



THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

10 reasons to apply for study at LSE

1. A world leading research university

LSE has the highest percentage of world-leading research of any university in the country, topping or coming close to the top of a number of rankings of research excellence.

It is:

- equal second in the UK when universities are ranked using a grade point average of their research strengths
- first when universities are ranked according to the percentage of their research receiving the top 4* (world-leading) grade
- fourth when universities are ranked according to the percentage of their research receiving either 4* or 3* (internationally excellent) grades

Find out more about LSE performance in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise [here](#).

It is also home to the world's largest social science library, the [British Library of Political and Economic Science](#).



2. Global reputation for excellence

Graduate schools and employers around the world will recognise and respect the LSE name and research reputation on your CV. LSE has an excellent record of placing our graduates in their chosen field, whether academic or in business. You'll also be part of an impressive global alumni network ensuring you maintain a lifelong connection with the School. LSE alumni are often well known both in their field and internationally, for example,

Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou (right), the Greek born British entrepreneur and CEO of the easyGroup companies (most prominent of which is easyJet, the low-cost airline) studied BSc in Economics at the LSE, graduating in 1987. Information about career destinations is available at the [Graduate Destinations Website](#).



3. Teaching delivered by leading academics

LSE's academics are at the cutting edge of the social sciences, influencing opinion and helping shape society. LSE academics have recently completed reports on a diverse range of topics from the financial crises, date security to climate change. They are frequently called upon to advise governments and international organisations and provide an



education grounded in the real world. See our [Press Office web pages](#) for further details.

Two-thirds of our staff work in LSE departments ranked in the top five in the country, and 36 per cent work in departments ranked first in the country according to the [2008 Research Assessment Exercise](#)

- [Economics](#) is ranked top in the country
- [Law](#) also tops national tables
- [Social Policy](#) leads the field nationally
- [Anthropology](#) has the highest percentage of world-leading research of any UK anthropology department (40%)
- [European Studies](#) is first in the country when ranked by grade point average, with 65 per cent of its research judged world-leading or internationally excellent.

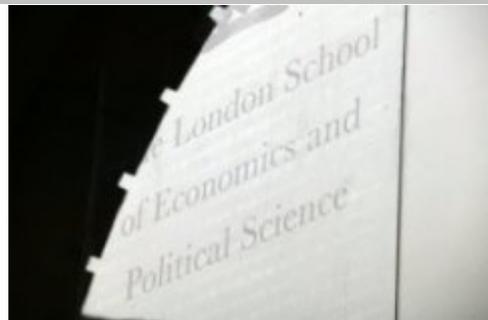
4. Choice and flexibility of programmes

LSE offers around 140 taught master's programmes, some of which are also offered as MSc (Research) programmes. Within each programme, students study a combination of core and optional courses, with around 700 taught courses to choose from. A full list of graduate course guides can be found in the [Calendar](#).



5. Financial Support

LSE awards over £12 million in scholarships and other financial awards to its students, every year - more information can be found at [Financial Support Office](#).



6. Work in London

Students have an automatic entitlement to work on or off campus up to 15 hours each week of the academic term, and more in vacation times. We will help you find paid work if you need it, through our Jobs Information pages.



7. Careers Service

LSE's Careers Service provides a varied and comprehensive development and employment service for LSE students. As a student you will be updated every week on the events which are regularly organised to assist you in making the right career choice and connections. Our team has an extensive careers information and reference library with staff to help students conduct an effective job search. LSE students are in demand and the Careers Service runs events at home and abroad which make it easy for students to make contact with employers.



Events focus on areas including banking and finance, consultancy, law, business and manufacturing, media and advertising, not for profit, social enterprise, policy and think tanks. For further information see the [Careers Service website](#).

8. Public lectures delivered by eminent outside speakers

LSE has an extensive programme of events attracting leading individuals from all walks of life, including Aung San Suu Kyi, David Cameron, Vikram Seth and Michelle Bachelet, as well as internationally renowned academics. Information about forthcoming events can be found at [LSE Public Lectures and Events website](#).



9. International and cosmopolitan environment

LSE students are drawn from over 150 different countries and 65% of all those at the School come from outside the UK. 40% of the academic staff originate from outside the UK. LSE values the diversity of all its students, employees, governors, alumni and visitors, and the internal atmosphere mirrors the lively and diverse environment of its surroundings in the heart of London. See more about the [LSE community](#).



10. Central London location

The School is located in the centre of London; providing great social and academic resources in addition to the countless cultural and educational opportunities afforded in one of the world's most exciting capital cities. Graduate students are able to use the facilities and resources of the University of London as well as those at LSE. [The Students' Union](#) offers a wide range of services, societies and clubs, covering a wide variety of interests including politics, culture, academia, sports, hobbies and food and drink.

