or permanent withdrawal. These suspensions and withdrawals are due to a range of reasons including teaching allocations, new course offerings and student feedback. A full list of suspended and withdrawn courses for 2017/18 postgraduate students can be found here in the School's Calendar:

http://www.lse.ac.uk/resources/calendar/CourseAndProgrammeInfo/updatedPGProspective.htm

Please note that this page will be updated with additions and changes as necessary, so check it periodically or contact the relevant academic department for confirmation of course availability.

STUDENTS TARGETED BY CYBER-SCAM

We have been made aware that some students at Newcastle University have been targeted by a scam regarding paying for their course fees.

There are more details in this story from the <u>BBC</u>.

Our advice is to ensure you are careful to only use links where you are satisfied that you are using the official LSE webpages.

You can make tuition fee payments through LFY or use our <u>Finance Hub</u>, and if you are in any doubt, or have any queries, you can get in touch with our Fees, Income and Credit Control team using the below contact details.

Fees and Customer Service - <u>fees@lse.ac.uk</u> Onlinestore - <u>onlinestore@lse.ac.uk</u> Phone +44 (0)207 955 7765 Credit Control - <u>credit.control@lse.ac.uk</u> Cashiers - <u>cashiers@lse.ac.uk</u> Fax +44 (0)207 404 4185

NEWS FROM AROUND LSE

Featured public lecture

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<u>What Goes Around, Comes Around:</u> <u>fluctuations in the popularity of Keynesian</u> <u>economics</u>

Date: Thursday 3 August 2017 Time: 6.30-8pm Venue: Alumni Theatre, NAB Speaker: Jim Thomas

LSE in the news

Two LSE professors have been elected as Fellows of the prestigious British Academy, the UK's national body for the humanities and social sciences. <u>Read more</u>.

LSE IQ podcast

LSE IQ is a monthly podcast from the London School of Economics and Political Science. This is the podcast where we ask some of the leading social scientists - and other experts - to answer intelligent questions about economics, politics or society.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

This month we are featuring <u>LSE's</u> <u>Graduating Class of 2017</u>, reflecting on how they've changed over the last few years. You can find many more videos on our <u>YouTube channel</u>.



LSE Review of Books

If you are looking for some summer reading, check out the LSE Review of Books.

If that doesn't excite you, take a look at the other blogs we have available <u>here</u>.



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