



Department of  
**Statistics**



# LSE Department of Statistics

Promoting excellence in research  
and education in statistics and  
data science.

# Department of Statistics Programme Q&A Session

## MSc Financial Statistics

## 1. MSc Financial Statistics at LSE

### Key features

- Provides comprehensive and state-of-the-art knowledge on the theory and foundations of Statistics
- With an emphasis towards finance and econometrics applications
- Provides the opportunity to take courses from Data Science and the Department of Finance
- Allow students to tailor their studies to their desired career path:
  - Further theory in Probability and Statistics
  - Econometric and Finance
  - Data Science and Machine Learning
  - Combinations of the above

## Financial Statistics programme structure

- At LSE we have three terms: Autumn Term, Winter Term, Spring Term.
- The degree comprises 8 courses (4 units), spread across Autumn and Winter Term.
- 3 compulsory courses (1.5 units):
  - ST425: Statistical Inference: Principles and Methods
  - ST436: Financial Statistics
  - ST458: Financial Statistics II
- Many options to choose from for the rest 5 courses (2.5 units). See [here](#) for the list of this year.

*See more details in the Programme Regulations, accessed via the [LSE Calendar](#).*

## First week

- Induction day, with detailed information and advice on course selection.
- One-to-one meetings with your academic mentor (myself).
- More meetings will follow during the year.
- Social events.

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## **The Dissertation (for 12 months programmes)**

A year-long project on a topic suggested/approved by department faculty. Counts for 1 course (2 units).

Milestones (2025/26):

- Project plan due January 2026, then supervisors allocated.
- Supervision meetings during Winter Term and Summer Term.
- Project presentations in March and May 2026.
- End of supervision on end of June 2026.
- Submission of project due August 2026.

## Assessment

- You will be exposed to a variety of assessment forms.
- Some courses rely on one format, several combine them.
- The typical formats are:
  - Closed book 2-hour exam in Jan or May.
  - Project works (individual or in groups) during or after term.
  - Continuous assessment during term.

## **Academic support throughout your studies**

Academic Mentor – Programme Director

Programmes Manager

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## Getting in touch

### **Academic queries about your programme:**

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### **Administrative Queries about the Department or the MSc Programmes:**

MSc Programmes Manager

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### **Questions about your application: Graduate Admissions Office**

Search 'LSE Graduate Admissions' then go to the Knowledge Base. If your question is not answered, submit an enquiry through the Knowledge Base.



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# Questions?



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