



Mathematics

September 2020

Dear Student,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the MSc in Financial Mathematics programme and to the Department of Mathematics, and we look forward to meeting you very soon. Please find below some preliminary information and advice on what is required of you when you join the LSE. This information will also be added to our website. All times below are London time (BST).

Pre-sessional Course (MA400) (compulsory)

Monday 7th September - Friday 18th September Pre-recorded and Live Online teaching

Information has already been circulated. Details can be found [here](#)

Orientation Welcome Meeting

Monday 14th September, 14.00-15.00 online (zoom)

The Department will hold its official Welcome Meeting for all MSc in Financial Mathematics students on Monday 14th September 14.00. This will be an introduction to the programme and department followed by a Q&A session.

Meeting your Cohort (zoom)

At the end of the departmental welcome talk and Q&A session you will have the opportunity to meet and chat to your fellow students. This will be a good opportunity to make connections and meet the students on your programme.

School Registration

Online registration

You should by now have registered online for the degree following an email invitation from the Registry team in the Student Services Centre.

On Campus Registration at the Student Services Centre

Tuesday 22 September - 12.00-13.00

Note as well as online registration you will also need to register on campus. This is where your official documents, including passport and visa, will be checked.

Full details about registration can be found at the following link: <https://welcome.lse.ac.uk/get-lse-ready/registration>

On campus Social Activity

Monday 21 September - 13.00-15.00

A Treasure Hunt. Details will be circulated in due course.

Teaching

Lectures start in Week 1, which is the week beginning Monday 28th September. All lectures will be recorded. Seminars and classes will start week 2 or 3, depending on the course.

Financial Mathematics Courses

The degree regulations for 2020/1 listing the compulsory and optional courses available can be found [here](#). More detailed graduate course guides which also include reading lists can be found on the School [calendar](#).

An outline of the timetable can also be found [here](#) Papers 1-5 are compulsory.

Choosing Course Options

You will be assigned to an Academic Mentor during Welcome Week (21-25 September) who will discuss your course choice options with you in more detail and offer guidance. You will be able to start selecting your courses from 2pm on Thursday 24 September 2020 until 5pm on Monday 12 October 2020 via LSE For You: https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/services/course-choice/course-selection?from_serp=1

More information about course options and the selection process will be given at the Departmental Welcome meeting on 14 September. There will also be short videos made available to view for some of the Mathematics courses, on the MSc [Mathematics Moodle](#) page. Please note that optional courses from other departments may require previous knowledge of particular areas. This may be indicated on the course guides, or their departmental website.

Online Pre-sessional Eden & LSE Life

This course is designed to help you get ready to join us at the LSE. Full details can be found on the LSE Life page [here](#)

Facebook Group

A MSc Financial Mathematics 2020/1 Facebook group has been set up so that you can connect with your fellow offer holders. Please see [here](#)

Student Hub

The [Student Hub](#) is LSE's app, designed to help you navigate your day-to-day life at LSE. You can download the Student Hub to start connecting with your department and course mates, and get information to help you familiarise yourself with everything that LSE has to offer. Download the Student Hub app on iOS or Android, or access the web app at <https://studenthub.lse.ac.uk/>

The information contained within this letter, along with all the important dates that you should be aware of will be made available on our Departmental website at:

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/Mathematics/Offer-Holders/WelcomeMScFM>

and the corresponding School website will also provide information about making preparations for your time at the LSE on the School's Welcome page: <https://welcome.lse.ac.uk/>

Please note queries relating to conditions of your offer and required supporting documentation, registration etc should be directed to Graduate Admissions. Information can also be found in the Graduate Admissions [offer pack](#).

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Once again, we are looking forward to meeting you shortly.

Kind regards

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