

# **BSc Accounting and Finance**

## **Year 1 Curriculum and Course Choice**

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# Overview of Year 1 Curriculum

- Objective of Year 1: to provide you with a solid foundation in accounting, finance, economics and quantitative methods.
- Why the emphasis on economics and quantitative methods?
  - Accounting and finance are based on economics and are (increasingly) quantitative subjects
- All courses are rigorous and demanding
- Plenty of opportunities to develop soft and hard skills

# Overview of Year 1 Curriculum

	Year 1 Autumn Term	Year 1 Winter Term
<b>Paper 1</b>	Introduction to Financial Accounting	Introduction to Management Accounting
<b>Paper 2</b>	Microeconomics I	Macroeconomics I
<b>Paper 3</b>	Mathematics	Statistics
<b>Paper 4</b>	<i>Optional course</i>	Introduction to Finance
	LSE 100	

- Paper # at the LSE: one-unit course or two half-unit courses
- In Year 1, all your courses are half units

# Paper 1 - Accounting

- Two ***compulsory*** half-units:
  - AC105 Introduction to Financial Accounting (Autumn Term -AT)
  - AC106 Introduction to Management Accounting (Winter Term - WT)
- You must select these two half units as Paper 1
- You can watch videos explaining the courses:  
<https://www.lse.ac.uk/accounting/study/Accounting-Course-Videos-and-Selection>
- The course guides for 2025-26:
- [Undergraduate course guides \(2025\)](#)

## Undergraduate course guides 2025/26

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### AC

[AC102 Elements of Financial Accounting](#)

[AC103 Elements of Management Accounting, Financial Management and Financial Institutions](#)

[AC105 Introduction to Financial Accounting](#)

[AC106 Introduction to Management Accounting](#)

[AC205 Intermediate Financial Accounting](#)

[AC206 Intermediate Management Accounting](#)

[AC311 Results Accountability and Management Control for Strategy Implementation](#)

[AC312 Performance Measurement, Strategy, and Uncertainty](#)

[AC331 Contemporary Issues in Financial Accounting](#)

[AC332 Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation](#)

[AC341 Corporate Governance, Risk Management and Financial Audit](#)

[AC342 Accounting, Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability](#)

### AN

[AN100 Being Human: Contemporary Themes in Social Anthropology](#)

[AN101 A History of Anthropological Theory](#)

[AN102 Anthropology through Mixed Media](#)

[AN253 Politics and Power: Debates in Anthropology](#)

[AN256 Economic Anthropology](#)

[AN273 Thinking as an Anthropologist](#)

[AN279 Anthropology of Law and Human Rights](#)

- You need to ***select between two “pairs” of Economic courses***
  1. “Quantitative” option:
    - EC1A3 Microeconomics I and EC1B3 Macroeconomics I
  2. “Conceptual” option:
    - EC1A5 Microeconomics I and EC1B5 Macroeconomics I
- You can watch videos explaining the courses:  
<https://web.microsoftstream.com/channel/d003b8db-153f-4795-bd5b-182b0cdb7980>
- The course guides:
  - [Undergraduate course guides \(2025\)](#)

## “3” Courses (EC1A3 and EC1B3)

- Required in most BSc programmes requiring A-level mathematics or equivalent (e.g.: BSc Finance, BSc Management, Double degrees with Economics -BSc Economics and Economics History, BSc Politics and Economics, etc.-)
- More quantitative approach to economics
- Think of your interests, abilities and future career plans
- If you plan to take more advanced (Year 3) Economics courses, you need to take these two courses
- In year 2: You would usually continue with the “3” Economics and/or Econometrics (EC2C3) but can switch to the “5” Economics



## “5” Courses (EC1A5 and EC1B5)

- Targeted to students in BSc programmes without A-level mathematics or equivalent (e.g.: BSc Economics History, BSc Geography, BSc Politics...)
- More conceptual approach to economics
- Think of your interests, abilities and future career plans
- In year 2: you can take Year 2 “5” Economics courses and/or Year 2 Econometrics I (EC2C3) but you cannot take Year 2 “3” Economics courses
- You will not be allowed to take any Year 3 Economics courses

# Paper 3 – Mathematics and Statistics

- For the Autumn Term (AT), select one of the following mathematics courses:
  1. MA107 Quantitative Methods (Mathematics)

*or*

  2. MA108 Methods in Calculus and Linear Algebra
- For the Winter Term (WT), you must select the following compulsory statistics course:

ST107 Quantitative Methods (Statistics)
- You can find the course guides:
- [Undergraduate course guides \(2025\)](#)

# Mathematics – MA107 or MA108?

- Select based on your ability and interest
- MA108 is a more advanced course – recommended only for students with very good mathematical background who want to “use mathematics seriously in economics and finance” (description from Maths Dept).

# Paper 4 – Half-Unit Course and Finance Course

- For the Autumn Term (AT), select one of the following half-unit courses:
  - MG105 Organisational Behaviour & Leadership **(Capped course)**
  - PH111 Introduction to Logic
  - ST101A (AT) or ST101W (WT) Programming for Data Science - **Choice between AT and WT**
  - MG104 (WT) Operations Management **(Capped course)**
- For the Winter Term (WT), you must select the following compulsory finance course:  
FM101 Finance
- You can find the course guides:
- [Undergraduate course guides \(2025\)](#)

# Paper 4 – AT Options:

## PH111 Introduction to Logic

- Logic: study of arguments and inferences:
  - When is an argument (il)logical?
  - Broad in scope and useful in real life (and further studies)
- Course is both quantitative and qualitative
- Assessment: 100% exam in January
- You can watch videos explaining the course:  
<https://www.lse.ac.uk/philosophy/virtual-course-fair/#ug-course-videos>
- You can find the course guides:  
[Undergraduate course guides \(2025\)](#)

## MG105 Organisational Behaviour & Leadership

- How to manage and lead people – based on psychological theories
- Qualitative course
- Assessment: 70% based on a project due in January-March; 15% class participation; 15% quizzes in AT
- ***This is a capped course (maximum 240 students) – if you are interested, sign up for it as soon as course selection opens***
- You can find the course guides: [Undergraduate course guides \(2025\)](#)

## ST101 Programming for Data Science

- Covers principles of programming with a focus on data science applications
- Quantitative course.
- Preferable to have basic idea of Python: Please join the pre-session course - <https://moodle.lse.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=8709>. It will also have in-person workshops. Accessible only if you register for this pre-session course.
- Assessment:
- ST101 A - 70% exam in Jan exam period; 30% continuous assessment in AT
- ST101 W - 70% exam in Spring exam period; 30% continuous assessment in WT
- ***This is a capped course (maximum 150 students in AT and 60 in WT) – if you are interested, sign up for it as soon as course selection opens***
- You can find the course guides: [Undergraduate course guides \(2025\)](#)

## MG104 Operations Management

- Teaches processes that transform inputs into goods and services – covers operations strategy, sustainability, process design, inventory management etc.
- WT course: Will not be approved unless justified, unable to get into others, and can manage unbalanced workload.
- Assessment: 70% based on report in WT; 15% class participation; 15% quizzes in WT
- ***This is a capped course (maximum 230 students) – if you are interested, sign up for it as soon as course selection opens***
- You can find the course guides: [Undergraduate course guides \(2025\)](#)



- Half-unit course running through AT and WT
- Big, important problems/dilemmas that humanity faces
- Choose one of these three themes **before** enrolling:
  1. LSE100A - How can we transform our climate futures?
  2. LSE100B - How can we control AI?
  3. LSE100C - How can we create a fair society?
- The LSE100 course guide and videos on each theme:  
<https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/lse100/about-lse-100>
- Frequently asked Questions about LSE100  
<https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/lse100/about-lse-100/Frequently-Asked-Questions>

# Course Selection Process

- Decide the courses that you would like to take
- If in doubt, discuss and liaise with your academic mentor about your course selection
- ***Select your courses in LSE For You (LFY)***
- Finally, check your timetable and Moodle enrolment
- ***Note: if not sure, choose something (to get into timetabling system as soon as possible) and attend lectures for a week or two. You can change your courses up to the Monday of week 3.***

# Course Selection: Key Dates

Course selection:

- ***Opens at 10am on Tuesday 9 September 2025***
- ***Closes at 5pm on Monday 13 October 2025 (Monday of Week 3).***

***Please ensure you choose for all four papers and LSE100 by 5pm on Monday 13 Oct 2025 via LSE For You.***

# Nitty-gritty of course selection

Course selection guide -

<https://moodle.lse.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=8709>

Pay attention to the following:

- ☐ How you enter in a queue/ course selection process.
- ☐ How long you stay in a queue.
- ☐ How long you have when you reach the front of the queue.
- ☐ How long you can be inactive.

# Support and advice

- ❑ Please do not hesitate to contact me or your academic mentor
- ❑ Please also read the [programme regulations](#) as they will tell you which courses are compulsory for your programme, and which optional courses you might be able to choose.
- ❑ Read the [course guides](#) to find out more about every course including teaching arrangements, academic content, assessment, readings, and survey results from past students. You can also view [introductory course videos](#) by following the links in the course guides.
- ❑ Some useful materials on [BSc Accounting and Finance Moodle](#), and these slides and regulations will be available in Moodle in section “Programme Structure and Course Choice”

# Other upcoming events

- LSE [Accounting welcome week events](#)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sep – Early arrivals tea
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep – Campus enrolment
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sep – Welcome from the DoA, Team challenge
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sep – Meet your academic mentors
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sep – Accounting Student's River Thames Boat Tour

# Other upcoming events

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- Social events such as Accountants go to theatre
- Breakfast and lunches with academic mentors
- Tea and Donuts
- Accounting Ball

# Accounting & Finance Career Accelerator

The LSE Department of Accounting Careers Programme 2025 is designed to help you get ahead in securing internships and to enter the graduate job market ready for success.

- You'll learn how to stand out in the recruitment process (applications, assessment centres & interviews), understand what top employers expect, and build the confidence to excel in your future career.
- You'll get firsthand advice from LSE graduates who've been in your shoes.

**Self –Awareness**

**Commercial Awareness**

**Creativity & Innovation**

**Collaboration & Teamwork**

**Emotional & Cultural  
Intelligence**

**Data Literacy**



# Learning and pastoral support

- Office hours
- Student academic mentoring (SAM)
- Academic mentors -



- Allocation of mentors - [https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/i8hkembzte5s0qsyqz5tf/Year-1-temp-AM-allocation\\_03SEPT25.xlsx?rlkey=b72r1g30j404pfg3183ktqnub&st=nn1vug9b&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/i8hkembzte5s0qsyqz5tf/Year-1-temp-AM-allocation_03SEPT25.xlsx?rlkey=b72r1g30j404pfg3183ktqnub&st=nn1vug9b&dl=0)
- LSE Health and wellbeing services

# **Q&A Session & Meet the Year 1 Mentors and some of your seniors**