

Graduate Course Selection and Seminar Sign-up

This is important information. Please read it carefully.

Your programme includes a number of optional courses as well as your required courses. You need to select your courses soon after arriving at LSE.

How to pick your courses:

Please **select your courses** and enter your **statement about your choices** via LSE For You ([LfY](#)). Course choice opens on **Monday week 0** (20th September 2021). Please make your choices by **5pm on Tuesday** (21st September). We will send out the first round of offers of places on **Thursday** (23rd September). You then need to select your seminar group within that course on Friday week 0. Read the **detailed guide over the page** closely.

How to find out about courses:

You can find out about different courses using [Course Finder](#), reading the information in LSE's Calendar, watching the course selection videos on the department's website, and by looking at reading lists and other information on the course page on [Moodle](#).

You will be assigned an **academic mentor** before you arrive, and you should try to see them during the first week of term to discuss your course choices. Often your mentor will contact you by email to suggest a meeting date. Otherwise, please feel free to initiate contact. Your mentor will be named on your LfY page.

Key issues when selecting your courses:

- Make sure your course selection fits the **rules of your programme**. LfY will only allow you to select courses within your programme regulations.
- You need to remember to select the **core courses** and your **dissertation** as well as your optional courses.
- Depending on your programme you may have a choice over whether to take a half unit dissertation or a full unit **dissertation**. These involve different challenges and give you different skills. Make sure you have thought carefully about your decision.
- Students taking the MSC POLITICAL ECONOMY OF LATE DEVELOPMENT: Please be aware that you will not be allowed to request a place on DV431, DV442, or DV453.
- Please check Timetables for Lent Term half-units. It is your responsibility to ensure that your seminar choices do not clash with your other courses.

COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

BY 17:00 TUESDAY WEEK 0 MAKING COURSE SELECTION

- **All course selections must be made electronically on LSE for You** <https://lfy.lse.ac.uk/> by 17:00 on Tuesday Week 0 (21st September). To log on to LfY you need your LSE email ID and password.
- Use the **'Student Statement'** section in LfY to provide a **statement about your choices** when selecting your courses. We use this to allocate places on any over-subscribed courses. If you do not enter a statement, we will assume you have no specific preference for any of your courses.
- Your statement should **RANK** your OPTIONAL courses (#1 being the most preferred). It should also tell us **WHY** you want to take each optional course. Please give the rank, the code and your reasoning as follows, eg:
 1. EH4XX – I aim to write my dissertation about the standard of living so this course is vital to my research
 2. EH4YY – I have a long interest in this region and would like to study it in depth
 3. EH4YY – I see this course as complementing my future career plans as I intend to work in development."

BY 17:00 THURSDAY WEEK 0 ACCEPTING PLACES ON COURSES

- On Thursday of Week 0 (23rd September), **offers** for places on courses will be sent out by email.
- If a course is oversubscribed, offers may be delayed while we allocate spaces.
- Offers must be accepted using LfY within 48 hours. Failure to do so may result in your losing your place on a particular course if it is oversubscribed.
- If we are not able to offer you a place on your preferred course, we will put you on a waiting list and alert you by email if one does become available. We will also inform you about courses with available space so you can choose an alternative.

FROM FRIDAY WEEK 0 SEMINAR SIGN-UP

- Most of your courses are taught through seminars of around 15 students. Large courses will offer seminars taught at different times during the week. You need to select **one** seminar group for each course at the start of term. You then **must** attend that seminar for the rest of the year.
- You can only sign-up for a seminar **once you have accepted an offer** for that course.
- To sign up, use the **Seminar Sign-Up facility on LSE For You** <https://lfy.lse.ac.uk/> (NOT on Moodle). Seminar sign-up will open on Friday of Week 0 (24th September).
- Make sure the seminar you choose **does not clash** with teaching on the other courses you are taking – including those in Lent Term.