



Hellenic Observatory Centre for Research on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus Research at LSE



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TRAVELLING TO LSE

LSE is located in the heart of London and surrounded by many hotels with a range of options from affordable to high quality all within walking distance. LSE is also walking distance from many of the famous landmarks in London, such as the British Museum, the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden, Somerset House etc., and is surrounded by the main theatre district.

The nearest tube stations to LSE campus are **Holborn** (Central & Piccadilly lines), **Temple** (Circle & District lines), **Covent Garden** (Piccadilly line) and **Charing Cross** (Northern & Bakerloo lines). You can find the Tube map <u>here</u>. In slightly more than an hour it is possible to reach LSE from Heathrow Airport and City of London Airport. LSE can be reached in about 90 minutes from the other London Airports: Gatwick, Luton and Stansted, using public transport.

How to travel to LSE from London Airports From Heathrow Airport

Elizabeth Line

You can take the Elizabeth Line to Tottenham Court Road station (approx. 40 minutes) and then walk to LSE or catch the Underground (Central Line) for one stop to Holborn station.

London Underground

The most cost-effective rail route to London. Piccadilly Line trains run from all terminals and journey time is around 60 minutes to Covent Garden station.

Heathrow Express Trains

The fastest link between Heathrow and central London. Non-stop trains run to Paddington every 15 minutes, and journey time is 15 minutes from Terminals 2 (a few minutes more from Terminals 5).

National Express Coach

Coaches run throughout the day, offering journey times of 40–80 minutes to <u>Victoria Coach Station</u>. From Victoria you can get the Underground (Circle or District Line) to Temple station.

From Gatwick Airport

Thameslink Trains

Thameslink provides direct trains from Gatwick Airport to Blackfriars. From Brackfriars you can either catch the Underground for a stop to Temple station, or walk to LSE (approx. 15'). Southern Trains Southern offers train services during the day from Gatwick to London Victoria. From Victoria you can get the Underground (Circle or District Line) to Temple station.

Gatwick Express Trains

Gatwick Express is the fastest way into Central London. Trains run every 15 minutes and the journey time is 30 minutes to Victoria station. From Victoria you can get the Underground (Circle or District Line) to Temple station.

National Express Coaches

National Express runs frequent services between Gatwick and <u>Victoria Coach Station</u>. Coaches run approximately every 30 minutes with a journey time of 1.5 to 2 hours, depending on the time of day.

From Stansted Airport

Stansted Express Trains

Stansted Express is the quickest way into central London, with a journey time of 45–50 minutes to Liverpool Street station. From Liverpool Street station catch the Underground (Central line) to Holborn station.

National Express Coaches

National Express Coaches runs coaches to Stratford every 30 minutes. From Stratford you can either get the Elizabeth Line to Tottenham Court Road station, or the Underground (Central line) to Holborn station.

From Luton Airport

Train

There is a regular shuttle bus service between London Luton Airport terminal and Luton Airport Parkway (train station). The shuttle journey is approximately 10 mins. From the train station there are frequent trains to Blackfriars. From Blackfriars you can either catch the Underground for a stop to Temple station, or walk to LSE (approx. 15').

National Express Coaches

National Express Coaches runs frequent coaches to <u>Victoria Coach Station</u>, with a travel time of about 80 minutes. From Victoria you can get the Underground (Circle or District Line) to Temple station.

From City Airport

DLR & Underground

From the 'London City Airport' stop you can catch the DLR (Docklands Light Railway) to Bank station. From Bank station get the Underground (Central line) to Holborn station.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

LSE is very easy to reach by **public transport**.

Underground

The nearest tube stations to LSE campus are Holborn (Central & Piccadilly lines), Temple (Circle & District lines), Covent Garden (Piccadilly) and Charing Cross (Northern & Bakerloo lines). You can find the Tube map <u>here</u>.

- Paying for Underground/ Overground Trains

Divided into zones (1-6) that stretch across Central and Greater London, the cost of your transport will depend on which zone you travel from, so the closer you stay to zone 1, where LSE is located, the cheaper your travel will be.

All Transport for London (TFL) journeys are paid for with either an **Oyster card**, **Travelcard** or your **contactless bank card**. At the entry to the platform of underground or overground stations, you'll have to touch your card onto the yellow reader and when you exit the station at your destination, you must repeat this to complete the journey.

You can find out more about the fare breakdowns on TFL's website here.

Buses

Buses that stop at or near Aldwych: 1, 4, 9, 11, 15, 23, 26, 59, 68, 76, 77, 87, 91, 139, 172, 176, 243, and 341.

- Paying for buses and trams

Buses are card only, so no need for cash, you can choose to tap an Oyster card, a Travelcard or a contactless bank card to pay your fare when you get on the bus. A single London bus journey costs £1.75 no matter how far you go (unlike the Tube zone fare system). You can even take multiple buses within one hour at no extra charge thanks to the hopper fare system. Plus, no matter how many buses (or trams) you take, it will never cost you more than £5.25 a day, but just make sure you use the same payment option across every journey (the same bankcard or device - don't mix the two!).

National rail stations

Waterloo - other side of the River from the Strand over Waterloo Bridge. Approximately 10- 15 minutes away. Trains to and from the south coast and south west of England.

Charing Cross - on the Strand at the Trafalgar Square end. Approximately 10 minutes away. Trains mainly to south east London and into Kent.

Blackfriars - on the Embankment near Blackfriars Bridge. Approximately 10 -15 minutes away. Trains mainly to south London and south east England but also the Thameslink line through north London.

St Pancras International - on Euston Road, close to King's Cross mainline station. Take the Piccadilly Line from King's Cross to Holborn (see 'Holborn' above). Serves the Eurostar and trains to the Midlands.

HELPFUL APPS, WEBSITES AND GUIDES

LSE Campus Map

Citymapper

Citymapper can calculate how to get from one side of London to another by any means of travel. It's quick, simple to use and free to download onto your phone.

TFL Go App

Use TFLs official live map to see your route or search any place or address across London. You can get live bus and train times for every station.

General maps on your phone

General map apps such as Google or Apple are also great to have at hand when you're trying to get around London, especially for planning walks and getting from A to B by foot.