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**GRADUATE OPEN EVENING 2015**

# Graduate Open Evening 2015

## Graduate Study at LSE

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# What is **LSE**?

- London School of Economics  
and Political Science
- Dedicated social science institution



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# Academic portfolio

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Area Studies
- Cities and Urban Development
- Development Studies
- Economic History
- Economics
- Europe
- Finance
- Gender
- Geography and Environment
- Government
- Industrial Relations
- Information Systems
- International Development
- International History
- International Relations
- Law
- Management
- Mathematics
- Media and Communications
- Methodology
- Operational Research
- Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method
- Regional and Urban Planning
- Social Policy
- Social Psychology
- Socio-Legal studies
- Sociology
- Statistics



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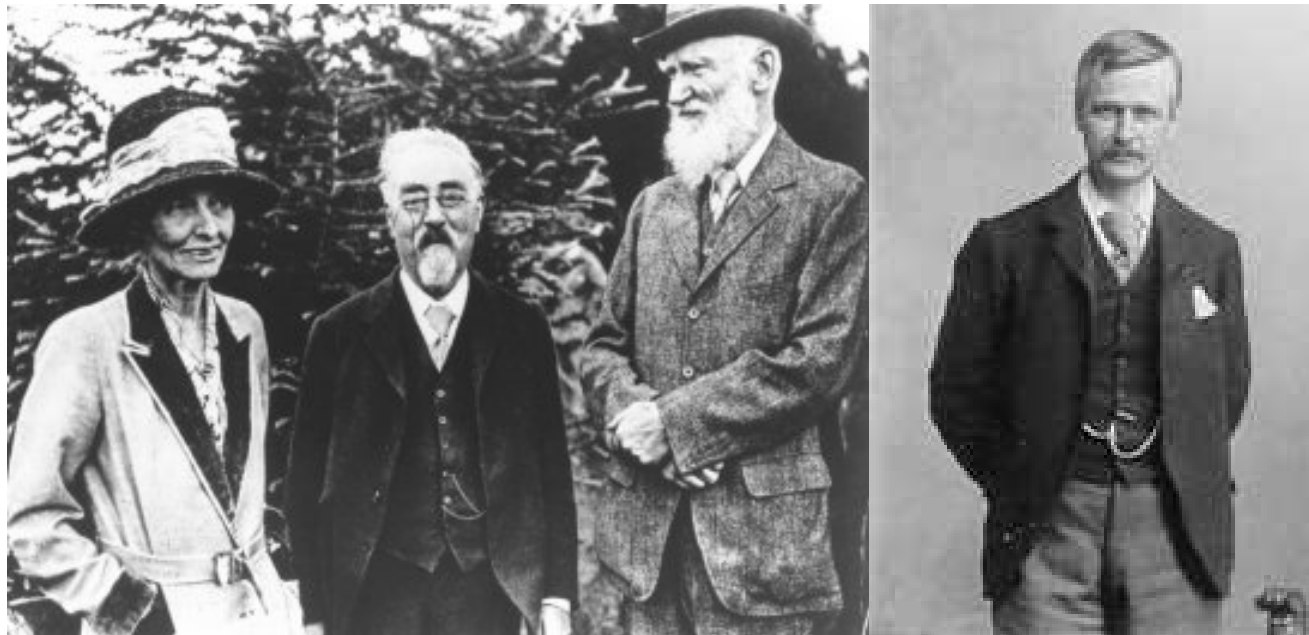
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# What is **LSE**?



Beatrice and Sidney Webb, George Bernard Shaw and Graham Wallas

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# What is **LSE**?

“**Rerum cognoscere causas**”

“To understand the  
causes of things.”

Verse 490 of Book 2 of the *Georgics* by Virgil



The LSE motto and beaver mascot were adopted in 1922

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- College of the University of London



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# Why study at **LSE**?

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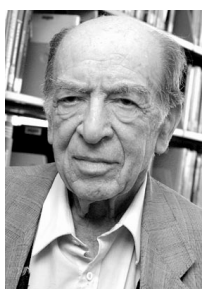
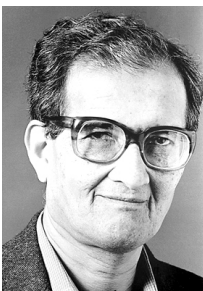
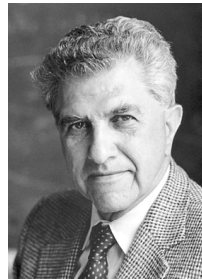
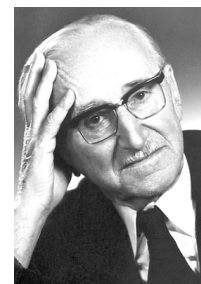
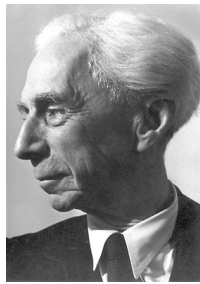
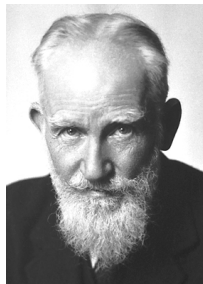
# Why study at **LSE**?

- **UK's foremost institution dedicated to the social sciences**



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# 16 Nobel Prize **Winners**



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- UK's foremost institution dedicated to the social sciences
- **Best ratings for social science research in the UK**



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# Research Quality

- LSE has the highest percentage of world-leading research of any university in the country – Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014.
- In the 2014 REF LSE came top nationally by the percentage of research receiving a 4\* (world-leading) or 3\* grade in the departments of International Development; Social Policy; Media and Communications; Government and International Relations.

Rank	Institution	Total staff submitted	GPA	%4 * for the institution	%4* or 3* for the institution
1	Imperial College London	1,256.9	3.36	46	100
2	<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b>	<b>532.2</b>	<b>3.35</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>87</b>
3	University of Oxford	2409.3	3.34	48	87
4	University of Cambridge	2087.6	3.33	47	87
5	Cardiff University	737.7	3.27	40	87



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# LSE: Cutting edge research

- **Environment:** An eye on the skies
  - How accurate are hurricane forecasts and do global insurance premiums reflect the real risk?
- **Society, media and science:** The politics of outer space
  - Forty five years after the Moon landing, outer space still holds a fascination for the world, associated with prestige, political and military power.
- **World regions & development:** Sex & fertility versus health in AIDS stricken Africa
  - How do you reconcile the basic sexual and fertility needs of 25 million Africans with the stark reality of HIV/AIDS?
- **Law:** The right to be forgotten
  - The age-old debate about the balance between privacy and freedom of expression.
- **Economy:** The fight against cyber crime
  - Is cyber-crime as big a threat as rumoured?
- **Law:** Food for thought
  - What is speculative trading and how can it lead to food poverty?
- **Society, media and science:** Dumbing down the smart city
  - Does the smart city concept put technology ahead of people, ignoring the very things that make us human?
- **Economy:** Expensive mistakes on the trading floor
  - How do you separate technical slipups from human factors when it comes to high-risk environments?



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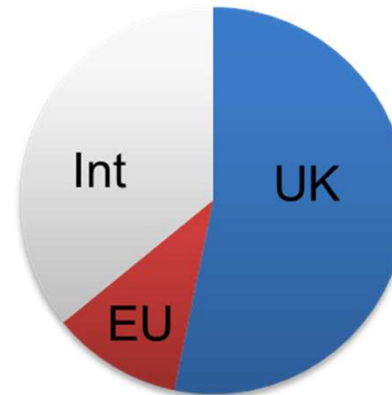


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# LSE Students

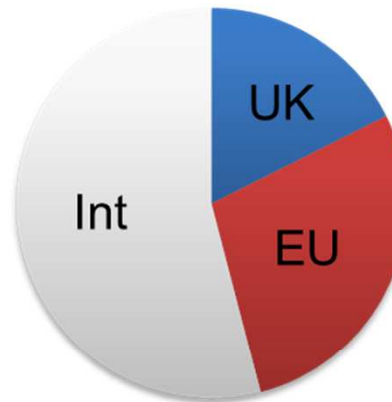
## Undergraduate

UK	2287	53%
EU	468	11%
International	1541	36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4296</b>	



## Graduate

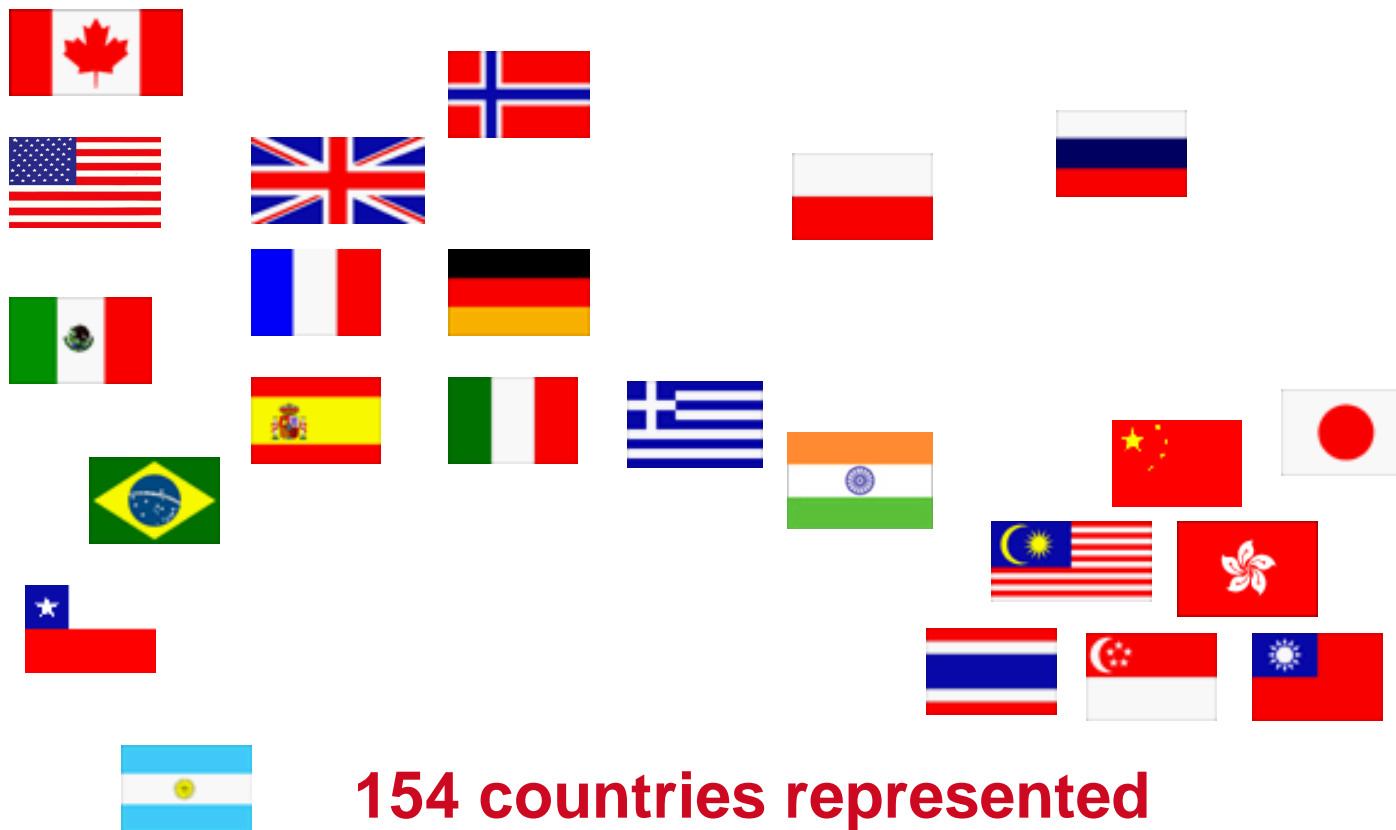
UK	733	14%
EU	1543	31%
International	2758	55%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5034</b>	



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# LSE Students



154 countries represented

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# LSE and London



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# Public lectures



HH The Dalai Lama



Sri Mulyani Indrawati



David Cameron



Helen Clark



Bill Gates



Aung San Suu Kyi



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- **Excellent facilities and support services**



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# Library



*British Library of Political  
and Economic Science*

- British Library of Political and Economic Science
- Europe's largest social science library
- Over 4 million printed volumes
- Long opening hours
- Access to libraries of other UoL colleges
- [lse.ac.uk/library](http://lse.ac.uk/library)

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# The Saw Swee Hock **Student Centre**

- Student hub at the heart of LSE
  - Students' Union
  - New gym
  - Multi-faith prayer room
  - RIBA Stirling Prize finalist and sustainability award winner



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# Accommodation



- 10 LSE Halls
- 5 UoL Intercollegiate Halls
- Self-catered/catered
- Single/shared room in flat/corridor
- Studio/One bed flat

## LSE Halls

- £92 - £375 pw

## University of London Halls

- £138– £278 pw



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- Excellent facilities and support services
- **Globally respected graduates**



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# LSE Graduates

markit

The Daily Telegraph

Goldman  
Sachs



BARCLAYS  
CAPITAL

KPMG

SOCIETE GENERALE  
Corporate & Investment Banking



MARKS &  
SPENCER

Honeywell

ERNST & YOUNG  
Quality In Everything We Do

BBC



theguardian



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# LSE Graduates



George Soros



Pat Barker



Stelios Haji Ianou



Cherie Blair



Martin Lewis



Shami  
Chakrabati

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# Graduate study at **LSE**

- MSc / LLM / MPA degrees
  - some degrees offer links with partner institutions in Europe, Asia and the USA



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# Graduate Study – double degrees

**FRANCE:** LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in Affaires Internationales and *either* International Relations or International Political Economy

**FRANCE:** LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in European Studies

**USA or CHINA:** MSc Double Degree in Global Media and Communications with Annenberg School, USC, or Fudan University

**EUROPE:** MA Global Studies: A European Perspective

**CHINA:** LSE-PKU Double MSc Degree in International Affairs

**USA:** LSE-Columbia University Double Degree in International and World History

**CHINA:** LSE-PKU Double Degree in Public Administration and Government

**FRANCE:** LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in Urban Policy

**Application procedures vary – check individual programmes**



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- MSc / LLM / MPA degrees
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- 1 Diploma programme, and two-year degrees in Economics
- MSc (Research) degrees
- Executive programmes
- MRes / MPhil / PhD degrees
  - 1+3 / 2+2 programmes





# Graduate study – taught

## Length

- Normally 9, 10, 12 or 24 months full time, or part time

## Structure

- Normally the equivalent of four full-unit core and optional courses (including the dissertation)

## Study hours

- 15-20 hours per week, plus independent study

## Teaching

- Lectures, classes and seminars

## Assessment

- End of year exams (some mid-year) and a dissertation



# Graduate study - research

## Length

- 2-4 years full-time or 4-8 years part-time

## Structure

- Initial taught courses followed by thesis
- Contribute to departmental seminars, workshops and research
- Training courses

## Study hours

- In excess of 30 hours per week

## Teaching and independent study

- Programme agreed with supervisor - specialist in chosen research field

## Assessment

- 100,000 word thesis



# Applying to **LSE**

- Applications opened on 23 October 2015 for entry in October 2016
- No deadline for *most* programmes but early application is encouraged – rolling admissions. NOTE: funding deadlines exist for research programmes.
- Confirm availability of programmes online before applying
- Decisions usually issued in 8-10 weeks
- On-line tracking of application status
- Over 23,000 first choice applications for approximately 4,750 places in 2015



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# Applying to **LSE**

- Apply for two programmes, 1st choice and 2nd choice
  - Choices considered sequentially
  - Application fee £50 online – waived for 3rd yr. LSE UG students
- **Application Form**
  - personal details
  - academic qualifications
  - personal statement/s
  - LLM applicants should indicate subject specialism and course choice
- Two **academic** references (1 pre Jan 2013; 0 pre Jan 2011)
- CV
- Transcript / mark sheet
- GRE or GMAT scores (if required, and less than 5yrs old)
- English language test score (if required, and post 1/10/14)
- MSc (Research); MRes/PhD and MPhil/PhD programmes require a research proposal
- MPhil/PhD programmes require a sample of written work and shortlisted applicants are interviewed via telephone or Skype.



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# Applying to **LSE** - entry requirements

## Diploma

- A good Upper Second Class Honours (2:1) degree or non-UK equivalent qualification.

## Master's degree

- UK First or Upper Second Class Honours (2:1) degree or non-UK equivalent in a subject appropriate to the programme to be followed.

## MPhil/PhD

- UK taught master's degree or non-UK equivalent in a subject appropriate to the research to be undertaken.

Entry requirements vary – check individual programmes



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# Tuition Fees

- 10% discount for LSE undergraduates and General Course alumni.
- Fees vary depending on programme:

Diploma and master's

- Approx. £9,936 - £31,608

MPhil/PhD

- Approx. £4,153 UK/EU
- Approx. £16,536 overseas



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# Financial **Support**

£10.5 million available to graduate students each year

- Graduate Support Scheme, £5,000 - £15,000
- LSE Anniversary Scholarships for UK students, £5,000 - £25,000
- Country-based Awards/Scholarships
- Programme-based Awards/Scholarships
- 63 LSE PhD Studentships, covering full fees plus £18,000 for four years
- Deadlines of 14 December; 11 January and 27 April depending on programme and award

Attend the “Funding your Studies” talk or visit the Financial Support Office stand on the Ground Floor of the New Academic Building



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# Graduate Open Evening 2015

**See the Graduate Open Evening Programme**

**Departments / Institutes Information Stands 5.30-8pm**

- Student Services Centre; Lower Ground, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> floors in the New Academic Building

**General Information Stands 5.30-8pm**

- Ground Floor, New Academic Building/Saw Swee Hock Student Centre

**General Talks**

- Lecture Theatres, Lower Ground Floor, New Academic Building

**Access to Library and buildings**

- Show your LSE wristband to gain entry



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