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I love London because the city is never boring and the General Course program is an adventurous experience and a journey of growth.

Princewill Umeh
American University, USA.
A year at LSE is more than just a year of study at one of the world’s most renowned universities. It’s a year to discover London; a year to discover new opportunities, new friends and new horizons. But more importantly, it’s a year to discover yourself. Quite simply, it’s a year that will change your life. As a student at LSE, you’ll join an international community in the heart of one of the world’s most vibrant cities. What’s more, an exciting myriad of cultural events and attractions await discovery right on your doorstep.
ACCOUNTING
ANTHROPOLOGY
ECONOMIC HISTORY
ECONOMICS
FINANCE
GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT
GOVERNMENT
INTERNATIONAL HISTORY
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
LANGUAGE CENTRE
LAW
MANAGEMENT
MATHEMATICS
PHILOSOPHY, LOGIC AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD
PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE
SOCIAL POLICY
SOCIOLOGY
STATISTICS
OVER 300 UG COURSES TAUGHT EVERY YEAR

“Culturally awakening, socially stimulating and academically enriching, a year of living in London and learning at LSE equipped me with the right lens to truly ‘understand the causes of things’.”

Krupa P Saraiya
The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India.

MORE THAN ECONOMICS
THE GENERAL COURSE
A SIMPLE GUIDE TO THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTS
This brochure provides information for undergraduate students at universities outside the United Kingdom who wish to join LSE’s study year abroad programme – the General Course – usually as part of their work toward a degree at their home institution.

It complements our website, lse.ac.uk/generalCourse, which provides further detailed information and answers many of the most frequently asked questions.

“My expectations simply didn’t capture just how diverse LSE is. I’ve learned more about cultures around the world in less than one year than I had during the rest of my life.”

Lilian Chen
University of California, Berkeley, USA.

LSE OFFERS no single semester study options; you spend a full academic year at the School.

WE WELCOME applications from suitably qualified students at any overseas institution in any country.

YOU NEED TO HAVE COMPLETED at least two years of university level study prior to joining LSE (unless studying on the University of London International Programmes).

IF YOU WISH TO STUDY qualitative courses (eg, government, management, law) you should have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.3/4 or above. If you wish to study quantitative subjects (eg, economics, mathematics, statistics) you should have a GPA of 3.5/4 or above in related subjects.

YOU CHOOSE COURSES from a list of over 300 but need only take one from the department to which you are assigned (two if in Economics). Your host department need not reflect your major interest.

APPLICATIONS can be submitted online, free of charge. They are considered from January 2020 onwards and will continue to be accepted until 31 July 2020, or until all the available places have been filled, whichever is the sooner.

JOHN C PHELAN GENERAL COURSE SCHOLARSHIPS are available to students in financial need.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING is guaranteed to all General Course students.
10 REASONS TO JOIN THE GENERAL COURSE

There are many reasons to study at LSE. But here are 10 we really think you should know about:

THE WORLD’S LEADING DEDICATED SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTITUTION
That’s not just us saying it, the QS World University Rankings confirm it. It is also home to Europe’s largest social science library: the British Library of Political and Economic Science.

GLOBAL REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE
Graduate schools and employers around the world recognise and respect LSE. It’s a prestigious name and having it on your CV really sets you apart. You’ll also be part of an impressive global alumni network ensuring you maintain a life-long connection with the School, and enjoy a 10 per cent discount on LSE’s graduate tuition fees.
COUNTRIES ARE REPRESENTED IN THE LSE STUDENT BODY

OF ALL THOSE AT THE SCHOOL COME FROM OUTSIDE THE UK

OF THE SCHOOL’S STAFF ORIGINATE FROM COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE UK

TEACHING DELIVERED BY LEADING ACADEMICS
LSE’s academics are at the cutting-edge of the social sciences, influencing opinion and helping shape society. They are frequently called upon to advise governments and international organisations, and provide an education grounded in the real world.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD
All accepted students can apply for a John C Phelan General Course Scholarship worth up to £21,336.

PUBLIC LECTURES DELIVERED BY EMINENT OUTSIDE SPEAKERS
LSE hosts an extensive programme of events attracting leading individuals from all walks of life, including in the past year: Mario Centeno; Rahul Gandhi; Bianca Jagger; Pascal Lamy; George Papandreou; Nancy Pelosi; Ann Pettifor; Juan Carlos Varela Rodriguez; Pedro Sánchez, and Yogendra Yadav.

INTERNATIONAL AND COSMOPOLITAN ENVIRONMENT
LSE students are drawn from over 150 different countries and 69 per cent of all those at the School come from outside the UK. Of the School's staff, 45 per cent originate from countries outside the UK.

GUARANTEED UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION
All students offered a place on the General Course are guaranteed university housing.

CENTRAL LONDON LOCATION
The School is on the doorstep of the City of London, Westminster and Covent Garden, providing great social and academic resources. London is both your campus and your social science laboratory.

GENERAL COURSE SOCIAL CALENDAR
A range of UK and European trips and excursions are offered at substantial discounts. General Course students also enjoy a range of bespoke events throughout the year.

OVER 200 STUDENT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES
Our clubs and societies cover a wide variety of interests including politics, culture, academia, sports, hobbies, and food and drink. Complemented by activities organised by the University of London.
When I was deciding where to study abroad, I knew it was going to be a full-year in London. One term would have been too short to fully immerse myself in London and the UK, and LSE offered a focused academic environment.

When I first arrived in London, I was amazed by its history and landmarks. I loved that LSE is situated right in central London, allowing me to easily explore all the city has to offer.

One of the great things about the General Course is that it is so integrated with the regular academic system. I had the opportunity to take classes (and exams) alongside regular students, and to be seen as an equal by them. Needless to say, the professors were all incredibly knowledgeable in their fields, and taught subjects that I would have had a hard time learning in the US. The courses I took in the General Course gave me very focused knowledge.

Socially, I enjoyed having the flexibility of meeting local students, to broaden my social circle geographically, as well as study abroad students, with whom I had so much in common. I was able to make some life-long friends through exploring the UK and travelling across Europe.

The best thing about studying abroad for a full year is the ability to fully integrate into your new school, city, and society. I was able to pick up two internships alongside my studies, both of which are helping me tremendously professionally. It would have simply been impossible if I were here only for one semester. There are many reasons for one to fall in love with the General Course, but the most important are the friends you will make and the lasting memories you will create in a world-class city. I don't think any other place can compare.
A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The London School of Economics and Political Science is a place of genuine intellectual excitement and cutting-edge research. It employs many of the world’s leading experts in their fields and attracts the very best students from across the globe.

The General Course offers you a unique opportunity to experience all that LSE and the great city of London have to offer, whilst undertaking a year of fully integrated undergraduate study at the world’s leading dedicated social science institution. LSE provides you with an environment in which you can study your chosen courses in depth, whilst becoming fully involved in all aspects of School life. Furthermore, not only will you be an LSE student but upon completion of your year you will become an LSE alumnus, thus beginning what we hope will be a life-long association with the School.

I’m confident that your time at LSE will be both enjoyable and rewarding, providing you with knowledge and experience that will prove hugely beneficial in your future academic, personal and professional careers. If you think you’d enjoy this academically rigorous and culturally rich programme, I urge you to read on, and we look forward to receiving your application.

Dame Minouche Shafik
Director, LSE
CENTRAL LONDON
It’s safe to say that our campus doesn’t overlook green fields and tranquil spires. Because we’re right in the middle of the world’s most exciting capital city. Right at the heart of a global financial, legal and cultural centre. This is the real world. And it’s reflected in the learning atmosphere at LSE.

Here, amongst an international population of students with varied backgrounds, experiences, views and beliefs, we encourage you to exchange and question ideas. To seek and develop solutions. And to have fun doing so.

So if you’re up for the stimulus of new experiences in a vibrant and friendly new environment, your year of discovery starts right here.
WE’RE NOT ALL ABOUT ECONOMICS

This may come as something of a surprise, but we’re not all about economics. We offer a wide range of social science subjects. In fact, subjects like anthropology, international relations and social policy were pioneered at LSE. General Course students can take virtually any combination of four year-long undergraduate courses (or the equivalent in half-units). You’ll find over 300 courses listed on pages 33-47 and on our website at lse.ac.uk/generalCourse — over two thirds of which don’t contain the word “economics” in the course title. That’s because we’re also big on subjects like geography, government, international history, law, and philosophy. But whatever your chosen subject, we guarantee you’ll be taught alongside LSE undergraduates in our regular scheduled lectures and classes. It’s an inclusive policy that’s proved highly popular and successful. And an environment in which we know you’ll positively thrive.

WHAT TO STUDY
LIFE AT LSE
**Becoming a Londoner**

Studying in the heart of London means the vibrant West End, Theatreland, the Royal Opera House and the British Museum are all on your doorstep. But so too are plenty of really useful educational establishments. The British Library, numerous professional institutes and the resources of the University of London are all handily close by.

**Guaranteed Housing**

If you accept our offer of a place on the General Course and apply for housing by the deadline of 31 May 2020, you’re guaranteed to be offered a place in LSE or University of London accommodation.

Further details of LSE accommodation can be found at [lse.ac.uk/accommodation](http://lse.ac.uk/accommodation)

**Welcome Party**

A really popular and well-established event at the start of each new academic year is the Welcome Party for arriving study abroad students. Held in the week prior to the start of the Michaelmas Term, it’s a relaxed and easy way to meet your fellow students.

**Tembo**

Tembo is our weekly General Course newsletter. It's packed with academic advice, useful cultural information, details of events, and brilliant money saving tips.

**Cumberland Lodge residential visit**

Another popular annual event in the General Course calendar is when we escape London for the peace and tranquility of Cumberland Lodge – a beautiful country house in the majestic splendour of Windsor Great Park. This General Course visit acts as an introduction to both the School and the UK and involves a mixture of academic seminars and social activities, so there's time to explore the Park and the royal town of Windsor itself.

**General Course Summer Ball**

What better way to celebrate your time at LSE than with a sumptuous end-of-year dinner at a luxury London hotel, followed by dancing late into the night.

**General Course Social Calendar**

Throughout your year at the School we organise a range of day trips and short breaks to help you explore the UK and Europe. Past excursions have helped our students to uncover the delights of Amsterdam, the rugged beauty of the Scottish Highlands, and the joys of an English brewery! Each trip is subsidised by LSE and offered to our study abroad students at a significant discount, helping you get the most out of your time with us.
LSE Students’ Union and student societies

The Students’ Union is all about you. Representing LSE students on campus, it’s there to ensure that your time at LSE is as full, trouble-free and entertaining as possible. To ensure your voice is heard, General Course students elect their own representative to the Union at the start of each academic year. The Union is brilliant at organising entertainments – concerts, films, cabaret and discos – and funds over 200 student societies covering a wide variety of interests.

Athletics Union

Whatever your sport, we’ve a club to suit. In fact, we’ve got nearly 40 clubs for sports and many use the School’s stunning 23 acre sports ground at New Malden, Surrey. Here you’ll find pitches for soccer, rugby, hockey and cricket, together with grass tennis courts, and a restaurant and well-appointed bar, both of which are open on match days. At Houghton Street you’ll also find a well-equipped gym.

National Health Service (NHS)

A medical centre is located on the LSE campus, providing free, comprehensive, National Health Service (NHS) care to registered patients and to anyone who becomes ill or needs medical attention while at LSE. General Course students are eligible to use the NHS on the same terms as UK residents.

Information about the NHS and how to register/make use of its services is available at lse.ac.uk/medicalCentre

Students who have a disability, long-term medical conditions or dyslexia

LSE is committed to enabling all students to achieve their full potential in an environment characterised by dignity and mutual respect, and aims to ensure that all individuals are treated equitably. To this end, the School’s Disability and Well-being Service provides free, confidential assistance to all LSE students and is a first point of contact for all disabled students, prospective and current. Specialist advisers are available to see students on a one-off or ongoing basis, and cover a range of conditions, including:

- physical/sensory impairments and long-term or chronic medical conditions
- dyslexia, dyspraxia, Asperger syndrome disorder and other neurodiverse conditions
- mental health concerns

Please contact the Disability and Well-being service at Disability-Dyslexia@lse.ac.uk
**LSE Student Counselling Service**

As an LSE student you’re always our top priority. So we have a free and confidential service for all our students, which aims to help you cope more effectively with any personal or study-related difficulties.

More information and links to self-help websites can be found at [lse.ac.uk/studentCounselling](lse.ac.uk/studentCounselling)

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**Careers**

LSE Careers has an experienced team of careers consultants and information staff to provide assistance and advice to General Course students, both informally and in careers seminars and interviews. Whether you’re looking for internships, work experience, vacation work or part-time, term-time jobs, you can search for current job vacancies on LSE CareerHub.

For further information, please see the LSE Careers website at [lse.ac.uk/careers](lse.ac.uk/careers)

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"LSE gave me the intellectual firepower to critique and question academic material."

**Andrea Gallego**
Stony Brook University, USA.

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**Internships for General Course students**

The General Course has negotiated a special deal with The Intern Group that gives you the opportunity to undertake an internship during your time on the programme.

For an exceptional price of £590, you can apply for a part-time internship totaling eight weeks, typically from either the end of November 2020 or from mid-February 2021, within a sector of the economy of your choosing – from blue-chip firms and fast growing small and medium-sized businesses, to non-profit organisations and government departments.

The Intern Group have a physical office in London and provide 24 hour support; proprietary training materials and videos; lifetime membership of their alumni network, and support in obtaining academic credit from your home institution (should this be possible).

These internships are wholly separate from your study at LSE and are undertaken in addition to the four full-year (or the equivalent in half-unit) courses that you must take as an LSE student.

Please note that LSE Careers are not partnered with The Intern Group.

For further information, please visit The Intern Group website at [theinterngroup.com](theinterngroup.com)
The General Course has given me the opportunity to study in a place that is undeniably enriching for my career as well as studying alongside students of multiple backgrounds, experiences, and passions.

Daniela Cuellar
Arizona State University, USA.
Teaching methods

In each of the four courses you take over the year, teaching will consist of a mixture of lectures and linked classes (discussion groups), running in tandem. In these, you’ll work through questions, problem sets and issues raised in the lectures, as well as presenting and discussing your own papers or essays.

Lectures are attended by all the students taking the course, which means, on a popular course, there could be several hundred students in a lecture. But for the classes, you’ll be in a much smaller group, usually consisting of no more than 15 students. The number of “formal” contact hours will also vary with the type of course you’re taking, but expect it to be between two to four hours per course per week.

While not compulsory, lectures are strongly recommended. Classes, however, are compulsory and you will usually be expected to submit two written pieces of work or a certain number of problem sets per course per term. Class teachers report each term on your attendance, work in class and written work submitted for the class. These reports are then sent to your academic adviser who will discuss them with you, as well as your overall progress. Your class teacher will also provide an overall grade at the end of the year. These will appear on your final LSE transcript, along with the grades for your final examinations, as a summary of your work at the School.

The taught elements of our courses are intended only as a framework, providing you with a structure for your own research and reading. In addition to “formal” contact time, we expect our students to spend at least double the amount of hours pursuing “independent study” related to their four courses. The timetabled teaching might be just a few hours a week, but the associated reading and writing of essays, projects and other course work assignments make up a full working week. Remember, self-motivation and commitment are the keys to success!

Examination and assessment

For most courses, students are examined once, at the end of the year, but some courses, notably those taught by the Department of Economics, have exams early in January as well. Exams usually take the form of a three-hour unseen paper, and all General Course students are required to take the exams. These results appear on the final transcript. A number of courses have an “assessed coursework” component that contributes towards the final exam mark. Typically, this usually consists of an independently produced piece of writing.
The General Course is about self-discovery and exposure beyond our university walls. One must work extremely hard, but it is so rewarding in the end.

Elizabeth Farkas
University of Southern California, USA.
ACADEMIC SUPPORT
The Library

The Library (The British Library of Political and Economic Science) is so much more than a book and journal collection. It’s an invaluable resource boasting hundreds of study spaces and IT workstations, laptop points, rooms for group study, video viewing and photocopying facilities.

Of course, the Library’s Course Collection contains books on your reading lists. But in addition, the Electronic Library, accessible from workstations right around the School, provides access to a range of publications, such as newspapers and journals.

The main stock of the Library covers the social sciences in the widest sense. Collections are particularly strong in economics, sociology, political science and the social, economic and international aspects of history. As an LSE student, you’ll also have access to the libraries of most other colleges of the University of London.

To discover more about the Library, visit lse.ac.uk/library

Information technology

We have around 1,000 PCs available for students to use on campus, half of which are located in the Library. All LSE residences are wired for direct connection to the School network.

Data and Technology Services provides information and help with connecting your personal laptop or computer to the LSE IT environment and accessing services and resources both on campus and off-site. IT support is also available 24 hours a day over the phone.

For more information, visit lse.ac.uk/itservices

LSE Language Centre

The LSE Language Centre is unique. No other centre specialises in creating courses targeted to the needs of students and practitioners in the field of social sciences and related areas of study. All the Centre's teachers are native speakers who combine extensive teaching experience with an educational background in one or more of the subject specialisms offered at LSE. So whether you’re going to study a modern foreign language or need to improve your English for Academic Purposes, their aim is to provide you with the highest level of language support throughout your studies.

Further information can be obtained from the Language Centre website at lse.ac.uk/language-centre
**LSE LIFE**

LSE LIFE is the School’s centre for academic, personal, and professional development. It covers topics including how to plan and organise your study at LSE; how to read for academic work; how to write essays; how to think more critically; how to improve and refine your writing style; how to communicate effectively; how to use others’ ideas in your own work, and how to approach research.

**LSE LIFE can also help** you reflect on your future and build a rewarding career; teach you how to find and make sense of the seemingly endless information available to students, and help you understand how to look after yourself so that you can balance your study, work, creative activities, and leisure time in a way that suits you.

**Teachers and academic advisers**

Individual class teachers can offer guidance about a particular class. There’s also a teacher responsible for each course (who guides the class teachers). In addition, you’ll be allocated an academic adviser, who meets with you several times over the course of the year, receives regular reports from class teachers, and is able to advise on your progress. Your academic adviser is also there to help with any academic, administrative or personal questions.

“As my studies at LSE reach an end, I cannot help but wish I could start all over again. Yet I leave happy, having studied amongst inspirational individuals at one of the most renowned institutions in the heart of a truly beautiful city.”

**Chelsea Castañeda**

George Washington University, USA.

Further details are available at lse.ac.uk/lselife
HOW TO APPLY
Application for admission to the General Course may be made by current undergraduate students who will have completed at least two years of study in an overseas university by the time they register at the School.

We positively welcome good applicants studying at any university outside the UK, but students must register for the full academic year, ie, from September to June. LSE has no “semester” or “single-term” programmes.

Students who have directly entered the second year of their university on the basis of A-levels or an International Baccalaureate Diploma will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students who have directly entered their second year on the basis of “Advanced Placement” tests will not normally be considered for a place.

Students undertaking a University of London International Programmes degree with LSE as the lead college may be eligible for entry after just one year of study. Those interested in pursuing this opportunity should contact us at gc@lse.ac.uk before submitting an application.

Students must follow and abide by the specific requirements of their home university. Failure to do so may adversely affect the outcome of the selection process. Applications should comprise:

- **A COMPLETED** General Course application, available at lse.ac.uk/generalCourse

- **A TRANSCRIPT** showing grades up to and including the first semester of the applicant’s second year of university*. Transcripts must be written in, or translated into, English;

- **TWO ACADEMIC REFERENCES**, at least one of which must be written by a university teacher currently familiar with the applicant’s work, preferably in a field which he/she intends to pursue at LSE. References must be written in, or translated into, English.

* Students come to us from many different universities, using varied grading systems, so any transcript/record should be accompanied by a note on how to “translate” the grades.

Once the completed application is downloaded by the General Course admissions team, it normally takes less than seven working days for a decision to be issued. Both the applicant and their home university will be notified of whether or not a place on the programme has been offered. The applicant is under no obligation to accept an offer of admission, nor do they make any legal or financial undertaking before they arrive at the School.
Academically, culturally, and socially, LSE offers the best study abroad experience out there.

Matthew Frisch
University of Pennsylvania, USA.

Application and induction dates

Completed applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered from January 2020. We operate a “rolling admissions” process, until 31 July 2020 or all the available places are filled, whichever is the sooner, so applicants are encouraged to apply early. Students joining the General Course are advised to arrive in London a week prior to the start of the new academic year. That way, you can enjoy all the induction activities organised for new undergraduate students by the School and your department, as well as the induction specifically tailored for General Course students. You’ll find all the details in your Offer Pack.

Entry requirements

We judge each applicant individually and have no “agreements” that give advantage to students from particular countries or particular universities. We look in detail at each applicant’s recent university academic record, paying attention to the subjects studied and the grades obtained. For example, using university grade scales common in the USA, a student with a minimum 3.3 Grade Point Average (on a 4 point scale) will be positively considered. In the case of those students applying to departments, or predominantly listing courses, that are quantitatively based (ie, economics, finance, maths and statistics), we are looking for a 3.5 or better in related courses, including higher level calculus and linear algebra. We are primarily interested in your academic work in social science subjects and will be especially interested in the quality of your work in the fields you might wish to pursue at LSE. We are particularly interested in the comments of academic referees, especially if they are relevant to the courses you wish to follow at the School.

Entry requirements for applicants from a range of countries can be found on our website at lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/The-General-Course/entry-requirements

You will need to provide proof of your English proficiency unless you are a national of Canada (whose first language is English) or of Antigua & Barbuda; Australia; The Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Dominica; Grenada; Guyana; Ireland; Jamaica; New Zealand; St Kitts & Nevis; St Lucia; St Vincent & the Grenadines; Trinidad & Tobago, or the USA, or your degree is taught entirely in English in one of those countries. The English proficiency requirements for IELTS are scores of 7.0 in all four components. You do not need to have obtained the required marks before you apply.
Applications can be submitted directly to the School or via the Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University, or The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University (please see below).

Those applying directly to LSE will incur no application fees and no tuition deposits. Most applicants will find that they are helped by initial contact with their home university’s Office of International Programs or Study Abroad Office. Such offices can advise you on their support for study abroad and its impact on your academic progress, financial aid, etc.

We’re happy to deal with any enquiries you might have, preferably by email. Please feel free to contact the General Course team to discuss any prospective application, by writing to gc@lse.ac.uk

**The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University**

Students wishing to apply to the General Course through The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University (CGS-Arcadia) should visit the CGS-Arcadia website at [arcadia.edu/abroad](http://arcadia.edu/abroad) for further information and details of the fees applicable.

**The Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University**

Students wishing to apply to the General Course through the Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University (IfSA-Butler), should visit the IfSA-Butler website at [ifsa-butler.org](http://ifsa-butler.org) for further information and details of the fees applicable.

**Fees**

The tuition fee for all students applying directly to the General Course (not through CGS-Arcadia or IfSA-Butler) in 2020/21 will be £21,336 for the full year. Please note, the tuition fee is the same for all General Course students, regardless of nationality or country of residence. The tuition fee covers registration and examination fees payable to the School, lectures, classes and individual supervision, and membership of the Students’ Union.

It does not cover accommodation or living costs which must be budgeted separately. We estimate that the cost of living in London for a year will be around £12,825.

LSE is also a registered institution for most types of US and Canadian Student Loans. The LSE US Student Loans reference number is G06693.

**John C Phelan General Course Scholarships**

In the academic year 2020/21, LSE will offer a number of John C Phelan General Course Scholarships worth up to £21,336 each. All students accepted on the programme will be eligible to apply. Applications will be considered primarily on the basis of need.

Further information is available at [lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/The-General-Course/scholarships-and-fees](http://lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/The-General-Course/scholarships-and-fees)
I’M GOING
UNDERGROUND
DEPARTMENT INFORMATION & COURSE LISTINGS
Our aim is to give you full access to those courses you wish to pursue. The Course List that follows represents what was taught in 2019/20. Although we cannot guarantee that everything offered in 2019/20 will be available in 2020/21 the vast majority will be. The LSE application form asks you to identify up to six courses of particular interest and, prior to your arrival, you will be asked to narrow this initial selection down to four courses, for the purposes of pre-registration. However, your final selection of four courses will only be confirmed after your arrival at LSE, and in consultation with your academic adviser.

A full Course Guide (naming the key academic responsible for each course, a description of its coverage, basic bibliographies and any prerequisites) is available on our website at lse.ac.uk/generalCourse and should be referred to when you complete the Course Preferences section of the application form. The three digit codes indicate whether the course is normally followed by our own three-year degree students in their first, second or third year of study, but access is not usually restricted for General Course students.
100 LEVEL COURSES are taught to LSE’s first year degree-seeking students. They are introductory level courses that have no specific prerequisites in their own subject but may require some mathematics or other related subjects. General Course students normally select these courses when they have no previous background in the subject, ie, they want to gain experience of a new academic field.

200 LEVEL COURSES are taught to LSE’s second year degree-seeking students. They are intermediate level courses that have prerequisites in the form of university-level introductory courses in the same, or a closely related, subject. These courses are the equivalent of Junior year courses at four-year degree institutions and, as such, are usually the most appropriate for General Course students.

300 LEVEL COURSES are taught to LSE’s third year degree-seeking students. They are advanced and equivalent to either final year undergraduate or first year graduate courses. They have prerequisites of university level intermediate courses. General Course students should ordinarily only select one of these courses when they have a minimum of three semesters background and very high grades in the relevant field.

"Great experience! It represents an enrichment on every level and the teaching is excellent."

Arnaud Alves de Souza
HEC Lausanne, Switzerland.

Please read the online course descriptions carefully as many courses assume a level of aptitude in the subject, and some are only available to General Course students with the permission of the teacher responsible. We also encourage new students to sample a range of courses in the first weeks of the session and to discuss their own level of skill and the course expectations with lecturers and class teachers before confirming their course choices for the year. Your final course selections are made in mid-October.

The majority of General Course students find they are sufficiently stimulated by one (or, at the very most, two) 300 level courses when combined with those offered at the 200 and 100 levels. The optimum combination for a serious student is usually one 300 level and three 200 level courses. Unless you have declared your major sometime ago and have a very strong background in the subject, it is unwise to take more than one 300 level course.

In the listing that follows, (H) designates a half-unit course and, therefore, one that counts for only half the “weight” of a full-year course. Typically, all of its teaching is contained in just one term and students would take two half-units instead of one full year course.
Accounting (AC)

Accounting and finance are concerned with more than just computational skills. Both subjects are central to the way in which management, shareholders and society at large perceive, understand and seek to change and control the nature of organisations, as well as to an understanding of how the market allocates finances to firms. LSE is known for pioneering new approaches to the study of the modern practice of financial management in organisations.

AC102 Elements of Financial Accounting (H)
AC103 Elements of Management Accounting, Financial Management and Financial Institutions (H)
AC200 Accounting Theory and Practice
AC310 Management Accounting, Financial Management and Organisational Control
AC340 Auditing, Governance and Risk Management

Anthropology (AN)

Social anthropology studies human societies and cultures in a broad comparative perspective. Social anthropologists try to explain the causes of variation in social and cultural behaviour, and also to understand what it means to belong to a cultural group whose values and rules may be very different from those familiar to you. At LSE we are distinctive in our strengths in the fields of law, human rights, cognition, religious practice, kinship, gender, nationalism and everyday forms of the state. Our concern with the global south (or “third world”) leads to a serious engagement with issues of development, globalisation, industrialisation and the effects of neo-liberalism.

AN100 Introduction to Social Anthropology
AN101 Ethnography and Theory: Selected Texts
AN102 Anthropology, Text and Film
AN200 The Anthropology of Kinship, Sex and Gender
AN205 The Anthropology of Melanesia (H)
AN226 Political and Legal Anthropology
AN237 The Anthropology of Development (H)
AN240 Investigating the Philippines - New Approaches and Ethnographic Contexts (H)
AN252 Anthropological Approaches to Value (H)
AN256 Economic Anthropology (1): Production and Exchange (H)
AN269 The Anthropology of Amazonia (H)
AN280 Public Anthropology (H)
AN281 Health and Welfare: Anthropological Perspectives (H)
AN300 Advanced Theory of Social Anthropology
AN301 The Anthropology of Religion
AN357 Economic Anthropology (2): Transformation and Globalisation (H)
### Economic History (EH)

Economic and social history is concerned with understanding the process of change in the past. It uses the skills of the economist, the statistician and the sociologist, as well as those of the historian.

- **EH101** The Internationalisation of Economic Growth, 1870 to the present day
- **EH102** Pre-industrial Economic History
- **EH204** Money and Finance: From the Middle Ages to Modernity
- **EH207** The Making of an Economic Superpower: China since 1850
- **EH211** Africa and the World Economy, 1500-2000
- **EH225** Latin America and the International Economy
- **EH240** Business and Economic Performance since 1945: Britain in International Context
- **EH312** Knowledge, Technology and Economy from the Middle Ages to Modernity
- **EH316** Atlantic World Slavery

### Economics (EC)

Economics today tackles a broad range of problems, from barriers to economic development to international financial crises. An open-minded and scientific approach to these issues requires formal modelling of economic relationships, and testing hypotheses against data. The study of economics therefore involves developing problem-solving skills, including mathematical and statistical abilities, and applying these skills, without losing sight of the real world.

Please note: Many Economics courses are examined in both the first week of January and in May/June.

- **EC100** Economics A
- **EC102** Economics B
- **EC201** Microeconomic Principles I
- **EC202** Microeconomic Principles II
- **EC210** Macroeconomic Principles
- **EC220** Introduction to Econometrics
- **EC221** Principles of Econometrics
- **EC230** Economics in Public Policy
- **EC301** Advanced Economic Analysis
- **EC302** Political Economy
- **EC307** Development Economics
- **EC309** Econometric Theory
- **EC311** History of Economics: How Theories Change
- **EC313** Industrial Economics
- **EC315** International Economics
- **EC317** Labour Economics
- **EC319** Games and Economic Behaviour
- **EC321** Monetary Economics
- **EC325** Public Economics
- **EC333** Problems of Applied Econometrics

### Finance (FM)

Finance students examine the theory and practice of many aspects of the field that are key to understanding how financial institutions and markets operate around the world.

- **FM101** Finance (H)
- **FM212** Principles of Finance
- **FM300** Corporate Finance, Investments and Financial Markets
- **FM320** Quantitative Finance

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**DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AND COURSE LISTINGS**
Geography and Environment (GY )

One of the critical questions in modern society is how to manage processes of economic and social development so that we can make sustainable improvements in human welfare without destroying the environmental resource base on which all life depends. Our teaching emphasises the fact that the majority of environmental problems arise from human actions and decisions, and that all environmental management schemes seek to achieve objectives defined by humans within constraints imposed by political and economic systems.

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Government (GV)

Politics is about power, conflict and ideas. The study of politics involves analysis of the ways in which individuals and groups define and interpret political issues and seek to shape government decisions. It encompasses a broad spectrum of activities relating to public affairs, from elections and bureaucracies to wars and terrorism. Because it is at the junction of power and morality, politics has always attracted the attention of philosophers and historians, and its study, originating in Athens in the fourth century BC, is the seed bed of all the social sciences.

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International History (HY)

History is a wide-ranging and challenging subject to study. It seeks to understand the past and to make sense of the present, adding an important dimension to the understanding of many aspects of human society.

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HY116 International Politics since 1914: Peace and War
HY118 Faith, Power and Revolution: Europe and the Wider World, c.1500-c.1800
HY119 Thinking Like A Historian
HY200 The Rights of Man: the History of Human Rights Discourse from the Antigone to Amnesty International
HY206 The International History of the Cold War, 1945-1989
HY221 The History of Russia, 1682-1825
HY226 The Great War 1914-1918
HY232 War, Genocide and Nation Building. The History of South-Eastern Europe 1914-1990
HY235 Modernity and the State in East Asia: China, Japan and Korea since 1840
HY239 People, Power and Protest in Latin America, c.1895 to the present day
HY240 From Empire to Commonwealth: war, race and imperialism in British History, 1780 to the present day
HY241 What is History? Methods and Debates
HY242 The Soviet Union: Domestic, International and Intellectual History
HY243 Islamic Empires, 1400 - 1800
HY244 Britain's Atlantic World, 1688-1837
HY245 The United States and the World since 1776
HY246 The Global Caribbean: Colonialism, Race and Revolutions 1780s-1980s
HY247 The History of Modern Turkey, 1789 to the Present
HY311 Limited War During the Cold War Era: The US in Korea (1950-53) and Vietnam (1954-75)
HY315 The European Enlightenment, c.1680-1799
HY319 Napoleon and Europe
HY320 The Cold War Endgame
HY322 Nazi Germany’s War: Violence and Occupation in Europe, 1939-1945
HY323 Travel, Pleasure and Politics: The European Grand Tour, 1670-1825
HY328 The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Nationalism, Territory, Religion
HY329 Independent India: Myths of Freedom and Development
HY330 From Tea to Opium: China and the Global Market in the Long Eighteenth Century
HY331 Henry Kissinger and the Global 1970s
HY332 Interwar worlds: the cultural consequences of the First World War

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AND COURSE LISTINGS
Studying abroad for a full year, especially at LSE, shows you’re serious about the academic and cultural experience. I think being at LSE made a difference when it came to getting a highly-competitive internship on Wall Street.

Matthew Terry
Boston College, USA.
**International Relations (IR)**

International relations is the study of an international system composed of territorial states which acknowledge no superior authority over matters which they consider of vital interest. It deals with the nature of the changing relations between states and with non-state actors. It studies the functioning of the international system – the forces, factors, interests, customs, rules, institutions and organisations from which the theory and history of its development are formed.

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**Language Studies (LN)**

The study of language or literature is placed firmly within the context of society, economics and politics. All courses relate language study to the field of interest of social science students using a variety of written and audio sources.

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The study of law involves examining and analysing the rules and institutions that society establishes to promote justice and order.

**Law (LL)**

- **LL104** Law of Obligations
- **LL105** Property I (H)
- **LL106** Public Law
- **LL108** Criminal Law
- **LL109** Introduction to the Legal System (H)
- **LL203** Law of Business Associations (Company Law)
- **LL205** Medical Law
- **LL207** Civil Liberties and Human Rights
- **LL210** Information Technology and the Law
- **LL212** Conflict of Laws
- **LL221** Family Law
- **LL232** Law and Institutions of the European Union
- **LL233** Law of Evidence
- **LL241** European Legal History
- **LL242** International Protection of Human Rights
- **LL250** Law and The Environment
- **LL251** Intellectual Property Law
- **LL257** Employment Law
- **LL259** Legal and Social Change since 1750
- **LL272** Outlines of Modern Criminology (H)
- **LL275** Property II
- **LL278** Public International Law
- **LL284** Topics in Sentencing and Criminal Justice (H)
- **LL293** Tax and Tax Avoidance
- **LL295** Media Law
- **LL300** Competition Law
- **LL305** Jurisprudence
Management (MG)
To cope with the challenges of the 21st century, managers will require a deeper understanding of the global business environment and the social world, as well as a greater capacity for ongoing learning than provided by traditional business education. A feature of management at LSE is its emphasis on the social sciences – in particular, economics, psychology and sociology – as a lens for understanding organisations and management practice. Going beyond fads and catchphrases, students are encouraged to think about theory and evidence.

Mathematics (MA)
The Mathematics Department at LSE is internationally renowned for its teaching and research in mathematics related to the social sciences, particularly the mathematics necessary for understanding economics.
Philosophy (PH)

Studying philosophy means engaging with some profound and fascinating questions; questions that any inquisitive and critical thinker will find themselves asking at some point in their life, but which many non-philosophers do not pursue in depth. In studying philosophy at LSE you will debate and investigate the issues and problems that have preoccupied philosophers since Greek times, as well as learning the skills and techniques of reasoning.

PH101 Logic
PH103 The Big Questions: An Introduction to Philosophy

Psychological and Behavioural Science (PB)

The Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science conducts teaching into human psychology and behaviour, with research spanning areas from social psychology to behavioural economics, political psychology to organisational culture, consumer behaviour to public engagement, and community development to global health, happiness and well-being.

PB100 Foundations of Behavioural Science
PB101 Foundations of Psychological Science
PB102 Social Psychology
Social Policy (SA/SP)

Social policy is a vibrant subject at LSE, taught by many leading experts in the field. People in the Department are broadly interested in what we should do to ensure the wellbeing of ourselves and others. How far do we have a responsibility as individuals to provide for ourselves? What should governments, employers, voluntary organisations and families do? Who gets what in our society and in other societies, why and what issues does it raise? You can study policies and measures at many different levels: local, national and international, and in many different kinds of organisation.

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Sociology (SO)

Sociology helps us to understand not only the unparalleled changes that are occurring throughout the world and the changing patterns of relationships between peoples, but also our own lives, predispositions, values and expectations in a way that no other academic subject can rival. LSE aims to be both a guardian of the discipline of sociology, and a leader in the development of the social sciences into new intellectual areas, addressing the social problems and ethical dilemmas that face a globalised post-modern society.

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Statistics (ST)

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