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OF ECONOMICS AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

# **GRADUATE PROSPECTUS**

for entry in 2015

# WELCOME TO LSE

- a world leading research university
  - global reputation for excellence
  - teaching delivered by leading academics
  - choice and flexibility of programmes
  - £4 million in financial support available
  - excellent graduate career prospects
- public lectures delivered by eminent outside speakers
  - international and cosmopolitan environment
  - central London location
  - the British Library of Political and Economic Science





## MEET LSE



### LSE Open Evening

Wednesday, 5 November 2014

The Graduate Open Evening is your opportunity to:

- find out more about LSE
- discover the wide range of taught and research degrees available at LSE
- attend subject specific talks
- meet LSE academics and current graduate students
- meet LSE academics and current LSE students
- meet admissions, financial support and careers staff

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### LSE visits you

In the UK, LSE representatives attend a number of postgraduate fairs and public presentations all over the country.

We also regularly visit a range of countries in North and South America, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and in Europe. During these visits we attend education fairs and conventions, visit colleges and universities, and meet students for presentations, receptions and counselling sessions.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/lseVisitsYou](http://lse.ac.uk/lseVisitsYou) for full and up-to-date information about LSE visits, both in the UK and overseas.

### More about LSE

For information about our virtual open day, videos, podcasts, campus tours email an alum service and student blogs visit [lse.ac.uk/meetLSE](http://lse.ac.uk/meetLSE)

## About the prospectus

This prospectus is for people interested in applying for graduate study at LSE. The first section provides a general introduction to the School and the programmes we offer, life at LSE, the student and academic support services, fee and financial support information, and tells you how to apply for admission. The next section contains information about our departments and institutes as well as more detailed descriptions of our master's, research and graduate diploma programmes.

We make every effort to ensure that programmes and courses are offered as described here and that any subsequent changes would add to, rather than detract from, your opportunities. However, certain circumstances may occasionally make this impossible, and we reserve the right to alter or withdraw particular programmes or courses, to adjust the level of fees and to review and amend arrangements for the provision of financial help. Subsequent changes deemed seriously to affect course and programme provision are indicated on LSE's website (please see [lse.ac.uk/calendar](http://lse.ac.uk/calendar)).

You are strongly advised to visit the LSE website for the most up to date information on teaching provision in your chosen department.

LSE is not responsible for the content of external websites mentioned in the prospectus.

### Term dates 2015/16

#### Michaelmas term

Thursday 24 September – Friday 11 December 2015

#### Lent term

Monday 11 January – Wednesday 23 March 2016

#### Summer term

Monday 25 April – Friday 10 June 2016

## Equality and diversity

The School seeks to ensure that people are treated equitably, regardless of age, disability, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or personal circumstances. Equality and diversity are integral to the School's priorities and objectives. We will support inter-faith and inter-cultural dialogue and understanding and engage all students in playing a full and active role in wider engagement with society.

## The Ethics Code

The whole LSE community, including all staff, students and governors of LSE, are expected to act in accordance with the following principles which are set out in the School's Ethics code:

- responsibility and accountability
- integrity
- intellectual freedom
- equality of respect and opportunity
- collegiality
- sustainability

The full code can be found at [lse.ac.uk/ethics](http://lse.ac.uk/ethics)

## Health and safety

LSE is generally a low risk environment. You can find information on our safety policy at [lse.ac.uk/healthAndSafety](http://lse.ac.uk/healthAndSafety), with details of the measures we take to ensure the health, safety and welfare of everyone involved with the School.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT

LSE is a wonderful institution. As one of the world's leading universities for the study of social science we attract students from over 150 countries and offer a unique blend of academic teaching, research and first-hand experience of life in one of the most exciting capitals in the world.

Our identity and character are closely linked with our location in central London, an exciting and lively place to live and study. This benefits the School in many ways, not least through the School's close relationships with national government, foreign embassies and international organisations. The School is also closely engaged with cultural affairs, social issues, media, business and the financial institutions of the City of London. We provide a unique forum for public debate with heads of state, top global officials, corporate leaders, Nobel laureates and social activists visiting every week as part of LSE's Public Events programme.

LSE students are part of a vibrant and stimulating community, with societies representing hundreds of different interests and national groups available for you to join, making your student experience as diverse and exciting as you want it to be.

LSE's graduates continue to be in great demand and our alumni can be found in senior positions around the world. I'm confident that your time at LSE will be both enjoyable and rewarding, providing you with the knowledge and experience that will prove hugely beneficial in your future academic, personal and professional careers. If you would enjoy the challenge and opportunities that we offer, then we look forward to welcoming you to the School.



**Professor Craig Calhoun**  
Director and President, LSE

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## WHY LSE?

**LSE offers a unique opportunity to study the social sciences in a university institution with a worldwide academic reputation, while enjoying the cultural, social and recreational facilities of one of the world's greatest capital cities.**

### The heart of London

The character of LSE is inseparable from its location. Situated in the heart of central London, the School is located in one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world. Only a short distance from Europe's financial, legal and cultural centres, LSE stands at the crossroads of international debate, fundamental to our identity as an outward looking institution with an active involvement in UK and world affairs.

LSE is stimulating, cosmopolitan and very much a part of the "real world". These qualities derive from the variety of its staff and students, from its active academic and political concerns, and from the easy interchange of ideas between the School and the world

outside – Government, Parliament, the business and financial institutions of the City, the Law Courts and media are all on the School's doorstep.

Each year, there are many influential outside speakers at the School (national and international politicians, business leaders, industrialists and civil servants) as well as leading academics from all around the world who visit to participate in teaching, to give public lectures and to pursue their own research. LSE is compact and full to the brim with students and staff – this contributes to the vitality and friendliness of the place.

### A world centre of research and teaching

Our research informs and constantly invigorates our teaching. Graduate students also play a valued and important role in the School's contribution to scholarship, through the research

they undertake during their studies. LSE supports the research of its staff through academic departments and institutes, and also through a range of interdisciplinary research centres. Some 97 per cent of LSE academics are actively engaged in research. Staff are regularly sought out as advisers, consultants and commentators, becoming involved in the practical impact of the subjects they teach and research. Many past and present members of staff act as expert advisers to political parties, the Civil Service and policy pressure groups. For instance, Professor David Metcalf is chair of the independent UK Migration Advisory Committee, Emeritus Professor Lord Desai is a regular speaker in House of Lords debates and Emeritus Professor Lord Wallace is a government whip in the coalition government. Emeritus Professor Lord Layard, founder of the Centre for Economic Performance, is a prominent expert on happiness and well-being.

The School's international reputation and London location ensure that in times of crisis it is to LSE that the media turn first for a response. Professor Nicholas Stern (climate change), Professor Conor Gearty (human rights), Professor Anne Power (housing policy), Professor Tony Travers (London and local government) and Professor Danny Quah (the weightless economy) will all be familiar names to the average news addict.

Please see [lse.ac.uk/experts](http://lse.ac.uk/experts) for a guide to staff research and consultancy experience, and their leading publications.

### Scholarships and financial support

LSE makes available over £10 million in scholarships each year to its graduate students. Graduate students can apply for funding from the Graduate Support Scheme (for taught master's) and can be nominated for the LSE PhD Studentship scheme (for MRes and MPhil/PhD programmes).

There are also scholarships for students from specific regions of the world and awards for students studying specific subject areas.

As well as School funds, students can also access awards from the Research Councils and from external organisations and governments around the world. LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre, with studentships available for all areas of economics and social science. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/financialSupport](http://lse.ac.uk/financialSupport) for further details about financial aid.

### Research quality

The Research Excellence Framework (formerly the Research Assessment Exercise – RAE) is a UK-wide assessment of research excellence at universities undertaken by the Higher Education Funding Council every five to seven years. Results from the 2008 RAE confirmed LSE's position as a world-leading research university, with the School topping or coming close to the top of a number of rankings for research excellence.







Individual subject areas at LSE also head national tables of excellence. LSE comes top nationally by grade point average in Economics, Law, Social Policy and European Studies, with Anthropology coming second.

The table below ranks universities by institutional GPA, but the same five universities remain in the top five when assessed by percentage 4\* or by percentage 4\* and 3\*. The results from the 2013 Research Excellence Framework exercise (the successor to the RAE) will be made available in 2014.

### The student community

Students who choose LSE are intent on experiencing an active and varied programme. The structure of our degrees emphasises the need for self-study and rigorous intellectual skills where an individual student's opinion matters.

The student community at LSE is one of the most internationally diverse in the world, with students from over 145 countries living and studying on campus. This mix encourages a truly global and international approach to intellectual discovery and academic life at LSE, which cannot be matched elsewhere. The total student population at LSE is around 9,500 full-time and 1,000 part-time, 59 per cent of whom are studying at graduate level.

If you are the kind of student who enjoys being challenged – intellectually, socially and personally – then choose LSE.

### 2008 RAE rankings

Rank	Institution	Total FTEs submitted	GPA	% 4* for the institution	% 4* or 3* for the institution
1	University of Cambridge	2040.39	2.98	32	71
2=	The London School of Economics and Political Science	490.36	2.96	35	68
2=	University of Oxford	2245.83	2.96	32	70
4	Imperial College London	1224.57	2.94	26	73
5	University College London	1792.68	2.84	27	66

**LSE is the institution with the greatest percentage of 4\* research attributed to the academics submitted to the RAE.**

#### Key:

FTEs – full time equivalents

GPA – Grade Point Average, taking into account the relative size of Unit of Assessment submissions within an institution

4\* – world leading in terms of originality, significance and rigour

3\* – internationally excellent in terms of originality, significance and rigour

More information about the RAE and individual subject areas can be found at [lse.ac.uk/RAE2008](http://lse.ac.uk/RAE2008)

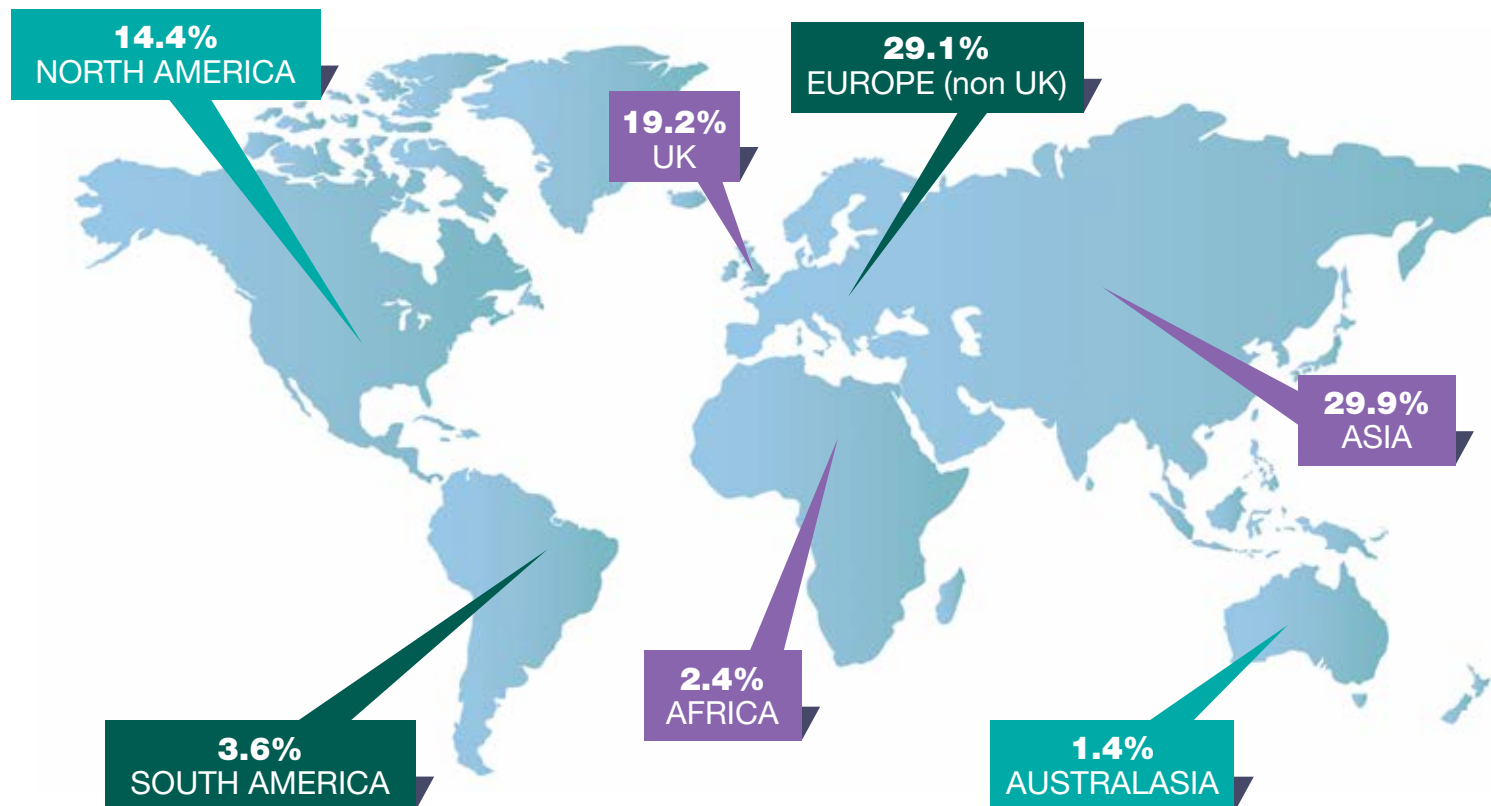
LSE; a little corner of London packed with people who are passionate about understanding human society or about sharing what they've already discovered.

**Tom McClean**, MSc Political Sociology

Several things attracted me to LSE: the content of the programme, expert research, good facilities, etc; but especially the idea of being taught by the movers and shakers in the social policy research field.

**Sue Gauge**, MSc Social Research Methods

## Graduate students by domicile



### DID YOU KNOW...

The decision to create LSE was made by four leading members of the Fabian Society at a breakfast party in Surrey in August 1894. They were Beatrice and Sidney Webb, Graham Wallace and George Bernard Shaw.





# GRADUATE STUDY OPTIONS

LSE has developed graduate programmes to fulfil your needs whether you intend to pursue a career in industry, business, government, NGOs or academia, and whatever your background. It is also possible to join LSE for short periods as a visiting research student and for intensive periods of study on an executive programme for working professionals. Many programmes also offer a part-time option, allowing you to work alongside your studies and some are aimed specifically with working professionals in mind. A unique feature of many LSE programmes is the opportunity to link your studies with other institutions around the world, giving you a truly international perspective.

## Diploma

Diploma programmes have two key purposes. If the level of your previous qualification or its subject content does not permit progression directly to a master's, you can use a diploma programme as a conversion or refresher course. A diploma is also a qualification in its own right, which extends the range and depth of your undergraduate studies.

Diploma students attend specially arranged classes and tutorials; in most,

but not all cases you would attend lectures from undergraduate courses. Most diplomas are assessed by formal written examinations, though a number have assessed work attached to certain courses. Some LSE diplomas are structured as the first year of a two-year MSc, such as those in the Economics Department.

## Master's

LSE offers a wide range of taught master's programmes (see [lse.ac.uk/graduateProgrammes](https://lse.ac.uk/graduateProgrammes)). A master's degree can serve different purposes and offers many benefits. You can study a subject in depth which you have taken and enjoyed at undergraduate degree level and extend your analytical and critical capabilities;

alternatively, a master's degree programme could serve as a conversion course from your first degree subject, so that you can acquire a different set of skills or knowledge at a much higher level. A master's degree can also act as research training to lay the foundations for more advanced work in a specialised field.

Many of the programmes we offer blend practical experience with rigorous academic analysis to help broaden the knowledge of practitioners in certain fields.

Taught programmes involve lectures and seminars each week in addition to students' own self-study and preparation. The number of contact hours you have as a student varies from programme to programme.

On most taught master's programmes, students are assessed by a formal written examination at the end of the year, coursework and research assignments associated with each taught course and a long essay, report, project or dissertation.

## Double and joint master's

LSE offers a range of programmes which give students the opportunity to study both at LSE and at partner institutions in London or overseas.

Double degree programmes are normally of two years' duration with students studying one year at LSE and one year at the partner institution. Upon successful completion of the programme, a student is awarded a master's degree or equivalent from both institutions.

Joint degree programmes are offered jointly with one or more partner institution(s) and may last one or more years. Upon successful completion of the programme, a student receives a single master's degree which is awarded jointly by LSE and the partner institution(s). Further information about these programmes can be found on page 192.

## Executive master's

LSE offers a number of executive master's programmes for working professionals. Executive programmes are structured either as intensive short courses spaced through the year or as part-time evening courses. Further information about these programmes can be found on page 203.

## MPA and dual MPA programmes

LSE's MPA programmes are interdisciplinary degrees designed to prepare students for professional careers related to public service. Further information about these programmes can be found on page 158.

## Opportunities to link your LSE master's degree with study abroad

This section outlines opportunities for LSE students to link their LSE master's degree with graduate studies at another





institution. These schemes typically involve the studying of two separate, existing programmes, which when combined together allow the student to obtain both qualifications in a shorter period.

### **LSE master's/HEC MBA scheme**

This scheme offers students the opportunity to study an MBA at HEC School of Management in Paris in the reduced time frame of 12 months (usually 15 months) when combined with any master's degree at LSE. The application process to each degree is independent. Moreover, acceptance into one institution does not in any way guarantee entry into the other. The scheme allows applicants to study the HEC MBA or LSE master's in either order. However, applicants can only apply to the second programme once they have commenced studying for the first. For entry to LSE master's programmes, the standard application process and entry requirements apply. All accepted students will follow a standard master's programme at LSE and will be awarded the corresponding LSE master's degree upon successful completion. Please visit [mba.hec.edu](http://mba.hec.edu) for information on the HEC MBA, including application details.

### **LSE master's/Master of International Studies at George Washington University**

LSE master's graduates (who have completed within the last three years) are eligible to study the Master of International Studies (MIS) degree at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs



in the shortened time frame of one year (usually two years) after their LSE master's. Please visit [elliott.gwu.edu/international-studies-masters](http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-studies-masters) for information on the MIS programme, including application details.

### **CEMS Master's in International Management**

CEMS is a global alliance of leading business schools, multinational companies and NGOs that together offer the CEMS Master's in International Management (MIM) degree programme. LSE is the only UK member school in the CEMS alliance, and the LSE Master's in Management (MIM) is the only UK programme to offer the CEMS MIM. CEMS members work collectively to develop knowledge and provide education that is essential in the multilingual, multicultural and interconnected world. Students must submit an application to join the CEMS MIM programme in January of their first year in the (two-year) LSE MIM programme. Please visit [cems.org](http://cems.org) for more information about the CEMS global alliance and CEMS MIM programme.

### **LSE LLM/JD (Columbia)**

This scheme consists of two years of study on a JD (Juris Doctor) programme



at the Columbia University Law School followed by one year of study on the LLM (Master's of Law) at LSE. The exchange scheme is only open to JD (Juris Doctor) students already registered at Columbia. Upon the successful completion of all three years of study, participants will receive a JD from Columbia and an LLM from LSE. Please visit: [law.columbia.edu](http://law.columbia.edu) for more information.

## **Research**

A PhD offers the chance to undertake a substantial piece of supervised work that is worthy of publication and which makes an original contribution to knowledge in a particular field. Research programmes (leading to a PhD) are designed to produce professional social scientists well versed in a range of social science techniques and methods, in addition

to having an in-depth knowledge of a particular area. At LSE, you will pursue either an MRes/PhD, which starts with master's level study in your chosen area, including methodology training, or MPhil/PhD, which follows on from previous master's level study, but may still include some taught elements.

Students studying for a PhD are required to carry out research (both from documents and in the field) and collect data from which they must write a thesis of approximately 100,000 words. Students in some departments may be permitted to submit a final thesis by a series of papers, with a linking introduction and conclusion. In addition, all students are normally required to attend certain taught courses. Although each student's method of research will

be different, the amount of time spent on their studies will be broadly equivalent to that required to pursue an undergraduate programme or undertake full-time employment – ie, in excess of 30 hours per week. Should you be permitted to register as a part time student, the workload would be approximately half that of full-time students. More information on the

requirements of research students can be found at [lse.ac.uk/research](https://lse.ac.uk/research) **Students** and on the relevant departmental web pages.

### Duration of study

The time taken to complete any research degree depends on your progress and individual needs and you must remain registered with the School until your thesis has been submitted.

**MPhil/PhD:** You register for the MPhil in the first instance. An assessment of your work, which usually occurs between 12 and 18 months from your start date, will allow us to appraise your aptitude for original research at doctoral level. If you have progressed satisfactorily you will be retroactively upgraded to PhD status. The total duration of study is a maximum of four years full-time.

**MRes/PhD:** You register for the MRes, which lasts one or two years full-time, depending on which track you are admitted to. In order to progress to the PhD part of the programme, you must satisfy the progression requirements for your department – usually a merit overall and a merit in the dissertation. Registration at PhD level is usually a maximum of four years full-time, meaning the total duration of the MRes/PhD is five or six years.

**MRes/MPhil/PhD:** programmes normally start in late September each year but with the permission of the relevant department you may start in January (Lent term) or exceptionally in April (Summer term). This largely depends on the availability of any taught courses that your department and academic supervisor decide that you will take. Most of those courses are held in the Michaelmas term, so there is a preference for research programmes to start in September. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/graduate](https://lse.ac.uk/graduate) for more information.

You will be assigned a lead supervisor (and a second supervisor/adviser) who is a specialist in your chosen research field, though not necessarily in your topic.

Lead supervisors guide you through your studies. During your first year you will attend and contribute to departmental research seminars, workshops and research training courses. These are designed to strengthen your methodological skills, language skills or background knowledge of specific topics related to your research.

By the end of your first year you will be required to present a more detailed project proposal. The proposal, which should illustrate your command of the theoretical and empirical literature related to your topic, will need to be a clear statement of the theoretical and methodological approach to be taken. It will also need to include a draft outline and work plan, which should identify any periods of fieldwork necessary to your research. This should demonstrate the coherence and feasibility of the proposed research and thesis.

Students are invited to submit applications that complement the academic interests of members of staff at the School. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/experts](https://lse.ac.uk/experts) for more information relating to staff research interests.



I wanted to study at a university that would challenge me intellectually but also provide me with the opportunity to critically assess real issues.

**Jose Aguilar Berrocal**, MSc Development Management

## Opportunities to study abroad during your MRes/ MPhil/PhD programme

Students may have the opportunity to link their LSE research degree with a short period of study at another institution during the PhD part of their study. These arrangements are usually in the form of a Research Exchange Programme with an overseas institution affiliated with the School. Exchanges or other similar opportunities are only available within certain academic departments and students must be registered within the appropriate department in order to be considered for an exchange arrangement.

These exchanges offer students an opportunity to visit another institution, to benefit from additional research resources (archival and advisory) and to introduce them to the academic culture and professional contacts of the other country.

### Current opportunities include:

#### Partnership PhD Mobility Bursaries

Ten mobility bursaries are on offer each year to visit one of the School's five partner institutions: Columbia University (New York), the National University of Singapore (NUS), Peking University (Beijing), Sciences Po (Paris) or the University of Cape Town. For each partner institution, up to two bursaries are available for a visit of two – three months. Participants will work informally with an adviser on their PhD thesis, research and/or on related publications and presentations. Participants will be

introduced to the academic culture, professional contacts and employment opportunities of another country/ region. Students who have already been upgraded to full doctoral student status at any LSE department are eligible to apply. Calls for applications will be advertised internally at the end of Lent term for the following academic year.

#### Erasmus

Erasmus enables higher education students, teachers and institutions in 31 European countries to study for part of their degree in another country. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/erasmus](http://lse.ac.uk/erasmus) for further information on current Erasmus opportunities.

#### Other opportunities

There are a number of other arrangements in place in academic departments. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/academicPartnerships](http://lse.ac.uk/academicPartnerships) for the most up-to-date information.

## Part-time study

Many graduate programmes are available to study part time. For master's degrees or diplomas, the usual arrangement is to take half the programme in one year and half in the following year. Tuition takes place during the day, at the same time as for full-time students. The detailed timetable is available just before the start of the session. Some programmes are designed for people who intend to remain in employment, with teaching taking place in the evenings or in intensive sessions spread across the academic year.

For more information see the executive programmes section on page 203.

If you wish to be a part-time research student, you must discuss with us the nature and hours of your employment. Work commitments should amount to at least 15 hours per week, normally in the London area and during conventional working hours.

You should be aware that part-time study alone is insufficient to obtain entry clearance to the UK on a student visa. See [ukvisas.gov.uk/visas-immigration](http://ukvisas.gov.uk/visas-immigration) for more details.

## Visiting students and staff

Visiting Research Student (VRS) status allows research students at other universities to spend up to one academic session at LSE. The application process is the same as for other graduate programmes.

A supervisor is assigned to every VRS, and you can take up to four full-unit taught courses. Examinations are optional, and grades do not contribute towards a degree or diploma. A full transcript of studies can be produced at the end of the period of study. Other graduate students may also seek registration as a VRS to take graduate level courses without the commitment of registering for a degree programme.

The Visiting Fellow Scheme is aimed at scholars (pre-Major Review equivalent/ of post-doctoral status), persons/practitioners of equivalent standing in an appropriate profession/occupation, and researchers in the early stages of their career.

The status of Visiting Fellow is given to individuals from outside the School associated with School departments/ institutes/centres. It recognises the contribution from those in government service, in professional practice, in the private sector, or in other appropriate fields, to research and other departmental/ institute/centre activities. Enquiries about opportunities should be made to the relevant academic department or institute in the first instance.

## Bologna Process

The United Kingdom is signatory to the Bologna Declaration, which was designed to facilitate greater comparability and compatibility between higher education systems across a European Higher Education Area of some 55 countries. The action lines include developing easily readable and comparable degree systems and adopting a common three cycle system of degree levels. LSE has been monitoring developments in the Bologna Process closely, and has introduced the Diploma Supplements (enhanced transcripts) which form part of it.

Some of the School's master's programmes are nine or ten months in duration. If you are applying to these programmes, and in particular if you wish to proceed from them to higher study in EHEA countries other than the UK, you should be aware that recognition of these programmes for such purposes is not guaranteed.

# TEACHING METHODS

The academic year at LSE is made up of the Michaelmas (autumn) term, the Lent (spring) term and the Summer term.

## Taught master's students

Most taught master's programmes span a full calendar year (September to September), though a few are nine or ten months long, finishing in July or August, and a few others span two years. Certain programmes, notably in the Departments of Economics, Finance and Management, require attendance at introductory courses before main teaching begins.

The majority of taught master's programmes comprise:

- taught courses, usually including substantial independent study, lectures, seminars, and other group activities. These may be examined through sit-down examinations, essays and other assignments
- a piece of independent research culminating in a dissertation

Teaching is usually spread over the Michaelmas and Lent terms, with the Summer term generally reserved for a few weeks of teaching and revision sessions at the start, followed by preparation for exams or other assessment, and/or the writing of a dissertation.

## Independent study

Most LSE graduate programmes expect students to manage the majority of their study time themselves. This varies depending on the programme of study but students will certainly find themselves with plenty of opportunity to read and

research those aspects of courses that most interest and excite them. Students should expect to spend a significant amount of their time reading, note-taking, thinking and undertaking research.

## Lectures

Most taught master's students can expect to have between three and eight hours of lectures each week. All students on a given course attend the same lecture, with anything from a handful to more than 50 students in attendance. Academic lecturing styles vary considerably – some will be highly interactive, others more didactic.

## Seminars and classes

In addition to lectures, most courses will have an associated series of seminars or classes. A few courses opt to have a longer session incorporating more formal lecturing with group activities/discussions built in. Some seminars will be run by the lecturer responsible overall for the course, others may involve other teachers from the department. The purpose of seminars and classes is to give students the opportunity to discuss the reading or preparatory work done for the seminar and building on the lecture. It is very important therefore that you prepare for each seminar carefully and bring questions you would like to raise.

## Course work, feedback and examinations

In all programmes of study, students will have some opportunity to get

feedback on their work, prior to undertaking any formal assessment/examination. This "formative" work can take different forms. It might involve presenting in a seminar, writing a short individual assignment, working on a set of problems, or undertaking a group project of some kind. All assignments should provide useful preparation for the examinations and formal assignments on which your degree classification is based. The vast majority of examinations take place in the Summer term and are usually two or three hours in length. For some courses, they account for 100 per cent of the final mark.

## Dissertation or thesis

Many taught master's programmes include a specific research element, culminating in a dissertation or long essay (usually 8,000 – 15,000 words). In most cases, dissertation support will include a combination of some taught elements and individual support from a dissertation supervisor. The taught element often comprises a section in the student handbook, workshops on how to approach your research, along with some opportunity for students to present work in progress to their colleagues.

## Course capping (master's and diploma courses)

To keep within School guidelines on graduate class size (a preferred maximum of 15) and/or in the event of demand exceeding departmental expectations, the School may limit the number of places on certain optional courses.

## Research students

Research students are expected to manage their own research with guidance from their supervisor. In addition, the majority of programmes require research students to take a number of taught courses in the first year, and some courses in the second and third years (see opposite for information about taught course teaching methods). Requirements will vary across programmes but will usually include methodology and skills training courses as well as subject-specific courses. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/calendar](http://lse.ac.uk/calendar) for full details on individual programme requirements. All research students are also expected to attend, and usually present at regular doctoral workshops held in their department.

Requirements for progress reviews are set within each department but could include passing compulsory taught courses to a particular standard and/or producing particular pieces of work relating to the research topic.

The final award is determined by either a traditional thesis (60,000 words for an MPhil or 100,000 words for a PhD) or, for some programmes, a thesis containing a series of publishable papers, an introduction, critical discussion and conclusion (where a department does not permit submission by papers, this will be clearly indicated). A viva oral examination forms part of the final assessment for all students.



# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

LSE seeks to maintain the standards of its teaching and research by reference to the highest possible national and international comparators. We do this in a number of ways:

## Internal systems

- All proposals by departments for new graduate courses and programmes are reviewed by a central committee.
- The relationship between student and supervisor is shaped by School-wide Codes of Good Practice.
- Courses and programmes undergo monitoring and review by departments.
- Departments undergo regular review by the School.
- Students' views and experiences are an important part of the process of maintaining teaching quality. Reviews include confidential questionnaires, meetings to hear students' views, and each department also convenes a staff/student committee.
- The Dean of Graduate Studies chairs a forum of research students and a forum of master's students to discuss School-wide issues affecting them.

The School seeks to use these processes not just to maintain teaching quality but also to improve it.

## Programme regulations

Detailed programme regulations, including individual course guides and other information relating to the administration of our degrees is published in the School's Calendar at the start of each session ([lse.ac.uk/calendar](http://lse.ac.uk/calendar)). Proposed changes for future years are also published as they become available.

## Independent examiners and advisers

As with all universities in the UK, experienced examiners from outside the School help set examinations for taught programmes, review results and decide on the award of degrees and diplomas. These examiners report to the School, and their comments and suggestions on examinations, course content and structure are taken very seriously. Similarly, external experts examine and report on theses for research degrees.

## DID YOU KNOW...

International relations, social policy, sociology, social anthropology, social psychology and criminology all have their origins as subjects of university study in the innovative work carried out by LSE academics.



## DR CORETTA PHILLIPS

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL POLICY

I began at LSE in 2001, just before the 9-11 bombings which has had a significant impact on the area of criminology/social policy that I am particularly interested in – ethnicity, crime and criminal justice. For Asian, particularly Muslim, communities in the UK, the threat of terrorism has seen increased surveillance by the state in the policy areas of criminal justice, migration, and community cohesion.

I am now an Associate Professor (Reader) and my teaching and research interests coalesce around issues of ethnicity, discrimination and inequality. I recently published a book, *The Multicultural Prison: Ethnicity, Masculinity, And Social Relations Among Prisoners*, which looked at the dynamics of encounters between men of diverse ethnicities, nationalities, and faiths inside. The research involved eight months observation and interaction in two men's prisons. It revealed vivid accounts from prisoners with ethnic, faith, and masculine identities sometimes deeply invested in, sometimes disavowed. Prisoner groups were often constituted through loose solidarities based on "postcode identities". Ethnicity and faith, particularly, could also act as a familiar fault line creating wary, unstable, and antagonistic relations among prisoners. For many white majority prisoners, race equality policies aimed at reducing prison officer discrimination against minority ethnic prisoners, were regarded as "preferential treatment" and "reverse racism". The findings remind us of the tensions, but also the positive possibilities, of living peacefully as a multicultural society within the confines of the prison, and outside.

The Department of Social Policy at LSE reflects the multidisciplinary nature of the discipline. This means courses in the Department are diverse ranging, for example, from understanding the development of the welfare state to considering the question of whether "prison works". Our work is oriented towards key conceptual and theoretical questions, as well as at issues which relate to strategic policy-making and front-line service delivery. This breadth is what makes criminology and social policy at LSE especially exciting.



# LIFE AT LSE

The location of LSE in central London means it is at the hub of government, industry, legal, financial, business and charity sectors. As a student at LSE you will be up close to some of the fields you are studying, and near to those with whom you may later be employed. You can observe debates in the Houses of Parliament and visit hosts of museums and galleries for free.

London is also, famously, a cultural capital. At LSE you will have museums, galleries, archives, theatres, libraries, music venues and an incredible variety of architecture on your doorstep. The British Library, the Royal Opera House, British Museum, and the West End are minutes away. A short bus or tube ride will bring you to the Southbank Centre near the river Thames, a vibrant hive of cultural events for the last 50 years.

London has a number of green spaces too, with the nearby Royal Parks, and further out those of Greenwich, Hampstead Heath, and a variety of

other open spaces with magnificent views. As London is a global city, you will experience the influence of a mix of cultures and benefit from the mood of what truly is a cosmopolitan, multicultural place.

### Living in London

Studying at LSE puts you right in the heart of London, with many places of interest within easy walking distance. A map of the local area can be found on the inside back cover.

The School itself offers a wide range of activities to its students. LSE's weekly *Student News* lists many public lectures,

films and concerts. The Students' Union has its own newspaper, *The Beaver*, and supports the lively variety of affiliated social, political and ethnic clubs and societies: there are many social events and entertainments on campus throughout the year, at little or no cost.

### Living costs

The perceived cost of living and studying in London is a concern for many students, however it is possible to live economically in the capital by taking advantage of reduced price services and facilities on campus and beyond, making the most

of student discounts and concessions in shops, restaurants and bars, and by avoiding touristy areas of the city. In fact the Student Living Index, a survey published by NatWest bank, found that London is the most cost-effective place to study in the UK because of the range of part-time work opportunities available in the capital and the higher rates of pay on offer.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/careers](https://lse.ac.uk/careers) for further information on working during your studies.

LSE makes broad estimates of the cost of living in the London area and these are available on the School's website. For 2015/16, the School estimates that students should allow about £1,000 – £1,200 per month for living costs, in addition to tuition fees.

In any one week, London's listing magazines are likely to tell you about:



How much you spend in addition to your tuition fees is your decision and these figures are only intended as a guide. The most important consideration is that you must satisfy yourself and the relevant authorities that you have sufficient funds to cover your entire period of study.

There are many ways to live economically as a student, including:

- Attend the subsidised onsite gym, restaurant and bar at LSE, as well as access the University of London's numerous shops, cafés, bars and historic libraries.
  - Participate in over 200 subsidised student societies available to join at LSE, catering to (almost) every interest, whether lifelong vocation or newly found caprice. If you've an interest, there's doubtless a student society to cater to it and probably at a significantly reduced cost. See what's on offer at [lseu.com/activities/societies](http://lseu.com/activities/societies)
  - Sign up for an NUS card with the National Union of Students and receive money off electronics, tablets, laptops, phones, as well as study materials. The NUS card also gives holders reduced entry fees at numerous music venues and clubs across the capital. Find out more at [nus.org.uk](http://nus.org.uk)
  - Enjoy greatly reduced travel costs, with 30 per cent off travelcards and passes, for all London students with a Student Oyster Photocard: [tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk)
  - Save 1/3 on train fares across London and Britain with a Young Person's Railcard. Check your eligibility and sign up for one here: [16-25railcard.co.uk](http://16-25railcard.co.uk)
  - Take advantage of discounted student travel to many European and international cities through student travel websites such as STA, [statravel.co.uk](http://statravel.co.uk)
  - Obtain hundreds of student discounts on clothing with numerous retailers across London. Sites such as [myunidays.com](http://myunidays.com) offer good reductions on a variety of fashion retailers.
  - You can also receive significant discounts for eating out, travel, leisure and culture inside and outside London via sites such as [studentbeans.com](http://studentbeans.com) or [studentdiscounts.co.uk](http://studentdiscounts.co.uk)
- Finally make sure you have accessed all of the financial support for which you are eligible. See [lse.ac.uk/financialSupport](http://lse.ac.uk/financialSupport) for more information.



Living and studying in London is wonderful and exciting; it is an education in itself.

Alice Byers, MSc Environmental Policy and Regulation



## Accommodation

### LSE and University of London halls of residence

If we offer you admission, we will send you full details on how to apply for housing in LSE or University of London halls. Application materials and further details are available online at [lse.ac.uk/accommodation](http://lse.ac.uk/accommodation)

LSE offers a variety of styles of accommodation within a choice of twelve residences. Detailed descriptions of each can be found at [lse.ac.uk/accommodation](http://lse.ac.uk/accommodation). In all residences there will be a varied mix of students, British and international, men and women. Each residence has an elected student committee that organises regular events, such as film evenings, quizzes and term parties.

The University of London also has intercollegiate halls which provide LSE with a quota of study bedrooms in each. There are four available mixed halls: International Hall, Nutford House, College Hall and Connaught Hall. Lillian Person accepts graduate students only.

The School offers a limited number of spaces for students accompanied by a spouse or partner and for families.

### Private accommodation

Both LSE and the University of London Housing Services offer a comprehensive support service to students seeking housing in the private sector. This might be a room in a family house, a studio/flat or a share in a flat or house.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/accommodation](http://lse.ac.uk/accommodation) for further information and advice about the services offered.

LSE Studentpad is a platform listing potential properties from private landlords carefully screened by LSE to ensure that they meet our expectations, provide good

information and sign up to our Code of Practice. Please see [lseStudentpad.co.uk/accommodation](http://lsestudentpad.co.uk/accommodation) for further information.

Unlike many other European cities, central London mostly contains offices and shops. It is not uncommon to spend up to 45 minutes travelling between the School and private accommodation.

Further information is available from LSE Residential Services.

Tel: +44 (0)20 7955 7531

Fax: +44 (0)20 7955 7717

Email: [accommodation@lse.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@lse.ac.uk)

## There are twelve LSE Halls of Residence for graduate students, this is a selection of the type of rooms available:



### BANKSIDE HOUSE

**598 spaces** in mainly single rooms, many with private bathroom facilities, located just south of the Thames, next door to the Tate Modern gallery; accommodation fees include six evening meals and one brunch per week.



### NORTHUMBERLAND HOUSE

**340 spaces** in single and shared rooms with private bathrooms. This residence is self-catered and situated just off Trafalgar Square in the centre of London (10 minutes walk from LSE).



### CARR-SAUNDERS HALL

**160 spaces** in the West End, near the Telecom Tower and Tottenham Court Road; accommodation fees include six evening meals and one brunch per week.



### PASSFIELD HALL

**226 spaces** in a Georgian terrace overlooking a tree-lined square in Bloomsbury, near the University of London central precinct; accommodation fees inclusive of six evening meals plus one brunch.



### HIGH HOLBORN

**447 spaces** just a short walk from the School, in the heart of London's Theatreland. This is a self-catered residence.



### ROSEBERY AVENUE HALL

**339 spaces** (some equipped with mobility aids for wheelchair users) and **13 twin rooms** close to Sadler's Wells Theatre; accommodation fees inclusive of five evening meals.



## Costs and facilities (2014/15 rates)

### LSE halls\*

	Bankside House	Butler's Wharf	Grosvenor House	Carr-Saunders Hall	High Holborn	Lillian Knowles House	Northumberland House	Passfield Hall	Rosebery Hall	Sidney Webb House	Urbanest King's Cross	Urbanest Westminster Bridge
Number of spaces	598	292	227	160	447	365	340	226	339	454	349	484
£ Price per week of a single room	127-211	92-188	171-489	129-175	136-259	145-246	124-275	101-204	129-221	139-189	195-308	179-349
Self-catering	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Meals provided*	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Games room	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Common room/Bar	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Launderette	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Central heating	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Parking (permit required)	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Time to LSE on foot	25	25+	5	30	10	25+	20	20	25	30+	35	25

### Intercollegiate halls

	College Hall	Connaught Hall	International Hall**	Lillian Penson Hall	Nufford House
44~	34~	94~	30~	25~	
207-348	137-348	195-453	174-324	172-328	
NO	NO	SOME	SOME	NO	
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
20	20	15	25+	25+	

### Living in halls

The following information refers to the 2014/15 academic year and is subject to change and should be used as a guideline only. The number of spaces are for the hall as a whole and may include spaces for graduate students. Urbanest Westminster Bridge Place will open for the 2015/16 academic year. It will provide 484 spaces for LSE students. More detailed information on individual room types or halls can be found on our website by visiting the fees section, or by visiting the individual hall pages.

- Contract length will change in 2015/16 owing to the change in the structure of the academic year. Contract length will be finalised at the time the accommodation applications open.

\* Weekly rates quoted are 2014/15 fees. The only exception is Urbanest Westminster Bridge Place, where fees are quoted for 2015/16.

#### Catering information

- For residents at Bankside House, Carr-Saunders Hall and Passfield Hall seven meals per week are included in the weekly charge.

- For residents at Rosebery Hall five meals per week are included in the weekly charge.
- All halls provide kosher, halal and vegetarian food.

### Intercollegiate halls

For the 2014-15 academic year there are approximately 225 spaces available for LSE students across all intercollegiate halls. The following information is subject to change and should be used as a guideline only.

Please visit [www.halls.london.ac.uk](http://www.halls.london.ac.uk) for more detailed information.

- Room rates include breakfast and dinner each day for all halls (except Lillian Penson).
- All halls provide vegetarian food.
- The University also has self-catering flats in various parts of London.

\*\* International Hall has a number of self contained flats available. Please contact them directly for further details.

+ By public transport

~ Number of spaces listed refers to the LSE quota of spaces available for LSE students in 2013/14.

The number of space available may be subject to change owing to refurbishments.

## Campus developments

At LSE, we are always striving to improve the campus environment for our students. Two new buildings – 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields and the RIBA Stirling Prize short-listed Saw Swee Hock Student Centre – have opened on campus in the past two years, providing our community with fantastic new teaching, learning and social spaces. The Student Centre houses a number of student-facing services such as the Students' Union reception; the advice and representation centre; a learning space; a pub; large venue spaces; a media centre; a fitness centre, which includes a gym and dance studio; the interfaith prayer centre and the LSE Careers Service.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/newStudentsCentre](http://lse.ac.uk/newStudentsCentre) for further information.

However, the work does not stop there. From 2015-18 LSE will continue to improve and develop its campus with the redevelopment of the Centre Buildings on Houghton Street. A new building will replace four existing central campus buildings: the East building, Clare Market and the eastern part of St Clements. While this will be an exciting time to be an LSE student the project may also cause some disruption in and around Houghton Street, as departments move home and then as the building phase progresses from 2015 onwards. Of course, we will aim to keep disruption to an absolute minimum for everyone, with a view to unveiling an impressive new centre for the study of social sciences in the heart of campus in 2018.

## Students' Union

LSE Students' Union ([lsesu.com](http://lsesu.com)) is dedicated to the welfare and representation of all LSE students. Responsible not only for representing students, it also runs an Advice and Support Service, and is home to a vast array of sports clubs and societies. The Students' Union also runs a number of bars and cafés which serve quality food and drink at good prices, and shops which sell everything from snacks and stationery to hoodies and birthday cards. With the move into our new building we've expanded our offer which includes a 1,000 person venue for events and club nights, as well as learning cafés, smoothie bars and exercise studio for classes and rehearsals. In essence it is responsible for almost every aspect of the social experience at LSE.

Every LSE student is automatically a member, which gives you access to all the facilities and services of the Students' Union; everything from joining one of the

large variety of sports clubs and societies to getting discounted membership to the gym. There are four full-time Sabbatical Officers that are elected to represent you as students; the General Secretary (often called president at other unions), Education Officer, Community and Welfare Officer and Activities and Development Officer. There is also a part-time Postgraduate Officer as well as part-time officers who represent the many different groups of students on campus on a range of issues.

## Student activities

### Societies

With over 220 societies in the Students' Union, you can be sure that there is something to cater to your interests. The variety of societies changes with each new group of students that comes and goes. From beekeeping to finance there is something for pretty much everyone, but there's always room for more. All societies are student-run so it is a fantastic chance to get involved, have a great time and leave your mark on the Students' Union.

### Media

The Students' Union also has an active media group made up of four different outlets: our weekly newspaper the *Beaver*; Pulse, our radio station; LooSE TV, our student film group; and the *Clare Market Review*, the termly journal. All give students a great opportunity to make themselves heard and get real experience of operating within different fields of the media.

### Sports

Sports enthusiasts won't be disappointed by the activities on offer. Our Athletics



The LSE public lecture series, especially the talks and debates by world renowned individuals, have been a real highlight for me during my tenure at LSE.

**Seshika Fernando**, MSc Finance and Private Equity

Union is home to over 40 clubs for a wide range of sports. Teams compete in a variety of competitions including those hosted by the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) and London University of Sport League (LUSL). The facilities available include a 25 acre sports ground at New Malden, Surrey, called Berrylands which is a short train journey away from campus. At Berrylands you'll find space that caters to a variety of outdoor sports such as football, cricket and rugby, as well as a bar and dining facilities. There is a gym on campus, as well as badminton facilities, martial arts, table tennis and squash. Nearby, there are facilities which cater to other sports such as basketball, rowing and tennis.

Our new Focus Team programme helps support some of our top performing teams to climb the league tables and our recent application to Sports England will allow us to create a social sports programme that anyone can get involved in.

### LSE sports ambassadors

The Students' Union rewards exceptional sporting talent amongst LSE students. It supports and develops students who are elite athletes or who are looking to continue their sport at the highest standard whilst at the School.

Ambassadors will typically be representing a country at international level or be involved in a national development squad / trialling process. A grant supported by the LSE Annual Fund and the School will also help successful applicants with training, equipment, travel and tournament registration costs. We

currently have 13 LSE sports ambassadors performing in a variety of sports at different levels.

### RAG

RAG (Raising And Giving) is your outlet for all things altruistic. RAG is the fundraising body on campus and works to raise money for a variety of charities. This is done through the big events in the term like "Battle of the Halls" and the "Freshers' Ball" as well as sponsored skydives and hitch-hiking across Europe. RAG week is held in the middle of Michaelmas term, and is when everyone on campus gets together to raise as much money as possible in a week.

### Advice and support

The Students' Union Advice and Support Service offers all LSE students free, independent and confidential advice, support and representation on a range of issues that you may face during your time at the School.

### Food and drink

Our campus catering facilities offer a wide range of food and drink together with the opportunity to socialise with friends and colleagues. There are numerous restaurants and cafés on the campus, which provide quality food at affordable prices, together with two student pubs: the George IV and the Three Tuns. LSE Catering Services have been awarded Fairtrade status for our commitment to offering products and services from fairly traded sources. Please see [lse.ac.uk/cateringServices](http://lse.ac.uk/cateringServices) for more information.

## Many eminent speakers have visited the School recently



**ERIC SCHMIDT** executive chairman of Google



**ANTONIO HORTA OSORIO** group chief executive of Lloyds Banking group



**NANCY PELOSI** leader and former speaker of the United States House of Representatives



**HELEN CLARK** administrator of the United Nations Development Programme



**FATIMA BHUTTO** Pakistani poet, writer and journalist



**CHRISTINE LAGARDE** managing director of the International Monetary Fund



**DR HELENE GAYLE** president and CEO of CARE USA



**BORIS JOHNSON** mayor of London and former editor of *The Spectator*



**HA JOON CHANG** bestselling author of *Kicking Away the Ladder*



**CARDINAL TURKSON** Archbishop emeritus of the Cape Coast (Ghana)

# STUDENT SERVICES

LSE graduate students are of different ages and come from a wide range of backgrounds. To help students reach their full potential, the School has in place a range of student services to ensure that the whole experience is as rewarding and enjoyable as possible.

## Medical Centre

A Medical Centre located on the second floor of Tower 3 provides full NHS services to registered patients. Please see [lse.ac.uk/MedicalCentre](http://lse.ac.uk/MedicalCentre) for more information.

All students who live in the UK for at least six months are eligible for free NHS primary care by a general practitioner (GP). However, at the time of going to print, the provisions of the new Immigration Act 2014 indicate that students and their dependants on a tier 4 visa are likely to be charged £150 per year of stay for NHS treatment in hospitals. Students here for a shorter period are advised to maintain private insurance.

If you live outside the immediate area of the School, including halls of residence in the SE1 postcode, you should register with a local GP. To find a list of practices in your area visit [nhs.uk](http://nhs.uk)

## Dental Service

Sardinia House Dental Practice offers discounted private dental services to LSE students. Please visit [www.sardiniahousedentalpractice.com](http://www.sardiniahousedentalpractice.com) for more information.

## Disabled students and students with long term medical conditions and / or neurodiverse conditions (dyslexia, dyspraxia, etc)

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 Wellbeing Service, part of the wider Student Wellbeing Service, provides a free, confidential service 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 the following:

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

Prospective students are encouraged to make early contact with the Service and, where possible, to make a preliminary visit to the School. The Service can be contacted by telephone on +44 (0)20 7955 7767 or by emailing [disability-dyslexia@lse.ac.uk](mailto:disability-dyslexia@lse.ac.uk) and there is more information at [lse.ac.uk/disability](http://lse.ac.uk/disability)

### Facilities and services at LSE include:

- assistance in the Library including specialist software, lockers, a book fetch service and photocopying assistance
- IT support and assistive technology
- a number of accessible and adapted rooms in most halls of residence

- infra-red hearing support systems in all lecture theatres and some classrooms
- readers, note takers and support assistants, arranged as part of the LSE Circles Network of peer/staff support
- a community service volunteer (CSV) who can provide practical assistance
- a rest room, with a bed and easy chairs
- a Disability Equality Research Network for researchers who are disabled and/or researching disability
- an Individual Student Support Agreement (ISSA) that records agreed "reasonable adjustments" for individual students and is circulated with the student's consent on a need to know basis
- an Individual Examination Adjustment (IEA) that sets out any specific requirements for a student to undertake exams
- help (for UK students) with accessing Disabled Students' Allowance (see below)

UK students may be eligible for a Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) to fund disability related costs of study. Further details are available at [direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://direct.gov.uk/studentfinance). It is advisable to start the process as early as possible. Please inform the Disability and Wellbeing Service if you are already in receipt of the DSA.

LSE's Equality and Diversity Action Plan, which sets out how the School

will enhance its equality practices to reflect the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, can be viewed at [lse.ac.uk/equalityanddiversity](http://lse.ac.uk/equalityanddiversity)

## Faith Centre

LSE opened a state-of-the-art Faith Centre as part of its new Student Centre in 2014. It is a suite of rooms, including a large room for events, a social space, a quiet area for prayer and meditation and male and female Muslim prayer rooms, as well as the Chaplain's office. All staff and students are welcome to use the Faith Centre as a space for prayer and religious worship, for interfaith dialogue and as a place for quiet reflection on a hectic campus. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/faithCentre](http://lse.ac.uk/faithCentre) for more information on what is going on in the Faith Centre and religious provision at LSE.

## Student counselling

The LSE Student Counselling Service is free of charge for all current students at LSE. It aims to enable students to cope more effectively with any personal or study difficulties that may be affecting them while at LSE. There are eight professionally qualified and experienced counsellors in the service, and we offer about 80 sessions of counselling each week. Each session lasts for 50 minutes. The service is part of the Student Wellbeing Service. All counselling sessions need to be booked in advance, and can be made in person, by phone or email. There are also "urgent" slots available each day for students in distress, which last for half an hour. The service is open throughout



the year, apart from when the School is closed (bank holidays/School closure days). The website has detailed information about the service, together with a wide range of advice and self-help resources.

### Students' Union advice

The Students' Union Advice and Support Service offers all LSE students professional, free, independent and confidential advice, support and representation on a range of issues that you may face during your time at LSE. We have a range of resources to help you, and if we cannot advise you we can help you find someone who can.

Students can get information, support, advice and representation by:

- talking one-to-one, on the phone or by appointment with an adviser
- emailing [su.advice@lse.ac.uk](mailto:su.advice@lse.ac.uk)
- getting information from our website

Our team has a wide range of expertise and skills. We can help students in the following areas:

- academic issues – academic misconduct, appeals, mitigating circumstances, progression, and complaints
- housing – problems with halls of residence or private rented accommodation, including disrepair, tenancy checks, council tax and deposits
- discrimination and your rights – unfair treatment, discrimination
- general welfare enquiries



Hardship funds are also available to assist students with unexpected costs that they may face whilst studying. This includes council tax liability, emergency housing and homelessness, immigration, repeating and re-sitting, medical costs, small claims court and legal costs and a women's right to choose fund for unplanned pregnancies, as well as consideration for general hardship.

All services are independent, impartial, confidential and free.

### Adviser to Women Students

A member of the academic staff acts as the Adviser to Women Students. She is available to discuss in confidence all issues of concern to women students in the School, including sexual harassment, and to offer advice and support to women students with personal problems.

The adviser has a positive commitment to increase awareness in the School of matters that concern women students and to take new initiatives which may improve the quality of life for women students in the future.

### Adviser to Male Students

A member of the academic staff acts as the Adviser to Male Students. He is available to discuss all issues of personal or academic concern with male students in the School, including sexual harassment, and to offer advice and support to male students with personal problems.

### Nursery

The School provides a nursery for children between the ages of six months and five years. There are places for 63 children of



students and staff of the School. From year to year, there may be a waiting list. The nursery is open for 50 weeks of the year including all term time. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/nursery](http://lse.ac.uk/nursery) for further information.

## LSE Careers

LSE Careers provides a comprehensive service for LSE students and alumni of up to two years seeking guidance and information on career planning, employment and further study.

Our mission statement:

*LSE Careers – facilitating transitions from education to employment and supporting development of the skills required to build, and maintain, fulfilling careers.*

### LSE Careers online

LSE Careers' website ([lse.ac.uk/careers](https://lse.ac.uk/careers)) offers extensive information and resources on CVs and applications, interviews, employment sectors, internships and work experience and much more.

LSE CareerHub, our online portal, allows students to view jobs and opportunities for full-time and part-time positions, internships and voluntary opportunities, as well as view and book to attend events and book one-to-one career discussions or CV discussions with our careers consultants.

### Events

We offer a wide ranging programme of events designed to help students develop new skills and prepare for their future career.

We run seminars throughout the year covering skills from career planning in specific sectors to marketing yourself to employers through CVs, interview skills and assessment centres.

We also run an extensive programme of careers fairs and employer presentations,

themed to match the career aspirations of LSE students and covering a range of sectors including advertising, banking, media, entrepreneurship, international development, law, policy and consultancy. These provide the opportunity to learn about future career options from the experts, network with potential employers, find out more about individual organisations and develop specific skills that are crucial to success in both the graduate recruitment process and wider workplace.

### One-to-one career discussions

LSE students and alumni can book one-to-one appointments with our careers consultants to discuss anything careers related. Students can also make appointments to get their CV checked or to have a practice interview with a careers consultant.

### PhD students

LSE Careers offers specific advice to PhD students on a wide range of career issues pertaining to both careers inside and outside of academia. Our dedicated PhD careers consultant provides one-to-one appointments tailored to students' particular career circumstances and also

run a comprehensive programme of seminars available throughout the year.

### LSE Volunteer Centre

The LSE Volunteer Centre's mission is to embed a culture of volunteering within the LSE community enabling students to engage with rewarding opportunities and facilitating their personal development whilst contributing to society.

It is based within LSE Careers and is here to help students develop new skills and new friendships while making an impact through volunteering. We advertise volunteering opportunities at different charities across London and internationally, with positions ranging from one-off opportunities to part time internships with charities. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/volunteerCentre](https://lse.ac.uk/volunteerCentre) for more information about the Volunteer Centre.

### Entrepreneurship support

LSE Entrepreneurship is our entrepreneurship and enterprise service, running seminars, case studies, masterclasses and networking events to help students develop entrepreneurial skills, whether they are looking to start up their own business or interested in joining an organisation that promotes entrepreneurship as one of its core values. See [lse.ac.uk/entrepreneurship](https://lse.ac.uk/entrepreneurship) for more information.

### After you graduate

Alumni are able to use LSE Careers services, including attending events, one-to-one appointments and viewing the jobs and opportunities board, for up to two years from the end of their programme.



# ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

LSE provides a range of resources and services to help you make the most of your studies, from support for IT and learning technology to the Library, the Language Centre and your academic adviser; all these will help you in your chosen degree.

## Advice and support

At LSE, every graduate teaching and research programme is managed within the framework of a Code of Good Practice, which is designed to ensure that staff and students clearly understand their obligations to each other. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/schoolRegulations](http://lse.ac.uk/schoolRegulations) to view a copy online.

You will have an academic adviser who can advise and help you on any academic, administrative or personal issues that may arise during your time at LSE.

The Dean of Graduate Studies is available to any graduate student who wishes to raise any problem, academic or otherwise. In particular he is available for the counselling of individual students who experience difficulties.

## The Library

LSE's Library, founded in 1896 as the British Library of Political and Economic Science, is the major international library of the social sciences. It has been recognised by the Higher Education Funding Council as one of only five National Research Libraries in England, and the collections have been given "designated" status by the Arts Council England (formerly the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council) for being of outstanding national and international importance.

The Library subscribes to approximately 60,000 online journals and holds over four million separate printed items.

The Library's collections cover the social sciences in the widest sense, with particular strength in economics, sociology, political science and the social, economic and international aspects of history. There are rich international collections of government publications and a wealth of statistical materials, important collections of manuscripts, archives and rare books. Primary materials supporting graduate study and original research are one of the Library's greatest strengths; they are supplemented by a team of professional academic support librarians who are able to provide specialist advice on collections and offer one-to-one consultations on using Library resources. The Library also offers a data advisory service to graduates and researchers with a data librarian providing one-to-one support in the use of a wide range of datasets held locally and via external data centres. For material not available at LSE, the Library offers an inter-library loan service via our web based Library catalogue. The School also has a separate collection for general literature which is housed in the Shaw Library, a relaxing room where music and cultural events are often held.

The Library is much more than this extensive collection of books and journals; it is a great place to study with 1,800

study spaces and 500 PCs, a free laptop loan service, wireless access, group study rooms and photocopying and printing facilities. According to user surveys 90 per cent of LSE students use resources within the Library either daily or weekly making it a focal point of the School. The course collection contains multiple copies of reading list books, all of which can be located via the Library Catalogue. This fast and intuitive online search system allows the full range of LSE Library content, including newspapers, journals and e-books, to be searched in one place.

The Library is open for long hours – seven days a week during term time and vacation and 24 hours from the beginning of the Lent term until the end of the examination period (excluding Easter week). There are different zones in the Library for group, quiet and silent study, and beanbags you can relax on. In 2014, the Library opened The Women's Library Reading Room, a 40 study space research facility on the 4th floor. Other resources available include a new roaming service, with Library staff touring the building to support students, and a Twitter feed that offers updates on all the latest Library news.

To help you find your way around the Library, there is a student guide available online and in print. Library staff provide online tutorials and run training sessions on finding and using information

throughout the year. Library staff are also available at service points or roaming throughout the Library, with additional assistance and services offered for disabled and part-time students.

LSE students also have access to most libraries of other colleges of the University of London, as well as many other academic libraries in the Greater London area and nationwide.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/library](http://lse.ac.uk/library) to find out more about the Library.

## IT at LSE

Information Management and Technology (IMT) provides a wide range of IT services, facilities and support, including high speed network access, high-specification PCs and quality help, advice and training.

## IT support

Hardware and software support for taught graduate students is provided by the IT Help Desk in the Library. Research graduates receive IT support and specialist advice and assistance for research and teaching software from the IT Service Desk. There is a Walk-in centre for immediate, personal help on the first floor of St Clements. Over-the-phone help for all students is available 24 hours a day.

All students can visit the Laptop Surgery for support with personally owned devices. The Surgery provides basic hardware and software help, and assistance with connecting your device to LSE resources.



### Guides and FAQs

There is an extensive range of online guidance on the IMT website. Find answers to frequently asked IT questions and step-by-step instructions, including how to connect to the LSE network from off-campus, how to connect to campus WiFi and how to use Microsoft Office.

### Training

All IT training is provided free of charge. Guided self-study workshops run during Michaelmas and Lent terms, including the useful “Formatting an Academic Paper” course. Computer-based training is also provided via downloadable self-study materials and VTC video tutorials, which offer videos on a wide range of software, for example Microsoft software, Adobe software and multimedia programmes.

### Campus IT facilities

IMT provides IT facilities on campus, including a number of PCs, WiFi and printing.

### Campus PCs

There are around 900 PCs available for students to use in open access areas around the School and in computer classrooms, with 24-hour PC availability on campus during term time. Over 450 PCs are in the library, which also offers laptops for loan. Research students have PC access in their departments, providing at least one PC per three research students. All student computer areas have laser printing facilities with colour printers and scanners available on campus.

All networked PCs on campus have common desktop applications and specialised software installed including:

- Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, Powerpoint, Excel)
- Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox
- Quantitative analysis software (SPSS, SAS, STATA)
- Qualitative analysis software (NVivo)
- Geographical and mapping software (eg, ArcGIS, Google Earth)

You can also browse the Library catalogue and a range of electronic databases and datasets such as censuses and financial information.

### eduroam – LSE’s wireless network

eduroam is the recommended wireless network (WiFi) at LSE, offering secure connectivity across campus including in major lecture theatres and public areas. Configure your device once and you will automatically connect wherever eduroam is available, including at many other institutions across the UK and abroad.

### Accessibility and assistive technologies

Specialist assistive technologies and software are available for students with disabilities, including dedicated, height-adjustable desks, screen-reading software, braille printers and voice-recognition software. Students can also book a one-to-one appointment to discuss requirements and support with an adviser.

### Mobile Printing

While you can connect your personal computer to an LSE printer, Mobile Printing offers a faster and easier alternative. Simply email your document to a provided address, or upload it to the website and it will be ready to release and collect from an LSE printer.

### Using your own computer

If you have your own computer you can connect it to the LSE environment and access services and resources both on campus and off-site. There is an extensive wireless network for internet and email access. Off-campus, students can access their email and personal network storage via the Remote Desktop or the Virtual Private Network (VPN).

If you experience problems connecting your device to the network, you can visit the Laptop Surgery for direct, hands-on assistance. The Laptop Surgery also provides basic hardware support and diagnosis and general advice on laptop and mobile device issues.

Residence bedrooms are wired for direct connection via network cable. Wireless is also available in residence social and recreational areas.

### Other services

IMT offer a number of other services, some of which are highlighted below.

### Software discounts and purchases

All students can purchase copies of certain software, for example Aimms, NVivo and SAS via the IT Help Desk in

the library. There are also educational discounts on Microsoft software available for students.

### Moodle

Moodle is the School’s virtual learning environment, providing web-based support for courses and programmes. Tutors may use Moodle to deliver reading lists and course information, support online communication and collaboration, and provide access to online exercises.

### Free antivirus software

Sophos Antivirus is available for free to all students. Protect your computer and your important files by installing antivirus to help prevent infections from damaging or stealing your data.

### Lecture capture

A fully automated lecture recording system is installed in all of the main lecture theatres, and in many of the classrooms and smaller lecture rooms. If a lecturer has opted-in to use this service, the system records audio, video (where cameras are installed) and material displayed on the projector. Content is synchronised into a web page, which is then distributed via Moodle, email or online.

### LSE Mobile

Free to download on Google Play and the App Store, and accessible via any web-enabled device, LSE Mobile provides access to a wealth of useful information. Check your timetable, view your library account, look up maps and find out about the other facilities available on campus.









## 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 science and related areas of study. All our teachers are native speakers who combine extensive teaching experience with an educational background in one or more of the subject specialisms offered at LSE.

Whether you are going to study a modern foreign language or need to improve your English for Academic Purposes (EAP), our aim is to provide you with the highest level of language support throughout your studies.

All our language courses utilise the specialist talents of our lecturers who relate their own expertise to the teaching of languages for specific purposes. No other language centre can match our experience in this developing field.

The LSE Language Centre is constantly reviewing its provision and delivery, so the best way of finding out how we can support you is to contact us directly. Please see [lse.ac.uk/language](https://lse.ac.uk/language) for more information.

### Before your programme

Students can take advantage of the following English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses:

- An EAP Language Foundation Year for students looking to improve their English language skills consists of three modules which can be booked together or separately.
- A pre-sessional EAP programme for students who need to develop their English language skills before starting their



degree programme, or who have an offer conditional on their English proficiency.

### During your studies

Support and courses are available for both foreign languages and English for academic purposes:

- Our institution-wide language programme gives students who do not have a language component on their programme, the chance to learn or improve a modern foreign language.
- Languages currently offered: Arabic, Catalan, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish.
- If English is not your first language we will be on hand to give you advice and support throughout your time at LSE. This support is free and starts as soon as your course does.
- Study skills support in liaison with the LSE Careers Service and the Teaching and Learning Centre.

### Additional services

- proofreading, translation and document authentication
- one-to-one tuition
- language learning support

## Academic and professional development

The School's Teaching and Learning Centre offers a range of development opportunities for both taught master's and research students.

### Taught master's students

Workshops, resources and one-to-one sessions are available throughout the year, to develop skills in writing, presentations, exam sitting and many other aspects of learning. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/tlc/taughtStudents](https://lse.ac.uk/tlc/taughtStudents) for further information about our services. In addition, at the end of the summer term the Teaching and Learning Centre hosts MSc Dissertation Week ([lse.ac.uk/tlc/dissertation](https://lse.ac.uk/tlc/dissertation)) a dedicated week of activities to help students plan, write and make the most of their dissertation.

### Research students

Among the development activities available to research students are:

- A series of interdisciplinary workshops, the Academic and Professional Development Programme ([lse.ac.uk/tlc/development](https://lse.ac.uk/tlc/development)) that supports thesis writing and helps strengthen research impact.
- The opportunity, for those who want to develop their teaching skills, to work towards a Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education ([lse.ac.uk/tlc/PGCertHE](https://lse.ac.uk/tlc/PGCertHE)).
- Opportunities to participate in the LSE Research Festival ([lse.ac.uk/lseresearchfestival](https://lse.ac.uk/lseresearchfestival)) and other networking and impact building events.

# MEET, VISIT AND DISCOVER LSE

## Helping you choose

To help all potential students make an informed choice about coming to LSE, we hold a Graduate Open Evening, organise visits by academic and administrative members of staff to UK and overseas events and arrange campus tours.

### Open Evening

To find out more about studying at LSE, please come along to the LSE Graduate Open Evening:

**Wednesday, 5 November 2014**

This is your opportunity to:

- find out more about LSE
- discover the wide range of taught and research degrees available at LSE
- attend subject specific talks
- meet LSE academics and current graduate students
- meet admissions, financial support and careers staff

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/meetLSE](http://lse.ac.uk/meetLSE) for further information and to book a place.

## LSE visits you

In the UK, LSE representatives attend a number of postgraduate fairs and public presentations all over the country.

We also regularly visit a range of countries in North and South America, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and in Europe. During

these visits we attend education fairs and conventions, visit colleges and universities, and meet students for presentations, receptions and counselling sessions.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/LseVisitsYou](http://lse.ac.uk/LseVisitsYou) for full and up-to-date information about LSE visits, both in the UK and overseas.

### Campus tours

If you cannot attend the Open Evening, you can come along to a campus tour. The tours last approximately 30 minutes and are led by a student guide. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/campusTours](http://lse.ac.uk/campusTours) for full and up-to-date information about when campus tours are taking place.

Alternatively you are welcome to conduct a self-guided tour of LSE on any weekday between 9.30am and 5pm. Visitors can pick up a copy of LSE Explorer from the Student Services Centre (ground floor, Old Building) and explore the campus themselves or you can view our campus tour video at [lse.ac.uk/campusTourVideo](http://lse.ac.uk/campusTourVideo)

## Drop-in sessions

Graduate admissions drop-in sessions provide prospective students with one-to-one advice on applying for a graduate degree at LSE. Further details can be found at [lse.ac.uk/dropinSessions](http://lse.ac.uk/dropinSessions)

## Study at LSE videos

You can view a collection of videos explaining why students should consider studying at LSE and how they can apply to the School. We also have a "Day in the life" student video and all our videos can be found at [lse.ac.uk/sroVideos](http://lse.ac.uk/sroVideos)

## Student blogs

Our blog is updated regularly by LSE student bloggers and posts encompass all aspects of the LSE experience and provide an invaluable insight into what it means to be an LSE student. You can follow our student bloggers at [lse.ac.uk/studentBlogs](http://lse.ac.uk/studentBlogs)

## Email an alum

The Email an alum service gives you the opportunity to contact recent graduates and find out more about LSE from those with first-hand experience. Our former students are in a unique position to answer your questions on their experiences prior to, during and since their time at the School. Featured alumni can be found at [lse.ac.uk/emailAnAlum](http://lse.ac.uk/emailAnAlum)



# GRADUATE CAREERS

An LSE education is valued by employers because of the intellectual rigour of its courses, the breadth of the student experience and the global focus of the School. According to the Destinations of Leavers of Higher Education Survey, the average starting salary for LSE graduates six months after graduation is £34,966.

## Graduate destinations

The School is heavily targeted by employers, and graduates from LSE are in great demand. LSE graduates take up a range of occupations in areas including finance, consultancy, management and NGOs. A large number of graduates also go on to undertake further study or academic research, enter the teaching profession, find expert posts

as economists, lawyers or statisticians; join central or local government or enter media and journalism.

Go to [lse.ac.uk/graduateDestinations](https://lse.ac.uk/graduateDestinations) for more details about graduate destinations by degree programme and department, as well as case studies written by graduates at the start of their careers.

## Working in the UK after graduation

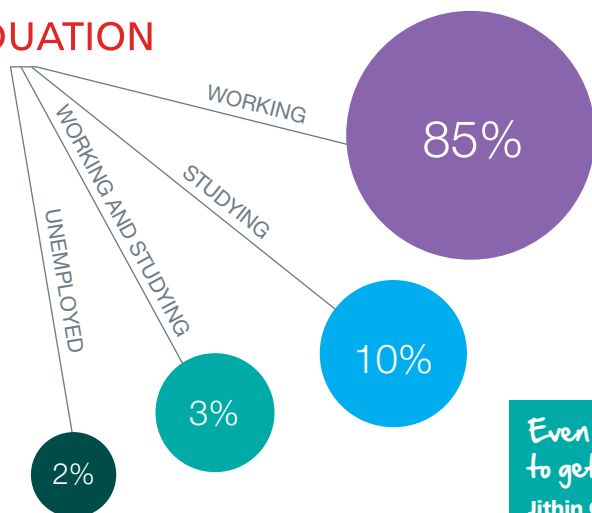
International students who wish to work in the UK post-graduation are able to do so via a number of routes. The main route for students when they complete their studies in the UK under Tier 4 (General) is to switch into Tier 2 General. To switch into this route, you will need to find a job with an employer who holds Tier 2 sponsor licence and is at

“graduate level” with a minimum starting salary of £20,500 and if you are applying to switch from Tier 4 to Tier 2 from inside the UK, your employer will not have to pass the resident labour market test (this is where they must demonstrate that no other settled worker can do the job).

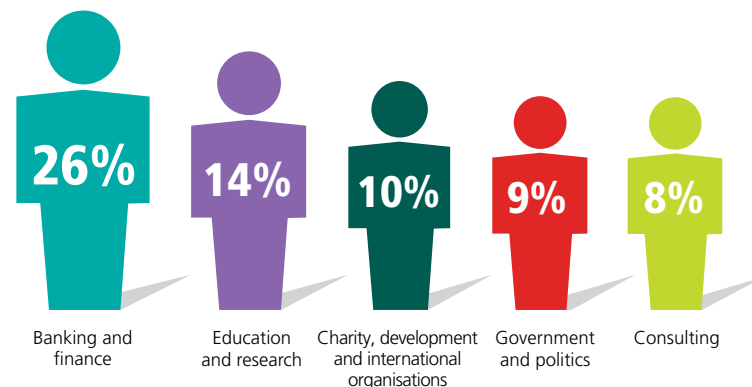
LSE graduates with business ideas may also be able to apply to remain in the UK under the Tier 1 Graduate Entrepreneur route to set up their business. PhD students can apply to remain in the UK for 12 months after graduation under the Doctorate Extension Scheme. For further information please visit [lse.ac.uk/isis/workingafter](https://lse.ac.uk/isis/workingafter) for further details on these and other work routes.

## LSE graduates three years after graduation

### GRADUATION



## Top five employment sectors for LSE graduates after six months



*Even when the economic climate was stormy, the LSE brand helped me to get interview calls and equipped me for the competitive job market.*

**Jithin C Chandy**, MSc Public Management and Governance



## What do employers think about LSE graduates?



“The Civil Service Fast Stream greatly values the quality, diversity and analytical aptitude of LSE graduates – which is why LSE continues to be a great source of talent.”



“We are always on the lookout for high calibre students and the LSE Volunteer Centre certainly provides these. They make a significant impact on our work.”



“We have had a number of excellent volunteers from LSE who have been really committed to helping COIN Street meet its aims.”



“We work closely with LSE Careers to attract bright, motivated and commercially-minded individuals to Norton Rose Fulbright LLP. We know that LSE provides its students with an excellent quality of education, which also helps – and encourages – them to develop highly transferable skills which will benefit our business long-term.”



“At PwC we’ve recruited a number of students from LSE. These students come from a wide variety of degree backgrounds and demonstrate key skills and competencies that PwC look for. As a major employer of graduate trainees, PwC recognises the important role played by the university in producing high-calibre, motivated individuals, who are ready to enter the world of financial services.”



“At BCG, we’re always interested in diverse educational, professional and cultural backgrounds. We know we can find those things at LSE; we have done in the past and will continue to in the future.”



“LSE Careers is a great partner in helping us reach top talent. Career fairs and skills sessions are always very well organised and have great attendance. The key qualities that we are seeking in our candidates and find in LSE graduates are leadership, problem solving and communication skills.”

## AFTER LSE



### **DARREN DUFFY**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**CROYDON, UK  
CONSULTANT, EY**

I knew LSE was where I needed to be if I was to gain a true understanding of international relations. The teaching style fosters critical thought, encouraging you to question your preconceptions and everything you may have learned before. It isn't just the tutors, but also your peers bringing fresh perspectives on timeless material.

The School encourages independent thought, calling for you to go beyond the confines of your comfort zone. By challenging you in this way the programme teaches you to grow as a person and an academic. This helps a lot after graduation.

There are a large number of societies on campus for you to join, including the Grimshaw Club – the International Relations society. This club has given me the opportunity to meet like-minded people, and to get involved in activities and trips overseas. During my time at the School the club arranged trips to North Korea, Libya and Egypt among other places.

Since graduating I have become a Consultant in the Risk Advisory Practice of EY (formerly known as Ernst & Young) in their Glasgow office. The role is diverse and includes such tasks as client relationship management, budget management, IT audit, the list could go on. The "soft", transferable skills developed as part of the MSc have helped me thrive in this environment. I owe my success in part to the advice and guidance of the LSE Careers Service, who exceeded expectation and helped me choose the right career path.

I recommend LSE to you – it's truly a place where "the more you put in, the more you get out" applies.



### **Alumni**

After you graduate you will automatically join the LSE Alumni Association, a free worldwide network of over 125,000 alumni in over 190 countries, but prior to graduation there are a number of services that will enable you to make the most of the network.

The Alumni Relations team works closely with academic departments to ensure that current students have access to the alumni community during their studies through professional networking events and opportunities.

There are a number of services specifically developed to support students and recent graduates including the Alumni Professional Mentoring Network. The network provides

students and graduates with access to alumni who have elected to offer their professional knowledge and expertise.

Following graduation you can stay connected with your former classmates and the School through the LSE Alumni online community. For further information visit [lse.ac.uk/alumni](https://lse.ac.uk/alumni) or email the Alumni Relations team at [alumni@lse.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@lse.ac.uk)



### **DID YOU KNOW...**

**In all 35 past or present world leaders have studied or taught at LSE and 31 current members of the UK House of Commons and 42 members of the House of Lords have also either taught or studied at LSE.**



## Prominent LSE alumni



**PAUL VOLCKER** former chairman of the Federal Reserve



**SHAMI CHAKRABARTI** director of Liberty



**MICHAEL LEWIS** financial journalist and author of *Liar's Poker*, *Moneyball* and *The Blind Side*



**LYKKE FRIIS** former Danish minister for climate change and energy



**STELIOS HAJI-IOANNOU** founder of Easyjet



**CLARA FURSE** first female chief executive of the London Stock Exchange



**CHERIE BOOTH** QC



**NITIN DESAI** former undersecretary general for economic and social affairs of the United Nations



**RAJAT M NAG** managing director general of the Asian Development Bank



**GEORGE SOROS** financier and philanthropist



### RIA SEN

**MSC MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
NEW DELHI, INDIA  
SOUTHEAST ASIA PROGRAMME ASSISTANT,  
INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE**

The programme enabled me to make active links between development theory and practice. Seminar discussions provided food for thought and encouraged independent thinking through informed dialogue. The LSE public lecture series complemented my degree studies. LSE was, by far, the experience of a lifetime.

At LSE, there is something for everyone. It provides a creative space to pursue your passions as well as explore and develop new interests; irrespective of how widespread they may be. In addition to a stimulating and dynamic academic environment, student life at LSE is very vibrant. My peer group hailed from countries the world over, this made for rich and interactive classroom debate, where impassioned discussions often spilled out beyond the confines of the LSE campus. As a cosmopolitan global capital, London was a special place to call home; with its wealth of intellectual, cultural and media resources.

I believe my LSE degree is truly invaluable as I work toward building my career. I presently work with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), an environmental international organisation, based at their Asia Regional Office in Bangkok. My work centres on project implementation for European Union environment-based sustainable development initiatives in Southeast Asia.

LSE provided me with a panoramic worldview. As I make my way in the world, I carry with me some indelible memories of my professors, peers and colleagues. The drive to consciously seek out challenges, and to meet them innovatively, is intrinsic to life at LSE and beyond.



# FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The School recognises that living and studying in London can be expensive. The information here provides prospective students with details of scholarships and awards that are available both from LSE and from external sources.

LSE makes available over £10 million annually in financial support for its graduate students. The Financial Support Office offers help and advice on financial support and scholarships to applicants and existing students. While the information here is correct at the time of going to press, circumstances occasionally require us to change the terms of awards, and new awards may also become available.

Please always refer to [lse.ac.uk/financial support](https://lse.ac.uk/financial-support) for up-to-date information.

## Tuition fees

Fees cover registration, teaching, first entry to examinations, the use of the Library and membership of the Students' Union. They also normally cover teaching and the use of student common rooms at other colleges of the University of London, if your programme has intercollegiate arrangements.

Fees are fixed annually, normally in the spring prior to the start of the programme. Students are informed of the relevant fee level in the offer letter. Please see [lse.ac.uk/tableOfFees](https://lse.ac.uk/tableOfFees) for the most up-to-date information.

## Fee reductions and rewards

LSE undergraduates starting taught graduate study at the School are eligible for a fee reduction in the region of ten per cent of the fee. These reductions are available for UK, EU and non-EU students.

The School offers a range of early payment rewards for all self-financed students based on when payments are received by the School. Please see [lse.ac.uk/tableOfFees](https://lse.ac.uk/tableOfFees) for the latest information regarding reductions and rewards.

## Tuition fees for master's and diploma programmes

The fees for each master's and diploma programme are listed in the individual programme entries.

## Tuition fees for MPhil and PhD programmes and visiting students

The likely fee for 2015/16 will be:

	UK and other EU students	Overseas students
MPhil and PhD	£4,095*	£15,912
Visiting students	Please refer to the website	

\*Please note that this fee is provisional. We advise you to check the fees website at [lse.ac.uk/tableOfFees](https://lse.ac.uk/tableOfFees) from January 2015 onwards.

## Fee status

If you are offered admission to the School you will be advised of your fee status.

On receipt of your application the School carries out an assessment of your fee

status determining the amount you are likely to pay at Registration. This decision is based on guidelines provided by the Department of Education: Education (Fees and Awards) England Regulations 2007.

These regulations state that to be considered for "Home/EU" fee status, a student must demonstrate:

- a) that s/he was settled in the UK/EU within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971 on the first date of the academic year – 1 September of the year the applicant wishes to apply for (settled meaning ordinarily resident in the UK/EU without restriction); AND
- b) that s/he has been ordinarily resident in the EEA/Switzerland for a specified three years preceding the commencement of their course (ordinarily resident, meaning habitually resident in the EEA/Switzerland); AND
- c) that no part of this period of residence in (b) above was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full time education.

You may be asked to provide documentary evidence of your status/residence.

Once a student has registered at LSE, the student can only appeal against his/her fee status assessment in highly exceptional circumstances (either a change in law or if a student becomes an EU national or child of an EU national or if an asylum

seeking student is granted refugee status or Humanitarian Protection).

If you would like guidance on your status for fees, independent advice is available from UKCISA. Please visit [ukcisa.org.uk](https://ukcisa.org.uk) for more information.

## Financial help from LSE

LSE makes available over £10 million annually in financial support for its graduate students via a range of awards.

## LSE Graduate Support Scheme

Around £2.7 million is available annually in the form of awards from the Graduate Support Scheme (GSS). This scheme is designed to help students (from the UK, the rest of the EU and Overseas) who do not have the necessary funds to meet all their costs of study. It is available only for study of taught graduate programmes at LSE. Once you apply for admission for a diploma/master's programme, you will be able to apply to the Graduate Support Scheme online via a link to the LSE Graduate Financial Support Application form, which we will send to you at the end of a series of acknowledgement emails. You must complete this application as soon as possible after you receive the link in order to have the best chance of securing funding and at the latest by **5pm (UK time) on 27 April 2015**. GSS awards range in value from £3,000 to a maximum of £12,500, and have an average value of £7,500. You are encouraged to apply as early as possible because funds are limited. You do not need to wait for an offer of admission to be made.





The information provided on this form will also be used to put you forward for any other LSE scholarships and awards for which you are eligible.

Your financial information will not be considered as part of your application for a place at the School.

### Scholarships for students from the UK

For 2015 entry, LSE will be offering 120 scholarships for taught master's students from the UK to help with fees and living costs. The awards will vary in value, based on financial need. The minimum award will be £3,000 and the maximum award will be worth £25,000.

Priority will be given to UK students applying for their first master's programme and to recent graduates who were eligible for a maintenance grant during their undergraduate studies.

Please note that LSE graduates are also eligible for a 10 per cent discount on their master's tuition fee.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/financialSupport](http://lse.ac.uk/financialSupport) for more information about the awards and the application deadline.

### LSE PhD Studentships

LSE has 63 of its prestigious PhD Studentships to award. Each studentship is tenable for four years, subject to satisfactory academic performance, and covers full fees and an annual stipend of £18,000.

The awards are made on the basis of academic merit and research potential, and include a requirement that scholars contribute to their academic department as part of their research training, in the

form of providing some teaching or other work from year two onwards. When you submit your application for an MRes or MPhil/PhD programme, your academic department will decide whether to nominate you for an LSE PhD Studentship.

Academic departments are able to nominate a limited number of candidates only. Departmental nominations will be considered by a panel.

Early application is strongly advised.

There will be two rounds of selection for LSE PhD Studentships funding, and to be nominated by your academic department for these awards you should note the information they give on funding and application deadlines, as these vary, and some departments will only nominate for one round of funding. For nomination you must have submitted your complete application for admission to the School, including references, transcripts, research proposal etc, by the deadline referred to. The funding deadlines are:

- **15 December 2014**  
(Department of Economics only)
- **12 January 2015**
- **27 April 2015**

Full details of each round of nominations will be published on [lse.ac.uk/financialSupport](http://lse.ac.uk/financialSupport)

### Other LSE scholarships and awards

LSE offers a wide range of scholarships awarded on the basis of academic merit and financial need, country of domicile and subjects studied. We

offer scholarships for UK, other EU and overseas students. The terms and value of the awards vary; applicants should visit [lse.ac.uk/financialSupport](http://lse.ac.uk/financialSupport) for the eligibility criteria.

From time to time, new awards become available or existing scholarships are discontinued, so applicants are encouraged to look at the website for the most up-to-date information. However, at the time of going to press, the following awards are available for LSE applicants.

- Departmental awards: awards made to applicants intending to follow particular programmes of study. The value of the awards range from £2,000 to full scholarships covering fees and expenses.
- Regional and country based scholarship awards, made to applicants from particular countries or regions. In 2014, scholarships were available for students from Europe, North America, South America, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Australasia.

Application for any awards for taught master's programmes will be via the LSE Graduate Financial Support Application form. You must have an offer of admission by the end of April 2015 to be put forward

for these awards. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/financialSupport](http://lse.ac.uk/financialSupport) for further details.

### Other sources of financial support for UK/EU students

#### Research Council awards for UK and EU students

Awards are offered for graduate programmes (taught master's and research) by a number of research councils. Research Council awards normally cover fees up to the level stipulated by the government. LSE charges graduate fees which are sometimes above this level. Therefore, if you are awarded a studentship via a Research Council, the School will make up the difference between the published fee and the amount awarded via the Research Council. There is no application procedure for the top up awards as the School will be aware of who has obtained a Research Council award and top up awards will be allocated accordingly. All Research Council awards are open to UK and EU students. In some limited cases overseas students are eligible for funding (see page 34). Please visit [lse.ac.uk/financialSupport](http://lse.ac.uk/financialSupport) for more information about these awards.

**BRIAN VARIAN****MPhil/PhD ECONOMIC HISTORY****MAHOPAC, USA****LSE PhD STUDENTSHIP**

As a research student in the Economic History Department, I find myself considering important historical questions from both quantitative and qualitative perspectives. In my experience, this balanced approach has yielded the most interesting insights.

As an aspiring economic historian, LSE is the ideal place to undertake my graduate studies. Prior to beginning the MPhil/PhD programme, I did my master's degree in LSE's Department of Economic History. I was so impressed with the Department's faculty, students, research, and seminar series that I quickly realised there was nowhere else I would rather be. As a research student, I also benefit immensely from the School's library. Even for a dissertation topic as specific as mine, the effect of American tariffs on British exports in the late nineteenth century, there is a wealth of information in the library that I continue to uncover on an almost daily basis.

LSE has assisted in my personal development by serving as a venue for meeting people from around the world, our conversations have been wide-ranging, as well as highly informative.

As the recipient of an LSE PhD Studentship, I receive both full tuition support and a generous maintenance stipend. Accordingly, I am fully supported in my graduate studies. I interpret my scholarship as LSE expressing confidence in my abilities as an academic researcher; in this respect, I feel greatly encouraged.

The museums in London are of the highest calibre. In my opinion, the Bank of England Museum and Sir John Soane's Museum are worth multiple visits. In London, there are also many great parks, restaurants, and other places for socialising with friends, including an abundance of pubs!

Once I graduate from LSE, I intend to obtain a faculty position at a research university.

**LSE Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Training Centre (ESRC DTC)**

LSE is an ESRC DTC, with funding to support 36 studentships a year, selected within LSE and awarded under the terms set by the ESRC ([esrc.ac.uk](http://esrc.ac.uk)). There are over 50 accredited programmes, which are grouped into seven themes in line with ESRC's strategy. This includes an emphasis on economics related subjects and on research programmes involving advanced quantitative methods. In the case of awards within these subject areas, eligibility can be extended to students from overseas, and EU students receive a full award from the ESRC.

The ESRC funds programmes of up to four years. These can consist of:

- a one year master's degree leading into research followed by a three year PhD
- a two year MRes programme followed by two year's study for a PhD
- a three year PhD programmes

LSE ESRC studentships are selected by a School awards panel, from nominations made by the academic departments. The department will look at applications for MPhil/PhD programmes and at applications for taught master's programmes where the applicant makes clear the intention to continue directly on to MPhil/PhD study. You need only make your application for a place to LSE – there are no further forms to be completed to be considered for nomination. Decisions over whether to nominate overseas students for

steered awards rest with the academic department making the nomination.

For details of LSE's accredited pathways please visit [lse.ac.uk/financialSupport](http://lse.ac.uk/financialSupport). There is also further information on ESRC funding at [esrc.ac.uk](http://esrc.ac.uk)

The deadline for submission of your application to be considered for Research Council funding will vary according to your department, but the major round of ESRC funding will require application by the January funding deadline. The early funding deadlines are 15 December 2014 (Department of Economics only) and 12 January 2015.

**Career development loans**

If you live or intend to train in the UK you can apply for a loan to improve your employment prospects. The maximum loan available is £10,000. Details are available from banks or [www.gov.uk/career-development-loans](http://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans)

**Disabled student's allowance**

A disabled student's allowance, available for UK students, may help with costs you incur for the duration of your programme as a direct result of your disability. Information and a copy of the booklet *Bridging the Gap: a guide to the disabled students' allowances (DSAs) in higher education 2014/15* can be accessed from [www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas/furtherinformation](http://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas/furtherinformation). As yet 2015 detail is not published, but information can be obtained by telephoning the Student Finance information line on 0300 100 0607 or textphone 0300 100 0622.

Copies of the guide are also available in Braille, large print or as an audio version. To order a different format email [brailleandlargefont@slc.co.uk](mailto:brailleandlargefont@slc.co.uk) or phone 0141 243 3686.

### Other sources of financial support for overseas students

External organisations, agencies and government bodies also offer scholarships for students planning to study in the UK.

A selection of these external organisations can be found below. Please refer to [lse.ac.uk/financialSupport](http://lse.ac.uk/financialSupport) for information about funding for overseas students.

- British Marshall Scholarships [www.marshallscholarship.org](http://www.marshallscholarship.org)
- Chevening Scholarships [www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org)
- Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK [cscuk.dfid.gov.uk](http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk)
- Joint Japan Graduate Scholarship Programme/World Bank Graduate Scholarship [www.worldbank.org/wbi/scholarships](http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/scholarships)
- COLFUTURO (Colombia) [colfuturo.org](http://colfuturo.org)
- CONACYT (Mexico) [www.conacyt.mx](http://www.conacyt.mx)
- CONICYT (Chile) [www.conicyt.cl](http://www.conicyt.cl)
- Fulbright (USA) [fulbright.org.uk](http://fulbright.org.uk)
- HESPAL (Gaza and the West Bank) [britishcouncil.org/ps-education-scholarships-hespal.htm](http://britishcouncil.org/ps-education-scholarships-hespal.htm)
- Jean Monnet (Turkey) [jeanmonnet.org.tr/indexen.php](http://jeanmonnet.org.tr/indexen.php)

- Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
- Said Foundation (Jordan, Lebanon, Gaza, Syria, West Bank) [saidfoundation.org](http://saidfoundation.org)
- UNESCO Fellowships [unesco.org/new/en/fellowships](http://unesco.org/new/en/fellowships)

### Useful resources

The brief list below contains details of resources for those seeking financial help from education trusts, charities or foundations. Copies of paper publications may usually be found in British reference libraries or British Council offices.

- *Association of Commonwealth Universities Database*. For more information, refer to [www.acu.ac.uk/publications](http://www.acu.ac.uk/publications)
- For information about international scholarships and scholarships to British universities, refer to [www.unesco.org/education/studyingabroad/networking/studyabroad.shtml](http://www.unesco.org/education/studyingabroad/networking/studyabroad.shtml)
- *The Guide to Educational Grants*. Lists educational charities in England and Wales giving support to students in need. For further information please refer to [www.dsc.org.uk/Publications](http://www.dsc.org.uk/Publications)
- *The Grants Register 2014*. Lists worldwide graduate funding opportunities. Published by Palgrave Macmillan. For further information refer to [www.palgrave.com/reference](http://www.palgrave.com/reference)



### TRISH AMOAH-NTIM

MSc FINANCE AND PRIVATE EQUITY

ACCRA, GHANA

LORD DAHRENDORF SCHOLARSHIP

I was awarded the LSE Lord Dahrendorf Scholarship for an MSc in Finance and Private Equity. Being awarded this scholarship did and still does affect me in a variety of ways. It was a source of great pride both for me and my parents and eased what would otherwise have been a severe financial burden.

It has also given me the opportunity to learn alongside some of the most engaging people from around the world. At LSE we have been given the opportunity to meet a variety of students and academics, and we are encouraged to exchange our knowledge and resources.

LSE has impressed upon me the certain truth that knowledge should never be exclusive to the wealthy. All stand to benefit from broader learning, greater challenges and improving their wider knowledge, allowing them to pursue their chosen careers.

Through the opportunity LSE has given me I now have the ability to reach my potential and inspire others to do the same.



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Each level of graduate study (diploma, master's, MRes/MPhil/PhD) has minimum entry requirements. These consist of your degree(s) and your proficiency in the English language. Please consult individual programme entries as well as reading the information below.

Your application will be considered on its academic merits. An offer of a place may be conditional on attending additional courses and/or passing qualifying examinations at a suitable standard, in addition to your degree. You should note that there are always many more applications than places available at LSE and possession of the minimum entrance requirements does not guarantee that you will be offered admission. It is therefore in your interests to apply as early as possible.

## Applications open on 20 October 2014.

For degree programmes outside the UK you will need to obtain at least 70 per cent of the available marks in your final year examinations. If your institution uses the cumulative grade point average (GPA) system you should normally have a GPA of at least 3.5 (out of 4) or above. Please see detailed information by country/region at [lse.ac.uk/InternationalStudents](http://lse.ac.uk/InternationalStudents). Summary information is given below.

Most graduate programmes assume that you have prior knowledge to degree level in particular disciplines. Competition varies between programmes and the level of grades/marks required will vary. Popular programmes will often look for a first class honours degree or its equivalent.

The minimum entrance requirements for each type of programme are normally as follows:

### Diploma

A degree or equivalent qualification and experience.

### Master's degree

A first or upper second class honours (2:1) degree from a UK university or a non-UK equivalent in a subject appropriate to the programme to be followed.

### MRes/PhD

A first or upper second class honours degree, or equivalent, in a closely related discipline. Applicants who have already completed an MA or MSc in a relevant discipline may be exempted from the first year of taught courses. If this is agreed in your case, we will inform you in your offer letter. Upgrade to the PhD depends on successful completion of the MRes.

### MPhil/PhD

Normally a UK taught master's degree with merit or a non-UK equivalent in a subject appropriate to the research to be undertaken. The most appropriate supervisor for your work will be allocated with particular reference to your research proposal.

Any offer of a place would depend on:

- the quality and feasibility of your research proposal
- your academic qualifications, and relevant professional or other experience, if appropriate

- the ability of the department to provide adequate and appropriate supervision
- an interview with the department, unless there are exceptional circumstances which prevent this

### Research council-funded programmes

A number of LSE's graduate master's programmes comply with the requirements for financial support from the research councils. These programmes consist of a linked MSc and MRes or MPhil/PhD degree (either 1+3 or 2+2). For information on research council studentships, please see page 34.

If you wish to be considered for nomination for a research council studentship, you must include an outline research proposal with your application. This proposal should be a brief description of the research topic you are considering pursuing during your PhD and should explain why you are interested in this area of research. As your research interests will develop further over the year of your master's training your proposal need only be indicative. You must meet the same entry requirement as for all MSc programmes. Please be aware of the funding deadline (12 January 2015) in order to be considered for research council funding.

### Visiting research students

Visiting research students attend for one or more terms and study up to four graduate or undergraduate courses. Examinations are

optional, but students wanting to sit the examination in a course must have attended the course for the full year.

## Equivalence of non-UK qualifications

Simply having a first degree from your country may not be sufficient for admission to LSE.

The following list shows the minimum entry requirements we normally expect in terms of the qualifications offered in a number of countries. If you cannot find your qualification below see [www.naric.org.uk](http://www.naric.org.uk) or go to your local British Council office for more information.

**Afghanistan:** Master's degree with 85 per cent (a GPA of 3.5). Bachelor of Science (Engineering) from Kabul University will be considered in exceptional circumstances

**Albania:** Diplome e Nivelit te Pare with 9/10

**Argentina:** Licenciado or Professional Title with average marks of 8 from a prestigious institution, otherwise 9

**Armenia:** Bakalavri Astichen with 80 per cent or CGPA 3.5 on a 4 scale

**Australia:** Upper second class honours bachelor's degree

**Austria:** Diplomstudium, bachelor's degree or Magister with 2.2 or better

**Azerbaijan:** Post-2005 Bakalaur Diplomu with grades of 9 or above

**Bahrain:** Four year bachelor's degree from Arabian Gulf University or Bahrain University with 90 per cent or 4.0 GPA



**Bangladesh:** Master's degree with 75 per cent and first class honours

**Belarus:** Specialist Diploma or master's degree with overall marks of 4

**Belgium:** Bachelor's degree/Licence/Licenciaat with 70 per cent or avec distinction

**Bolivia:** Licenciado with overall "distinguido" or 77 per cent

**Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Bachelor with 4/5 or 9/10

**Brazil:** Bacharel, Licenciado or Professional Title from a prestigious institution with 8 or "muito bom"

**Brunei:** Four year bachelor degree from the University of Brunei Darussalam with upper second class honours

**Bulgaria:** Bachelor's degree with grades of 5 or above

**Cameroon:** Diplôme d'Ingénieur or Maîtrise with overall mark of 16/20 or très bien

**Canada:** Honours bachelor's degree with B+/77 per cent

**Chile:** Licenciado with a minimum overall mark of 5.0 or 70 per cent overall

**China:** Bachelor's degree from a prestigious university with an overall mark of 85 per cent

**Colombia:** Licenciado or Professional Title with overall mark of 4.0

**Costa Rica:** Licenciado with four years' study and an overall mark of 85 per cent or 8.5, or a maestría with five years' study and marks of 80 per cent or 8.0 overall

**Croatia:** Baccalaureus with a mark of 4 or above

**Cyprus:** Bachelor's degree with 7.5/10

**Czech Republic:** Post-2004 Bachelor's degree with velmi dobre, B or 1.5 overall

**Denmark:** Post-2007 Bachelor's degree with an overall mark of 10

**Dominican Republic:** Maestria with grades of B, 80 per cent or 3 out of 4

**Ecuador:** Licenciado or Professional Title or Maestria with 80 per cent or 8.0

**Egypt:** Bachelor's degree with 85 per cent in science disciplines or 90 per cent in others. From the AUC we require a minimum GPA of 3.5

**Estonia:** Post-2002 Bakalaurusekraad with grade of 5, A or Suureprärane

**Ethiopia:** Master's degree with overall mark of B+ or GPA of 3.5

**Fiji/University of the South Pacific, Vanuatu:** Bachelor's degree from the University of South Pacific with majority of component marks A or above or master's degree with marks of B+ or above

**Finland:** Kandidaattii with an average of 2 (out of 3) or 3 (out of 5) in relevant subjects

**France:** Licence with 13/20 or 12/20 from Grandes Écoles

**Georgia:** Post-2005 Bakalauris with overall grade of 5

**Germany:** Diplom, Staatsexamen, bachelor's or Magister with good grades (2.2 or better). We will consider you if you have taken the Vordiplom or other intermediate qualification, provided that you have also taken a third year (at least two semesters) of substantive study beyond that point

**Ghana:** Bachelor's honours degree from public institution with grades of 65 per cent, B+ or a GPA of 3.75/5

**Greece:** Ptychion awarded by an AEI, with at least 7/10

**Guatemala:** Licenciado obtained after four years with overall mark of 85 per cent

**Honduras:** Licenciado or professional title with an overall mark of 90 per cent or 4/5

**Hong Kong:** Upper second class honours bachelor's degree

**Hungary:** Alapfokozat with cum laude or 4

**India:** Bachelor's degree with high first class honours from a top-ranked institution. Overall grade of 60 per cent or a GPA of above 5/7, 6/8, 7/9, or 8/10

**Indonesia:** Sarjana (SI), with an overall grade of A- or GPA 3.70

**Iran:** Licence or Karshenasi with overall grade of A, 4 or 17/20

**Iraq:** Master's degree with 85 per cent from a university or technical college

**Ireland:** Upper second class honours bachelor's degree

**Israel:** Bachelor's degree with overall marks of 85 per cent

**Italy:** Laurea with 106/110

**Jamaica:** Bachelor's (honours) degree with 2:1 or above

**Japan:** Bachelor's (gakushi) degree with a GPA of 3.3, B+, 76 per cent or above from a prestigious institution

**Jordan:** Bachelor's degree from University of Jordan with overall grade of A or CGPA 3.70

**Kazakhstan:** Post-2007, the five year Specialist Diploma with an overall grade of 4

**Kenya:** Upper second class honours bachelor's degree with 65 per cent or above

**Kuwait:** Bachelor's degree from a recognised higher education institution with B+ or 3.33

**Kyrgyzstan:** Magister/Specialist Diploma with an overall mark of 4.0 or above

**Latvia:** Four year Bakalauras with grades of Excellent/9 or a second cycle Magistrs/master's degree with 8/very good

**Lebanon:** Four year bachelor's degree/Licence with overall mark of 85 per cent or CGPA 3.5 out of 4.0

**Lithuania:** Bakalauras with grades of 9/excellent

**Luxembourg:** Post-2003 bachelor's degree from the University of Luxembourg with très bien/16 out of 20

**FYR Macedonia:** Post-2003 bachelor's degree with overall grades of 9 out of 10

**Malaysia:** Bachelor's degree from a public university with grades of 2:1, B+ or 3.5 GPA

**Malta:** Four year bachelor's honours degree with 70 per cent, 2A or upper second class overall

**Mauritius:** Bachelor's degree from a recognised higher education institute with a 2:1

**Mexico:** Licenciado or Professional Title with 9.0 out of 10/Muy Bien

**Moldova:** Post-2005 Diploma de Licenta with overall grade of 9 out of 10

**Mongolia:** Master's or Specialist Diploma with overall grade of B or 4/5

**Montenegro:** Bachelor's degree or Specialist Diploma with 9 out of 10 from recognised higher education institute

**Morocco:** Certificat d'Etudes Approfondies/ Post-2010 Licence Professionnelle with 16 out of 20

**Myanmar:** Master's degree with A or CGPA 4.5/5

**Nepal:** Master's degree with 80 per cent from a recognised higher education institute

**Netherlands:** Bachelor's degree with grades of 7.5, good or goed or CGPA 3.5 on a 4.0 scale

**New Zealand:** Upper second class honours bachelor's degree

**Nigeria:** Bachelor's degree from a prestigious institution with first class or CGPA 5.0

**Norway:** Bachelor's degree with B/Very Good

**Oman:** Four year bachelor's degree with a recognised higher education institute with CGPA 3.6 out of 4/B+

**Pakistan:** Four year bachelor's degree with overall marks of 75 per cent, CGPA 3.5 on a 4.0 scale

**Palestine (West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza):** Four year bachelor's degree from a recognised institution with a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or 85 per cent

**Panama:** Licenciado/Professional Title with 90 per cent. Alternatively the Maestria with 80 per cent

**Peru:** Licenciado or professional title with grades of 15 out of 20

**Philippines:** Master's degree with grades of 1.75 or A-

**Poland:** Post-2006 Bachelor's degree with overall grade of A/5/Very Good

**Portugal:** Licenciado/Licenciatura/DESE with average marks of 16 or above

**Puerto Rico:** Bachelor's degree with CGPA 3.7 on a 4.0 scale

**Qatar:** Bachelor's degree with grades of excellent/CGPA 3.6 on a 4.0 scale

**Romania:** Post-2005 Diploma de Licenta with grades of 9/10

**Russian Federation:** Four year bachelor's degree (Bakalavr) or five year Specialist Diploma with overall grade of 4/Good

**Rwanda:** Four year bachelor's honours degree from a public university with first class honours

**Saudi Arabia:** Bachelor's degree with 85 per cent or B+

**Senegal:** Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies with 16 out of 20

**Serbia:** Post-2009 bachelor's degree or Diploma Visokog Obrazovanja from a recognised university with marks of 9 out of 10

**Sierra Leone:** Bachelor's degree with first class honours or 5/5

**Singapore:** Bachelor's degree with 2:1 from a public university

**Slovak Republic:** Post-2005 bachelor's degree with B, 1.5 or very good

**Slovenia:** Post-2006 bachelor's degree with marks of 9/10

**South Africa:** Bachelor's degree with upper second class honours and 70 per cent

**South Korea:** Bachelor's degree (haksa) from a prestigious institution. We require 85 per cent

**Spain:** Second cycle Licenciado, with an overall grade of 8/10 or 2.5/4

**Sri Lanka:** Four year Bachelor's Special Degree/Professional degree with A, first class or 70 per cent

**Sweden:** Kandidatexamen/bachelor's degree with the majority of grades at VG or B

**Switzerland:** Bachelor's degree, Diplom or Lizentiat or Staatsdiplom/Diplôme d'Etat with grades of 5/6, 2.2/5, 8/10 or gut, bien, bene, good

**Taiwan:** Four year bachelor's degree with overall marks of 80 per cent or a GPA of 3.7 from a "National" or "Municipal" university

**Tajikistan:** Magister/Specialist Diploms with 4/5

**Tanzania:** Postgraduate Diploma or master's degree with B+ from a recognised institution

**Thailand:** Bachelor's degree from a prestigious institution with grades of B+, CGPA 3.5/4 or 75 per cent

**Tunisia:** Maitrise with 14/20

**Turkey:** Lisans Diplomasi with 70 per cent or a CGPA of 3.4

**Turkmenistan:** Post-2007 five year Specialist Diploma with 4.5/Good

**Uganda:** Bachelor's degree with upper second class honours CGPA 3.75 from public institution

**Ukraine:** Post-2005 bachelor's degree with 5/5, 12/12 or 2-/2-

**United Arab Emirates:** Four year bachelor's degree with 85 per cent or a CGPA of 3.5

**Uruguay:** Licenciado or Professional Title with 10/12 or 85 per cent

**USA:** Bachelor's degree with a CGPA of 3.5

**Uzbekistan:** Magister/Specialist Diploma with an overall mark of 4.0/5 or 80 per cent

**Venezuela:** Four year Licenciado or Professional Title with an overall mark of 8.0/9

**Vietnam:** Master's degree/Thac Si with an overall mark of 7.0

**Yemen:** Master's degree with a mark of 90 per cent or excellent

**Zambia:** Master's degree from the University of Zambia with marks of A or 2.0

**Zimbabwe:** Bachelor's (honours) degree with 2:1, 65 per cent or B++

## English language requirements

If your first language is not English and if the language of instruction of your entire degree is not English, we ask you to provide evidence of your command of English. You should include your test scores, if available, in the relevant section of the application form. If you receive an offer of admission, it will be subject to proof of your score. English tests must be less than two years old on 1 October 2015. If you have not yet taken the test, your application can be considered without it, but any offer will be conditional on your achieving the required score. Non-EEA applicants will also be required to meet UKVI's requirements at the time they make their visa application.

Each programme in the prospectus lists the level of English required for admission – see below for details:

### Standard

IELTS (International English Language Testing System) – a minimum score of 7.0 overall, with at least 6.0 in speaking and writing and 6.5 in reading and listening

### Law programmes

IELTS – a minimum score of 7.5 overall and at least 7.0 in both listening and writing elements, 6.5 in reading and 6.0 in speaking

### Research programmes

IELTS – a minimum score of 7.0 overall with at least 7.0 in the writing element and at least 6.5 in all other sections.

Other test scores may be acceptable if you have already obtained them. For example,

the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or PTEA (Pearson Test of English (Academic)). You should supply evidence of your English test with your application and if you are made an offer we will indicate whether we will accept your score or if we require one of the tests above. You may be required to achieve a higher score at the discretion of the selectors. If you have not yet taken any English test, we recommend that you take the IELTS. Please see [lse.ac.uk/admissionsEnquiries](http://lse.ac.uk/admissionsEnquiries) for further information.

These are minimum requirements. You may need additional language instruction before you register to be confident that you can participate fully in your programme. Experience has shown that students who are fully proficient in English are best placed to make the most of all that LSE has to offer, both academically and socially. Please refer to [lse.ac.uk/language](http://lse.ac.uk/language) for further information about our Language Centre.

## GRE and GMAT

Several programmes require GRE (Graduate Record Examination) or GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test) scores. The “key facts” box at the start of each programme entry indicates if a

score is required. You should complete all sections of the test and submit your scores on the application form. Your score should be less than five years old at the time of application. You should arrange for an official certificate of your score to be sent to LSE from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) as well as entering your scores in the relevant section of the application form. The LSE institution code for the GRE is 0972; no department code is required as the scores are processed centrally. The LSE institution code for the GMAT is HMT 86-56. For more information about the tests, please see [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org) or [www.gmac.com](http://www.gmac.com) or contact ETS, Box 6000, Princeton NJ 08541, USA. Tel: +1 609 921 9000, or see [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)



# APPLYING TO LSE

We understand that the application process can be an anxious time. Please read carefully the information in this section and on the website and follow the instructions given; this will help to ensure that everything runs quickly and smoothly. You will be able to track the progress of your application on the web.

You must apply early, as competition for programmes at LSE is intense. Applications open on 20 October 2014. In addition to the School's minimum entry requirements some programmes require the submission of additional test scores or written materials. See individual programme entries for details.

## How to apply

Please see the website for up-to-date and comprehensive information about graduate programmes. The website contains links to other sources of information regarding all aspects of the application process, including our dedicated enquiries system. If you cannot find the answer to your questions online, you can contact us by email using this system.

To be considered for admission, all applicants must supply the documents A to F below, and G to K where applicable. Programmes administered jointly by LSE and other institutions may have specific requirements; please consult individual programme entries. All documents are treated as confidential and are non-returnable.

**Please note:** Unlike other universities, LSE does not work with recruitment agencies. We strongly recommend that you apply directly to LSE and ensure that you, rather than a third party, complete all elements of the application form.

### A. Application form

You must apply online using the website. You will be asked to set up a user account using your email address, and you should use this account for all enquiries and applications (including if you are also applying for Summer School or Language Centre courses). If you are unable to use the online system, a PDF of the form is available on request.

### B. Application assessment fee

The application assessment fee is £50. You must pay using the website (credit or debit card) in order to submit your documents and application online.

### C. Two academic references

You should arrange to supply your academic references (from tutors who have taught you at university) as part of the online process. This is a secure and confidential service for referees and helps speed up the decision-making process. If you are offered a place at LSE your referee may be asked to supply an original reference on headed university notepaper, and you will be informed in your offer letter if this is the case. You should use your referee's academic (university) email address wherever possible when requesting a reference.

If you or your referees prefer, you/ they may submit their references

by post. Posted references must be signed documents on headed university/institution notepaper (not the supplementary form), and should be typed in English. We discourage the submission of handwritten and photocopied references. If your application is successful, we may request original or certified signed documents prior to registration. For further guidance, please see the online FAQs. We will accept a translation, but only if it has an official stamp from your university or a translation service and if the original document is also supplied. We will not accept an unofficial translation. The LSE Language Centre ([lse.ac.uk/language](http://lse.ac.uk/language)) offers a translation service.

**Current students and applicants who graduated after January 2012** must supply two academic references. References should be from a teaching member of your current (or, if you have graduated, from your most recent) university department.

**Applicants who graduated before January 2012** may supply one professional reference in place of one of your academic references. This should normally be a reference from your current/most recent employer (in standard professional reference format).

**Applicants who graduated before January 2010** may supply two professional references if they are unable to provide academic references. However, it is in your interests to supply academic references wherever possible.

More information about supplying references can be found at [lse.ac.uk/gradref](http://lse.ac.uk/gradref)

### D. Transcripts/mark sheets and proof of existing qualifications

You should upload scanned versions of your transcripts with your online application. Documents must be translated by an accredited translator (eg, via the British Council) if the original is not in English. You must ensure that the information in scanned documents is clear and legible. Failure to do so may result in delays to the processing of your application. You should also scan the reverse of your transcript if the mark scheme is explained there. From the outset you may also choose to supply these documents by post, but please remember that your application cannot be submitted until we have received and processed them.

If your application is successful, we will request original or certified signed documents prior to registration.

**Qualifications pending:** The transcript or mark sheet must include a list of subjects studied and the grades obtained to date. If you are at a university that does not supply transcripts or mark sheets, please ask your academic referees to comment in detail on



your progress, including your marks obtained in all years of study. You may apply if you are awaiting any examination results. **You must have fully graduated by October 2015.**

**Qualifications held:** The transcript should include the information above, plus your final overall grade and the date on which your qualification was awarded. You should supply this information for all university level study. If your transcript does not include your final mark and date of award, you should send a certified copy of your degree certificate as well. Do not send your original degree certificate, as documents cannot be returned.

**Applicants currently or formerly registered at LSE** do not need to supply transcripts of their LSE qualifications as these are generated internally.

### E. Personal statement

You must upload a personal statement which should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words. It should describe your academic interests and your purpose and objectives in undertaking graduate study. If you are applying for two programmes please ensure that your personal statement addresses why you are applying for each programme. You may submit two personal statements as a single document with clear headings if you wish. Please make sure that each page of your personal statement bears your name in a header or footer.

### F. CV

Upload your CV/resume, including your employment history or other professional experience, including internships.

### G. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test and Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)

If GRE or GMAT scores are required by your chosen programme(s) it is essential that you supply them at the time you apply. You should include your test scores in the relevant section of the application form, stating the percentile and marks obtained for **all sections** of the test. The test scores should be less than five years old on 1 October 2015. The GRE/GMAT is often a vital deciding factor so you will not be able to submit your application without it if your programme requires it. You should also arrange to send official scores to us. The institution code is 0972 for the GRE and HMT 86-56 for the GMAT.

### H. Research proposal

#### MPhil/PhD

You should state your research topic as accurately as possible on a separate sheet. Your research proposal should address the following questions:

- 1 What is your general topic?
- 2 What questions do you want to answer?
- 3 What is the key literature and its limitations?
- 4 What are the main hypotheses of the work?
- 5 What methodology do you intend to use?

6 What are your case studies, if any, and what are your case selection criteria?

MPhil/PhD applications that are received without a research proposal that addresses these questions will not be considered. Your proposal should be approximately 1,500 words in length (outline proposals for MRes programmes can be shorter). You should ensure before applying that your area of research can be supervised in your chosen department. The research interests of staff members can be found at [lse.ac.uk/experts](http://lse.ac.uk/experts)

You should also indicate if you have discussed your proposed research with any member of the LSE academic staff and the name of that person. Please make sure that each page of your research proposal bears your name in a header or footer.

### MSc (Research) and MRes/PhD Programmes

You must include an outline research proposal with your application – see above.

### I. Sample of written work

#### MRes/MPhil programmes

You should provide a scanned copy of a marked assignment (a maximum of 3,000 words – this can be an extract of a longer work, but you should not send large publications in their entirety), typed in English, from your most recent programme of study. This can be related to your proposed topic of research or more broadly to the discipline/area for which you are applying. If possible, the copy should show comments from the marker/s and/or the mark given for the assignment. If not originally written in English, you should

translate the essay yourself. If you submit scanned copies you must ensure that the information in the document is clear and legible. Failure to do so may cause delays to the processing of your application. These are ideal requirements. If you are unable to fulfil them exactly, please submit a writing sample that fits as closely to them as possible. Please make sure that each page of your writing sample bears your name in a header or footer.

### J. English test scores

If you have already taken an English test at the time you apply, you should include your most recent test scores and score report form number in the relevant section of the application form.

English tests must be less than two years old on 1 October 2015.

### K. Miscellaneous supporting documents

If you are applying for a programme in a different field from that of your major degree subject, you may wish to supply additional material supporting your application; for example if you hold a degree in engineering and are applying for MSc Human Rights on the basis of your current employment, a supplementary professional reference would be helpful. Do not send non-documentary materials such as DVDs, CDs or large publications, as we do not have the facilities to include these with your application file and they will be discarded.

### Submitting your application form

You should submit your application and supporting documents online. If you are unable to upload your documents you may send them via post to:

Graduate Admissions Office  
London School of Economics and Political  
Science  
PO Box 13420  
Houghton Street  
London WC2A 2AE

If you are sending your documents by courier service, omit PO Box 13420 from the above address. All post is received by our central post room. Please do not send supporting documents directly to the academic department as this will delay your application.

Wherever possible, please send all supporting documents in a single package. If this is not possible (for example where your referee is sending a reference to us directly) please ensure that all documents bear your full name as it appears on the application form and your date of birth or programme choice(s).

Additional documents/information can also be sent at any point during the admissions cycle using the upload facility on the website.

Please make sure that scanned documents are legible and attached in a commonly used format such as jpeg, pdf or Word document. Please note that we will acknowledge documents when they are processed rather than when they are received. Current processing dates are available at [lse.ac.uk/graduateNews](http://lse.ac.uk/graduateNews). Please check the current processing date before contacting us regarding your documents.

Please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that your application is complete, including all references, the transcript and the fee, and where applicable GRE/ GMAT scores and research proposal.

You should also be aware that all documents are **non-returnable**.

Programme selectors will not consider incomplete applications. We will not download and process your application until all necessary documents have been submitted.

### Additional programme choices

You may apply for up to two programmes, which will be considered sequentially in the order of preference on the application form. It is not possible to hold more than one offer of a place at LSE. If you are made an offer for your first choice, your second choice will not be considered unless you specifically request it.

If you are unsuccessful for both choices, then you may apply for additional choices using the website. You will be required to pay an additional application assessment fee.

### Joint programmes

LSE has developed a number of programmes which are administered jointly with other institutions such as Peking University in China and the University of Southern California in the USA. Any additional requirements for

these programmes will be listed under their individual entries in the prospectus. Your application will be considered by selectors from both institutions, and this means that it may take much longer for a decision to be made on these programmes than on the single centre programmes. We will advise you of the decision as soon as possible.

### Fraud prevention

We take active steps to scrutinise and verify documents received during the application process. If we are unable to verify independently the accuracy of information supplied, your application may be cancelled and any offer withdrawn.

### When to apply/deadlines

You must apply early. Applications open on 20 October 2014. Departments will consider these applications from 3 November 2014 and the first decisions will be released from January 2015 onwards. There is intense competition for admission; early applications have a greater chance of being successful and of meeting financial support/scholarship and visa deadlines.

Only a few programmes have deadlines by which you should apply – decisions are mostly considered on a rolling basis and programmes close once all places are filled. Many scholarships, however, especially for research programmes, have early deadlines. See individual programme entries and the fees and financial help section for details of particular deadlines.

If you applied for the 2014/15 session, we will be able to re-use your application documents as long as you contact the Graduate



Admissions Office using the reinstate form at [lse.ac.uk/graduateHowDoI](http://lse.ac.uk/graduateHowDoI) before 14 November 2014 and submit a new application assessment fee of £50 using the LSE eShop ([eShop.lse.ac.uk](http://eShop.lse.ac.uk)). All old application documents will be destroyed immediately after this date.

Most taught master's (LLM/MSc/MPA) programmes start in the Michaelmas term (September 2015). Some programmes, particularly those in the Departments of Economics, Accounting, Finance and Management, require attendance at Summer School or pre-sessional courses in July – September before the main programme begins. Research (MPhil/PhD) programmes may additionally start in the Lent (January) and Summer (April) terms at the discretion of your department. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/graduateStartOptions](http://lse.ac.uk/graduateStartOptions) for full details.

## Tracking your application and contacting us

We keep you fully informed of the progress of your application via the LSE website. We publish current processing times and anything that affects the work of the Graduate Admissions Office, and you should check [lse.ac.uk/graduateNews](http://lse.ac.uk/graduateNews) before contacting us.

Once your application is complete, you will be allocated a unique application number, and you can check the progress of your application using the website: [lse.ac.uk/graduateTrackYourApplication](http://lse.ac.uk/graduateTrackYourApplication)

- Make a note of your application number and use it when checking your status and

in all correspondence with the Graduate Admissions Office, including by telephone.

- The status of your application displayed on the tracker is linked directly to our computer system. What you see here is the same information we hold centrally.
- You should use the website to inform us of any changes to your permanent or contact address, and to request changes to your application (eg, mode of study) or to send us additional information electronically.
- The website also provides you with links for you to apply for financial support, accommodation and, later in the cycle, to choose courses and pay your tuition fees online.
- To email us with a question, you should use the admissions enquiries system on the website.
- If you are unable to access the information you need online, you may telephone +44 (0)20 7955 7160 either to speak to a member of the Graduate Admissions Team, Monday to Thursday 9.30am – 5.15pm and Friday 9.30am – 4.15pm (local time), or to access automated summary information about your application status at any time. Please note that our telephone service operating hours occasionally vary; information is published at [lse.ac.uk/graduateNews](http://lse.ac.uk/graduateNews)
- All of your personal data is kept confidential, and we are therefore not able to discuss your application with any third party unless specifically nominated by you on your application form.

The website and online FAQs are the quickest and most comprehensive ways of answering any questions you may have. If you are unable to find the information you require, you can email us using the website. We process all documents and emails in the order they are received, and publish our processing times at [lse.ac.uk/graduateNews](http://lse.ac.uk/graduateNews). We always try to respond within one working week. Please do not repeat any enquiry until after this time has elapsed as this diverts staff from other work and delays the admissions process.

The Graduate Admissions Office is closed for ten days over Christmas and New Year and for a week over the Easter period. This results in a backlog of correspondence and increased processing times during January and April especially. We publish our closure dates on the website, as well as any other factors affecting our processing times.

Please check the current processing dates at [lse.ac.uk/graduateNews](http://lse.ac.uk/graduateNews) before contacting us to enquire whether your documents have been received. As soon as your documents are processed they will appear on your record on the website.

## The selection process

Once you submit your complete application and we have checked your supporting documents, your file is passed to the selectors for your first choice. Your application will only be considered for your second choice if your first choice application is unsuccessful or if the first choice programme has already closed. For a more comprehensive overview of the decision-

making process, please follow the links from [lse.ac.uk/graduate](http://lse.ac.uk/graduate)

### The timetable

- Master's and diploma applications: we operate a rolling application system throughout the year. For more information, please see [lse.ac.uk/graduate](http://lse.ac.uk/graduate). The first offers will be released from January 2015 onwards. If you apply after January the decision time increases. Please check the LSE website before asking us for information. For further information including news about events affecting decision times, as well as a link allowing you to track your application, please see [lse.ac.uk/graduateNews](http://lse.ac.uk/graduateNews)
- Research programmes: the decisions are made by panels of selectors at meetings throughout the year. You should apply at least six months before the start of the term in which you wish to begin your study and take note of the funding deadlines. Please be aware that the allocation of a suitable supervisor may take some time. Shortlisted applicants are normally interviewed via telephone or Skype. The department will contact you if an interview is necessary.

### The decision

A decision is authoritative and official only if it has been sent in writing from the Graduate Admissions Office. Decisions on admissions are made on the basis of academic merit and the availability of places on specific programmes.

The decision sent to you will be one of these:

- An unconditional offer. You satisfy all of the academic conditions required before

entry and we are offering you a place. You may still need to supply originals or certified copies of some documents.

- A conditional offer. You do not yet satisfy the academic conditions required before entry but you plan to do so. The conditions are given in the offer letter and may include tests such as English language as well as degree results, or attendance at pre-sessional or Summer School courses.
- You are on a waiting list. In this case we need more time before making a full decision. We shall make that decision by the end of April 2015. At that stage we may be able to offer you admission, a place on the reserve list, or, depending on the level of competition, we may be unable to offer you a place.
- We are unable to offer you a place. This decision is final and not open to appeal. It may be that the programme is already full – in this case, you may request that your application is considered for an alternative choice(s) or that your application is reinstated for the following year.
- You are on a reserve list. Your application is considered to be of a high enough standard, but no places remain on your chosen programme. If a place becomes available, you may be sent an offer later in the year. Final offers to reserve listed applicants will be sent out by the end of August 2015.

### Applying for financial support

Taught programmes: Once you have submitted your application, we give you access to the Graduate Financial Support Application (GFSA) on LSE for

You. We consider the information you submit both for the Graduate Support Scheme and, later in the admissions cycle, named scholarships and awards. In order to receive funds from the Graduate Support Scheme, you must have received an offer of a place and completed the GFSA by 5pm on 27 April 2015. You must therefore ensure that your complete application is submitted in good time for the department to consider you in advance of this date. You are advised to apply and to complete the GFSA as soon as possible.

Research programmes: Complete applications received in time for the funding panels will be considered for LSE and, where applicable, Research Council studentships. See individual programme entries for deadline information.

There is considerable additional financial support available. Please see [lse.ac.uk/financialSupport](http://lse.ac.uk/financialSupport) for further information.

### Further action

If your offer is conditional you need to provide proof that you satisfy the stated conditions as soon as you can. The latest date for this is when you register at the start of your study. Registration will be withheld if you cannot satisfy us, by reference to original documentation, that you have obtained the qualifications required. We publish full information about fulfilling conditions, fees, accommodation and registration at [lse.ac.uk/yourFirstWeeks](http://lse.ac.uk/yourFirstWeeks) and in the booklet accompanying your offer letter, which is also available online at [lse.ac.uk/graduate](http://lse.ac.uk/graduate) (follow the link on the Offer holder tab).

If you wish to receive a reading list etc, for your programme, you should contact your department after receiving your offer.

### Deferring your offer

If you are unable to take up a 2015/16 offer of a place, you may wish to defer your offer to 2016/17. To do this you must complete the online deferral request form on the website by 31 October 2015. If the request is granted you must submit a deposit of £1,000 by 31 January 2016. Failure to pay the deposit will result in your offer being withdrawn. Deferral of your offer is not guaranteed; if your request is denied, you may still take up your offer for the current year or reinstate your application. It may take up to four weeks to make a decision regarding your deferral request.

### Reinstating your application

If you are unable to take up your offer of a place and the department is not willing to defer your offer, or if your application is not successful, you may wish to reinstate your application from 2015/16 to 2016/17. You must complete the online reinstate request form via the website by 13 November 2015. You will have to submit a new application assessment fee. After 13 November 2015 all unsuccessful 2015/16 application files will be destroyed.

### Applying for a student visa

If you are an international student from outside the EEA, you will have to apply for permission to come to the UK as a student. You will need an unconditional offer to apply. It is advisable to apply for

a visa as early as you can (a maximum of three months before the start of your programme). We provide more detailed and specific information to offer holders as it becomes available. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/isis](http://lse.ac.uk/isis) for up-to-date information on applying for your student visa.

### Our database and you

Any information you provide may be held by LSE on computer in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998. Among other purposes, this information will form the basis of records of registered students supplied to the Higher Education Statistical Agency (HESA), which is owned and managed by the universities to provide statistics for the Higher Education Funding Councils and the universities. All information supplied to HESA is subject to strict confidentiality safeguards, and is published only as statistical tables.

In addition to the HESA requirements LSE, like all other UK universities, collects and processes information on its students for various essential administrative, academic and health and safety reasons, in order to pursue its legitimate interests as a university. When you register as a student of the School, we will tell you what data will be collected, the purposes for which the data will be processed, and the recipients to whom the data might be disclosed.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the current personal information held on you by the School. A fee of £10 is payable for each enquiry, which should be addressed to the Data Protection Officer at the School ([lse.ac.uk/dataProtection](http://lse.ac.uk/dataProtection)).





## OTHER LSE PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

### LSE Custom Programmes

LSE Custom Programmes offer a range of training and educational programmes for executives and managers in both private and public sectors based upon the latest thinking and research from LSE.

Options include:

- tailor-made training programmes
- open enrolment courses
- fully customised learning solutions

Please see [lse.ac.uk/customProgrammes](https://lse.ac.uk/customProgrammes) for further information.

### Summer schools

LSE runs a range of summer schools in the UK and overseas.

### LSE Summer School

The LSE Summer School, based on the LSE campus in London, is one of the largest in Europe, welcoming over 4,500 students from all over the world onto over 70 intensively taught top-level three-week courses in accounting, finance, law, economics, management and international relations.

Based on regular undergraduate courses taught at LSE and instructed by leading international faculty, the programme provides a unique learning experience and is the perfect enhancement to a degree or professional development. Please see [lse.ac.uk/summerSchool](https://lse.ac.uk/summerSchool) or email [summer.school@lse.ac.uk](mailto:summer.school@lse.ac.uk) for more information.

### LSE Executive Summer School

The Executive Summer School offers a distinctive programme of executive education, designed for professionals

who are looking for rigorous, challenging and in-depth courses across a range of disciplines. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/study/executiveSummerSchool](https://lse.ac.uk/study/executiveSummerSchool) for further information.

### LSE-PKU Summer School

LSE also runs a two-week Summer School with Peking University in August, based at the PKU campus in Beijing. Courses are delivered in English by faculty from both institutions, in subjects including economics, management, international relations, media and law, all with a focus on China and Asia. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/LSEPKUProgramme](https://lse.ac.uk/LSEPKUProgramme) for further information.

### LSE-UCT July School

In 2013, LSE and the University of Cape Town launched the LSE-UCT July School, a two-week summer school programme at the UCT campus in Cape Town. Courses in disciplines across the social sciences are taught by faculty from the two institutions and have a focus on, and relevance to, Africa today. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/LSE-UCTJulySchool](https://lse.ac.uk/LSE-UCTJulySchool) for further information.

### Methods Summer Programme

This programme is designed to provide a range of quantitative and qualitative methods to students, academics and professionals to enhance their research capabilities.

Courses are offered in key areas of social science research methods, as well as courses in mathematics, statistics, econometrics and macroeconomics. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/methods](https://lse.ac.uk/methods) for further information.

### Summer Languages

Our Summer Languages Programme offers a range of courses in the languages the LSE Language Centre specialises in:

- “Absolute Beginner” courses will give someone who has no knowledge of a language an introduction and some survival level skills.
- “Restarters”, “Beginners II” and “Intermediate” courses will restore or improve your confidence.
- “Intensive” options will give you a thorough start or revision.

Courses run at various times throughout July and August each year. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/languageSummerSchool](https://lse.ac.uk/languageSummerSchool) for further information.

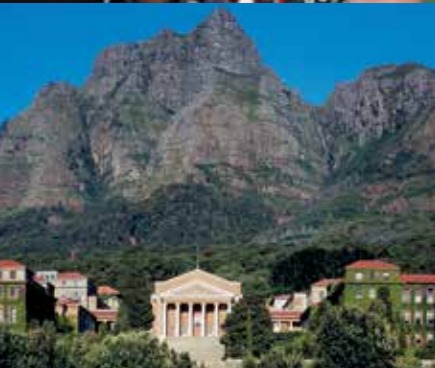
### University of London International Programmes

The University of London International Programmes allow students from anywhere in the world to complete qualifications through independent study.

The programmes of study are subject to the same rigorous academic standards that shape LSE’s internal qualifications. LSE academics write syllabuses, create learning materials, and set and mark examinations to the same standards applied internally.

There are two programmes for students with a first degree: a BSc Graduate Entry Route and a Diploma for Graduates.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/study/UOLIP](https://lse.ac.uk/study/UOLIP) or email [uolip@lse.ac.uk](mailto:uolip@lse.ac.uk) if you would like further information about the degrees offered through the University of London International Programmes.





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Asia Research Centre

Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE)

Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy (CCCEP)

Centre for Economic Performance (CEP)

Centre for Macroeconomics

Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science (CPNSS)

Centre for the Analysis of Time Series (CATS)

Centre for the Study of Human Rights

Financial Markets Group (FMG)

The Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment (GRI)

IDEAS: International Affairs, Diplomacy and Strategy

International Growth Centre (IGC)

LSE Cities

LSE Health and Social Care

Local Economic Growth

Middle East Centre

Spatial Economics Research Centre (SERC)

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Systemic Risk Centre (SRC)

**Programme regulations:** Detailed programme regulations, including individual course guides and other information relating to the administration of our degrees is published in the School's Calendar at the start of each session at [lse.ac.uk/calendar](https://lse.ac.uk/calendar). Proposed changes for future years, including course withdrawals, are also published as they become available.

# ACCOUNTING

## **[lse.ac.uk/accounting](http://lse.ac.uk/accounting)**

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 272

**Research:** 10

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 24

**RAE:** 70 per cent of the Department's research was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Old Building

The Department of Accounting is widely recognised for its excellence in accounting and financial management research and teaching. In the 2001 review of university research by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), the Department was awarded 5\* – the highest possible rating and one of only two departments in its category to receive this award. The Department was similarly successful in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), on this occasion as part of

the "Business and Management Studies" Unit of Assessment. Results from HEFCE's Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014) will be released at the end of 2014.

The Department of Accounting provides an outstanding research environment based on a mix of departmental activities, close links with other departments, as well as strong connections with research centres, such as the Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR). Each year, over 270 graduate students from over 40 countries and representing a wide range of backgrounds are admitted into our taught graduate programmes. Our research seminars and workshops, visitors and visiting research students, together with our links with professional and practitioner communities ensure that our faculty continue to work at the cutting edge of their fields and that their output is widely disseminated.

Our faculty contribute to knowledge and debate in the academic, professional and public domains. We have close links with the major accounting journals through either editor or referee roles. Faculty also have close associations with several research and professional institutions, including the European Accounting Association (EAA) and the American Accounting Association (AAA).

Faculty have strong links with a range of professional and regulatory bodies, such

as the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA); the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW); the Institute of Actuaries; and the International Accounting Standards Board, just to name some.

## **MPhil/PhD Accounting Visiting Research Students**

**Application code:** N4ZB, N4EA (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3 to 4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months

**Entry requirement:** Merit in a taught master's degree in relevant area

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD Accounting is part of the Global Economic Performance Policy and Management group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34). Some other awards (eg, from the Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants) may be available for MPhil/PhD Accounting students. Departmental doctoral scholarships may also be available

**Application deadline:** 3 July 2015, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place earlier.

The funding deadline is 27 April 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents


## **Opportunities for research**

The PhD in Accounting has received research training recognition from the ESRC. The programme aims to produce students whose research is of the highest standard and is designed to provide a comprehensive training in the chosen approach to research in accounting. To be considered for admission, you should have a substantial academic background in accounting or cognate area, typically a merit at master's level.

In the first year, research students normally attend a main research seminar in accounting, in addition to normally three taught graduate courses in areas related to their field of research. The aim is to both broaden and deepen students' understanding of their area. Some further coursework may be taken in the second year.

We encourage research students to participate fully in the intellectual life of the Department. Students are required to make a seminar presentation each year, and to attend the Department's Accounting Research Forums and specialised workshops which provide exposure to the work of leading academics worldwide. Students are also encouraged to attend any relevant seminars in related areas elsewhere in the School as appropriate.

The Department of Accounting covers a wide range of areas and approaches



The School's academic reputation, especially in accounting and finance, was a driving force in my choosing LSE.

**Aditya Bagaria, MSc Accounting and Finance**



to research in accounting. Prospective students should get a sense of this diversity from perusing the faculty profiles available on the Department's website ([lse.ac.uk/accounting](http://lse.ac.uk/accounting)) and see who is closest to their own research interests.

## Taught programmes

Diploma in Accounting and Finance (see below)

MSc Accounting and Finance (see below)

MSc Accounting, Organisations and Institutions (see page 51)

MSc Law and Accounting (see page 125) (with the Department of Law)

MSc Risk and Finance (see page 83) (with the Department of Finance)

### Diploma in Accounting and Finance

**Application code:** N4ED

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 9 months full-time only

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 48/141

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £21,288

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

To be eligible to apply for the Diploma programme, you should have obtained at least a good upper second class honours degree from a UK university, or have reached a similar standard with an overseas degree.

The Diploma in Accounting and Finance is a qualification in its own right. It acts as a conversion course for students with little or no background in accounting or finance, such as students with undergraduate degrees in arts, economics, law, business, science, or engineering. It also provides students with some background in accounting and finance the opportunity to extend their knowledge and understanding in areas of special interest within a flexible programme.

## Programme details

The programme is deliberately kept small to facilitate the learning experience. The average number of contact hours per week is 12 hours, which includes lectures and seminars. Office hours with teachers and academic advisers are available in addition to this.

For students studying on the Diploma programme there is a clear route towards MSc level study within the Department, subject to satisfactory performance. Those Diploma students who wish to apply for the MSc Accounting and Finance in the following year will not ordinarily be required to submit a GMAT test with their application.

Given the high competition for places on this programme, applicants who indicate an interest in the Diploma in Accounting and Finance specifically as their first choice will maximise their prospect of admission

to the programme. Equally, candidates should note the differentiated nature of the graduate programmes in the Department of Accounting, and are advised to identify their first choice accordingly.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Principles of Finance** examines the theory of financial decision-making by firms and examines the behaviour of the capital markets in which these decisions are taken or **Corporate Finance, Investments and Financial Markets**<sup>†</sup> covers topics in corporate finance, investments and performance evaluation and international finance or **Quantitative Finance**<sup>†</sup> looks at financial risk analysis and financial risk management.

Either **Managerial Accounting** analyses the roles and applications of management accounting practices and concepts in contemporary organisations and enterprises or **Financial Accounting, Analysis and Valuation** addresses the theory and practice of financial reporting or both **Management Accounting, Decisions and Control**\* provides an introduction to issues of accounting information and cost management, managerial decision-making and performance management and **Financial Accounting, Reporting and Disclosure**\* delivers an introduction to financial accounting, and highlights aspects of reporting that are important to users of financial information.

<sup>†</sup> By special permission

Students will be expected to choose any courses available from departments around the School to a total of two full units, subject to the approval of the Programme Director and, where applicable, permission from the course leader. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/dipAF](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/dipAF) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Our graduates pursue careers across a wide range of sectors, in accounting, corporate finance, equity research, fund management and management consultancy. Companies who have employed recent graduates from the Diploma in Accounting and Finance programme include Barclays Capital, Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, HSBC, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley. Many leading organisations make careers presentations at the School during the year.

## MSc Accounting and Finance

**Application code:** N4U1

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 9 months full-time, 21 months part-time (9 month master's programmes are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are

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The truth is that I aspired to study at LSE ever since I was a student on a pre-university foundation course in Manchester. LSE's global reputation and high ranking among universities all over the world, along with its cutting-edge facilities available to students genuinely impressed me.

I was quite surprised during Freshers' Week that LSE offers so many societies and such a wide range of activities and events. Continuous extra-curricular activities and public lectures truly differentiate LSE from other universities and help make the most of students' time outside of their study, to enhance their vision and develop necessary "soft skills".

My programme, the MSc Accounting and Finance, is one of the best master's in the world. The programme gives students four pathways via which to specialise, so students can concentrate on the areas which best suit their strengths. I've chosen the finance specialism as it fits my academic interests and quantitative nature. I have also been given opportunities to choose electives taught by other departments within the School and to study with fellows from other programmes.

At LSE, students are very diligent and active, creating a dynamic environment where people, even outside of lectures and seminars, engage in endless activities and events, including public talks and discussions delivered by world famous figures. I have also found it easy to make new friends as people at LSE are very friendly. The School has a diverse base of students arriving from almost every corner of the world, which helps me widen my network and broaden my horizons.



"recognised". For more information on Bologna please see 11)

**Intake/applications in 2013:**  
176/1,212

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in accounting and finance or related subject (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** GMAT is required for all students without a UK undergraduate degree. The GMAT is recommended for all students with UK undergraduate degrees, particularly those whose quantitative skills are not demonstrated by their undergraduate studies

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976;  
overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None  
– rolling admissions

The programme is based in the Department of Accounting and has an established reputation for excellence extending for over five decades. This programme is appropriate for those interested in a career in financial institutions, management consulting, industry, academia, or the public sector.

### Programme details

The programme allows specialisation through the appropriate choice of courses along designated pathways in Finance, International Accounting and Finance, or Accounting and Financial Management.

The MSc assumes an academic background in the following subjects prior to entry: financial reporting, management accounting, finance, economics and quantitative methods. Admission to the programme may be conditional upon taking one or more courses in these areas to strengthen your background. This may be a course undertaken at the LSE Summer School or an approved distance learning or web-based equivalent. Given the high competition for places on this programme, applicants who indicate an interest in the MSc Accounting and Finance specifically as their first choice will maximise their prospect of admission to the programme.

A short, focused, introductory course on quantitative methods and technical accounting will be held at the beginning of the programme. Thereafter you take examined courses up to a total of four full units. The average number of contact hours per week is 12 hours, which includes lectures and seminars. Office hours with faculty and academic advisers provide further support to students on the programme.

You should ordinarily possess at least a good upper second class honours degree in accounting and finance or a related subject from a UK university, or have reached a similar standard in an overseas degree. All applicants without a UK undergraduate degree must submit GMAT test scores with their application. The overall GMAT score should normally be in excess of 650 points. Applicants with UK undergraduate degrees, particularly those whose quantitative skills are not demonstrated by their undergraduate studies, may be asked to

submit GMAT scores. Students currently studying on the Diploma in Accounting and Finance programme at LSE are not required to submit GMAT scores.

In exceptional circumstances, applicants without a UK degree may be exempted from submitting GMAT scores. This may include cases where the requirement proves difficult for the individual to meet (eg, the test not being offered in the applicant's home country, or where test centres only have limited spaces available for testing). When this is the case, applicants should complete and submit the online GMAT waiver form. Candidates are advised that approvals of such requests for a waiver are stringent and seldom granted.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

Either **Corporate Finance and Asset Markets** which examines the fundamental concepts and tools underlying modern finance, both in the asset markets and the corporate finance side or both **Asset Markets A\*** which equips students with the fundamental concepts and tools underlying the assets markets side of modern finance and **Corporate Finance A\*** (or another course with permission) which covers a range of topics in corporate finance including capital budgeting techniques, capital structure decisions, dividend policy, decision to go public and mergers and acquisitions.

Either **Financial Reporting in Capital Markets** which seeks to relate economic events to financial statements and disclosures or **Management Accounting**,

## Strategy and Organisational Control

which provides an advanced overview of current developments in the thought and practice of management accounting, strategy and organisational control or both **Accounting, Strategy and Control\*** which provides an advanced overview of current theoretical and practical developments in the area of organisational control and **Financial Reporting, Capital Markets and Business Combinations\*** which examines accounting in relation to value creation with special emphasis on cash flows and revenues, business combinations, corporate disclosure, capital markets efficiency and corporate governance.

Students will be expected to choose a total of two further units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/af](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/af) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Our graduates pursue careers across a wide range of sectors worldwide. Graduates have been employed by the major financial services, accountancy and advisory firms, as well as corporates, think tanks and government and public sector organisations around the world. Each year, some graduates from the programme also become entrepreneurs or join start-ups,

while others pursue doctoral studies in accounting at LSE or other leading universities.

## MSc Accounting, Organisations and Institutions

**Application code:** N4U4

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 10 months full-time only (10 month master's programmes are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are "recognised". For more information on Bologna please see page 11)

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 48/519

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 honours degree or equivalent in any discipline

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This programme provides the opportunity to study at the interface between accounting, organisations and institutions from a rigorous interdisciplinary social science perspective. The programme does not require a

background in accounting, and students with an initial training in the humanities or the social or natural sciences are encouraged to apply. The programme is aimed at those aspiring to careers in accounting, auditing and assurance, financial management, risk management, management consultancy, and regulation, in a variety of for-profit and non-profit organisations globally. The degree also provides preparation for those aspiring to embark on academic research in the field of accounting.

You should ordinarily possess at least a good upper second class honours undergraduate degree from a UK university, or have reached a similar standard in an overseas degree. Given the high competition for places on this programme, applicants who indicate an interest in the MSc Accounting, Organisations and Institutions specifically as their first choice will maximise their prospect of admission to the programme. Thus, candidates should note the differentiated nature of the graduate programmes in the Department of Accounting, and are advised to identify their first choice accordingly.

## Programme details

A short, focused, introductory course on accounting practices and techniques will be held at the beginning of the programme. Thereafter, you take examined courses up to a total of four full units. The average number of contact hours per week is 12 hours, which includes lectures and seminars. Office hours with teachers and academic advisers are available in addition to this.

Key features of the programme:

- Provides a stimulating and intellectually demanding approach to analysing how accounting is implicated in a range of organisational and institutional processes of calculation, reporting and evaluation.
- Introduces the different ways in which accounting shapes organisations and institutions across a range of different contexts.
- Explores the interface between accounting, risk management systems and accountability.
- Introduces key design issues for accounting and management control systems and their operation and regulation in the for-profit and non-profit sectors.
- Provides the opportunity to study accounting and its organisational and institutional significance in one of the world's leading social science institutions.
- Blends LSE's tradition of developing the highest level of analytical skills with a focus on practice.
- Is aimed at individuals aspiring to the highest levels of seniority, whether in accounting firms, management consultancies, or government and regulatory institutions.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Accounting, Organisations and Institutions** provides an advanced understanding of the changing role and position of accounting practices in organisations, both public and private, and societies more generally.

**Management Accounting Decisions and Control\*** provides an introduction to issues of accounting information and cost management, managerial decision making and performance management and **Financial Accounting, Reporting and Disclosure\*** delivers an introduction to financial accounting and highlights aspects of reporting that are important to users of financial information.

Students will be expected to choose additional courses to the value of two full units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/aoi](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/aoi) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Our graduates pursue careers across a wide range of sectors, in financial institutions, accounting firms, management consulting, industry, government and academia. Companies who have employed recent graduates include Bain & Company, Bank of New York Mellon, Barclays Capital, BlackRock, Credit Agricole, Crowe Horwath, General Electric, JP Morgan, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, PwC, KPMG, Proctor & Gamble, Merrill Lynch, Mondelez, EMI Music, Nordea Bank, Royal Dutch Shell, Schroders and Strategic Asset Partners LLP.

# ANTHROPOLOGY

## [lse.ac.uk/anthropology](http://lse.ac.uk/anthropology)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 93

**Research:** 22

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 22

**RAE:** 65 per cent of the Department's research was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Old Building

The Department of Anthropology has a strong international reputation and a long and distinguished history of leadership in the discipline. It is characterised by a dynamic research culture and by a strong commitment to teaching and to promoting an inclusive intellectual environment. We engage in innovative research in the unfolding contemporary world while maintaining core anthropological traditions: long-term empirical research, a commitment to a broad comparative enquiry on the nature of human sociality and human nature, and a constructive but critical engagement with social theory. In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, LSE's Anthropology Department obtained the highest proportion of 4\* rated submissions (the highest ranking) in the UK.

The Department has extensive international links and leading scholars in the discipline often come to LSE as academic visitors. These links bring

a special quality to the Department's research culture, and are of great educational and professional benefit to students.

The Department has a long and distinguished history. It originated with the work of Bronislaw Malinowski who arrived in 1910 and developed the distinctive features of British social anthropology. Many of the most famous figures in this tradition have been students and teachers in the Department.

## MRes/PhD Anthropology Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** L6ZB (MRes/PhD), L6EA (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), (VRS) up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Merit in taught master's in social anthropology from a British university. If you do not have these qualifications you should apply for an MSc in the first instance. In exceptional circumstances the Department will consider students with a BA/BSc in Social Anthropology (at least an upper second) from a UK university. (Please note that for students currently registered on the Department's MSc Anthropology and Development, MSc Anthropology and Development Management, MSc Religion in the Contemporary World, or MSc China in Comparative



Perspective programmes, specific additional conditions apply)

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32), LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MRes/PhD Anthropology is part of the Social Science group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place earlier. The funding deadline is 12 January 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents

## Opportunities for research

Our graduate research programme, which is central to the life of the Department, is built around long term participant observation fieldwork. In recent years, doctoral students have conducted fieldwork – related to a broad range of contemporary themes in social anthropology – in many different countries, especially in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, South America and the Pacific. We invite applications for research, particularly on topics which are linked to the interests and expertise of our members of staff.

In order to be considered for direct admission to the MRes/PhD programme, you must have completed an MA or MSc in social anthropology at a British university to a high standard (students with a UK-based BA/BSc in anthropology should contact us to discuss possible exemptions to this requirement). If you do not have these qualifications, you should apply first for one of our MSc programmes. While studying for the MSc, you may apply for admission to the MRes/PhD programme in the following year, although satisfactory completion of the MSc (obtaining a “Merit” classification or higher in the MSc overall) is required before an offer of admission to the MRes/PhD can be confirmed. However, if you will be supported by a scholarship which can be held only for a research degree and not for the MSc degree, you should write directly to the Department's Doctoral Programme Director to discuss this in relation to your individual circumstances.

The first year of our graduate research programme focuses on fieldwork preparation and training in research methodologies. Students take courses and seminars based in the Department of Anthropology. Depending on your qualifications and background, you will also be asked to take additional coursework in social anthropology by attending lecture courses in, for example, kinship or religion. Throughout the pre-fieldwork year, your main task is to prepare – in close consultation with your two supervisors – a formal research proposal (with a 10,000 word limit). This is formally assessed by the Department. Students are normally upgraded from MRes to PhD registration if



their proposals have been approved, and if they have achieved the required marks on their methodology coursework. They are then allowed to proceed to fieldwork.

During fieldwork – depending on the practicalities of communication – students are expected to maintain close contact with their supervisors about the progress of their work. Most of our students carry out fieldwork for approximately 18 months.

After fieldwork, doctoral candidates begin writing their PhD dissertations under the close supervision of members of staff. During this period of their studies, they attend weekly thesis writing seminars, and fortnightly seminars on recent developments in anthropology as well as departmental seminars on anthropological theory. Most students complete their dissertations between one and two years after their fieldwork has ended.

The research interests of our staff span nearly all the major theoretical spheres of modern social anthropology – from learning and cognition, to industrialisation and globalisation, mythology and religious symbolism, temporality and history,



development and human rights. Our range of regional interests is equally wide.

## Taught programmes

MSc Anthropology and Development (see page 54)

MSc Anthropology and Development Management (see page 55)

MSc China in Comparative Perspective (see page 56)

MSc Religion in the Contemporary World (see page 57)

MSc Social Anthropology (see page 57)

## MSc Anthropology and Development

**Application code:** Y2UB

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time,  
24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 10/93

**Minimum entry requirement:**  
2:1 degree in any discipline, with genuine interest in anthropology and development, and in possible areas of overlap between the two (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024;  
overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Apply early, however, as places will fill up quickly

This programme is offered by the Department of Anthropology with the assistance of the Department of International Development and offers the following benefits:

- Both the Department of Anthropology and the Department of International Development have a strongly international character, and are situated in the only institution devoted solely to the social sciences in the UK.

- The strong tradition of empirical research within both departments directly informs and enhances the teaching on the programme.
- The programme offers an excellent and intensive introduction to the disciplines of social anthropology and international development.

The programme is intended for graduates with a good first degree in any discipline who can demonstrate a genuine interest in anthropology and development.

### Programme details

The programme will help you to develop a good understanding of classical social theory and modern anthropological theory, with reference to a range of theoretical issues, including those of development and social change, and in relation to appropriate ethnography. You will gain a thorough understanding of the history of development policy and practice and their theoretical underpinnings, and of the ways in which these are illuminated by anthropology. Though the programme is not a course in “applied anthropology”, it will be invaluable if you are planning a career in development work. The programme also provides a good foundation for anthropological research on problems connected with development.

Scheduled teaching normally includes three hours of lectures and three hours of seminars per week (depending on options selected), supplemented by regular academic tutorials.

You take compulsory core courses to the value of two units, one each in anthropology and in international development. You take further courses to the value of one full unit, and complete a dissertation to be submitted by early September.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Anthropology of Development\*** explores how anthropologists have evaluated, criticised and contributed to development. Covering a range of key topics in fine-grained ethnographic detail, it assesses how far the work of practitioners/insiders working on practical projects can be reconciled with critiques of development theory and practice by anthropologists.

*Either* **Anthropology of Economy (1): Production and Exchange\***, examines “the economy” as an object of social scientific analysis and a domain of human action; exploring how this domain was conceived of, measured, described and modelled, and the form economic institutions take cross-culturally. Topics covered include the relationship between gifts and commodities, the social organisation of production and exchange, and the links between economic, political and kinship domains *or* **Anthropology of Economy (2): Development, Transformation and Globalisation\***, addresses topics in the anthropology of globalisation, exploring how scholars have understood new forms of production, consumption, exchange and financial circulation. Some emphasise post-Fordist

methods of flexible production and neo-liberal elite projects; some focus on trans-state processes of globalisation; some analyse shifts in state policies such as austerity, decentralised planning, public-private partnerships and the deregulation of financial markets; while others address new forms of consumer society, popular desires for social mobility and transnational migration.

*Either* **Development: History, Theory and Policy** focuses on the major trends of development and change in modern history and interpretations of them in the social sciences; and contemporary economic and social theory and their bearing on the policy and practice of development *or* **Key Issues in Development Studies** provides and overview of the key issues and debates in international development. It features lectures from leading LSE experts on subjects such as climate change, conflict, poverty, the financial crisis, demography, democratisation, health, migration, human rights and trade and a half unit in development.

### Dissertation.

Students will choose courses to the value of one full unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ad](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ad) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The programme provides ideal preparation for research work in anthropology, international development and related fields.

## MSc Anthropology and Development Management

**Application code:** L6U7

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 11/76

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline, with genuine interest in anthropology and development, and in possible areas of overlap between the two (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Apply early, however, as places will fill up quickly

This programme is offered by the Department of Anthropology with the assistance of the Department of International Development. The programme is intended for graduates with a good first degree in any

discipline who can demonstrate a genuine interest in anthropology and development.

The programme offers the following benefits:

- A combination of theoretical and practical teaching on international development issues. The core course in development for this programme includes an introduction to organisational and institutional theory. This knowledge is then applied to a live consulting exercise with a development agency in the UK or abroad. Practical and theoretical issues are therefore fully integrated in a professional project.
- The strong tradition of empirical research within both departments directly informs and enhances the teaching on the programmes.
- This programme offers an excellent and intensive introduction to the disciplines of social anthropology and international development.
- Both the Department of Anthropology and the Department of International Development have a strongly international character, and are situated in the only institution devoted solely to the social sciences in the UK.

## Programme details

This programme will help you to understand how social theory and modern anthropological theory can be applied to the analysis of development and social change. You will explore theories about the emergence of states, how institutions impact on development and how these processes can be illuminated by

anthropology. You will gain understanding of how political economy can be used to explain the causes of development and non-development. You will also examine the practical effects of different kinds of authority, incentives and accountability mechanisms. You will gain insight into best practice in designing state agencies, private firms and NGOs and/or implementing changes in these organisations. Though the programme is not a course in “applied anthropology”, it will be invaluable if you are planning a career in development work because of its consultancy project element. The programme also provides a good foundation for anthropological research on problems connected with development.

Scheduled teaching normally includes three hours of lectures and three hours of seminars per week (depending on options selected), supplemented by regular academic tutorials. In addition, as part of the course Development Management, students will take part in and be assessed on the Development Management Project, a live consultancy exercise for real development agencies in consultation with International Development staff.

You take two compulsory core courses (one in anthropology and one in development), an optional course to the value of one unit, and complete a dissertation to be submitted by early September.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Anthropology of Development\*** explores how anthropologists have evaluated,

criticised and contributed to development. Covering a range of key topics in fine-grained ethnographic detail, it assesses how far the work of practitioners/insiders working on practical projects can be reconciled with critiques of development theory and practice by anthropologists.

**Development Management** employs a political economy approach to examine the causes of development and non-development. It focuses on the different kinds of authority, incentives and accountability mechanisms that govern the relationships between managers and recipients in the institutions and organisations that people use to meet their political, economic and social needs; and reviews debates about the design of state agencies and private firms, showing how centralised bureaucracies, markets, participatory and solidaristic agencies operate to provide essential services. It explores deep theories about the emergence of the state and the different social, political and economic actors that work within it and vie to control it; and examines how those forces interact to drive processes of change in different kinds of society.

**Either Anthropology of Economy (1): Production and Exchange\*** examines “the economy” as an object of social scientific analysis and a domain of human action; exploring how this domain was conceived, measured, described and modelled, and the form economic institutions take cross-culturally. Topics covered include the relationship between gifts and commodities, the social organisation of production and exchange,





By reading for a taught master's programme in LSE's Anthropology Department, I learnt how to assess issues in the discipline by constantly questioning accepted academic theories.

**Dia Flores**, MSc China in Comparative Perspective

and the links between economic, political and kinship domains or **Anthropology of Economy (2): Development, Transformation and Globalisation\*** addresses topics in the anthropology of globalisation, exploring how scholars have understood new forms of production, consumption, exchange and financial circulation. Some emphasise post-Fordist methods of flexible production and neo-liberal elite projects; some focus on trans-state processes of globalisation; some analyse shifts in state policies such as austerity, decentralised planning, public-private partnerships and the deregulation of financial markets; while others address new forms of consumer society, popular desires for social mobility and transnational margins.

#### **Dissertation.**

Students choose courses to the value of one full unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/adm](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/adm) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

#### **Graduate destinations**

The programme provides ideal preparation for research work in anthropology, international development and related fields.

### **MSc China in Comparative Perspective**

**Application code:** L6U2

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time only

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in social science (see page 36)

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 25/172

**English requirement:** Standard (see English requirements page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Apply early, however, as places will fill up quickly

This programme is based in the Department of Anthropology, however teaching contributions come from staff in a range of departments within LSE. The programme provides an introduction to the study of China, drawing on a range of social science disciplines including anthropology, economic history, international history, sociology, government and international relations.

This programme is aimed at students with a background in the social sciences and a strong interest in China.

It offers the following benefits:

- Students are taught about China from a comparative social science perspective.



- Students benefit from LSE's considerable expertise in studies of China and of Asia more generally.

## Programme details

A key feature of the MSc is that China is always considered in a comparative and historical framework. So, for example, Chinese economic history might be contrasted with European or Indian economic history or Chinese governmental powers with those found in Europe.

The programme is built around a compulsory core course on China in Comparative Perspective, combining lectures, seminars and tutorial supervision. Additionally you take optional courses to the value of two units and complete a dissertation to be submitted by early September.

Scheduled teaching normally includes three hours of lectures and three hours of seminars per week (depending on options selected), supplemented by fortnightly academic tutorials in groups of two or three students. During the Lent and Summer terms there are additional one-hour seminars to prepare students for dissertation writing.

## Compulsory courses

**China in Comparative Perspective** puts the politics, economy and social life of China into a framework in which to compare and juxtapose it with other major examples.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units from a list of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ccp](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ccp) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The programme is a good preparation for research work in an academic discipline, but is also appropriate for those with career interests related to China and East Asia (for example, in business or government).

## MSc Religion in the Contemporary World

**Application code:** L6U3

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 6/25

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline, with genuine interest in the social sciences and religion (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Apply early, however, as places will fill up quickly

This programme provides an interdisciplinary, broad social-science perspective on the study of religion, in contrast to courses which take a religious studies or theology-based perspective.

This programme is intended for graduates with a good first degree in the humanities and social sciences, including those who may have studied anthropology within the context of a more general degree. The programme will also be of interest and value to those with a traditional background in religious studies or theology, or with a pastoral or vocational training, who would like to consider religion from an alternative and complementary perspective.

## Programme details

Key features of the programme include:

- It covers topics of key importance, such as secularisation, religion and public policy, religion in the developing world, religion in the West and its historical development, and the understanding of Western models of religion and secularisation through comparison with the rest of the world.
- Teaching is directly informed and enhanced by the very strong tradition of fieldwork-based research within the LSE Department of Anthropology.
- We offer a full academic tutorial system, which means that students on this MSc benefit from direct and sustained contact with members of staff.

Scheduled teaching normally includes three hours of lectures and three hours of seminars per week (depending on options selected), supplemented by regular academic tutorials.

You take a compulsory core course, a choice of options to the value of two full units, and complete an essay (dissertation) to be submitted by early September.

## Compulsory courses

**Understanding Religion in the Contemporary World** considers the distinctive definition and understanding of "religion" within the social sciences.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/rcw](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/rcw) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The programme is an ideal preparation for research work in the study of religion. Many graduates from the Department go on to complete PhDs. It will also provide a foundation for those wishing to find employment in the civil service, policy and diplomacy, education, social work, journalism and NGOs.

## MSc Social Anthropology

**Application code:** L6U5

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

# CITIES PROGRAMME

**Duration:** 12 months full-time,  
24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 35/133

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1  
in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard  
(see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024;  
overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support  
Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling  
admissions. Apply early, however, as  
places will fill up quickly

The programme is an excellent and  
intensive introduction to the discipline of  
social anthropology.

This programme is intended for graduates  
with a good first degree in any discipline,  
including those who may have studied  
anthropology within the context of a  
more general degree.

The programme offers the  
following benefits:

- Teaching is directly informed and  
enhanced by the very strong tradition of  
fieldwork-based research within the LSE  
Department of Anthropology.
- We offer a full academic tutorial system,  
which means that students on this  
MSc benefit from direct and sustained  
contact with members of staff.

## Programme details

Students take a compulsory core course, a  
choice of options to the value of two full  
units, and complete an essay (dissertation)  
to be submitted by early September.

Scheduled teaching normally includes  
three hours of lectures and three hours of  
seminars per week (depending on options  
selected), supplemented by regular  
academic tutorials.

## Compulsory courses

**Anthropology: Theory and  
Ethnography** examines the relationship  
between theory and ethnography in  
modern social and cultural anthropology.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose  
courses to the value of two full units  
from a range of options. Please visit  
[lse.ac.uk/grad/sa](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/sa) for further information  
on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available  
each year and that some courses may only be  
available with the permission of the course  
convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The programme is an ideal  
preparation for research work in  
anthropology and related fields.

## [lse.ac.uk/cities](http://lse.ac.uk/cities)

The Cities Programme is an innovative  
and interdisciplinary graduate programme  
that addresses the challenges of urban  
development and design in their social,  
economic, environmental and political  
contexts. Its central objective is to relate  
the physical and social organisation  
of cities and urban spaces. The Cities  
Programme takes a multi-disciplinary  
approach to these issues, drawing on  
expertise and insights from the social and  
economic sciences, architecture and urban  
design, planning and environmental  
studies, and other fields. The Programme  
is the graduate education branch of the  
LSE Cities research centre, hosted by  
the Department of Sociology, and offers  
degree courses at MSc and PhD level.

PhD students researching in the fields  
of cities, space, architecture and urban  
studies are an important part of the Cities  
Programme culture. Our faculty and  
students come from a range of national  
as well as disciplinary contexts, enhancing  
the Programme's vibrant research and  
teaching environment. The LSE Cities  
Research Centre sponsors numerous  
public lectures, seminars and events on  
urban issues, hosts international scholars  
and speakers, and is linked into national  
and international urban networks.

## MPhil/PhD Cities

**Application code:** L4ZB

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 3/4 years (minimum 2)

**Entry requirement:** Merit in a taught  
master's degree in a related discipline

**English requirement:** Research (page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships  
and studentships (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None,  
however, the first full round of  
applications will be considered in  
March, and potential candidates  
are encouraged to submit their  
applications in advance of this period.  
If you wish to be considered for LSE  
studentships and scholarships you  
should apply by 12 January 2015

## Opportunities for research

The MPhil/PhD Cities Programme offers an  
excellent environment for interdisciplinary  
graduate research on cities, space  
and urbanism. Students come to the  
programme from a range of academic  
and professional backgrounds, sharing an  
interest in linking the social and physical  
study of urban issues. The doctoral  
programme includes training in research  
design, practice and presentation in the  
first year, access to relevant graduate  
taught courses to enhance general and  
project-specific skills, a range of student-  
led and international collaborations  
and initiatives, and opportunities for  
exchange and networking through other  
international partnerships. Research  
focuses on the academic expertise of staff

within the Cities Programme, Department of Sociology, and LSE in general, addressing the spatial, social, economic and environmental aspects of cities and urban life.

You should have a merit or higher in a master's degree from a British university or its equivalent in another country, in a relevant discipline within the social sciences, architecture and urban design, or related fields in the humanities. When you apply for an MPhil/PhD, you will need to develop a research proposal that sets out clearly the research problem you wish to investigate, potential research contexts or case studies, and describe the methods of research you propose to use. This will help us to evaluate your potential to embark on a research degree, and to identify a supervisor with similar interests and appropriate expertise. In considering your application, we may request submission of one or two pieces of written work that reflect your academic interests and abilities, and invite you for interview (including telephone interview where appropriate). If accepted onto the programme, you will be initially registered for the MPhil. You may transfer to PhD registration when you have completed preliminary written work of sufficient quality and quantity, usually within two years of full-time registration.

In the first year, you will be expected to take a range of methodology and specialist courses. These are selected in discussion with your supervisor, dependent on your research needs and interests, and may include courses from other institutes or departments at LSE.

You must attend the first year research classes for MPhil students taught within the Sociology Department and, unless you have already successfully studied research methods at master's level, you will normally be expected to complete graduate course units in methodology, on the advice of your supervisor.

At the end of your first year, you will produce for assessment a 5,000 word research proposal, outlining the aims and methods of your thesis. Successful completion of this assessment is the condition for progress to the second year.

After the first year you will spend more time on independent study under the guidance of your personal supervisor/s. This will involve the collection, organisation, analysis and writing up of data and ideas. You will also attend regular workshops and seminars related

to your interests. You will be expected to make an active contribution to these by presenting papers and/or taking part in general discussions.

### Taught programme

MSc City Design and Social Science (see page 179)





# GRANTHAM RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment is home to climate change and environment research at LSE.

The Institute, funded by the Grantham Foundation for the Protection of the Environment, is chaired by Lord Stern of Brentford, author of the 2006 Stern Review, and brings together high quality research on climate change and environmental issues from across the social sciences, supporting policy development, raising public awareness, and contributing to business strategy.

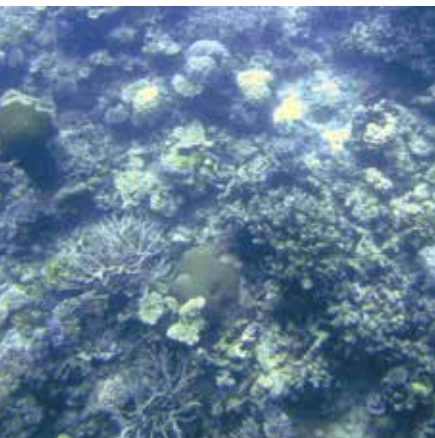
The Institute also hosts the ESRC Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy. This is a research partnership between LSE and the University of Leeds to advance climate-change policy by improving both the evidence and the tools available to decision makers. The Research agenda of the Institute and Centre covers five broad themes:

- global response strategies
- green growth
- practical aspects of climate policy
- adaptation and development
- resource security

## Opportunities for research

There are opportunities across many departments at LSE for research on the social science aspects of climate and environmental change, and the Institute houses a growing number of research students working in these areas. Cutting edge research in this area requires interaction and collaboration across the disciplines and the Institute is working in partnership with departments and other research centres, including the Departments of Geography and Environment, Economics, Statistics, International Relations, Philosophy and centres such as CEP, Financial Markets, CATS and Human Rights. Students receive research training in the relevant departments and where appropriate are affiliated to the Institute.

More information on the Institute, its academic members and current activities can be found at [lse.ac.uk/granthamInstitute](http://lse.ac.uk/granthamInstitute)





# ECONOMIC HISTORY

**[lse.ac.uk/  
economicHistory](http://lse.ac.uk/economicHistory)**

**Number of graduate students  
(full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 155

**Research:** 31

**Number of faculty (full-time  
equivalent):** 22

**RAE:** 65 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Clare Market

Following in a long and distinguished tradition, research in the Department of Economic History uses concepts and theories from the social sciences as a starting point for studying the development of real economies and understanding them in their social, political and cultural context.

The Department is home to by far the largest group of researchers in economic history in the UK and probably the world. The composition and international diversity of its staff, academic visitors and research students mean that its interests range from the medieval period to the current century, from Latin America to China via Africa and Europe, from questions about the institutions of economic change to ones on technology and finance, and from the history of economic ideas and policy to the measurement of past human well-being and explanations for global trade patterns. Research and teaching are particularly

vigorous in the international economic history of the 19th and 20th centuries; the economic history of the less developed world; and global economic history.

We particularly value a comparative outlook on research, and the fruits of our research have been used by international agencies, such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, government departments and local communities. Our faculty have included among their research commitments the editorship of *The Economic History Review*, *The Journal of African History* and *The European Review of Economic History*.

## **MPhil/PhD Economic History Visiting Research Students**

**Application code:** V3ZE  
(MPhil/PhD) V3EE (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Merit in a taught master's degree in economic history, or a related subject in social science. Other students should apply for MSc Economic History (Research)

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is

*I have really benefited from being able to have one-on-one meetings with the leading professors in economic history.*

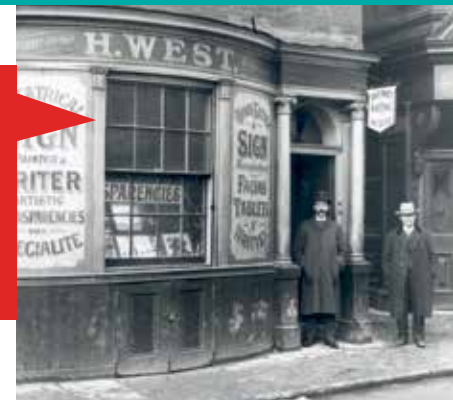
**Matt Sheehan**, MSc Economic History

an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD Economic History is part of the Global Economic Performance Policy and Management group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place earlier. The funding deadline is 12 January 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents

## **Opportunities for research**

To undertake research you should have completed a taught master's degree in economic history, economics or a closely related subject. Other students will be expected to take the MSc Economic History (Research) as the first year of their programme. Incoming students may also be required during the first year of the MPhil/PhD to take one or more examined MSc options related to the provision of core knowledge and individual research interests. Those entering from the master's degrees in the Department are required to achieve a merit overall and 65 per cent in the dissertation to qualify for entry to the MPhil/PhD programme.



All research students who have not already taken the MSc in Economic History in the Department are expected to attend the MSc (Research) core courses, Historical Analysis of Economic Change and Research Design and Quantitative Methods in Economic History. These courses provide a basic awareness of historical methodology and central themes in economic history; introduce important analytical tools used by economic historians and consider how these have been and can be applied in research; and examine how statistical techniques and inference procedures can be used in the study of economic history. In addition, all first year research students attend a compulsory course, which provides a forum for the discussion of general issues and problems relating to PhD research, as well as assisting students to clarify their topics and research strategies through the examination of texts related to their proposed thesis areas. Supervisors may also require students to take additional taught courses in the first year of study.

A thesis workshop for all graduate research students is held weekly during term, and all students are expected to attend. This provides a forum for students to chair seminars, present papers, and act as

discussants, and as such constitutes a central part of the graduate training programme.

The main goal of research students in the Department is the researching and writing of a thesis. Students are, however, expected to do much more than just thesis research. Most doctoral students go on to academic or academic related jobs which require a broader knowledge of the subject than can be gained from intense but narrow thesis research. Research students are therefore regularly expected to attend and participate in departmental workshops and seminars, as well as other seminars in the University of London. Advanced research students are expected to present research papers at conferences and seminars, and many also act as teaching assistants on undergraduate courses.

All students have one main supervisor, and in most cases a second supervisor. The supervisor is the student's most important academic link with the Department. The research student tutor is responsible for the overall research programme, and chairs the Graduate Review Committee which oversees the progress of research students. All students are reviewed at the end of their first year of research, and registration for the second year depends on a satisfactory outcome. Students are reviewed again when they upgrade from MPhil to PhD status, normally at the end of their second year of study, when they are expected to have produced around half the thesis in draft.

The Department has a large body of research students drawn from every continent, who join with staff members to form a vigorous research community.

A significant number of research students trained in the Department are now employed at institutions all over the world in teaching and research posts. Students leave the Department equipped for any profession that requires intellectual judgement, the ability to assess and analyse evidence and ideas, and good communication skills. Graduates of the programme have gone on to university teaching or research posts, into jobs in international economic agencies, such as the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank, and to a variety of other positions, from museum directors to pig farmers!

## Taught programmes

MSc Economic History (see page 62)

MSc Economic History (Research) (see page 63)

MSc Global History (see page 63)

MA Global Studies: A European Perspective (see page 196). A two year (full-time) Erasmus Mundus programme. Students spend a year at each of two participating universities. EU financial support is available

MSc Political Economy of Late Development (see page 64)

MSc Quantitative Economic History / MRes Quantitative Economic History (see page 65)

## MSc Economic History

**Application code:** V3U1

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time,  
24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 89/248  
(with Research track)

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1  
in social science (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard  
(see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024;  
overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support  
Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None

The MSc Economic History offers a flexible programme to those who have already studied economic history at first degree level, or for those who have studied a related discipline and whose interests have moved towards economic history. Applicants for our MSc programmes should have at least an upper second class honours degree, or its equivalent, in the social sciences.

## Programme details

The wide range of courses in economic history available enables candidates to compile a programme that meets their particular requirements. The degree is a twelve month programme, consisting of one compulsory half unit, a compulsory dissertation (half or full unit), and optional courses to the value of two and a half or

three units selected from the prescribed list, which must include at least one of our advanced survey courses on modern or pre-modern economic history over the last millennium.

Students leave the Department equipped for any profession that requires intellectual judgement, the ability to assess and analyse evidence and ideas, and good communication skills.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Historical Analysis of Economic Change\*** covers the central themes and key methodological and theoretical issues in economic history.

**One from:**

**Essay/Dissertation** (6,000 words).\*

**Dissertation** (10,000 words).

Either **The Development and Integration of the World Economy in the 19th and 20th Centuries** provides an overview of the development and integration of the world economy since the First Industrial Revolution or **Pre-modern Paths of Growth: East and West Compared, c1000-1800** surveys long-term processes of growth and development in pre-modern Europe, China and Japan.

Depending on the type of essay/dissertation chosen, students are expected to select a total of one and a half units or two units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/eh](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/eh) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Economic history graduates can be found in management and administration in the public and private sectors; banking; journalism; economic consultancy; and library and museum services, to mention just a few.

### MSc Economic History (Research)

**Application code:** V3U2 Research

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 89/248 (with non-Research track)

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). MSc Economics History (Research) is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34). Your complete application

must be submitted before 12 January 2015 to be considered for nomination

**Application deadline:** None

**Notes:** This research track can be taken as a stand alone qualification or as the first year of a research degree, followed by 3-4 years of MPhil/PhD. You should indicate in your personal statement if you wish to be considered for the 1+3 programme and submit an outline research proposal

The MSc Economic History (Research) provides training in methods including the role of theory, evaluation, analysis and explanation, quantitative techniques and computing, the use of sources and presentational skills, all of which give a foundation for more advanced research work in the subject. Applicants for our MSc programmes should have at least an upper second class honours degree, or its equivalent, in the social sciences. Students considering further graduate work and/or students who have received an ESRC 1+3 grant, must successfully complete the MSc Economic History (Research) degree.

### Programme details

The programme comprises two compulsory half units, a dissertation (which counts as two units) and optional courses to the value of two units selected from the prescribed list. Please note that some options have prerequisites and some have a restricted intake. The range of options available in any one year may vary.

Students leave the Department equipped for any profession that requires intellectual judgement, the ability to assess and analyse evidence and ideas, and good communication skills.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Historical Analysis of Economic Change\*** covers the central themes and key methodological and theoretical issues in economic history.

**Research Dissertation of 15,000 words** (counts as two units).

**One of the following research training courses:**

**Research Design and Quantitative Methods in Economic History\*** is concerned with how economic historians have used quantitative methods and with how researchers design and structure a research project.

**Quantitative Topics in Economic History I: Cross-Section and Panel Data\*** provides an overview of quantitative approaches in economic history using primarily cross-section and panel data.

**Quantitative Topics in Economic History II: Time Series and Economic Dynamics\*** provides an overview of quantitative approaches in economic history using primarily time series and dynamic techniques.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/](http://lse.ac.uk/)

[grad/ehres](#) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Economic history graduates can be found in management and administration in the public and private sectors; banking; journalism; economic consultancy; and library and museum services, to mention just a few.

### MSc Global History

**Application code:** V3U6

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 17/75

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in humanities or social science. Prior knowledge of economic theory is not essential (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None

This programme is intended for graduates in history, geography, anthropology and other humanities degrees as well as related social sciences, such as economics, politics and sociology (prior knowledge of economic theory is not essential).

Applicants should have at least an upper second class honours degree or its equivalent in a social science or humanities subject and a desire to explore change in a global perspective over the long term.

The programme was developed in response to the maturation of global history as a field; by the contribution of economic history and social science based approaches to the framing and content of the field;

and by the increasing involvement of members of the Department in this area. To achieve coherence and rigour, the focus is specifically on economic change considered in its cultural, social and political contexts.

### Programme details

The MSc comprises compulsory courses to the value of two and a half units, and either optional courses to the value of one unit and a half unit dissertation, or optional courses to the value of a half unit and a dissertation to the value of one unit. The compulsory half unit course introduces central debates and key analytical tools and the full unit courses provide a general grounding in major processes in global history over the last millennium.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Economic Change in Global History: Approaches and Analysis\*** introduces central themes and analytical tools in global

history, focussing on the history of material progress and stasis, and considering the comparisons and connections between the histories of different regions of the world.

#### One from:

**Essay/Dissertation\*** (6,000 words).

**Dissertation** (10,000 words).

#### Two from:

**Pre-modern Paths of Growth: East and West Compared, c1000-1800**

surveys long-term processes of growth and development in pre-modern Europe, China and Japan.

**The Development and Integration of the World Economy in the 19th and 20th Centuries** provides an overview of the development and integration of the world economy.

**Empire, Colonialism and Globalisation** examines the political and cultural history of empires and their legacy in the contemporary world.

Depending on the type of essay/dissertation chosen, students will be expected to choose a total of half or one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/gh](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/gh) for further information on programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convener and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Global Studies provides essential training for those who wish to develop professional research expertise in global history. Graduates of the programme have gone on to study for a PhD, into jobs in international economic agencies and development, as well as journalism, economic consultancy and management and administration in the public and private sectors.

### MSc Political Economy of Late Development

**Application code:** V3UC

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time only

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 33/147

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science or humanities (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None

This programme is based in the Department of Economic History and the Department of International Development.



*The diversity of the curriculum was one of the things I liked best about the MSc Economic History; it really allowed me to choose topics that I had a strong interest in.*

**Marcus Ward**, MSc Economic History



The MSc Political Economy of Late Development offers students an opportunity to integrate two related fields of study that draw on the breadth of research expertise and practical experience in the Department of Economic History and the Department of International Development. It provides a unique set of courses that combine conceptual approaches to development, empirical analyses of patterns of growth in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and key themes in development.

The intellectual objectives of the degree derive from increasing interest in the recent economic history of late developing economies and their differing growth trajectories.

### Programme details

The programme uses techniques of long-run growth analysis to inform modern approaches to development policy and practice. It provides a comparative assessment of current development debates, and locates them in appropriate historical and theoretical contexts. Courses consider the origin and outcomes of patterns of growth in various parts of the world, policy responses to differing growth outcomes, and assumptions underpinning policy interventions. The programme also seeks to explain how and when some developing economies “converged” with industrialised countries, while the growth performance of others was more erratic, and why problems of poverty, inequality, instability and violence still characterise large parts of the world.

The degree is a 12-month programme, consisting of two core units, a

dissertation, and optional courses to the value of two full units selected from the prescribed list. The core elements are Development: Theory, History and Policy and Theories, Paths and Patterns of Late Development, to which the dissertation is linked. In choosing options, students must select an equivalent of one full Department of International Development unit and one full economic history unit.

Please note that some options have prerequisites and some have a restricted intake. The range of options available in any one year may vary.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Theories, Paths and Patterns of Late Development\*** examines the central themes and key methodological and theoretical issues in economic history.

**Development: History, Theory and Policy** integrates the concepts and perspectives of a range of disciplines to consider: major trends of development and change in modern history and interpretations of them in the social sciences; contemporary economic and social theory and their bearing on the policy and practice of development.

**Dissertation\***.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units, to consist of one full unit from the Department of Economic History and one unit from the Department of International Development. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/peld](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/peld) for further information on programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The programme is primarily intended for students planning a career in development work, and provides a good foundation for social science research in development.

### MSc Quantitative Economic History MRes Quantitative Economic History PhD Quantitative Economic History

**Application code:** V3UF

**Start date:** 24 September 2015. Introductory course in Mathematics and Statistics begins in early September 2015

**Duration:** 5-6 years full-time of which: 1 year MSc, 1 year MRes, 3-4 years PhD

**Intake/applications in 2013:** New programme for 2014

**Minimum entry requirement:** first class honours with concentration on economics and quantitative subjects and at least a year of calculus, linear algebra and statistics, but will consider an upper second class where there is strength in relevant areas (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** all students who do not have an undergraduate economics degree from a UK institution must have taken the GRE General Test. GRE scores must be no more than five years old

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None

Applicants for this programme should have a first class honours degree, or equivalent, but we will consider a good upper second class degree with exceptional strength in appropriate subject areas. The MSc Quantitative Economic History is especially designed to meet the requirements of those with a strong grounding in undergraduate economics who wish to take the first steps towards a PhD in Quantitative Economic History, and we expect students to have very good grades in intermediate macro and microeconomics and econometrics. You should have a solid quantitative background with at least a year of calculus, linear algebra and statistics and should, for instance, know how to handle maximisation of a function of several variables subject to constraint, and be able to explain what is meant by an efficient estimator.

All students who do not have an undergraduate economics degree from a UK institution must have taken the GRE General Test no more than five years before applying, and must include full



and percentile test scores for all three sections with their application. Please see Admissions Enquiries System. We do not require a specific mark but the test gives us an indication of aptitude for economics. Typically we expect candidates to score at least 161/770 in the quantitative section of the test. A higher score will count in your favour, but other information, such as grades and references will matter more in the overall evaluation. We recognise that if your first language is not English, the verbal test will present special difficulties and we view your score on that basis.

## Programme details

The MSc degree runs over twelve months and consists of one and a half compulsory core courses in economic history and two full-unit compulsory courses in economics, plus an essay in quantitative economic history, counting as a half unit. The training provided through the delivery of these courses aims to increase students' methodological competencies and to assist and inform their dissertation work. Students are required to attend the Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics before the main teaching programme starts in October. Unconditional progression to the



second part of the programme, the MRes Quantitative Economic History, is contingent upon gaining a Pass overall at MSc level, with at least 50 per cent in the essay.

The MRes Quantitative Economic History is the second stage of the programme and also runs for twelve months, building on the foundations laid with the successful completion of the MSc. Study for the MRes includes substantive economic history courses to the value of two full units, complemented by one full-unit compulsory course in economics and a full-unit 10,000 word research paper in quantitative economic history. You must also provide a research prospectus of approximately 5,000 words, which is not examined, but is subject to approval by a departmental board. To progress unconditionally to the final stage of the programme, you must achieve at least a Merit overall in the MRes, with at least 65% in the research paper.

The PhD Quantitative Economic History is the final stage of the programme and is expected to be completed in 3-4 years. You will be expected to produce a paper-based PhD thesis that is comprised of three publishable research papers. You will be assigned two supervisors who will oversee the formulation and completion of your research. During this period you will build on the formal training provided through the MRes and develop your research skills and scholarly abilities, in part

by attending weekly seminars with other students taking the course. You will also gain professional experience in how to present your work at graduate workshops held regularly in the Department.

## Part I: MSc Quantitative Economic History

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Historical Analysis of Economic Change\*** provides a basic awareness of central themes and key methodological and theoretical issues in economic history

**Topics in Quantitative Economic History** topics are chosen to illustrate particular theoretical, quantitative or methodological issues.

Either **Microeconomics** develops the basic tools for analysing problems of resource allocation used by economists working in research, government and business or **Macroeconomics** provides a wide-ranging survey of modern macroeconomics.

**Econometrics** illustrates the techniques of empirical investigation in economics.

**Essay in Quantitative Economic History** (6,000 words)\*.

## Part II: MRes Quantitative Economic History

### Compulsory courses

Either **Microeconomics** develops the basic tools for analysing problems of resource allocation used by economists working

in research, government and business or **Macroeconomics** provides a wide-ranging survey of modern macroeconomics.

**Research Paper in Quantitative Economic History** (10,000 words).

## Research prospectus.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one full unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/qeh](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/qeh) for further information on programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Part III: PhD Quantitative Economic History

### Thesis.

## Graduate destinations

Students leave the Department equipped for any profession that requires intellectual judgement, the ability to assess and analyse evidence and ideas, and good communication skills. Economic history graduates can be found in management and administration in the public and private sectors; academia; banking; journalism; economic consultancy; and library and museum services, to mention just a few.

# ECONOMICS

**[lse.ac.uk/economics](http://lse.ac.uk/economics)**

**Number of graduate students  
(full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 235

**Research:** 81

**Number of faculty (full-time  
equivalent):** 72

**RAE:** 95 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields

The Department is one of the largest in the world, and offers an unusually rich choice of courses. It is also one of the leading research departments: in the 2008 review of university research by the UK Higher Education Funding Councils, the Department came top, whether ranked by grade point average or by the percentage of research receiving the top 4\* grade. 60 per cent of our research activity was considered world-leading and a further 35 per cent considered internationally excellent.

Ten past and present members of staff and students have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics including the 2010 prize winner Christopher Pissarides. Important figures in the discipline such as Atkinson, Besley, Layard, King, Sutton and Stern are, or have been, members of the Department.

In rankings of departments, based on publications in leading journals and peer review, the Department is consistently

placed in the top 20 worldwide, far ahead of any other department in Europe. A recent ranking by Tilburg University of publications in top economics journals 2008-12 places the Department 11th worldwide. Members of the Department are current or former editors of some of the leading journals, including the *American Economic Review*, *Review of Economics Studies*, the *Economic Journal* and *Economica*.

There is a cosmopolitan feel to the Department as well over half the members of staff were born or educated outside the UK and nearly three-quarters of graduate students come from overseas.

Former students are employed as economists in universities and in a wide range of national and international organisations, in government, business and finance.

## MRes/PhD Economics Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** L1U4 (MRes/PhD), L1EC (VRS)

**Start date:** Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics begins early September 2015

**Duration:** MRes: 2 years; PhD: maximum of 4 years; VRS: up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Exceptional grades in a postgraduate degree in economics

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)



The MSc Economics programme is a well-structured programme and is in one of the best economics departments in the world.

**Leo Chi-Chung Ng**, MSc Economics

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** All applicants must submit a GRE score. This must be no more than five years old and must show full and percentile scores for all three sections

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MRes/PhD Economics is part of the "Economics" group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34). Departmental scholarship funds may be available to UK/EU and overseas applicants unable to obtain external financial support. There are also numerous opportunities to earn support via teaching and research assistantships

**Application deadline:** 15 December 2014. Selection for funding is also based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents – by this deadline

## Opportunities for research

Our Department pioneered the development of systematic research training in economics in Britain and our PhD programme aims for the highest international standard of achievement and professional competence. The intellectual climate created by a substantial number of able and enthusiastic students, along with the input of an encouraging and skilled staff are the most important assets of the programme.

Many research students are associated with the work of one of LSE's research centres. The largest are: the Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines, with major groups working on development economics, economics of industry, econometrics, economic theory, public finance and public policy; the Centre for Economic Performance, looking at technology and growth, globalisation, labour markets and financial stability; the

Centre for Macroeconomics, with major research programmes to address the key issues of unemployment, fiscal austerity, financial markets, shifts in the world economy and the development of new methodologies; and the Financial Markets Group, specialising in risk management, asset pricing, financial institutions and corporate finance.

During the past two decades, LSE has developed a remarkable record of placing its PhD students in academic positions in the United States, as well as in the best research universities in Europe. A 2005 study by the Université Catholique de Louvain ranked LSE 10th worldwide for placing students in prestigious economics departments. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/econPhdJobs](http://lse.ac.uk/econPhdJobs) for details of recent placements.

The Department has educated some of the leaders in their respected fields, such as Orazio Attanasio, Daron Acemoglu and Thomas Piketty.

## Structure of the programme

The MRes/PhD programme is offered in one format. Students of the programme will have to complete MRes degree courses and a PhD qualifying course prior to submission of the PhD thesis.

An overview of the programme is given below. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/econResearchProgrammes](http://lse.ac.uk/econResearchProgrammes) for detailed information about the programme, coursework requirements and financial support.

## MRes/PhD

Entry to the MRes/PhD Economics programme is normally aimed at students with exceptional grades in a postgraduate degree in economics.

Highly successful graduates of our MSc programmes are able to enter the MRes/PhD Economics programme, subject to the attainment of a distinction grade.

All students are required to attend the September Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics.

In the first year of the programme you will take advanced core courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, to equip you with the theoretical knowledge and analytical techniques necessary for research.

In the second year, you will typically take two field courses and write a research paper in your major field. Currently, there are field courses covering: microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics, financial markets, and international, labour, public, industrial, political and development economics. From the second year onwards, you will also participate in a Departmental research seminar and a work in progress seminar allied to your research field.

Upon passing the regulations pertaining to upgrading to PhD registration, you are required to work on your research and write a PhD thesis. In addition you are required to take one further field course.

## Applying

Admission to these programmes is highly selective. All applicants must have taken the GRE General Test no more than five years before applying, and must include the test score with their application. Most successful MRes/PhD applicants have scores of 166/800 or more in the quantitative section. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/econResearch](http://lse.ac.uk/econResearch) for further information.

## Taught programmes

MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics (see page 68)

MSc Economics (see page 69)

The Department also contributes to:

MSc Economics and Philosophy (see page 152)

MSc Finance and Economics (see page 79)

MSc Economics and Management (see page 128)

MPA Public and Economic Policy (see page 158)

MPA Public Policy and Management (see page 158)

MPA International Development (see page 158)

MPA European Public and Economic Policy (see page 158)

MPA Public and Social Policy (see page 158)

## MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics (two year programme)

**Application code:** L1UB, L1UT  
(2 years)

**Start date:** Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics begins early September 2015

**Duration:** One year – 10 months full time (10 month master's programmes are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are "recognised". For more information see page 11). Two year – 22 months full time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 23/325

**Minimum entry requirement:** One year – first class honours degree or equivalent with strong background in economic theory, econometrics, statistics and mathematics. Two year – first class honours degree or equivalent with strong quantitative background including linear algebra and multivariate calculus. Some coursework in econometrics and economics is desirable (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** All students who do not have an undergraduate degree from a UK institution must have taken the GRE General Test



**Fee level:** One year UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456; two year (preliminary year only) £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

These MSc programmes are designed to meet the needs of those who wish to take a more mathematical approach to economics. They have proved popular with mathematicians, statisticians, physical scientists and engineers converting to economics, as well as to graduate economists.

You should have a strong background in economic theory, econometrics, statistics and mathematics at a high level in your first degree.

If you do not have the full range of subject background required, you may apply to take the MSc over two years; please see the section below on the two year route.

All students who do not have an undergraduate degree from a UK institution must have taken the GRE General Test no more than five years before applying, and must include the test scores with their application. Please see [lse.ac.uk/admissionsEnquiries](http://lse.ac.uk/admissionsEnquiries) for more information. We do not require a specific mark but the test gives us an indication of aptitude for economics. Typically we expect candidates to score over 163/780 in the quantitative section of the test. A higher score will count in your favour, but

other information, such as examination results and references will matter more in the overall evaluation. We recognise that if your first language is not English, the verbal test will be more demanding and we view your score on that basis.

An offer of a place on the MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics will include a conditional offer of progression to the MRes/PhD Economics, subject to the attainment of a distinction grade in the MSc.

### **MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics**

#### **Programme details**

The structure of the programmes is flexible, and allows you to specialise to some extent in either econometrics or economic theory, or a mixture of the two. The level of the material covered is perhaps higher than for any other master's degree internationally in this area, and the programmes have a long standing international reputation, listing numerous distinguished economists and econometricians among their graduates.

Students are required to attend the September Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics before the main teaching programme starts.

#### **Compulsory courses**

**Econometric Analysis** provides an advanced treatment of the theory of estimation and inference for econometric models.

**Advanced Microeconomics** has a special emphasis on mathematical

methods and provides a firm grounding in classical microeconomic theory as well as its modern development.

Students will be expected to choose a total of two units from a range of options.

### **MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics (two year programme)**

#### **Programme details**

The preliminary year of the two year route is designed for students with high academic ability but lacking a sufficient background in economics, econometrics, statistics or mathematics. Its purpose is to enable students to develop their skills to the point where they are eligible for progression to the MSc in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics.

The preliminary year consists of the Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics in September 2014, followed by the compulsory courses in Econometric Theory and Microeconomics, and a further course from a choice of: (a) Mathematical Methods, (b) Probability, Distribution Theory and Inference and (c) Economic Theory and its Applications. Students who successfully complete the examinations in the preliminary year will be awarded a Diploma in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, and those meeting the required standard will be permitted to proceed to the final year of the programme.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/eme](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/eme) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses

may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### **Graduate destinations**

Our former students are employed as economists in a wide range of national and international organisations in government, international institutions, business and finance. Approximately one third of students proceed to PhD programmes at LSE or other leading universities.

### **MSc Economics MSc Economics (two year programme)**

**Application codes:** L1U1, L1U2 (2 years)

**Start date:** Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics begins early September 2015

**Duration:** One year – 10 months full-time (10 month master's are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are "recognised". For more information see page 11). Two year – 22 months full-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 132/1,026

**Minimum entry requirement:** One year – first class honours with concentration on economics and quantitative subjects and at least a

year of university level mathematics (both calculus and linear algebra) and statistics. Two year – a first class honours degree with two semesters of university level calculus or equivalent (see entry requirements page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** One year – all students who do not have an undergraduate economics degree from a UK institution must have taken the GRE General Test. Two year – all applicants must submit a GRE score. GRE scores must be no more than five years old

**Fee level:** One year UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456; two year (preliminary year only) £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The MSc Economics programme is intended to equip you with the main tools of the professional economist, whether you intend working in government, central banking, international organisations or private sector firms such as economic consultancies. The advanced and technically rigorous nature of the programme also serves as an excellent foundation for PhD programmes and other research-focused roles.

We expect students to have very good examination results, with a first degree in economics (not business studies), with standard courses in intermediate macro and microeconomics and econometrics, and a number of advanced courses that use these as prerequisites. You should have a solid quantitative background with at least university-level mathematics courses in both advanced calculus and linear algebra, as well as courses in statistics and econometrics.

If your first degree is not in economics, you should apply to take the MSc programme over two years.

All students who do not have an undergraduate economics degree from a UK institution must have taken the GRE General Test no more than five years before applying, and must include full and percentile test scores for all three sections with their application. Please see [lse.ac.uk/admissionEnquiries](http://lse.ac.uk/admissionEnquiries) for more information. We do not require a specific mark but the test gives us an indication of aptitude for economics. Typically we expect candidates to score at least 161/770 in the quantitative section of the test. A higher score will count in your favour, but other information, such as examination results and references will also matter in the overall evaluation. We recognise that if your first language is not English, the verbal test will be more demanding and we view your score on that basis.

An offer of a place on the MSc Economics will include a conditional offer of progression to the MRes/PhD Economics, subject to the attainment of a distinction grade in the MSc.

## MSc Economics

### Programme details

The degree concentrates on the core elements of economic theory and econometrics. Although extensive use is made of mathematics, this is intended as a tool in order to facilitate analysis, with the primary objective of the programme being the provision of a formal training in, and in-depth understanding of, core economic models. (If you are interested in a more mathematically demanding programme you should apply for the MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics.)

To succeed on the programme you need to prove that you can work to a high standard and have excellent analytical ability; the core economics and econometrics courses assume a knowledge of constrained optimisation, matrix algebra and probability and statistics.

Students are required to attend the September Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics before the main teaching programme starts. The course includes treatment of dynamic programming, continuous time dynamic optimisation, quadratic forms, Kuhn-Tucker theorem and marginal and conditional probability distributions, amongst other topics.

The best thing about this programme is how it has allowed me to expand on some of the things I only touched on in my undergraduate studies

Lorenzo Mouruzzi, MSc Economics



## Compulsory courses

**Macroeconomics** focuses on core models of growth and business cycle fluctuations, drawing on developments at the frontiers of research.

Either **Microeconomics** focuses on classical theories of consumer and producer behaviour, the theory of competitive equilibrium, models of imperfect competition and information economics, amongst other topics or (with permission)

**Advanced Microeconomics** which gives more emphasis to mathematical methods following a proof based approach, and provides a firm grounding in classical microeconomic theory as well as a variety of recent developments from behavioural economics and other fields.

**Econometrics** presents modern, technical tools for empirical analysis in economics, both for cross section, time series and panel data and focusing on the properties of different estimation models, as well as illustrating the use of these techniques in practical problems.

Students will also be expected to choose one full unit course from a range of options or field courses.

### MSc Economics (two year programme)

## Programme details

The preliminary year of the two year route is designed to give students with a sound quantitative background the opportunity to acquire the foundation in economic theory and techniques that would make them eligible for progression to the MSc in Economics.

The preliminary year will give students the opportunity to:

- acquire a solid foundation in economics and quantitative techniques
- earn the Diploma in Economics
- progress to the final year of the MSc in Economics, or to other related MSc programmes, subject to performance and programme prerequisites
- prepare for a career as an economist

To be eligible to apply for the two year route, a student should have a strong academic qualification with emphasis on quantitative subjects. We give detailed attention to transcripts and look for strength in mathematics and statistics especially.

All applicants must have taken the GRE General Test no more than five years before applying, and must include full and percentile test scores for all three sections with their application. Please see [lse.ac.uk/admissionenquiries](https://lse.ac.uk/admissionenquiries) for more information. Typically we expect candidates to score at least 161/770 or higher in the quantitative section of the test and 4.5 or higher in the analytical section. We recognise that if the applicant's first language is not English, the verbal test will present special difficulties and we take that into account when assessing the score.

Students who have not previously studied economics are required to first take LSE Summer School courses in introductory macroeconomics and introductory microeconomics. Alternatively, such students may arrange to take equivalent courses elsewhere, subject to obtaining



prior confirmation that the proposed courses are acceptable to us.

The preliminary year consists of examined intermediate level courses to the value of four full units.

## Compulsory courses

Either **Microeconomic Principles I** examines consumer theory, producer theory, strategic choice, general equilibrium and welfare, topics in welfare economics and uncertainty and information or **Microeconomic Principles II** is similar to Microeconomic Principles I but assumes students have a greater mathematical facility permitting greater depth and a number of additional topics to be covered.

**Macroeconomic Principles** covers economic growth, consumption, investment, unemployment, business cycles, inflation, monetary and fiscal policy, financial markets and international macroeconomics.

**Mathematical Methods** looks at a range of basic mathematical concepts and methods in calculus of one and several variables and in linear algebra or **Further Mathematical Methods** covers calculus and linear algebra.

Either **Introduction to Econometrics** examines the essential elements of econometrics or **Principles of Econometrics** provides an intermediate-



level introduction to the theory and practice of econometrics.

Students progressing to the final year of the MSc Economics must attend the Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics in September 2016.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/mscEcon](https://lse.ac.uk/mscEcon) for further information about the MSc Economics programme.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/mscEconTwoYear](https://lse.ac.uk/mscEconTwoYear) for further information about the two year route, including progression requirements and contact information.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Our former students are employed as economists in a wide range of national and international organisations in government, international institutions, business and finance. Approximately one third of students proceed to PhD programmes at LSE or other leading universities.

# EUROPEAN INSTITUTE

**lse.ac.uk/  
europeanInstitute**

**Number of graduate students  
(full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 150

**Research:** 19

**Number of faculty (full-time  
equivalent):** 16

**RAE:** 65 per cent of the Institute's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Cowdray House

The European Institute (EI), established in 1991, is internationally recognised as a leader in the study of contemporary Europe. In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise the Institute was ranked first by the British Government for research in European Studies in the United Kingdom. Student evaluations consistently praise the quality of its teaching and the support which it offers its students. The Institute has an unrivalled programme of public lectures and events on issues facing contemporary Europe, attracting large audiences. It offers a range of lectures and seminars by leading policy practitioners from across Europe, which add an important dimension to its teaching. Its vibrant and well-networked environment offers a unique student experience and a strong platform for future careers. The Institute is a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence.

The EI focuses on the study of processes of integration and fragmentation in

contemporary Europe. To this end it has prioritised the following themes: Governance and Democracy in the European Union; Political Economy in Europe; European Society; and Europe beyond the EU. With our pan-European focus and multidisciplinary perspective, each theme is placed in the context of the 'Big Questions' facing Europe's decision-makers today. The individual themes also provide the basis for the Institute to work with other parts of the School: the Institute collaborates closely in its teaching with the Departments of Government and International Relations.

There are over 20 academic staff members in the European Institute from a number of disciplines, including economic history, geography, political economy, political sociology, international relations, political science, law, philosophy, the history of ideas and social policy.

The Institute hosts a number of research units: The Cañada Blanch Centre for Contemporary Spanish Studies; The Catalan Observatory; The Forum for European Philosophy; The Hellenic Observatory; and LSEE (LSE Research on South East Europe). It also runs ten different seminar series, including a lunchtime seminar series dedicated to doctoral research and an "EU in Practice" seminar including politicians, senior EU and national officials, analysts and journalists. There are over 35 doctoral students. Students supervised by European Institute staff have won the UACES prize for best doctoral thesis three times in recent years.

The Institute also has a very lively programme of public lectures, seminars and conferences

on issues relating to contemporary Europe. We host over 100 events a year with a wide range of high-level speakers from politics and public administration, along with outstanding international scholars: recent high-level speakers have included the presidents of Austria, Ireland, Romania, Cyprus and Slovenia; the prime ministers of Italy, Hungary, Slovakia and Latvia; the German vice-chancellor, the finance ministers of France and Italy, the president of the European Council; the president of the European Parliament; and the president of the European Commission.

## **MPhil/PhD European Studies Visiting Research Students**

**Application code:** M1ZE (MPhil/PhD), M1EU (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3-4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Merit in a taught master's degree in related discipline with a distinction in the dissertation.

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD European Studies is part of the Political Science and International

Studies group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34)

**Application deadlines:** 1 June 2015, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place in two rounds, and all students are advised to aim for the first round if possible. The funding deadlines are 12 January and 27 April 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents

## **Opportunities for research**

Applications for research are welcome in one of the Institute's four broad research themes: governance and democracy in the European Union; political economy in Europe; European society; and Europe beyond the EU. We encourage applications to our MPhil/PhD programme in European Studies from outstanding students who wish to undertake research that falls within the expertise of at least one of our permanent faculty members and within the themes listed above.

Admission to the MPhil/PhD is conditional on obtaining a good merit on a previous MSc degree, normally defined as an overall average of 65 per cent or above and 70 per cent or above on the dissertation (a distinction). Students who have not already taken a master's degree or equivalent will normally be recommended to apply for one of the Institute's own taught masters programmes. The minimum School English language entry requirement for MPhil/PhD students is 7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in all components and a minimum of 7.0 in the writing component.



Qualifying students should submit a short research proposal (not more than 2,000 words) outlining their main research question(s), methodology, and sources with their application. This proposal will allow us to assess the strength of the proposed project and the availability of appropriate supervision within the Institute. We also require applicants to submit a sample of marked written work. A short-list of applicants will be invited to attend an interview at the School. Where an interview cannot be conducted in person, Skype interviews can usually be arranged instead.

Applicants should also include a personal statement in their application. At the beginning of this personal statement, applicants need to state which one of the four broad research themes of the European Institute (as mentioned above) their research proposal falls under.

All students are initially registered for the MPhil degree and every student must follow the Research Workshop in European Studies course. Students are required to take at least one research methods course from either the European Institute or a relevant LSE department.

In their second and third years, all PhD students should still follow the Research Workshop in European Studies (optional for the fourth year). In addition, students working in themes of European economy and political economy are required to take the European Political Economy Seminar.

Every student must conduct research under the guidance of their supervisor(s), regularly submit written work to their supervisor(s) and provide the materials required for annual reviews.

The degree is awarded on the basis of a thesis of not more than 100,000 words or a series of three connected publishable articles on an approved topic, and an oral examination.

There are Erasmus doctoral research exchanges with the Central European University, Budapest; and the European University Institute, Florence.

## Taught programmes

MSc EU Politics (see below)

MSc European Studies: Ideas, Ideologies and Identities (see page 74)

MSc European Studies (Research) (see page 75)

LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in European Studies (see page 193)

MSc Political Economy of Europe (see page 76)

Executive MSc Political Economy of Europe (see page 212)

Other programmes with a focus on Europe, or which (through options) provide an opportunity to study related topics:

MSc Comparative Politics (see page 101)

MSc Economic History (see page 62)

MSc Economic History (Research) (see page 63)

MPA European Public and Economic Policy (see page 158)

MSc History of International Relations (see page 116)

MSc International Relations (see page 120)



The MSc in European Political Economy was an ideal progression from my undergraduate studies, which focused on international relations, economics, and the European Union

**Nina Peacock**, MSc Political Economy of Europe

LLM (see page 123)

MSc Local Economic Development (see page 96)

MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies (see page 97)

MSc Social Policy (European and Comparative Social Policy) (see page 171)

## MSc EU Politics

**Application code:** M1UM

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 41/156

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline, social science preferred (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The programme offers a multidisciplinary analysis of contemporary European Union government, politics and public policy, including its impact on the EU member states and the broader international system. The programme's broad spectrum of courses draws on comparative political science, international relations, European Union law and European political economy and is based across three Departments: the European Institute, Government and International Relations. This allows the programme to cover a wide array of topics taught in more than fifty courses, and students have the opportunity to draw on the expertise of the largest number of academic experts in European government, politics and public policy to be found anywhere in Europe. The multidisciplinary nature of the programme ensures that, in addition to building extensive and deep knowledge of the EU, students are able to analyse it in a multifaceted way which combines problem-solving detailed empirical knowledge with the latest theoretical perspectives. We teach our students advanced analytical research skills combined with hands-on practical insights into EU politics and policy-making.

We consider applicants with good first degrees in any discipline, but prefer applicants with a degree in one of the social sciences.

## Programme details

The programme is divided into three main parts: Part I. Foundation: a choice of two out of three courses which provide a basic training in the history and theory of European integration, an introduction to central debates in European Union politics and government, and analyses of the EU in the World. Part II. Specialisation: where students can choose courses from a range of specialist clusters, including – but not limited to – policy-making and public policy in the European Union; democracy and representation; state and economy; ideas of Europe; regional and domestic politics in Europe; and the international relations of Europe. Students may choose their optional courses in accordance with the requirements laid out in the programme regulations (see [lse.ac.uk/calendar](http://lse.ac.uk/calendar)) to qualify for a degree specialisation within one of the programme's course clusters. Part III. Dissertation: a 10,000 word essay on an advanced topic of relevance to the programme. Additionally, all students must take Research Methods and Design in EU Politics to prepare for the dissertation, and are recommended to attend European Union: Contemporary Issues – a programme of guest lectures from distinguished external speakers, including policy-makers, journalists and analysts from think tanks and business. Students can expect an average of 180 hours of teaching.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

Students must choose two out of the following three courses:

**History and Theory of European Integration\*** examines the causes and nature of European Integration.

**Policy-Making in the European Union\*** provides a detailed knowledge of how national and EU institutions interact in European policy making.

**The EU in the World** covers the development of the external activities of the European communities since 1957, including the development of European political cooperation and the Common Foreign and Security Policy.

### Dissertation.

## Optional courses

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half/two units (depending on compulsory course selections) from a range of options. See [lse.ac.uk/grad/eup](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/eup) for the full course list within each of the clusters.

Cluster 1: Policy Making and Public Policy in the European Union

Cluster 2: Integration and Forms of Governance in the European Union

Cluster 3: Democracy and Representation in the European Union

Cluster 4: State and Economy within the European Union

Cluster 5: Ideas of Europe

Cluster 6: Regional and Domestic Politics in Europe

Cluster 7: The International Relations of Europe

### Cluster 8: Methods

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The programme is ideal for those considering a career that deals with European and global issues. The programme is an excellent preparation for further research work. Former graduates pursue successful careers in EU institutions, national governments, business, politics, academia, journalism and non-governmental organisations. LSE maintains excellent links with leading centres for the academic study of contemporary Europe and with the EU and national institutions.

## MSc European Studies: Ideas, Ideologies and Identities

**Application code:** L2E2

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/application in 2013:** 26/88

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any of the arts, humanities or social science disciplines (see page 36)

**English requirements:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None  
– rolling admissions

The programme provides a philosophically and historically grounded, multi-disciplinary analysis of Europe as a social, political and cultural space, led by teachers of academic distinction, with experience of policy-making in Europe. In the degree students will explore the increasingly important public debate on the meaning and limits of “Europe”; the relationship between civil society and the state in Europe; the relevance of a transnational sociology; the domestic impact of the European Union for citizenship and identity; and the cultural and policy implications of national and ethnic diversity and migration.

Applicants for the programme should have a good upper second or first class degree, or a GPA of 3.5 or better in any of the arts, humanities or social sciences.

## Programme details

Students take six half units (one full unit may replace two half units) and write a 10,000 word essay on an approved topic. In addition, all students must take Interdisciplinary Research Methods and Design to prepare for the dissertation. Students must also attend European Union: Contemporary Issues – a programme of guest lectures from

distinguished outside speakers, including policy makers. Students can expect an average of 180 hours of teaching.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**The Idea of Europe\*** explores some key ideas in the developing movement of a distinctively European self-understanding and identity.

**Democracy, Ideology and the European State\*** investigates various ways in which the State's authority to act – its legitimacy, in brief – has been underpinned in Europe, both ideologically and institutionally, in the modern period or **Identity, Community and the "Problem of Minorities"**\* investigates what we might conveniently term the "problem of minorities" in contemporary politics.

## Dissertation.

Students will additionally be expected to choose a total of two full units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/esiii](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/esiii) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Our graduates pursue careers in politics, journalism, research, diplomacy, business and in

international institutions and NGOs. Students from our programmes are actively head-hunted by international organisations working in the region.

## MSc European Studies (Research)

**Application codes:** M1UZ

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/application in 2013:** 5/9

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any of the social sciences, including contemporary history and international relations (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). MSc European Studies (Research) is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015 – we cannot guarantee that applications received after this date will be considered. For consideration for ESRC funding the application must be received by 12 January 2015

The programme prepares students for the methodologically and historically grounded, multi-disciplinary analysis of Europe as a



**TÜLİN AVCI**

**ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

**MSc POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EUROPE**

I chose LSE because of its reputation. Being part of an internationally recognised and high-ranked university in political sciences made me choose LSE over other universities. Being able to live and study in London for one year was also a very important reason for me.

My programme not only gives students a theoretical background but also the ability to evaluate the political facts in a wide and analytical perspective in contemporary politics.

LSE has given me a broad perspective about my area of study, enhanced my academic capacity and allowed me to have a critical approach to many social phenomena. LSE also hosts many social scientists, academics, lecturers and politicians.

The Jean Monnet scholarship that I achieved covered both my academic and living expenses throughout the year. It really helped me with my academic studies and time in London.

London is a very attractive city with many cultural activities, musicals, festivals and operas, you can always find ways to have fun with your friends and enhance your intellectual and cultural capacity. It is also the best place to study politics since you can find many public lectures at the Universities of London and events from well-known politicians.

I've always wanted to work in Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and I will be preparing myself for entrance examinations in the coming year.



political, economic and cultural space. It also analyses European integration and the post-communist transformation process. The programme is driven by teachers of academic distinction, with experience of policy making in Europe.

Applicants for the MSc European Studies (Research) should have a good upper second or first class degree, or a GPA of 3.5 or better in any of the social sciences, including contemporary history and international relations.

## Programme details

In the MSc European Studies (Research) programme, students combine specialist courses from MSc EU Politics, MSc Political Economy of Europe or MSc European Studies: Ideas, Ideologies and Identities together with intensive research design and methods training. Students take four courses, including two courses from the MSc Political Economy of Europe, MSc EU Politics or MSc European Studies: Ideas, Ideologies and Identities; a specialist introductory course to quantitative and qualitative methods; and a 10,000 word dissertation on an approved topic. Students must also attend European Union: Contemporary Issues – a programme of guest lectures from distinguished outside speakers, including business leaders and policy makers. Students can expect an average of 180 hours of teaching.

Students who have successfully completed the programme will be well-placed to apply for admission into competitive doctoral programmes in the UK and elsewhere. For those students looking to pursue doctoral research at the European Institute, the MSc European Studies (Research) offers

an excellent opportunity to get to know potential PhD supervisors prior to application for the MPhil/PhD in European Studies. Admission into the doctoral programme at the European Institute is conditional on obtaining a good merit in your master's degree, normally defined as an average of 65 per cent or above, and normally a distinction (70 per cent or above) in the dissertation; and is conditional on the availability of a suitable supervisor.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Foundations of Social Research 1** or **Foundations of Social Research 2** are designed to give a good introduction to quantitative and qualitative methods.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose a total of two full units from a range of options from the European Institute MSc degrees. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/esres](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/esres) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Our graduates pursue careers in academia, politics, journalism, diplomacy, business and in international financial institutions. Students from this programme are actively head hunted by companies and international organisations working in the region.

## MSc Political Economy of Europe

**Application code:** L2EU

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/application in 2013:** 74/210

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any of the social sciences, including contemporary history and international relations (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The programme provides a historically grounded, multi-disciplinary analysis of European integration and national transformation processes, by teachers of academic distinction with experience of policy making in Europe. In the degree, students focus on the main concepts of political economy relevant to the process of European integration and reform, and on major empirical trends in the economic and political development of contemporary Europe. The focus is on relevant aspects of European integration on the one hand, such as economic governance, interest representation, decision-making, and policy processes of deepening and widening. On

the other hand, the programme examines public policy-making in European countries through the lens of an evolving state-market relationship, for instance in the tension between democracy and capitalism, welfare states and their reform, market regulation, austerity and development, or policy convergence under the influence of market integration.

The programme benefits from one of the most extensive series of public events on European issues globally, organised throughout the year by members of the European Institute.

Applicants for the MSc Political Economy of Europe should have a good upper second or first class degree or a GPA of 3.5 or better in any of the social sciences, including politics, economics, European studies, international relations and contemporary history.

## Programme details

Students take one compulsory course (full unit, spread over two terms) and optional courses to the value of two units (typically, two half-unit courses per term), plus a compulsory dissertation. Students can choose from specialist courses in aspects of political economy; institutions, politics and policies of the EU; European identity and ideas; and courses with a more geographical focus. In addition, all students must take Interdisciplinary Research Methods and Design to prepare for the dissertation and must also attend European Union: Contemporary Issues – a programme of guest lectures from distinguished outside speakers, including business leaders and policy makers. Students can expect an average of 180 hours of teaching.



# FINANCE

## Compulsory courses

**Political Economy of Europe** tries to understand how the relation between state and economy in both Western Europe and Central and Eastern Europe has evolved over the post-war period, placing particular emphasis on the political, economic and institutional arrangements embodied in the creation and continuous development of the European Union.

**Dissertation** a 10,000-word dissertation on a topic broadly related to the political economy of Europe. Students receive guidance and supervision during three teaching terms and are expected to write their dissertation during the summer.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/polee](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/polee) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Our graduates pursue careers in politics, business, diplomacy, consultancy, journalism, and in international organisations and financial institutions. Students from this programme are actively head hunted by companies and international organisations working in the region.

## [lse.ac.uk/finance](http://lse.ac.uk/finance)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 214

**Research:** 16

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 38

**RAE:** 70 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Old Building

The Department of Finance is devoted to excellence in teaching and research in the full range of subfields of finance including corporate finance, asset pricing theory, risk management, empirical analysis of capital markets, behavioural finance, portfolio analysis, derivatives pricing, microstructure and financial econometrics. The Department has grown in recent years to become one of the largest and most highly regarded finance groups in the UK and Europe. It is closely associated with LSE's Financial Markets Group, the Paul Woolley Centre for the Study of Capital Market Dysfunctionality and the Systemic Risk Centre, which regularly host a wide variety of seminars, conferences and public addresses by leading academics and practitioners. With over 230 graduate students selected from a pool of top applicants worldwide, a faculty recruited from the best departments internationally, and a steady flow of distinguished visitors, we have a stimulating environment for research and learning that is on a par with the best worldwide.

LSE's reputation with employers opens up a broad range of career opportunities. The critical and analytical skills you will develop are attractive to investment banks, commercial banks, fund managers and the financial services sector generally as well as in management consulting. A number of graduates continue with further graduate study or take up top academic appointments.

## MRes/PhD Finance Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** N4ZC, N3EA (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MRes/PhD MRes 1-2 years, PhD 3-4 years, VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Merit in a taught master's degree in finance or economics, or any subject with a strong quantitative component (such as mathematics, statistics or engineering)

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** All applicants must submit a GRE or GMAT test score. GRE is preferred

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD Finance is part of the "Economics" group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34). Departmental doctoral scholarships may also be available to applicants from the UK/EU and overseas

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place in two rounds and students are advised to aim for the first deadline if possible. The funding deadlines are 12 January, and 27 April. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents

## Opportunities for research

The Department has a formally structured MRes/PhD Finance programme which aims to produce students whose research is of the highest international quality, and is designed to provide a broad based training in theoretical and empirical research methods in finance. You should have a substantial academic background in finance or economics, typically at master's level. Satisfactory performance in the LSE MSc Finance and Economics and MSc Finance and Economics (Research) may meet the entrance requirements.

A PhD in Finance from LSE consists of six coursework units, largely completed over two years, followed by a thesis which is usually expected to take a further three years. There are two routes by which the coursework requirement can be completed; the two-year Track One, for students coming from relevant master's degree programmes or one-year Track Two, for those students who have already completed the MSc Finance and Economics or MSc Finance and Economics (Research) programmes at LSE, or equivalent elsewhere.

We encourage our research students to participate fully in the intellectual life of the Department, and in the research

**Start date:** Pre-session course begins September 2015

Applicants are required to have studied a minimum of A-level Mathematics (or its equivalent). Applicants without a UK undergraduate degree are required to submit a GMAT or GRE test (GMAT is strongly preferred). The GMAT/GRE is also recommended for all students with UK undergraduate degrees, especially those who have not achieved, or are not expected to achieve a first class degree, or those whose quantitative skills are not demonstrated by their undergraduate studies. Prior work experience is not necessarily a pre-requisite for entry into the programme.

## Programme details

The MSc Finance (full-time) programme follows the same syllabus as that of the MSc Finance (part-time) evening programme, which is focused towards professionals currently working in London's financial services sector. Both modes of the MSc Finance programme allow students access to a number of specifically designed applied courses, taught in part using case studies, and the opportunity to gain deeper practical insight and links to the City. Students on the full-time programme have the opportunity to meet and network with the MSc Finance (part-time) students at a number of occasions throughout the year.

The foundation of the programme is built in the first term with the study of two core courses – Asset Markets and Corporate Finance. Asset Markets takes the student from fundamental concepts to up to date applications in fixed-income, equity, and derivatives markets. Corporate Finance begins with the firm's investment decision and the cost of capital. This in turn is linked to the firm's financial structure and market environment where the firm operates. It studies in detail major financial decisions including dividend choice, going public, mergers and acquisitions, and restructuring in financial distress. In the second term, students deepen their knowledge by taking four optional half unit courses, on topics such as financial systems, risk management, portfolio management methods, advanced derivatives and structured financial products, fixed income, advanced corporate finance, and applied financial valuation. Students will also be required to write an extended essay

in the place of an exam in one of the four optional courses.

Admitted students are required to attend a pre-sessional course in September which includes both preparatory quantitative methods and an in-depth focus on careers skills and professional development, on a one-to-one, group and peer lead basis. Throughout the programme, students are given access to a range of practitioners; in class, via the programme's vibrant alumni network and more widely through the LSE Careers Service and events programme.

Applicants from developing countries may be eligible to be considered for one of the Lord Dahrendorf Scholarships (sponsored by Deutsche Bank). Please visit [lse.ac.uk/finance](http://lse.ac.uk/finance) for more information.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Corporate Finance** provides a comprehensive overview of firms' financial decision-making.

**Asset Markets** familiarises students with the workings of financial markets, and equips them with the fundamental tools of asset valuation.

Students take four half unit courses from the following dedicated elective courses:

**Applied Financial Valuation\***

**Cases in Corporate Finance\***

**Financial Engineering\***

**Fixed Income Securities and Credit Markets\***

**International Finance\***  
(non-dedicated course).

## Risk Management and Financial Institutions\*

### Topics in Portfolio Management\*

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/fft](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/fft) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space

## Graduate destinations

Many graduates look to join Analyst programmes at major investment banks. Other students have joined consultancies, boutique firms, hedge funds, asset management firms, start-ups or have gone on to further study. This programme is not intended as suitable preparation for the PhD Finance at LSE (if you are interested in PhD study, please see MSc Finance and Economics).

## MSc Finance and Economics MSc Finance and Economics (Research)

**Application code:** LN43 – All applications are considered for MSc Finance and Economics. Students who wish to apply for the Research track will be considered for a transfer once they arrive at LSE

**Start date:** The mandatory pre-sessional course starts on 25 August 2015

**Duration:** 10 months full-time only (10 month master's programmes are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are "recognised". For more information on Bologna please see page 11)

**Intake/applications in 2013:**  
49/1,105

**Minimum entry requirement:** a good upper second-class honours degree from a UK university or international equivalent in a quantitative subject such as economics, maths, physics, engineering, finance or business. Candidates training must include at least a year of calculus and a semester of linear algebra (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** All applicants must submit a GRE or GMAT test score

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976;  
overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). Lord Dahrendorf Scholarships (see page 33). MSc Finance and Economics (Research) is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34). To be considered for ESRC funding applications must be received by 12 January 2015

**Application deadline:** None  
– rolling admissions

The MSc Finance and Economics is an interdisciplinary degree taught jointly

by the Department of Finance and the Department of Economics, allowing students to study in two of the most highly rated departments in their subject areas in the world. The programme draws on the School's strengths in economics, finance and econometrics to impart a rigorous and deep understanding of financial markets, grounded in financial economics and econometric methods.

Students who are interested in doctoral research will have the opportunity to transfer to the MSc Finance and Economics (Research) programme (see below) once they complete the introductory September course. All applications must be made to the MSc Finance and Economics programme in the first instance as entry to the Research programme is only considered once students are registered at LSE.

Applicants for the MSc Finance and Economics should have a strong undergraduate training in quantitative subjects such as economics, maths, physics, engineering, finance or business. Candidates' training must include at least a year of calculus and a term of linear algebra. Where appropriate, applicants may be asked to take a background microeconomics or econometrics course at the LSE Summer School as a condition of admission.

Minimum entry requirements are a good upper second-class honours degree from a UK university; International applicants must have an equivalent qualification. All applicants must submit a GRE or GMAT test score with their application. Test scores must show a strong performance in the quantitative segment (above the 85th

percentile). Decisions will not normally be made in the absence of this test result. Please see [lse.ac.uk/admissionsEnquiries](https://lse.ac.uk/admissionsEnquiries) for more information. Applicants to the MSc programme may be exempted from submitting GRE/GMAT scores only in exceptional circumstances. Where this is the case, applicants should complete and submit the online GMAT/GRE waiver form on the Graduate Admissions website. Candidates are advised that requests for a waiver of this test are very seldom granted.

## Programme details

The programme enables students to examine the financial markets through in-depth analysis based on financial economics and statistical methods. Students will learn about investments, asset pricing, derivatives, portfolio management and corporate finance through the coherent lens of financial economics. The programme provides a thorough exposure to econometric methods, including time series analysis, with applications to financial models and data. The core courses emphasise analytical rigour and technical foundations, in addition to application of the theory and practical market knowledge. Through the extensive array of optional courses students will be able to deepen their knowledge in specific areas of interest.

Students are required to attend the introductory course in Mathematics and Statistics in September, which reviews topics such as matrix algebra, multivariate calculus and differential equations. Throughout the Michaelmas term, students will also be required to take a course in Probability and

Stochastic Calculus. On completion of the programme, students will take examined courses to the value of four full units, one of which will include writing a dissertation as part of the assessment.

A more detailed description of the programme and its courses, including a comparison with other finance-related MSc programmes at LSE, can be found on the Department of Finance website.

Applicants from developing countries may be eligible to be considered for one of the Lord Dahrendorf Scholarships (sponsored by Deutsche Bank). Please see [lse.ac.uk/finance](https://lse.ac.uk/finance) for more information.

## Compulsory courses

(<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> half unit)

**Microeconomics** develops the basic tools for analysing problems of resource allocation used by economists working in research, government and business.

**Financial Economics** examines investors' behaviour, market equilibrium, and asset pricing.

**Financial Econometrics** looks at the techniques of empirical investigation in economics and finance.

Students choose two courses to the value of one full unit from the following list of half unit options:

**Applied Corporate Finance\***

**Applied Financial Valuation\***

**Risk Management for Financial Institutions\***

**Fixed Income Markets\***

**Advanced Asset Pricing\***

**Forecasting Financial Time Series\***

**Portfolio Management\***

**International Finance\***

**Global Financial System\***

**Quantitative Methods for Finance and Risk Analysis\***

To fulfil the programme requirements, students must also complete a dissertation of 6,000 words on an agreed topic in one of the optional half unit courses, and take an examination in the other. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/fe](https://lse.ac.uk/grad/fe) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## About the research programme

The MSc Finance and Economics (Research) programme gives students the opportunity to take more advanced courses in microeconomics and econometrics, which will be more suited to those who plan to undertake doctoral research in the field. Students interested in the Research track should apply for MSc Finance and Economics as usual, however once they are registered at LSE and have completed the introductory September course they will have the opportunity to be considered for a transfer onto the Research programme. This transfer will depend upon the student being



accepted into the advanced microeconomics and the advanced econometrics courses by their respective course leaders. The programme management team will provide advice and guidance on the decision.

## Compulsory courses

**Advanced Microeconomics** introduces and develops the analytical tools of graduate level Microeconomics with a special emphasis on mathematical models and provides a firm grounding in classical Microeconomic Theory as well as its modern development.

**Financial Economics** examines investors' behaviour, market equilibrium, and asset pricing.

**Financial Econometrics for Research Students** focuses on the advanced econometric techniques used at the research frontier of economics and finance.

Plus choose two of the half unit optional courses listed above. Students must also complete a dissertation of 10,000 words on an agreed topic in one of the optional half unit courses, and take an examination in the other. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/feres](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/feres) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The programme is an ideal preparation for a variety of careers

in the global financial services sector, with the emphasis on financial economics being particularly attractive to investment banks, the financial services sector more generally and to consulting firms. The programme (the Research track in particular) also provides a rigorous training and preparation for doctoral research in the area.

## MSc Finance and Private Equity

**Application code:** N3UB

**Start date:** Pre-sessional course begins September 2015

**Duration:** 10 months full-time only (including pre-sessional) (10 month master's programmes are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are "recognised". For more information on Bologna please see page 11)

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 24/559

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline and good quantitative skills, at least to A level Mathematics (or the equivalent) (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** GMAT or GRE is required for all students without a UK undergraduate degree (GMAT is strongly preferred) and for all students with UK undergraduate



## SHARYANS AGRAWAL

BANGKOK, THAILAND

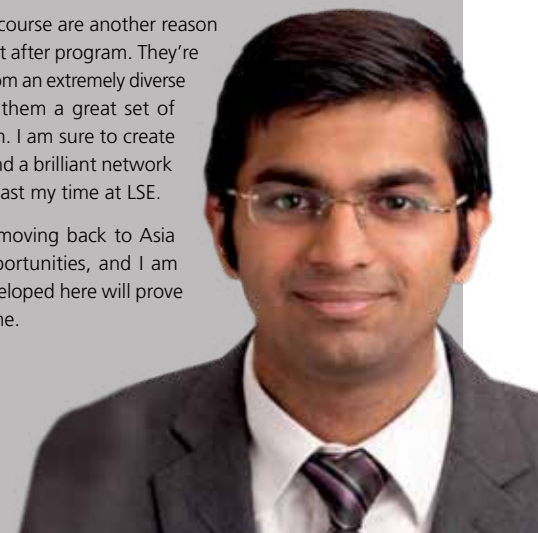
MSc FINANCE AND PRIVATE EQUITY

I completed my undergraduate studies in economics at LSE and began working in mergers and acquisitions at a bulge bracket investment bank in London. After two years in the analyst programme I wanted to return to academia and pursue a graduate programme in finance. After much discussion and deliberation, I chose to come back to LSE, and decided to study for the MSc in Finance and Private Equity.

Deciding to come back seemed a natural decision. I knew what I was going to get myself into, and I knew I would get a good education out of it. I had spoken to many of my friends who had pursued graduate studies in other cities and institutions, and they always compared it to their undergraduate experience at LSE and wished they had stayed for their master's. I realised that I would be able to acquire a very technical and applicable knowledge of finance that would complement the work I had done over the last two years. With a variety of case based corporate finance courses as well as mathematically rigorous asset market courses, there is enough choice to satisfy everyone's intellectual curiosity.

The people I have met on this course are another reason why this course is such a sought after program. They're the very brightest of students from an extremely diverse background, they bring with them a great set of experiences you can learn from. I am sure to create an amazing set of memories and a brilliant network which will stay with me long past my time at LSE.

After graduating I intend on moving back to Asia to pursue entrepreneurial opportunities, and I am certain the skills I will have developed here will prove to be extremely beneficial to me.



degrees who do not have, or are not expected to achieve, a first class degree. The GMAT is recommended for all students with UK undergraduate degrees, especially those whose quantitative skills are not demonstrated by their undergraduate studies or are not expected to achieve a first class degree

**Fee level:** £30,384

**Deposit:** Offer holders will be required to pay a deposit of £2,500 within four weeks of receiving their offer to secure a place on the programme

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). Lord Dahrendorf Scholarships (see page 33)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The MSc Finance and Private Equity programme at LSE is the world's only finance master's degree with an integrated specialisation in the study of Private Equity. This unique programme offers students unparalleled access to leading Private Equity researchers (from both LSE and other institutions) and practitioners who have actively participated in the deals that are being studied. Sponsored by Abraaj Capital, the programme has been designed to meet the needs of high-level graduates from a range of backgrounds, whose career objectives lie broadly within the field of private equity. The programme follows the core structure of the MSc Finance (full-time) programme, with a compulsory dedicated core course in private equity taught in the

second term (restricted to MSc Finance and Private Equity students only). The programme benefits from teaching by the Department's leading faculty in a range of innovative and cutting edge courses.

The programme is designed for students whose academic background is not necessarily in finance; however it is aimed at people with good undergraduate degrees and good quantitative skills. Admission to the programme is very competitive. In previous years the majority of students accepted into the programme have obtained first class degrees or the equivalent. The mathematics used in the programme includes basic calculus and statistics.

Applicants are also required to have studied a minimum of A level Mathematics (or its equivalent). Applicants without a UK undergraduate degree are required to submit a GMAT or GRE test (GMAT is strongly preferred). The GMAT/GRE is also recommended for all students with UK undergraduate degrees, especially those who have not achieved, or are not expected to achieve a first class degree, or those whose quantitative skills are not demonstrated by their undergraduate studies. Prior work experience is not necessarily a pre-requisite for entry into the programme.

## Programme details

The foundation of the programme is built in the first term with the study of two core courses – Asset Markets and Corporate Finance. Asset Markets takes the student from fundamental concepts to up-to-date applications in fixed-income, equity, and derivatives markets. Corporate Finance

begins with the firm's investment decision and the cost of capital. This in turn is linked to the firm's financial structure and market environment where the firm operates. It studies in detail major financial decisions including dividend choice, going public, mergers and acquisitions, and restructuring in financial distress. In the second term, students deepen their specific knowledge of private equity by taking a dedicated course taught by the School's Abraaj Capital Chair in Finance and Private Equity. This will explore the structure of private equity (PE) funds and how PE can be used in start-ups, in scaling-up cash flow businesses, and in restructuring firms facing financial distress. It explores the link between PE and venture capital on the one hand and public securities markets on the other. This course involves a number of case studies and is taught in conjunction with a range of practitioners in the field via a weekly additional PE practitioner seminar.

Admitted students are required to attend a pre-session course in September which includes both preparatory quantitative methods and an in-depth focus on careers skills and professional development, on a one-to-one, group and peer-led basis. Throughout the programme students are given access to a range of practitioners; in class, via the programme's vibrant alumni network and more widely through the LSE Careers Service and events programme.

Applicants from developing countries may be eligible to be considered for one of the Lord Dahrendorf Scholarships (sponsored by Deutsche Bank). Please visit [lse.ac.uk/finance](http://lse.ac.uk/finance) for more information.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Corporate Finance** provides a comprehensive overview of firms' financial decision making.

**Asset Markets** familiarises students with the workings of financial markets, and equips them with the fundamental tools of asset valuation.

**Private Equity\*** provides a thorough grounding in the theory and recent developments in the field of private equity.

Students take three half unit courses from the following dedicated electives;

**Applied Financial Valuation\***

**Cases in Corporate Finance\***

**Financial Engineering\***

**Fixed Income Securities and Credit Markets\***

**International Finance\***  
(non-dedicated course).

**Risk Management and Financial Institutions\***

**Topics in Portfolio Management\***

All students must write a 6,000 word extended essay on a topic relating to private equity. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ffe](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ffe) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

A significant proportion of graduates join either investment banks or boutique corporate finance firms as analysts as a first step in their careers into the world of private equity, however, some have been hired directly upon graduation by private equity or venture capital firms. Following a similar structure to the generalist MSc Finance, the programme also prepares students for various roles in investment banks, consultancies, hedge funds and asset management firms, or to pursue further study. In addition, having met on the programme, students have worked together on entrepreneurial ventures and start-ups. This programme is not intended as suitable preparation for the PhD Finance at LSE (if you are interested in PhD study, please see MSc Finance and Economics).

## MSc Risk and Finance

**Application code:** N4U3

**Start date:** Pre-sessional course begins September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time only

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 52/864

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any subject, however should include some mathematics and statistics (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** Applicants without UK undergraduate degrees are required to submit GMAT or GRE score (GMAT is strongly preferred). For applicants with a UK undergraduate degree, submission of GMAT (or, exceptionally, GRE) score is recommended, but not mandatory

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). Lord Dahrendorf Scholarships (see page 33)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The success of organisations depends upon their ability to operate in the face of risk. The growing awareness of these problems has meant that risk management is now recognised as requiring special skills that are central to the functioning of the organisation.

There is a long tradition of quantifying and measuring certain risks such as life expectancies or accidents. Recently, important advances have been made towards developing similar quantitative tools for newer areas such as financial markets and the environment. At the same time, other social science disciplines have produced important insights into how more complex risks are perceived, and how social organisations can adjust to regulate and share them.

This MSc programme is designed to provide a comprehensive view of risk perception, management and control as encountered in

a wide variety of contexts. It addresses such questions as: What are the appropriate ways to measure and assess risk? How does the organisation of enterprises, governments or markets increase or decrease risk? What are the techniques for risk shifting in markets, firms or societies? What are the tools available to managers and regulators for controlling risks?

The design of the programme will allow students with prior training in diverse disciplines and with a range of professional backgrounds to acquire a broad knowledge of risk management and regulation, and to deepen their competency in a chosen area of specialisation.

You will need a degree of at least upper second class standard from a UK university, or its equivalent. We assume that applicants will have some knowledge of mathematics and statistics. Interesting applicants with weak backgrounds in this regard will be required to take an LSE Summer School course. If your degree is not from a UK university, you must submit a GMAT test score with your application. Decisions will not normally be made in the absence of this test result. We generally look for a GMAT score of over 650; exceptionally we will consider a GRE score of over 700/155. Conditional offers may be made in the absence of a final test score. If you are a graduate from a UK university, you should note that you may be asked to take either a GRE or GMAT test.

## Programme details

This is an interdepartmental programme which is administered through the Department of Finance.

Key features of the programme include:

- Teaching by internationally renowned faculty from several departments and with practitioners expert in the area.
- Multi-disciplinary exposure to different approaches to risk, its management and regulation through teaching and your own independent study.
- The possibility of an optional internship at a leading bank to gain hands-on risk management experience.
- An opportunity for students with prior training in diverse disciplines and with a range of professional backgrounds to acquire knowledge on risk management and regulation, and to deepen their competency in a chosen area of specialisation.
- Wide ranging coverage of topics in the area combined with a rigorous, in depth exploration of others.

You will take the core course Management and Regulation of Risk, a half unit finance course, one full unit equivalent quantitative course, one full unit equivalent qualitative course, and a fifth half unit equivalent course freely chosen. Applicants from developing countries may be eligible to be considered for one of the Lord Dahrendorf Scholarships (sponsored by Deutsche Bank). Please see [lse.ac.uk/finance](http://lse.ac.uk/finance) for more information.

## Compulsory courses

(\*half unit)

**Management and Regulation of Risk** is designed to expose students to the breadth of risk management thinking and approaches across different areas.

*Either*

**Asset Markets A\*** explores the fundamental concepts and tools underlying the asset markets side of modern finance or **Corporate Finance A\*** covers range of topics in corporate finance or **Finance I\*** is a first course in financial analysis for students with a basic knowledge of management or another quantitative Finance course with the permission of the programme director.

Students choose courses to the value of two and a half units from a very wide range of options offered by the Departments of Accounting, Finance, Geography and Environment, Law and Management. The choice of electives offers students significant flexibility to tailor their degree to their academic and professional interests. More information on the types of available courses can be found at: [lse.ac.uk/MScRiskAndFinanceStructure](http://lse.ac.uk/MScRiskAndFinanceStructure)

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The programme equips students for career opportunities in: consulting, finance and banking, insurance, management, regulation and supervision, public administration. This programme is not intended as suitable preparation for the PhD Finance at LSE (if you are interested in PhD study, please see MSc Finance and Economics).

## GENDER

**[lse.ac.uk/genderInstitute](http://lse.ac.uk/genderInstitute)**

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent):** 10

**Taught:** 77

**Research:** 13

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 10

**RAE:** 45 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Columbia House

The Gender Institute was established in 1993 to address the major intellectual challenges posed by contemporary changes in gender relations.

The Institute's graduate students come from all corners of the globe and enter gender studies from a diverse range of disciplinary backgrounds, including literature, politics, political economy and development studies. This range of backgrounds is also reflected in the faculty of the Institute, who come from geography, development, economics, English and French literature, political theory, law, cultural studies, sociology and social policy. We run a large master's programme, with five separate degrees, and a PhD programme. Each programme is characterised by its interdisciplinary and transnational approach to gender studies, and both students and staff work exceptionally hard to maintain this two-pronged direction to maintain

a creative, distinctive and innovative edge. The combined master's degrees welcome 85 students annually, and the PhD programme has up to 15 students at a given time.

The Institute is unique in bringing together approaches from the social sciences and humanities to address key problems in gender studies transnationally. We provide a leading role internationally in combining innovative theory and epistemology with policy concerns. Our research-led approach results in a vibrant research environment and a unique teaching programme that prepares students for various careers within and outside of academia. We train the largest number of graduates qualifying in gender studies anywhere in Europe and run a series of high-profile events including public lectures, workshops and conferences. We also host international scholars through our Visitors Programme who are integrated into the life of the Institute.

The Gender Institute encourages active learning and full student participation in the classes we teach. Students are introduced to a variety of teaching modes including formal lectures, seminars, workshops, integrated lectures and seminars, and student-led facilitation seminars and conferences. Seminars may also incorporate individual and group presentations. All our teaching modes are complemented by one-to-one contact with course tutors and conveners in office hours and for dissertation supervision.

### MPhil/PhD Gender Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** Y2ZG (MPhil/PhD) Y2TA (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015 (MPhil/PhD)

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Taught master's degree with a high merit or equivalent overall (65+), usually including a distinction in the dissertation (70+), in a related discipline

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see Financial support page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD Gender is part of the Social Policy group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34). The Gender Institute is able to offer at least one PhD studentship per year

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place in two rounds and students are advised to aim for the first round if possible. The funding deadlines are 12 January and 27 April 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents



## Opportunities for research

The research work of the Gender Institute is critical, transnational, and interdisciplinary. Our research is variously positioned in relation to different fields of study within the social sciences and humanities, but in each case, the focus on gender means testing conventional disciplinary boundaries and developing alternative methodologies. All the research addresses, in some way, the tenacity of gender power relations and gendered inequalities in a period of global transformation. Our research falls under four broad strands, and we work both independently and collaboratively within and across these themes:

**Bodies and sexualities:** Research in this field includes analysis of the body as property, and body as commodity, and what, if anything, makes the body special. It also addresses the relationship between gender and sexuality, with an emphasis on local and transnational spaces and flows.

**Gender and social policy:** Using a gendered perspective, research in this theme documents social, economic and political change, and critically analyses individual, family, and policy responses, using both cross-national comparative methodologies and in-depth case studies.

**Globalisation, development and inequalities:** Research in this theme analyses social and economic transformation in the global north and south, focusing on gendered relations, rights, citizenship, social justice and change with respect to work, security, migration, poverty and the social reproduction of daily life.

## Representation, narrative and culture:

This theme brings together colleagues who work on gendered representations in film, literature and theory. This work addresses ageing and subjectivity, classed dimensions of narrative, and the history of feminist theory.

PhD applications are welcome in any of the above areas; for more detailed indication of staff research interests, please look at the Institute website.

Research students are a core part of the research culture at the Gender Institute, and their PhD programme is tailored both to individual and to general needs, including methodology training and engagement in professional academic life. All research students at the Institute receive core training in their first year to prepare them for their research and writing, and ongoing training across the period of their studies in and outside the Institute. The aim is to enable students to complete a PhD thesis within a maximum of four years, or an MPhil thesis in two years.

## Admissions

PhD students will be accepted on the basis of the strength of their thesis/project proposal, a writing sample, their motivation and their prior academic achievement. All shortlisted students are interviewed. The availability of appropriate supervision is a key issue when making an offer of admission and this is addressed by the Institute when considering the formal application.

## PhD programme workshops

All PhD students attend fortnightly PhD workshops from the start of their time



at the Institute, which focus on student work in progress. These meetings provide students with continuity across their time at the Institute, build expertise in presenting and evaluating their own and other people's work, and confidence in editing and revising drafts of their writing. They also generate a sense of a shared project and cohort identity, particularly since students are encouraged to focus on common problems such as methodological or design challenges as well as textual issues.

## Compulsory courses

Students take compulsory courses in gender theories and a compulsory course in epistemology and methodology in their first year to build theory and research practice skills. These courses introduce students to the range of theoretical frameworks available to gender studies experts, and asks what it means to use theory to explore key debates and problems rather than approaching theory in an abstract way. The theory course proves invaluable in training students to think about how theory travels and what it means to take a particular position in theoretical debate. Both courses allow students to think creatively about the 'how to' of research, not just in relation to



My MSc programme equips students with a great blend of theory and policy issues that provides a good platform for both further study as well as work in the policy arena.

**Dikshya Thapa**, MSc Gender, Development and Globalisation

their own project but as a central feature of all research. First year PhD students must attend all gender theories lectures and the whole of the epistemology and methodology course (including seminars and workshops).

## Progression

First year students will be assessed during the first year by means of a draft chapter and a research proposal. The research proposal will follow the ESRC template and will include the research objectives, the methodology and a short research rationale to be evaluated by a review panel which will normally include a doctoral programme director, the supervisor and adviser, or one other academic. The upgrade to PhD registration takes place within 15 months of registration. At this point, students are required to submit two draft chapters, a timeline for completion and a chapter outline of the thesis, and are assessed by

a panel including their supervisors and the doctoral programme director. Students are subsequently reviewed annually with an especially important review at the end of third year to ensure timely completion.

## Taught programmes

MSc Gender (see page 86)

MSc Gender (Research) (see page 86)

MSc Gender, Development and Globalisation (see page 87)

MSc Gender, Media and Culture (see page 88)

MSc Gender, Policy and Inequalities (see page 89)

### MSc Gender MSc Gender (Research)

**Application codes:** Y2U8 (Y2U4 Research)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 16/75

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science or humanities (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). MSc Gender

(Research) is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions but recommended to apply before end of June. 12 January 2015 for ESRC funding

The MSc Gender (Research) degree combines a thorough grounding in contemporary theories of gender with advanced training in quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. You will be located in the Gender Institute and take one or two units in LSE's Department of Methodology, which is a base for cross-disciplinary research and teaching in the broad area of social science methodology.

The MSc Gender degree allows students flexibility to choose options up to the value of one and a half full units from a wide range of courses (students may only take options up to the value of one full unit outside the Institute).

MSc Gender (Research) enables you to combine courses in gender with a rigorous training in quantitative and qualitative research methods.

For both these degrees, you should have at least an upper second class honours degree or its equivalent in a social science or humanities subject.

All students follow at least two core courses and also complete a 10,000 word dissertation.

## MSc Gender

### Programme details

This is the most flexible degree the Institute offers. In addition to the core courses of the degree, students are able to choose from the fullest range of options in order to develop their own gender studies pathway, or focus on key research areas (eg, sexuality, culture, globalisation, development, postcoloniality, gendered politics). The interdisciplinary approach of the MSc Gender enables students to choose course options from within the Gender Institute and from other departments and institutes at the School.

There will be a series of compulsory dissertation workshops in the Lent term. The Gender Institute holds public lectures and workshops with eminent academics visiting London throughout the year.

All students on the MSc Gender will have an academic adviser who will be allocated upon arrival. Dissertation supervision is allocated in the Lent term.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Gender Theories in the Modern World: An Interdisciplinary Approach** enables students to become familiar with the fullest range of gender theories with particular attention to the intersections of gender, sexuality and race.

**Gender, Knowledge and Research Practice\*** maps the history of debates about gender and feminist research, and

asks what difference it makes to take gender as the subject or object of research.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/gen](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/gen) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## MSc Gender (Research)

### Programme details

This degree enables students to develop expertise in both gender studies and research methodology, and is particularly useful for students considering further study. In addition to a thorough grounding in contemporary theories of gender and gender research practice, students will also receive advanced training in quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. Applicants from the UK and EU will be able to apply for funding under the ESRC 1+3 and +3 scheme.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Gender Theories in the Modern World: An Interdisciplinary Approach** enables students to become familiar with the fullest range of gender theories with particular attention to the intersections of gender, sexuality and race.

**Gender, Knowledge and Research Practice\*** maps the history of debates about gender and feminist research, and asks what difference it makes to take gender as the subject or object of research.

**Introduction to Quantitative Analysis\*** covers the foundations of descriptive statistics estimation and inference or **Applied Regression Analysis\*** is concerned with deepening the understanding of the generalised linear model and its application to social science data.

#### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one full unit from a range of options.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Our students go on to work in varied career paths: research and consultancy for government and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in developed and less developed countries, international organisations, humanitarian and charity work, personnel work, civil and diplomatic services, representative politics, advocacy, the legal profession, academia, media and communication and in education.

### MSc Gender, Development and Globalisation

**Application code:** Y2U3

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time; 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 28/119

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions but recommended to apply before end June

This distinctive interdisciplinary programme focuses on the theoretical analysis of gender, central to developing the necessary analytical understanding to inform policy making and prepares students for independent research leading to an academic career.

This programme aims to:

- Give students a thorough understanding of economic and social processes that shape the contemporary global world and their gendered outcomes; a knowledge of how gender is theorised, understood and incorporated into development analysis, practice and policy.

- Be of great intellectual value to any student seeking to understand gender issues in a global and transnational context and those seeking to do further research in this field.

This programme is ideal for students with an upper second or first class honours degree (or equivalent). We will consider applicants with a good first degree in any discipline who have (and can demonstrate) a special interest and/or practical experience in this area.

### Programme details

Assessment varies by course but generally consists of a mixture of continuous assessment and unseen examinations. The Gender Institute holds a research seminar series with external speakers fortnightly throughout term time which extends and consolidates issues raised in the main courses. A series of dissertation workshops are held during the Lent term and are compulsory.

All students on the programme will have an academic adviser who will be allocated upon arrival. A dissertation supervisor will be allocated in the Lent term.

The programme is composed of two compulsory courses and a dissertation, plus optional courses to the equivalent of one full unit.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Globalisation, Gender and Development: An Introduction** provides students with a thorough knowledge of two key interconnected and intersecting

literatures: gender and development and gender and globalisation.

**Globalisation, Gender and Development: Theorising Policy and Practice\*** provides students with a thorough knowledge of theoretical and policy debates in the field of gender and development at local, national and international levels in an era of rapid globalisation.

**Gender Theories in the Modern World: An Interdisciplinary Approach** enables students to become familiar with the fullest range of gender theories with particular attention to the intersections of gender, sexuality and race.

#### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/gdg](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/gdg) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The interdisciplinary nature of gender studies means that graduates are equipped with a broad range of knowledge and skills that can be applied in a variety of areas. They are able to bring highly desirable gender analysis skills to a wide variety of settings, including: government departments,

international institutions (including the EU and World Bank), the media and publishing, charities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), private consultancy firms, education and research. Many of our graduates continue to study for PhDs and go on to work in academia.

## **MSc Gender, Media and Culture**

**Application code:** Y2U7

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 20/131

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science, or relevant humanities discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024 overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The programme is taught jointly by the Gender Institute and the Media and Communications Department. It is administered from the Gender Institute. The programme employs a gender perspective to critically examine such questions as

how representations in the media may reinforce or subvert social roles and ideologies; how gendered forms of address and identification have been theorised across different visual and print cultures; the role of a variety of media forms in critiquing or contributing to wider social processes such as globalisation, conflict and migration. Students are encouraged to interrogate a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches to the gendered analysis of contemporary media and culture.

## **Programme details**

In addition to the core units in gender theory, media and communication and gender and media representation students can choose from a range of options in the two departments. All students on this programme are housed within the Gender Institute.

Teaching on core courses is delivered via a variety of lecture and seminar formats, for some options there are additional screenings of relevant material. Support for the dissertation is provided through individual supervision by academic staff and a series of workshops.

You will be assessed by written examinations, a series of research assignments, essays related to the substantive courses and the dissertation, which must be submitted on 1 September (or the first working day after if it falls on a weekend). There are also additional formative assignments throughout the year including oral presentations, facilitations and essays.

You may take the course part-time by taking courses equivalent to two units in each year.

All students on the programme will have an academic adviser who will be allocated upon arrival. Dissertation supervision is allocated in the Lent term.

The programme involves the completion of four courses including a dissertation.

## **Compulsory courses**

(\* half unit)

### **Gender Theories in the Modern**

#### **World: An Interdisciplinary Approach**

enables students to become familiar with the fullest range of gender theories with particular attention to the intersections of gender, sexuality and race.

### **Gender and Media Representation\***

critically examines gender in a range of different media.

### **Dissertation.**

Either **Theories and Concepts in Media and Communications (Key concepts and interdisciplinary approaches)\*** addresses key theoretical and conceptual issues in the study of media and communications, within a broadly interdisciplinary social science perspective or **Theories and Concepts in Media and Communications II (Processes of communication in modern life)\*** examines key concepts

and critical perspectives on the processes of communication that underpin social, economic and institutional relations across diverse spheres of modern life.

## **One from:**

### **Methods of Research in Media and Communications**

(including Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis)\* provides a general training in research methods and techniques including research design, the collection, analysis and interpretation of data.

### **Gender, Knowledge and Research**

**Practice\*** maps the history of debates about gender and feminist research, and asks what difference it makes to take gender as the subject or object of research.

### **Qualitative Research With Non-**

**Traditional Data\*** examines methods for collecting and analysing data which are not primarily textual or linguistic, and how these can be integrated into qualitative research.

Popular courses for students on this programme include:

### **Screening the Present: Contemporary Cinema and Cultural Theory\***

### **Sexuality, Gender and Culture**

Students will be expected to choose one other half unit course offered by the Gender Institute or the Department of Media and Communication. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/gmc](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/gmc) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.



## Graduate destinations

The interdisciplinary nature of gender studies means that graduates are equipped with a broad range of knowledge and skills that can be applied in a variety of areas. They are able to bring highly desirable gender analysis skills to a wide variety of settings, including: the media and publishing, government departments, international institutions (including the EU), charities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), private consultancy firms and education.

## MSc Gender, Policy and Inequalities

**Application code:** Y2U5

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 14/86

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science, or relevant humanities discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions but recommended to apply before the end of June

This programme uses contemporary gender theory to investigate social policy, planning and practice in an international and comparative context and to examine gender and social policy with an emphasis on the issues facing either less economically developed or European countries.

The programme is intended for graduates with a good upper second class honours degree in the social sciences, or relevant humanities discipline.

This interdisciplinary MSc provides advanced study in the application of gender theory to social policy, planning and practice. It aims to give students a grounded understanding of the concepts and theories relevant to a gender analysis of social policy in a global and comparative context. The teaching will focus on stimulating independent thought on gender and gendered inequalities.

## Programme details

All students follow the two core courses, Gender Theories in the Modern World: An Interdisciplinary Approach, and one half unit, Gender and Social Policy: Theory and Practice. Students then take a further half unit with either a European or critical development studies focus. In addition, students take a further combination of courses to the value of one full unit. Finally, students must also complete a 10,000 word dissertation on an approved topic. The dissertation should reflect learning from both the social policy and gender components of the MSc.

A series of dissertation workshops are held during the academic year and are

compulsory. The Gender Institute holds a number of research seminars throughout the academic year. These seminars, which are delivered by eminent scholars both from within and outside the LSE community, provide opportunities for students to extend and consolidate issues raised in courses.

All students on the programme will have an academic adviser who will be allocated upon arrival. Dissertation supervision is allocated in the Lent term.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Gender and Social Policy: Theory and Practice\*** looks at the importance of gender in explaining the structure and development of social policy and the use of gender in analysing inequalities that arise in access to and outcomes of social policies.

*Either* **Gender and Development: Geographical Perspectives\*** provides an analysis of gender roles, relations and inequalities in developing world regions or **Gender and European Welfare States\*** analyses the different ways in which gender is incorporated into national welfare states and the impact this has on particular national structures of gender inequalities.

**Gender Theories in the Modern World: An Interdisciplinary Approach** enables students to become familiar with the fullest range of gender theories with particular attention to the intersections of gender, sexuality and race.

## Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a wide range of options offered within the Gender Institute and across the School. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/gpi](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/gpi) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The interdisciplinary nature of gender studies means that graduates are equipped with a broad range of knowledge and skills that can be applied in a variety of professional and academic settings. Our graduates are equipped with critical and analytic skills that are highly valued by a number of employers, including: government departments, international institutions (including the EU and World Bank), the media and publishing, charities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), private consultancy firms, education and research. Many of our graduates continue to study for PhDs and go on to work in academia.

# GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

**[lse.ac.uk/geography](http://lse.ac.uk/geography)**  
**AndEnvironment**

**Number of graduate students**  
**(full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 231

**Research:** 44

**Number of faculty (full-time**  
**equivalent):** 34

**RAE:** 70 per cent of the Department's  
research was rated world-leading or  
internationally excellent

**Location:** St Clement's

The Department of Geography and Environment was ranked amongst the leading departments in the country in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise. It is a world-leading location for undertaking research in economic geography, environmental economics and policy, and urban and development geography. It has for many years been a recognised ESRC research training outlet.

The Department is distinctive in that it concentrates on the socio-economic aspects of the subject, places great emphasis on multi-disciplinary teaching and research and focuses strongly on policy relevant work.

Our vibrant research environment is organised around three research clusters which focus on: Economic Geography; Environmental Economics and Policy; and Urban/Development. The Economic Geography and the Environmental Economics and Policy clusters are closely associated with two large externally-funded research centres: the ESRC Spatial Economics Research Centre (SERC) and the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment (incorporating the ESRC Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy), respectively. Staff in each of the three research clusters have responsibility for teaching specialist master's courses, ensuring that students benefit from the most up to date understanding of the issues involved.

Departmental staff are also actively involved with the School's other interdisciplinary institutes and research centres (including the Centre for Economic Performance, Department of International Development, LSE London, Media@LSE, Gender Institute, and Urban@LSE) and undertake collaborative research with colleagues in

other cognate disciplines (particularly, but not exclusively, economics).

The Department runs four ESRC-recognised PhD programmes (available in either 1+3 or +3 routes) in Economic Geography, Environmental Economics, Environmental Policy and Development, and Human Geography and Urban Studies, as well as a PhD programme in Regional Planning. There are two research-oriented master's degrees (MSc Human Geography and Urban Studies (Research) and MSc Environmental Economics and Climate Change) and a range of others focused on developing the ability to integrate theoretical developments with practical experience (MSc Environmental Policy and Regulation, MSc Environment and Development, MSc Local Economic Development, MSc Real Estate Economics and Finance, MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies, and MSc Urbanisation and Development).

Staff come from a wide range of subject backgrounds. Most of those involved in teaching graduate students have a wealth of experience in working for, or acting as advisers to, a range of international agencies – including the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the European Commission, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the World Wide Fund for Nature – and governmental bodies in Great Britain, South Africa, China and throughout the European Union.

**MPhil/PhD Human**  
**Geography and**  
**Urban Studies**  
**MPhil/PhD**  
**Economic Geography**  
**MPhil/PhD**  
**Environmental Economics**  
**MPhil/PhD**  
**Environmental Policy**  
**and Development**  
**MPhil/PhD Regional**  
**and Urban Planning**  
**Visiting Research Students**

**Application code:** L8ZG (Human Geography), L8EG (VRS), L7ZQ (Economic Geography), L7ZR (Environmental Economics), L7ZS (Environmental Policy and Development), L8ZR, (Regional and Urban Planning), L8ER (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015  
January/April start is available in  
exceptional circumstances

**Duration:** 3/4 years (minimum 2),  
VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Taught master's degree in a related discipline and a background in geography, economics or allied subjects such as political science, development studies, sociology, anthropology, planning, environmental studies and regional science with a minimum of 65 per cent average mark and 70 per cent or higher in the dissertation component



**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. MPhil/PhD studentships are available as part of both the Environmental Energy and Resilience group of accredited programmes (MPhil/PhD Environmental Economics, MPhil/PhD Environmental Policy and Development and MPhil/PhD Human Geography and Urban Studies) and the Spatial Disparities, Economic Geography and Regional Development Group (MPhil/PhD Economic Geography) (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015. The selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place in two rounds, and all students are advised to aim for the first round if possible. The funding deadlines are 12 January and 27 April 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents

## Opportunities for research

We welcome applicants with good master's degrees to study for a PhD. We only accept PhD topics that are close to staff interests, so you should check our staff CVs, publications and current research agenda (our departmental web pages list key research topics).

Broadly speaking this covers economic geography, spatial economics, regional development, environmental economics, environmental policy, climate change economics, human geography, political geography, globalisation, geographies of development, and urbanisation.

You should have a minimum of 65 per cent average mark in a taught master's degree (or equivalent) in a cognate field of study to your proposed research topic, with strong performance (70 per cent or higher) in the dissertation element, and have a background in geography, economics or allied subjects such as political science, development studies, sociology, anthropology, planning, environmental studies or regional science.

Selection is based upon your past academic performance, the quality of your research proposal, references, prior achievement, and the appropriateness of your research to the Department's research focus. Your research proposal should be three to four pages long (excluding references and appendix). It is essential that the research proposal addresses: research question; relevant literature and previous research in the field; potential contribution to knowledge; likely methods and theoretical approaches to be adopted; likely information sources and an assessment of their suitability and availability. An outline three year research timetable must be included as an appendix. Applications that fail to address these points will not be considered. We normally interview prospective research students.

As part of their PhD training, new MPhil/PhD students will take a range of compulsory and

optional courses. Specifically, students take core courses in human geography, economic geography, environmental economics or environmental policy (depending on which programme they are enrolled in) as well as relevant specialist MSc level courses to take them to the leading edge of their chosen discipline and topic. Students can also select from courses offered by LSE's Department of Methodology. In addition, throughout the PhD programmes, we offer a series of study skills workshops, research seminar series where graduates present their current research to staff and colleagues, and research cluster seminars where visiting speakers and staff present their work. Exemption from parts of the graduate programme may be obtained if you have already undertaken recognised research training. Most elements of the graduate programme are completed in the first year. ESRC funded students on a 1+3 route can take the MSc Environmental Economics and Climate Change or the MSc Human Geography and Urban Studies (Research) in their first year of study. It is also possible to take the MSc Environmental Policy and Regulation, MSc Environment and Development, MSc Local Economic Development or MSc Real Estate Economics and Finance if adequate research methods courses are taken as part of these programmes.

Personal supervision and continued review and monitoring are key elements of the PhD programme. You will be allocated a (principal) supervisor, backed up by either a second (joint) supervisor or a review supervisor. Under the guidance of the supervisors you will work on your research design, strategy and methodology, and the

timetable and plans for dissemination of your work. You will receive regular feedback on your work and your progress will be monitored by a formal first year progress review, an upgrade review in the second year, as well as yearly annual reviews.

## Taught programmes

MSc Environment and Development (see page 92)

MSc Environmental Economics and Climate Change (see page 92)

MSc Environmental Policy and Regulation (see page 94)

MSc Human Geography and Urban Studies (Research) (see page 95)

MSc Local Economic Development (see page 96)

MSc Real Estate Economics and Finance (see page 96)

MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies (see page 97)

MSc Urbanisation and Development (see page 98)

The Department runs a joint degree with Sciences Po, Paris:

LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in Urban Policy (see page 201)

## MPhil/PhD programmes

MPhil/PhD Economic Geography (see page 90)

MPhil/PhD Environmental Economics (see page 90)

MPhil/PhD Environmental Policy and Development (see page 90)

MPhil/PhD Human Geography and Urban Studies (see page 90)

MPhil/PhD Regional and Urban Planning (see page 90)

## **MSc Environment and Development**

**Application code:** F9UB

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 41/300

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline, preferably social science. Will consider appropriate work experience in addition to sound academic background (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). MSc Environment and Development is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

This programme is based in the Department of Geography and Environment, but it combines courses offered both by this Department and the Department of International Development.

This programme is in principle open to all students independent of their first degree, but preferably you will have studied within the social sciences. You should have the equivalent of at least a high upper second class honours or, in American terminology, a 3.5 grade point average. We will consider appropriate work experience in addition to a sound academic background.

It is intended for those with a primary interest in the linkages between environment and development, a topic that has become more and more important in recent years. It provides students with a rigorous training in the social science dimensions of environmental policy, management and evaluation within a developing country context. Both environment and development studies are multi-disciplinary by nature, and the programme seeks to integrate key concepts and perspectives from a range of core social science disciplines. The aim is to provide students with an understanding of the issues involved in sustainable development both from a theoretical and practical perspective.

## **Programme details**

Key features of the programme include:

- A high quality academic training in the field of environment and development.

- A unique interdisciplinary approach towards this increasingly important field, drawing on the wide ranging disciplinary expertise and experience of staff in both the Department of Geography and Environment and the Department of International Development.
- The opportunity to select from a range of options allowing you to shape your studies to your needs.
- Studying with an exciting group of international students with a diversity of academic and professional backgrounds.

Teaching is mainly through lectures and graduate level seminars. It is possible to study this programme part-time over two years. You will be assessed on a combination of unseen examinations and research essays depending on the courses taken. In general minimum teaching contact for a full-unit course is usually 40 hours, and 20 hours for a half-unit course.

You have the opportunity to attend the bi-weekly Climate Change and Environment Research Seminar Series (RSS), organised jointly by the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and the Department of Geography and Environment, which brings to the School prominent scholars and practitioners involved in research and practice. In addition, there are various visiting lectures offered by the Department of Geography and Environment.

The MSc Environment and Development requires you to take one compulsory core course and three optional courses.

## **Compulsory course**

**Environment and Development** covers environment-economy linkages, as well as a number of policy-relevant topics at the interface of environment and development.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of three units from the Department of Geography and Environment and Department of International Development options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ed](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ed) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## **Graduate destinations**

Our graduates enter a wide variety of employment opportunities in the public sector, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), international organisations, research, consultancy and international firms.

## **MSc Environmental Economics and Climate Change**

**Application code:** L7UD

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 25/203



**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline, preferably social science. Will consider appropriate work experience in addition to sound academic background (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). MSc Environmental Economics and Climate Change is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

Environmental economics is playing an increasingly central role in both understanding the causes of, and designing policy solutions to, contemporary environmental problems. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the case of human-induced climate change. Amongst others, economic analyses have been used to determine the net costs/benefits of different policy scenarios, to better understand how to achieve and sustain international co-operation, and to evaluate the efficiency of different environmental policy instruments. Environmental economics has been instrumental in informing policy across the world, for example, in market creation such as for carbon, or the design of new interventions such as

payments for ecosystem services (PES). In these, and across a wide range of other issues, from biodiversity and ecosystem loss, air pollution to, more broadly, the link between the environment and sustainable economic development, the theory and applied tools of environmental economics are uniquely placed to inform and guide decision-makers in addressing environmental challenges.

For applicants who are graduates from British Universities, the normal minimum entry requirement is an upper-second class honours degree, preferably in economics or otherwise with a background in economic analysis, and good analytical, quantitative and technical skills. Applicants with qualifications from other countries will be expected to have a similar academic background. Exceptional applicants with strong quantitative (ie, in calculus or statistics) and analytical skills but without a background in economic analysis will be required to take prior training in economics (via appropriate LSE Diploma or Summer School economics courses or equivalent training elsewhere) before being considered for admission. Applications are also welcome from mature students with work experience in the environmental/climate change field who wish to upgrade their technical skills and analytical insight. Such applicants will still need to meet a threshold requirement with respect to their prior economics and/or quantitative training.

## Programme details

The programme will be taught and run by what is now one of the largest international groupings of environmental

economists in any academic institution. Teaching staff are based within the LSE's Department of Geography and Environment as well as the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment.

The programme aims to provide students with the following:

- A well-developed understanding of environmental and resource economics, its conceptual foundations and practical tools of analysis, including state-of-the-art quantitative methods;
- An ability to apply economic concepts and quantitative methods to the analysis, appraisal and valuation of a wide range of environmental problems and policies;
- An awareness of the importance of context, both from an institutional and policy perspective, when applying the concepts and tools of environmental economics;
- An in-depth understanding of climate change, including its scientific, economic and political dimensions.

The MSc requires you to take four compulsory core courses (with a value of three units) and two optional courses to the value of one unit. Note that not all the optional courses will be available every year.

Teaching itself will be conducted mainly through lectures and graduate level seminars. Assessment will be a combination of unseen examinations and

research essays. You will also have the opportunity to develop a dissertation on a topic within the fields of environmental, resource or climate change economics. This will allow you to pursue a research question of interest to you in depth, using the analytical tools and techniques covered in the course. You will work on your own on the dissertation, with advice from a supervisor. In general, teaching contact for a full-unit course is usually 40 hours, and 20 hours for a half-unit.

The continuing rise in the application of economics to environmental policy-making has created increased demand for individuals with state-of-the-art training in environmental, natural resource and climate change economics, and an ability to apply economic tools to the analysis of a wide range of environmental problems and policy.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Environmental and Resource Economics** examines the foundations of environmental and resource economics, the economics of pollution control, the economics of renewable and non-renewable resources and the study of international environmental problems and agreements.

**Applied Quantitative Methods\*** provides an introduction to quantitative methods in use in modern environmental and resource economics.

**Climate Change: Science, Economics and Policy\*** is an interdisciplinary analysis of the issue of climate change.

**Dissertation.**

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one full unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/eec](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/eec) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Economics is frequently at the centre of environmental policy-making. The MSc in Environmental Economics and Climate Change provides state-of-the-art training in environmental, natural resource and climate change economics. Students will develop analytical tools applicable to the full range of environmental issues in the public, private, and other sectors. There are promising career opportunities for those who have trained as professional environmental economists: in government, international organisations, industry, NGOs, consultancy and research.

The MSc Environmental Economics and Climate Change will be invaluable if you wish to work, or are already working, in a specialised area relating to climate change economics but also more broadly to any aspect of environmental and resource economics.

### MSc Environmental Policy and Regulation

**Application code:** F9UG

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 33/206

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline, preferably social science. Will consider appropriate work experience in addition to sound academic background (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). MSc Environmental Policy and Regulation is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admission. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

There is a growing recognition in both public and private spheres of the need for greater environmental protection. Yet how do broad concerns lead to specific policies or plans, and what factors shape the performance of different regulatory instruments on the ground? This one year

MSc programme (two years for part-time students) takes students with first degrees in a wide range of areas and analyses the nature and efficacy of different approaches to environmental policy and regulation. It considers the influence of different forms of environmental policy and regulation at the international, national and local levels and the role of environmental evaluation techniques. Issues are addressed within a distinctive social science framework that uses theory to understand practice, thereby equipping students with the skills they need to work on environmental policy and regulation in the public, private or NGO sectors.

### Programme details

The programme is designed to enable participants to:

- Gain a deeper understanding of the tools available for environmental policy and regulation, and the diverse contexts within which they operate.
- Evaluate the impact of policies for the economy, society and the natural environment.

Students can expect to receive approximately 120 hours of contact time not including the dissertation. Teaching is mainly through lectures and graduate level seminars. You will be assessed on a combination of unseen examinations and research essays. You will develop a detailed proposal for your dissertation on a topic in the field of environment, but of your own choosing and design. You will work on your own on the dissertation, with limited advice from a supervisor.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Environmental Regulation: Implementing Policy** provides critical insights into the characteristics, processes, instruments and evolving dynamics of environmental policy, regulation and governance.

Either **Environment and Development** covers environment-economy linkages, the concept of sustainable economic development and environment growth and the resource curse or **Environment and Development: Sustainability, Technology and Business\*** examines environment-economy linkages, the concept of sustainable economic development, green technological change and corporate social/environmental responsibility.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose course options to the value of one full unit or one and a half units, depending upon their compulsory course choice. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/epr](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/epr) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Graduates will have the skills to enter a wide variety of employment

opportunities in the public sector, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), international organisations, research, consultancy and national/multinational firms.

### MSc Human Geography and Urban Studies (Research)

**Application code:** L8UH

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 3/26

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in geography or social science (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). MSc Human Geography and Urban Studies (Research) is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admission. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

**Note:** You should include in your personal statement that you wish to be considered for ESRC studentships

This programme will be of interest if you have studied geography or a related social science subject at undergraduate level and are now looking for a more focused introduction to human geographical research. It is designed as a preparation for study at PhD level, as well as further training in a broad range of substantive geographical and environmental themes. It draws on the breadth of theoretical understanding, research expertise and practical experience in the Department of Geography and Environment, while allowing for learning in specialised courses elsewhere in LSE.

### Programme details

Minimum teaching contact for a full unit course is usually 40 hours, and 20 hours for a half unit.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Contemporary Debates in Human Geography Seminar\*** is a reading seminar course, organised around key works pertinent to cities development and human geography.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two and a half units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/hgus](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/hgus) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.



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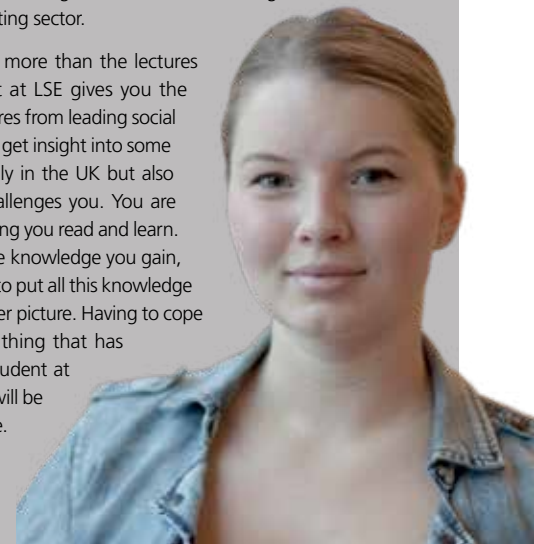
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MSc ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND REGULATION

I chose to study at LSE because I knew it would provide me with an opportunity to learn from the best. It is a great feeling to listen to a lecture held by a professor, whose work you might have read years back, but whom you now get to learn directly from and discuss theories and opinions with. LSE is a place that contains so many great minds – and I think this reflects in the atmosphere of the campus. You will always be able to find someone to discuss a topic with – and everyone will have an educated opinion. Furthermore, LSE is an international institution, and it is impossible not to make friends from all around the world during your time here.

My programme (MSc Environmental Policy and Regulation) provides me with an opportunity to study a topic that is very current: how can we use policy and regulation to protect the environment? I also particularly like that there is freedom to choose courses that look at very different aspects of environmental policy – right from sustainable cities to the effects of climate change. When I graduate, I will pursue a second master's degree within international economic consulting with the aim of working within the environmental consulting sector.

Studying at LSE is about much more than the lectures and seminars. Being a student at LSE gives you the unique opportunity to hear lectures from leading social scientists and policy makers. You get insight into some of the largest employers not only in the UK but also internationally. But LSE also challenges you. You are expected to be critical of everything you read and learn. You are expected to question the knowledge you gain, and you are expected to be able to put all this knowledge together in order to see the bigger picture. Having to cope with these expectations is the thing that has most helped me develop as a student at LSE, and also the thing I believe will be most helpful for me in the future.



**Graduate destinations**

Clearly, many graduates from this degree go on to do PhD Degrees in this or other institutions. Otherwise, our MSc graduates enter a wide variety of employment including consultancy, the public sector and education.

**MSc Local Economic Development**

**Application code:** L1S2

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 41/239

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science (in the past mostly economics, development, sociology geography, international relations and political science) (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** No requirement, but good GRE/GMAT a strong asset

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

**Note:** This programme gives access to the Institute of Economic Development

This programme draws upon the expertise of a group of LSE researchers who are key contributors to research and practice on regional and local economic development. We also invite regular contributions from external academics and practitioners.

In addition to gaining the MSc you will also have access to the Institution of Economic Development, the leading UK organisation for economic development practitioners.

As an interdisciplinary programme, applications from any field in the social sciences are welcome. In the past, the bulk of the student body has been made up by graduates in economics, development, sociology, geography, international relations and political science. In any case, we will expect applicants to have excellent grades in their first degrees.

In recent years, rapid changes in technology and information, industrial restructuring and integration have been radically realigning production structures. There has also been a drive towards the globalisation of the world economy. World trade has expanded at twice the rate of output and national governments have been rethinking their protectionist policies to participate in the new global markets. In this context, local and regional economies increasingly need new responses and demand specialist skills to work with the change, and exploit the opportunities it offers.

**Programme details**

This programme focuses on the variety of ways in which local and regional agencies can work with the private sector in order to stimulate local economies. You will also

develop an understanding of the local, national and international trends in business organisation, and a knowledge of the variety of local agents involved. The course emphasises management issues of local capacity building, attracting investment, network building, infrastructure, human resources, and focuses as well on the rationale and impact of regional and local development policies and on the role of institutions. In general minimum teaching contact for a full unit course is usually 40 hours, and 20 hours for a half unit.

**Compulsory courses**

(\* half unit)

**Topics in Local Economic Development\*** is concerned with both the theoretical underpinnings and practical implementation of specific local economic development policies.

*Either* **Globalisation, Regional Development and Policy** analyses the theory and practice of economic development focusing on response to change, stimulation of development, and methods of local or regional delivery *or* **Local Economic Development and Policy** deals with the analysis of theoretical and institutional issues, empirical evidence, development pre-requisites and economic development policies in the context of actions to stimulate the economic development of local and regional economies.

**Dissertation.**

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options. Please

visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/led](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/led) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

**Graduate destinations**

Previous graduates are mainly working in international organisations (UN system [including ILO, UNDP, FAO], World Bank, OECD, European Union, World Trade Conference), national and regional governments, international consultancy, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), research centres and top universities. Further information about what previous students are doing can be found on our website.

**MSc Real Estate Economics and Finance**

**Application code:** L8U3

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 37/302

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 with background in economic analysis, and good analytical, quantitative and technical skills (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)



**GRE/GMAT requirement:** All graduates of non-UK institutions must submit a GRE score (preferred) or GMAT score

**Fee level:** £19,944

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). MSc Real Estate Economics and Finance is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

**Note:** Offers fast-track membership to the Investment Property Forum, and accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

This programme is based in the Department of Geography and Environment but involves collaboration with the Departments of Accounting, Finance and Economics and offers the following benefits:

- Study in a Department with a strong group of applied urban and real estate economists and land use specialists situated in the only UK university devoted solely to the social sciences.
- Our master's programme focuses on developing graduates' ability to integrate theoretical developments with practical experience.
- Master's students are drawn from a range of disciplinary and national backgrounds and join a vibrant community of over 200 graduate

students studying graduate courses within the Department.

- This is an academic programme but it benefits from a partnership agreement with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors ([www.rics.org](http://www.rics.org)), RICS, conferring professional recognition. In addition, the Investment Property Forum ([www.ipf.org.uk](http://www.ipf.org.uk)), IPF, has included the programme on their selected list of graduate courses that the forum considers to provide the relevant skills necessary for those operating in the property investment market. This recognition comes with a number of benefits for our master's graduates. Graduates of the MSc REEF will be offered a fast-track membership to the forum.

This MSc will appeal if you wish to work, or are already working, in a specialised area relating to property and urban analysis (including research), real estate finance or investment analysis. You should have good analytical, quantitative and technical skills. A thorough grounding in economic analysis, at a level equivalent to a joint degree at least, is a normal requirement for entry.

If you do not hold an honours degree from a UK university you should submit a GRE General Test score with your application that has been taken within the last five years and include your test scores on your application form. (You may also submit a GMAT score, but GRE is preferred). Please see Admissions Enquiries System. We do not require a specific mark but we do typically expect candidates to score in

the top ten percentile in the overall test. However, other qualifications and relevant work experience will be taken into consideration. We recognise that if your first language is not English the test will present special difficulties and we view your score on that basis.

## Programme details

The programme integrates current academic analysis and research with an applied study of real estate markets and finance. This is done mainly in a European and North American institutional setting. Minimum teaching contact for a full unit course is usually 40 hours, and 20 hours for a half unit.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

### Real Property Market Practice\*

provides an examination of how real property markets operate in practice and of the analytical techniques and data available for analysts and practitioners.

### Applied Urban and Regional

**Economics** provides a theoretical and empirical understanding of urban economic processes and price determination in land and real property markets within an institutional context.

**Real Estate Finance\*** examines concepts and techniques for analysing financial decisions in real estate development and investment.

Either **Asset Markets A\*** covers the fundamental concepts and tools underlying the asset markets side of

modern finance or **Finance I\*** is a first course in financial analysis for students with a basic knowledge of management.

## Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose a relevant half unit course from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/reef](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/reef) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

Students may also choose **Corporate Finance and Asset Markets** instead of one of the following two combinations: (optional) MSc level half unit course plus Asset Markets A\* or (optional) MSc level half unit course plus Finance I\*. The half unit course Asset Markets A\* cannot be combined with the half unit course Finance I\*.

## Graduate destinations

Our MSc graduates enter a wide variety of employment including professional firms, finance, real estate research, consultancy, the public sector and education.

## MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies

**Application code:** L8U4

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time,  
24-48 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 40/156

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree or equivalent in relevant social science or professional qualifications and experience (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024;  
overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

**Note:** Accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies programme enjoys a long and well-respected tradition of training both young planners and mid-career professionals seeking career advancement. We are unique among graduate planning schools, offering a strongly interdisciplinary programme based on the economics, geography and the politics of land-use planning. Our aim is to develop an understanding of the various influences affecting the planning process, and to teach a strong set of research skills that will help planners in practice. These perspectives and skills will be applied to London and to a wide range of countries and cities through lectures, site visits, fieldwork and seminar debate.

The MSc programme enjoys an international reputation and attracts students from all over the world including North and South America, Asia and Europe. We are accredited by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and provide strong professional linkages through our very active alumni network and links to both the Association of European Planning Schools and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. The programme is ideally suited to both academically excellent recent graduates and mid-level career professionals.

### Programme details

The programme has a strong sense of identity, which is built up through a series of London walks in the first term that help orient students to the capital, alumni events held throughout the year and a field trip during the spring vacation. The destination for the trip is chosen by the students in conjunction with the faculty and is typically held in continental Europe. Recent student cohorts have chosen Turin, Istanbul, Berlin, Moscow and Amsterdam. The cost of this visit (about £300) is not covered by tuition fees. The students also run a Planning Society, which organises speakers, shorter trips and social events.

Teaching is based primarily on lectures, seminars, a fieldwork project and tutorials. In general, minimum teaching contact for a full unit course is usually 40 hours, and 20 hours for a half unit. This programme benefits from a partnership agreement with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors conferring professional recognition and is also available as part

of a double degree programme with LSE-Sciences Po. For more information please see [www.sciencespo.fr/en](http://www.sciencespo.fr/en)

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**The Economics of Regional and Urban Planning\*** provides an economic framework in which to analyse the structure of economic activity within the urban and regional context; the impact of this structure on urban form; the role of government at the local level and local economic policy applications.

**Social and Political Aspects of Regional and Urban Planning\*** explores the impact of key social and political processes on the activity of urban and regional planning.

**Urban Policy and Planning\*** examines the way in which economic, political and social forces interact to effect policy approaches in different spatial settings.

**Planning Practice and Research** (not assessed) provides an understanding of the current planning issues faced by practitioners and their policy responses.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options. Normally, students choose their optional courses based on specialisation. Topics include: Local Economic Development; Environmental Policy and Planning; Development in the Global South and Social Policy. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/](http://lse.ac.uk/)

**grad/rups** for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Our graduates typically go on to careers in planning consultancies, local and regional government, real estate and property development; and community advocacy organisations. Further details about graduate destinations can be found on our website and in our annual newsletters.

### MSc Urbanisation and Development

**Application code:** L8U6

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time,  
24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 18/110

**Minimum entry requirement:** Good 2:1 in social science subject such as geography, anthropology, sociology, planning, development, or a degree in another field with work experience relevant to cities and/or development (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024;  
overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Early application is advised

The MSc Urbanisation and Development programme offers students an integrated and up-to-date course on urban development, which draws on the breadth of research expertise and practical experience in the Department of Geography and Environment and the Department of International Development. Teaching staff are leading researchers in the field supplemented by visiting professors and an intense schedule of outside speakers, seminars and conferences.

This programme is intended for graduates with a good first degree in social science, such as geography, development, sociology, planning or anthropology. Applicants with degrees in other subjects will be considered, especially if they have work or voluntary experience relevant to cities and/or development.

At a time when three-quarters of the world's urban population and over 90 per cent of future urban population growth will be in the developing world, it is vital we understand relationships between urban and development issues from both theoretical and empirical standpoints. The programme reviews urbanism from colonial to contemporary periods, emphasising demographic, social,

economic, cultural and political processes. The programme pays particular attention to the origins and claims of development theory and practice, and the aims and achievements of contemporary urban policy from a wide variety of thematic and theoretical perspectives.

### Programme details

Minimum teaching contact for a full unit course is usually 40 hours, and 20 hours for a half unit.

### Compulsory courses

**Urban Theory, Policy and Practice in the Global South** concentrates on key urban policy debates in the developing world particularly over the past two decades.

#### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ud](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ud) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Graduates enter a wide variety of employment including the public sector, non-governmental and civil society organisations, international agencies, research and consultancy, as well as further study.

## GOVERNMENT

### [lse.ac.uk/government](http://lse.ac.uk/government)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 335

**Research:** 49

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 51

**RAE:** 60 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Connaught House

The Government Department is one of the largest in the UK and covers almost all areas of politics. We offer a comprehensive range of academic approaches, from political theory and philosophy to public choice and comparative government, and the history of institutions and policy.

Being based within the only UK institution that specialises solely in the social sciences is a great benefit and our graduate programmes involve close collaboration with other departments and institutes in the School. In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, the Government and International Relations Departments together with the Department of International Development were assessed as one unit. The majority of the research was graded in the world-leading and internationally excellent categories.

We currently have students from all corners of the globe researching across the whole field of politics.

### MRes/PhD Political Science Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** M1ZN (MRes/PhD), M1EG (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MRes/PhD 4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Intake/application in 2013:** 7/195

**Entry requirement:** Good undergraduate degree and preferably a taught master's degree in Political Science or a closely related discipline

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MRes/PhD Political Science is part of the Political Science and International Studies group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** 12 January 2015. Successful candidates will be notified in March. In exceptional cases, late applications can be considered until 27 April 2015, but candidates are advised that places for late admission are limited. Selection for funding is also based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents – by 12 January 2015

**Notes:** Applicants must submit either two degree essays of 5,000 words or a dissertation

## Opportunities for research

You will join a small and highly selective entering class, of about 8-12 students, most with full scholarships, chosen from applicants from a wide range of universities from around the world.

Together you will embark on the MRes/PhD in Political Science, which is a structured route to a PhD. In the first year, you will take a series of courses and prepare a Research Prospectus. You will be trained in research design and research methods and also take courses from a broad range of graduate specialisms in our Department and across LSE. You will study with acknowledged leaders in their fields and learn what political scientists know (and don't know), what the key debates have been and where the discipline is going.

At the end of the first year you will complete the assessments for your courses and finalise your Research Prospectus, the provisional research plan for your PhD. You will defend the prospectus at a committee of relevant faculty in September at the end of the first year.

If you pass the exams and successfully defend the Prospectus you will be "upgraded" to the PhD part of the programme. You will now be ready to implement your research plan, for example through fieldwork, data collection and analysis, theoretical work, or a combination of several approaches. You will participate and present your work in Doctoral Workshops with faculty and fellow researchers, and you will start to attend and present papers at international conferences.

You will also be eligible to help teach undergraduate courses in the Department.

There is no question that the first year is hard work. But you will learn fast and you will learn a great deal. Graduates of our programme are able to interpret, evaluate, and use research results across a broad spectrum of topics, well beyond the field of their specific doctoral research. The purpose of this combination of training and research is to produce a new generation of political scientists who upon graduation are qualified to take up important positions in our profession. The benefits of the programme are clear to see in the job placements of our graduates.

All of this takes place in one of the world's great universities, located in the heart of the United Kingdom's political, business, cultural, and intellectual capital. Furthermore, the School has one of the largest concentrations of social scientists in the world.

The PhD programme is a four year degree with a 1+3 structure: one year of formal coursework followed by three years of research and writing.

During the MRes year (year 1) each student takes four units (a "unit" is a two term course; a "half unit" is a one term course) as follows: Research Design; Methods; Field Seminars; and a Research Prospectus.

## Conditions for Upgrade to PhD

Students must obtain at least a merit in the MRes and in the Research Prospectus to be upgraded to the PhD.

Second, Third and Fourth Year of the programme involves researching and writing a dissertation and participating in at least one Doctoral Workshop in the Government Department or elsewhere in the School in each year (unless officially away on fieldwork or further training).

## Taught programmes

MSc Comparative Politics (see page 101)

MSc Conflict Studies (see page 101)

MSc EU Politics (see page 73)

MPA European Public and Economic Policy (see page 158)

MSc Global Politics (see page 102)

MSc Global Politics (Global Civil Society) (see page 102)

MPA International Development (see page 158)

MSc International Migration and Public Policy (see page 104)

MSc Public Policy and Administration (see page 107)

MSc Political Science and Political Economy (see page 105)

MSc Political Theory (see page 106)



*LSE is one of the most reputable schools in the world and I decided to study a master's programme here because I wanted to learn from the best of the best.*

**David Carpy**, MSc Comparative Politics



LSE-PKU Double Degree in Public Administration and Government (see page 200)

MSc Public Policy and Administration (see page 107)

MSc Regulation (see page 107)

MPA Public and Economic Policy (see page 158)

MPA Public Policy and Management (see page 158)

MPA Public and Social Policy (see page 158)

## MSc Comparative Politics

**Application code:** M1I2

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 64/293

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline with a considered interest in the area covered by the MSc (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This programme is based in the Department of Government and is a good preparation for further research work or for a career in media, political consultancy, international organisations, public administration or the private sector.

Comparative politics is the comparative study of political systems. In the MSc Comparative Politics we look for sophisticated analytical answers to such basic political questions as: “why are some countries democratic while others are not?”; “why are some countries torn by ethnic conflict?”; “do constitutions matter?”; “what is the impact of global capitalism on state sovereignty?” Addressing these and similar questions, the programme offers courses in the fields of democracy and democratisation, nationalism and ethnicity, comparative political economy and political institutions, popular politics and politics of the developing world as well as a wide range of country and area specific options. The latter include Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, India, China and South-East Asia. Our programme is methodologically eclectic yet rigorous, with an emphasis on historical approaches.

## Programme details

Students will take assessed courses with a total value of four units, with most courses accounting for a half unit. All students are required to take the core comparative politics course (half unit) and write a 10,000 word dissertation (one unit). Students can – but are not

obliged to – choose a specialism allowing the acquisition of deeper expertise on a particular subject area within comparative politics. Specialisms require either:

- An obligatory compulsory specialism course and another course from a restricted list of subjects related to the specialism, or
- The choice of two courses from a restricted list of subjects related to the specialism.

Part-time students may take up to four courses in their first year.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Introduction to Comparative Politics\*** examines the theoretical and methodological underpinnings of comparative politics.

**Dissertation.**

## Specialisms

**Democracy and Democratisation**

**Nationalism and Ethnic Politics**

**Comparative Political Economy**

**Politics of the Developing World**

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/cp](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/cp) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Graduates from our MSc have gone on to successful careers in politics, media, NGOs, foreign service, finance and academia.

## MSc Conflict Studies

**Application codes:** L2U2

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 33/345

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline with a considered interest in the area covered by the MSc (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This programme is dedicated to the analysis of violent conflict and its management or resolution. It is based in the Department of Government and is the focus for the School's provision in this growing area of study and practice. The core teaching will be based in the Government Department but will also be enriched by many optional courses in

related departments. The programme's interests range from the interaction of high-level international, domestic and local politics, to the ideological, cultural and political economy factors in violent conflict. We are pedagogical and methodological pluralists who are interested in explaining the causes, dynamics and outcomes of conflict and developing new perspectives on the institutional and non-institutional means by which conflicts can be better managed.

Conflict Studies has at its core some fundamental questions about what causes violent conflict? Why does it happen when it does and where it does? How can a conflict be characterised and understood? How and why do conflicts change over time? What can be done to manage or resolve a conflict? What is the role of international politics, or civil society? We aim to address these major questions that are pivotal to the comparative study of politics. The involvement of leading experts in the field at LSE provides students with insights and critical thinking on the latest theoretical developments, research, and policy best practices.

We aim to provide a multi-disciplinary perspective on the study of conflict which will be a valued learning experience for those who wish to develop careers in the policy world in governments and public service, international organisations, security agencies, the media, NGOs, finance, as well as providing an excellent foundation for those students who wish to progress to a PhD programme. While many students who have taken our courses have gone on to successful

careers in these fields, many have also come to us from such careers and with experience of work in major conflict zones, and have found their perspectives and skills enhanced by the in depth learning experience at LSE. Our goal is less to teach you how to think about conflict normatively, though this is an element in some courses, but more how to develop your skills to research and analyse conflict. The programme offers an array of extracurricular activities each academic year, including guest speakers, public lectures, colloquia and workshops, and film screenings.

## Programme details

The programme has been designed to provide students with a range of options that offer in depth coverage of theories of conflict, political violence and civil wars, human security, terrorism and insurgency, including the implications for strategies of statebuilding, post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation, peace processes and conflict resolution. Concepts and theories are analysed across a range of global, regional, national and subnational contexts, including detailed comparative case-studies. The programme includes as a compulsory element some basic methodological training in quantitative and/or qualitative methods, with provision for more advanced skills as required.

Students must take courses to the value of four full units as shown. All students are required to write a 10,000-word dissertation. Part-time students may take up to four courses in their first year.

## Compulsory courses

(\*half unit)

### Comparative Conflict Analysis\*

introduces the core theoretical debates and cutting-edge research on intra-state conflict and political violence.

### Dissertation\*.

Either **Qualitative Research Methods\*** examines methods of data collection and analysis of qualitative data or **Introduction to Quantitative Analysis** covers the foundations of descriptive statistics and statistical estimation and inference.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/cs](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/cs) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Previous graduates have developed careers in the policy world in governments and public service, international organisations, security agencies, the media, NGOs, finance, as well as providing an excellent foundation for those students who wish to progress to a PhD programme.

## MSc Global Politics MSc Global Politics (Global Civil Society)

**Application codes:** M1UG, M1UY (Global Civil Society)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Student intake/applications in 2013:** 58/431

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline with a considered interest in the relevant area (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £19,944

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None

This programme is based in the Department of Government, but the teaching is interdisciplinary and carried out by Government, the International Relations Department, the Department of International Development and the European Institute. It brings together many of the unique resources of these departments into a leading, interdisciplinary programme on globalisation, global governance and global politics. The programme brings together the expertise

of LSE staff at the cutting edge of debates about globalisation and global politics.

We will consider applicants with a 2:1 or above in any discipline, with a considered interest in the area covered by the MSc.

Students can also apply for the Global Civil Society stream of the MSc Global Politics, which has a second compulsory course focusing on knowledge that can enhance the strategic capacity of global civil society organisations.

## Programme details

The MSc includes a compulsory course, The Politics of Globalisation, which all students must take. It draws on specialist knowledge from across the LSE's Politics staff to offer a comprehensive introduction to the changing structure of the global order, and the contemporary challenges of global politics. Students can also choose the Global Civil Society stream, in which case they must take a second compulsory course, Global Civil Society.

In addition, students will take other full unit and/or half unit courses to the total value of two units (one and a half units for those following the Global Civil Society stream). Students can choose from over fifty courses related to various aspects of global politics. Some of the courses focus on specific policy areas, notably global political economy, global security and war, the global environment, global health, the political economy of development, gender politics, and other key issues of global politics. Other courses focus on specific world regions (East, South and Southeast Asia, Africa,

the Middle East and Latin America, and Europe). All students must write a 10,000 word dissertation.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**The Politics of Globalisation** examines the nature, the causes and the political consequences of globalisation in a variety of domains, including security, culture, the economy, and the environment.

**Global Civil Society\*** (required for students on the Global Civil Society stream only) provides students with the conceptual and empirical background that allows them to critically engage with the complex debate over global civil society.

## Dissertation.

## Optional courses

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units (one and a half units for those following the Global Civil Society Stream).

Environmental Problems and Development Interventions\*

Global Environmental Governance\*

African Development\*

Complex Emergencies\*

Global Health and Development

Global Political Economy of Development, I\*

International Institutions and Late Development\*

Managing Humanitarianism\*

Global Civil Society\*

Human Security\*

Economic Development of East and Southeast Asia\*

The Development and Integration of the World Economy in the 19th and 20th Centuries\*

European Integration from a Global Perspective\*

European Models of Capitalism\*

Ethnic Diversity and International Society\*

European Society and Politics beyond the Nation State\*

Partisanship in Europe\*

Globalisation, Gender and Development

Gender, Globalisation and Development: An Introduction\*

Globalisation, Gender and Development: Policy and Practice\*

Sexuality, Gender and Globalisation

Democracy in East and South Asia\*

Government and Politics in China\*

National and Ethnic Conflict Regulation

States and Markets\*

Globalisation and Democracy\*

The State and Political Institutions in Latin America\*

Democracy and Development in Latin America\*

War, Peace and the Politics of National Self-Determination\*

Nationalism

International Migration and Immigration Management\*

Globalisation, Conflict and Post-Totalitarianism\*

Democratisation and its Discontents in Southeast Asia\*

Local Power in an Era of Globalisation, Democratisation and Decentralisation\*

The Politics of Inequality and Redistribution

Comparative Democratization in a Global Age\*

Conflict and Institutional Design in Divided Societies\*

Popular Politics in the Middle East\*

The History and Politics of the Modern Middle East\*

Nationalism and Global Politics\*

Contemporary India: The World's Largest Democracy in the Early 21st Century\*

Gender and Development: Geographical Perspectives\*

Corporate Social Responsibility and International Labour Standards\*

International Political Economy of the Environment

International Institutions

The EU in the World

The International Relations of the Middle East

Conflict and Peace Studies

Economic Diplomacy

Diplomacy\*

Conflict and Peacebuilding\*

Comparative Political Economy

Islam in International Relations:  
From Al-Andalus to Afghanistan

Introduction to International  
Political Theory\*

The International Political Theory of  
Humanitarian Intervention\*

The Politics of International Law\*

Genocide\*

Russia and Eurasia: Foreign and  
Security Policies

World Poverty and Human Rights\*

Non-Governmental Organisations,  
Social Policy and Development\*

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/gp](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/gp) for further  
information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is  
available each year and that some courses  
may only be available with the permission  
of the course convenor and/or may be  
subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The programme is a good  
preparation for further research  
work or for a career in education, the  
public services or the private sector  
at national, international or global  
levels. The Global Civil Society stream  
offers a good preparation for careers  
in non-governmental organisations  
at national or global levels.

## MSc International Migration and Public Policy

**Application codes:** L2UK

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time;  
24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 25/76

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1  
in social science, or in another field  
with relevant work experience (see  
page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard  
(see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support  
Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None

The International Migration and Public Policy (IMPP) programme is jointly run by academics from the Departments of Government, Sociology and the European Institute. The teaching is interdisciplinary and also involves academic staff from several other LSE departments, including the Department of Geography, the Department of International Relations, the Department of International Development, the Department of Social Policy and the Department of Law. It brings together some of the unique resources of these departments into one interdisciplinary programme on global migration,

international mobility and public policy. The programme also has close ties with the LSE Migration Studies Unit, the focal point for migration research at LSE. Key features of the IMPP degree are:

- A twelve-month programme that provides the opportunity to study in an internationally renowned set of departments in the only UK university devoted solely to the social sciences.
- A faculty with an established record of excellence in teaching, research and consultancy in the area of international migration and public policy.
- An international campus in close proximity to national policy makers, offices of international organisations and EU institutions.
- A systematic multidisciplinary approach to central controversies in the comparative analysis of public policy responses to immigration and migrant integration issues across different levels of governance (including a focus on the growing role of the EU in European and international migration management).

### Programme details

The MSc offers a unique range of courses that will deepen students' knowledge of migration and mobility issues and help them gain new insight into public policy responses to international migration at the global, regional, national and local level. The programme is divided into three parts: foundation – two half unit courses which provide a thorough grounding in immigration and migrant

integration issues; specialisation – through a wide range of optional migration- and migration-related courses offered across LSE; and research – a 10,000 word research project on an advanced topic. Students will also have the opportunity to attend and participate in the established public lecture and seminar series organised by the LSE Migration Studies Unit.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

#### International Migration and Migrant Integration\*

examines contemporary sociological perspectives on migrant integration including theories of international migration; labour market incorporation; "assimilation" and social integration; welfare and social rights; the second generation; educational attainment; and transnationalism.

#### International Migration and

**Immigration Management\*** offers a theoretically informed account of the challenges posed by international migration and resulting policy responses of migration management at the global, regional and bi-lateral level.

#### Researching Migration: Research Questions and Research Methods (non-assessed)

introduces students to a range of possible research strategies and helps them prepare for their dissertation research.

#### Dissertation.



Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/impp](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/impp) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The programme provides an outstanding preparation for further research work or for a career in international institutions, the public services, NGOs or with one of the growing number of organisations in the private sector that are concerned with immigration issues.

## MSc Political Science and Political Economy

**Application code:** L2U9

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 27/235

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 or equivalent in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The MSc Political Science and Political Economy provides a sound professional training in formal political science and in quantitative oriented approaches to political economy. Students will acquire the knowledge and techniques to analyse political processes, institutional design and public policy making in liberal democracies. It should be of particular interest for students who intend to take courses in political economy, elections, legislature, executive governments, public policy, development, and international political economy within the framework of a political science oriented programme. This MSc will provide a set of skills which are highly requested in public policy making, policy analysis, business, political consultancy and public affairs.

### Programme details

All students study the compulsory courses in Political Science and Political Economy, Game Theory for Political Science, Applied Quantitative Methods for Political Science and Applied Regression Analysis and write a 10,000 word dissertation. In addition, students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options, including from other programmes in the Department and School, with the approval of the MSc course convenor.



Each student is assigned a personal tutor who is a member of the PSPE Group. The personal tutor provides support for personal and academic well-being during the programme.

Students write a 10,000 word dissertation on a topic agreed with their supervisor. Previous dissertations reflect a wide variety of subject areas, including political institutions, political behaviour such as elections, public policy, and political economy. Dissertations should reflect the training that students have acquired by applying methods such as formal theory, quantitative methods or textual analysis.

Half unit courses are taught in the format of lectures (usually of one or two hours) and seminars (usually one to two hours), summing to about three total hours per week over the ten week term. These take place in the first and second terms with two weeks of revision scheduled for the third term. Methods of assessment differ from course to course, and may include unseen written exams in the summer term and/or assessed essays. In addition you will meet with your supervisor and work on your dissertation.



## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

### Political Science and Political Economy\*

provides an introduction to political science and the ways in which it illuminates the political and policy processes of advanced liberal democratic states.

### Game Theory for Political Science\*

introduces game theory and its applications to political science.

**Applied Quantitative Methods for Political Science\*** provides an introduction to the most commonly used methods for causal inference in the social sciences.

**Applied Regression Analysis\*** covers linear regression modelling and binary, multinomial and ordinal logistic regression (or another option if student can

demonstrate they have taken a course with multivariate regression).

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit (if full unit analysis course taken) or one and a half units (if half unit analysis course is taken) from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/pspe](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/pspe) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

This programme is an excellent preparation for further research work or for a career in education, public administration or the private sector. It will also equip the students with the skills needed to pursue a PhD or conduct research in quantitative political science.

### MSc Political Theory

**Application codes:** M1UQ

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 37/132

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline with a considered interest in the relevant area (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None

Political theory has been central to the research and teaching at LSE since its founding in 1895. The Chair of Political Science in the Department of Government has been held by a succession of internationally recognised political theorists: Graham Wallas, Harold Laski, Michael Oakeshott, Maurice Cranston and Brian Barry. Currently, there are seven political theorists in the Department of Government, which is one of the largest concentrations of specialists in the world.

Political theorists in the Department work in areas such as multiculturalism, ancient and medieval political thought, Locke, Kant, feminism, social choice theory and democracy, and contemporary theories of justice. Members of the Political Theory Group in the Department also contribute to the wider political theory community at LSE.

Political theory is the study of the good society. Public debate is dominated by controversies such as what justice requires of citizens and the state; what the most important rights and liberties are and how they can be protected; and whether political decisions should be made by

majorities. Political theory provides a scholarly examination of these questions, informed by moral philosophy, legal theory, historical study, political science, and rational and social choice theory.

Applications are considered from all candidates with a good first degree in any discipline, with a strong interest in the areas of political theory taught on the MSc.

### Programme details

All students study the compulsory course Foundations of Political Theory and write a 10,000 word dissertation. In addition, students choose the equivalent of two and a half unit courses from the course options. Students are also able to study suitable courses from other programmes in the Department and School, with the approval of the MSc course convenor.

Each student is assigned a personal tutor who is a member of the Political Theory Group. The personal tutor provides support for personal and academic well-being during the programme.

Students write a 10,000 word dissertation on a topic agreed with their supervisor. Previous dissertation titles include: "Rawls on global distributive justice", "Relativism, political liberalism, and impartiality", "On the nature and boundaries of right in Kant's political theory: an argument in favour of a right to revolution", "Liberal toleration and dissent: minority rights as a political challenge to democratic constitutional state", "What obligation, if any, do governments have to preserve cultural heritage?", "Is the debate between feminism and multiculturalism

problematic in terms of women's autonomy?", "Methods in the history of political thought: a critique of different approaches to Thomas Hobbes."

Each half unit course is taught through ten weekly two-hour seminars. These take place in the first and second terms with two weeks of revision scheduled for the third term. Methods of assessment differ from course to course, and may include unseen written exams in the summer term and/or assessed essays. In addition you will meet with your supervisor and work on your dissertation.

If you are studying full-time you should arrange your study so that you are not taking more than three courses (in addition to the Foundations of Political Theory course) in either of the first two terms. If you are studying part-time your programme will span two years. You must take the Foundations of Political Theory course in the first year along with up to two others; the remaining courses and the dissertation are completed during the second year.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

#### Foundations of Political Theory\*

provides a systematic introduction to the philosophical and methodological foundations of political theory.

#### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two and a half units from a range of options. Please visit

[lse.ac.uk/grad/pt](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/pt) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

This programme is a good preparation for further research work or for a career in education, public administration or the private sector.

### MSc Public Policy and Administration

**Application codes:** M1T3

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 36/344

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 or equivalent in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This programme is based in the Department of Government and offers the following benefits:

- one of the highest ESRC ratings for Political Science MSc programmes
- teaching by world renowned major figures in public administration, public policy and political science

We will consider applicants with good first degrees in any discipline, with a considered interest in the area covered by the MSc.

### Programme details

By taking appropriate combinations of courses students can obtain the MSc with a specialised stream in Comparative Public Policy and Administration or Public Management. Students can choose *one* specialisation to be noted on their degree certificates.

### Compulsory Courses

(\* half unit)

**Approaches and Issues in Public Policy and Administration** examines major issues in understanding public administration and policy.

*Either* **Public Management Theory and Doctrine\*** looks at the key areas of public management with reference to both developed and lesser developed world contexts or **Comparative Public Policy Change\*** examines explanations of policy change using cross-national comparison or **The Politics of Policy Advice\*** looks at how policy advice is commissioned, produced, managed and used.

*Either* **Introduction to Quantitative Analysis\*** covers the foundations of descriptive statistics and statistical estimation and inference or **Applied Regression Analysis\*** is concerned with deepening students understanding of the generalised linear model and its application to social science data.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one full unit from a range of public management and comparative public policy and administration options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ppa](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ppa) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

This programme is good preparation for further research work or for a career in education, public administration or the private sector.

### MSc Regulation

**Application code:** M3U8

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 30/109

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline and interest in or experience of related areas of law, public administration, politics or economics (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This programme is based in the Department of Law and the Department of Government and offer the following benefits:

- The chance to study regulation within a systematic framework – with the opportunity to specialise to suit your interests.
- The programme has a multidisciplinary core combining studies in law, political science and institutional economics.
- Our distinctive approach concentrates on institutional issues and behaviour in regulation – regulatory bureaucracies, interest groups, legislators and courts – in addition to the economic aspects of regulation. We aim to bring together the contrasting North American and European perspectives on regulation, and to juxtapose experience of regulatory practice with theoretical ideas about how regulation works.

- Teaching staff are leading researchers in the field; several are involved at the highest level in advising government and regulatory agencies. The core course is taught across all members of the MSc Regulation team: Robert Baldwin, Julia Black, Martin Lodge and Kira Matus.
- LSE and London provide an international centre for the study and practice of regulation. Regular talks are arranged from practitioners in the field and there are many opportunities to participate in seminars and conferences inside and outside the School. The Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation offers many opportunities to take part in leading edge research.

Regulatory growth and reform, like privatisation, has been an international “policy boom” in recent years. Governments have increasingly used regulation in preference to other policy instruments. Regulation therefore plays a central role in the contemporary understanding of law and public policy. As a field of study, regulation requires a multi-disciplinary approach, because legal, political and economic issues are intertwined and each has to be understood to make sense of the overall process.

You should usually have achieved a good upper second class honours degree or its equivalent and have an interest in, and experience of, related areas of law, public administration, politics or economics.

### Programme details

The MSc Regulation is a truly interdisciplinary programme. You take a core seminar on Law and Politics of

Regulation and then have the opportunity to specialise through your choice of options and your dissertation topic. If you take two full courses (or equivalent) or a full course and a dissertation in one of the specialisms listed below, you may have this specialism included in your degree title, for example, MSc Regulation (Environmental Regulation).

### Compulsory courses

**Law and Politics of Regulation** provides a central grounding in theories of regulation encountered in legal, political science and law and economics literatures.

#### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units from options in Environmental Regulation, Finance and Commercial Regulation, Social Regulation, Utilities Regulation and Government and Law. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/reg](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/reg) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Graduates from the MSc Regulation have gone on to successful careers in politics and government, regulatory bodies, international organisations, law, finance and other regulated services, the media, non-governmental organisations and academia.

My MSc in Global Politics provided me with a unique opportunity to study the main issues that arise from globalisation and global governance.

**Kelly-Anne Thomas,**  
MSc Global Politics





# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**[lse.ac.uk/  
internationalDevelopment](http://lse.ac.uk/internationalDevelopment)**

**Number of graduate students  
(full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 240

**Research:** 20

**Number of faculty (full-time  
equivalent):** 28

**RAE:** 60 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Connaught House

The Department of International Development was established in 1990 to promote interdisciplinary graduate teaching and research on processes of social, political and economic development and change. The Department is dedicated to understanding problems of poverty and late development within local communities, national political and economic systems, and in the international system.

All faculty members are associated with top ranked departments in the 2008 HEFCE Research Assessment Exercise. Members of the Department have considerable experience of living and working in the developing world, and most have engaged in policy relevant research and consultancy work with international development agencies or non-governmental organisations.

Students in our MRes and research programmes come from all over the world and have found employment in both academia and a wide variety of government,

non-government, and private sector organisations working in the developing world. Recent placements include the DFID, ODI, World Bank, University of Leeds, Wesleyan University, LSE, Bank of England, and BRAC.

## **MRes/PhD Development Studies**

**Application code:** Y2ZI, Y2ED (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MRes 1 year, PhD 3-4 years, VRS up to 9 months

**Entry requirement:** Strong academic record and graduate training, equivalent to a UK taught master's degree achieved with a high merit (65 average or above in coursework and 65 or above on the dissertation where one exists), including grounding in the appropriate social science theory, methodology, and languages relevant to the proposed research

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** Highly recommended but not strictly required if student cannot attend to sit the test

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MRes/PhD Development Studies is part of the Political Science and International Studies group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34). This includes

I love that my programme gives me a macro perspective of development issues which I lacked before I came to LSE.

**Ana Magdalena Rodriguez Romero**, MSc Development Management

collaborative awards with external bodies (formerly CASE). Department doctoral scholarships may be available to EU/UK and overseas applicants

**Application deadline:** 12 January 2015. Late applications can be considered until 27 April 2015, but candidates are advised that places for late admission are limited. Selection for funding is also based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents – by 12 January 2015

## **Opportunities for research**

The Department of International Development has established a vibrant MRes/PhD programme with students employing a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary methods from across the social sciences to research questions of development around the globe.

From 2015 the MRes programme is normally the primary entry point to the research stream and replaces the first year (MPhil) of the PhD/MPhil programme. The MRes programme is designed to both train students in a common academic heritage and to provide significant flexibility to develop advanced methodological and theoretical skills

within disciplinary specialisms appropriate to their research interests.

Prospective students should have a strong academic record and graduate training (at the MSc level) demonstrating a high standard of achievement. This includes any languages necessary for the proposed research and methodological and theoretical grounding in one of the social science disciplines.

Accepted students in the MRes degree that are planning to use advanced quantitative analysis in their PhD research are required to take the summer (September) Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics. Students must achieve a mark of 70 if they wish to request admission to any of the advanced (MRes level) methodology courses offered by the Department of Economics.

During the academic year MRes students acquire methodological training, language skills (if necessary), and background knowledge of specific topics related to their research by working closely with their supervisor and taking advanced methodology and theory courses at the Department or in the School, to a total of four full units of coursework. These

include two and a half units of advanced methodology and theory courses (to be determined by the student's supervisor), a half unit course in Development Theory, History and Policy, and a one unit course on research design for which they will develop their PhD proposal. In addition all students participate in a research student seminar series where ongoing work is presented and debated.

Students that satisfactorily complete the four units of coursework, including their research proposal, will receive the MRes degree. MRes students who achieve an average mark of 65 across their three full course credits, and a mark of at least 65 on their PhD proposal, will be allowed to progress to the PhD programme.

### Taught programmes

MSc African Development (see page 110)

MSc Development Management (see page 111)

MSc Development Studies (see page 112)

MSc Development Studies (Research) (see page 112)

MSc International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies (see page 113)

MPA International Development (see page 158)

In addition to the programmes listed above, the Department contributes to:

MSc Anthropology and Development (see page 54)

MSc Environment and Development (see page 92)

MSc Political Economy of Late Development (see page 64)

MSc Population and Development (see page 167)

MSc Social Policy and Development (Non Governmental Organisations) (see page 169)

MSc Urbanisation and Development (see page 98)

### MSc African Development

**Application code:** L8UA

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** New programme for 2014

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline with a considered interest in the area covered by the MSc (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The MSc African Development programme aims to provide students with a high quality academic introduction to the study of politics, economic development, and economic policy in Africa. The course

employs political economy approaches to understand the variegated national trajectories of African states, regionalism and localism in politics and economics, and the political and economic forces that shape Africa's insertion into to the global economy. One core objective of the programme is to track the causes and effects of shifts over time in development theory and practice – these have exerted powerful effects on public policy in Africa since the mid-twentieth century. A second objective will be to identify forces that produce political economy similarities and differences across and within African countries. A third is to consider the global, political and institutional, environmental, and technological changes that are shaping Africa's future.

The programme aims to recruit students from all over the world and will consider all applicants with degrees in any subject. A first degree in the social or policy sciences will provide useful skills and background. The course also welcomes applicants with backgrounds in fields related to health, earth sciences and natural resource management, agriculture, engineering, and business. As the programme requires intensive reading across a broad literature drawn from the various social science disciplines, students must have high proficiency in English to perform well.

### Programme details

The MSc in African Development consists of the compulsory courses African Political Economy and African Development. Students combine this with either the Development: History, Theory, and Policy,

or Development Management, or the half unit course in Key Issues in Development Studies plus one of the following half-unit courses: International Institutions and Late Development, Global Health and Development, Complex Emergencies, or Managing Humanitarianism. Students are also required to do the full unit course in Research Design and Dissertation in Development Studies, which includes Social Research Methods in Developing Countries. Students then select courses to the value of one full unit from a wide range of optional courses from within the LSE to broaden their disciplinary, substantive, and methodological training.

African Political Economy and African Development will require students to complete class assignments and formative essays plus summer term exams. Other required compulsory courses will also require formative essays and exams in the summer term. The MSc dissertation of approximately 10,000 words on a topic related to development in Africa allows you to tailor your studies to your academic and career objectives. Students are expected to participate in many of the public and departmental lectures, conferences, and workshop series that take place throughout the year at LSE, as well as in the Africa Film Discussion Series that is organised for this programme.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**African Political Economy\*** explores similarities and differences in contemporary African states and social structures, and

introduces different approaches to analysing African political economy.

**African Development\*** is concerned with the political economy of African development, to examine processes of economic, political, social and cultural change in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**Research Design and Dissertation in Development Studies**, which includes: **Social Research Methods in Developing Countries** introduces the basic ingredients of modern social science research, with an emphasis on methods commonly employed in studies of development.

*Either* **Development: History, Theory, and Policy** which integrates the concepts and perspectives of a range of disciplines to consider social science approaches to major trends of development and change in modern history or **Development Management** which employs a political economy approach to examine the causes of development and non-development or **Key Issues in Development Studies\*** which provides an overview of the key issues and debates in international development plus one of the following half unit courses: **International Institutions and Late Development\*** which examines the politics of the international economy or **Global Health and Development\*** which is concerned with inter-relationships between emerging challenges to human health in the developing world and their socio-economic and political context or **Complex Emergencies\*** which examines the consequences and causes of humanitarian disasters or **Managing**

**Humanitarianism\*** which looks at international, national and local responses to conflict and disaster.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one full unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/afdm](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/afdm) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Many LSE International Development students go on to pursue PhDs in related disciplines, and we anticipate that many African Development students will follow this path. We also expect that African Development MSc's, like other International Development students, will find opportunities in international aid agencies, NGOs, government agencies, the media, and research positions that allow them to employ the skills gained on the African Development degree programme.

### MSc Development Management

**Application code:** L1S4

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 97/731

**Minimum entry requirement:** Good 2:1 in social science, or a degree in another field with relevant work experience (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Early application is advised

The MSc in Development Management has been offered by the Department of International Development since 1996 and is one of our two main degrees. We currently admit around 70 students to this programme from over 500 applications each year.

Why are some countries rich and others poor? Why are some governed well and others badly? Why are some societies able to move onto virtuous cycles of rising living standards, rising productivity and spreading freedom, while others descend into poverty, chaos and war? How can development managers lead countries onto stable paths of development?

This programme approaches key comparative statics (ie, the distribution of wealth and poverty across countries) and comparative dynamics (ie, development as contingent processes over time) of

international development through the economic, political and sociological analysis of institutions. We use institutional and organizational theory to help students answer these questions by critically evaluating the mechanisms that govern the operation of the different kinds of agency that are being used in developing countries to promote progressive change. These mechanisms are expected to provide managers of state, private and civic organisations with incentives that reward successful performance, and to make them more accountable to their clients, customers or beneficiaries. We review ongoing debates about the most effective ways of designing state agencies, private firms and NGOs in order to maximise the quality of their performance and contribution to development, emphasising the problems generated by attempts to introduce new practices and processes into late developing countries. The programme provides an analytical basis for making practical judgements about institutional reform programmes by showing how different kinds of institutions and organisations, centralised bureaucracies, markets, participatory and solidaristic agencies operate to provide essential services.

### Programme details

This programme is centred on a compulsory course that employs a comparative political economy approach to examine the institutional roots of development and non-development. All students must take Development Management and complete a dissertation of up to 10,000 words. Students also participate in a live

**FIONA IMBALI****NAIROBI, KENYA****MSc DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

The diverse backgrounds of students from all over the world are an amazing influence here at LSE. I get to learn about different cultures and I get insights into how their countries operate and how they deal with certain issues, this experience is amazing.

The Library is one of my favourite places at LSE. The bean bags, the silent zones that ensure peaceful learning takes place, and the small rooms for group discussion, are all great pluses.

Top notch lecturers mean that I get first class lectures. LSE is one of the top universities in the world. Being taught by some of the best brains in the world as far as Development is concerned is commendable, receiving lectures from Teddy Brett, John-Paul Faguet and Elliott Green, among others.

I did my undergraduate degree in Journalism and Media Studies with an inclination towards Development Journalism at the University of Nairobi in Kenya. LSE offers the best development course choices and my main aim was to bridge the gap between policy makers and people towards whom development is targeted, as far as communicating the development message is concerned.

MSc Development Management is an interdisciplinary programme covering an array of development of issues. I get insights on why nations may fail, from a geographical perspective, as well as an institutional perspective.

I recently joined the table tennis club as I used to play to play it back in high school. I am also looking to join The Beaver to ensure that my writing skills are top notch by the end of my master's programme.

I want to ensure that I leave LSE as one of the best Development Management students. Who knows, I may also be incorporated into one of the world's governments as an advisor or policy maker on developmental matters. However, if I get a scholarship to pursue my PhD, I will be more than willing to join the academic world.



group "consultancy project" for a leading development agency, which forms part of their total assessment. Students have the opportunity to attend a weekly lecture series that brings to the School prominent scholars and practitioners who discuss the findings and methodological dimensions of development research and/or problems of development practice. Students benefit from joining a highly selective and diverse group of fellow students, bringing practical experience from all over the world.

### Compulsory courses

#### Development Management

employs a political economy approach to examine the causes of development and non-development.

#### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from options in Accounting, International Development, Economics, Employment Relations and Organisational Behaviour, Gender, Geography, Government, Management, and Social Policy. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/dm](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/dm) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The analytical skills developed here have secured past graduates promising careers in organisations

as diverse as central banks, NGOs, multilateral organisations, charities, investment banks, consultancies, manufacturing firms, religious missions, and as independent experts and writers.

### MSc Development Studies MSc Development Studies (Research)

**Application code:** Y2U6 (Y2U2 Research)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 86/701

**Minimum entry requirement:** Good first degree in any subject with social science or humanities an advantage (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** Not required but will be considered if submitted

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). The MSc Development Studies (Research) is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Students are advised that



applications received before the end of February stand the best chance for full consideration, and for ESRC nomination complete application required by 12 January 2015

These programmes aim to provide students with a high quality academic training in development studies, using contemporary theory in the social sciences to understand the processes, policy and practice of development. We will consider applicants with a background in any subject, although a first degree in a social science or humanities subject would be an advantage. As the programme requires intensive reading across a broad range of literature drawn from various social science disciplines students must have a high proficiency in the English language to perform well. The MSc Development Studies offers you a wide range of choice in optional courses within the School so that you can deepen or broaden your disciplinary training, or take up the advanced study of a particular region of the developing world. The MSc Development Studies (Research) offers you a choice of courses for advanced training in research methodology through LSE's Department of Methodology (see Department of Methodology), including both qualitative and quantitative elements. Flexibility of dissertation topics in both programmes allows you to shape your studies to your needs and career objectives.

The MSc Development Studies brings together an exciting group of European and international students with a diversity of academic and professional backgrounds

who have gone on to establish an international alumni network involved in development research and practice.

## Programme details

Students for both programmes must take the compulsory courses, Development: History, Theory and Policy; the component course on Social Research Methods in Developing Countries, and complete a 10,000 word dissertation. Students on the research programme must also take the course on Foundations of Social Research taught in the Department of Methodology and the equivalent of one full unit of optional courses. Students studying for the main MSc will take the equivalent of two full units from the list of optional courses.

During the Michaelmas term you have the opportunity to attend a weekly lecture series in development research offered by faculty members based on their first-hand research experience. On average you will have about 13 hours of lectures and classes a week during Michaelmas term and nine and a half hours during Lent term plus the opportunity to meet with a faculty adviser during weekly office hours. You will also participate in a dissertation workshop during Summer term, where students present and discuss their dissertation proposals.

## Compulsory courses

**Development: History, Theory and Policy** is a full unit intensive core course, which allows students to study the theories and historical experience of development, as well as the cutting-edge policy debates of the present. The course provides students with a strong foundation to

engage with the economic, political and social dimensions of development policy and practice. By meeting throughout the Michaelmas and Lent Terms at weekly lectures and in much more intimate weekly classes, students build a comprehensive and coherent foundation to bring together the diverse optional courses they choose in their individually designed programme of study.

### Foundations of Social Research

(compulsory course for the Research track) provides an introduction to quantitative and qualitative methods.

**Dissertation** including Social Research Methods in Developing Countries and dissertation workshops.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units (MSc Development Studies) or one full unit (MSc Development Studies (Research)) from options in Anthropology, Economic History, Economics, Gender, Geography and Environment, Government, International Relations, Law, Population Studies and Social Policy. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ds](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ds) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Recent graduates have gained employment in government, international development agencies, international and local non-

governmental organisations (NGOs), international and local private firms, or have gone on to obtain PhDs in development studies or other social science disciplines.

## MSc International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies

**Application code:** L9U2

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 51/385

**Minimum entry requirement:** Good 2:1 in social science, or in another field with relevant work experience (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Early application is advised

This programme is based in the Department of International Development and offers the following benefits:

- Core courses on key issues in international development and humanitarian crises.

- Work on a team-based policy project for a humanitarian or development sector organisation.
- A choice of options from a wide range of highly rated courses within the Department and in other departments specialising in political economy, public policy and management.
- Contact with a highly selective group of fellow students, bringing practical experience from all over the world.

## Programme details

All students must take the core courses and complete a dissertation of up to 10,000 words. Students also participate in a practical policy project which forms part of their total assessment. You have the opportunity to attend a departmental weekly lecture series that brings to the School prominent scholars and practitioners who discuss the findings and methodological dimensions of development research and/or problems of development practice.

The programme also benefits from its own voice of experience lecture series (previous speakers have included senior staff from major UN and NGO organisations), a free weekend workshop on humanitarian programme management and evaluation, and an opportunity to attend an optional three day trip to Geneva in order to visit key humanitarian organisations.

## Compulsory courses

**Key Issues in Development Studies\*** provides an overview of the key issues and debates in international development.

**Humanitarian Consultancy Project (incorporates, Managing Humanitarianism)** students gain practical experience of dealing with current policy issues and best practice in the fields of humanitarian assistance or international development by working on a live consultancy team project for a real client. The Managing Humanitarianism course covers key issues in the development and functioning of the UN and NGO elements of the humanitarian system as well as a disaster case study.

## Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units from options in Anthropology, Development Studies, Government, International Relations and Social Policy. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/idhe](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/idhe) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Recent graduates have secured promising professional careers in public, private and voluntary agencies dealing with development and humanitarian problems at both national and international levels.

# INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

## [lse.ac.uk/internationalHistory](http://lse.ac.uk/internationalHistory)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 167

**Research:** 40

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 29

**RAE:** 65 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** East Building

Founded in 1954, the Department of International History is one of the youngest departments at LSE. But in its short life, it has risen to become one of the top five university history departments in the UK, thanks to both its internationally renowned graduate programme and research record. Its reputation as a centre of new developments in the study of international history is now recognised as a separate school of thought; the "London School".

Like the other departments at the School, it grew up around a Chair and a special subject within the BSc (Econ) degree introduced after the Second World War. The Chair itself dates back into the inter-war period and is one of the two Chairs founded by Sir Daniel Stevenson, the other being at the Royal Institute of International Affairs. From 1932 the Stevenson Chair, as it came to be called at the School, formed the nucleus of the emerging Department of International History.

LSE's Department of International History teaches and conducts research on the international history of Britain, Europe and the world from the early modern era up to the present day. The Department has a staff of 29, around 200 graduate students and 200 undergraduates. Its academic excellence and the cosmopolitan nature of the teaching staff and the student body contribute to making the LSE one of the world's leading centres for the study of international history.

The results from the last round of the UK's national Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) in 2008, placed the Department as joint fourth-best in the country based on the proportion of top-rated research. 35 per cent of research activity was deemed world leading in terms of originality, significance and rigour. A further 30 per cent of research was deemed internationally excellent.

The Department of International History is an ideal location for those wishing to explore world history. The courses offered, at both undergraduate and graduate levels cover a wide range of cultures and periods, and allow students to build upon and move beyond the nationally based histories normally taught at school and in many other universities. The opportunities to study single countries in greater depth are thus flanked by the option of examining wider regions (the Middle East for example) or movements and trends which affect numerous countries (nationalism, the Cold War, European integration). Particular areas of expertise include Europe, the Middle East, Africa, China, India, Japan and the United States.

The Department's teaching builds upon a long-standing tradition and it retains the reputation as one of the leading world

centres for the study of international history. The current staff have all built up a considerable expertise in one or more regions of the world, are actively involved in international research, and bring their knowledge and experience to bear in their teaching and their supervision.

The cosmopolitan nature of the student body itself only reinforces LSE's claim to be an ideal centre for international history. Amongst the nationalities represented in the current student body are members of different European nations, the Americas, Sri Lankans, Russians, Chinese, Armenians, Chileans, Israelis, Icelanders and South Africans. As a result, any class discussion of past and present international controversies is enriched by a wide range of national viewpoints and perspectives. Being situated in central London itself further strengthens this international approach, since the surrounding city is cosmopolitan in both outlook and population. It not only hosts a rich mixture of cultural events, but is also well equipped with the libraries and archives that are crucial to the study of history.

LSE thus represents a logical choice as a location for the study of international history, at undergraduate and graduate level.

## MPhil/PhD International History Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** V1ZH (MPhil/PhD), V1EH (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Taught master's degree in related discipline. Applicants should have obtained an overall 67 per cent or over and 67 per cent on their dissertation

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32).

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015, but please note that for nomination for selection for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships the deadline for applications (including all ancillary documents) is 12 January 2015

## Opportunities for research

Research students will initially be registered for the MPhil. In June of the first year you will produce an extended written submission. If this demonstrates satisfactory progress in your research you will be able to register for the PhD. We will continue to monitor your progress each year.

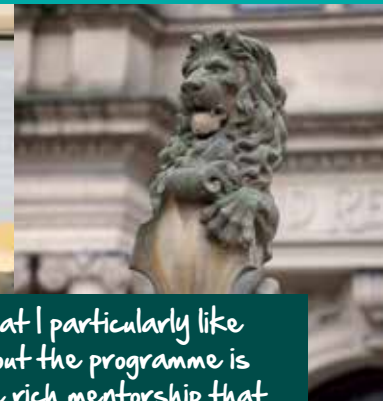
In addition to research involving the more common European languages, we can also supervise work drawing on materials in Russian, Hebrew, Arabic, Chinese and Japanese, among others.

Throughout your registration as an MPhil/PhD student you will undertake a research training programme as well as working on



your thesis. In your first year the training programme includes a preliminary workshop where members of the Department present practical issues of relevance to new researchers in the Michaelmas term and students make presentations of preliminary findings in the Lent and Summer terms. It also includes introductory seminars at the Institute of Historical Research and attendance at a specialised research seminar as well as elements tailored specifically for your requirements, including courses in computing and foreign languages. In the second and subsequent years you will continue your research training by, among other things, participating in the Department's advanced workshop and at least one specialised research seminar while you are in London, and by developing other skills specific to your needs.

The LSE Library is an outstanding resource for the history of international relations, with substantial printed primary and secondary source materials, journals, IT and computing facilities. Students will also be able to draw on an unparalleled diversity of other library and archival resources in London, often close to LSE. These include libraries in the University of London, the School of Oriental and African Studies, and the Institute of Historical Research (whose collections cover all major types and areas of manuscripts), the German Historical



*What I particularly like about the programme is the rich mentorship that I get from the professors who are part of this illustrious programme.*

**Wai Loong Tang**, MSc History of International Relations

Institute, and the National Archives (formerly the Public Record Office) as well as a number of more specialised archives.

As a research student you will be able to attend meetings of the History Society and use the Department's computer rooms. You will also be encouraged to participate in the lively series of lectures and seminars organised in the Department itself, LSE and at other, nearby specialist institutes related to your research.

## Taught programmes

MSc Empires, Colonialism and Globalisation (see page 116)

MSc History of International Relations (see page 116)

MSc Theory and History of International Relations (see page 116)

LSE-PKU Double MSc Degree in International Affairs (see page 197)

LSE-Columbia Double MA Degree in International and World History (see page 198)

## MSc Empires, Colonialism and Globalisation

**Application code:** V3UE

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time,  
24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 33/93

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 or  
equivalent in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard  
(see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024;  
overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate  
Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None  
– rolling admission

This programme focuses on the phenomenon of imperialism and a series of related issues, including technologies and ideologies of empire, notions of race and gender, economic development and underdevelopment, as well as globalisation.

### Programme details

Students study a compulsory course designed to provide students with a broad knowledge of empires from the 14th century to the present day is complemented by a wide range of specialist options from the Departments of International Development, Government, Economic History, International History and Geography, as well as the European Institute and the Gender Institute.

Students engage at an advanced level with the latest academic research in the field, and undertake their own research based term papers and third term dissertation.

### Compulsory courses

**Empire, Colonialism and Globalisation** examines the political and cultural history of empires and their legacies in the contemporary world.

#### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ecg](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ecg) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Students develop highly transferable skills valued by employers and go on to work in the foreign service, the EU, political think tanks, risk assessment, journalism, the NGO sector, or stay on to take a research degree.

## MSc History of International Relations

**Application code:** V1S7

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time,  
24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 50/147

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 or  
equivalent in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard  
(see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024;  
overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support  
Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None  
– rolling admissions

This is the Department's most popular master's programme and is intended for those seeking a taught graduate programme in history at its most international. It also caters for a wide variety of students, including those who have studied history at an undergraduate level and those who are making the transition from related subjects such as political science, modern languages, economics, law or journalism.

### Programme details

Students take at least two specialised history options, choosing from options that span the globe geographically and range chronologically from the Renaissance to the end of the Cold War. Students also have the opportunity of doing a relevant course offered by another LSE department, and to prepare a detailed, research-based 10,000 word dissertation.

All of the teaching is done either by the Department's full-time academic staff or specially engaged post-doctoral teaching

staff. The teaching is therefore very much in line with the LSE's emphasis on research-led teaching – in other words, instruction by those who are at the cutting edge of their disciplines.

Students take courses to the value of three full units, only one of which can be an outside option and a dissertation.

### Compulsory course

#### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of three units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/hir](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/hir) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Students develop highly transferable skills valued by employers and go on to work in the foreign service, the EU, political think tanks, risk assessment, journalism, the NGO sector, or stay on to take a research degree.

## MSc Theory and History of International Relations

**Application code:** V1S8

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time,  
24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 19/101



**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This is a joint degree with the International Relations Department which allows students to sample courses in both departments. Those taking the programme therefore gain a feel for both international relations theory, taught by leading experts in the field, and recent international history. This gives students a chance to understand and appreciate both the theoretical and the empirical approach to the study of international relations.

## Programme details

The structure of the degree is intended to ensure a good balance between the two disciplines. Students choose one broad course in each department, before using their third option to select one of the many highly specialised courses offered by the two departments. They then complete their degree by doing a history dissertation, which will give them a chance to conduct their own empirical research on a detailed historical case-study.

The degree thus represents an excellent preparation for those contemplating further research in either international history or international relations, as well as being accessible to those who are making the transition from related disciplines such as political science, modern languages, economics, law or journalism. The programme provides students with the opportunity to specialise in a wide range of geographical regions or other aspects of international relations including world wars, East-West conflict, European integration, the role of political doctrines and ideologies, revolutions and national liberation struggles. It's also a way to benefit from the expertise of two highly-rated LSE departments.

## Compulsory course

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of three units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/thir](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/thir) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The programme provides an excellent preparation for careers in business, consulting, government, international agencies, the media, politics and law, or for advanced academic research.

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## [lse.ac.uk/internationalRelations](http://lse.ac.uk/internationalRelations)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 230

**Research:** 73

**Number of faculty:** 38

**RAE:** 60 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Clement House

International Relations has been taught at LSE since 1924. The Department was the first of its kind, and has remained a world centre for the development of the subject ever since. In the 2001 Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) RAE, the International Relations and Government Departments were assessed as one unit, together with the European Institute and the Institute of Development Studies, and was awarded a 5 rating. Similarly, in the 2008 RAE, 30 per cent of the work of this group was described as "world-leading", with a further 30 per cent described as "internationally excellent".

The Department is sometimes associated with the development of a specifically "English" school of international relations and a number of its leading figures have taught at LSE, including Wight, Bull, Vincent, Donelan and Mayall. Many other developments in the subject have also been pioneered here including aspects of regional integration and politics, foreign policy

analysis, strategy, international security, post-positivist international theory, normative international theory, the international impact of revolutions, which owes much to the work and inspiration of the late Fred Halliday and international political economy led by the late Susan Strange.

The Department has always been strongly international in character and today the majority of our graduate students, a good proportion of our undergraduates, as well as many members of the faculty are drawn from Europe, North America and further afield. At the same time we have always prided ourselves as having both a national and an international role in training diplomats and future university teachers. At least fifty former students are now teaching international relations in universities both in Britain and abroad.

## MPhil/PhD International Relations Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** M1ZR (MPhil/PhD), M1ER (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015  
No January or April intake

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Normally a master's degree with an overall merit (at least 65 percent) or its equivalent and a strong merit or its equivalent in the master's dissertation in a subject relevant to proposed research

**English requirement:** Research (page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD International Relations is part of the Political Science and International Studies group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34). You should indicate in your application if you wish to be considered for this and will be contacted by the Department directly if selected

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place earlier. The funding deadline is 12 January 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents

**Note:** Your application should include a detailed research proposal, along with a short abstract (200 words maximum). Applicants are expected to look at the research interests of staff on the Department's web pages to ensure that their proposed area of research coincides with that of at least one member of staff. Those applicants being considered for a place on the programme will be interviewed by relevant members of staff prior to a final decision being made

## Opportunities for research

We provide supervision for research leading to a PhD degree across the range of international relations fields. You should define your research interest as precisely as possible when you apply. MPhil/PhD International Relations applicants are normally required to have a master's degree with marks equivalent to an overall merit and a strong merit on the dissertation in a subject relevant to their proposed research. UK/EU students may wish to apply for the MSc International Relations (Research) with a view to applying for an ESRC 1+3 research studentship. If successful in obtaining an ESRC grant, a student would be entitled to continue to the MPhil/PhD programme upon completion of the master's with an overall merit and a strong merit on the dissertation.

## Programme details

In the first year of your research you attend the International Relations Research Methods Training Seminar which explores the theoretical and practical problems associated with a piece of major research. Study concentrates on epistemological and theoretical issues, with special reference to the context and literature of international relations, and time is also devoted to problems arising from source materials, methodology and normative dilemmas. First year research students are also required to attend the International Relations Research Design Workshop; this is to help you in designing a well thought out and manageable thesis.

You will also have access to courses in general social science methodology

offered by LSE's Department of Methodology. One of these forms part of the two international relations research master's courses: Foundations of Social Research, comprising three modules in Quantitative Analysis, Fundamentals of Research Design and Qualitative Research. If you have not already taken a Research track master's degree you will need to attend a course offered by the Teaching and Learning Centre on Authoring a PhD and Developing as a Researcher and a Library course on Information Skills.

During the course of your research we require that you take part in at least one of the Department's thematic research workshops. These are organised and chaired by members of staff. They usually entail a mixture of presentations by established researchers and presentations of work in progress by research students. They provide a means for placing your research within the wider context of ongoing debates and concerns in the areas related to your research topic.

You will also find it beneficial to attend the weekly editorial board meetings of *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, the student-run journal.

Your progress is reviewed annually by a Research Panel and you would normally be upgraded from MPhil to PhD status by the end of your second year. This requires submission of an outline and three draft chapters of your thesis to your supervisor and the subsequent approval of your supervisor and the Panel. You need to make sufficient progress each year to be allowed to re-register.

## Application process and supporting documentation

An offer of admission is based upon the quality of your research proposal, references, prior academic and/or professional achievement, the relevance of your proposed research topic to the research interests of members of the Department, a sample of your academic writing and an interview with prospective supervisor(s) and the Doctoral Programme Director.

## Personal statement

Researching for, and writing, a doctoral thesis is an enjoyable intellectual experience, but also a demanding one. It is crucially important, therefore, that you embark on this process, starting with the application, with realistic views of what doing a PhD actually consists of, as well as with a good sense of what your reasons are for doing it. Your personal statement should state clearly your motivation, academic interests and your purpose and objectives in applying for the MPhil/PhD in the Department of International Relations. The statement should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words.

## Research proposal

To be eligible for admission to the MPhil/PhD programme, you need to have more than a vaguely defined research topic. Your research proposal should be written as clearly and concisely as possible and should address the following questions:

- What is your general topic and how is it located within the study of international relations?

- What question do you want to answer?
- What is the key literature and its limitations?
- What are the main hypotheses you wish to explore and the argument you intend to develop?
- What methodology do you intend to use?
- What are your case studies, if any, and what are your case selection criteria?
- Which member(s) of the Department might be suitable supervisors and why?

The quality of your written proposal is very important. This proposal will allow us to assess the potential of the proposed project and especially the availability of appropriate supervision within the Department. It is on the basis of the research proposal and supporting documentation that a decision will be made on whether to offer an interview for admission to the programme.

The length of your research proposal should be between six to eight pages. In addition, you should include a brief abstract (200 words maximum) of your proposed research topic.

You may wish to contact a member of staff by email prior to your application to discuss your research proposal and its relevance to their research interests, though the Department cannot guarantee that all members of staff will be able to respond. If you have discussed your proposed research with a member of the Department's academic staff, you should indicate their name in your proposal.

It is important that you ensure that there is a convergence between your proposed research topic and the research interests of a member of the Department. If your proposed area of research falls outside the interests of the Department's staff or there is no appropriate member of staff to supervise your topic, then you are unlikely to be offered a place no matter how good the research proposal or your academic qualifications.

It is worth noting that there is no 'political science' department at LSE. International Relations, Government, International Development and the European Institute are all distinct departmental entities. Therefore, it is unlikely that arrangements for joint supervision with members of staff across those departments will take place. If the relevant potential supervisor for your proposed research is located in a department other than International Relations you should make your application to their doctoral research programme.

### References

You should provide two references from people who are familiar with your academic work and, ideally, who are able to comment on your proposed field of research. It is your responsibility to make contact with your referees promptly to allow your application to be completed in time.

### Sample Piece of Academic Work

You should provide a sample piece of academic work (an essay or research paper) which will allow the selectors to



gauge the quality and clarity of your writing, your critical analytical abilities and your research skills.

### Registration

The International Relations Department does not admit part-time research students. First year research students are expected to register from the beginning of the Michaelmas term in order to attend compulsory research training courses.

You may find it helpful to read the International Relations Department's FAQs web page for prospective research applicants.

### Graduate destinations

The programme has provided excellent career prospects for students wishing to pursue careers in academia (primarily in the UK, Europe, and US), policy related research in think tanks and research institute, and positions with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations.

### Taught programmes

MSc International Strategy and Diplomacy (see page 207)



MSc International Political Economy (see page 120)

MSc International Political Economy (Research) (see page 120)

MSc International Relations (see page 120)

MSc International Relations (Research) (see page 120)

MSc International Relations Theory (see page 121)

LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in Affaires Internationales (see page 192) and *either* International Relations (see page 192) *or* International Political Economy (see page 192)

## MSc International Political Economy

## MSc International Political Economy (Research)

**Application codes:** M1UW  
(M1UJ Research)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time;  
24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 67/478

**Minimum entry requirement:**  
2:1 in politics, economics, history,  
international relations or similar  
discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard  
(see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £19,944

**Financial support:** Graduate Support  
Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None  
– rolling admissions

These programmes are intended for graduates with a good first degree in politics, economics, history, international relations and other degrees with similar content.

The MSc International Political Economy is an advanced, academic study of the subject and would be suitable if you plan to progress to a career that might have an international focus. The MSc International Political Economy (Research) is designed

as a preparation for future research work if you are entering the field from another related discipline, or if you wish to focus particularly on methodological training. It is not necessary to decide which programme you prefer until you submit your option choices in the Michaelmas term, normally in mid-October.

### Programme details

The majority of the teaching takes place in the Michaelmas and Lent terms. You must also submit a 10,000 word dissertation by 1 September.

For those interested in taking the LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in International Affairs, comprising of a one year MSc programme at Sciences Po, Paris followed by MSc International Relations or International Political Economy, see LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree page 192.

Applicants should note that these programmes focus on political economy and do not specialise in international economics. Although economic concepts are taken very seriously, the focus is firmly upon the political determinants and effects of economic outcomes.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**International Political Economy\*** provides an advanced introduction to concepts and contending approaches in international political economy, and an overview of the evolution of international economic relations since the late nineteenth century.

### Dissertation.

#### Research track only

Either **Foundations of Social Research 1** or **Foundations of Social Research 2** both courses are designed to give students a good introduction to quantitative and qualitative methods.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two and a half units for the non research track and one and a half units for the research track from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ipe](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ipe) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The programme has provided excellent prospects for early-career graduates, seeking entry to graduate programmes at top global firms, as well as for experienced graduates looked to reposition themselves for more senior roles. We have alumni in banking and financial journalism and in major consulting companies such as Ernst & Young, as well as in a wide range of governmental and non-governmental organisations throughout the world. A good number of our graduates continue on to research degrees and the academic profession.

## MSc International Relations

## MSc International Relations (Research)

**Application codes:** M1UR  
(M1UI Research)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time;  
24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:**  
119/826

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in  
politics, history, international relations  
or similar disciplines (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard  
(see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £19,944

**Financial support:** Graduate Support  
Scheme (see page 32). The MSc  
International Relations (Research) is  
accredited for ESRC funding as part of  
a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling  
admissions (though application by the  
end of January is advisable and required  
for consideration for ESRC funding)

The MSc International Relations (Research) is designed as a preparation for research work and includes methodology courses. The MSc International Relations is an advanced, academic study of the subject. It is suitable if you plan to progress to a career that might have an international



focus. Those intending to apply for ESRC funding should note that only the Research programme is eligible. It will not normally be possible to transfer from one programme to the other on arrival.

## Programme details

Most of the teaching takes place in the Michaelmas and Lent terms. A 10,000 word dissertation must be submitted by 1 September.

For those interested in taking the LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in Affaires Internationales, comprising a one year MSc programme at Sciences Po Paris followed by MSc International Relations or International Political Economy see LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree page 192.

## Compulsory courses

### Non-research track:

**International Politics** provides an historical and theoretical analysis of core concepts in international relations, of the normative and analytic issues involved, and of their relationship to the social sciences in general.

### Dissertation.

### Research track:

**Theories of International Relations** covers the main explanatory and normative paradigms in international relations theory.

**Either Foundations of Social Research 1 or Foundations of Social Research 2** both course are designed to give students a good introduction to quantitative and qualitative methods.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units for the non-research track and one unit for the research track from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ir](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ir) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Most of our former MSc students go on to work in government, international organisations, financial institutions, journalism and corporations, but some continue on to research degrees and the academic profession.

## MSc International Relations Theory

**Application code:** L2UG

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 11 months full-time;  
23 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 21/151

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in international relations, politics, history, sociology, philosophy or related disciplines (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)



## CLAIRE WAGHORN

**MSc INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
**NELSON, NEW ZEALAND**

LSE's reputation as one of, if not the top institution to study international relations is what attracted me. My previous professors had told me to aim high and recommended LSE not only as the top academic institution, but also the most highly sought after when it comes to applying for jobs.

The incredible diversity of my classmates and the intense discourse that results from such different backgrounds and standpoints is a definite highlight. Furthermore, being taught by leading world specialists who live and breathe their subjects is really inspiring. Because of this it is easy to get caught up in the subject and feel like you're involved in a place where world changes are being influenced.

LSE is an institution that genuinely influences world politics. You can see this through past alumni, through the respected speakers that visit, the top academics and even the Students' Union meetings. LSE has opened my eyes to many more cultures than I had ever previously experienced and that has really affected me in a positive way. I had thought I had a reasonably good world awareness but it turns out I was really quite sheltered!

Some of my classmates have shared with me their extraordinary and moving backgrounds, worlds apart from my own, and I consider that really invaluable. After I graduate, my plan is to work for an international organisation in an environment not unlike that I have been afforded at LSE. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NZ, is an option I am looking into as well as the United Nations.



## LAW

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £19,944

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None  
– rolling admissions

The MSc in International Relations Theory is based in the Department of International Relations and offers the following benefits:

- study in a leading world centre for the subject, situated in the only UK institution devoted to the social sciences, and in a thriving research community which (together with the Government Department) received one of the highest rankings in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise
- a strong focus on theory together with a wide choice of optional subjects.
- the opportunity to participate in the editing and production of Millennium, one of the leading international relations journals

The programme is designed for students who want to look deeply at the theoretical aspects of international relations. Materials to be studied include classical and contemporary forms of realism and liberalism, the “English School”, constructivism, critical approaches to the subject, normative theory, and feminist scholarship. The programme is particularly suitable for those students intending to proceed to a

research degree and an academic career, but will also be of interest to anyone who wishes to deepen their conceptual grasp of contemporary IR.

### Programme details

Most of the teaching takes place in the Michaelmas and Lent terms. A 10,000 word dissertation must be submitted by 1 September.

### Compulsory courses

**Theories of International Relations** covers the main explanatory and normative approaches in international relations theory.

#### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/irt](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/irt) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Most of our former MSc students go on to work in government, international organisations, financial institutions, journalism and corporations, but a good number continue on to research degrees and the academic profession.

### [lse.ac.uk/law](http://lse.ac.uk/law)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 301

**Research:** 27

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 65

**RAE:** 75 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** New Academic Building

As a Department, we are committed to the view that an understanding of law can be achieved only by examining it in its social, economic and policy context. This approach builds upon our distinctive strength of being situated in a school of social sciences with an international reputation.

These qualities are reflected in the Research Assessment Exercise 2008 in which the Department did exceptionally well, with 75 per cent of its research rated either world leading or of international renown. It is rated the best law department in the UK, both on grade point average and on proportion of 4\* research.

The Law Department is the second largest department at the School with 20 professors and over 40 other full-time academic staff. In addition, a large number of emeritus and visiting professors and other teachers drawn from legal practice participate in teaching and research.

Students come from all over the world. Demand greatly exceeds the number of places available and we have to be very selective.

### MPhil/PhD Law MPhil/PhD Socio-Legal Theory Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** M3ZL (Law), M3ZS (Socio-Legal Theory), M3EL (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months

**Entry requirement:** LLM or equivalent with an average of 70 per cent. Applicants who have performed exceptionally well in their dissertation will be considered

**English requirement:** Law score (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD Law (Socio-Legal Studies pathway) is part of the Social Policy group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34). UK/EU students are eligible for nomination for Research Council funding. Law Department Scholarships and LSE Fellowships

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015. The selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place earlier. The funding deadline is 12 January 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents

## Opportunities for research

We invite applications for research in all areas of staff interest and expertise and are particularly keen to encourage the development of research in legal theory and socio-legal studies.

The normal entry requirement for the MPhil/PhD programme is an average of 70 per cent on the LLM or equivalent qualification, though the requirement may be applied flexibly, in particular to candidates who have performed exceptionally well in a dissertation. The number of students we accept is limited. With your application you should give the title of a broad general area in which you wish to undertake research, and a detailed outline (three or four pages) of a specific topic within that field indicating the ways in which you consider that extended scholarly research and analysis in the field will make a significant and original contribution to knowledge. You should also give some indication of the materials you expect to use, where you expect to find them and the methods of analysis you propose to use. If the proposal takes the form of a theoretical hypothesis, you should indicate how you propose to test it.

You will have research training through LSE's research methods courses run by the Department of Methodology, and at departmental level through the Law Department research seminar. This consists of presentations concentrating on the methodological problems of legal and socio-legal research, by members of staff, visiting speakers and research students. You are expected to attend the seminar and give presentations on your work. Some students are given the opportunity to develop their CV by teaching undergraduates. Doctoral students are also invited to staff seminars and seminars given by other PhD students.

Registration as a visiting research student is for those who do not wish to proceed to a higher degree, but want to pursue their own research with a supervisor who can act as a sounding board and make some of the necessary contacts for empirical research. Applicants wishing to undertake some aspect of their research in the UK must be doctoral students currently registered for the PhD degree at another university. Some seminars and classes can be attended, subject to the advice and approval of the supervisor and teachers concerned. No degree or diploma is awarded, but an appropriate certificate of attendance can be provided on request.

The main resources for research students are the LSE Library, the Library of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, other University of London college libraries and the University Library.

Computer facilities are provided for doctoral students on the sixth floor of the New Academic Building.

## Taught programmes

LLM (see page 123)

Executive LLM (see page 209)

We also take part in a number of interdisciplinary programmes including:

MSc Criminal Justice Policy (see page 163)

MSc Human Rights (see page 182)

MSc Law and Accounting (see page 125)

MSc Law, Anthropology and Society (see page 126)

MSc Regulation (see page 107)

## LLM

**Application code:** M3U1, M3U4 (extended part-time)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 or 48 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 287/1,702

**Minimum entry requirement:** An undergraduate degree in law (LLB or equivalent)

**English requirement:** Law score (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £13,656; overseas £19,944

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). UK/EU students may apply to the Merchant

Foundation Scholarship (one award of £10,000). Margaret Bennett Scholarship (one award of £5,000). Olive Stone Memorial Scholarship (£10,000 fund normally divided between beneficiaries)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Early applications have a greater chance of being successful and of meeting financial support/scholarship deadlines

Admission to the LLM is highly selective. The LLM selectors must choose from a large pool of well-qualified candidates. In evaluating applications, the selectors take into consideration the applicant's grades and class rank, letters of reference, the coherence of the applicant's proposed programme of study, and any significant professional accomplishments. LSE's LLM applicants typically originate from up to 100 countries and the grades normally required for admission are tailored to the system of legal education in the countries from which applicants have obtained, or will obtain, their qualifications.

Places are normally only offered to applicants with very good grades in their law studies (for example, a first or very high upper second in the UK LLB), and who rank amongst the best graduates of their law schools. Applicants with a very good degree in another discipline together with very good grades in an appropriate graduate diploma in law (such as the UK's Graduate Diploma in Law) may also qualify for a place. Applicants without an educational

background in law may apply, but would need to demonstrate a high level of professional or academic experience in areas closely related to the subjects they wish to study in order to be considered for a place (see entry requirements).

Since 2013-14 all LLM courses have been half-unit courses. Students take seven taught half units of their choice plus a compulsory half-unit Legal Research and

Writing Skills course (which is assessed by a 10,000 word dissertation). Many of the taught half unit courses are freestanding but some courses are linked together in so far as taking one is a pre-condition of taking another. Even in such cases of linkage, however, the individual half units will be assessed separately.

There are around 120 courses on the LLM although not all courses are offered every year; students should therefore confirm the availability of courses they regard as crucial to their study plans. They should also consider the terms in which their favoured courses will be offered so that their work can be spread manageably across the Michaelmas and Lent terms.

Formal study is supported by several series of evening "LLM Specialist Seminars" in which leading practitioners, judges and scholars in various legal fields discuss

matters of current controversy or special complexity with students in informal small group sessions. Last year, around 50 such sessions were delivered.

### Programme details

Students can choose courses from the whole range of Law options (subject to timetable constraints and class size requirements). Alternatively, students may obtain approval to take one or in exceptional circumstances two complementary subjects from another master's degree at LSE in place of the equivalent number of law subjects. For example, international lawyers may choose to take a course in international relations; criminologists may take a course in sociology; constitutional lawyers may take a course in political theory; and company lawyers may take a course in financial reporting.

The Law Department attaches great importance to active participation by students taking LLM courses. Accordingly, LLM courses are typically taught through seminars of no more than 30 students which meet for two hours each week. Courses with historically large enrolments are taught through lectures but the lectures

are supplemented by regular small-group classes. Students are expected to prepare by reading prior to seminars and classes.

Examinations usually take place in June, and dissertations are submitted at the end of August.

Part-time students take four-half unit courses each year. Students may also register on an extended part-time basis, taking two half-unit courses each year. It is usually possible to satisfy continuing professional education requirements by pursuing the LLM part-time. Part-time students attend the same sessions as full-time students, so students will need to confirm that course timetabling does not conflict with their other commitments.

If students take courses which fall predominantly within one specialist area they can request that their chosen specialism be included in the name of the degree for example, LLM Public International Law, LLM Labour Law. The recognised specialist areas are indicated below:

- Banking and Financial Regulation
- Competition, Innovation and Trade
- Corporate and/or Commercial Law
- Corporate and Securities Law
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- European Law
- Human Rights Law
- Information Technology, Media and Communications Law



I needed a school that transcended the pages of its prospectus and that would challenge me academically.

**Bukola Oluwa, LLM**



- Intellectual Property Law
- International Business Law
- Labour Law
- Legal Theory
- Public Intellectual Law
- Public Law
- Taxation

## Compulsory Course

**Legal Research and Writing Skills** will provide a distinct series of lectures and tutorials on legal research skills to assist in the writing of a dissertation on a topic of the student's choice

Supervision of dissertation writing will be standardised across the programme, with two half-hour supervisory meetings to be offered to each student, one in the middle of the Lent term, and one in the summer term. The mark for the dissertation will constitute one eighth of that for the degree (since the dissertation counts as a half-unit) but the importance of the dissertation is reflected in a requirement that a distinction in the LLM will require the award of at least a merit mark (60 per cent or above) for the dissertation.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

For further information on the programme please see: [lse.ac.uk/collections/law/programmes/llm/llm-prospective](http://lse.ac.uk/collections/law/programmes/llm/llm-prospective)

## Graduate destinations

The LLM programme provides excellent prospects for graduates seeking to start their career with a Training Contract in UK and international firms both in London and major commercial centres around the world, with in-house legal departments or government legal services. Some graduates go on to pursue a career at the Bar. Graduates with a legal qualification from their home jurisdictions and relevant experience join a variety of employers in legal and other sectors such as financial and management consulting. Others may continue their careers in national, regional and international courts or work in a legal capacity within an NGO or Multilateral Organisation. The LSE LLM also provides an excellent starting point for those wishing to pursue a PhD and/or a career in academia. Recent employers who have hired graduates from this programme include Clifford Chance, Schoenherr, White & Case, Wolf Theiss, Diageo, Louis Vuitton, Australian Attorney General's Office, 4 Kings Bench Walk Chambers, PWC and the Human Rights Commission.

## MSc Law and Accounting

**Application code:** MN34

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 37/282

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in law, accounting, management, business or economics (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Law score (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £19,944

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Apply early, however, as places will fill up quickly

This programme draws on the resources of the Department of Law and Department of Accounting and is intended for graduates with a good undergraduate degree in law or accounting or a degree which contains elements of law or accounting. Some management, business and economics degrees may also be accepted.

## Programme details

Students take courses to the value of four full units – one full unit core compulsory interdisciplinary course, courses to the value of one full unit each in law and accounting (the choice depending on your specialist background), and one further full unit option.

Teaching for the compulsory course and law courses will be primarily through

seminars. Teaching in the accounting courses will normally be by a combination of lectures and classes or seminars.

The compulsory core course is examined by an interdisciplinary long essay and a two-hour examination. The other courses are examined mainly by examination but students should check requirements for individual courses.

## Compulsory courses

**Corporate Accountability: Topics in Legal and Accounting Regulation** acquaints students with the central issues faced by law and accounting in relation to problems of corporate accountability and regulation. It is interdisciplinary in focus, and provides students from varying backgrounds with new perspectives.

**Either Financial Reporting in Capital Markets** (for those with a background in accounting) is intended to enhance the student's ability to relate economic events to financial statements and disclosures. It also seeks to aid in developing a coordinated set of concepts and principles to serve as a framework for analysing a wide variety of financial reporting issues or **Management Accounting and Financial Accounting: Decisions, Control, Reporting and Disclosure** provides students with an introduction to both management and financial accounting. The financial accounting component highlights aspects of reporting that are important to users of financial information. The management accounting component explores issues of accounting information and cost management.

Students will be expected to choose additional courses in law, accounting or related fields to the value of two full units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ia](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ia) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Our graduates go on to careers in a number of roles such as: senior associates, in-house counsel, lawyers working for regulators, traders, banking analysts, regulatory accountants, auditors, consultants and forensic accountants.

### MSc Law, Anthropology and Society

**Application code:** ML36

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time only

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 15/86

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in law, anthropology or related discipline with an interest in studying selected aspects of law and legal theory (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Law (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Apply early, however, as places will fill up quickly

This programme is jointly run by the Department of Law and Department of Anthropology, and is administered in the Department of Law. It offers the following benefits:

- Situated in the only institution devoted solely to the social sciences in the UK, the Anthropology and the Law Departments are distinguished by the research of their faculty and by their exceptionally international student recruitment.
- The programme offers an excellent and intensive introduction to the aspects of anthropological and social theory essential to the analysis of law in society.
- This interdisciplinary programme forms part of LSE's innovative graduate teaching and research in legal and social science theory.

The programme is intended for graduates with a good degree in law or for graduates in anthropology and related

disciplines who are seeking to study selected aspects of law and legal theory.

### Programme details

Scheduled teaching normally includes six hours of seminars per week (depending on options selected), supplemented by regular academic tutorials.

The programme offers a foundation in those elements of anthropological and socio-legal theory essential to an understanding of law in society, and provides training in appropriate research methods. The programme achieves this through: a compulsory course combining lectures, classes and an innovative research seminar; the supervised crafting of an individual programme of two further courses in law or anthropology (or exceptionally another social science) selected according to the academic background and research interest of the student; and supervision of a dissertation.

### Compulsory courses

**Law in Society: A Joint Course in Law and Anthropology** offers a foundation in those elements of anthropological and social theory essential to an understanding of law in society, drawing on anthropological themes and texts to

develop an innovative perspective on contemporary legal norms and institutions

A 10,000 word **Dissertation** on a topic determined in consultation with the programme director.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units from a range of options in the Department of Law and/or in the Department of Anthropology. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/las](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/las) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The programme provides an ideal preparation for practical or research work on law in the context of social relations. It enhances a wide range of career paths including policy, research and communications roles within local and national government, charities, public relations and the media.

*I most like the fact that I can choose courses from both the Department of Accounting and the Law Department.*

**Kais Hossaini**, MSc Law and Accounting

# MANAGEMENT

## **[lse.ac.uk/management](http://lse.ac.uk/management)**

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 720

**Research:** 62

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 68

**RAE:** 70 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** New Academic Building

We are an integrated Department in one of the world's leading social science institutions. As such, we benefit from close collaboration and cross-disciplinary links with the 23 other departments at LSE, including core business areas such as accounting, finance and economics, but also a full range of social science disciplines from social policy and government to philosophy and geography.

Our identity is founded on a balance between a focus on core management subjects, common to business schools across the globe, but with a unique approach from a cross-disciplinary social science perspective, embedded in an academically outstanding university. This is the foundation for our strength in producing outstanding research which impacts on policy and industry across the globe, and educating the brightest and most innovative graduates who will be in

high demand by employers and have the talent to drive positive change in society.

The Department of Management can offer you a unique business education experience. Above all, we teach you how to think critically and to engage with complex problems. You will learn both the fundamental theories of management and the skills to critically evaluate current and future management problems, which you will continue to draw upon throughout your professional career. We also bring alumni, senior business people, senior political figures and senior civil servants directly into the classroom in order that you can learn from their experience.

Studying management at LSE will open employment options to you across a wide range of sectors including finance, banking and professional services firms as well as roles in industry and the public sector.

## **MPhil/PhD Management Visiting Research Students**

**Application code:** N2ZS (Business Economics); N6ZD (Employment Relations and Organisational Behaviour); N2ZT (General Management); G5ZC (Information Systems and Innovation); N2ZR (Management Science); N1EM (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Applicants should have a UK taught master's degree in a relevant discipline, or the overseas equivalent, with a high merit or distinction overall and a merit in the dissertation (where one exists)

Please see PhD Management programme [lse.ac.uk/management/programmes/phd](http://lse.ac.uk/management/programmes/phd) for more information on the different programme tracks

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** All applicants must submit a GRE or GMAT score

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD Management is part of the Global Economic Performance Policy and Management group of accredited programmes for funding (see page 34). If the Business Economics Track is taken, this is part of the "Economics" group of accredited programmes

**Application deadline** 27 April 2015, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place earlier. The funding deadline is 12 January 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents

## **Opportunities for research**

The Department has a vibrant doctoral programme with around 60 students

pursuing research in different fields of management. The programme features five distinct tracks:

- Business Economics
- Employment Relations and Organisational Behaviour
- General Management
- Information Systems and Innovation
- Management Science

The programme is deeply rooted in both the theory and practice of management. Students undertake research at the cutting edge of the social science disciplines within the management field working alongside leading scholars in their area. The programme will provide grounding in the scope and theories of management and the challenges of research design. Students will have the opportunity to develop a detailed knowledge and understanding of how these disciplines blend together in tackling the real problems that face organisations. We expect that our students' research will contribute to the further intellectual development of these disciplines, be it in a theoretical, empirical or policy-oriented manner.

We welcome applications from candidates with a strong academic background. Students must meet high standards in all these fields and must apply their training to the construction of a research paper designed to underpin subsequent doctoral research. When applying, students should outline their proposed research clearly, ensuring that they cover each of the topics which we expect to be contained within a research proposal. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/](http://lse.ac.uk/)

management/PhD for further information regarding our PhD programme.

## Taught MSc programmes

MSc Economics and Management (with the Department of Economics) (see page 128)

MSc Human Resources and Organisations (see page 129)

MSc International Management (see page 131)

Master's in Management (with CEMS and exchange options) (see page 132)

MSc Management, Information Systems and Digital Innovation (see page 134)

MSc Management, Organisations and Governance (see page 135)

MSc Management Science (see page 136)

MSc Management and Strategy (see page 138)

MSc Public Management and Governance (see page 139)

## Executive programmes

Executive Global MSc Management (see page 210)

Executive MSc Behavioural Science (with the Department of Social Policy) (see page 203)

TRIUM Executive MBA (with HEC Paris and NYU Stern) (see page 215)

## MSc Economics and Management

**Application code:** N2U5

**Start date:** Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics begins early September 2015

**Duration:** 10 months full time only (10 month master's programmes are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are "recognised". For more information on Bologna please see page 11)

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 36/346

**Minimum entry requirement:** First class bachelor's degree or equivalent in Economics (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** Graduates of non-UK institutions are required to submit a GRE or GMAT score. GRE is preferred

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). The MSc Economics and Management is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

The MSc Economics and Management programme is a specialist multidisciplinary

degree delivered jointly by the Department of Management and the Department of Economics – one of the largest and most esteemed Economics departments in the world, renowned for its research and contributions to the development of the subject area. The programme is taught and directed by our world-leading faculty Professor John Sutton and Professor Luis Garicano – two of the most eminent economists in their fields.

The programme is aimed at students with a strong analytical and quantitative background, and provides a key combination of an applied focus on economics at master's level with analytical courses in the field of management.

The core curriculum focuses on an understanding of firms' market strategies, exploring the management of firms, and the economic climate of the markets in which they operate. Students will also gain an in-depth understanding of econometric methods and their applications, covering new developments in the use of econometrics methods within organisations and industry.

This programme will provide you with an exceptional foundation to progress either to PhD-level study or to employment opportunities in industry, finance or consulting.

## Programme details

Key features of the programme include:

- taught by some of the world's leading economists in their respective fields

- combines the exceptional analytical training of the LSE's MSc Economics degree with the more applied scope and coverage characteristic of master's degrees in the field of management
- built around a central core course entitled Firms and Markets which uses graduate level microeconomics with a focus on understanding firms' market strategies, and a two part applied econometrics course
- use case studies to apply theory to real-life situations

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Firms and Markets** will introduce microeconomic analysis within management, focusing on market competition, capabilities and internal organization and link between strategy and structure. Particular emphasis is placed during this course on both developing analytical skills and on showing how these analytical skills can be deployed in practical strategic settings.

**Econometric Methods** focuses on empirical research in economics and gives students the opportunity to work with Stata and other econometric software in analysing actual data sets, reproducing and criticising results in previous work and learning the actual practice of econometrics as undertaken by the best applied economists.

**Corporate Finance A\*** investigates corporate finance topics including capital budgeting techniques, the driving forces behind capital structure, debt and equity



finance decisions, and the implications of those choices.

**Extended Essay\*** comprising 6,000 words and based on one of the two option courses taken.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/em](http://lse.ac.uk/em) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The MSc Economics and Management provides a route for acceleration into high-level positions, for example in top consulting or investment banking firms, or careers in academia. The programme is designed with potential employers in mind, and gives excellent preparation for employment opportunities in business, consulting or finance. Previous students have secured positions at top employers such as Accenture, Bain & Company, the Boston Consulting Group, Citi, Deloitte, Google, KPMG, LEK., McKinsey & Company, Monitor Group, PwC, Roland Berger and the World Bank. A number of students have also directly entered PhD programmes upon completion of the degree.

### MSc Human Resources and Organisations

with specialisation in Organisational Behaviour or Human Resource Management (CIPD) or International Employment Relations and Human Resource Management

**Application code:** N6U7 (OB, IER), NGU8 (HRH)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full time; 24 months part time

**Intake/applications:** New programme for 2015

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** Submitting a GRE/GMAT score is not required but a strong result from either of these tests may benefit applicants

**Fee level:** £19,944 (Organisational Behaviour, International Employment Relations and Human Resources Management specialisms); £20,952 (Human Resource Management (CIPD) specialism)

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The MSc Human Resources and Organisations is a challenging one year programme that provides a rigorous,

The programme allows for considerable flexibility with respect to course selection, which I consider to be a real plus.

**Lesley Henry**, MSc International Employment Relations and Human Resource Management

interdisciplinary social science foundation with a strong business and management orientation. The programme offers students an international and comparative approach and provides broad choice among specialised topics through the vast array of required courses and optional electives.

The degree has three streams:

#### Human Resource Management stream (HRM):

this stream has been designed to allow students to satisfy the educational requirements of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development's (CIPD) professional levels of membership. Students participate in workshops to develop the skills and competencies that are essential for an HR professional career and CIPD accreditation.

#### International Employment Relations stream (IER):

this stream has been designed to give students the tools to develop and evaluate successful employment and human resource policies in a rapidly changing global economy. Upon graduation, students will be equipped with the knowledge necessary to tackle contemporary management and policy challenges in a range of organisational and international settings.

#### Organisational Behaviour stream (OB):

this stream examines behaviour and

change in organisations, primarily through the lenses of psychology and sociology. Students will engage in a multi-disciplinary, in-depth approach to understanding the fundamental issues of behaviour and change in organisations at the individual, group and organisational levels.

### Programme details

Key features of the programme include:

- help students understand the social science basis and inter-disciplinary nature of Human Resources (HR) Management and how they might be applied in practice both in the UK and abroad
- encourage students to develop intellectual flexibility by placing a premium on developing minds and on bringing forward their analytical reasoning ability
- encourage students to study independently, to critically assess



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**MSc INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT**

The real value of the LSE experience is its truly diverse student body; in background, nationalities, ambitions and interests. Every day I am surrounded by some of the most diverse, passionate and intelligent students in the world and this really makes a difference. LSE's leading research role in the social sciences, renowned public lectures and the strong link with top firms are just some of the reasons that I was attracted to LSE.

As student representative for my programme, I discovered that students' initiative is not only encouraged but also rewarded; the academic team, as well as administrative staff, are always supportive and willing to do whatever they can to help you enjoy your time at the School. Through being involved as head of quantitative data in the Economics Society's Student Labour Force research project, I developed my interest in econometrics in a way beyond traditional academics. In addition, being in charge of setting up media partnerships for the largest student-run investment banking conference gave me the opportunity to approach world leaders in the sector.

Given my economics background and my curiosity about the interdisciplinary connections between my interests, studying management at a university that is also a world leading research institute in the field of economics was an irresistible opportunity.

My programme combines LSE's analytical approach with the practical, case-based approach of a top ranked MBA. Although students are under huge time pressure, the programme is flexible. There is no predetermined curriculum and generally students can develop their own interests. While at Kellogg (Chicago) I am taking classes from a broad range of disciplines, I will focus more on private equity, venture capital and corporate finance. By the end of the year, although my MSc will be in Management, I will have developed a strong background in advanced finance as well as a broader vision on general economics topics.



received wisdom, to scrutinise evidence and to handle ambiguity

In addition, each of the three streams offers specific key features:

**Human Resource Management:**

- give students practical experience of the competencies required by HR professionals and allow them to explore how the HR function operates in practice
- familiarise students with the tools necessary to research HR issues within organisations and give them the opportunity to use those tools in a company-based project
- ensure students reach the standards required for a professional qualification (Membership of the CIPD) that will facilitate a career in HRM and inspire them to become "reflective practitioners"

**International Employment Relations:**

- analyse the main features of the employment relations systems in a variety of countries and compare, contrast and evaluate them
- provide students with analytical skills that will help them think about contemporary issues in employment relations and contribute to policy debates

**Organisational Behaviour (OB):**

- provide students with the requisite knowledge about behaviour in organisations to facilitate a career in management and consultancy or the foundational knowledge in the discipline to pursue a PhD in Organisational Behaviour

**Compulsory courses**

(\* half unit)

**Management of Human Resources: Strategies and Policy\***

introduces a range of theoretical perspectives which underpin the ways in which organisations manage the employment relationship through the deployment of HRM strategy and policy. From a practice perspective, it reviews challenges involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of both overall HRM strategy and specific practice areas.

**Dissertation: Research and Practice**

(which may be part of a "Links" business project).

**Human Resources Management stream:****Foundations of Business and Management for Human Resources\***

provides an overview of the development of management disciplines (other than HRM) and will develop an understanding of the disciplinary anchors in sociology, psychology and economics. Each field will cover origins and disciplinary boundaries, triggers for growth, core concepts and the current state of play and debate.

**Globalisation and Human Resource Management\***

examines the human resource management and employment relations strategies of global corporations, with the aim of understanding both the causes of different strategic choices and the consequences of these strategies for diverse stakeholders.

**Organisational Behaviour\*** helps students understand attitudes and behaviour in an

organisational context. This will be done by reviewing psychological theories as they apply to organisations; demonstrating the contribution of a psychological perspective to understanding human behaviour at work; and critically evaluating the empirical evidence.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options.

#### **Employment Relations stream:**

**International Employment Relations\*** provides an introduction to the comparative analysis of employment relations at national, firm and workplace level throughout the world. It will introduce the employment relationship, the key concepts surrounding it, and the theories required to understand it.

**Globalisation and Human Resource Management\*** examines the human resource management and employment relations strategies of global corporations, with the aim of understanding both the causes of different strategic choices and the consequences of these strategies for diverse stakeholders.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options.

#### **Organisational Behaviour stream:**

**Organisational Behaviour\*** helps students understand attitudes and behaviour in an organisational context. This will be done by reviewing psychological theories as they apply to organisations;

demonstrating the contribution of a psychological perspective to understanding human behaviour at work; and critically evaluating the empirical evidence.

**Organisational Change\*** provides students with different psychological theories to understand the process and consequences of organisational change and in doing so addresses the following issues: type of organisational change, creating readiness for organisational change and leading change, the change agent, strategies for change, resistance to change and evaluation and institutionalisation of organisational change.

**Organisational Theory\*** introduces a variety of topics including institutional theory and corporate culture, sense-making, population ecology and social networks.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/mhro](http://lse.ac.uk/mhro) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

#### **Graduate destinations**

The programme is designed to prepare students for a range of careers in the fields of human resource management, organisational behaviour, and international employment relations. Upon graduation, students will be

prepared for management and research positions requiring expertise in human resources, organisational behaviour, and employment policy. Our students have gone on to work in human resource management, international management, and consultancy positions in the private and public sectors, as well as for labour unions and in academic and policy roles.

### **MSc International Management**

**Application code:** N1UQ

**Start date:** 24 September 2015. Some students are required to participate in pre-session courses during September

**Duration:** 12 months full-time only

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 24/328

**Minimum entry requirement:** A first class or very good upper second class bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in management or a management related subject such as economics. Applicants must have taken courses in maths, statistics and economics (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** All applicants must submit a GRE or GMAT

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None

**Note:** This programme includes a term abroad at a partner institution

The MSc International Management is a one year programme emphasising an analytical approach to issues of globalisation and international management, through a unique combination of theoretical and practical teaching styles and international learning.

During the first term the programme provides a highly analytical approach to management founded in the LSE's tradition of critical thinking.

In the second term students take part in the International Management Exchange programme (IMEX), studying as guests in the second year of an MBA programme at a leading business school in the US or China, with a more practical teaching approach.

These two terms allow you to benefit from the two different teaching approaches, which in combination provide a uniquely valuable and globally relevant learning experience.

The compulsory course in the programme focuses on an analytical approach to globalisation, giving you an understanding of industries, firms and nations at a global level.

The programme provides a firm foundation of critical thinking and analytically rigorous understanding of management at a global level, developing your talent to achieve lasting success over

a lifelong career in a rapidly changing international market.

## Programme details

Key features of the programme:

- A one year programme combining an analytical approach with the practical benefits of an MBA programme, applied to issues of globalisation and international management
- Students benefit from the academic excellence at LSE, and also participate in the IMEX exchange programme to spend a term at a leading MBA school, experiencing different styles of teaching and learning
- A wide range of optional courses is available, complementing the compulsory course and allowing students to customise their programme and specialise in their own area of interest

Six world-leading business schools partner with the LSE in the IMEX exchange programme:

- The Chicago Booth School of Business, University of Chicago [www.chicagobooth.edu](http://www.chicagobooth.edu)
- The Fuqua School of Business, Duke University [www.fuqua.duke.edu](http://www.fuqua.duke.edu)
- Yale School of Management <http://som.yale.edu>
- Stephen M Ross School of Business, Michigan University [www.bus.umich.edu](http://www.bus.umich.edu)
- Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University [www.kellogg.northwestern.edu](http://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu)

- Guanghua School of Management, Peking University [www.gsm.pku.edu.cn/index/en/index.html](http://www.gsm.pku.edu.cn/index/en/index.html)

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Business in the Global Environment\*** looks at the process of globalisation at three levels: industries, firms and nations. Its goal is to develop a solid understanding of the external, economy-wide factors that affect the performance and management of firms in today's global economy. Topics include the changing structure of industries; the response of companies, both those based in the advanced industrial countries and those based in emerging markets, to increasing international competition; and differences between countries in their institutions and policies.

**Term abroad** – students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit at one of the IMEX partner schools during their term abroad.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/imex](http://lse.ac.uk/imex) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The MSc International Management provides a route for career acceleration into more senior roles for top employers, for example consulting roles in large firms.

You will gain an excellent foundation of critical thinking and an in-depth understanding of management at a global level, preparing you for a variety of employment areas and developing your talent to achieve lasting success over a lifelong career.

The majority of graduates choose to work in banking and management consulting, but our students have also gone on to excel in a range of careers such as marketing, human resource management and public relations.

## Master's in Management

**Application code:** N1UH

**Start date:** 24 September 2015. All students are required to participate in introductory courses during September 2015

**Duration:** 24 months full-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 102/806

**Minimum entry requirement:** First or good upper second class bachelor's degree or equivalent in any subject (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** All graduates of non-UK institutions must submit a GRE or GMAT

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456 (first year only), second year fees to be confirmed

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32) plus some scholarships

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. We may wish to interview candidates and those selected for interview will be given full details of this before receiving a decision

**Exchange options:** Students have the opportunity to combine this programme with either the *Financial Times* top-ranked CEMS Master's in International Management (MiM) degree or the MiM Exchange

The Master's in Management (MiM) is a two year programme designed for students wishing to transition into a management and leadership career, who have little or no prior work experience or background in business or management.

The programme provides a deep understanding of how markets and organisations work, and the environment in which business operates. Education is delivered in the form of a well-rounded training in both quantitative analytical and numerical skills, and qualitative critical thinking, presentation and communication skills. The programme incorporates practical employment experience in the form of a



professional development programme, a business consulting project (the Master's in Management Capstone Course) and a summer internship. This strong foundation of understanding, skills and practical experience makes our graduates highly sought after by employers.

We are the only programme in the UK to offer a dual degree with the prestigious CEMS Master's in International Management programme, ranked seventh in the 2013 *Financial Times* Master's in Management Rankings.

The two year format of the programme allows students to train in the core foundations of management in their first year, and then develop their talent in a specialist area (or areas) of interest in their second year:

**Year one:** general foundations of management

**Year two:** specialise in your own area(s) of interest with training from world-class faculty in a range of subjects across the LSE, for example marketing, HR, finance, accounting, international management (with an international exchange programme), public sector management, organisational psychology and a wide range of other areas.

We believe the second year of the programme is fundamentally important to our Master's in Management, as the specialisation in year two gives graduates an "edge" over others with a more basic general training, when applying for jobs. Having a specialist area of expertise enables graduates to integrate more easily into a company (with the company needing to

provide much less training and development to bring a new employee into a specific role). The second year of the programme essentially acts as a career "accelerator", enabling our graduates to enter job roles at a more advanced level than they would with a non-specialist one year programme.

## Programme details

Key features of the programme include:

- two year programme enabling students from any background to transition into a management career
- curriculum offers a wide range of optional elective courses from academic departments across the LSE
- opportunity to specialise and customise your programme according to your own interests in year two
- internationally diverse class based in the heart of London
- CEMS Master's in International Management programme and MiM Exchange term

Tailored careers support and development of professional employment experience are provided with a professional development programme, summer internship and business project.

### Year one

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Foundations of Management I\*** and **Foundations of Management II\*** will give a basic grounding in the key

management disciplines which will be taught chronologically. Students will therefore be provided with an overview of the development of management disciplines and will develop an understanding of the disciplinary anchors in sociology, psychology and economics.

**Managerial Economics\*** provides an introduction to the central issues in managerial economics. The course will analyse the foundations for applying economic thinking to management.

**Organisational Behaviour\*** seeks to understand individual attitudes and behaviour in an organisational context. It does this by reviewing psychological theories as they apply to organisations, demonstrating the contribution of a psychological perspective to understanding human behaviour at work, and critically evaluating the empirical evidence.

**Quantitative Analysis in Management\*** discusses analysis of variance, simple and multiple linear regression, including ideas of confounding and statistical control, the use of dummy variables, interactions and non-linear effects of explanatory variables, collinearity, diagnostics and model development.

**Qualitative Analysis in Management\*** provides a critical understanding of qualitative management research, with an emphasis on methods and techniques which will be useful and relevant to them both as management scholars and in their future careers.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one full unit from a range of options.

### Year two

## Compulsory courses

### Global Management Practice\*

(compulsory for CEMS only) seeks to understand the impact of culture on management; to identify the areas in which cultural differences present a challenge in managing people across cultures; and finally to become more self-aware of our cultural conditioning.

### Strategy, Organisation and Innovation\*

explores advanced topics in strategy, organisation and innovation. True to LSE, we will adopt an interdisciplinary social sciences point of view that embraces economics, sociology, political science and psychology.

### MiM Capstone Course – Management in Action\*

provides tailored development of professional skills from the LSE Careers Service and employment and team working experience through a real-world consulting/business project with an external client.

**Dissertation\*** are based on a research question which students are required to agree with the teacher responsible during Michaelmas Term in year two.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of three full units (CEMS: one half unit, MiM Exchange: one full unit) from a range of options. Please see: [lse.ac.uk/mim](http://lse.ac.uk/mim) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The Master's in Management programme provides a route to transition into a management career, for students with no prior work experience or background in business and management. Upon graduation, MSc Management students have taken roles in a range of sectors including consulting, finance, banking, marketing, advertising and communications, and also start-ups and family businesses.

The two year format of the programme allows students to gain both a rigorous training in the core foundations of general management in year one, and a specialisation in their specific area(s) of interest in year two. This provides our graduates with a tangible advantage when entering employment, as the combination of a broad general training in year one, plus the depth of specialist knowledge and skills in year two, accelerates them to enter job roles at a higher level

(in contrast to graduates from one-year programmes with only a non-specialist general management training). The programme is designed with employers in mind, and provides rigorous training in both quantitative analytical and numerical skills, and qualitative critical thinking, presentation and communication skills, producing well-rounded managers meeting the skills requirements of top companies.

In addition to the academic curriculum, the programme also includes elements designed to give practical employment experience, and develop professional skills, through the Professional Development Programme and Business Project and summer internship. Students also benefit from a range of services provided by LSE Careers. Our students graduate from the programme as experienced and capable professionals, meeting the skills required to succeed in a highly competitive employment market.

I particularly like the way the programme brings together subjects ranging from business management, software design and system security to social policy, development studies and socio-economics in one programme

**Edward Wang**, MSc Management, Information Systems and Digital Innovation (MISDI)

### MSc Management, Information Systems and Digital Innovation

**Application code:** G5U4

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 86/382

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 or equivalent in any discipline. We admit students with diverse academic backgrounds. These include business studies and computer science graduates; students are also welcome with other degrees in social and natural sciences where they are wishing to transfer their focus towards management, the internet and innovation (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** GRE/GMAT test scores are not required, but a strong result from either of these tests will benefit applicants from universities which may not be well known to members of the admissions committee

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). Claudio Ciorra scholarship fund (one award of £5,000)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The MSc Management of Information Systems and Digital Innovation (MISDI)

studies digital innovation in business and government across the world. The internet and mobile technologies are changing the way we create and share information and open opportunities for new business models, new forms of governance, and new ways of public engagement. This MSc prepares students for leadership roles in the shaping of digital innovation and in the management of the business and social transformation that such innovation unleashes.

It is an intellectually rigorous, qualitative, inter-disciplinary programme that integrates established knowledge of the development and management of information systems with the critical study of emerging domains of digital innovation, such as cloud computing, social networking, and mobile technologies.

It involves research-led, practice relevant teaching. Our learning approach places emphasis on theory and critical discussion of academic literature from across a range of scientific fields. We include social theories and frameworks for understanding the processes of information systems and innovation and industry case studies for illustrating issues in particular instances of management and innovation practice.

### Programme details

Key features of the programme include:

- capabilities for technology-enabled innovation in business and government, and skills for digital entrepreneurs in the ever changing arenas of technology and organisations
- skills in utilising diverse analytical techniques and managerial practices

- critical analytical ability for understanding of the social and economic context within which technology innovation and organisations are constructed and managed
- integrating established knowledge of management of information systems and processes of innovation enabled by digital technologies, such as: applications development; cloud computing; social networking, and addressing privacy concerns
- a learning approach which places emphasis on the critical discussion of academic literature and case studies
- multi-disciplinary, dedicated compulsory courses
- critical analysis of theories and frameworks for understanding the processes of information systems and innovation and case studies for illustrating issues in particular instances of management and innovation practice
- guidance on writing critical essays based on social theory
- guidance on research projects
- teaching is closely linked to new research in the field and with industry examples
- extensive contacts with London-based and international businesses and governmental organisations

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Innovation and Information Systems: Concepts and Perspectives\*** provides theoretical foundations for the study

and practice of digital innovation and management of information systems.

**Innovating Organisational Information Technology\*** explores the theoretical and practical aspects of technologic change integrating a two-week intensive boot-camp project run in conjunction with a global consultancy firm.

**Global Strategy Management, and Information Systems\*** examines contemporary global strategies and management practices of corporations across the world including an analysis of corporate and business strategies, competitiveness, and how organisations set up and manage structures, processes, human resources, and technologies to deliver on their objectives.

You must also complete a 10,000 word **Dissertation** based on a project that will cover some aspect of information systems development or management.

Students are also expected to choose two half unit courses from within a selection, and one further half unit course from a larger range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/misdi](http://lse.ac.uk/misdi) for more information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Graduates of this programme go on to work in a range of organisations

and sectors. These sectors include IT services; banking, financial services and accounting; consultancy; central and local government and research. In addition, our graduates work in a range of roles, including business analysts, management and IT consultants, innovation managers, IT support and project management positions. Many graduates channel the knowledge on global digital infrastructures provided by the programme to launch their own business as information service providers.

## MSc Management, Organisations and Governance

**Application code:** N2U6

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time only

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 60/486

**Minimum entry requirement:** First or good upper second class bachelor's degree or equivalent, preferably in social science (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** All graduates of non-UK institutions must submit a GRE or GMAT score

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32) plus some scholarships

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This challenging and highly distinctive one year programme offers a rigorous interdisciplinary social science perspective on the analysis of management, in relation to three core themes: governance, innovation and entrepreneurship. Through this we provide an intensive and intellectually demanding approach to analysing the key issues facing modern organisations.

The core curriculum focuses on organisations within the context of the wider economy and society, providing an in-depth understanding of management practice, entrepreneurship and innovation. Students will gain knowledge around issues of operational and strategic significance, and their managerial consequences within modern organisations. The programme provides a sound understanding of approaches and tools for the management and the governance of organisations.

The programme produces reflective, analytically sharp managers who will be in demand in a rapidly changing world. It is aimed at exceptional individuals aspiring to the highest levels of management seniority, in strategic or operational management in the corporate, governmental or not-for-profit sectors. The analytical approach, knowledge and skills developed during

the programme make Management, Organisation and Governance graduates attractive to top employers.

The teaching format combines lectures, case studies, teamwork, data analysis and presentations. As part of the core learning students have the unique opportunity to develop their own real-world entrepreneurial business, applying theoretical knowledge to a practical challenge and gaining invaluable experience from initial idea generation through to business growth and future change.

## Programme details

Key features of the programme:

- a one year programme giving an interdisciplinary social science perspective on the analysis of management, focusing on governance, innovation and entrepreneurship
- an introduction to important design issues in the governance of organisations and markets
- a focus on the analysis and design of effective global business strategies and organisational practices in a wide range of economic, technical, and societal contexts
- the opportunity to develop your entrepreneurial skills by working in a small team tasked with the creation and growth of a new organisation – examining topics such as leadership roles, idea generation, group development, market evaluation, organisational design, resource issues, performance evaluation and growth

- exposure to a globally relevant curriculum and membership of an internationally diverse, close-knit cohort of students
- a range of optional elective courses allow students to customise the programme to their own interests, with courses available from a wide range of academic departments across LSE

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Organisations in the Economy and Society** introduces the economic and social context in which managers and their organisations operate.

**Enterprise Development\*** starts with an evaluation of leadership roles and skills, followed by idea generation, group development, market evaluation, organisational design, resource issues, performance evaluation and growth.

**Innovation in Organisations\*** will develop students' abilities to analyse, design and evaluate innovative initiatives in organisations.

A research **project/dissertation** related to a topic from the above courses will be required (6,000 words).

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options that include economic or technological aspects of management, human resource management, innovation, accounting and finance, operations management, strategy, and many other fields. Please see: [lse.ac.uk/mog](http://lse.ac.uk/mog) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The MSc Management, Organisations and Governance programme will provide a route to transform your career, and move away from a specialised academic or employment background, toward a more general and senior management role – for example in consulting, social enterprise, NGOs, government and entrepreneurship.

The programme provides excellent career prospects for early-career graduates, seeking entry to graduate programmes at top global firms, as well as for experienced graduates looking to re-position themselves for more senior roles.

Large employers frequently express a preference for managers who have a solid education in the social sciences and are able to diagnose a large variety of problems and apply appropriate analytical techniques. Additionally, employers consistently say that the competency that most graduates fail to show is commercial awareness and “intrapreneurship”; this programme is designed to meet those expectations.

We have alumni in major consulting companies such as Accenture, the Boston Consulting Group,

Deloitte, Ernst & Young, KPMG and PwC, as well as in a wide range of governmental and non-governmental organisations throughout the world such as the BBC, the Department of Foreign Affairs (Canada) and the United Nations. As a result of the entrepreneurial focus of the programme we have also had a number of students go on to set up their own businesses.

## MSc Management Science (Operational Research)

## MSc Management Science (Decision Sciences)

**Application code:** N2U1 (OR), N2U3 (DS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/Applications in 2013:** 82/446

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in a relevant discipline, including first year university mathematics and statistics course. Appropriate work experience also considered (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** Submitting a GRE score is highly recommended

**Fee level:** £19,944



**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None  
– rolling admissions

The MSc Management Science is a one year programme which provides students with both the knowledge and experience needed to apply management science techniques and methods at the highest decision making levels in organisations.

The programme builds on the experience of a range of internationally renowned researchers, authors and teachers who have a proven track record in developing pioneering methods for influencing the decisions that matter in organisations.

The degree has two streams:

**Operational Research (OR) stream:** this stream is oriented to finding solutions to problems experienced by organisations in the way they operate. Aspects of an organisation's environment are modelled using a variety of well-defined models, which reveal solutions that would otherwise have been difficult to discover. That describes the "harder" side of OR. The "softer" side is concerned with messy, complex issues faced by organisations, which can benefit from problem structuring approaches that enable the stakeholders to diagnose and resolve their issues.

**Decision Science (DS) stream:** the focus in this stream is on helping decision-makers to think more clearly about complex issues in their organisations, and on achieving committed alignment of key players. Mathematical models are used to

help create alignment, but always within a carefully designed social process.

Both streams provide a thorough grounding in fundamental concepts and methods of management science and will enable students to gain the skills to pursue higher degrees, or careers in commerce, industry or government in any country.

### Programme details

Key features of both the Operational Research and the Decision Sciences streams include:

- statistical and other techniques for gaining insights from data
- the construction of decision making models using a wide variety of management science techniques
- the opportunity to take specific topics to an advanced level corresponding to the leading edge of research
- the application of what has been learned in a three month project for a real client in the real world

### Operational Research Stream

#### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Techniques of Operational Research\*** introduces a range of management science techniques. The particular techniques taught may vary from year to year.

**Computer Modelling: Applied Statistics and Simulation\*** introduces to the uses and practice of stochastic modelling and applied statistics.

The programme consisted of informative seminars focused on applying your knowledge to real world case studies.

**Kartik Jhanji**, MSc Management and Strategy

### Model Building in Mathematical Programming\*

– mathematical programming is one of the most powerful and widely-used quantitative techniques for making optimal decisions. The course has a pragmatic focus and aims at enabling students to model and solve real-life management problems, using a range of approaches.

*Either* **Applied Management Science** which is a three-month practical project undertaken for a real company in a real life situation – a chance to put what has been learned on the programme to good use or **Dissertation: MSc Management Science** which allows students to pursue an independent piece of research within the field of Management Science.

Students will be expected to choose three courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options.

### Decision Sciences Stream

#### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Computer Modelling: Applied Statistics and Simulation\*** introduces



the uses and practice of stochastic modelling and applied statistics.

**Behavioural Decision Science for Management and Policy\*** examines "decision capability", that is the ability of people to make judgments and decisions and blends research on how individuals and groups actually make decisions with theories on how they should make decisions in order to be consistent.

**Risk and Decision Analysis for Management and Policy\*** extends the concept of "decision capability" and shows how that capability can be enhanced with appropriate modelling and analysis. It uses illustrations of real-world decision analysis applications and employs several case studies to build students' skills.

*Either* **Applied Management Science** which is a three month practical project undertaken for a real company in a real life situation – a chance to put what has

been learned on the programme to good use or **Dissertation: MSc Management Science** which allows students to pursue an independent piece of research within the field of management science.

Students will be expected to choose three courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/msci](http://lse.ac.uk/msci) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Upon graduation, MSc Management Science students will be prepared to enter positions in governments, multilateral organisations, consultancies, financial institutions and other major organisations. They will also have the skills to start their own enterprises if they choose to do so. Over time, students should be able to reach senior management positions in all types of organisations. Graduates generally find ready employment in financial institutions, consultancies, government departments, software houses and other major organisations.

### MSc Management and Strategy

**Application code:** N1UG

**Start date:** 24 September 2015. Some students are required to participate in introductory courses during September

**Duration:** 12 months full-time only

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 57/551

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science, engineering or science discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** All applicants must submit a GRE or GMAT

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The MSc in Management and Strategy is a one year programme which provides a rigorous analytical approach to management, focusing on developing critical thinking and in-depth understanding in relation to managerial economics and its relevance in organisations and strategy.

The programme combines the analytical approach and rigour of an economics degree with real-world, contemporary case studies used in MBAs. Although in many ways it is less applied and more theoretical than an MBA and the programme's analytical approach is constantly looking for ways to understand and apply theory via examples from the real world.

Students will learn analysis rather than mere description, making this programme unique in comparison with a typical MBA where the focus would be on vocational practice, rather than providing lifelong interdisciplinary critical thinking skills. The programme will develop your talent to achieve lasting career success in a rapidly changing world.

You do not require prior knowledge of economics, but you will need a basic interest in and openness to economic reasoning.

### Programme details

Key features of the programme:

- A one year programme providing a highly academically rigorous and multidisciplinary approach to management and strategy, with a focus on managerial economics.
- The compulsory courses cover incentives and governance in organisations, Design and management of organisations, and analysis of strategy.
- A wide range of optional elective courses is available from departments across LSE, enabling students to customise their programme according to their own interests, and benefit from a truly interdisciplinary learning experience.
- The programme is aimed at students who have some quantitative background (e.g. a first degree in engineering, science, or a social science), with some quantitative training in elementary calculus and basic statistics. The programme will appeal to students with a degree in an economics or management-related subject who are looking for a more rigorous approach to management.

### Compulsory courses

(\* two half units)

**Incentives and Governance in Organisations\*** explains how information and incentives influence decisions in organisations, and, on this basis, draws conclusions about the way companies should be organised and governed.

**Design and Management of Organisations\*** investigates organisation and management decision making on the basis of general heuristics and biases exhibited by individuals and groups. This is used to analyse how organisations can manage individual and group decision making, and how this gives rise to informal structures in organisations, eg, corporate culture.

**The Analysis of Strategy (A)\*** introduces the abstract study of strategy on the basis of game theory and business economics, and applies these concepts to questions of business strategy, eg, questions of vertical integration, value creation and a firm's resources and capabilities.

**The Analysis of Strategy (B)\*** develops a framework, on the basis of game theory and economics, to think systematically about the various dimensions of how firms compete in industries. This includes questions of market definition, pricing, advertising and research and development.

**Dissertation: MSc Management and Strategy\*** gives students the opportunity to work on a project of their choice and apply the concepts from the programme in addressing a research question and the analysis of empirical evidence.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/ms](http://lse.ac.uk/ms) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The MSc Management and Strategy will provide you with a route to transition into a new area in your career. As a conversion programme for students with no (or limited) background in managerial economics, we will provide you with an excellent foundation in general management and strategy with an economics focus, enabling you to enter a variety of careers including banking, consulting, multinational companies and the public sector. Previous graduates of this programme have had extremely successful careers and have found their time at LSE to be an invaluable basis for this.

### MSc Public Management and Governance

**Application code:** N2U7

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time only

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 44/310

**Minimum entry requirement:** First or good upper second class bachelor's degree or equivalent, preferably in social sciences. Preference will be given to applicants with some work experience or student involvement in activities relevant to this degree (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32), plus some scholarships

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The MSc Public Management and Governance is a one year programme designed to provide an in-depth interdisciplinary education focused on developing, delivering, and evaluating public policy programmes. Taught by public management specialists, the programme is designed with employers in mind, and we strengthen our students' fundamental professional skills in reasoning clearly about complex issues and situations, designing institutions and practices, communicating effectively across diverse arenas of action, and understanding the publicly-governed organisations which play crucial roles in public policy programmes.

The programme builds on the School's international reputation in public policy across a number of academic disciplines,

providing an interdisciplinary education in the field of public management around leading, managing, and overseeing ambitious publicly organised undertakings.

Our students will develop skills to use their knowledge in responding to policy and management challenges in internationally diverse practice settings. The programme is designed with an international focus, with a globally diverse student cohort enriching the international context in the learning experience.

The programme includes courses concerned with practices for advising governments about policy problems and choices, accelerating organizational change, and delivering public value. Group work on real-world projects with sponsors such as the World Bank, KPMG and the UK Department of Health provides valuable experience in the practical challenges of managing and governing organisations in a public service context.

The programme attracts pre-career applicants with a high level of academic achievement, as well as mid-career applicants with significant accomplishments in public service, giving diversity of age and experience within the class.

### Programme details

Key features of the programme include:

- critical thinking skills about approaches to public sector practices
- skills in designing programs, projects, organisations, and institutional systems
- skills in utilising diverse analytical techniques and managerial practices

- multi-disciplinary, dedicated compulsory courses
- critical analysis of practical experience, using case studies
- guidance of research projects
- access to the School's vast range of courses in management, public policy and economics
- an in-depth understanding of:
  - strategy and institutional development in the public sector
  - formal approaches to policy analysis
  - accounting and financial management
  - information systems and innovation
  - employee relations and organisational behaviour

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Public Management and Governance** examines organisationally-based processes under public governance from a general management standpoint, and examine functional areas of organisational management as they relate to the public sector.

**Policy Analysis, Evaluation and Implementation** focuses on how analysis needs to take account of, and be designed to relate to, the processes through which policies are made.

A 6,000-word **Dissertation** related to a topic from the above courses.\*

In addition to the compulsory courses, students also customise their programme

to their own academic interests by choosing courses to the value of one and a half units from a wide range of options provided by departments across the School, including Management, Accounting, International Development, Law, Social Policy and Sociology. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/pmg](http://lse.ac.uk/pmg) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The programme is designed with employers in mind, and our students have gone on to work in government and the public sector in their home countries, international agencies and professional services firms.

Upon graduation, MSc Public Management and Governance students will be prepared to enter staff and junior managerial positions in governments, multilateral organizations, consultancies and NGOs engaged in public action.

Over time, students should be able to reach executive positions in public service organisations inside government; senior management positions in organisations contracting with governmental bodies, including consultancies; senior staff positions in multilateral organisations; and expert advisers to professional bodies concerned with public management.

## MATHEMATICS

### [lse.ac.uk/maths](http://lse.ac.uk/maths)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 62

**Research:** 9

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 20

**RAE:** 45 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Columbia House

The LSE Mathematics Department is internationally recognised for its teaching and research. Located within a world class social science institution, the Department aims to be a leading centre for mathematics in the social sciences.

The Department is well known for its research excellence in discrete mathematics and algorithms, game theory and financial mathematics. All staff in the Department were entered for the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE): 45 per cent of the work submitted was deemed to be either internationally excellent or world-leading, with almost all the remainder being internationally recognised.

We run weekly research seminars covering the Department's research interests, which are attended by many people from both inside and outside LSE. We also host informal lunchtime seminars and reading groups, on a weekly basis. The Department regularly attracts eminent visiting academics.

The Department has close ties with other departments at LSE, such as Statistics, Finance, Economics and Management, and we are an integral part of the mathematical community of the University of London.

The Department provides a friendly and supportive environment. Students are part of a community of scholars, and are well-placed to pursue a career building on their academic accomplishments and the skills acquired during their time in the Department. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/maths](http://lse.ac.uk/maths) for further information about the Department and [lse.ac.uk/maths/research](http://lse.ac.uk/maths/research) for information on our research.

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place earlier. The funding deadline is 12 January 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents

### Opportunities for research

Supervision for MPhil and PhD research is available in: combinatorics, combinatorial optimisation, computational learning theory, control theory, financial mathematics, game theory, graph theory, theory of computation and algorithms, and in the applications of mathematics in areas such as telecommunications and economics.

Our minimum entry requirement is a merit or higher in an MSc in a relevant area of mathematics.

Students have access to the School's library and to the libraries of other colleges of the University of London, and also benefit from the School's and the Department's comprehensive computing and information facilities. Mathematics PhD students attend appropriate taught courses provided by either the London Taught Course Centre for PhD students in the mathematical sciences, or the London Graduate School in Financial Mathematics, depending on the focus of their research.

Applicants are invited to follow the advice offered on our website at [lse.ac.uk/mathsPhDandMPhil](http://lse.ac.uk/mathsPhDandMPhil)

### MPhil/PhD Mathematics Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** G1ZM (MPhil/PhD), G1EM (VRS)

**Start date:** Intake at the start of Michaelmas, Lent and Summer terms

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable) full time only

**Entry requirement:** Merit in a taught master's degree in a relevant area

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). Students may also apply directly to the Mathematics Department for potential other sources of funding



## Taught programmes

MSc Applicable Mathematics (see page 141)

MSc Financial Mathematics (see page 141)

### MSc Applicable Mathematics

**Application code:** G1U2

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 34/215

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in a mathematically-based subject, or a scientific, engineering or social science subject with excellent mathematics background (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This programme is based in the Department of Mathematics and offers the following benefits:

- increased knowledge of mathematics, in particular in the following areas: algorithms, game theory, discrete mathematics, probability and stochastics, optimisation (dependent on option choices)

- emphasis on algorithms and computational techniques
- opportunity to improve personal skills, including logical reasoning, quantitative analysis, independent learning and the presentation of technical results
- opportunity to take courses in related disciplines such as economics, finance, operational research and statistics

Applicants should normally possess at least an upper second class honours degree in a mathematically based subject from a UK university, or an equivalent qualification from overseas. Candidates with degrees in scientific, engineering or social science subjects will be considered, provided that they have a strong background in the concepts and techniques of mathematics. Prior knowledge of computational mathematics and social science applications is not required.

### Programme details

Students will study courses to the value of four full units. Teaching on each half unit lasts for roughly ten weeks, with lectures, and classes or seminars. The average number of taught contact hours is approximately 12 hours per week (depending on the course modules chosen). Lecturers also offer weekly office hours. In addition, you will undertake a project, equivalent to a full unit, in an appropriate branch of mathematics, and present your work in the form of a dissertation.

The Department's relatively small size enables us to pay greater attention to individual students' needs.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Dissertation in Mathematics** is an individual, substantial project serving as an introduction to mathematical research methods. Every student will investigate and study an area of mathematical research or application of advanced mathematical techniques, and then write a report on their findings.

*Either* **Algorithms and Computation\*** is aimed at students with no or limited experience in programming and algorithms. The course provides an introduction to programming in Java, data structures and the mathematics underlying the theory of algorithms *or* **Advanced Algorithms\*** is for students with sufficient background in computing and programming and will cover more advanced topics such as introduction to NP-completeness, approximation algorithms, randomised algorithms, streaming algorithms and numerical algorithms.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two and a half units from a range of mathematics and social science options. Please visit [se.ac.uk/grad/am](http://se.ac.uk/grad/am) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

This programme is ideal preparation for a range of careers

in industry, finance, government and research. Graduates of the programme have found employment in companies such as Amazon; BlackRock; Credit Suisse; Facebook; Goldman Sachs; Google; KPMG; National Grid and RBS.

### MSc Financial Mathematics

**Application code:** G1U3

**Start date:** Mandatory pre-sessional course begins mid September 2015

**Duration:** 10 months full-time (including pre-sessional) (10 month master's programmes are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are "recognised". For more information on Bologna please see page 11)

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 22/611

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in mathematics or another mathematics based subject (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This programme is based in the Department of Mathematics, and is taught in collaboration with the Department of Finance and the Department of Statistics. The programme provides high-level instruction in the mathematical theory underlying finance, and training in appropriate computational methods. It offers the following benefits:

- focus on the development of student understanding of quantitative methodologies and techniques that are important for a range of jobs in investment banks and other financial institutions
- research-led teaching that aims at enhancing students' critical appreciation

of major issues and emerging theory in the area of financial mathematics

- opportunity to improve personal skills, including logical reasoning, quantitative analysis and the presentation of technical results

This programme aims to develop students' understanding of the foundations of financial mathematics, and to equip them with knowledge of a range of mathematical and computational techniques that are required for a variety of quantitative positions in the financial sector.

It draws on LSE's strengths in finance and related areas, and includes compulsory and optional courses given by the Department of Mathematics, the Department of Finance and the Department of Statistics.

This MSc is mathematically advanced, and applicants should have a very strong mathematics background and a minimum of a BSc degree of first or good upper second class in mathematics or a mathematics-based subject, or an equivalent qualification. Prior knowledge of finance or computing is not required.

### Programme details

The programme starts with a compulsory pre-session course, the purpose of which is to introduce some key concepts and techniques of relevant mathematical theory, such as probability. The pre-session course also includes an introduction to programming in C++.

Students are required to take courses to the value of four full units: this usually equates to approximately 12 contact hours per week in the two main teaching terms (depending on the course modules chosen – there may be some variety of practice depending on which department teaches the course). Lecturers also offer weekly office hours.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**The Mathematics of the Black and Scholes Theory\*** is concerned with a mathematical development of the risk-neutral valuation theory.

**The Foundations of Interest Rate and Credit Risk Theory\*** examines the mathematical foundations of interest rate and credit risk theory.

**Stochastic Processes\*** provides a broad introduction to stochastic processes with an emphasis on financial and actuarial applications.

**Fixed Income Markets\*** looks at recent developments in fixed income securities pricing, hedging and portfolio management.

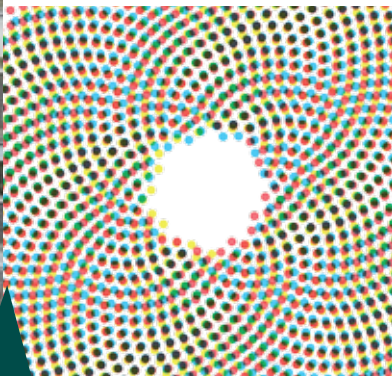
**Computational Methods in Finance\*** develops computational skills and introduces a range of numerical techniques of importance to financial engineering.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options. Optional courses cover topics including stochastic analysis, preferences, optimal portfolio choice, equilibrium, derivatives modelling, Markov processes, financial risk analysis, international finance, and forecasting of financial time series. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/fm](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/fm) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

This programme is ideal preparation for a range of careers in the financial sector, industry and research.



This programme is truly dedicated to all students that have a passion for mathematics and would like to improve their analytical and quantitative skills.

**Bice Di Gregorio**, MSc Applicable Mathematics

# MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

**[lse.ac.uk/media@lse](http://lse.ac.uk/media@lse)**

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 191

**Research:** 27

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 19

**RAE:** 75 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** St Clement's

The Department of Media and Communications offers interdisciplinary, intensive graduate teaching. We undertake research at the interface between social and technological change, seeking a critical and contextual understanding of the dynamics of the emerging digital world. Our expertise is developed and communicated through dialogue with academic, industrial and governmental audiences.

In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise carried out by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, the Department was ranked third in the UK on grade point average. The aim of the Department is to bring together teaching and research in media and communications from across the social sciences, with a strong focus on media, communication and technological change and their implications for social, economic and political life, as well as for media and communications policy.

The Department benefits from LSE's geographical location at the heart of one of the world's media capitals, and has excellent links with media and communication industries and policy makers in the UK.

All the MSc programmes in the Department of Media and Communications offer the following benefits:

- An intensive, high quality graduate education in media and communications.
- A broad social science foundation in qualitative, quantitative, empirical and critical skills.
- A diverse, multi-disciplinary and theoretically-oriented approach to contemporary developments, issues and debates in the field.
- A range of specialist courses within media and communications and related fields, including an independent empirical research project.
- An intellectually stimulating, well-resourced learning environment, with strong links to media and communications industries and policy makers.
- The opportunity for lively cross-cultural exchange of ideas among a dynamic group of fellow students in the Department and School.
- Study with internationally-recognised active researchers with expertise in media and communications and politics and democracy, regulation and policy, technological change, audiences, globalisation, culture and more.

As a rule, most half unit courses in the Department are taught as a weekly lecture (one hour) and a weekly seminar (one hour), ie, two hours for each half unit course. Check the course guides in the Calendar for further details and for information on courses outside the Department.

The core courses in the Department are taught as follows:

- Theories and Concepts in Media and Communications – Michaelmas term, weekly lecture (one hour) and weekly seminar (one and a half hours).
- (Advanced) Methods of Research – Michaelmas term, weekly lecture (one hour), weekly quantitative analysis lecture (two hours), weekly quantitative class (one hour). Lent term, a number of workshops (three hours each).
- Dissertation – Lent term, symposium (two hours), two group supervisions (two hours). Summer term, symposium (two hours), group supervision (two hours). Ad hoc individual supervision throughout Lent term and Summer term.

Our PhD programme and our MSc Media and Communications (Research) programme are recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council's (ESRC) 1+3 and +3 schemes and by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC). Home and EU offer holders may be eligible for nomination for ESRC or AHRC funding.

Demand for programmes is high and we have to be selective when offering places.

We recommend that you apply early.

## MPhil/PhD Media and Communications MPhil/PhD New Media, Innovation and Literacy Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** P4ZM (MPhil/PhD Media and Communications), P3ZN (MPhil/PhD New Media Innovation and Literacy), P4E1 (Visiting Research Students)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3-4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Merit in a taught master's degree in social science or humanities

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. Both MPhil/PhD programmes in the department are part of the Social Science group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** 12 January 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents – by the deadline

## Opportunities for research

We welcome applications from well-qualified students for admission as an MPhil/PhD student to our two doctoral programmes: PhD in Media and Communications and PhD in New Media, Innovation and Literacy. Candidates should have a high merit (minimum of 65 on average and, preferably, above 68 in their dissertation) in an appropriate master's degree from a British university, or equivalent qualification. You will need to have a clear sense of your research topic so that we can match your interests with supervisors. We encourage you to discuss your application in advance of formal submission. Formal applications must include two academic reference letters, a piece of already assessed written work (for instance, an MSc essay) and be accompanied by a 2,000-2,500 word research proposal and a personal statement. The admissions process further includes an interview (in person, by phone or Skype) with potential supervisors and/or the PhD Programme Director.

On admission, students are allocated a principal supervisor, a second supervisor, and a thesis committee chair. They initially register for the MPhil and follow a taught programme which involves coursework that is formally assessed. This normally includes core taught theoretical courses in the Department, the Research Seminar in Media, Communications and Culture, and broad training in research methods together with specialist courses selected in discussion with their supervisors. Towards the end of their first year, they are to submit a 10,000 word research proposal. This paper will include a substantive statement of the

aims, theories and methods proposed for the thesis, a tentative chapter outline, an indicative bibliography and a timetable for its completion. Evaluation of this paper, together with an oral examination based on the thesis proposal and the submission of satisfactory coursework, will contribute to assessing whether students are permitted to upgrade from MPhil to PhD and continue into their second year.

## Taught programmes

MSc Gender, Media and Culture (see page 88)

MSc Double Degree in Global Media and Communications (see page 194)

MSc Media and Communications (see page 144)

MSc Media and Communications (Media and Communication Governance) (see page 138)

MSc Media and Communications (Research) (see page 144)

MSc Media, Communication and Development (see page 147)

MSc Politics and Communication (see page 148)

## **MSc Media and Communications MSc Media and Communications (Research)**

**Application codes:** P4U1 (P4U6 Research)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 95/814

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science, or degree in another field with professional experience in the media and communications field. Exceptionally, professional experience alone (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). The MSc Media and Communications (Research) is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions, however the number of places on this programme is limited and admissions will close when the programme is full. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

These programmes offer an intensive, year-long exploration of a wide range of contemporary issues in media and communications. They aim to provide:

- A broad-based understanding of the development and forms of media and communications in relation to political economy, regulation and power, production and organisation, processes of mediation and influence, communication content and audience response.

- An up-to-date engagement with diverse theoretical, conceptual and empirical developments in research on media and communications.
- A mix of core and optional courses, culminating in an independent research project in media and communications, that provides an ideal preparation for research or employment in media and communications and related fields.
- A degree of flexibility to tailor the programme to pursue particular topics of interest by selecting from a wide range of courses taught by leading experts in the Department of Media and Communications and other departments at LSE.

The Research track programme also provides advanced research training, enhancing students' methodological and statistical skills. This degree offers:

- research training for students wishing to undertake MPhil/PhD degrees
- advanced methodological training as preparation for research-related careers
- recognition by the Economic and Social Research Council (1+3 and +3 schemes) and the Arts and Humanities Research Council

Students may also apply for the Media and Communication Governance stream of the MSc Media and Communications. This will enable them to follow courses with a focus on strategy, governance and regulation in the media and communication sectors, including courses related to media regulation and law.



We attract students from a diverse range of backgrounds, often including professional experience working in media and communications related fields. Indeed, the opportunity for cross-cultural meetings and exchange of ideas among the student body is a valuable feature of studying at LSE.

You should have at least an upper second class honours degree or its equivalent in a social science subject. We particularly welcome applications from those with professional experience in the media and communication fields and, in this case, we would accept a degree in other subjects. Exceptionally we may consider professional experience instead of a first degree.

If English is not your first language or if the language of instruction for your first degree is not English, we ask you to provide evidence of your command of English as part of the admissions process. In addition, we strongly recommend that you consider additional language instruction before you register in order to be confident that you can participate fully in your programme. Experience has shown that students who are fully proficient in English are best placed to make the most of all that LSE has to offer, both academically and socially. The LSE Language Centre offers courses in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) to support you before the start of the programme, as well as during your studies.

## Programme details

The programme consists of four units, including compulsory and optional courses, and the dissertation. Taught courses typically involve a combination of lectures and seminars. The Methods of Research

course is taught as a series of lectures and practical classes. You will be assessed by written examinations, research assignments, essays and the dissertation, which must be submitted in August.

The programme runs for one year. Formal classroom teaching is usually completed by the end of the Lent term. Compulsory coursework is usually submitted in January and May, examinations are generally held in May and June. The remaining months are set aside for students to complete the dissertations supported by staff supervision. Please note that we do not provide a practical training in journalism, media production, campaigning or media management.

Part-time students will normally take and be examined in courses to the value of two units in each year of study. In the first year, these two units, selected in discussion with the student's academic adviser, will usually include the compulsory theoretical course(s) and one or more option course(s). The methods course(s) and the dissertation are then usually taken in the second year, together with the remaining option course(s). Students may be permitted to vary the courses to be taken in each year with the approval of their academic adviser.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Theories and Concepts in Media and Communications I (Key concepts and interdisciplinary approaches)\*** addresses key theoretical and conceptual issues in the study of media and communications, within a broadly interdisciplinary social science perspective and **Theories and**



*Each programme lecture was insightful and engaging; providing a firm ground for building a career in related fields.*

**Ria Sen**, MSc Media, Communication and Development

**Concepts in Media and Communications II (Processes of communication in modern life)\*** examines key concepts and critical perspectives on the process of communication that underpin social, economic and institutional relations across diverse spheres of modern life.

**Methods of Research in Media and Communications (including Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis)\*** (for students on the non-research track) provides students with a general training in research methods and techniques including research design, the collection, analysis and interpretation of data.

**Advanced Methods of Research in Media and Communication (including Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis)** (for students on the research track) students examine the principles of research in media and communications and of social research. Students also take two statistics courses in quantitative analysis and applied regression analysis.

## Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units (one unit for students on the research track) from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/mc](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/mc) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

On graduating, our students enter a variety of careers in the UK and abroad, including broadcasting, journalism, advertising, new media industries, political marketing, market research, regulation and policy, media management and research in both public and private sectors. See [lse.ac.uk/media@lse/alumni](mailto:lse.ac.uk/media@lse/alumni) for further information.

## MSc Media and Communications (Media and Communication Governance)

**Application codes:** P3U3

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/Applications in 2013:** 95/814

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science, or degree in another field with professional experience in the media and communications field. Exceptionally, professional experience alone (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions, however the number of places on this programme is limited and admissions will close when the programme is full

This programme offers an intensive, year-long exploration of a wide range of contemporary issues in media and communications specifically concerned with the emergence of new forms of media and communication governance. The MSc Media and Communications (Media and Communication Governance) aims to provide:

- A broad-based understanding of the institutions and regulations that structure the development of media and communication systems. The programme covers policy, regulatory, legal and economic aspects of media and communication services.

- An up-to-date engagement with diverse theoretical, conceptual and empirical developments in research on media and communications, specifically relating to communication governance at the regional, national and international levels.
- A mix of compulsory and optional courses, culminating in an independent research project in media and communications (media and communication governance), that provides an ideal preparation for research or employment in media and communications and related fields of policy, regulation and/or information systems analysis.
- The flexibility to tailor the programme to pursue particular topics of interest by selecting from a wide range of courses taught by leading experts in the Department of Media and Communications and other departments at LSE.

We attract students from a diverse range of backgrounds, often including professional experience working in media and communications related fields. Indeed, the opportunity for cross-cultural meetings and exchange of ideas among the student body is a valuable feature of studying at LSE.

You should have at least an upper second class honours degree or its equivalent in a social science subject. We particularly welcome applications from those with professional experience in the media and communication fields and, in this case, we would accept a degree in other subjects.

The Department of Media and Communications requires applicants in

receipt of a conditional offer to meet those conditions before registration and before the start of the Michaelmas term.

If English is not your first language or if the language of instruction for your first degree is not English, we ask you to provide evidence of your command of English as part of the admissions process. In addition, we strongly recommend that you consider additional language instruction before you register in order to be confident that you can participate fully in your programme. Experience has shown that students who are fully proficient in English are best placed to make the most of all that LSE has to offer, both academically and socially. The LSE Language Centre offers courses in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) to support you before the start of the programme, as well as during your studies.

## Programme details

The programme consists of four units, including compulsory and optional courses, and the dissertation. Taught courses typically involve a combination of lectures and seminars. The Methods of Research course is taught as a series of lectures and practical classes. You will be assessed by written examinations, research assignments, essays and the dissertation, which must be submitted in August.

The programme runs for one year. Formal classroom teaching is usually completed by the end of the Lent term. Coursework is usually submitted in January and May, examinations are generally held in May and June. The remaining months are set aside

for students to complete the dissertations. Please note that we do not provide a practical training in journalism, production, campaigning or media management.

Part-time students will normally take and be examined in courses to the value of two units in each year of study. In the first year, these two units, selected in discussion with the student's academic adviser, will usually include the compulsory theoretical course(s) and one or more option course(s). The methods course(s) and the dissertation are then usually taken in the second year, together with the remaining option course(s). Students may be permitted to vary the courses to be taken in each year with the approval of their academic adviser.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

### Theories and Concepts in Media and Communications I (Key concepts and interdisciplinary approaches)\*

addresses key theoretical and conceptual issues in the study of media and communications, within a broadly interdisciplinary social science perspective.

### Methods of Research in Media and Communications (including Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis)\*

provides a general training in research methods and techniques.

### Media and Communications Governance\*

maps key elements of communication governance including key concepts and institutions and examines contemporary issues and debates in communication governance.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/mcg](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/mcg) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

On graduating, our students enter a variety of careers in the UK and abroad, including broadcasting, journalism, advertising, new media industries, political marketing, market research, regulation and policy, media management and research in both public and private sectors. Visit [lse.ac.uk/media@lse/alumni](mailto:lse.ac.uk/media@lse/alumni) for more information.

### MSc Media, Communication and Development

**Application code:** P3U2

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 36/322

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science, or degree in another field with professional experience in

the media and communications field. Exceptionally, professional experience alone (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions, however the number of places on this programme is limited and admissions will close when the programme is full

This programme offers an intensive, year-long exploration of a wide range of contemporary issues in media, communications and development.

The main aim of this programme is to offer an advanced interdisciplinary education and training in contemporary theory and research in the field of media and communications and its application in the Global South, with a particular emphasis on low income country contexts. It aims to:

- provide an opportunity to critically examine the intersection of the fields of media and communications and development research
- provide research training for students wishing to go on to MPhil/PhD research in the media, communication and development field and for entry to a variety of media, communication and development related careers

- enable students to develop a critical understanding of a range of theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of media and communication in the Global South, with a particular emphasis on low income country contexts
- allow flexibility for students to pursue particular topics of interest in the field of media and communications with an emphasis on issues that arise in low income countries

We attract students from a diverse range of backgrounds, often including professional experience working in media and communications or development related fields. Indeed, the opportunity for cross-cultural meetings and exchange of ideas among the student body is a valuable feature of studying at LSE.

You should have at least an upper second class honours degree or its equivalent in a social science subject. We particularly welcome applications from those with professional experience in the media, communications and/or development fields and, in this case, we would accept a degree in other subjects. Exceptionally, where applicants can demonstrate significant expertise in the field and an ability to cope with the academic demands of the programme, we may consider professional experience as mitigation for degree results that are slightly below the required marks.

If English is not your first language or if the language of instruction for your first degree is not English, we ask you to provide evidence of your command of English as part of the admissions process. In addition,

we strongly recommend that you consider additional language instruction before you register in order to be confident that you can participate fully in your programme. Experience has shown that students who are fully proficient in English are best placed to make the most of all that LSE has to offer, both academically and socially. The LSE Language Centre offers courses in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) to support you before the start of the programme, as well as during your studies.

### Programme details

The programme consists of four units, including compulsory and optional courses, and the dissertation. Taught courses typically involve a combination of lectures and seminars. The Methods of Research course is taught as a series of lectures and practical classes. You will be assessed by written examinations (seen and unseen), research assignments, essays and the dissertation, which must be submitted in August.

The programme runs for one year. Formal classroom teaching is usually completed by the end of the Lent term. Coursework is usually submitted in January and May, examinations are generally held in May and June. The remaining months are set aside for students to complete the dissertations. Please note that we do not provide a practical training in journalism, production, campaigning or media management.

Part-time students will normally take and be examined in courses to the value of two units in each year of study. In the first year, these two units, selected in discussion with the student's

academic adviser, will usually include the compulsory theoretical course(s) and one or more option course(s). The methods course(s) and the dissertation are then usually taken in the second year, together with the remaining option course(s). Students may be permitted to vary the courses to be taken in each year with the approval of their academic adviser.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

### Critical Approaches to Media, Communication and Development\*

addresses the history of and tensions between “media for development” and “communication for development”, while challenging mainstream perspectives on the role of media and communication in low income countries.

### Theories and Concepts in Media and Communications I (Key concepts and interdisciplinary approaches)\*

examines key theoretical and conceptual issues in the study of media and communications within a broadly interdisciplinary social science perspective.

### Methods of Research in Media and Communications (including Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis)\*

aims to provide students with a general training in research methods and techniques including research design, the collection, analysis and interpretation of data.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half

units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/mcd](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/mcd) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

On graduating, our students enter a variety of careers in the UK and abroad, including NGO communications, broadcasting, journalism, advertising, new media industries, political marketing, market research, regulation and policy, media management and research in both public and private sectors. See [lse.ac.uk/media@lse/alumni](mailto:lse.ac.uk/media@lse/alumni) for further information.

## MSc Politics and Communication

**Application code:** P4UA

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 36/174

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science, or degree in another field with professional experience in the media and communications field. Exceptionally, professional experience alone (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions, however the number of places on this programme is limited and admissions will close when the programme is full

This programme offers an intensive, year-long exploration of the relations between politics, media and communications. It aims to provide:

- An advanced understanding of theoretical and applied knowledge in the intersecting fields of politics and communication research.
- The flexibility to pursue particular topics of interest in the fields of media, politics and communication, culminating in an independent research project in politics and communications.
- The opportunity to take courses taught in the Department of Government, as part of the programme options.
- An ideal preparation for research work and employment in media, politics, communication and related fields.

We attract students from a diverse range of backgrounds, often including professional experience working in media and communications related fields. Indeed, the opportunity for cross-cultural meetings and

exchange of ideas among the student body is a valuable feature of studying at LSE.

You should have at least an upper second class honours degree or its equivalent in a social science subject. We particularly welcome applications from those with professional experience in the media and communication fields and, in this case, we would accept a degree in other subjects. Exceptionally we may consider professional experience instead of a first degree.

The Department of Media and Communications requires applicants in receipt of a conditional offer to meet those conditions before registration and before the start of the Michaelmas term.

## Programme details

The programme consists of four units, including compulsory and optional courses, and the dissertation. Taught courses typically involve a combination of lectures and seminars. The Methods of Research course is taught as a series of lectures and practical classes. You will be assessed by written examinations, research assignments, essays and the dissertation, which must be submitted in August.

The programme runs for one year. Formal classroom teaching is usually completed by the end of the Lent term. Coursework is usually submitted in January and May, examinations are generally held in May and June. The remaining months are set aside for students to complete the dissertations. Please note that we do not provide a practical training in journalism, production, campaigning or media management.



Part-time students will normally take and be examined in courses to the value of two units in each year of study. In the first year, these two units, selected in discussion with the student's academic adviser, will usually include the compulsory theoretical course(s) and one or more option course(s). The methods course(s) and the dissertation are then usually taken in the second year, together with the remaining option course(s). Students may be permitted to vary the courses to be taken in each year with the approval of their academic adviser.

If English is not your first language or if the language of instruction for your first degree is not English, we ask you to provide evidence of your command of English as part of the admissions process. In addition, we strongly recommend that you consider additional language instruction before you register in order to be confident that you can participate fully in your programme. Experience has shown that students who are fully proficient in English are best placed to make the most of all that LSE has to offer, both academically and socially. The LSE Language Centre offers courses in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) to support you before the start of the programme, as well as during your studies.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Political Communication\*** examines the relationship between the mass media and political processes.

## Theories and Concepts in Media and Communications (Key concepts and interdisciplinary approaches)\*

addresses key theoretical and conceptual issues in the study of media and communications, within a broadly interdisciplinary social science perspective.

## Methods of Research in Media and Communications (including Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis)\*

provides a general training in research methods and techniques.

**Democracy and the Media\*** examines the links between the media and democracy in theory and practice.

A 10,000 word **Dissertation**.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/pc](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/pc) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

On graduating, our students enter a variety of careers in the UK and abroad, including broadcasting, journalism, advertising, new media industries, political marketing, market research, regulation and policy, media management and research in both public and private sectors. See [lse.ac.uk/media@lse/alumni](mailto:lse.ac.uk/media@lse/alumni) for more information.

# METHODOLOGY

## [lse.ac.uk/methodology](http://lse.ac.uk/methodology)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 28

**Research:** 6

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 8

**RAE:** 45 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Columbia House

The Department of Methodology is an interdisciplinary group with joint appointments in or close connections to other departments in the School. The disciplinary backgrounds of the staff include political science, statistics, sociology, social psychology, political science and criminology.

In addition to the MSc and MPhil/PhD in Social Research Methods, the Department offers a variety of advanced level courses, seminars and workshops in research design, quantitative analysis and qualitative methods. These are available for all PhD students in the School. Many departments in the School require students to take courses in the Department as part of MSc (Research, MRes and MPhil) and PhD programmes.

## MPhil/PhD Social Research Methods Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** L9ZM (MPhil/PhD), L3EH (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** An upper second class bachelor's degree and a merit in an MSc broadly similar to the MSc Social Research Methods

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** Not required but will be considered if submitted

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD Social Research Methods is part of the Social Science group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place earlier. The funding deadline is 12 January 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents

## Opportunities for research

The Department of Methodology welcomes applications from students for our research degree, both full-time and part-time.

For admission to the MPhil/PhD programme in the Department of Methodology, we normally require a good grounding in research methods at master's level. You should have an upper second class honours degree from a UK university or its equivalent abroad, and an MSc at merit level that provides a training broadly similar to our MSc Social Research Methods. Gaps in training in methodology can be addressed in the first year of registration.

Applicants are advised to consult the Department of Methodology website and identify a member of staff who might supervise their project before submitting an application. Any member of staff will be helpful and discuss a potential application beforehand.

Applications should primarily identify a substantive area of research and also demonstrate a particular methodological interest, aiming at a methodological development, for example in collecting innovative new data, new analytic techniques, method comparison, evaluation

or validation, method critique, applying existing methodology in new contexts, or cost-benefit analysis of methodologies.

The Department of Methodology at LSE is catholic with regard to methodology: we support both standalone qualitative and quantitative research, as well as interesting ways of combining them.

When you apply for an MPhil/PhD, you will need to send us a brief research proposal (two to five pages) that sets out clearly the research problem you wish to investigate, explains why it is important, and describes the methods of research you propose to use, and your particular ambition for developing these. This will help us to evaluate your potential to embark on a research degree, and to identify a supervisor with similar interests and the appropriate expertise.

It is expected that a PhD in the Department will be completed in three years of full-time study, with appropriate adjustment made for part-time study. Two supervisors are normally assigned to each research student at the time an offer of admission is made. One of these supervisors may be from outside the Department of Methodology.

Supervisors may recommend or require that students take courses that are

deemed essential for their research. These courses may be offered both within and outside the Department or the School, and may require examination.

All research students are initially admitted to the doctoral programme as MPhil students, until they are upgraded to PhD.

In the summer term of your first year, you will produce a 10,000 word research proposal, outlining the theoretical and conceptual framework, the aims and methods of your thesis. You will also give a short oral presentation of your proposal. The proposal will be assessed by two academics, normally members of the Department of Methodology, who will judge the standard of the proposal to enable you to progress to the second year. In the first year, you will normally also take a portfolio of specialist courses as recommended by your PhD supervisor.

During your second year of registration, you will submit either three or four draft chapters of your thesis (which normally includes an introduction and focused literature review) or a short introduction, a literature review and one or two empirical chapters (for a traditional monograph thesis) or papers (if you are pursuing the paper-based thesis). You should also provide a detailed plan for the completion of the thesis for evaluation by an MPhil/PhD upgrading committee, who will recommend transferral to PhD registration if your work is judged to be of sufficient quality and quantity.

After the first year you will spend more time on independent study under the guidance of your supervisor. This will involve the

collection, organisation and analysis of data, and writing up the results. You will also attend the Department's research seminars and other specialist workshops and seminars to broaden your horizon as a social researcher. You will be expected to make an active contribution to these by presenting papers and joining in the discussions.

## Taught programme

MSc Social Research Methods (see page 150)

### MSc Social Research Methods

**Application code:** L3T1

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 22/85

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science. Relevant professional experience can also be considered (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). The MSc Social Research Methods is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

The research methods part of the course is very broad and covers both quantitative and qualitative methods which will be very useful when applying for a job.

**Sue Gauge**, MSc Social Research Methods

**Note:** This programme is designed as training for doctoral research or pre-professional training careers in social research

This programme is based in LSE's Department of Methodology and offers the following benefits:

- An advanced training in quantitative and qualitative social research methods, in the context of a disciplinary specialisation.
- The MSc is designed as a training for doctoral research and as a pre-professional training for careers in social research in the public and private sectors.
- Study within LSE's Department of Methodology, which is a base for cross-disciplinary research and teaching in the broad area of social science methodology.
- The Department has links with both governmental and private sector research groups.
- The programme is taught with other departments in the School.

## Programme details

You take compulsory courses in research design, quantitative analysis and qualitative research methods. You also submit a research report of 10,000 words, and you have the chance to take workshops on computer packages for quantitative and qualitative analysis during the year.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Quantitative Analysis** students select two half units that cover quantitative data analysis from a basic to advanced level.

**Qualitative Research Methods\*** addresses methods of data collection and analysis of qualitative data.

**Fundamentals of Social Science Research Design\*** provides a basic knowledge of social research design.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of optional courses: sociology, social psychology, philosophy, social policy, statistics, decision and policy sciences, government, international development, management, population or methodology. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/srm](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/srm) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Almost 50 per cent of the graduates of this programme have entered PhD programmes, or are working in social research in universities or national and local government.

# PHILOSOPHY, LOGIC AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD

## [lse.ac.uk/philosophy](http://lse.ac.uk/philosophy)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 79

**Research:** 19

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 15

**RAE:** 65 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Lakatos Building

The Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method is a world-leading centre for research in the following three broad areas:

**Philosophy of science**, especially philosophy of physics, biology, economics and the social sciences.

**Decision, rational choice and game theory**, including evolutionary theory and the philosophy of probability.

**Moral and political philosophy**, including public policy and democratic theory.

We are committed to research that makes a significant difference not only in philosophy and the philosophies of the various sciences, but also in the practice of the sciences themselves – from economics and political science to physics, biology and medicine. Our teaching is research-led: courses cover cutting-edge material and are taught by experts in the field.

The range of graduate master's degrees offered by the Department reflects its strengths: it offers four different MSc programmes, each dedicated to the teaching of one of its particular specialities. The MSc programmes are complemented by an MPhil/PhD programme which creates an active intellectual environment with students working in philosophy of science, philosophy of physics, philosophy of economics, philosophy and public policy, rational choice and scientific methodology.

The Department is closely associated with the Centre for the Philosophy of the Natural and the Social Sciences ([lse.ac.uk/CPNSS](http://lse.ac.uk/CPNSS)) which hosts leading visiting scholars and supports a range of research projects, seminars and lecture series, and the Forum for European Philosophy ([lse.ac.uk/fep](http://lse.ac.uk/fep)) which runs a full and varied programme of philosophy and inter disciplinary events in the UK.

The Department administers the prestigious Lakatos prize for an outstanding book in philosophy of science and hosts the annual Auguste Comte Memorial Lectures by a leading scholar in the philosophy of social science.

London provides a philosophical environment that is beyond compare. The Department is a member of the Institute of Philosophy of the School of Advanced Study of the University of London ([philosophy.sas.ac.uk](http://philosophy.sas.ac.uk)) which organises a large number of conferences, seminars, and public lectures every year, and which supports lecture series such as the Logic and Metaphysics Forum and the Aesthetics

Forum. Other London Colleges run seminars and lectures that are open to LSE students, and the meetings of the Aristotelian Society, the Royal Institute of Philosophy, as well as the British Society for the Philosophy of Science are held in London.

Upon graduation students pursue a wide variety of careers. For those who wish to pursue an academic career an MSc provides an ideal springboard for a PhD. But an MSc also opens doors to many other careers. Our students go on to work as consultants, bankers, journalists, civil servants, or teachers, and yet others work for NGO's or international organisations such as the UN or UNICEF.

In the most recent Philosophical Gourmet Report (2011), the Department was ranked first in the world for philosophy of the social sciences; joint second in the world for general philosophy of science and joint second in the world for decision, rational choice, and game theory. In the Complete University Guide 2015, LSE-Philosophy received the highest score of any philosophy department in the UK for graduate prospects in the university league and subject tables. In overall scores, LSE-Philosophy placed third with a score of 98.4, just below Oxford and Cambridge.

### **MPhil/PhD Philosophy MPhil/PhD Philosophy of the Social Sciences Visiting Research Students**

**Application code:** V7ZP (Philosophy), V5ZS (Philosophy of the Social Science), V7EP (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Candidates are typically expected to have obtained a distinction (or equivalent), both overall and in their dissertation, in a taught master's degree in philosophy

**Writing Sample:** Required

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). The Department also supports successful applicants for funding from various UK organisations

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015, but please note that for nomination for selection for LSE PhD Studentships and ESRC Studentships the deadline for applications (including all ancillary documents) is 12 January 2015

### **Opportunities for research**

We accept students for MPhil and PhD research programmes in any of the fields in which the Department has special expertise – including philosophy of science, moral and political philosophy, philosophy and public policy, philosophy of social science, philosophy and foundations of physics, philosophy and foundations of economics, philosophy and foundations of decision

theory, evolutionary and game theory, and philosophy of probability.

We aim to produce philosophers with a first rate thesis as well as teaching skills. A successful thesis, no matter how sharply focused, must be based on wider expertise. We therefore require students to take an element of course work in their first year as well as beginning work on their thesis. This involves a combination of examination courses (usually taken from one of our MSc degrees) and seminar courses with extended essays. In particular, students attend and write essays for research methods seminars given by members of the Department on frontier topics in the field.

We typically expect students to have completed a taught master's degree in philosophy, and to have obtained a distinction (or equivalent), both overall and in their dissertation.

All applicants also need to submit a sample of their work in English along with their application.

There are various opportunities for financial support, among them the LSE Research Studentships, including some that are specifically designated for students in the humanities. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/philosophy](http://lse.ac.uk/philosophy) for further information.

### **Taught programmes**

MSc Philosophy and Public Policy (see page 154)

MSc Philosophy of Science (see page 155)

MSc Philosophy of the Social Sciences (see page 156)

MSc Economics and Philosophy (jointly with the Department of Economics (see page 152)

Philosophy is also available as a specialist field within the MSc Social Research Methods (see page 150)

### **MSc Economics and Philosophy**

**Application code:** L111

**Start date:** Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics begins early September 2015

**Duration:** 13 months full-time, 25 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 6/116

**Minimum entry requirement:** First class honours with concentration on economics and quantitative subjects. Core economics courses assume knowledge of constrained optimisation, matrix algebra and basic statistics (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** All graduates of non UK institutions must submit a GRE score

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions



**Note:** If your first language is not English, you must submit a writing sample of 5-10 typewritten pages

This interdisciplinary programme is based at the Department of Economics and the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method. The latter department provides additional programme information on its degree webpage. The programme offers the following benefits:

- Taught jointly by two departments at LSE which are internationally recognised as among the best in their respective disciplines.
- It is unique in offering a rigorous programme in core graduate-level economics courses whilst offering students the opportunity to engage with moral, methodological and foundational issues.
- The philosophy offerings are resolutely interdisciplinary. We take philosophical analysis to be continuous with scientific approaches to political, social and economic problems, and all philosophy staff have a strong background in interdisciplinary work and in areas of social or natural science.
- It is taught at an institution which is a major centre for national and international public policy debates.
- Students have access to a wealth of courses and resources within the Philosophy and Economics Departments and at LSE that are relevant for their studies – for example:

- Research seminars on topics in economics, rational and social choice, scientific evidence and policy-making
- The LSE Internships programme in Public Policy, Social Issues and Public Affairs
- The many colloquia at LSE

Some of the questions concerning philosophy of economics that we study are:

- What are the moral advantages and disadvantages of market institutions?
- Can we make interpersonal comparisons of well-being, and if so, how should we do so?
- How do models of economic phenomena relate to the actual social world?
- What are the assumptions underlying the rational choice model in economics? Can they be normatively justified? Are they descriptively accurate?

To succeed on the programme you need to have excellent quantitative skills and general analytical abilities. The economics courses assume knowledge of constrained optimisation, matrix algebra and basic statistics.

We expect students to have very good grades, with a substantial component of economics in their first degree including standard courses in intermediate macro and microeconomics and econometrics.

All graduates of non-UK institutions must have taken the GRE General Test no more than five years before applying, and must include the test scores with their application. Please see Admission enquiries system [lse.ac.uk/admissionsenquiries](http://lse.ac.uk/admissionsenquiries) for further information. We typically expect candidates



to score at least in the 85th percentile in the quantitative section of the test. Good scores on the analytical and verbal are also important. When an applicant's first language is not English, we take this into account in assessing the verbal score.

## Programme details

This is a highly selective, small programme, and students typically have a good deal of contact with their programme co-ordinator and form a close social group. The Department organises social occasions through the year.

Students will be able to apply to the LSE Internships programme in Public Policy, Social Issues and Public Affairs. This initiative, led by the Careers Service and the LSE Public Policy Group, offers internships to LSE graduate students in key organisations working across the field of public policy, social issues and public affairs.

## Compulsory courses

Students are required to take the Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics before the main teaching programme starts in September.

### Economics courses

#### Two from:

**Microeconomics** develops the basic tools for analysing problems of resource



allocation used by economists working in research, government and business.

**Macroeconomics** provides a wide-ranging survey of modern macroeconomics.

**Econometrics** aims to present and illustrate the techniques of empirical investigation in economics.

### Philosophy courses

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from the large range of Philosophy options on offer. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ep](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ep) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Compulsory seminars

**Dissertation Seminar: Economics and Philosophy** this non-assessed course covers topics in the philosophy and methodology of economics.

This seminar will prepare you to write a **Dissertation** of not more than 7,000 words.

### Graduate destinations

The degree offers a good preparation for doctoral research in both economics and philosophy. It also prepares students for careers in financial institutions, and intergovernmental, governmental, and non-governmental organisations, and for employment in such fields as financial and economic journalism and consulting.

If you have any further questions about the programme or the department, please email us at [philosophy-dept@lse.ac.uk](mailto:philosophy-dept@lse.ac.uk)

### MSc Philosophy and Public Policy

**Application code:** V7U8

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 38/107

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 or 1st class degree, with a considered interest in the areas covered by the MSc (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). Lakatos Memorial Scholarship – one £4,000 award

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

**Note:** If your first language is not English, you must submit a writing sample of 5-10 typewritten pages

This programme is based in the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method. The programme offers the following benefits:

- It provides a foundation in the conceptual and normative questions underlying public-policy formulation.
- It prepares for a wide variety of policy-oriented careers.

It is distinctive in three ways:

- It is resolutely interdisciplinary. We take philosophical analysis to be continuous with the scientific study of political, social and economic problems.
- It offers a thorough background in moral and political theory, which students learn to apply to issues in public policy.
- It provides a foundation in evidence-based policy, which is now widely mandated at all levels of policy-making.

Students have access to a wealth of courses and resources within the Philosophy Department and at LSE that are relevant for the philosophical analysis of public policy, for example:

- Research seminars on philosophy and public policy, rational and social choice, scientific evidence and policy-making;

- The LSE Internships programme in Public Policy, Social Issues and Public Affairs;
- The many policy-related courses and colloquia in LSE.
- It is taught at an institution which is a major centre for national and international public policy debates.

The MSc in Philosophy and Public Policy will be of interest to students from various backgrounds, for example, from philosophy, history, economics, sociology and political science. We consider applicants with good first degrees in any discipline, with a considered interest in the area covered by the MSc. If your first language is not English, please submit with your application a sample of your work in English (five to ten typewritten pages).

We recruit students from all across the world to assemble a genuinely international group, which enriches the social and intellectual environment that the programme offers. We approach philosophical issues in public policy through the lenses of historical and contemporary developments in ethical theory and political philosophy and we teach students how to use results of the natural and social sciences in evaluating policy. Topics may include various policy areas (for example, health care, development, social security, climate change), approaches to the study of society (rational, social and public choice), central topics in political philosophy (for example, democracy, liberal neutrality, equality, human rights, punishment and just war) and science and policy (for example, the nature of evidence, objectivity, theory choice, facts and values).

### Programme details

Instruction consists of lectures, seminars and one-on-one supervision sessions. Seminar sizes are kept small (less than 16 students). The average number of contact hours on this MSc is 180 hours.

We encourage our students to apply to the LSE Internships schemes in Parliament. Careers Services also provides assistance in applying for internships and work experience in various institutions across London. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/careers](http://lse.ac.uk/careers) for more information.

The students in this programme typically form a tight social group. The Department, the School and the setting in London offer an interesting social environment.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Philosophy and Public Policy** examines the design and evaluation of public policies from the perspective of moral and political philosophy.

*Either* **Philosophy, Morals and Politics** covers central topics in moral and political philosophy or **Evidence and Policy**\* addresses questions such as what counts as evidence? What happens when different kinds of evidence pull in opposite directions? Are certain types of evidence more telling than others? Does evidence that the policy works in one country mean that we should have confidence that it will work in another country? *and* another half unit in the Department or **Governing Knowledge: Foundational Issues in**

**Science Policy\*** investigates the extent to which policy-makers should be allowed to exert influence in the agenda, ethics and dissemination of scientific activity and what good policies might look like in each case and another half unit in the Department.

**Research and Writing Seminar in Philosophy and Public Policy** – this seminar will prepare you to write a **Dissertation** of about 10,000 words on philosophical aspects of a public policy issue.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/uk/grad/ppp](http://lse.ac.uk/uk/grad/ppp) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

The programme prepares you for PhD work in philosophy as well as for policy-oriented careers in governmental, non-governmental or international organisations. We have a very good record of students moving on to good PhD programmes and to high-level jobs with think tanks, in government, or in business. We have an alumni/alumnae network and keep data on employment. Our graduates are currently working or studying in the following branches: non-government organisations and think tanks; governmental organisations; PhD

programmes; law school or legal practice; commercial enterprises; banking and finance; consultancy; international organisations and academic research and teaching.

### MSc Philosophy of Science

**Application code:** V5UG

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 13/41

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 or first class degree, with a considered interest in the areas covered by the MSc. Most students have a science background or one in philosophy (see entry requirements)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). Lakatos Memorial Scholarship – £4,000 award for a single philosophy student

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

**Notes:** If your first language is not English, you must submit a writing sample of 5-10 typewritten pages

Science is full of seemingly miraculous predictions, shocking revolutions, and utterly strange discoveries, while remaining one of the most powerful tools we have for studying the world. What makes science special? How does science work?

The MSc in Philosophy of Science explores these and many other questions, with a deep and rigorous programme of coursework and research in the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method. This historic Department, having been founded by one of the most influential philosophers of science of the 20th century, Karl Popper, also hosted the great philosopher and logician Imre Lakatos. The building that hosts the Department now bears his name (the Lakatos Building).

The Department is regularly ranked among the top places in the world to study the philosophy of science. The Philosophical Gourmet Report ranks the Department as the number one place in the world to do graduate work in philosophy of social science, among the top five departments in the world for decision, rational choice and game theory, among the top 10 for general philosophy of science, and among the top 15 for philosophy of physics. The Department was also found in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise to rank joint third in the UK for the proportion of its work deemed “world-leading”.

This programme is an exciting, deep and intensive look at the philosophy of science with some of the field’s top researchers. Students also typically enjoy tightly knit social groups with others of similar

interests, with many campus food and drink facilities and departmental activities available to students throughout the year.

The MSc in Philosophy of Science recruits students from across the world, admitting a rich and diverse incoming class.

Applicants are considered only if they hold a first or upper second class (2:1) honours degree or equivalent (eg, a GPA of 3.5 or higher from a United States programme). Applicants should also express considered interest in the philosophy of science as covered by the MSc.

The MSc in Philosophy of Science courses are primarily designed to be accessible and stimulating for two main audiences: (a) those who have studied science as undergraduates and would now like to study in depth the philosophical foundations and methodology of science; and (b) those who have studied philosophy and would now like to study philosophy of science in greater depth.

However, there are no formal requirements that applicants come from any particular area of study before pursuing this degree.

### Programme details

A typical examined course includes 20 hours of lecture and 30 hours of seminar, with a guarantee that no seminar will have more than 15 students. These seminars are often discursive, and provide a unique opportunity to enjoy regular one-on-one interactions with the course lecturers.

In addition, the programme includes 30 hours of teaching in a dissertation

research and writing seminar, in which students develop the skills needed to write a research thesis.

Additional one-on-one meetings are available to support dissertation writing and coursework in the degree, and may be requested by the student during office hours or by appointment.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

Either **Philosophy of Science** provides an overview of the major traditions and theories of the philosophy of science, including metaphysical questions, as well as methodological questions about how science works or **Evidence and Policy**\* addresses questions such as, what counts as evidence? What happens when different kinds of evidence pull in opposite directions? Are certain types of evidence

more telling than others? Does evidence that the policy works in one country mean that we should have confidence that it will work in another country? and another half unit in the Department or **Governing Knowledge: Foundational Issues in Science Policy**\* investigates the extent to which policymakers should be allowed to exert influence in the agenda, ethics and dissemination of scientific activity and what good policies might look like in each case *and* another half unit course in the Department.

The **Dissertation Seminar** is a non-assessed course, intended to develop the ability to construct sharp analytic philosophical arguments and to write structured philosophical essays. The **Dissertation** is a 10,000 word thesis, which is completed over the summer and must be submitted in early September at the assigned deadline.

Students will then be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ps](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ps) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

This master's programme prepares students for many different possible destinations, including:

- PhD work in philosophy or related disciplines
- Employment in many non-academic fields such as science journalism, science administration, science management

For a selection of reports from graduates see: [lse.ac.uk/MScPhilosophyOfSciencePlacement](http://lse.ac.uk/MScPhilosophyOfSciencePlacement)

## MSc Philosophy of the Social Sciences

**Application code:** V7U1

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 19/54

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 or 1st class degree, with a considered interest in the area covered by the MSc (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK /EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32) Lakatos Memorial Scholarship – one £4,000 award

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

**Note:** If your first language is not English, you must submit a writing sample of 5-10 typewritten pages

This programme is based in the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method. The department provides additional programme information on its degree webpage [lse.ac.uk/philosophy/degrees/mscpss.aspx](http://lse.ac.uk/philosophy/degrees/mscpss.aspx). The programme offers the following benefits:

- It offers a critical examination of conceptual and methodological issues underlying social scientific research.
- The Department's approach to philosophical study is resolutely interdisciplinary. We believe that





philosophical analysis is best seen as continuous with scientific practice. (In this sense, we fall squarely within the “naturalist” tradition in the philosophy of science.)

- The Department’s strength in philosophy of economics and rational choice theory make it a natural place to study for those who wish to examine, and critique, the use of these methods within the social sciences.
- The Department is one of the major centres for the philosophy of social science in the world.
- The degree is highly regarded internationally.
- The Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science, housed at LSE, is one of the international centres of the discipline and attracts a series of eminent visitors. MSc students benefit from the seminars and research activities at the Centre.
- The Department has close links with other philosophy departments in the University of London. Many graduate level lecture courses given in other colleges of the University are available to MSc students and are required teaching for some courses. This gives students access to the very rich, general London philosophical environment.
- The position of the Department within an international centre of excellence in the social sciences means that there is a good deal of collaboration between social scientists and philosophers both in teaching and research.

The MSc in Philosophy of the Social Sciences will be of interest to students from a variety of backgrounds, eg, from philosophy, history, economics, sociology, anthropology, social psychology, geography, political science, and so on. We will consider applicants with a first or strong upper second class (2:1) honours degree or equivalent, with a considered interest in the area covered by the MSc. If your first language is not English, please submit with your application to LSE a sample of your work in English (five to ten typewritten pages).

We recruit students from all across the world to assemble a genuinely international group, which enriches the social and intellectual environment that the programme offers.

We approach philosophical issues in the social sciences through examining historical and contemporary issues with the scientific study of society. These include topics such as the following: the scientific status of the social sciences, and whether they might count as properly objective. What accounts for the diversity of methods in the social sciences (and lack of agreement as to which ones ought to be followed)? Do evolutionary explanations of social phenomena provide an accurate account of why societies are the way they are, or are such explanations merely unverifiable just-so stories? What relations exist among rationality, choice, action, and interpretation?

## Programme details

A typical student on this programme can expect to have, for each examined course, 20 hours of lectures and 30 hours of seminars (with a guarantee that no seminar will have more than 15 students). In addition, there will be 30 hours of teaching on the dissertation research and writing seminar. Additional contact time concerning one-on-one dissertation and class teaching support is available during office hours and by appointment at the request of the student.

Our students typically form a tight social group. The Department facilitates this by hosting a number of social occasions through the year. In addition, London has a wide range of opportunities for socialising, with a great many additional philosophical activities offered by the Institute of Philosophy and the University of London, enabling enterprising students to make contact with people from other universities.

## Compulsory courses

You will write a **Dissertation** of not more than 10,000 words, on a topic in the philosophy of the social sciences (within the “analytic” tradition, broadly construed).

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of three units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/pss](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/pss) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses

may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Past programme graduates have gone on to a wide variety of careers, ranging from Law, studying in various PhD programmes in Philosophy, forming their own start-up, working in the City and working at Google. We have a very good record of students entering excellent PhD programmes.

## Contact us

If you have any further questions about the programme or the department, please email us at [philosophy-dept@lse.ac.uk](mailto:philosophy-dept@lse.ac.uk)

This MSc is great, because it teaches you the fundamentals: how to read, think and write critically about policy.

**Mischa van den Brandhof**, MSc  
Philosophy and Public Policy

# THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND THE MPA PROGRAMME

Formally launched in 2011, the Institute of Public Affairs at LSE is an outward-facing global centre for public policy training and analysis. Drawing on LSE faculty from six of the School's prestigious academic departments, the Institute harnesses the research and teaching expertise of this interdisciplinary group to deliver its two year Master of Public Administration degree. Inaugurated in 2003, this flagship LSE programme has grown from an initial cohort of 18 students to one which now has 200 students spread across two academic years.

The MPA meets the needs of government departments and public agencies in many countries for highly skilled and professional policy-makers. It also meets the needs of people working with governments but in the private sector, for instance in consultancy, public-private partnerships, public affairs, media, non-governmental organisations and interest groups.

The programme is designed to provide students with rigorous and inter-disciplinary training in economics and political science, complemented by a wide range of electives, to prepare them for professional careers related to public service. It brings together LSE's unrivalled expertise in the social sciences with individual and group working experience of public sector problems, policies and management.

## The LSE MPA offers the following benefits:

- equips talented students with professional skills and knowledge to undertake and advise on public policy-making and implementation in a wide range of contexts.

- relevant both for students entering government service careers and those intending to work in the private sector, dealing with government
- combines rigorous academic development with strong practical applications in individual and group-based work
- a wide choice of options from across LSE's graduate courses for students to choose their own area of specialisation
- excellent contact with governmental and international organisations
- the option for some students to apply to obtain a dual degree MPA by spending their second year at one of the following institutions: the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University in New York; Sciences Po, Paris; the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin; or the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. Places on this dual degree programme are awarded competitively and are not guaranteed

Note: the Institute of Public Affairs has also developed an Executive (part-time) MPA, further information on which can be found on page 214.

## MPA

**Application code:** L2UN

**Start date:** 14 September 2015 (provisional). Some outside options in economics require participation in introductory courses beginning early September 2015

**Duration:** 21 months full-time only

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 98/617 (all streams)

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree or equivalent in any discipline. Some economics options only available to applicants with a good first degree in economics (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** Not required, but will be considered if submitted

**Fee level:** Year 1 (2015 entry) £22,536; Year 2 (2016 continuing) £23,448

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None

**Notes:** MPA programmes carry the opportunity for some students to spend ten months abroad at institutions including SIPA, Columbia University, NY; Sciences Po, Paris; Hertie School of Governance, Berlin and Lee Kuan Yew School, National University of Singapore

## Programme details

The degree is taught over 21 months in two academic year blocks. The degree comprises a range of core compulsory courses; courses that are compulsory for students' chosen policy stream, and optional courses, as described below. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/IPA](http://lse.ac.uk/IPA) for further details and information on how to apply.

### Year one

In the first year, students take a set of compulsory courses which provide them

with strong foundational knowledge and skills in political and economic analysis to support advanced and specialist study later in the programme.

All students attend a compulsory September pre-session course, at the beginning of Year one, then take compulsory core courses essential for effective policy-making, as follows:

**Political Science and Public Policy** develops tools to analyse important political phenomena including elections, legislative bargaining, lobbying, bureaucracy, civil conflict, and international relations.

**Micro and Macro Economics for Public Policy** provides an economics background suitable for high-level public policy-making.

**Quantitative Approaches and Policy Analysis** introduces students to the quantitative evaluation of public policies with the help of regression based evaluation methods, cost-benefit analysis and computable general equilibrium modelling.

In addition, students take a fourth Year one course, chosen from a wide range of options from across LSE's academic departments, according to each student's strengths and interests.

### Year two

(\* half unit)

In Year two, all students complete the following compulsory courses:

**Organisations, Power and Leadership** which provides an introduction to understanding power and leadership in organisations making or influencing public policies.

### MPA Capstone Project.

In addition, students choose a particular Policy Stream (from a choice of five) which allows them to specialise in a particular area of public administration. Each Policy Stream has a number of compulsory courses associated with it. Finally, students choose a number of optional courses.

### The MPA Capstone Project

The MPA Capstone is a key component of the second year curriculum. Conventional academic work is often highly individualistic and sectionalised by discipline or topic. By contrast, the Capstone is designed to ensure LSE MPA students have an intensive and closely supervised experience of working in a group on an applied policy project in a way that extends their capabilities and applies what they have learnt in the MPA compulsory courses in a professional manner.

Capstones are group projects undertaken by a small group of students (usually three to five people) for a client organisation, such as a public sector organisation, international body, or private sector consultancy, on a relevant topic to analyse public policy. The large number of clients, and potential clients, interested in working with our students has allowed us to be selective in choosing Capstone partners, with the Institute now serving as a major locus of cross-departmental LSE activity in the policy sphere. Team members devote around one and a half to two days a week to the project between October and February, including some vacation time. Each project is supervised by a member of MPA staff, who provides advice and monitors progress. The projects earn a collective grade and students

are expected to manage the division and development of work amongst themselves.

Students are matched to client organisations, bringing with them impressive previous work experience to the projects. The teams are almost always multi-national and invariably multi-lingual.

Visit our website [lse.ac.uk/IPA](http://lse.ac.uk/IPA) for further information, including previous clients and projects.

### MPA Policy Streams

At the beginning of their second year, students choose from one of five Policy Streams as their specialism. Each Policy Stream has particular compulsory courses associated to it. Further details of the five Policy Streams are provided below.

The five MPA Policy Streams are:

- Public and Economic Policy
- Public Policy and Management
- International Development
- European Public and Economic Policy
- Public and Social Policy

### Public and Economic Policy

This stream focuses on the economic and political analysis of public policies. This stream particularly equips students to pursue careers related to economic policy-making in international organisations, national administrations, and economic consulting.

**Requirements in addition to the MPA compulsory core courses:**

**Economic Policy Analysis** (year two only) reinforces the ability of students

to use statistics and economics to evaluate policy questions.

Approved MPA optional courses, which can include either a dissertation or a policy paper.

### Public Policy and Management

This stream focuses on understanding decision-making and management in the public sector and budgetary processes. This stream particularly equips students to pursue careers in public management, public sector consulting, and governance related work in international organisations or think tanks.

**Requirements in addition to the MPA compulsory core courses:**

*Either* **Public Budgeting and Financial Management** examines contemporary issues in public budgeting and financial management, and how they interface with public management or **Public Management – Strategy, Innovation and Delivery** develops the perspectives, knowledge and intellectual skill required for rational discourse about intelligent practical action in the core public sector.

Approved MPA optional courses, which can include either a dissertation or a policy paper.

### International Development

This stream focuses on the analysis of economic and public policies for developing countries. By providing a broad range of analytical tools and development-related policy applications, this stream prepares students to work at the highest levels in international development organisations,

government development agencies, NGOs, development consultancies and private sector companies.

**Requirements in addition to the MPA compulsory core courses:**

**Political Economy of Development I\*** and **Political Economy of Development II\*** explore the current debates, policy recommendations, and political challenges in international development.

**Development Economics** (year two only) provides the necessary theoretical and empirical skills to engage in the rigorous analysis of public policies in developing countries.

Approved MPA optional courses, which can include either a dissertation or a policy paper.

### European Public and Economic Policy

This stream focuses on the economic and policy analysis of Europe, broadly understood. It particularly equips students to pursue careers related to economic and public policy making in EU institutions, other European international organisations, national administrations and parts of the private sector interacting with the EU in regulatory, budget making or other policy contexts.

**Requirements in addition to the MPA compulsory core courses:**

**Political Economy of Europe** aims to provide students with both an analytical understanding of, and a systemic treatment of, empirical issues related to the evolution of the European political economy.

**ASHWINI HINGNE**

MUMBAI, INDIA

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

When it comes to social sciences, LSE is one of the top institutes and offers the best student experience. It is also one of the most diverse international institutions in the world. Being at LSE, to me, is being a part of this community and learning from the best in the field. LSE is always buzzing with events and activities. It has numerous clubs and societies that bring students together, be it sports, cultural, academic or absolutely random interests. The LSE Students' Union is a crucial link that is the voice of the students as well as functioning as a support system for the students. Studying here has taught me to manage my studies alongside many other activities that complete me as an individual.

The MPA is a unique interdisciplinary course at LSE that covers all aspects of policy-making from economics and political science to specific fields such as social policy, international development or public management. The course is exceptionally well thought out and attracts students with diverse academic and professional backgrounds from all over the world. The second year of the MPA includes the Capstone Project, which is a consultancy project wherein students get the experience of applying the theory from class to real world projects with client organisations.

London is also offers so much. Apart from being at the hub of academic and business activity, it is also a place with so much history, art, music and food. There are always places to go, parks and museums to visit and cuisines to try. Studying at LSE has given me an opportunity to experience the various cultures that have blended in to give London the energy that I love.



- Approved MPA optional courses, which can include either a dissertation or a policy paper.

**Public and Social Policy**

This stream focuses on the policy and economic analysis of public and social welfare. This stream particularly equips students to pursue careers related to public service at local, national and international levels, in areas including consultancy and analysis as well as policy making and implementation in international organisations, primarily those with health policy, education, employment and social protection departments.

**Requirements in addition to the MPA compulsory core courses:****Welfare Analysis and Measurement**

provides an introduction to the analysis and measurement of the welfare of individuals and societies.

Approved MPA optional courses, which can include either a dissertation or a policy paper.

**Approved MPA Options**

MPA options courses are arranged into the areas of specialisation listed below and involve diverse courses, drawing on departments and disciplinary perspectives across LSE. All courses operate at a challenging level, and prerequisites may apply to the more advanced or specific courses.

**MPA options: areas of specialisation**

- Development Policy
- Economic Policy

- Education Policy
- Environmental Policy
- EU Institutions, Politics and Policies
- Europe: Central and Eastern Transition and Reform
- Governance
- Health and Social Care
- International Policy
- Management of Organisations
- Regulatory Policy
- Urban Policy
- Social Policy and Social Exclusion

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/mpa](http://lse.ac.uk/mpa) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

**MPA Dual Degree**

The MPA Dual Degree Programme provides the opportunity for selected students to study for one academic year in London, on the LSE MPA degree, and for one academic year on one of the following programmes at four global partner institutions:

- the MPA or the MIA at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University, New York
- the MPA at Sciences Po, Paris
- the MPP at the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin



- the MPP at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKY), National University of Singapore

Note: there is no direct entry into the programme. To be eligible to apply you need to be accepted to, and commence study on, either the LSE MPA or one of the partner institution programmes listed above. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/mpa](http://lse.ac.uk/mpa) for further information.

### Graduate destinations

LSE MPA alumni occupy positions in governments, international organisations, the private sector and think tanks around the world. Recent employment destinations include the following:

(Organisations marked (\*) have previously acted as Capstone clients for MPA students).

#### Government

Australia: Prime Minister's Office; Reserve Bank of Australia

Canada: Ministry of the Environment

Germany: German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

Japan: Ministry of the Environment; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Home Affairs; Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications; Ministry of Justice

Mexico: Ministry of Health; Ministry of the Interior

Republic of Korea: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Ministry of Strategy and Finance

South Africa: City of Johannesburg; Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism

UK: Bank of England\*; Department for Children, Schools and Families; Department of Health; Government Economic Service; HM Revenue and Customs; HM Treasury\*; London Development Agency; Cabinet Office Strategy Unit

US: Center for Disease Control and Prevention; New York City; Diplomatic Service; Government Accountability Office; United States Senate

#### Private sector

Accenture\*; Deloitte\*; Deutsche Bank; Ernst & Young; EDS\*; Goldman Sachs; Marakon; McKinsey\*; Monitor; NERA; PricewaterhouseCoopers; RAND Corporation; Roland Berger; Royal Bank of Scotland; UBS

#### International organisations

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development\* (EBRD); European Ombudsman; International Energy Agency; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development\* (OECD); United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); World Bank\*; World Health Organisation

#### NGOs, Think Tanks, Parties

Democratic Party of Japan; Demos (UK)\*; International Budget Partnership\*; Per Capita (Australia); US Democratic Party

A number of students also go onto study for doctoral degrees.

## SOCIAL POLICY

### [lse.ac.uk/socialPolicy](http://lse.ac.uk/socialPolicy)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 330

**Research:** 48

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 39

**RAE:** 80 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Old Building

Crime, education, health care, housing, population, social care, social disadvantage, social security, welfare: the problems and challenges in all these areas are as inescapable and relentless as they have ever been. We equip people who want to understand the causes of these problems and the development of policy towards them.

The Department has consistently received the highest possible grade in the national research assessment exercises. In the most recent RAE, the Department led the field nationally when ranked by grade point average or by the percentage of research receiving the top 4\* grade and half of its research was recognised as world-leading.

Our research programmes and centres, such as the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE), LSE Health and Social Care, the Mannheim Centre for Criminology and the Education Research Group, have outstanding national and international reputations. We have a long standing and

deep interest in social policy, planning and related issues in developing countries.

Our reputation is based on a history which dates back to 1912 when social policy was first taught at LSE. This tradition, combining action and research, continued with the contributions of LSE staff such as Richard Titmuss, Peter Townsend, Brian Abel-Smith and David Donnison to the development of social policy and building of the welfare state in Britain and similar developments abroad.

We are actively engaged in local, national and international policy debates, and provide policy advice to government bodies, and assistance to international and local organisations. LSE is also home to *Population Studies*, one of the world's leading demographic journals.

Study in this area leads to a wide variety of careers that are challenging, socially important, intellectually demanding and personally rewarding. Students go on to senior policy related and academic positions in countries throughout the world.

### MPhil/PhD Social Policy MPhil/PhD Demography/ Population Studies Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** L4ZA (MPhil/PhD Social Policy), M9ZD (MPhil/PhD Demography/Population Studies), L4EA (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015.  
VRS intake in all three terms

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4

years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Higher merit in a master's degree, preferably in social policy or public policy, plus 2:1 bachelor's degree

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD Social Policy is part of the 'Social Policy' group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34). The MPhil/PhD Demography/Population Studies is part of the Environment, Energy and Resilience group. UK/EU students are eligible for nomination. Advanced Quantitative Methods students receive additional funding

**Application deadline:** Rolling admissions, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place in two rounds, and all students are advised to aim for the first round if possible. The funding deadlines are 12 January and 27 April 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents

## Opportunities for research

We welcome applications from students for our research degrees, both full-time and part-time. The Department has approximately 85 research students and is able to offer supervision in a wide range of specialist topics. Students are members of a vibrant and exciting research community. The LSE Library has a full collection of UK, US and EU public documents, parliamentary papers and statistical data. High class networked computer facilities dedicated to research students exist in the Social Science Research Laboratory within the Department. A wide range of computer packages for quantitative and qualitative analysis are available.

Students on the MPhil/PhD programme attend a seminar series run by the doctoral programme directors and are also encouraged to take research methods courses in the Department of Methodology and relevant courses in the Department of Social Policy. Students also have the opportunity to attend various seminars and courses related to carrying out a PhD, and to present their research.

Applicants for the MPhil/PhD programme should have a good master's degree, preferably in social policy or public policy, together with an upper second or first class honours degree from a UK university or its equivalent abroad. Graduates will normally need a high merit or distinction (or equivalent) in their MSc, and in their dissertation, to be eligible for admission to the doctoral programme.

For the MPhil/PhD programme, applicants should provide a written proposal of no more than 4,000 words, which gives details of the

proposed research question(s), the relevant literature and previous research in the field, planned research methods and theoretical/conceptual framework to be adopted. This will enable an informed decision about the proposal to be made and to establish if there are appropriate supervisors for the research. Initially students are registered for an MPhil degree. At the end of the first year on the MPhil programme, students submit a piece of written work, of up to 10,000 words, and if progress is satisfactory they transfer retrospectively to the PhD programme; alternatively, they continue with their MPhil registration.

Certain UK/EU applicants may be eligible for the ESRC 1+3 programme. Students on this programme take a recognised MSc in their first year. Transfer from the one year MSc programme to the three year MPhil/PhD programme depends on obtaining high marks in the MSc courses taken.

Registration as a visiting research student is for those who do not wish to proceed to a higher degree, but want to pursue their own research with a supervisor who can support them in their research. Visiting research students include research and doctoral students registered at overseas universities wishing to undertake some aspect of their research in the UK. Certain seminars and classes can be attended subject to the advice and approval of the supervisor and teachers concerned.

## Taught programmes

### Programmes on health and health policy

MSc Global Health (see page 163)

MSc Health Economics, Outcomes and Management in Cardiovascular Sciences (Modular) (see page 206)

Executive MSc Health Economics, Policy and Management (see page 205)

MSc Health Policy, Planning and Financing (see page 164)

MSc Health, Population and Society (see page 165)

MSc International Health Policy (see page 165)

MSc International Health Policy (Health Economics) (see page 165)

### Programmes on population studies

MSc Population and Development (see page 167)

### Programmes on social policy

MSc Behavioural Science (see page 203)

MSc Criminal Justice Policy (see page 163)

MPA Public and Social Policy (see page 158)

MSc Social Policy (Research) (see page 168)

MSc Social Policy and Development (see page 169)

MSc Social Policy and Development (Non-Governmental Organisations) (see page 169)

MSc Social Policy (Social Policy and Planning) (see page 171)

MSc Social Policy (European and Comparative Social Policy) (see page 171)

Social Policy is also available as a specialist field in the MSc Social Research Methods

(Social Policy) and MSc Social Research Methods (Population). See (MSc Social Research Methods page 150).

### MSc Criminal Justice Policy

**Application code:** L4U9

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 22/75

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 social science or law, or a degree in another field with relevant practitioner experience (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £9,552; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This programme is based in the Department of Social Policy and offers the following benefits:

- programme led by internationally renowned criminologists.
- diversity of staff expertise and research activities.
- inter-departmental collaboration between Social Policy, Law and Sociology.

- access to the Mannheim Centre for Criminology

The programme is intended for graduates with a good upper second class honours degree in the social sciences or law; however, we will consider other qualifications and relevant practitioner experience. This MSc provides an opportunity to apply the concepts and theoretical perspectives from criminology, sociology and psychology to the subject of crime and the major criminal justice institutions.

### Programme details

For the Criminal Justice Policy core course, there is a weekly one and a half hour lecture and a one and a half hour seminar. The course is assessed by examination in the summer term. General dissertation advice is provided in departmental seminars and additionally you will be provided with a personal supervisor who will guide your work. There is also the option to attend the Mannheim Centre seminars which are run in association with the British Society of Criminology Southern Branch.

### Compulsory courses

**Criminal Justice Policy** provides a detailed and critical introduction to the study of criminal justice institutions, practices and participants.

#### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units from a range of options.

Please note that it is not always possible to offer students a place on each of their preferred courses. This is particularly the case where courses are offered outside the Department of Social Policy. For further information please see [lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses](http://lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses)

### Graduate destinations

On graduation, most students move into careers in the criminal justice professions, academic or policy research in criminology and criminal justice, and into policy work in governments or charities.

### MSc Global Health

**Application code:** L4U0

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications:** New programme for 2015

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline, with social science background and/or work experience in the social policy field advantageous but not essential (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £15,656; overseas £21,944

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This programme provides high-quality, integrated courses which are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in the field of global health policy. Based in the Department of Social Policy, the programme is delivered by faculty based in LSE Health. LSE Health is one of the Department's associated research centres and one of the world's most highly rated research centres in international health policy and health economics, both for its research and its institutional links. The programme offers:

- teaching by specialists at the forefront of research into global health policy, health economics and population health
- a comparative, international and multidisciplinary environment with links to several specialist research groups based in the Department of Social Policy
- study with a highly international and diverse group of students and in a truly international environment
- potential for internships with major international and governmental organisations, companies or academic institutions

Our wide variety of courses gives you the flexibility to customise your curriculum so that you can pursue the areas that most interest you, suit your background, experience and goals, and challenge you to reach your fullest potential. You will leave LSE with the

high-level knowledge and range of skills to help you master new challenges and expand your choice of careers.

Applicants with a good first degree from any subject background will be considered. The first degree should be of a standard equivalent to at least a British university upper second class honours degree. Relevant professional experience would also be advantageous.

## Programme details

The MSc comprises of nine half-unit taught courses and a 10,000 word dissertation. Each course consists of a minimum of 20 face-to-face contact hours with tutors, alongside additional meetings and off-campus support from faculty such as online revision sessions.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

### Social Policy and Global Health\*

explores the social determinants of health, and how social policy impacts population health.

**Global Health Policy: Institutions, Actors and Politics\*** examines the transnational institutions and actors involved in a global health policy and the interplay between them.

**Financing Health Care: Comparative Perspectives\*** focuses on the health financing functions of collecting revenue, pooling funds and purchasing services, as well as on policy choices

concerning coverage, resource allocation and market structure.

**Economic Analysis for Health Policy\*** describes the role economics can play in health policy and health system administration.

**Global Ageing\*** considers the process and implications of ageing at both the population and the individual level and policy responses.

**Dissertation\*** in global health.

Please note that it is not always possible to offer students a place on each of their preferred courses. This is particularly the case where courses are offered outside the Department of Social Policy. For further information please see [lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses](http://lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses)

## Graduate destinations

Professional destinations after completing the degree include international organisations and agencies, consultancies, insurance funds, pharmaceutical and medical devices industries, national health services, government departments and agencies and NGOs as well as employment in research or further study for a PhD.

## MSc Health Policy, Planning and Financing

**Application code:** You should apply through the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. If you also wish

to apply for an LSE only programme you should submit a separate application to LSE

**Start date:** Late September 2015 at LSHTM

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Further information:** Email: [mschppf@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:mschppf@lshtm.ac.uk)

This programme is based in the Department of Social Policy and at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and offers students the opportunity to have close contacts with leading research centres in the field of health policy, such as LSE Health and Social Care based in the Department of Social Policy.

The MSc Health Policy, Planning and Financing is one of the oldest graduate level programmes in health policy worldwide, having been offered continuously since 1986. The programme aims to develop competence and expertise in the field of health policy, planning and finance. You will develop:

- an understanding of the process of policy making.
- knowledge of key options in the policy, planning and financing of health services.
- an ability to use disciplines required in formulating, implementing and evaluating health policies and plans.
- an understanding of the diversity of international health policies.

## Programme details

You must take courses to the value of five units overall, one of which includes a 10,000 word dissertation.

Students will be supervised by staff in the Department during the course of the academic year and particular guidance will be provided in the selection of their dissertation topic.

For each course, students will need to undertake private study, seminar preparation, assessed essay writing and teamwork where applicable. Students are also expected to see their academic advisers at least a couple of times per term and discuss their dissertation topics and progress on it in individual meetings during the Lent term and the Summer term.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Financing Health Care\*** (LSE) aims to give students a thorough grounding in health financing policy. It focuses on the health financing functions of collecting revenue, pooling funds and purchasing services, as well as on policy choices concerning coverage, resource allocation and market structure.

*Either* **Health Services\*** (LSHTM) provides students with a range of ways of thinking about health services and health systems. Drawing on epidemiology, history, medicine, economics and sociology, the module will help students understand how services function, the reasons services have developed in the way they have, the basis of some universal, persistent problems,



and possible solutions to such difficulties or **Health Policy Process and Power** (LSHTM) equip students to study or work in the health policy arena at international, national and local levels including: reviewing different basic theoretical approaches and concepts used in policy analysis; analysing the political system within which policies are made and the contextual factors that influence to policy change; identifying the different arenas involved in health policy, the actors within these arenas, and the key features of processes of policy identification, formulation, and implementation; and planning how to use in research and/or decision-making the policy analysis framework introduced during the course.

**Dissertation** aims to provide a foundation to students on dissertation-writing. It can be on any topic in the field of health policy, planning and/or financing.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of three units from a range of options.

Please note that it is not always possible to offer students a place on each of their preferred courses. This is particularly the case where courses are offered outside the Department of Social Policy. For further information please see [lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses](http://lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses)

### Graduate destinations

Career destinations after graduation are wide and varied, reflecting the diverse international mix and multi-disciplinary nature of the Health

Policy, Planning and Financing class. Graduates from the programme are typically employed by national governments, international organisations, research/management consultancy, industry and the voluntary sector.

### MSc Health, Population and Society

**Application code:** L4U3

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time; 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 19/80

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This programme is based in the Department of Social Policy and offers the following benefits:

- to study the interrelations between population, development and health

- the chance to develop methodological skills used in population studies
- the chance to examine health and population interactions and policy implications in considerable depth
- teaching by specialists who are at the forefront of their disciplines

Students normally need at least an upper second class honours degree or its equivalent. No particular academic background is required.

### Programme details

The programme involves completing courses to the value of three full units and a 10,000 word dissertation on a relevant topic.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Social Epidemiology\*** brings together the main issues in health, population and society in developed countries, including the role of social and biological factors in determining health and mortality.

**Global Health and Population Change\*** explores issues and measurements of health and population.

### Dissertation

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options.

Please note that it is not always possible to offer students a place on each of their preferred courses. This is particularly the

case where courses are offered outside the Department of Social Policy. For further information please see [lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses](http://lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses)

### Graduate destinations

Students graduating from this programme can expect to work in national and international institutions dealing with health and population issues, such as WHO, UNFPA, UNDP, IOM, as well as central and local national governments. A large number of our students have been employed in the health sector of their respective countries. Considerable interest has been shown in our students from the non-governmental sector as well as the private one. Additionally, many of our students go on to do a PhD in population health or a related discipline.

### MSc International Health Policy MSc International Health Policy (Health Economics)

**Application codes:** L4UH (L4UJ Health Economics)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time; 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 43/230

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in science, medicine, economics or social

science. Professional experience is advantageous. For Health Economics, a first degree should be in economics, mathematics, statistics, or any other quantitative subject (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £14,664; overseas £20,952

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

These programmes are based in the Department of Social Policy and offer the following benefits:

- international faculty in many courses, enhancing the programmes' international perspective
- potential for internships with major international and governmental organisations, companies or academic institutions as part of the overall student assessment
- contact with research staff in LSE Health and Social Care, including specialists in health economics, public health, social care and European health care reform

These two MSc degrees offer complementary skills. For the Health Policy programme you need a first degree in a relevant academic subject (science, medicine, economics, other

social sciences) whereas for the Health Economics programme you need a first degree in economics, mathematics, statistics or any other quantitative subject. For both, the first degree should be at a standard equivalent to a British university upper second class honours. Relevant professional experience would also be advantageous. Please note that upon admission transfer from one degree to the other is not permitted.

In the MSc International Health Policy, you analyse current and emerging health care problems and the range of health policies being developed to meet them internationally. The programme gives you the opportunity to examine important health policy issues through the application of basic health policy and economic principles. The MSc in International Health Policy (Health Economics) allows you to concentrate on options geared to health economics analysis. The wide range of options offered means that for both degrees a mix of policy and quantitative skills can be gained.

## Programme details

For both the programmes, you take taught courses to the value of four units consisting of compulsory and optional courses. Many courses are offered as half units thus enabling a wide range of subjects to be covered. In addition, both programmes require you to undertake a compulsory 10,000 word dissertation on a relevant topic which may be written in conjunction with a summer placement with a government department or agency,

or international, or private organisations, private companies or academic research institutions. The dissertation makes up the fifth unit of the MSc.

You study with a highly international and diverse group of students and in a truly international environment.

### MSc International Health Policy

Students must take taught courses to the value of four full units as shown below and undertake a 10,000 word Dissertation which counts as the fifth unit.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Financing Health Care\*** focuses on the health financing functions of collecting revenue, pooling funds and purchasing services, as well as on policy choices concerning coverage, resource allocation and market structure.

**Measuring Health System Performance\*** presents a framework to discuss the opportunities and challenges with performance measurement in health care.

### Dissertation.

### Two from:

#### Foundations of Health Policy\*

provides a comparative approach to the development of health and healthcare policies in high, middle and low income countries, emphasising present and future policy options and problems.

**Health Economics\*** develops basic economic concepts as they are applied to the health sector, and provides for specialisation in health economics.

**Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy\*** introduces the economics of pharmaceutical markets and related policies that affect national and international markets.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units from a range of options.

### MSc International Health Policy (Health Economics)

Students must take courses to the value of four full units as shown below, and undertake a full unit MSc dissertation.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Financing Health Care\*** focuses on the health financing functions of collecting revenue, pooling funds and purchasing services, as well as on policy choices concerning coverage, resource allocation and market structure.

*Either* **Health Economics\*** develops basic economic concepts as they are applied to the health sector, and provides for specialisation in health economics or **Advanced Health Economics\*** covers international comparisons of health care expenditure, health care insurance, contract theory, equity in health care, health behaviour and an introduction to econometric analysis applied to health care data.

### Dissertation.

#### At least two from:

**Statistical Methods in Health Care Economic Evaluation\*** develops the statistical and modelling techniques necessary to apply economic evaluation to the healthcare sector.

**Cost-Effectiveness Analysis in Health Care\*** examines the theoretical foundations of health care economic evaluation.

**Applied Health Econometrics** introduces econometric techniques that can be applied to health economics.

Students will be expected to choose their remaining courses from a range of options.

Please note that it is not always possible to offer students a place on each of their preferred courses. This is particularly the case where courses are offered outside the Department of Social Policy. For further information please see [lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses](http://lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses)

### Graduate destinations

Professional destinations after completing the degree include consultancies, pharmaceutical companies, national health services, international organisations, government departments and agencies and NGOs as well as employment in research or further study for a PhD.

### MSc Population and Development

**Application code:** L1S3

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24-28 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 24/84

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 or equivalent in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This challenging and thought-provoking programme will bring you up-to-date with current global issues about the relationships between development and population. It is aimed at outstanding individuals who want to understand, and engage in, debates and issues such as: Is poverty the main cause of rapid population growth? How are policies on international migration developed? What are the likely impacts of HIV/AIDS on society and economy in low income countries? How and why does female education affect child survival?



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MSc POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The reason I chose LSE was the tradition and prestige of the School, the quality of the academics and the possibility to study a programme in population and development which, unfortunately, is not easy to find in Latin America.

Among the things I have liked best at LSE is getting to know people from a lot of different professions, nationalities and cultures and experience their different points of view about different topics (academic and non-academic), and with that enrich my own point of view.

One of things I really enjoy about the programme is the opportunity to professionalise my knowledge. I have delved deeper in to the topics which I have previously studied and at the same time complement and learn new ideas.

LSE has given me a new perspective on professional life, not only concerning the knowledge I acquired during the master's, but also good preparation to be an excellent and competent professional. LSE gives you the tools to work in highly competitive organisations.

London is an amazing city, you can discover something new each day, a place, an event, a neighbourhood, a market, a park. I think one of the most amazing things about London is how cosmopolitan it is, when you take a bus you hear many people talking in different languages, the city is formed of different cultures and all of them have a space here.

Having a Beca Chile has been extremely important in allowing me to study abroad at an excellent institution like LSE. Without this scholarship it would have been impossible for me to be here. When I return to Chile my intention is to continue working in the field of population studies, maybe at an international agency or in the public field.



The programme is an advanced degree based around the issues, approaches and techniques for understanding the ways in which development and population change influence each other. It incorporates a balance between the conceptual and analytic approaches of development and population studies. Students may come from a variety of backgrounds, and you normally need an upper second class honours degree or its equivalent.

## Programme details

Key features of the programme include:

- a multi-perspective approach, incorporating policy, evidence and theory
- options from a wide range of highly rated courses
- develops skills which have already secured past students promising professional careers
- taught through a combination of lectures and seminar discussions and assessed using a combination of coursework, written examinations and a dissertation
- ESRC/PIC Master's Studentship Scheme in Population Studies worth £15,000 is available for this programme. Please refer to the PIC website ([lse.ac.uk/pic](http://lse.ac.uk/pic)) for full information.

The core curriculum focuses on social science concepts and perspectives to understand development and population change.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

*Either* **Development: History, Theory and Policy** integrates the concepts and perspectives of a range of disciplines to consider: major trends of development and change in modern history and interpretations of them in the social sciences; contemporary economic and social theory and their bearing on the policy and practice of development or **Key Issues in Development Studies\*** provides an overview of the key issues and debates in international development and one other half unit development course.

**Long Essay and the Research Process** (not assessed) provides an understanding of issues associated with the research process in the context of MSc Social Policy essays.

**Dissertation on population and development.**

**Two from:**

**Population and Development: An Analytic Approach\*** examines different analytic approaches to the main interrelationships between population change and socio-economic development.

**Population Analysis: Methods and Models\*** is an introduction to the key concepts and methods of population analysis.

**Demographic Change and Development\*** provides an up-to-date and comprehensive account of the population trends in less developed countries by looking at recent changes in fertility, mortality and migration at country and regional levels.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a wide range of options that include development, social policy, gender, health, and many other fields.

Please note that it is not always possible to offer students a place on each of their preferred courses. This is particularly the case where courses are offered outside the Department of Social Policy. For further information please see [lse.ac.uk/socialPolicyCourses](http://lse.ac.uk/socialPolicyCourses)

## Graduate destinations

The programme has provided excellent career prospects for graduates. The content and structure of the programme provide skills and knowledge to candidates looking for high level careers in public, private and voluntary agencies, both national and international. We have alumni working in major organisations such as the WHO, IPPF, Global Vision, Marie Stopes International, UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID, DFID, as well as in a wide range of governmental and non-governmental organisations throughout the world. As a result of the broad focus of the programme we have also had a number of students go on to work in major private companies in a variety of roles.

## MSc Social Policy (Research)

**Application code:** L4UA

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 17/55

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline, with social science background and/or work experience in the social policy field advantageous but not essential (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £9,552; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). The Social Policy (Research) is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions, but consideration given for ESRC funding applications should apply by 12 January 2015

This programme is based in the Department of Social Policy and aims to provide a set of high-quality, integrated courses to equip students in social policy with transferable research skills before they move on to substantive research, whether in the form of a PhD or in employment. It offers the following benefits:

- study in a Department which has achieved one of the highest ratings in the UK for the quality of its research



- teaching by specialists who are at the forefront of research into British, European and global social policy and by experts in different social science research methodologies
- a comparative, international and multidisciplinary environment with links to several specialist research groups based in the Department as well as to LSE's Department of Methodology

Students can progress to research degrees (subject to normal admissions procedures at LSE and other institutions). The MSc is recognised as research training by the ESRC (for students seeking later funding for doctoral research).

Applicants with a good first degree from within any subject background will be considered. A social science background and/or work experience in the social policy field are advantageous, but not essential.

## Programme details

The programme is provided in conjunction with the Department of Methodology, and offers advanced training in both quantitative and qualitative methods along with a specialist taught course in applications of different research approaches to social policy questions. It consists of four course units, including compulsory and optional courses. A key component of the MSc is a dissertation of up to 10,000 words on a topic individually selected by the student, to be prepared with the guidance of a personal supervisor. For students continuing to a

PhD this will often form the basis of their eventual doctoral thesis.

See also MSc Social Research Methods (Social Policy) in the Department of Methodology, which involves greater methodological content (two taught units on methods, rather than one), but no optional subject papers.

## Compulsory courses

Either **Foundations of Social Research 1** or **Foundations of Social Research 2** both courses are designed to give students a good introduction to quantitative and qualitative methods.

**Social Policy Research** equips students with the tools to critically assess a whole range of research designs used in the study of social policy questions

## Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses equivalent to one full unit. The options list is wide so as to permit students to choose an option that fits with the proposed subject of their dissertation. Students without a background in social policy are strongly encouraged to take the "core" half unit Social Policy: Goals and Issues in the Michaelmas term.

Please note that it is not always possible to offer students a place on each of their preferred courses. This is particularly the case where courses are offered outside the Department of Social Policy. For further information please see [lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses](http://lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses)



What intrigued me most about the MSc Criminal Justice Policy programme were the lively discussions instigated by the lecturers.

**Clint Arthur,**  
MSc Criminal Justice Policy

## Graduate destinations

Previous students have gone on to a wide variety of research and policy jobs in the public, private and voluntary sectors, in the UK and internationally, including work in central and local government, public services, research consultancies, and NGOs.

**MSc Social Policy and Development**  
**MSc Social Policy and Development (Non-Governmental Organisations) (formerly MSc NGOs and Development)**

**Application code:** L4U7, M1T2 (NGO)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** MSc Social Policy and Development: 48/232

MSc Non-Governmental Organisations: 18/109

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in a relevant social science. Professional experience is advantageous (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,224, overseas £18,800

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

**Note:** The fee includes £200 associate with a residential workshop at Cumberland Lodge. Those students on the NGO stream not taking the Social Development: Policy and Practice optional course will not be subject to this additional charge

**AARON KIRUNDA****KAMPALA, UGANDA****MSc SOCIAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT**

The position of LSE in central London plays a major role for me, as I can learn so much from just the environment around me. The opportunity to meet so many people from different walks of life and different cultures has helped me develop a greater understanding of life and has enriched my view of the world.

I had been working for close to five years since my first degree. Within that time, I worked for several organisations, refining my passions and interests. When the time came for me to do a master's degree, I did not want to just do another degree to add on to my previous educational experience, I wanted to study something that would help me have more influence and greater impact in my country. MSc Social Policy and Development gives me a greater opportunity to understand the dynamics around policies and their impact and therefore prepare me to play an influential role. At the same time, I wanted to study and learn from the best, social policy having started here at LSE and the Department being the best in the country. My choice was obviously LSE.

My programme applies a multi-disciplinary angle to the process of policy formulation and it is an opportunity to look at policy, policy processes and policy formulation and its impact on development from many different angles. We also study how other countries deal with similar circumstances and issues, what policy responses they have taken, and what has worked and failed.

When I graduate, I intend to go back to Uganda to develop my social enterprise skills, working in micro-finance and education from an enlightened perspective. I would like to create avenues where I and others can be more effective in influencing the formation and implementation of the most relevant policies in the country. My desire is to be able to serve people to empower them to make meaning out of their lives and to reach their full potential. In the future, I intend to join elective politics.



This programme (divided into two streams) is based in the Department of Social Policy and offers the following benefits:

- a comparative, international and multi-disciplinary environment
- staff with expertise in Asia, Africa, Latin America and post-communist societies, who maintain research and advisory links with governments and key international development organisations
- links to leading research groups based in the Department specialising in social exclusion, health and social care and education

The first stream, Social Policy and Development, approaches social policy and development primarily from the perspective of government. The second stream, Social Policy and Development: Non-Governmental Organisations approaches the subject from the perspective of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and wider civil society. Both streams share a common engagement with the core concepts and debates within social policy and development including the policy process, wellbeing, poverty and exclusion, global institutions and the aid system, sustainability and livelihoods, and rights and citizenship.

This MSc programme is aimed at candidates with work experience in or from Africa, Asia, Latin America and post-communist societies. Currently about two thirds of students come from these regions and in a typical year we have representatives from 25 or more different countries. For the first stream, programme participants are normally development professionals from

central planning ministries and sectoral social service ministries such as education, rural and urban development, health, social security and social work services. We also have students who are representatives of multilateral aid bodies such as the World Bank, UNDP and UNICEF. For the second, which was formerly known as the MSc NGOs and Development, participants are drawn mainly from northern and southern NGOs including Oxfam, Action Aid, BRAC, Christian Aid, Médecins sans Frontières and Save the Children Fund, as well as from smaller civil society organisations. Both MSc streams are suitable for development policy researchers in institutions of higher education and think tanks.

For either stream, you will need a first degree in a relevant academic subject (sociology, economics, political science, anthropology, development studies) at a standard equivalent to a British university first class or upper second class honours degree. In US terminology this means a 3.5 grade point average out of 4. Most applicants will also have some relevant work experience in a developing or post-communist society, although we will also consider applications from academically well-qualified applicants seeking to begin a career in development. A degree qualification is not always necessary if you have exceptional professional experience. Applications from experienced people with a non-social science degree will also be considered.

The MSc programme has four aims:

- to develop understanding of the theory and practice of social policy in developing and post-communist countries

- to allow deeper study in development policy areas of particular interest through the choice of a wide range of optional courses and through writing a 10,000 word dissertation
- to compare experience of social policy in a variety of countries and development institutions, drawing on current research and on the contrasting professional experience of the course participants in seminars and workshops
- to develop analytical, organisational and planning skills, and enhance written and oral communication and presentation skills

## Programme details

Teaching is by a mixture of lectures, student-led seminars, workshops and tutorials. Assessment is through a combination of unseen examinations, course essays, and a distinctive 10,000 word dissertation for each stream.

For both streams, you take courses to the value of four units consisting of compulsory and optional courses. In addition, both the programmes require you to write a MSc dissertation on a relevant topic.

### Stream one: Social Policy and Development

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Social Policy and Development: Core Concepts\*** gives students a knowledge of core concepts within the theory and implementation of social policy in developing countries.

### States, Social Policy and Development\*

† provides the analytical tools needed to understand and critically evaluate the key practical challenges of social development.

**Dissertation** – Social Policy and Development.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units from a range of options.

† Students will be required to take part in a residential workshop at Cumberland Lodge and this will cost £200.

### Stream two: Social Policy and Development: Non-Governmental Organisations

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Social Policy and Development: Core Concepts\*** gives students a knowledge of core concepts within the theory and implementation of social policy in developing countries.

**Non-Governmental Organisations, Social Policy and Development\*** focuses on the specialised field of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) within the field of social policy and development, and considers theoretical and policy issues.

**Dissertation** – NGOs and Development.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two full units from a range of options.

Please note that it is not always possible to offer students a place on each of their

preferred courses. This is particularly the case where courses are offered outside the Department of Social Policy. For further information please see [lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses](http://lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses)

## Graduate destinations

Students who have graduated from this programme have gone on to work for:

- different UN agencies including UNDP, UNICEF and UNHCR
- a variety of small and large NGOs including Oxfam, Médecins Sans Frontières, International Red Cross, One World Action
- international or intergovernmental organisations such as the World Economic Forum, European Commission, World Bank
- consulting companies
- government ministries

### MSc Social Policy (Social Policy and Planning)

### MSc Social Policy (European and Comparative Social Policy)

**Application code:** L4U2 – Social Policy and Planning; L4U8 – European and Comparative Social Policy

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

### Intake/applications in 2013:

Social Policy and Planning 37/157  
European and Comparative Social Policy 16/34

### Minimum entry requirement:

First degree at 2:1 level or above in any discipline, with social science background and/or work experience in the social policy field advantageous but not essential (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £9,552, overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

**Note:** Flexible programme allowing students to tailor their degree to their area of interest

This programme (divided into two streams) is based in the Department of Social Policy and offers the following benefits:

- a comparative, international and multi-disciplinary environment
- links to leading research groups based in the Department specialising in social disadvantage, health and social care, education, and criminology

**1. The first stream, Social Policy (Social Policy and Planning)** is a broad programme in many aspects of

social policy that can be tailored to the interests of students from a wide range of backgrounds. It is the oldest master's level programme in social policy in the world but it has evolved to reflect new interests and challenges.

Applicants with a good first degree (in the UK at least Upper Second Class Honours) in any subject will be considered (equivalent to an American degree at a grade point average in excess of 3.5 out of 4). A social science background and/or work experience in the social policy field are advantageous, but they are not essential.

Students on this stream are drawn from many parts of the world and the courses draw on international experience and evidence. It is a flexible programme allowing students to tailor their degree to their own areas of interest.

## Programme details

A key component of the MSc is a long essay (dissertation) of up to 10,000 words on a topic individually selected, to be prepared in conjunction with a personal supervisor. This offers the opportunity to pursue an area in depth, often related to past or future career interests.

The stream is available on a full-time basis over one year or a part-time basis over two years.

**2. The second stream, Social Policy (European and Comparative Social Policy)** is an integrated programme designed for people looking towards careers as practitioners, planners and administrators of public services whose interest or work lies

at the international and European level. It is equally aimed at those interested in careers in teaching and social research with an international or European perspective. The programme, launched in 1988, was the first graduate programme of its kind in the EU. It provides students with the opportunity of examining major current social problems and the range of policies being developed to address them from a comparative perspective with a special focus on Europe.

Through multi-disciplinary and cross-national comparative study, students gain a thorough grounding in the comparative analysis of the institutional arrangements of European welfare states, as well as examining specific social problems shared by individual countries and the issues involved in further EU integration. Welfare state models outside the EU and the growing pressures of globalisation are also studied in order to widen understanding of social policy options available.

Students come from a wide range of backgrounds reflecting the variety of intellectual and professional skills involved in planning, managing and researching social policies cross-nationally and at EU level. You normally need a first degree in a relevant academic subject at a standard equivalent to a British upper second class honours. As an example, this is equivalent to an American degree at a grade point average in excess of 3.5 out of 4. We welcome part-time students.

There are opportunities to learn major European languages (see LSE Language Centre).

## Programme details

A key component of the MSc is a long essay (dissertation) of up to 10,000 words on a topic individually selected, to be prepared in conjunction with a personal supervisor. This offers the opportunity to pursue an area in depth, often related to past or future career interests.

The stream is available on a full-time basis over one year or a part-time basis over two years.

### Stream one: MSc Social Policy (Social Policy and Planning)

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Social Policy: Goals and Issues\*** examines the nature of social policy and policymaking.

**Social Policy: Organisation and Innovation\*** explores the organisation of social policy, structures, processes and delivery, and recent developments in social policy in industrialised countries.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options.

### Stream two: MSc Social Policy (European and Comparative Social Policy)

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**The Governance of Welfare: The Nation State and the European Union\*** introduces the principle methods and analytic models of comparative social policy.

**Social Policy: Goals and Issues\*** examines the nature of social policy and policymaking.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options.

Please note that it is not always possible to offer students a place on each of their preferred courses. This is particularly the case where courses are offered outside the Department of Social Policy. For further information please see [lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses](http://lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses)

## Graduate destinations

Students completing the Social Policy and Planning stream go on to a variety of careers in research, the policy arena in think tanks and the political sphere, social service administration, voluntary organisations and many other destinations.

Graduates from the European and Comparative Social Policy stream have found positions within a wide range of institutions, including the European Commission, European Parliament, EU lobbying organisations, consultancies, UNESCO, broadcasting, journalism, international departments of national civil services, as well as employment in teaching and research or further study for a PhD.



# SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

**[lse.ac.uk/  
socialPsychology](http://lse.ac.uk/socialPsychology)**

**Number of graduate students  
(full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 126

**Research:** 20

**Number of faculty (full-time  
equivalent):** 12

**RAE:** Department staff contribute to a number of Units of Assessment and 45 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** St Clement's

The Department of Social Psychology at LSE is a thriving centre for research for the study of social psychology and has an international reputation for its research-led teaching in a variety of fields. Founded in 1964 the Department is one of the largest concentrations of social psychologists in Europe with 12 full-time academic staff and over 150 graduate students enrolled on four specialist master's programmes and conducting research towards PhD.

The MSc degree in Social Psychology, now called MSc Social and Cultural Psychology, established in 1964, was the first specialised degree in social psychology in the UK. The MSc in Organisational and Social Psychology was launched in 1990, the MSc in Social and Public Communication in 2003, and the MSc Health, Community and Development in 2005. All our MSc programmes are recognised by the

Economic and Social Research Council as providing research training.

As teaching is research-led it emphasises the contribution of social and cultural psychology in the analysis of contemporary social, economic and political issues. Among the current wide range of interests are social representations, beliefs and attitudes, the interface cognition and culture, communication, health, community and development, consumption, science and society, new technologies, multiculturalism, ethnicity and race, gender and social identities.

Former students include professors, lecturers, researchers, and professionals in media and business now working all around the world. Many have entered a variety of occupations including local or national government, international agencies, social research, marketing, media and broadcasting, industry, personnel, consulting and teaching. About one in five graduates from master's programmes go on to complete higher degrees by independent research.

## **MPhil/PhD Social Psychology Visiting Research Students**

**Application code:** L7ZP (MPhil/PhD), L7EP (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015. For January start, contact the Institute

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)



**Entry requirement:** Taught master's with merit and 2:1 bachelor's degree in an appropriate subject

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD Social Psychology is part of the Social Science group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015, but please note that for nominations for selection for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships the deadline for applications (including all auxiliary documents) is 12 January 2015

## **Opportunities for research**

The Department offers research opportunities in health, community and development; social and cultural psychology; organisational social psychology; and social and public communication.

The stream that a student belongs to is flexible and open to negotiation and



depends largely on the topic of research and the area of coursework. The streams overlap and students are encouraged to develop interdisciplinary approaches to research.

Normally, you should have a high level of pass at merit level or better in an appropriate master's degree, together with at least an upper second class honours degree in an appropriate subject from a UK university or its equivalent abroad. We also value professional experience outside university and mature students are welcome.

Initially you will register for the MPhil and follow a programme which involves formally assessed coursework. This includes a broad training in research methods together with the core course from the corresponding master's programme (Contemporary Social and Cultural Psychology, Organisational Social Psychology, Social Psychology of Communication, Health and Community Development). In addition you follow a specialised option course appropriate to

the topic of your research (assessed by coursework). You may be exempt from some or all of these courses, depending on your qualifications. You must attend the Current Research Seminar.

At the end of your first year, progression will be determined by an extended essay of around 13,000 words, assessed by a thesis committee. The thesis committee includes your supervisor and a member of staff whose research interests differ from your research area. During your second year, the decision on whether your registration should be upgraded to PhD is made by your thesis committee, based on reading three draft chapters of your thesis, a plan for completion, and a viva voce examination. You will be provided with detailed feedback on your work and a tape recording of the examination.

We have excellent computing facilities in the Department. There are two purpose built computing laboratories with a wide variety of software packages for data analysis and running experiments. Most popular programming languages are available, including packages for multimedia development and CD-ROM authoring.

Other facilities for research include an observation and audio-visual suite, professional videotape editing facilities, video capture and image scanning for multimedia applications, and computer assisted telephone interviewing, and a number of rooms set aside for research. The Department prides itself as being at the cutting edge of new methods in digital ethnography, for which equipment and support are available in-house, including

subcams and sensecams. Students have access to a large range of software, from the classic statistical packages and CAQDAS to text and video mining. The licencing for much of this software enables students to install the software on their own computers for a nominal charge.

There is a technical workshop which supports the teaching of research methods and the work of graduates and staff. This includes advice and assistance on a range of areas including audio-visual recording, editing, multimedia production and analysis, and the design and construction of apparatus for experimental and observational studies.

The Department has research partnerships with top institutions on all continents, and field work is often outside the UK. The editorial offices of three international journals are based at the Department.

Students are encouraged to present at international conferences and publish in international journals. Part time positions for research, teaching and editorial assistance are often available, giving students valuable experience and publication opportunities.

We encourage transdisciplinary research, methodological triangulation, lab, online or real-world experiments, collaboration within and outside LSE, theoretical diversity and research that has an impact on society.

## Taught programmes

MSc Health, Community and Development (see page 174)

MSc Organisational and Social Psychology (see page 175)

MSc Social and Cultural Psychology (see page 175)

MSc Social and Public Communication (see page 176)

Social Psychology is also available as a specialist field in MSc Social Research Methods (see page 150)

## MSc Health, Community and Development

**Application code:** L7U9

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time;  
24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 15/72

**Minimum entry requirement:** A good degree in any subject, together with evidence of a considered interest in the area (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024;  
overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32) MSc Health, Community and Development is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

This programme explores the role of various forms of community participation (ranging from small-scale community mobilisation to global social movements) in increasing the likelihood that people will engage in health-enhancing lifestyles, access health services and adhere to medical advice and treatment. It pays particular attention to the psycho-social processes underlying the impact of collective action on health and well-being, and explores the mechanisms whereby local and global social development approaches have the potential to lead not only to improved health, but also to transformatory social action.

We will consider applicants with a good first degree in any discipline and a considered interest in the area covered by the programme. Relevant professional experience would also be desirable, though not essential.

## Programme details

The programme involves completing four course units, which include a dissertation of 10,000 words.

## Compulsory courses

**Health, Community and Development** examines the psycho-social determinants of local and global community mobilisation for health, and more particularly the role of participation, partnerships and collective action in the promotion of health and the management of disease.

**Methods for Social Psychological Research** provides students with an overview of methodological issues for social psychological research.

**Dissertation** provides opportunity for students to conduct original empirical research based on their interests.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/hcd](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/hcd) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Graduates find employment in a range of fields including: communications and advocacy, public health, community health, social development, health promotion and research.

### MSc Organisational and Social Psychology

**Application code:** L7U2

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 53/272

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 or first class degree, with a considered interest in the area covered by the MSc (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). MSc Organisational and Social Psychology is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

This programme offers a wide range of choice in optional courses within the Department and the School so that you can deepen or widen your expertise, and take up the advanced study of particular aspects of organisations.

We will consider applicants with a good first degree in any discipline and a considered interest in the area covered by the MSc.

Please note that it is not the aim of this programme to offer a foundation level training in organisational management skills as might typically be expected from a master's degree in business administration.

### Programme details

The programme consists of four course units, including compulsory and optional courses and a dissertation. A weekly professional seminar series in the Lent term provides students on the programme with the opportunity to debate with professionals, managers and consultants working on a variety of organisational contexts.

### Compulsory courses

**Organisational Social Psychology** will address both the social psychology of organisations and social psychological processes within organisations.

**Methods for Social Psychological Research** provides students with an overview of methodological issues for social psychological research.

#### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/osp](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/osp) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Graduate destinations

Recent graduates have gained employment worldwide in consultancy, international enterprises and firms, banks, government, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), or have gone on to obtain PhDs and pursue an academic career.

### MSc Social and Cultural Psychology

**Application code:** L7U1

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 27/163

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in a social science discipline (a background in psychology is desirable but not a requirement) (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). The MSc Social and Cultural Psychology is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

The MSc Social and Cultural Psychology is unique in its combination of social and cultural approaches to psychology and one of the world's leading programmes in this field. It offers an extensive choice of specialist courses, addressing a variety of theoretical and applied issues in social and cultural psychology and in the social sciences as a whole. The programme has research training recognition from the ESRC UK and LSE's reputation with employers opens up a broad range of career opportunities. The critical and analytical skills that you will develop are attractive to employers in the public and private sectors. Many students benefit from the rigorous training offered by the programme and

progress to further graduate training and to academic appointments.

The course is designed for students with a good upper second class honours degree in psychology or related disciplines. High-level graduates from the humanities and other fields not specifically related to psychology are also considered for a place.

This programme aims to give students a grounded understanding of theoretical and applied issues as well as a sophisticated training in a broad range of research methods. It will advance your knowledge and professional competence in the area of social and cultural psychology, and enhance your independent thinking and analytical skills.

## Programme details

The degree is a 12 month programme, consisting of four full units comprising two

compulsory courses (one theoretical and one methodological), a research dissertation of 10,000 words and two optional courses. All students follow a compulsory core course in social and cultural psychology and a course in research methods covering qualitative and quantitative methodologies. A wide range of optional courses enables candidates to choose two courses that meet their interest and motivation.

Students leave the Department equipped with conceptual and research skills, the ability to assess and analyse evidence, critical judgement and experience of working individually and in teams.

## Compulsory courses

**Contemporary Social and Cultural Psychology** examines the relationship between mind, society and culture with a focus on phenomena at the interface between the individual and society. Issues covered include self in society, individual and social identities, cognition and culture, social representations, attitudes and attributions, language

and communication, social influence, beliefs and inter-group relations and various applied aspects of social and cultural psychology.

### Methods of Social Psychological Research

provides students with training in quantitative and qualitative methods of research for social and cultural psychology.

**Dissertation** involves field research in an approved topic supervised by a member of faculty.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/scp](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/scp) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

This programme is intended to equip students for a career in business organisations, communities, health, the media, development and international agencies, government or in research.

## MSc Social and Public Communication

**Application code:** L7U5

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 26/136

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science and relevant professional experience (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). MSc Social and Public Communication (Research) is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

**Note:** Some options may be counted towards the CIPR Diploma (exemption from up to two units)

This programme explores communication as a social psychological process central to the conduct of everyday life, in public as well as in private. Communication is both the foundation of social life as well as a professional activity to influence and persuade, to gain advantage, to build and sustain a community of trust, and to reach a common understanding on a controversial issue. You will be provided with an overview of theories of communication that enable you to analyse communication events and the practical dilemmas faced by those working in different domains of public communication. Central themes will include:

- the psychological and societal process involved in public communication



*The MSc Health, Community and Development at LSE has narrowed my focus and helped me identify public health as a career to pursue.*

**Leonard Baatiema**, MSc Health, Community and Development



- conceptual frameworks for analysis, evaluation and design of public communication
- developments in the analysis, evaluation and design of public communication in politics, business, development, health and science and technology
- new communication and media technologies are not central to this analysis, but will be analysed by their emerging (dys)function

The programme is not simply a training programme in social marketing offering you a box of tools and rhetorical tricks for efficient and effective persuasion. It is an academic, research based programme that will enable you, through a range of core and topical courses to engage critically with existing tools of analysis, evaluation and design of communication endeavours. We offer a comparative approach, with a focus on clear language across a range of domains where public communication is pivotal. This includes an awareness of international attempts to establish professional competence in public communication. The programme is exclusively recognised by the professional certification of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations in the UK.

To be considered for a place you should normally have a good honours degree in one of the social sciences and have relevant professional experience.

## Programme details

The programme involves completing four course units, including a dissertation of 10,000 words.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

### Social Psychology of Communication

examines core theories towards a social psychology of communication.

### Methods for Social Psychological Research

provides students with an overview and method skills to conduct empirical social psychological research.

**Dissertation** allows students to “show and tell” their learning effort with a small research project that is well documented and presented.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options including research methods. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/spc](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/spc) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Our graduates find excellent employment and career opportunities in a range of sectors of the communications industry including consultancy, journalism, publishing, advertising, public relations, education and outreach, and in international organisations. Several former graduates have created their own business.

# SOCIOLOGY

## [lse.ac.uk/sociology](http://lse.ac.uk/sociology)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 201

**Research:** 32

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 25

**RAE:** 45 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** St Clement's

The Department of Sociology at LSE was the first to be created in Britain and has played a key role in establishing and developing the discipline nationally and internationally – since 1904. Today the Department has around 25 teaching staff, together with a number of research fellows, visiting professors and visiting scholars from all over the world. The Department is committed to empirically rich, conceptually sophisticated, and socially and politically relevant research and scholarship. While building upon the traditions of the discipline it seeks to play a key role in developing new intellectual areas, and addressing the social problems and ethical dilemmas that face a globalised society.

LSE Sociology embraces a theoretically and methodologically diverse range of approaches, focussing upon the following key areas:

## Economies, risk and technology

The economies, risk and technology cluster develops key areas of sociology in original and critical ways, bringing together cutting edge sub-disciplines in the sociology of economic life, science, technology and society, the sociology of money and finance, and risk regulation.

- markets, cultures and institutions: changing forms of production, consumption, exchange and regulation
- risk governance, knowledge and technology: knowledge, calculation and expertise; biological economies; technology, information and communications
- money, finance and banking: the sociology of money; social studies of finance; global networks and financial markets; risk and financial regulation
- work, families and migration: work and employment; labour markets and economic immigration; households, families and inequality

## Human rights, violence and injustice

Human rights, violence and injustice develops a strong intellectual tradition in the department related to the sociology of human rights. Key themes include:

- human rights: ideologies of human rights; human rights reporting; truth commissions; trauma and memory; human rights governance, law and western power
- violence: War, warfare and militarism; political, civil, religious, nationalist and communal violence; genocide; state

violence; post-conflict reconciliation; violence and political ideologies; the sociology of violence and conflict

- injustice: Social, economic and political injustice and discrimination; justice and accountability; transitional justice and reparations
- inequality: Race and racism and modern societies, xenophobia and xenological thinking; post colonialism, postcolonial ideologies and societies; political religion; ethnicity and nationalism; identity and difference

### Politics, states and movements

Politics, states and movements has developed around major distinctive themes:

- social bases of parties and movements, especially the origins, development and contemporary fortunes of social democratic parties and labour movements, and different forms of party and cleavage formation in the democratic world;
- state transitions and democratisation, especially transitions from authoritarian rule in the wake of political violence, the colonial and post-colonial state, and the development of political and economic democracy;
- political ideologies, especially the evolution and impact of liberalism and conservatism, neo-liberalism and nationalism in the developing world, and contemporary developments in major traditions of British political thought.

### Urban change, space and connection

The urban change, space and connection cluster addresses the scale and dynamism

of processes of urban transformation. We examine the physical and social shaping of environments, infrastructures, institutions and localities as they emerge in relation to cultural hierarchies, modes of power and ordering, and forms of inclusion and exclusion. We aim to inform urban practice through empirical research that brings together critical approaches to urban contexts, processes and problems, including case study and comparative methods, time-series and survey data, fieldwork, mapping, and visual methods. Three primary frames provide the focus for the core research concerns:

- urban change and resilience: how do spatial and social forms intersect with changing conditions over time? We consider this question in relation to urban form and infrastructures, as well in relation to changing economies and technologies
- urban divisions and connections: how are inequalities and inclusions constructed? We analyse segregation and participation in stratified and increasingly diverse urban contexts, including their cultural manifestations
- urban politics, governance and institutions: what are forms of power at different spatial scales? Policy and regulation and social order are explored in relation to modes of formal and informal organisation

Our teaching is informed by these commitments and by our active research in these areas. LSE Sociology aims to provide a learning environment in which students are encouraged to think critically and independently. Many of the key issues in the discipline worldwide are the subject of

contestation, and our teaching aims to equip students to understand and evaluate these disputes and adopt a position in relation to them. Rigorous, critical, independent thought is the most transferable skill of all, and the overarching objective of what we seek to provide to our students.

LSE has been recognised as a Doctoral Training Centre (DTC). As well as research training in the Department, the Department of Methodology provides a range of specialised courses in quantitative and qualitative research methods and statistics.

The Department is responsible for one of the world's leading specialist periodicals, the *British Journal of Sociology* and also houses the influential interdisciplinary social science journal *Economy and Society*.

The Department supports and promotes academic diversity within the School through these programmes and through its central participation in interdisciplinary research and in particular its close relationship with LSE Cities, the Centre for the Study of Human Rights, the Department of Methodology, STICERD (Suntory and Toyota International Centre for Economics and Related Disciplines), the Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation and the Mannheim Centre for the Study of Crime and Criminal Justice.

### MPhil/PhD Sociology Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** L3ZS (MPhil/PhD), L3ES (VRS)

**Start date:** 24 September 2014/5

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS up to 9 months (renewable)

**Entry requirement:** Merit in a Master's and a high 2:1 degree in sociology or another social science

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD Sociology is part of the Social Policy group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding. UK/EU students are eligible for nomination (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015, but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place in two rounds and students are advised to aim for the first round if possible. The funding deadlines for applications (including all ancillary documents) are 12 January and 27 April 2015

### Opportunities for research

You should usually have a higher merit in a master's degree, plus high 2:1 in a bachelor's degree in sociology or another social science from a British university, or its equivalent in another country, in either sociology or another related social science.

When you apply for an MPhil/PhD, you will need to send us a research proposal that sets out clearly the research problem you wish to investigate, explains why it is important, and describes the methods of research you propose to use. This will help us to evaluate your potential to embark on a research degree, and to identify a supervisor with similar interests and the appropriate expertise. We will also need to see two pieces of written work that you feel reflect your academic interests and abilities. You will be initially registered for the MPhil. At the end of your second year or early in your third (full-time), you will be transferred to PhD registration upon successful completion of our “upgrade” procedure (submission of three complete chapters, examined by viva voce).

In the first year, you may spend much of your time taking a range of methods and specialist courses. These are selected in discussion with your supervisor, dependent on your needs and may include courses from other institutes or departments at LSE. You must attend the first year research class for MPhil students and, unless you have already successfully studied research methods at master's level, you will normally be expected to complete graduate course units in methodology, on the advice of your supervisor. If you accept an offer of admission from us, we will send you information on methodology requirements and other relevant matters.

At the end of your first year, you will produce a 5,000 word research proposal,

outlining the aims and methods of your thesis. This has to reach an acceptable standard to enable you to progress to the second year.

After the first year, you will spend more time on independent study under the guidance of your personal supervisor. This will involve the collection, organisation, analysis and writing up of data and ideas. You will have the opportunity to attend a regular general research seminar and/or specialist workshops and seminars related to your interests. You will be expected to make an active contribution to these by presenting papers and joining in the general discussion.

The Department will **only** accept candidates for a Michaelmas term start.

### Taught programmes

MSc City Design and Social Science (see page 179)

MSc Culture and Society (see page 180)

MSc Economy, Risk and Society (formerly known as MSc Sociology (Economic Sociology)) (see page 181)

MSc Human Rights (see page 182)

MSc International Migration and Public Policy (see page 104)

MSc Political Sociology (see page 184)

MSc Sociology (see page 185)

MSc Sociology (Contemporary Social Thought) (see page 185)

MSc Sociology (Research) (see page 185)



Sociology is also available as a specialist field in MSc Social Research Methods (see page 150)

### MSc City Design and Social Science

**Application code:** L4UC

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 22/85

#### Minimum entry requirement:

Good first degree or equivalent professional qualifications/experience in any relevant field of architecture, urban design, planning, engineering, social science, law and humanities, management, mathematics, statistics or natural science (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None

This innovative, interdisciplinary programme sets the complex challenges of city design and development in their social, economic, environmental and political contexts. It is unique as a studio-based master's with a strong orientation to practice located within a world-leading social science institution. The programme draws students from different academic and professional backgrounds, reflecting the range of skills involved in urban policy, design and development today: architecture, engineering, planning and transport studies; economic, social and policy sciences; geography and environmental science; law

and humanities; business and management; real estate and finance. Candidates should have a good first degree, or equivalent professional qualifications in a relevant field; professional and voluntary experience will also be taken fully into account. Each year, around 40 per cent of our student intake comes from architecture, urban design, planning or engineering, with around 60 per cent coming from backgrounds in social, economic and management science, law, humanities and the natural sciences.

The MSc City Design and Social Science focuses on the relations between the physical and social organisation of cities and urban environments. We see design as a field of research, knowledge and practice that shapes urban environments, responds to urban problems, and integrates social, spatial and physical approaches to the city. This ground-breaking programme, launched in 1998, aims to support the development of interdisciplinary professionals who can work across professional divides to have a positive impact on cities as both social and built environments. Graduates leave the programme with a well-rounded set of research, analytical and practical skills for the design, development and implementation of urban projects across the public, private and community sectors, and the ability to work creatively and effectively across disciplinary boundaries.

## Programme details

The programme combines intensive design research on practical urban contexts in the core studio workshop, with taught courses on critical urban theories and issues, and options chosen from the suite of

urban courses taught across LSE. Students undertake an independent project under faculty supervision. An international field-trip supports and extends the students' intensive teaching programme in London.

Guest practitioners from industry, expert speakers and masterclasses on key urban issues complement the core academic programme, and students are linked into the wealth of urban expertise across LSE.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**City Design Research Studio** promotes an understanding of the city as a social and built environment and provides students with an appreciation of the complexities of urban design and development processes through in-depth research and project work on a critical site in London.

**Cities by Design\*** examines the relationship between built form and its social, political and cultural impacts in the changing city.

**City-making: the Politics of Urban Form\*** provides a critical understanding of the political underpinnings of major urban development projects and practices across international city contexts.

**Independent Project** allows students to work on an extended research or design project in consultation with a faculty supervisor.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/cdss](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/cdss) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Graduates from the programme find international career opportunities across the urban design, planning and development fields in the public, private and community sectors – as designers and planners, project managers and consultants, researchers and entrepreneurs. A vibrant alumni network offers guidance and support for current students and recent graduates.

## MSc Culture and Society

**Application code:** L3UC

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 24/162

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in a subject appropriate to the programme to be followed (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The MSc Culture and Society gives its students the opportunity to develop expertise in the social study of cultural processes. Its ethos emphasises tight integration of leading edge cultural theory, innovative methodologies and attention to the most significant cultural trends and practices, globally and locally.

As a student on MSc Culture and Society you have free range to study and research any social processes that fall within the many broad understandings of “culture”. For example, students may take course on, or pursue independent research projects towards dissertations in areas such as textual or visual analyses of cultural texts; ethnographies of culture and media industries; studies of urban space, design or city culture; consumption and consumer culture; multi-culturalism and ethnicity; gender and sexuality; class and cultural capital. Moreover, the degree actively encourages students to think and research globally.

MSc Culture and Society students come from a diversity of backgrounds – anything from economics through anthropology to cultural and media studies and on to arts, design and humanities: The degree core course – Cultural Theory and Cultural Forms – is designed to support all students, from whatever background, in developing a foundation in sociological approaches to cultural research.



Acceptance on this programme will give you the opportunity to:

- Work with research active staff, who are renowned in their fields, across a wide range of cultural research, and located across a range of departments and institutes linked with the programme (including Media and Communications, Geography and Environment, the Cities Programme, Social Psychology, Anthropology, Gender and Information Systems). Core staff on this degree include Professor Mike Savage (class culture and stratification; urban culture; and new methodologies); Dr Fabien Accominotti (economic sociology; sociology of culture; historical sociology; social networks; and the study of status and inequality); and Dr Sam Friedman (social class; social mobility; cultural taste; and comedy and humour).
- Consolidate or extend your skills in cultural analysis through the programme's two term compulsory course in cultural theory and cultural forms, supplemented by an extensive range of research-led option courses.
- The opportunity to do empirical work in your dissertation into an aspect of cultural practice or cultural theory.
- Apply for a research degree (MPhil/PhD) following completion of your MSc, building particularly on the work of your dissertation.
- Gain a higher degree in cultural research within a social science framework will provide you with a knowledge of how the "cultural turn" has affected the social sciences, and skills in critical social

understanding and techniques of social enquiry, that will enable you to develop insights into contemporary cultural forms and processes that have a solid basis in sociological analysis.

## Programme details

Compulsory courses and optional courses involve teaching by LSE staff renowned for their expertise in the field of cultural research. These staff reflect an interdisciplinary range of approaches to the connections between culture, society, economy, and media within a broad social sciences framework.

You take compulsory courses plus methods training. You also write a dissertation of 10,000 words on an aspect of cultural practice or theory. You will be advised on your choice of dissertation topic by your academic adviser, and that topic may be empirical or theoretical in its approach. You will be appointed an individual adviser with a related research interest whom you can meet with regularly during term times.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

### Cultural Theory and Cultural Forms

provides a foundation in approaches to cultural processes and institutions, attending to analytical frameworks, research strategies and empirical case studies.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/](http://lse.ac.uk/)

[grad/cuso](#) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Graduates have gone on to a diverse range of destinations including doctoral degrees, cultural policy and management jobs, teaching, creative industries (including advertising and marketing), performance arts and more.

## MSc Economy, Risk and Society

**Application codes:** L3UI

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 32/185

**Minimum entry requirement:**

2:1 degree, preference will be given to those with a sociology/social science degree (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None  
– rolling admissions

The MSc Economy, Risk and Society programme is an advanced sociology degree for social scientists. Studies of risk and economic life are central to the sociological endeavour. They are, furthermore, pivotal in making sociology relevant for the modern world. Understanding the challenges and possibilities confronted by contemporary societies – from technological disasters and natural catastrophes to novel forms of economic organization and public participation – requires grasping the role and dynamics of economies and regulatory institutions in today's world. The MSc Economy, Risk and Society offers students a flexible yet comprehensive introduction to the sociologies of risk and economic life, thereby providing a strong theoretical and methodological foundation for engaging in current discussions on the future of our societies.

Students in the programme will develop theoretical skills and practical training in:

- constructing sociologically-informed questions of socio-economic issues
- summarising and explaining the findings of empirical research, including a critical assessment of the methodological frameworks used
- selecting, evaluating and using the appropriate research tools
- discussing topics on risk and economic life with appreciation of theory, evidence and relevance to current debates

- communicating in a variety of appropriate sociological formats

## Programme details

The programme assumes students will demonstrate clear familiarity with one of the following social science disciplines: sociology, anthropology, political science, philosophy, economic history and/or organisation science. This programme is largely based on a practical approach to learning. Teaching in the core course is organized around active modes of learning. This is reflected too in optional courses, where teaching may be based on a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, group projects, experiments and research-driven discussions. The programme therefore reflects the great diversity of theoretical and empirical approaches within the Department of Sociology, as well as the established tradition of the LSE in contributing to the social sciences.

This programme is unique in its breadth and diversity. It covers the most significant and recent developments in the sociologies of risk and economic life, and enables students to develop critical skills that advance their knowledge of the socio-economic dynamics of contemporary societies. Through the compulsory course, *Regulation, Risk and Economic Life*, students are introduced to key discussions on the nature of power, knowledge, organizations and markets. They are also exposed to different approaches to the study of economic life, as well as case studies associated to current transformations in the socio-economic system – the rise of new forms of financial activity, new varieties of money, and new

spheres of economic activity. The core course is complemented by a variety of optional courses, which allow students to tailor their program to their particular learning objectives. These include further specialisation in the sociology of risk and regulation, economic sociology and the sociology of markets, employment relations, globalisation, and the sociology of science and technology.

Students enrolled in the programme can take a total of three course units through a combination of full and/or half units and must complete an empirical or theoretical dissertation of up to 10,000 words on a subject of interest related to the courses and approved by the Department. Students receive feedback and advice throughout their degree. Students are advised on their dissertation topic by an academic adviser, in conjunction with the programme conveners. The dissertation gives students the opportunity of thinking sociologically and at length on a sociological problem, issue or debate in risk and economic life.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Regulation, Risk and Economic Life** introduces students to sociological perspectives on economic life and risk regulation in advanced industrial societies.

### Dissertation.

Students will be required to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ers](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ers) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The programme provides an excellent foundation for graduates seeking careers in academia, government and the civil service, research-oriented industries, and the non-governmental sector.

## MSc Human Rights

**Application code:** L3U9

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 58/295

**Minimum entry requirement:** Good first degree in law or any social science subject, or a degree in another discipline with demonstrable special interest in human rights or relevant experience as a practitioner (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £13,656; overseas £19,944

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

The MSc Human Rights is a unique multidisciplinary programme that provides a concentrated year-long engagement with the foundations of human rights and key human rights issues. It is taught by leading scholars in the field. Human rights are not just an object of study, but also a matter of policy, intervention and practice. The programme links theory and practice in a multidisciplinary way and aims to equip students with knowledge of the key legal, sociological and philosophical issues relevant to human rights. During the programme, students will engage in an academically rigorous way with some of the most compelling issues in contemporary human rights. The MSc Human Rights is unique in linking legal, philosophical, sociological and political perspectives on human rights through a rigorous and analytical approach.

The degree will provide you with:

- relevant background knowledge in sociology, philosophy and law.
- specialised knowledge in human rights thematic topics.
- focused engagement with the subject that you choose for your research dissertation.
- exposure to key national and international debates about human rights

Preference will be given to applicants with a good first degree in a core social science subject or law. We will consider applicants with a good first degree in any discipline who have (and can demonstrate) a special interest and/or practical experience in human rights.

The programme is run by the Centre for the Study of Human Rights. In addition

to teaching and research, the centre runs a very active public events programme which includes public lectures, visiting speaker seminars and conferences involving the leading human rights academics and practitioners in the world. MSc Human Rights students also benefit from masterclasses and guest practitioner seminars organised throughout the year exclusively for students on the programme. MSc Human Rights students also have the opportunity to engage with visiting scholars and practitioners from the public, private and non-governmental sectors who are based at the centre. Through the Centre for the Study of Human Rights, students will have contact with policy makers and practitioners, especially those from London based human rights organisations. The Centre has an active research programme on which MSc students assist from time to time. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/humanRights](https://lse.ac.uk/humanRights) for further information about the Centre for the Study of Human Rights.

Many staff work with activist and advocacy organisations. The degree programme is not, however, strictly vocational, nor does it offer any professional qualifications, whether in law or for the human rights practitioner. We offer you in depth graduate studies that serve as a guide to critical thinking about human rights.

## Programme details

The compulsory multidisciplinary human rights core course, “Approaches to Human Rights”, provides students with an overview of the philosophical, sociological and legal approaches to this subject. The course gets students thinking about the foundations,

concepts and ideals of human rights, while taking a critical view of them as an academic subject and area of practice. The course serves as an introduction to the core standards and structures of human rights and discusses a range of key issues in the current, ongoing debates about the role of human rights. While these may change from year to year, thematic issues that the core course covers include: genocide, humanitarian intervention, militarism, war and warfare, religion, culture and human rights and transitional justice. The course provides a strong intellectual underpinning for your multidisciplinary study of human rights, which will be built on in your optional choice of courses and dissertation.

Professor Chetan Bhatt (sociology), Dr Ayça Çubukçu (sociology), Dr Claire Moon (sociology) and Dr Margot Salomon (international law) are the central course lecturers. LSE staff who are members of the Centre's Advisory Board are also working actively on research and policy projects in human rights and closely related areas and bring a rich array of expertise to the Centre and our students. A selection of topics that staff research are: climate change and human rights, conflict resolution, criminal justice policy, democratisation, development, ethical foreign policy, ethnic nationalism, genocide, globalisation and global government, hate speech and freedom of expression, media and public reactions to atrocities, minority and indigenous rights, policing, refugee and asylum studies, religious rights, terrorism, transitional justice, torture, women's human rights, humanitarian interventions, human rights movements, and world poverty.

In addition to the core course and optional courses, students write a 10,000 word dissertation, assessed as the equivalent of a whole course. You can choose any human rights subject that interests you, and you may take either an interdisciplinary approach or one that is more sociological, legal or philosophical, using original research or secondary sources. After consultation with your assigned supervisor, your topic is approved at the end of the second term. You will normally get started on the dissertation in the spring, but do most of the work in the summer months before the dissertation is submitted in August 2016. A wide range of human rights topics and approaches is welcome, from the theoretical to the practical. We also encourage students to address key human rights issues through the lens of a particular case study, social problem or body of law. In recent years, subjects have included: reporting and representing genocide and mass atrocities, objectivity and bystander apathy; changes in American foreign policy in the Middle East after September 11; international financial institutions in sub-Saharan Africa; Japanese social structure and women's human rights; public protest and the freedom of political expression in the UK; the human rights role of the UN Security Council; transitional justice, child soldiers and African conflicts.

## Compulsory courses

**Approaches to Human Rights** examines a range of disciplinary perspectives on the subject of human rights.

**Dissertation.**

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options offered by the LSE departments and institutes associated with the Centre for the Study of Human Rights including the Department of Anthropology, Department of International Development, European Institute, Gender Institute, Department of Government, Department of International Relations, Department of Law, Department of Social Policy and Department of Sociology. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/huri](https://lse.ac.uk/grad/huri) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The degree will provide a strong foundation for a variety of academic and non-academic careers, including in: law, especially international law and advocacy (albeit usually with other qualifications); foreign policy; working for activist organisations in the humanitarian sector; international and domestic human rights; development; civil liberties; welfare; as well as in specialised agencies concerned with, for example, refugees; women's rights; torture victims; children's rights. During the programme, you will have opportunities to meet alumni of the MSc Human Rights who are working in a range of international, government and non-governmental organisations.

## MSc Inequalities and Social Science

**Application code:** L3UJ

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications:** New programme for 2015

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline, with social science background and/or work experience in the social policy field advantageous but not essential (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

As a result of dramatic economic and social changes over recent years, the study of inequality has rapidly developed as one of the most important areas of inter-disciplinary social scientific study. This programme offers a comprehensive and wide-ranging programme which includes expertise from leading academics in the Departments of Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Government, Law, Social Policy, Media and Communications, Gender, and Statistics and will provide students with a state of the art teaching in this area. The course will:

- introduce students to a range of interdisciplinary approaches to the social scientific analysis of inequality
- develop theoretical awareness of different conceptions of the meaning of inequality and its various dimensions
- introduce students to the political economy of inequality and the role of political institutions in combatting inequality
- introduce students to different methods for the measurement of inequality, both quantitative and qualitative
- make students familiar with debates on the causes and consequences of increasing global inequality
- allow students to place issues of inequality in a fully international context
- give students the skills and awareness to go on to conduct research in the area of inequalities.

## Programme details

All students take Social Scientific Analysis of Inequalities and at least one methods course. All students who are expecting to study for PhDs will be strongly encouraged to do both of these courses and possibly additional methods courses. You will take a total of three course units through a combination of full and/or half units. You will also complete a dissertation of up to 10,000 words on a subject of interest related to the courses.

You will be advised on the dissertation topic by your academic adviser who will be from one of the Departments listed above according to your area of interest. You choose the topic, which can be empirical or theoretical in its approach. Students may opt for an inter-disciplinary inquiry or a dissertation potentially located in any of the disciplines involved in this MSc.

## Compulsory courses

**Social Scientific Analysis of Inequalities** will consider how the issue of inequality is examined in the disciplines of economics, geography, media and communications, social anthropology, social policy and sociology.

Either **Introduction to Quantitative Analysis**\* covers the foundations of descriptive statistics and statistical estimation and inference or **Qualitative Research Methods**\* presents fundamentals of qualitative research methods and prepares students to design,

carry out, report, read and evaluate qualitative research projects.

## Dissertation.

You will also study one and a half units taken from a number of courses from the contributing Departments, all of which have been chosen to showcase the expertise of these Departments in the area of inequality. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/iss](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/iss) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

This is a new course and we expect students go into a wide variety of fields who are interested in addressing inequalities, including government, NGOs, politics, public administration, the social and health services, advertising, journalism, other areas of the media, law, publishing, industry, personnel and management.

## MSc Political Sociology

**Application code:** L3U4

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 19/96





**Minimum entry requirement:** Good first degree in any discipline with considered interest in the area covered by the MSc (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

Political sociology is a subject with a long and distinguished history and a thriving contemporary debate. LSE has been home to some of the leading thinkers in the subject, and the MSc will give you the chance to study political sociology at graduate level, with teachers who are both active researchers and renowned in their fields. It will also give you the opportunity to learn and work with students from all over the world, some of whom will bring first hand experience of politics in their own countries.

The programme is designed to look beneath the day to day controversies of politics in order to explore the underlying forces that either promote or retard political and social change. It will provide you with the analytical tools and the empirical knowledge to understand some of the fundamental forces that have shaped, and are shaping, the world in which we live. The programme combines

a strong core curriculum with the flexibility to develop individual interests. It will give you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of politics and society, and to build up special expertise in particular areas.

It will also give you the opportunity to develop your capacity for rigorous oral and written argument. Seminar discussion and essay writing will foster a critical approach which will encourage you to re-evaluate commonly accepted ideas, to consider alternative explanations for important social and political developments, and to support your own conclusions with carefully deployed evidence.

We will consider applicants who have good first degrees in any relevant discipline, and a considered interest in the area covered by the MSc. We are looking for bright students, with an interest in political sociology, who enjoy engaging in argument and debate.

## Programme details

The compulsory course, Politics and Society, explores a series of fundamental questions about the social bases of politics and the relationship between states and societies. It examines the interaction between economic interests, political institutions, and ideological norms. It has a strong empirical and historical component, which provides an opportunity to engage with some of the classic puzzles that have defined the field, to expand your knowledge of a number of countries, and to systematically compare their experiences.

The course is organised around a two hour seminar each week during teaching terms. Special additional seminars cover some key theoretical approaches and methods in the social sciences, and provide a forum for exploring the use of these in your own work.

Students on the programme also choose two further full unit courses (or up to four further half unit courses) from a particularly wide range of options. This choice of options enables you to engage with either empirical or theoretical topics, or a mixture of both. It also enables you to draw on the expertise of academic staff in different departments throughout LSE.

Finally, all students on the degree write a 10,000 word dissertation. This gives you a chance to develop your thinking in an area that is of particular interest to you, and to produce an extended piece of individual research.

## Compulsory courses

**Politics and Society** explores some of the great debates about the relationship between politics and society.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/pols](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/pols) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Students go into a wide range of professions including academic research, teaching, politics, diplomacy, government policy-making, public administration, journalism, the media, law, publishing, industry, and management, as well as working for think tanks, activist groups, international bodies, and non-governmental organisations.

## MSc Sociology MSc Sociology (Research) MSc Sociology (Contemporary Social Thought)

**Application codes:** L3U2, L3UF (Research), L3UH (CST)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 29/169

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). The MSc

Sociology (Research) is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

Our Sociology master's degrees offer students training in the most significant recent developments in sociology. All three streams enable students to specialise in particular areas, developing their critical and analytical abilities, their methodological skills and their expertise in substantive sociological topics.

All three Sociology master's streams offer scope for students to develop their own intellectual agendas and research projects in any aspect of the discipline that interests them, and to choose option courses from a wide selection both within and without the Sociology Department. Each stream emphasises a different aspect of research training, provided through its specification of core courses: MSc Sociology provides a balance of sociological theory, methodology and substantive topics. The Contemporary Social Thought stream is built around a core course in theory and analysis. The MSc Sociology (Research) has a higher weighting of qualitative and quantitative methods training, originally designed as an ESRC approved training course for doctoral studentships.

These programmes offer the following benefits:

- The chance to study sociology at graduate level in the only specialist institution for the social sciences in the UK. The research MSc is part of the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) recognised 1+3 programme in the Department and offer holders can enter the competition for ESRC 1+3 studentships.
- The opportunity to study with faculty of established national and international reputations in the Department's areas of research expertise. The core MSc Sociology programme offers a foundation in sociological research methods together with flexibility in option choices. The streams are aimed at students who wish to specialise in key areas: social research methods; contemporary social thought; or economic sociology but they also retain considerable flexibility in the course choices. Option courses reflect the Department's academic strengths, including: classical and contemporary social theory; political sociology; the sociology of economic life; culture and society; families in contemporary societies; gender and society; cities and urbanism; science and technology studies.
- The chance to progress to a research degree (MPhil/PhD) following completion of your MSc. The MSc dissertation will provide you with the chance of exploring the possibility of writing on a particular subject in some depth.
- The opportunity to develop critical understandings of the ways in which societies work, techniques of social research and skills in communication through systematic argument.

## Programme details

You take a total of three course units through a combination of full and/or half units and you complete a dissertation of up to 10,000 words on a subject of interest related to the courses and approved by the Department.

You will be advised on the dissertation topic by your academic adviser, in conjunction with the tutor of your chosen MSc programme. You choose the topic, which can be empirical or theoretical in its approach. The dissertation gives you the opportunity of thinking sociologically and at length on a sociological problem, issue or debate within sociology itself.

## Compulsory courses for MSc Sociology

(\* half unit)

**Social Research Methods** covers quantitative and qualitative research methods.

**Dissertation.**

## Compulsory courses for MSc Sociology (Research)

**Social Research Methods** covers quantitative and qualitative research methods.

**Introduction to Quantitative Analysis\*** covers the foundations of descriptive statistics and statistical estimation and inference.

**Applied Regression Analysis\*** is concerned with deepening the understanding of the

generalised linear model and its application to social science data.

**Dissertation.**

## Compulsory courses for MSc Sociology (Contemporary Social Thought)

**Contemporary Social Thought** is organised around three key areas: transformations in time and space; new technologies, methods and society; cosmopolitanism and post-cosmopolitanism.

**Dissertation.**

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one full course unit (MSc Sociology (Research)) or two course units (MSc Sociology and MSc Sociology (Contemporary Social Thought)). Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/so](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/so) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

Students go into a wide variety of professions, such as teaching, research, politics, public administration, the social and health services, advertising, journalism, other areas of the media, law, publishing, industry, accounting, marketing, personnel and management.

# STATISTICS

## [lse.ac.uk/statistics](http://lse.ac.uk/statistics)

**Number of graduate students (full-time equivalent)**

**Taught:** 69

**Research:** 17

**Number of faculty (full-time equivalent):** 20

**RAE:** 55 per cent of the Department's research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent

**Location:** Columbia House

The Department has an international reputation for the development of statistical methodology which has grown from its long and distinguished history of active contributions to research and teaching in statistics. LSE staff and students, past and present, have made significant contributions to the development of statistics. We continue to offer expert teaching and supervision.

Our core areas of research are social statistics, time series and risk and stochastics in insurance and finance. We enjoy close links with other departments and offer regular seminars and other departmental activities that help to create a vibrant environment for study and research. The Centre for the Analysis of Time Series (CATS) is closely linked to the Department and the Risk and Stochastics Group (RSG) has close links with the Institute of Actuaries and industrial partners.

Graduate study of statistics is often vocational, though no progress can be

made without a lively intellectual interest in both the methodological principles of statistical modelling and practical applications. The Department provides a thriving, hardworking, friendly and supportive environment in which these interests can be pursued.

Employment opportunities for our graduates are excellent. Students can expect careers in finance and applied statistics in the private and public sectors, as well as research and teaching in universities and colleges throughout the world. Many graduates are employed by their national governments.

## MPhil/PhD Statistics Visiting Research Students

**Application code:** G4ZS (MPhil/PhD), G4ES (VRS)

**Start date:** Intake at the start of Michaelmas, Lent or Summer term

**Duration:** MPhil/PhD 3/4 years (minimum 2), VRS for one term, two terms or up to a maximum of one academic year

**Entry requirement:** Taught master's with a substantial statistical element, usually with a distinction, or equivalent experience

**English requirement:** Research (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** See page 32

**Financial support:** LSE scholarships and studentships (see page 32). LSE



is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. The MPhil/PhD Statistics is part of the Global Economic Performance, Policy Management Group of accredited programmes for ESRC funding (see page 34). UK/EU students may also be eligible for EPSRC funding

**Application deadline:** 27 April 2015 but please note that the selection process for LSE PhD and Research Council Studentships will take place earlier. The funding deadline is 12 January 2015. Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents – by the deadline

## Opportunities for research

Prospective research students should already have studied or be close to completing a taught MSc with a large statistics content or have equivalent experience. Our entry requirement is a distinction. You will be registered initially for the MPhil with transfer to PhD dependent on your successful progression in years one and

two. Competition for places is fierce and we strongly advise early applications.

If you are accepted to undertake research in the Department you will have two supervisors who will monitor your work closely and provide detailed guidance on your choice of research topic. We expect research students to present their work in seminars and at an annual presentation event. We encourage students to produce research posters for display in the Department and presentation at conferences and workshops. Each year you will have a formal assessment of your progress. You may be advised to take courses from the MSc Statistics and take exams in these at the end of your first year of registration, as well as courses from other appropriate programmes, such as the London Taught Course Centre and the London Graduate School in Mathematical Finance.

The most important resource for statisticians is a computer. In addition to LSE's computing resources, we have networked departmental workstations exclusively for the use of research

students. There is an extensive collection of software available; both commercial packages and in-house products.

The LSE Library has a good collection of research monographs and journals and you may access databases of research information. There is a comprehensive assembly of worldwide official statistics. The Department has a dedicated library with statistical journals and books, which is available to research students.

## Taught programmes

MSc Risk and Stochastics (see page 188)

MSc Statistics (see page 189)

MSc Statistics (Financial Statistics) (see page 189)

Statistics is also available as a specialist field in MSc Social Research Methods (see page 150)

### MSc Risk and Stochastics

**Application code:** G4U2

**Start date:** Mandatory pre-sessional course begins September 2015

**Duration:** 10 months full-time, 22 months part-time (10 month master's are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are "recognised". For more information on Bologna please see page 11)

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 24/240

**Minimum entry requirement:** First class honours in actuarial science,

statistics, mathematical economics or mathematics (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None

This programme provides high-level training in probability theory and statistics for random processes with applications in the areas of insurance and finance and their interface. It includes a comprehensive and unified approach to all quantitative aspects of modern actuarial science. Students receive rigorous training in mathematics and scientific computation and are introduced to a range of schemes for risk transfer, sufficiently broad to equip them for highly specialised work in insurance, pensions, investment, and banking and for independent research in these areas.

The programme is mathematically advanced and suitable candidates will normally hold a good BSc degree in actuarial science, statistics, mathematical economics or mathematics. This should include training in analysis and linear algebra, with rigorous proofs, and probability theory at the level of our third year undergraduate course Stochastic Processes.

Your application should be submitted as early as possible and must include:

- A personal statement, no longer than 150 words, outlining your reasons for wanting to study Risk and Stochastics.
- Course descriptions and reading lists for advanced courses in mathematics and statistics in your degree (either held or pending).

Please note that the Department of Statistics requires references to be submitted with your application form from at least one person who is familiar with your academic achievements. Normally, this will be a tutor from your current or previous academic institution.

## Programme details

Each MSc student has an academic adviser who is available for guidance and advice on academic or personal concerns. The compulsory courses lay the foundations in advanced stochastic models and methods and give a broad introduction to theories of risk exchange in insurance and finance. Students can choose options in statistics, mathematics and finance.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Stochastic Processes\*** provides a broad introduction to stochastic processes with an emphasis on financial and actuarial applications.

**Insurance Mathematics\*** provides an introduction to life and pensions insurance mathematics based on the

theory of stochastic processes, notably counting processes and their associated counting martingales.

**Computational Methods in Finance and Insurance\*** develops computational skills and introduces a range of numerical techniques of importance in actuarial and financial engineering.

**Stochastics for Derivatives Modelling\*** examines valuation and hedging of derivative securities.

**Recent Developments in Finance and Insurance\*** covers recent developments in the theory of stochastic processes and applications in finance and insurance and their interface.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one and a half units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/rs](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/rs) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

The programme offers excellent prospects for employment and further study. Students can gain employment in the finance or insurance industries. They can also go on to do a higher degree. The Department has good relations with the financial services industry, particularly insurance and professional bodies.



## MSc Statistics

**Application code:** G4U5

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 9 months full-time (9 month master's are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are "recognised". For more information on Bologna please see page 11). 21 months part-time; with Summer Project: 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 11/213

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree with substantial amount of statistics and mathematics (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). The research track is accredited for ESRC funding as part of a four year award (see page 34)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. For consideration for ESRC funding 12 January 2015

**Notes:** Graduates are awarded Graduate Statistician (GradStat) status by the Royal Statistical Society

This programme provides high level training in statistics. Students learn to analyse and critically interpret data, build statistical models of real situations, and use statistical software packages.

You should have or expect to gain an upper second class honours degree, or equivalent, which includes a substantial amount of statistics and mathematics. Well qualified applicants who do not meet this requirement will be considered on merit.

Applications need to be submitted as early as possible and must include a personal statement outlining your reasons for wanting to study statistics. This should be no longer than 500 words and you are advised to be concise and clear in your statement.

Please note that the Department of Statistics requires references to be submitted with your application form from at least one person who is familiar with your academic achievements. Normally, this will be a tutor from your previous institution

## Programme details

Each MSc student has an academic adviser who is available for guidance and advice on academic or personal concerns. The compulsory courses consolidate students' understanding of fundamental ideas in probability and statistics and introduce advanced topics. Students also choose from a range of options.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Statistical Inference: Principles, Methods and Computation** provides comprehensive coverage on some fundamental aspects of probability and statistics methods and principles.

**Dissertation** (research option only).

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of three (two for research option) units from a range of options.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## MSc Statistics (Research)

Students have the option to register for the MSc Statistics (Research) branch of the programme in the first few weeks of the Michaelmas term. This branch is similar to the MSc Statistics nine month programme but involves a compulsory Dissertation which replaces one unit's worth of optional courses and makes the research track a 12 month programme.

Full course descriptions can be found at: [lse.ac.uk/statistics](http://lse.ac.uk/statistics)

## Graduate destinations

Students on this programme have excellent career prospects. Former students have taken up positions in consulting firms, banks and in the public sector. Many go on to take higher degrees. Graduates of the MSc are awarded Graduate Statistician (GradStat) status by the Royal Statistical Society.

## MSc Statistics (Financial Statistics)

## MSc Statistics (Financial Statistics) (Research)

**Application code:** G4U6

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 9 months full-time (9 month master's are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are "recognised". For more information on Bologna please see page 11). 21 months part-time; with Summer Project: 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 34/392

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree with substantial amount of statistics and mathematics (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £23,976; overseas £24,456

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

**Notes:** Graduates are awarded Graduate Statistician (GradStat) status by the Royal Statistical Society

This programme is based in the Department of Statistics. It provides high level training in statistics with applications in finance and econometrics. Students learn to analyse and critically interpret data, build statistical models of real situations, and use statistical software packages.

You should have or expect to gain an upper second class honours degree, or equivalent, which includes a substantial

amount of statistics and mathematics. Well qualified applicants who do not meet this requirement will be considered on merit.

Applications need to be submitted as early as possible and must include a personal statement outlining your reasons for wanting to study statistics and why you are particularly interested in its financial applications. This should be no longer than 500 words and you are advised to be concise and clear in your statement.

Please note that the Department of Statistics requires references to be submitted with your application form from at least one person who is familiar with your academic achievements. Normally, this will be a tutor from your previous institution

## Programme details

Each MSc student has an academic adviser who is available for guidance and advice on academic or personal concerns. The compulsory courses consolidate students' understanding of fundamental ideas in probability and statistics and introduce advanced topics. Students can choose options to focus on statistics with applications in social science or in finance and econometrics.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Statistical Inference: Principles, Methods and Computation** provides a comprehensive coverage on some fundamental aspects of probability and statistics methods and principles.

**Financial Statistics\*** covers key statistical methods and data analytic techniques most relevant to finance.

**Time Series\*** gives a broad introduction to statistical time series analysis.

**Dissertation** (research option only).

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units (one for the research option) from a range of options.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### MSc Statistics (Financial Statistics) (Research)

Students have the option to register for the MSc Statistics (Financial Statistics) (Research) branch of the programme in the first few weeks of the Michaelmas term. This branch is similar to the MSc Statistics (Financial Statistics) nine month programme but involves a compulsory dissertation which replaces one unit's worth of optional courses and makes the research track a 12 month programme.

Full course descriptions can be found at: [lse.ac.uk/statistics](http://lse.ac.uk/statistics)

### Graduate destinations

The programme provides excellent opportunities for employment and further study. Graduates of the MSc are awarded Graduate Statistician (GradStat) status by the Royal Statistical Society.

# URBAN@LSE

As an international centre of excellence in the social sciences, LSE has a long-standing commitment to an innovative understanding of urban society. LSE has a distinctive concentration of urban specialists in a number of disciplinary areas, and is an unrivalled centre for graduate study in the area of city design, urban and regional planning, urbanisation and development, and the economic, social, political and policy aspects of contemporary urban life.

Our aim is to apply social scientific disciplines to better understand cities and the contribution they make to economic, social and cultural life. LSE urban programmes bring together a range of disciplinary expertise to link the urban social sciences with the design and governance of cities, urban infrastructure, environment and development, with a unique concentration of urban specialists in different subject areas - including Economics, Geography and Environment, International Development, Social Policy, and Sociology. Our scope is not only 'global cities', but also smaller and medium sized cities; and cities of the global South as well as those of the global North.

## Taught programmes

MSc City Design and Social Science (see page 179)

Double Degree in Urban Policy (LSE and Sciences Po) (see page 201)

MSc Local Economic Development (see page 96)

MSc Real Estate Economics and Finance (see page 96)

MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies (see page 97)

MSc Social Policy and Development (see page 169)

MSc Social Policy (Social Policy and Planning) (see page 171)

MSc Urbanisation and Development (see page 98)

## Opportunities for doctoral research

LSE has an exciting interdisciplinary network of urban researchers, and there are opportunities for doctoral research on aspects of cities and urban development across a number of departments. Further details of doctoral studies and programmes in this field can be found at [lse.ac.uk/urbanAtLSE](http://lse.ac.uk/urbanAtLSE)

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- 214** Executive MPA
- 215** TRIUM Global Executive MBA

# DOUBLE AND JOINT MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

## LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in Affaires Internationales and International Relations or International Political Economy

**Application code:** To be confirmed. Please check the latest information on the LSE website

**Start date:** September 2015 at Sciences-Po, Paris

**Duration:** 23 months full-time only

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in social science, preferably international relations or related (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** Year one at Sciences Po €13,500; Year two at LSE in 2016 £20,736

**Financial support:** For year two at LSE, Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). For information on financial aid at Sciences Po, please visit [formation.sciences-po.fr/en/content/bursaries-and-financial-aid](http://formation.sciences-po.fr/en/content/bursaries-and-financial-aid)

French and British nationals should be aware of the Entente Cordiale Scholarship. Please see <http://en.entente-cordiale.org> for further details

**Application deadline:** Online only. Must be completed by 20 February 2015

LSE and Sciences Po joined forces in 2002 to sign an agreement establishing a double degree in international affairs. The double degree, which is based on reciprocal recognition of both curriculum and evaluation in the partner university, offers a top level education in international affairs and international relations/international political economy.

The double degree takes place over the course of two full academic years with the first year in Paris and the second in London.

The focus of the double degree is international affairs. It is designed primarily for those who intend to practise negotiation in government, international institutions and business, as well as those with a general interest in international relations and international political economy.

At the end of two years of successful study students will be awarded either a master's in International Security, a master's in International Economic Policy or a master's in International Public Management from Sciences Po and *either* MSc International Relations *or* MSc International Political Economy from LSE.

## Programme details

### Languages

English is the only required language (though knowledge of French is useful).

Students who do not have a recognised secondary education or university degree taught and examined entirely in

English must meet LSE's standard English requirement (see page 39).

### Selection

Applications will be examined by a joint admissions board comprising representatives of both LSE and Sciences Po. Successful applicants will be notified by post and email.

### Supplementary documents:

In addition to the application form, you are required to submit

- 1 a full and official transcript of marks obtained for each year of third level education including the current year when available.
- 2 a certified copy of your undergraduate degree (if applicable).

Documents written in languages other than English or French must be accompanied by a translation into one of the above languages.

1 a personal statement, to be submitted in English. In no more than 1,000 words, please describe your background, your career objectives in the field of international affairs and how obtaining the LSE/Sciences Po double degree will help you to achieve those objectives

2 two letters of recommendation. These can either be in French or English. They must be attached to your online application form or placed in an envelope sealed and signed on the back by the referee before being added to the application file





3 a résumé in French or English

4 optional professional reference

Items 1 to 3 can be submitted as scanned attachments to the online application form. References may be submitted online or by post.

### Year one: Sciences Po

The first year is spent at Sciences Po. Students join the Paris School of International Affairs and study for either a master's in International Security, a master's in International Economic Policy or a master's in International Public Management.

The double degree has specific requirements during the first year, including a joint seminar attended by all students irrespective of the master's degree they are enrolled in.

Students will need to pass their first year at Sciences Po before being allowed to proceed to LSE.

### Year two: LSE

The second year is spent at LSE and runs from October until September of the following year. It comprises three terms and the summer period for completion of the dissertation.

Students will enrol in *either* the MSc International Relations (page 120) or the MSc International Political Economy (page 120). Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ddai](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ddai) for further information on the programme content.

### Graduate destinations

Most of our former MSc students go on to work in government, international organisations, financial institutions, journalism and corporations, but some continue on to research degrees and the academic profession.

### LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in European Studies

**Application code:** To be confirmed. Please check the latest information on the LSE website

**Start date:** September 2015 at Sciences-Po, Paris

**Duration:** 24 months full-time only

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39). There is also a French language requirement, equivalent to TCF level 500

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** Year one at Sciences Po €13,700 (2014/15 fees). Year two at LSE in 2016 £19,344

**Financial support:** During the first year, students are able to apply to the LSE Graduate Support Scheme for year two of the programme (see page 32). For information on financial aid at Sciences Po, please see **formation**.

[sciences-po.fr/en/content/bursaries-and-financial-aid](http://sciences-po.fr/en/content/bursaries-and-financial-aid). French and British nationals should be aware of the Entente Cordiale Scholarship. Please see <http://en.entente-cordiale.org> for further details

**Application deadline:** Online only. Applications must be completed by 20 February 2014

Sciences Po and LSE have come together to offer high-achieving undergraduate students a joint curriculum: the Double master's degree in European Studies.

In this programme, students focus on the history, politics and institutions of the European Union, on the ideas which underpin the European project; and on the political, economic and social challenges facing Europe. Teaching is by renowned EU specialists, many with practical experience of policymaking. Students combine lectures and seminars on specific topics with workshops, simulations, case studies and attendance at public lectures and debates with top decision-makers, experts and opinion formers from across Europe.

Bilingual (French and English), and spanning a wide range of disciplines, this selective programme is based on mutual recognition of both curricula and evaluation in the partner university.

The LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in European Studies lasts two academic years: the first year is spent at Sciences Po, in the Master en Affaires Européennes;

the second year takes place within the European Institute at LSE studying either MSc European Studies: Ideas, Ideologies and Identities, MSc Political Economy of Europe or (from October 2016) MSc EU Politics.

Courses are multidisciplinary and students will choose options from international relations, history, economics, law, philosophy and political science with a European focus.

### Programme details

#### Language

Applicants must demonstrate competence in both English and French.

Students whose native language is not English must meet LSE's Standard English requirement (see page 39) or have a recognised university degree taught and examined entirely in English.

Applicants whose native language is not French must prove language ability by means of one of the following:

- the French Baccalauréat
- a Francophone secondary school diploma (Etudes Collégiales Canadiennes, Certificat d'Humanités Belge, etc)
- a recognised university degree with at least two years of study at a Francophone University
- the Test de Connaissance du Français (TCF) 500 or DALF. Please see Sciences-Po admissions [www.sciencespo.fr/admissions](http://www.sciencespo.fr/admissions) for more information

Students whose native language is neither English nor French must provide proof of ability in both languages as above.

### Selection

Applications will be examined by a joint admissions board consisting of representatives of both LSE and Sciences Po. Only successful applicants will be notified by post. Students can track the status of their application online.

### Supplementary documents

In addition to the application form, you are required to submit:

- 1 a full and official transcript of marks obtained for each year of university level education including the current year when available
- 2 a certified copy of your undergraduate degree (if applicable). Documents written in languages other than English or French must be accompanied by a certified translation into one of the above languages
- 3 a personal statement to be submitted in both English and French. In no more than 1,000 words, please describe your background, your career objectives as these relate to Europe/the EU and how obtaining the LSE/Sciences Po Double Degree will help you to achieve those objectives
- 4 two letters of academic recommendation. These can either be in French or English. They must be submitted online or placed in an envelope sealed and signed on the

back by the referee before being added to the application file

5 a résumé in both English and French

6 optional: you may also submit letters of professional recommendation

Items 1 to 3 can be submitted as scanned attachments to the online application form. References may be submitted online or by post.

### Year one: Sciences Po

At Sciences Po, the academic year runs from early September to the end of June. It is divided into two semesters, each of which is 14 weeks long.

Core curriculum (compulsory) 30 ECTS

Optional courses 5 ECTS

Languages 5 ECTS

Joint seminar 7,5 ECTS

Simulation Game 2,5 ECTS

Collective project 10 ECTS

### Year two: LSE

The second year runs from October until September of the following year. It comprises three terms and the summer period for the completion of the 10,000 word dissertation.

Students will enrol in either MSc European Studies: Ideas, Ideologies and Identities or MSc Political Economy of Europe or MSc Politics and Government in the European Union. They will have to make their choice while studying at Sciences Po. Students can expect an average of 180 hours of

teaching during the year at LSE. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ddes](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ddes) for further information on the programme content.

### Graduate destinations

Former graduates pursue successful careers in politics, journalism, diplomacy, business, academia, consultancy, the EU institutions, national administrations and in the international institutions.

### MSc Double Degree in Global Media and Communications with Annenberg School, USC or Fudan University

**Application code:** P4U4 (LSE and USC), P4UB (LSE and Fudan)

**Start date:** 24 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months full-time at LSE, followed by second year at University of Southern California or Fudan University, Shanghai

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 81/299

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science, or degree in another field with professional experience in media and communications (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** Not required but will be considered if submitted

**Fee level:** £18,600 for Year 1 at LSE only

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32). Some specific financial support will be available to exceptional students on this programme

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions. Early application is recommended, however the number of places on this programme is limited and admissions will close when the programme is full

This unique two-year programme enables students to study for one year at LSE in London, the UK's media capital, and one year at either the School of Journalism, the Annenberg School of Communication, University of Southern California (USC) – a top US communication school with close links to the Los Angeles media industry, or at Fudan University – a top journalism faculty with close links to Shanghai's media industry, to gain expertise in Chinese media.

The programme aims to provide:

- critical exploration of mediation in the global context, examining processes of globalisation in relation to organisation, production, consumption and representation in media and communications
- the opportunity to study a range of courses, flexibly tailoring the programme to develop specialist interests, culminating in an independent

research project on a topic in global media and communications

- preparation for high-level employment in media and communications related professions anywhere in the world
- the opportunity for internships in Los Angeles or Shanghai

We attract students from a diverse range of backgrounds, often including professional experience working in media and communications related fields. Indeed, the opportunity for cross-cultural meetings and exchange of ideas among the student body is a valuable feature of studying at LSE.

You should have at least an upper second class honours degree or its equivalent, preferably in a social science subject. We particularly welcome applications from those with professional experience in the media and communication fields and, in this case, we would accept a degree in other subjects.

The Department of Media and Communications requires applicants in receipt of a conditional offer to meet those conditions before registration and before the start of the Michaelmas term.

If English is not your first language or if the language of instruction for your first degree is not English, we ask you to provide evidence of your command of English as part of the admissions process. In addition, we strongly recommend that you consider additional language instruction before you register in order to be confident that you can participate

fully in your programme. Experience has shown that students who are fully proficient in English are best placed to make the most of all that LSE has to offer, both academically and socially. The LSE Language Centre offers courses in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) to support you before the start of the programme, as well as during your studies.

## Programme details

Year one at LSE consists of four units (up to seven courses), including compulsory and optional courses and the dissertation. Teaching typically involves a combination of lectures and seminars. The Methods of Research course is taught as a series of lectures and practical classes. You will be assessed by written examinations, research assignments, essays related to courses and the dissertation, which must be submitted in mid-August.

The double degree programme runs for two years. Formal teaching at LSE is usually completed by the end of the Lent term. At LSE, coursework is usually submitted in January and May, examinations for year one courses are generally held in May and June. The remaining months of year 2 are set aside for students to complete the dissertation before relocating to USC or Fudan in August. Students graduate from USC in May of year two and from Fudan University in June of year two.

### Further information:

The University of Southern California  
[www.usc.edu](http://www.usc.edu)



The Annenberg School  
<http://annenberg.usc.edu>

Fudan University [www.xwxy.fudan.edu.cn/fudan\\_lse/main.html](http://www.xwxy.fudan.edu.cn/fudan_lse/main.html)

Please note that at LSE we do not provide a practical training in journalism, production, campaigning or media management.

## Year one: LSE

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Theories and Concepts in Media and Communications (Key concepts and interdisciplinary approaches)\*** addresses key theoretical and conceptual issues in the study of media and communications.

**Media and Globalisation\*** explores and demonstrates the role of the media and communications in the processes of globalisation.

**Methods of Research in Media and Communications (including Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis)\*** provides a general training in research methods and techniques.

Either **Representation in the Age of Globalisation\*** focuses on the way



media representations are implicated in the exercise of power through the construction of meaning, or **Global Media Industries\*** presents a critical view of key aspects of theory, research and practice of media industries in the global context, or **Identity, Transnationalism and the Media\*** examines the relation between identity and the media in the context of diaspora and transnationalism.

### Dissertation.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ddgmc](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ddgmc) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

### Mandarin Language classes

All students in Year one of MSc in Global Media and Communications (LSE and Fudan) will also attend 40 hours of Mandarin language classes at the appropriate level in the LSE Language Centre ([lse.ac.uk/language](http://lse.ac.uk/language)) or the LSE Confucius Institute for Business ([lse.ac.uk/CIBL](http://lse.ac.uk/CIBL)). Mandarin language assessment does not form part of the MSc assessment, but attendance, for which there is no additional fee to the student, is required for all students on this programme except those already completely fluent in Mandarin.

## Year two: Annenberg, USC

### Compulsory course

**Global Communication Research Practicum** (4 units)

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of 20 units from a range of options.

### Year two: Fudan

Students will be expected to choose a range of core and optional courses in Chinese language, culture and media. For more details of second year in Fudan, please visit: [www.xwxy.fudan.edu.cn/dm](http://www.xwxy.fudan.edu.cn/dm)

**Fudan University Students** – Students already enrolled in a masters programme at Fudan University are eligible to apply through the normal application process, but it is advisable that they consult with Fudan University in advance of submitting an application.

**Applicants from China** – Students who are citizens of the People's Republic of China (PRC), including students who are already studying at an overseas university (ie, outside of China), are required by Chinese law to complete the National Postgraduate Entrance Examination and meet all the requirements for PRC students for entry into a master's degree programme at Fudan.

**Important:** Please consult with Fudan University of School of Journalism before submitting an application. Contact:

Mr Wang Kun,  
Programme Coordinator, LSE-Fudan  
Double-Degree  
Fudan University – School of Journalism  
Tel: 00-86-21-55664686  
Email: [jakewang2011@gmail.com](mailto:jakewang2011@gmail.com)

### Graduate destinations

On graduating, our students enter a variety of global careers including broadcasting, journalism, advertising, new media industries, political marketing, market research, regulation and policy, media management and research in both public and private sectors. For further information about graduate destinations see [lse.ac.uk/media@lse/alumni](http://lse.ac.uk/media@lse/alumni)

## MA Global Studies: A European Perspective

**Application code:** Students apply through the University of Leipzig

**Start date:** 24 September 2015 if you choose to study your first year at LSE

**Duration:** 24 months full-time only

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in social science or humanities (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard, plus a basic knowledge of German (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** UK/EU £12,024; overseas £18,600

**Financial support:** Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application deadline:** Early 2015 for Erasmus Mundus Scholarship applicants, 1 June 2015 for all others

This programme is based in the Department of Economic History and is an interdisciplinary, research-based master's programme offered by a consortium of five European universities: University of Leipzig, LSE, University of Vienna, University of Roskilde and University of Wrocław. Combining approaches from global history and international studies, it also encompasses area studies, social sciences and other disciplines which contribute to a wide-ranging academic programme allowing different approaches to the study of globalisation processes.

The programme is aimed at students with a first degree in social sciences and humanities with an interest in issues of globalisation. Minimum entry requirements are a BA degree (or recognised equivalent from an accredited institution), sufficient undergraduate training to do graduate work in the chosen field, excellent written and oral command of English and at least basic German knowledge.

## Programme details

Students study for two years, one year each at two of the partner institutes, and applicants wishing to study at LSE for either their first or second year will be required to take the MSc Global History, based in the Department of Economic History.

Applications will be handled by the University of Leipzig and full details can be found at [gesi.sozphil.uni-leipzig.de/joint-projects/emgs](http://gesi.sozphil.uni-leipzig.de/joint-projects/emgs)

## Graduate destinations

Global Studies provides essential training for those who wish to develop professional research expertise in global history. Graduates of the programme have gone on to study for a PhD, into jobs in international economic agencies and development, as well as journalism, economic consultancy and management and administration in the public and private sectors.



## LSE – PKU Double MSc Degree in International Affairs

**Application code:** V21A

**Start date:** Early September 2015 at PKU, Beijing

**Duration:** 24 months full-time only. The first 12 months are spent in Beijing, the second at LSE

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** Year one at PKU CNY 95,000. Year two at LSE £19,344

**Financial support:** For year two at LSE, Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**How to apply:** All applicants apply via LSE. This includes applicants from the People's Republic of China, and areas of Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and PKU students

All applicants from the mainland of People's Republic of China who do not have dual citizenship (ie, do not hold a second passport) must complete the National Entrance Examination for Postgraduate students in China.

**Applicants holding identity cards from Macau, Hong Kong, or Taiwan do not need to take the National Entrance Examination** but must register with PKU Graduate School.

Please register online via [www.studyatPKU.com](http://www.studyatPKU.com). It is necessary for these students to contact the School of International Studies at Peking University before submitting an application to assess their eligibility for PKU, by mid December

All non-PRC students, upon accepting the offer, must: go to the PKU online application (pre-registration) system [www.studyatpku.com](http://www.studyatpku.com) fill in the PKU form; pay the pre-registration fee CNY 400 online by **24 April 2015**; print out and sign the form; and, together with TWO passport size photos and a copy of the passport page with name, post it to Ms. LIU Qian, Program Officer, B101, School of International Studies, Peking University, No.5 Yiheyuan Road, 100871, Beijing China. Tel:86-10-62759199, Fax:86-10-62758954, Email [liuqian2013@pku.edu.cn](mailto:liuqian2013@pku.edu.cn). Unless otherwise required, PKU needs to receive this package by **5 May 2015**. If you do not complete the above mentioned registration with PKU and mail the required documents before the deadline, you will not be able to be enrolled by PKU for the year of 2015

For further information about the National Entrance Examination for Postgraduate students in China and about the application process please contact Mr Zhang Chunping, Director of International Programs Office, on [lsepku@126.com](mailto:lsepku@126.com) or [edulis@126.com](mailto:edulis@126.com) or call +86 10 6276 5111 or fax +86 10 6275 8954

**IMPORTANT** – For this programme dual citizenship means you have a full passport of another country, aside from the passport, residence permit or identity card for the People's Republic of China, including Hong Kong, Macau, or Taiwan

**Application deadline:** Applications must be completed (all supporting documents received) by 28 February 2015

Organised jointly by LSE and Peking University, this double MSc degree offers an outstanding opportunity for graduate students and young professionals. The first year is spent at the School of International Studies at Peking University, studying the international relations of China and the Asia Pacific region. The second year is spent at LSE, studying the theory and history of global international relations. It offers the following benefits:

- gaining an insight into international affairs through studying at the best universities in the social sciences in China and in Europe
- while at LSE, courses in the Departments of International Relations and International History
- combining an empirical and a theoretical approach to contemporary international affairs
- engaging at an advanced level with the latest academic research and undertaking your own research-based term work and dissertation

## Programme details

At Peking University, students take a core course on Chinese Politics and Diplomacy and can select other courses among the wide variety on offer in the School of International Studies. Students can choose among courses taught in English and in Chinese. They complete the first year programme by writing and defending a dissertation on a topic relevant to their studies. The dissertation can be written in English or in Chinese.

At LSE, students take core courses in both the International Relations and the International History Departments, take a third course from the wide range of options offered by the two Departments, and complete the programme with a dissertation on a relevant topic in international history.

Course assessment is by assessed coursework (in some courses) and by a final exam.

## Year one: PKU

Students are required to achieve 22 credits plus finish and defend a dissertation while studying at Peking University in the first year. Please note: The PKU dissertation does not count towards any credits at PKU but it is compulsory. Students cannot progress to year two at LSE without successfully completing year one at PKU.

## Compulsory courses

**Chinese Politics and Diplomacy.**

**Dissertation and Oral Defence** (the dissertation can be written either in Chinese or English).

**Chinese language (for international students)**

**Applied English for Chinese students.**

Students will be expected to choose five courses from a range of options.

**Year two: LSE**

Course choice and acceptance into specific courses depends on the availability of courses in a given year, staffing resources, the number of seminars offered for a particular course and student demand.

**Compulsory courses**

**Crisis Decision-Making in War and Peace 1914-2003** examines the history of international relations from the First World War to the Iraq War.

**Dissertation.**

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ddia](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ddia) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

**Graduate destinations**

The programme provides an excellent preparation for careers in academia, business or consulting, government or international agencies, the media, politics and law.

**LSE – Columbia University Double Degree in International and World History**

**Application code:** Applications should be made to Columbia via [worldhistory.columbia.edu/](http://worldhistory.columbia.edu/)

**Start date:** September 2015 at Columbia, New York (with Orientation events last week of August)

**Duration:** 22 months full-time only

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** Year One (Columbia) \$49,300 (estimated); Year Two (at LSE) £19,344

**Financial support:** The Programme offers a limited number of Tuition Reductions Scholarships awarded by both institutions (selected by Columbia). Further information is available on the programme website. Additional support for year two at LSE, Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**Application Deadline:** 2 March 2015

**Note:** All CU-LSE dual degree students must complete their first year of study at Columbia and second year at LSE. Students cannot receive a master's degree from Columbia without completing the requirements for the second year. The CU-LSE programme exclusively awards dual degrees

Our world is more interconnected than ever. We call it globalisation, but without good histories to explain how we got here, we cannot begin to know where we are heading.

This master's programme at Columbia and LSE will ask students to explore our world by studying the forces that have been remaking it: migration, trade, technological revolutions, epidemic disease, environmental change, wars and diplomacy.

Working with preeminent historians in the field, students will analyse large-scale historical processes, pursue empirical research, and produce their own comparative and cross-cultural histories.

The study of international and world history – as opposed to the study of the exclusive histories and historiographies of individual countries – is an emerging field of research that is slowly changing our perspectives on the development of politics and societies. These developments are seen as inseparably linked to the movement of people and ideas back and forth across oceans and territories.

The internationalisation of the study of history has also led to a renewed interest in what larger regions of the world have in common – and in what separates



them from each other – in terms of political concepts and cultural values. As a result, the study of encounters between states or societies has gone through several new phases, which together have revolutionised our understanding of cultural and economic dissemination as well as of war, diplomacy, empires and transnational institutions. Finally, efforts are being made to integrate the histories of ethnicity and gender into this internationalising framework and to study the influence of these aspects of human history upon both peaceful cooperation and exchange and upon forms of violent conflict.

The further development of the study of international history in this broad sense depends on the internationalisation of the training and skills of the next generation of experts. The LSE – Columbia University Double Degree in International and World History draws on the faculties of two of the world's leading centres of international affairs, which have the expertise and commitment to provide the training and skills needed. It offers close contact in seminars and colloquia with mentors in different intellectual and cultural settings in two global cities.

## Compulsory language requirement

The ability to comprehend multiple languages is important to the study of international and world history. There is no language requirement for entry into the programme. However, in order to graduate from the programme, students must fulfil a language requirement in one of four different ways:

- by taking two years of language training while at Columbia and LSE
- by taking and passing two translation exams. (Both translation exams must be taken at Columbia.)
- by taking and passing one translation exam and studying a language for one year, either at Columbia or at LSE
- by taking and passing an intensive summer language course (that equals the same number of credits as a year-long language course) combined with either a passed language exam or an additional year of language classes

Students have the choice between focusing on a single language or splitting the requirement between two different languages. It is possible to continue further study of a language after a student has passed the translation exam in that language.

## Programme details

In London, the LSE – Columbia Double Degree in International and World History is run by LSE's Department of International History; and in New York the degree is run by Columbia's History Department. It provides the chance to study international and world history from the early modern era up to today in an environment that emphasises broad study, global perspectives, and intellectual debate.

At the heart of the MA programme is a two-year dissertation, a piece of original scholarly work based on detailed empirical research and analysis. The dissertation is supported by a sequence of three core courses taken at Columbia and LSE, as

well as a large range of courses that allow for specialisation and language study.

The programme offers numerous benefits:

- two master's degrees – an MA from Columbia University and an MSc from LSE – from two of the top universities for history and the social sciences. At Columbia and LSE, students will have the opportunity to take courses in several subject areas as well as in other world-class departments, while at the same time engaging in rigorous language training
- a research oriented programme which goes far beyond classroom study. Students will design original projects while working closely with staff who offer expertise in an immense variety of geographical regions and research methodologies
- engagement with vibrant intellectual communities, including the opportunity to participate in seminars, debates, and public lectures offered by LSE IDEAS, the LSE's Centre for Diplomacy and Strategy, and the Centre for International History at Columbia, among others
- flexibility to tailor programmes to diverse interests and divergent career paths. Those with a history background can focus on cutting-edge fields of research and prepare themselves for PhD study. Others can develop historical expertise, writing skills, and language training as part of a career in international affairs. The programme is designed to attract a diverse student body with complementary interests, including teaching, journalism and public or private administration

- the opportunity to develop life-long contacts on both sides of the Atlantic, using LSE and Columbia as launching pads for careers combining intellectual and professional development

## Year one: Columbia

In the first year of the programme students are required to complete 30 credits, including the core components of the programme: Approaches to International and Global History and MA/MSc Research Skills and Methods Workshop. At least 22 of these credits must be courses in the History Department. Most students must also take a course (or courses) to meet their language requirement (see below). Students can also take courses outside of the History Department, provided that both the MA director (Dr Line Lillevik) and the course instructor approve.

In January of their first year, students identify a topic for their dissertation. When the students have finalised their thesis topics in MA/MSc Research Skills and Methods Workshop, one Columbia adviser and one LSE adviser are designated to advise and guide them through completion of the dissertation in year two at LSE.

## Compulsory courses

**Approaches to International and Global History** introduces students to the conceptual possibilities and problems of international and world history.

**MA/MSc Research Skills and Methods Workshop** is a series of practical workshops including training in the use of archives and

other primary sources, the organisation and documentation of research, and presentation and publication of findings.

## Options

History Department options at Columbia vary significantly from semester to semester. Up-to-date course offerings can be found on Columbia University's Directory of Classes ([www.columbia.edu/cu/bulletin/uwb](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/bulletin/uwb)).

Please note that the course offerings for the Fall semester will be available in mid-March. Each course runs for a semester only, and some require permission of the instructor.

## Year two: LSE

At LSE, students are required to complete three full units in addition to the final core component of the programme: the LSE-CU Dissertation Workshop. At least two of these three units must be chosen from the wide range of international history and economic history course offerings. Students may complete their third unit in another department at LSE, provided that both the double degree's academic director and the teacher responsible for the course approve. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ddiwh](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ddiwh) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Compulsory course

All students are required to take the year-long **Dissertation Workshop**, which is designed

to help students write their dissertations and think about where they would like to take their careers. It provides a specialised forum for discussion and debate on what it means to write history and be an historian.

The dissertation itself – a master's thesis in the American system – must be no more than 15,000 words in length and is due in the first week of the Summer term. It is supervised and assessed at LSE in accordance with its MSc regulations.

## Graduate destinations

While many dual degree students go on to undertake PhDs, some choose to apply the insights gained to a career outside of academia, including journalism, public policy, non-profit, or the private sector.

## LSE – PKU Double Degree in Public Administration and Government

**Application code:** L2UI

**Start date:** Early September 2015 at PKU Beijing

**Duration:** 24 months full-time only. The first 12 months are spent in Beijing, the second at LSE

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** Year 1 at PKU to be confirmed, please visit [lse.ac.uk/](http://lse.ac.uk/)

**grad/ddpag** for more details. Year 2 at LSE £19,344

**Financial support:** For year 2 at LSE, Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

**How to apply:** All applicants apply via LSE using the online application form: [lse.ac.uk/graduatehowtoapply](http://lse.ac.uk/graduatehowtoapply). This includes applicants from the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and PKU students

All applicants from People's Republic of China who do not have dual citizenship (ie, do NOT hold a passport from another third country) must complete the National Entrance Examination for Postgraduate Students in China. It is necessary for these students to contact the School of Government at Peking University before submitting an application to assess their eligibility for PKU. For further information about the National Entrance Examination for Postgraduate students in China and about the application process please contact Ms. Li Bo, Director for External Affairs, School of Government on [libo\\_polly@pku.edu.cn](mailto:libo_polly@pku.edu.cn) or call +86-10-62755478 or fax +86-10-62755478.

**IMPORTANT** – For this programme dual citizenship means you have a full passport of another country, aside from the passport, residence permit or identity card for the Peoples Republic of China, Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan

**Application deadline:** Applications must be complete (all supporting documents received) by 22 March 2015

Organised jointly by LSE and Peking University, this innovative double MSc degree offers an outstanding opportunity for graduate students and young professionals. The first year is spent at the School of Government at Peking University, with a focus on public policy and administration in China and the Asia Pacific region. The second year is spent at LSE, studying public policy and administration. It offers the following benefits:

- obtaining two MSc degrees through studying at two of the best universities in the social sciences in China and in Europe
- gaining insights into public policy and administration in two very different countries
- combining an empirical and a theoretical approach to public policy and administration
- studying in small seminar groups with limited numbers of students
- engaging at an advanced level with the latest academic research and undertaking your own research-based term work and dissertation
- a good preparation for further research work or for a career in education, public administration or the private sector

## Programme details

At Peking University, the students take compulsory courses including Chinese Politics and Public Policy, Chinese Economic Development and Reform, Chinese Language Course (Mandarin) and Quantitative Methods for Public Policy and can select other courses from a list of



optional courses. They complete the First Year programme by writing a dissertation on a topic relevant to their studies.

At LSE, students follow the programme of the MSc Public Policy and Administration including a range of compulsory and optional courses, as well as completing a research-based dissertation.

Course assessment is by assessed coursework (in some courses) and by a final exam.

## Year one: Peking

All courses are one semester long. Course outlines are for indicative purposes only, and final names and contents may vary. Not all courses may run in every year.

## Compulsory courses

**Chinese Politics and Public Policy**

**Chinese Economic Development and Reform**

**Quantitative Methods for Public Policy**

**Chinese Language**

Students will be expected to choose two courses from a range of options.

**Dissertation.**

Students are required to submit a dissertation at PKU and to defend it.

## Year two: LSE

At LSE students are part of the MSc Public Policy and Administration programme. By taking appropriate combinations of courses students can obtain the MSc with a specialised stream in Comparative Public Policy or Public Management. Students

can choose one specialisation to be noted on their degree certificates.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Approaches and Issues in Public Policy and Administration** examines major issues in understanding public administration and policy.

Either **Public Management Theory and Doctrine\*** looks at the key areas of public management with reference to both developed and lesser developed world contexts or **Comparative Public Policy Change\*** examines explanations of policy change using cross-national comparison or **The Politics of Policy Advice\*** looks at how policy advice is commissioned, produced, managed and used.

Either **Introduction to Quantitative Analysis\*** covers the foundations of descriptive statistics and statistical estimation and inference or **Applied Regression Analysis\*** is concerned with deepening students understanding of the generalised linear model and its application to social science data.

**Dissertation.**

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of one unit from a range of options in public management and comparative public policy and administration. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/grad/ddpag](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/ddpag) for further information on the programme content.

Course choice and acceptance into specific courses depends on the availability of courses in a given year,

staffing resources, the number of seminars offered for a particular course and student demand. The courses above represent the current structure of the MSc Public Policy and Administration but this may be subject to change (see page 107).

## Graduate destinations

The programme provides an excellent preparation for careers in academia, business or consulting, government or international agencies, the media, politics and law.

## LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in Urban Policy

**Application code:** To be confirmed. Please check the latest information on the LSE website

**Start date:** Early September 2015 at Sciences Po, Paris

**Duration:** 23 months full-time only

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39). There is also a French Language requirement, equivalent to TCF level 500 or DALF C1

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** Year one at Sciences Po €13,500 (estimated); Year two at LSE UK/EU £12,504; overseas £19,344

**Financial support:** For year two at LSE Graduate Support Scheme (see page 32)

For information on financial aid at Sciences Po, please see **formation**.

[sciences-po.fr/en/content/bursaries-and-financial-aid](http://sciences-po.fr/en/content/bursaries-and-financial-aid)

French and British Nationals should be aware of the Entente Cordiale Scholarships, please see <http://en.entente-cordiale.org> for further details

**Application deadline:** Online only. Must be completed by 20 February 2015

Sciences Po and LSE have come together to offer outstanding undergraduate students a distinctive dual degree devoted to urban management and policy, the Double Degree in Urban Policy, combining the strengths of two leading international centres of research in city development and urban governance.

This programme is based on the mutual recognition of curricula and evaluation in the partner university; it offers a top-level education in the area of urban studies to participating students, giving them the opportunity to develop a career focused on local and urban policy, in the private, public or international sectors at the highest level.

The double degree lasts two academic years: the first year is spent at Sciences Po, in the Master Stratégies Territoriales et Urbaines; the second year is spent within the Department of Geography and Environment at LSE, following one of three MSc programmes, in either Local Economic Development, Regional and Urban Planning Studies, or Urbanisation and Development.

Spanning a wide range of disciplines, including public management, economic development, urbanisation, project management, urban social analysis,

and planning, this selective bilingual (French and English) programme will enable participating students to develop an understanding of the political, economic and social issues raised by contemporary urbanisation, at local and international level, with a curriculum focused on the analytic tools used in the field of urban policy.

At the end of two years of successful study, students will be awarded both a master's from Sciences Po in *Stratégies Territoriales et Urbaines*, and an MSc from LSE in Urban Policy.

### Language

Applicants must demonstrate competence in both English and French.

Students whose native language is not English must meet LSE's higher English requirement (see entry requirements) or have a recognised university degree taught and examined in English.

Applicants must demonstrate their competence in French, by passing either one of:

- the Test de Connaissance du Français (TCF) 500
- the Diplôme d'études en langue française (DALF) level C1

(No other tests will be accepted).

Or by

- holding the International Baccalaureate (IB) with French as the language of education (levels A1/A2 only)

- having gained a high school diploma from school education in French (for example in French Lycées outside of France)
- having completed an exchange programme with Sciences Po with enrolment in French language classes at least at levels 4 or 5
- having gained a recognised university degree with at least two years of study at a Francophone University. You will need to provide the diploma which proves that your language of instruction was French. Please note, this does not apply to students who have obtained a diploma in French language or French studies at universities in non French speaking countries

Students whose native language is neither English nor French must provide proof of ability in both languages as above.

### Supplementary documents

In addition to the application form, you are required to submit:

- 1 a full and official transcript of marks obtained for each year of third level education including the current year when available.
- 2 a certified copy of your undergraduate degree (if applicable).

Documents written in languages other than English or French must be accompanied by a certified translation into one of the above languages.

- 1 a personal statement to be submitted in either English or French. In no more than 1,000 words, please describe your

background, your career objectives in the field of urban policy and how obtaining the LSE/Sciences Po double degree will help you to achieve those objectives

- 2 two letters of academic recommendation. These can be in either French or English. They must be submitted online or placed in an envelope sealed and signed on the back by the referee before being added to the application file

- 3 a résumé in both English and French

- 4 optional: you may also submit letters of professional recommendation

Items 1 to 3 can be submitted as scanned attachments to the online application form. References may be submitted online or by post.

## Programme details

### Year one: Sciences Po

At Sciences Po, the academic year runs from early October to the end of June. Students will follow a course of study that covers topics of urban sociology, economics and politics along with elective courses. Full details of year one can be accessed at <http://master.sciences-po.fr/fr/contenu/double-diplome-en-politiques-urbaines>

### Year two: LSE

The second year runs from October until September of the following year. It comprises three terms plus a summer period for completion of a dissertation. Students will follow one of three alternative lines of specialisation,

following the teaching programmes (and course options) of *either* the MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies (page 97) *or* the MSc Local Economic Development (page 96) *or* the MSc Urbanisation and Development (page 98). These are each interdisciplinary courses with international orientations, and taken by students from a wide range of countries. Formal contact hours vary but average 50 for each of the three taught course units which account for 75 per cent of credits for this year. The remainder comes from an independent research dissertation, developed with a supervisor, and completed in July/August, after the formal exams for taught courses.

### Graduate destinations

This programme gives students the opportunity to develop a career focused on local and urban policy in the private, public or international sectors at the highest level. Graduates could be expected to go into positions in local/regional government; urban development, property and planning consultancies; community organisations; investment banks; regeneration agencies; central government urban affairs departments and property development.

# EXECUTIVE PROGRAMMES

## Executive MSc Behavioural Science

**Application code:** C8U9

**Start date:** September 2015

**Duration:** Taught over 16 months in modular blocks

**Intake/applications in 2013:** New programme for 2014

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 social science or law, or a degree in another field with relevant practitioner experience (See page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £23,400

**Financial support:** This programme is not eligible for financial support

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This dynamic programme combines the resources and expertise of the Department of Social Policy and Department of Management to present an integrated suite of courses that will advance your career objectives in all areas of behavioural science and allow you to pursue new and expanded opportunities within the behavioural science field.

## About the MSc programme

This programme offered jointly from the LSE Department of Social Policy and Department of Management aims to provide a suite of

high quality, integrated courses to benefit students in all aspects of leading practices in behavioural science.

Specifically, the MSc in Behavioural Science provides:

- the opportunity for full-time professionals working in any sector to obtain a graduate qualification in behavioural science through attendance at three two-week intensive LSE-based lecture courses
- teaching by specialists who are at the forefront of research in behavioural science
- a multidisciplinary environment with links to specialist research groups based in departments across the LSE and the Behavioural Research Lab
- study in one of the most reputable universities worldwide, both for its research and its networks right in the middle of London's vibrant scene

Participants will have a good first degree from within any subject background, relevant work experience and passion for behavioural science.

To apply submit one academic and one professional reference. If you graduated from your most recent academic study before January 2010 and no academic references are available, you may supply two professional references.

## Programme details

The Executive MSc is a 16 month programme from September of every year and comprised of six half unit taught courses (eight months) and a full unit dissertation (eight months).

You come to London and attend LSE for the six taught courses during three two-week sessions taking place in September, January, and April. Each course consists of a minimum of 22 hours engaged in seminar activities or interactive lectures at LSE. In between sessions you have online support from faculty, including online office consultations, and interactions with other student groups.

The dissertation is an original piece of research that develops ideas and tools learned in the courses. It is on a topic you select, and falls in your professional or personal research interest. You will have clear guidelines shared with other students, and are supervised by a faculty member. If you wish to pursue a PhD the dissertation may form the basis for your eventual doctoral thesis.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Behavioural Science and Policy\*** examines the main concepts and tools of the growing fields of behavioural science.

**Behavioural Decision Science\*** examines the field of behavioural 'decision' science and explores a selection of current research topics relevant to personal and managerial decision-making as well as policy-making.

**Research Methods for Behavioural Science\*** covers the main methodological concepts and tools in behavioural science.

**Policy Appraisal and Impact Assessment\*** introduces the main

concepts and tools of policy appraisal and project impact assessment.

**Philosophy and Public Policy\*** examines the key moral and political values that are essential for policy-makers.

**Goals and Motivation for Individuals and Teams\*** introduces empirically tested strategies for successful goal setting and goal pursuit at both the individual and group (team level).

## Dissertation.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/exec/besc](http://lse.ac.uk/exec/besc) for further information on the programme content.

## Graduate destinations

This MSc will prepare you to seek and/or advance your career in behavioural science in multiple sectors including the public and private and sectors, non-governmental organisations, and academia. Upon graduation you can expect to take on more responsibility or pursue new and expanded opportunities within the behavioural science field.

## MSc Finance (Part-time)

**Application code:** N42A

**Start date:** Applicants will be required to attend an evening pre-session course in late September and early October 2015

**Duration:** 21 months part-time (21 month part-time master's programmes

are not compliant with the Bologna process which may affect the extent to which they are “recognised”. For more information on Bologna please see page 11)

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 52/314

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline and good quantitative skills. Two to five years of relevant work experience will be considered an advantage (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** Submission of GRE or GMAT test results is an advantage but not a requirement

**Fee level:** Year 1 £15,192 (2015/16), Year 2 £15,192 (2016/17)

**Financial support:** This programme is not eligible for the Graduate Support Scheme

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

**Notes:** The programme is taught on two evenings per week

The MSc Finance (part-time) programme provides a unique opportunity to pursue a world-leading MSc Finance degree alongside a full-time career. It is designed for professionals working in London who aspire to high-powered careers in finance and who wish to acquire a more in-depth and academically rigorous knowledge of the subject. The programme is LSE's most established MSc degree for executives and is specifically tailored to meet the needs and demands of part-time students, not only in terms of academic content but also in terms of the structure and timing of teaching and the support provided for students throughout the programme.

The MSc Finance (part-time) is identical in academic structure and content to the Full-time programme, only differing in the mode of teaching, with the

Part-time programme taught exclusively in the evenings over two years. All courses (which are available to MSc Finance students only) are taught by the Department's world-leading faculty and encompass a range of innovative and cutting-edge subjects. The degree is therefore ideal for students seeking an academically rigorous and internationally-recognised master's in finance to give them a solid foundation in the field and enhance their career.

The programme is aimed students from any academic background with good undergraduate degrees and good quantitative skills. The mathematics used in the programme includes basic calculus and statistics, which applicants should be able to demonstrate through either their previous academic studies or professional experience. Submission of GRE or GMAT test results is an advantage but not a requirement. Some knowledge of economics would be an advantage, but this could have been acquired professionally. As the programme is designed primarily for professionals working full-time in London in the finance sector (or in related fields), two to five years of relevant work experience will be considered an advantage.

### Programme details

The foundation of the programme is built in the first year with the study of two compulsory courses – Asset Markets and Corporate Finance. In the second year, students deepen their knowledge by taking four optional half unit courses,

on topics such as risk management, portfolio management methods, advanced derivatives and structured financial products, fixed income, advanced corporate finance, and applied financial valuation. Students will also be required to write an extended essay in the place of an exam in one of the four optional courses. All students are required to attend a pre-session course in September, which covers preparatory quantitative methods.

Throughout the programme, the Department provides a range of tailored resources to support part-time students in combining their studies with demanding professional lives. These include regular academic help and review sessions, dedicated course support and extensive administrative support for all students. Students are also given access to a range of practitioners both in class and via the programme's alumni network. Being only a short journey from the City and Canary Wharf LSE is ideally located for professionals to commute to and from the office for lectures, to study with their classmates or attend public lectures.

### Year one: Compulsory courses

**Corporate Finance** provides a comprehensive overview of firms' financial decision-making.

**Asset Markets** familiarises students with the workings of financial markets, and equips them with the fundamental tools of asset valuation.





## Year two: Options

(\* half unit)

Students take four half unit courses from the following dedicated courses:

**Applied Financial Valuation\*** covers advanced topics in corporate finance and valuation and introduces students to valuation techniques for both securities and projects.

**Cases in Corporate Finance\*** looks at how to apply corporate finance concepts in a wide variety of business situations.

**Financial Engineering\*** provides a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of financial engineering.

**Fixed Income Securities and Credit Markets\*** provides a thorough grounding in recent developments in fixed income securities pricing, hedging and portfolio management.

**Risk Management for Financial Institutions\*** develops a conceptual framework for thinking about financial risk and to show how these concepts are implemented in practice in a variety of contexts.

**Topics in Portfolio Management\*** cover the main topics in equity portfolio management, with a strong focus on empirical applications.

Students also have the option of taking one of the following non-dedicated courses, taught in the daytime, during the second year (subject to availability): **Global Financial System\*** and **International Finance\***. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/exec/fpt](http://lse.ac.uk/exec/fpt) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

## Graduate destinations

As the majority of MSc Finance (part-time) students are already working in finance (or a related role) when they join the programme, each individual's future direction upon graduation depends on their own aspirations and career experience. However, whatever their reason for pursuing the programme, whether it be to help fast-track their professional development, change trajectory or simply gain more knowledge in relation to their current role, the programme aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in, and enhance, their career. This programme is not intended as suitable preparation for the PhD Finance at LSE (if you are interested in PhD study, please see page 77).

## Executive MSc Health Economics, Policy and Management

**Application code:** L4HM

**Start date:** First two-week session to commence December 2015

**Duration:** Modular programme. 22 months (maximum 50) for the MSc

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 42/181

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline, with social science background and/or work experience in the health policy field (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £8,491 (year 1), £8,424 (year 2)

**Financial support:** This programme is not eligible for the Graduate Support Scheme

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admission

**Note:** Programme fee does not include accommodation costs, travel expenses or any additional expenses incurred while studying at LSE. The LSE Accommodation Office can offer advice for students looking for accommodation. Students will have full access to the Library and electronic resources available to all LSE students including an email address

This programme is based in the Department of Social Policy with staff based within LSE Health and aims to provide a set of high quality, integrated courses to equip students in health economics, health policy and health care management. Specifically it provides:

- The opportunity to study in one of the most highly rated research centres (LSE Health) in the subject area in the world, both for its research and its institutional links.

- A modular course structure allowing students to take the programme whilst engaged in employment through attendance at four two-week intensive LSE based lecture courses.
- This is a modular MSc with Diploma or Certificate exit points depending on the number of modules taken.
- The opportunity for individuals in government, industry and the health care services sector to achieve a formal graduate qualification in Health Economics, Policy and Management even if they are unable to devote themselves to full-time study.
- Teaching by specialists who are at the forefront of research into British and European health economics and health policy.
- A comparative, international and multidisciplinary environment with links to several specialist research groups based in the Department.

With our wide variety of modules, you have the flexibility to customise your curriculum, pursue the areas that most interest you, fit your background, experience, and goals, and challenge you to reach your fullest potential. You'll leave LSE with the high level knowledge and range of skills to master new challenges and expand your choice of careers.

Applicants with a good first degree from within any subject background or substantial work experience in the health policy field will be considered.

You can supply one academic and one professional reference to be considered for this programme. If you graduated from your most recent academic study before January 2010 and no academic references are available, you may supply two professional references. It is in your interest to supply academic references wherever possible.

Those students unable to complete the two year MSc programme may obtain a certificate or diploma.

## Programme details

The MSc will comprise eight half unit taught courses spaced over two years and a dissertation. Students will attend LSE for four two-week sessions over the two year period.

A key component of the MSc is a dissertation of up to 5,000 words on a topic individually selected, to be prepared in conjunction with a personal supervisor. For students continuing to a PhD this might form the basis for their eventual doctoral thesis.

Each course consists of a minimum of 20 hours of contact. Over the course of the MSc, students will have 160 face-to-face contact hours alongside of additional meetings with their tutors and support while off-campus from faculty such as through online revision sessions.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

### Year one

**Health Economics\*** examines the nature of health care as an economic commodity.

**Financing Health Care\*** focuses on the health financing functions of collecting revenue, pooling funds and purchasing services, as well as on policy choices concerning coverage, resource allocation and market structure.

**Resource Allocation and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis\*** gives an overview of the theory underlying economic evaluation as applied to the health care sector.

**Health Administration and Management\*** provides students with an orientation and overview on managing organisations within health systems.

### Year two

#### Dissertation\*.

Students will be expected to choose courses to the value of two units from a range of options.

Please note that it is not always possible to offer students a place on each of their preferred courses. This is particularly the case where courses are offered outside the Department of Social Policy. For further information please see [lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses](http://lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses)

## Graduate destinations

This MSc will prepare students to seek employment in many sectors including the pharmaceutical and medical devices industries, consultancies, insurers and insurance funds, health care management, government, non-governmental organisations and academia. Upon graduation, many students will also expect to take on more responsibility or a different focus with their current employer.

## MSc Health Economics, Outcomes and Management in Cardiovascular Sciences (Modular)

**Application code:** L4CS

**Start date:** First two-week session to commence December 2015

**Duration:** Modular programme. 24 months (maximum 50) for the MSc

**Intake/applications in 2013:** New programme for 2015

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 in any discipline, with social science background and/or work experience in the health policy field (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £11,000 (Year one); £11,000 (Year two)

**Financial support:** This programme is not eligible for the Graduate Support Scheme

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admission

**Note:** Programme fee does not include accommodation costs, travel expenses or any additional expenses incurred while studying at LSE. The LSE Accommodation Office can offer advice for students looking for accommodation. Students will have full access to the Library and electronic resources available to all LSE students including an email address

Based in the Department of Social Policy, the programme is delivered by faculty based in LSE Health. LSE Health is one of the Department's associated research centres and one of the world's most highly rated research and teaching centres both for its policy-minded health research and its world-class teaching. Offered in collaboration with the European Society of Cardiology, the programme provides practicing healthcare professionals with a set of tailored courses in health economics, outcomes research and health care management in cardiovascular sciences. Specifically it provides:

- The opportunity, through attendance at intensive two-week sessions, for professionals working within

cardiovascular sciences to obtain a formal graduate qualification whilst continuing employment.

- Teaching by experts at the forefront of research into health economics, outcomes research and health care management.
- An international and multidisciplinary environment with links to several specialist research groups based within and outside of the School.

With our unique courses tailored for healthcare professionals working in cardiovascular sciences, you will have opportunity to pursue the areas that are most important to your career.

In addition to gaining a theoretical and conceptual understanding of health economics, outcomes research, and management, you will acquire new skills to accelerate or refocus your career.

Applicants with a good first degree from within any subject background or substantial work experience in the healthcare arena relating to cardiovascular sciences will be considered.

You should supply one academic and one professional reference to be considered for this programme. If you graduated from your most recent academic study before January 2010 and no academic references are available, you may supply two professional references. Those students unable to complete the two year MSc programme may obtain a certificate or diploma.

## Programme details

The MSc comprises of eight half unit taught courses spaced over two years and a dissertation. Students will attend LSE for four two-week sessions over the two year period.

The programme includes a dissertation of up to 5,000 words on a topic of your choice, to be prepared in conjunction with a personal supervisor.

Each course consists of a minimum of 20 hours of contact. Over the course of the MSc, students will have 160 face-to-face contact hours alongside of additional meetings with their tutors and support while off-campus from faculty such as through online revision sessions.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

### Year one

**Quality and Outcomes in Cardiovascular Sciences\*** gives an overview of health economics, outcomes research, and management in cardiovascular sciences.

**Economic Analysis for Health Policy\*** describes the role economics can play in health policy and health system administration.

**Systematic Review and Meta-analysis\*** focuses on the principles of reviewing and synthesizing the existing evidence to evaluate healthcare interventions.

**Economic Evaluation in Health Care\*** provides students with the skills to

understand, critically appraise, develop, and interpret cost-effectiveness analyses.

### Year two

**Cardiovascular epidemiology and prevention\*** provides an overview of key epidemiological trends in cardiovascular diseases.

### Dissertation\*

During Year two, students will choose courses to the value of one and a half units from the following options:

**Principles of Modern Epidemiology\*** provides an overview of the fundamental principles and methods of epidemiology for cardiovascular disease.

**Financing Health Care\*** focuses on the health financing functions of collecting revenue, pooling funds and purchasing services, as well as on policy choices concerning coverage, resource allocation and market structure.

**Statistical Methods in Health Care Economic Evaluation\*** focuses on the statistical and modelling techniques necessary to apply economic evaluation to the health care sector.

**Measuring Health System Performance\*** presents a framework to discuss the dimensions, levels, and instruments of performance measurement in health care.

**Health Care Quality Management\*** describes quality improvement approaches as used in healthcare settings internationally.

## Health Administration and Management\*

provides students with an orientation and overview on managing organisations within health systems.

Please note that it is not always possible to offer students a place on each of their preferred courses. This is particularly the case where courses are offered outside the Department of Social Policy. For further information please see [lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses](http://lse.ac.uk/SocialPolicyCourses)

## Graduate destinations

This MSc will prepare students to explore new advisory, management, and leadership roles within the healthcare field. Beyond their current work settings, students will be able to expand their employment opportunities in related sectors including the pharmaceutical and medical devices industries, consultancies, government, and non-governmental organisations. Upon graduation, you can expect to take on more responsibility or shift your career focus in the cardiovascular science field.

## MSc International Strategy and Diplomacy

**Application code:** L2UJ

**Start date:** 21 September 2015

**Duration:** 12 months (Note: This is considered a full-time programme at LSE.)

The unique teaching arrangements are part-time, with ongoing employment)

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 34/127

**Minimum entry requirement:** This is a master's degree for mid-career level professionals/civil servants who have spent several years in full time employment and have previously achieved a good first degree in politics, history, international relations or similar disciplines at undergraduate level (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** £26,997

**Financial support:** This programme is not eligible for the Graduate Support Scheme

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This executive programme is organised and managed by LSE IDEAS, the centre for International Affairs, Diplomacy and Strategy. The programme offers the following benefits:

- study within a group of professionals in a leading world centre for the subject, situated in the only UK institution devoted to the social sciences, and in a thriving research community
- intellectual input from leading LSE academics in the field of strategy and diplomacy

- involvement from senior policy practitioners on core analytical issues
- in-depth focus on the complex threats and risks of the contemporary international landscape
- unique emphasis on how to address the national and trans-national challenges of the future
- opportunity for active student participation in a small group environment
- international networking with LSE IDEAS's academic and professional contacts

The Executive MSc International Strategy and Diplomacy is a unique programme designed to enhance the strategic vision of future leaders by providing participants with a clear understanding of the diversity of challenges confronting governments and societies. For this purpose, the programme examines the changing global landscape created by the fundamental shifts that have occurred in domestic and international relations in the past 20 years. Lectures and seminars focus on strategic trends, the emergence of new strategic actors, the international environment within which they operate, with particular attention to new security challenges and global flash-points.

As an integral part of the established LSE Executive Programme, it is also focused on applicability and relevance, on how to manage risk and change. Therefore, participants learn not only how to use strategy to deal with adversaries, but also to cooperate with others in solving

common problems, be they military, diplomatic/political, economic or business.

Enrolment is restricted to professionals with at least four years of work experience in order to ensure high-calibre discussion and intellectual engagement. This programme is particularly suitable for professionals who are aiming to proceed to senior political or corporate level positions. It will also be of interest to those wishing to deepen their conceptual grasp of contemporary international relations, and how to address the complex challenges of the future.

## Programme details

The teaching is concentrated in the following units:

- four intensive weeks in October, December, January and March
- twenty weekly evening seminars from October to March
- two policy weekends in November and March

The summer term is devoted to writing a 3,000 word dissertation plan and a 15,000 dissertation on a topic agreed with the dissertation supervisor.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

### Strategy in a Changing World

examines five different perspectives on strategy: the need for a new approach to strategy; the interplay between old and

new strategic actors; strategic trends – economic, social, political and military; the evolving strategic international environment and the changing role of institutions; and the nature of strategic decisions.

**Diplomacy and Challenges** looks at six key aspects of diplomacy: the tools of diplomacy, both old and new; the arts of diplomatic and business negotiation; how different types of crisis have been resolved; in-depth discussions of a major current international problem; the challenges ahead, including flashpoints; preventative action and crisis management.

**Strategy in Action\*** gives participants experience in evaluating foreign policy decisions and options, preventative action to reduce near-term risks and threats, and the development of longer term strategies. Through group exercises, participants will be asked to prepare a strategy and policy paper relevant to the day.

A 15,000 word **Dissertation** (one and a half units).

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/exec/isd](http://lse.ac.uk/exec/isd) for further information on the programme content.



### Graduate destinations

The majority of graduates have continued to work in their previous posts, though very often at a higher level after having completed their studies. Others have changed direction entirely with some moving into full-time education, government, international organisations, and foreign policy consultancy.

### Executive Master's in Law (LLM)

**Application code:** M3U5

**Start date:** Enrolment on the programme can take place at any of the module sessions. Sessions take place in December, April and September each year

**Duration:** Modular programme. 36-48 months to complete degree

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 22/93

**Minimum entry requirement:** A high 2:1 in a UK Bachelor of Laws degree (or equivalent), plus applicants must have had at least 3 years post-degree experience in legal practice (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Law score (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** Registration fee of £500 and a per module fee of £3,000

**Financial support:** This programme is not eligible for Graduate Support Scheme

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions: applications will be accepted at any time during the academic year and students may take modules as soon as they have been accepted to the programme. Students must apply a minimum of two months in advance of their first proposed module date

The Executive LLM is a new part-time degree for working professionals who have obtained at least three years post degree work experience in law. This could, for example, be in a law firm, government, a company, a non-governmental organisation or an international organisation.

The Executive LLM is one of the most innovative and intellectually exciting LLM programmes offered in Europe today. It makes available the highest quality graduate education, taught by many of the leading academics in the UK, to individuals in full-time employment who are not in a position to take a year-long break from work.

We envisage that the Executive LLM programme of study will typically be completed in four years, although students with more time flexibility will be able to complete the programme in three

years. To obtain the degree, students must complete eight modules. The modules will be taught in intensive week-long sessions in December, April and September. Each module will provide between 24-26 hours of contact teaching time. Students will be provided with online and hard copy materials for the module in advance of the intensive teaching.

Whilst we hope and expect that most of our Executive LLM students will complete the whole programme, we recognise that unexpected work commitments may sometimes make this unfeasible. With this in mind, the Executive LLM also offers alternative exit points for students who have completed several modules but are not able to complete the whole degree. An LSE Diploma in Legal Studies is available on the completion of six modules and a Certificate of Legal Studies on the completion of four modules.

### Programme details

The modules that we will offer on the Executive LLM over the three to four

year degree period are set out at [lse.ac.uk/ellm](http://lse.ac.uk/ellm). We will not offer all of these modules every year, although some of the more popular options may be offered in each year, or more than once each year. We aim to offer between 15-20 modules on a yearly basis when the programme is operating at full capacity.

Modules will be examined through a combination of assessed extended essays (8000 words) and take-home examinations. Up to two modules may be assessed through extended essay with the remainder being assessed through take-home examination.



The student may select in which modules they wish to submit the extended essay. The take-home examinations will be downloaded and uploaded online.

Students will be expected to choose eight modules from options including:

- Arbitration / Dispute Resolution
- Corporate / Commercial / Financial Law
- Constitutional / Human Rights Law
- International Law
- Information Technology, Media and Communications Law

### Graduate destinations

The programme is designed for working professionals with a minimum of three years post-degree experience in legal practice – for example; in a law firm, government, a company, a non-governmental organisation or an international organisation. The programme is recognised as enhancing a wide range of career paths.

### Executive Global MSc Management

**Application code:** N2U9

**Start date:** Late August 2015

**Duration:** 17 months part-time in modules of 1-2 weeks in length at LSE and at least two overseas locations

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 24/93

**Minimum entry requirement:** First or good upper second class bachelor's degree or equivalent in any subject (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** A GMAT or GRE score is not required, only recommended to those who

do not meet our requirements with their prior degree

**Fee level:** £27,000 per year (two-year programme) with a pre-registration fee of £2,500 to gain early access to online programme materials

**Financial support:** This programme is not eligible for the Graduate Support Scheme

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

**Note:** For detailed information about application procedures and programme features please visit [www.global-mim.com](http://www.global-mim.com)



This highly challenging and rewarding Master's in Management programme is designed for ambitious and talented working professionals to study part-time. The programme will provide an in-depth foundation in the core disciplines of management from a global perspective, providing a route to transition into a high-level management career.

The programme will develop students' talent to make better business decisions, based on a deeper understanding of the global geo-political and socio-economic context in which business operates. The core curriculum provides an optimum balance between rigorous academic analysis and real-world practice. We offer more academic depth than a traditional MBA, but more real-world application and teamwork than a PhD. The core courses cover the key disciplines of management

(management, leadership, strategy, organisations and innovation, financial management, marketing, and foreign direct investment), and how each of these topics inter-relate and affect one another in a global context. Students can also customise the programme according to their own interests with a dissertation or capstone project on a topic of their choice, ideally related to a business issue in their current employment, or a planned entrepreneurial venture.

Each year the class is formed of a carefully selected group of students from a diverse range of employment backgrounds, industries, and international locations. Our students benefit from the network of close connections with talented professionals from around the world, as well as the wider global community of LSE alumni.

In contrast to a more traditional business school programme (such as an MBA) which simply teach current business frameworks, the EGMiM is founded in greater academic depth and more rigorous critical thinking, which trains our students to outperform their peers and become innovative business leaders.

The programme will provide the knowledge and personal contacts to enable our students to transition into a top-level senior management career on an international level (changing to a more senior job role with their current employer, changing company/industry, or managing their own business).

## Programme details

Key features of the programme include:

- An in-depth training in the key disciplines of management, allowing a transition into a senior management career.
- Modular programme structure, with seven intensive classroom teaching modules (one-two weeks in length) over the 17-month duration of the programme. Five modules take place at LSE, and two in overseas locations. In between modules, students remain living and working in their home location anywhere across the world.
- Instant return on investment – learning is applied to students' current jobs from the beginning of the programme whilst the dissertation focuses on a specific challenge with students' employer or start-up business.
- Academic high standards that are grounded in critical thinking. Our bespoke modular courses are designed to teach students how to think critically about business and society, linking together theory and practice across all disciplines to give a holistic understanding of world-leading management practice.
- Students are assessed through a variety of methods, with an emphasis on integrated assignments which help students to understand how all disciplines fit together in real-world scenarios.

- Instant access to a diverse student cohort, a global network of alumni, world leading faculty and high profile guest speakers.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

**Managerial Economics\*** aims to equip you with a range of tools to analyse the behaviour of firms, consumers and markets. It will introduce you to basic economic concepts and show how they can be used to understand and analyse the business environment to make better business decisions.

**Foundations of Management\*** is a uniquely integrated course which provides an overview of the development of key management disciplines.

**Organisational Behaviour\*** aims to review psychological theories as they apply to organisations and demonstrate how this perspective contributes to understanding human behaviour at work.

**Financial Management\*** is designed to provide an applied and practical approach to finance, enabling the students to address topical issues that modern corporations face.

**Strategy, Organisation and Innovation\*** investigates central questions in strategic management, applying tools from microeconomics, industrial organisation and organisational economics to competitive decision-making, with the emphasis

being on the application of these concepts to business situations.

**Foreign Direct Investment and Emerging Markets\*** will analyse the emergence of firms which operate on a global scale and their current and likely future interactions with emerging markets.

**Marketing Strategy\*** covers the main theories and concepts in marketing and students will have the opportunity to apply the theories in a practical setting.

**Dissertation/Capstone Project\*** (6,000 words) will be based on an area of interest to the student or relate to their organisation or business of their choice.

Students will also take three non-assessed courses in Getting Things Done with Research, Foundations of Management 2 and Leadership.

Please visit [www.global-mim.com](http://www.global-mim.com) for updated details on admissions and the programme calendar.

## Graduate destinations

The programme is designed to enable talented students from any industry/background to transition into a high-level management career (changing job role with their current employer, transitioning to a new company/industry, or setting up/developing their own business).

The global focus of the programme provides the knowledge and experience to prepare students to work outside of their home country, reach international markets with their business, or work in an international-facing role for a multinational company.

Our graduates are equipped with lasting knowledge and experience to outperform their peers from more traditional business school programmes (such as MBAs) in the competitive business environment, with a deeper understanding of global business enabling them to make better-informed business decisions, predict and thrive with future trends, and innovate in the fast-changing global environment.

### **Executive MSc Political Economy of Europe (Modular)**

**Application codes:** L2UO

**Start date:** 14 December 2015

**Duration:** Modular programme. 24 months (maximum 50) for the eMSc

**Intake/application in 2013:** 12/25

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 or equivalent in any discipline, with social science background and/or work

experience in the field of political economy (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** Year 1 £10,816 in 2015/16, Year 2 £10,816 in 2016/17

**Financial support:** This programme is not eligible for the Graduate Support Scheme

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

**Note:** The programme fee does not include accommodation costs, travel expenses or any additional expenses incurred while studying at LSE. The European Institute Programme Office can offer advice for students looking for accommodation. Students will have full access to the Library and electronic resources available to all LSE students including an email address once the pre-registration fee has been paid

This programme is based in the European Institute and aims to provide a set of high-quality integrated courses. The programme is structured to equip students with an analytical understanding of the political-economic processes of integration and fragmentation in Europe. Specifically it provides:

- Study in one of the most highly rated research centres in the subject area in the world, both for its research and its institutional links.
- A modular course structure allowing students to take the programme whilst engaged in employment through attendance at eight one-week LSE-based intensive seminars.
- The opportunity for individuals in, amongst others, the private sector, government, NGOs, and lobbying groups, to achieve a formal graduate qualification in the political economy of Europe even if they are unable to devote themselves to full-time study.
- Teaching by specialists who are at the forefront of political economy research in Europe.
- A comparative, international and multidisciplinary environment with links to several specialist research groups based at the LSE.

The course offerings in this degree are designed to provide you with sophisticated analytical skills as well as detailed empirical knowledge. These will equip you to understand the key political-economic challenges facing Europe today, such as the crisis of monetary integration, with its possible spill-over into other areas of the European economies, to the reform of labour markets and welfare states in the old and new member-states. The aim of the Political Economy of Europe programme is to complement the specialist knowledge

that you may already have in one or a limited number of areas in this broad field with an in-depth understanding of other areas and, where appropriate, their interrelations. Upon completion of the degree, you are likely to explore new career opportunities, either with your current employer, where you are certain to take on new responsibilities, or with a new employer; both will value your broad, analytical and integrated knowledge of different political-economic processes in Europe at a time of unknown political-economic challenges for the continent.

Applicants with a good first degree in any of the social sciences will be considered. Degrees in other areas will be individually evaluated, based on merit, experience and motivation.

You can supply one academic and one professional reference to be considered for this programme. It is in your interest to supply academic references wherever possible. If you graduated from your most recent academic study before January 2010 and no academic references are available, you may supply two professional references.

### **Programme details**

The Modular MSc comprises six half-unit courses including the dissertation, and one full unit. Students will attend LSE for eight one-week sessions over the two-year period. Evaluations will consist of several formative and summative essays as well as written examinations throughout the programme.



A key component of the MSc is a dissertation of up to 6,000 words on a topic individually selected, to be prepared in conjunction with a personal supervisor. Special research training and supervision sessions in the fourth week-long seminar will guide students in this process.

Each course consists of a minimum of 20 hours of contact (40 for the full-unit course). Over the course of the MSc, students will have 150 face-to-face contact hours alongside of additional meetings with their tutors and support while off-campus from faculty such as through online and Skype revision sessions.

## Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

### Year one:

**Key issues in the Political Economy of Europe** is the core course for the degree. It starts with a review of the relation between state and economy in both Western Europe and Central and Eastern Europe over the post-war period in light of the debates about the relative performance of post-war capitalism and socialism, and the demise of central planning and Keynesianism in the 1970s and 1980s. Discussions about market-making, market governance and institutional adjustment frame the debates about the nature of economic integration in Europe from the Rome Treaty until the crisis of EMU.

**Capitalism and Democracy in Central Europe\*** applies concepts of political economy, economics and political science to its investigation of Central and Eastern Europe's evolution through post-communist transition to highly open, FDI-dependent emerging markets with 'European' expectations of welfare.

**European Capitalism(s) and the Global Economy\*** considers the varieties of capitalism literature, conducts a comparative analysis of the core issues in the political economy of contemporary capitalism and how capital labour and product markets are structured.

### Year two:

**Interest groups, markets and democracy\*** focuses on the representation of interests in Europe, and their role in Economic policy-making.

**Economic Governance of EMU\*** analyses the process of European monetary integration and its implications for the institutions of economic governance in the EU.

**The Political Economy of Welfare State Reform\*** applies the concepts of economics and political economy to social policies in European welfare states.

### Dissertation\*.

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/exec/peem](http://lse.ac.uk/exec/peem) for further information on the programme content.



### Graduate destinations

Upon finishing this programme, graduates are expected to move up in the organisation where they are employed, taking on more and broader responsibilities; or find higher management positions elsewhere. Former graduates of the standard sister degree “MSc in Political Economy of Europe” pursue successful careers in politics, journalism, diplomacy, business and in international financial institutions.

### Executive Master of Public Administration

**Application code:** L2UM

**Start date:** 11 December 2015

**Duration:** Taught over 20 months in modular blocks. (Note: The unique teaching arrangements are designed to be suitable for participants in full-time employment)

**Intake/applications in 2013:** 34/77

**Minimum entry requirement:** 2:1 degree in any discipline (see page 36)

**English requirement:** Standard (see page 39)

**GRE/GMAT requirement:** None

**Fee level:** Year 1 £13,380, Year 2 £13,380

**Financial support:** This programme is not eligible for the Graduate Support Scheme

**Application deadline:** None – rolling admissions

This programme is based in and draws on faculty from the Institute of Public Affairs. It provides a set of high quality, interdisciplinary courses devised to meet the needs of government departments and public agencies in many countries for highly skilled and professional policy-makers. It also meets the needs of people working with governments but in the private sector, for instance in consultancy, public-private partnerships, public affairs, media, non-governmental organisations and interest groups. The programme is designed for those in full-time employment.

Specifically it provides:

- Study in the Institute of Public Affairs, drawing on faculty and institutional links from across the School to support and enhance LSE's public policy training.
- A modular programme structure allowing students to take courses whilst engaged in full-time employment, through attendance at week-long intensive courses and long weekend (Fri – Sun) Policy in Practice Workshops.
- Teaching by specialists who are at the forefront of research in public administration and policy making.

- Interaction with senior level practitioners responsible for the development and implementation of major policy initiatives.
- A comparative, international and multidisciplinary environment with links to several specialist institutions partnered with the Institute of Public Affairs.
- An interactive format that builds on the insights of an experienced, skilled and internationally diverse cohort.

Through the choice of two week-long courses from a range of options you have the flexibility to customise your curriculum. You may wish to use this flexibility to develop new skills, pursue personal and professional interests, or add depth to existing knowledge. You'll leave LSE with high-level knowledge and advanced skills which will empower you to master new challenges with your current organisation and expand your choice of career options.

Applicants will be considered who have a good first degree from any subject background and substantial relevant work experience. We typically expect at least five years of work experience.

This programme requires either two academic references or one academic and one professional reference. The latter should be a reference from your most recent employer. If you graduated from your most recent academic study before 2010 and no academic references are available, you may supply two professional references. It is in your

interest to supply academic references wherever possible. In addition to this we encourage you to supplement your application by uploading a CV.

### Programme details

The EMPA programme comprises eight modules spaced over a 20 month period. Students will attend LSE for five one-week sessions. The programme also includes three compulsory three-day weekend Policy in Practice Workshops. Work on campus will be complemented with preparatory readings and online revision material. The modules are assessed with a combination of written assignments and exams.

### Compulsory courses

(\* half unit)

#### Public Policy in Practice Workshop

**(I), (II), (III)\*** the policy workshops apply the analytical tools that are taught in the week-long modules of the Executive MPA to specific policy areas. Teaching is based on a series of case studies. The case studies are taught by specialists in a particular policy area and are complemented with group working sessions by the students and presentations by policy practitioners involved in the policy area.

#### Political Science and Public Policy\*

introduces a range of theoretical and empirical tools to analyse the politics of policymaking. The main focus is on political institutions in modern democracies and how they relate to public policy.

**Empirical Methods for Public Policy\***

introduces the quantitative evaluation of public policies and focuses on the practical applications of state-of-the-art approaches to test effectiveness of public policy interventions.

**Economic Policy Analysis\*** covers both key microeconomic policy issues, such as externalities, public goods and principal-agent problems, and macroeconomic issues such as unemployment, fiscal and monetary policies, international trade and finance and the determinants of long-run growth.

In addition to compulsory courses students will be expected to choose two courses to the value of one full unit. From a range of options. Please visit [lse.ac.uk/exec/mpa](http://lse.ac.uk/exec/mpa) for further information on the programme content.

Please note that not every course is available each year and that some courses may only be available with the permission of the course convenor and/or may be subject to space.

**Graduate destinations**

The Executive MPA is a transformational programme that provides skills and knowledge to enhance career prospects and expand options in the area of public policy. LSE Executive MPA alumni will occupy positions in governments, international organisations, the private sector and think tanks around the world.

**TRIUM Global Executive MBA**

LSE offers the TRIUM Global Executive MBA Programme jointly with NYU Stern School of Business and HEC School of Management, Paris. It is divided into six intellectually rigorous modules held in five international business locations over a 17-month period.

A number of distinctive features set the TRIUM Global Executive MBA programme apart from other programmes, including the following:

**Truly global**

The TRIUM Global Executive MBA class comprises diverse, experienced senior level executives from around the world. Our students live and work in more than 30 different countries.

Classes are taught by faculty members from all three partner schools. During the modules, regional academic and industry experts are selectively invited by TRIUM faculty to further enrich the curriculum and to ensure maximum regional breadth and knowledge.





### Executive MBA curriculum with added global geopolitical dimension

TRIUM is the only Executive MBA programme to integrate an international socio-political, economic dimension into its entire MBA curriculum. LSE, the leading social science institution in the world, brings its unparalleled expertise in this arena to the programme.

### Customised, integrated curriculum

The TRIUM curriculum is tailor made for the senior level international executive participants in the programme. The modules are designed and delivered by all three schools to build seamlessly upon one another, ensuring that the curriculum, which draws upon the special strengths of each school, is delivered in a unified and complementary way.

### Prestigious global credentials

Upon successful completion of the programme, TRIUM Global Executive MBA students will be awarded a single MBA degree issued jointly by all three schools.

### Access to the broadest, most international alumni network

TRIUM Global Executive MBA alumni will have access to three diverse and powerful alumni networks – those of NYU Stern, LSE and HEC Paris, in addition to the TRIUM alumni network.

Please visit [triumemba.org](http://triumemba.org) for detailed information about the programme, admission requirements and how to apply.

## Courses

### Programme schedule:

Module 1: September, two weeks at LSE

Module 2: January, two weeks at NYU Stern

Module 3: April, one and a half weeks in China

Module 4: July, two weeks at HEC Paris

Module 5: October, one and a half weeks in India

Module 6: February, one week at HEC Paris

This executive friendly format reduces the absence from the office to only 10 weeks over the 17 month period. TRIUM's interactive distance learning platform fosters a continuous educational community between the modules and allows executives from around the world to communicate with their professors and classmates

throughout the programme. The platform is also used for learning activities that facilitate pre-module preparatory work and post-module follow up, as well as individual and team project work and assignments.

## Apply

To request an informational meeting, please submit a preliminary information form at: [www.triumemba.org/admissions/prelimform.php](http://www.triumemba.org/admissions/prelimform.php)

The preliminary information form is designed to provide us with the information we need to conduct an informational interview.

These interviews are optional and are not part of the formal application process. They

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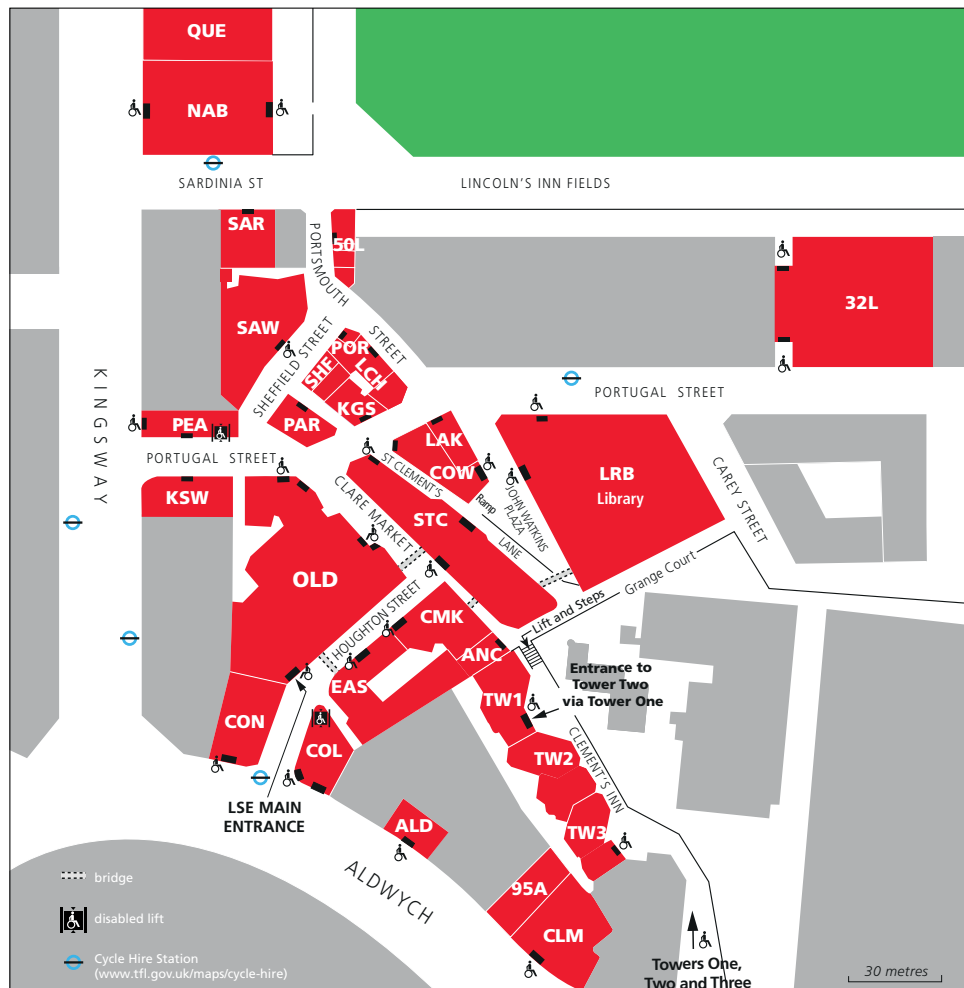
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**EAS** East Building, Houghton Street  
**KGS** King's Chambers, Portugal Street  
**KSW** 20 Kingsway

**SOL** 50 Lincoln's Inn Fields, Portsmouth Street  
**LCH** Lincoln Chambers, Portsmouth Street  
**LAK** Lakatos Building, Portugal Street  
**LRB** Lionel Robbins Building, Library and LSE Research Lab  
**NAB** New Academic Building, Lincoln's Inn Fields  
**OLD** Old Building, Houghton Street  
**PAR** Parish Hall, Sheffield Street

**PEA** Peacock Theatre, Portugal Street  
**POR** 1 Portsmouth Street  
**SAR** Sardinia House  
**SAW** Saw Swee Hock Student Centre  
**SHF** Sheffield Street  
**STC** St Clement's, Clare Market  
**TW1** Tower One, Clement's Inn  
**TW2** Tower Two, Clement's Inn  
**TW3** Tower Three, Clement's Inn  
**32L** 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields

### Café 54

Ground floor, New Academic Building

### Fourth Floor Restaurant and Café Bar

Fourth floor, Old Building

### George IV pub

Between LCH and KGS on the corner of Portsmouth Street

### Graham Wallas Room

Old Building

### Hong Kong Theatre

Ground floor, Clement House

### LSE Garrick

Ground floor, Columbia House

### Mezzanine Café

Mezzanine floor, New Academic Building

### New Theatre

East Building

### Old Theatre

Ground floor, Old Building

### Plaza Café

John Watkins Plaza

### Quad Café

Basement, Clare Market

### Senior Common Room, Staff Dining Room

Fifth floor, Old Building

### Shaw Library

Sixth floor, Old Building

### Student Common Room

Ground floor, King's Chambers

### Student Services Centre

Ground floor, Old Building

### SU Shops

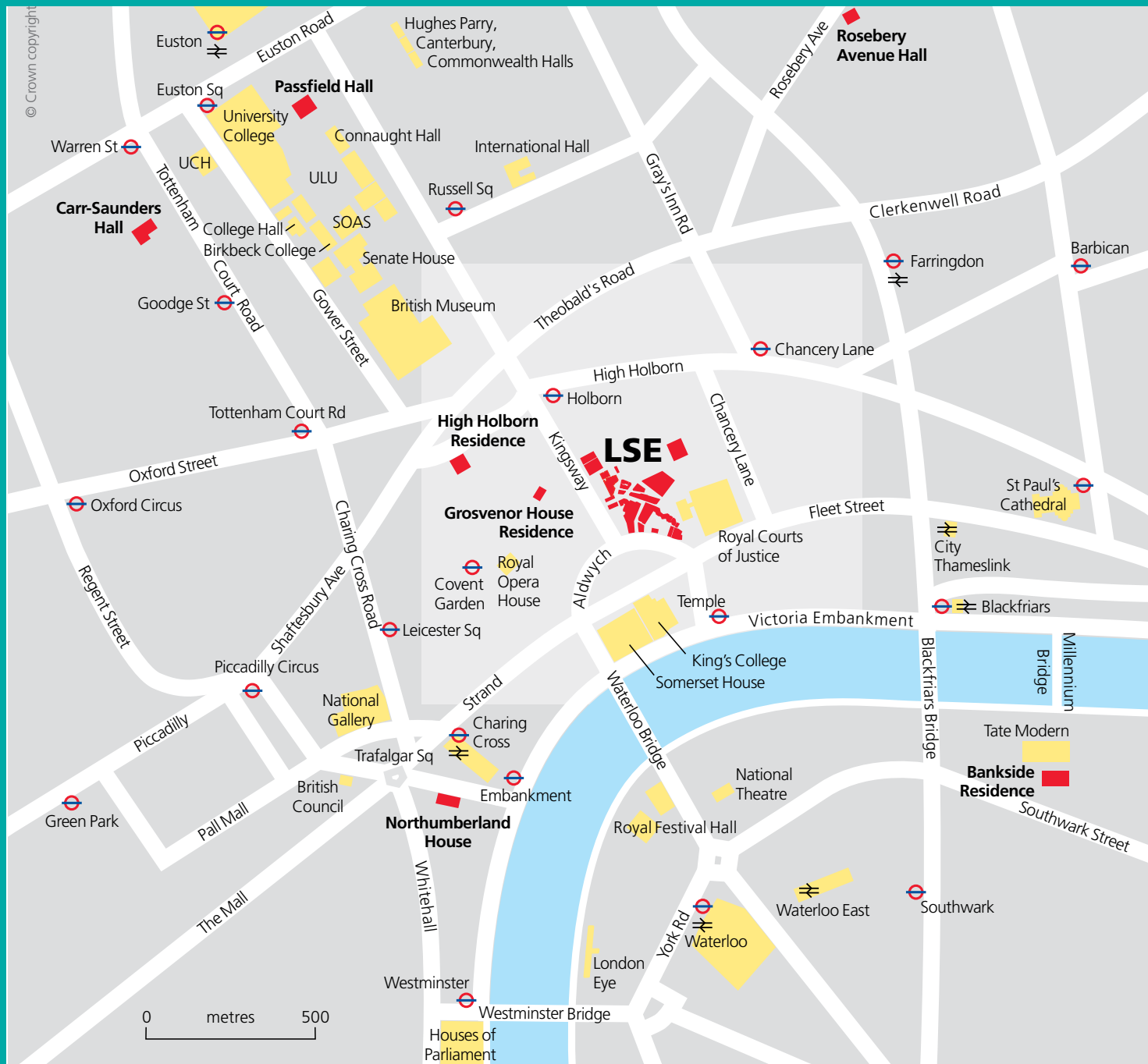
Ground floor, East Building and NAB

### Three Tuns

Ground floor, Clare Market

### Vera Anstey Room

Between ground and first floor, Old Building



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