



Dear {!Contact.FirstName},

Welcome to our July newsletter which has a focus on how you select your courses, the Volunteer Centre, and January exams.

If you have missed any of our previous newsletters, you can find them [here](#). Over the next few months we will continue to send you updates via these newsletters to help you prepare for your arrival at LSE.

Kind regards,

Graduate Admissions Office

SELECT YOUR COURSES AND VIEW YOUR TIMETABLE

Your degree programme comprises a number of courses, which are usually worth a half (0.5) or a full (1.0) unit. The number of courses you must take varies by programme, detailed information can be found at lse.ac.uk/calendar. You'll also find out more about this in your academic orientation events.

If you are taking a master's degree (including MRes) you will need to follow the instruction below. If you are an executive or PhD student, you will receive separate guidance from your programme manager or the PhD Academy respectively.

When should I select my courses?

- Course finder will become available to you once you have activated your LSE IT account. This year, the link to activate your IT account will become available via the application tracker on or soon after the 22 August.
- If you have not yet completed all of your admissions paperwork (such as the Financial Undertaking Form or Confirmation of Conditions), this will prevent you from accessing the system.
- Postgraduate course selection will open for browsing (to practice using the system only) on Monday 24 September. Course selection will open fully on Friday 28 September 2018.
- Courses can fill up quickly so it is important to login and

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Notes and Dates for the Diary

Apply for **Accommodation** as soon as possible to ensure you have the most choice - applications close on 31 July.

Submit your Financial Undertaking Form (FUF) by 31 July or as soon as possible afterwards.

News from around LSE

See the links below for some of our featured content from this month:

Video of the month:

browse, and then select your courses as early as possible.

- Course selections must be made by 5pm on Monday 15 October 2018.
- You will be able to make changes to Lent Term half units in January 2019.

How do I select my courses?

1. **Find the courses you would like to take** Go to lse.ac.uk/courseSelection to access the tools and information to help you decide which courses you want to take this academic year. Make sure to identify a few “back-up” options! **The LSE Calendar will be updated with the final list of available courses in late August - before this point there may still be changes to the courses offered.**
2. **Select those courses on LSE for You** Go to lse.ac.uk/selectingCourses for step-by-step instructions about how to choose your courses on LSE for You. Remember to include any compulsory courses and (if applicable) your dissertation!
3. **Check your timetable and Moodle enrolments** Postgraduate students may be able to use seminar sign-up. Your personal timetable will be available in LSE for You after you have made your course selections and they have been approved by the teaching department.

You will automatically be given access to the Moodle page for your selected courses a few hours after selecting them on LSE for You.

How do I find out more?

Visit lse.ac.uk/courseSelection for detailed information and answers to FAQs.



LSE VOLUNTEER CENTRE

Do you want to have an impact on society whilst developing new skills and meeting new people? The LSE Volunteer Centre is here to inspire and empower the LSE community to volunteer for causes you are passionate about.

They work with over 400 charities and NGOs each year, promoting 1,000 opportunities for students to get involved. These

Do we need to rethink foreign aid? - LSE IQ Episode 16



LSE News:

7 LSE academics become British Academy Fellows

The LSE academics are among 76 distinguished scholars to be elected to the British Academy Fellowship in 2018, joining over 1,400 Fellows.

Events:

Crashed: how a decade of financial crises changed the world

Thursday 23 August 2018
6:30pm to 8:00pm

Hosted by the London School of Economics and Political Science

In September 2008 the Great Financial Crisis, triggered by the collapse of Lehman brothers, shook the world. A decade later its spectre still haunts us. As the appalling scope and scale of the crash was revealed, the financial institutions that had symbolised the West's triumph since the end of the Cold War, seemed - through greed, malice and incompetence - to be about to bring the entire system to its knees. In this talk Adam Tooze will talk about his new book, [Crashed: How a Decade of Financial Crises Changed the World](#).

Featured Research:

It's good to talk! Openness about depression in workplace increases productivity.

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range from advocating for refugees to mentoring local school children to helping a fellow student settle in to London and LSE.

They also organise [events](#) such as volunteering fairs, seminars and Charity Tuesdays and offer an extensive one-off volunteering programme. If you'd like more advice or assistance you can book a [one-to-one](#) with the Volunteer Centre Manager.

Volunteering has the power to transform your university experience: almost 70 per cent of students who volunteer say it improved their time at LSE. Overwhelmingly volunteers say they would recommend it to a friend. Students also report that volunteering helps them make new friends and feel a greater sense of community, increased their confidence and subject knowledge, and gained skills such as decision making and communication to be used when entering the employment market. Read [this blog post](#) explaining more.

Volunteering can be intrinsically rewarding in and of itself, but it can also help you bridge the gap between education and the world of work.

It is a fantastic way of learning new skills and gaining hands-on experience, which is essential to complement the academic and theoretical skills you already have from your degree. Volunteering can also be an ideal opportunity to learn about yourself, try new things and explore areas you previously have not considered. It allows you to discover where your real interests and passions are – according to a survey by Student Volunteering UK, 40% of student volunteers are so deeply affected by their volunteering that their career paths take a new direction!

Research by Reed employment amongst 200 leading businesses revealed that:

- 73% of employers would employ candidates with volunteering experience over those without
- 94% of employers believe that volunteering can add skills
- 94% of employees who volunteered to learn new skills had benefited either by getting their first job, improving their salary, or being promoted

For further information about volunteering opportunities contact the [Volunteer Centre](#).



JANUARY EXAMINATIONS 2019



Future newsletter topics

August - Registration and Welcome

September - Final checks and 'What I wish I'd known' (a collaboration with LSESU and the Student Services Centre)

Please click [here](#) to suggest topics for future newsletters

Some courses will have a summative examination in the week of **7-11 January 2019**. 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.

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 2018/19 will be published in August 2018 and will include detailed information about examination duration and weighting. Additional information about January examination procedures for 2018/19 will be available on arrival.

Changes to summative assessment 2018/19

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 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 2018/19 postgraduate students can be found [here](#) in the School's Calendar.

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 2018/19 and to keep you fully informed of any changes which may affect the courses available on your programme of study.

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