



Department of
Mathematics

Welcome to the Department of Mathematics!

My name is Galit Ashkenazi-Golan and I am the Programme Director for the MSc in Mathematics and Computation programme at the London School of Economics and Political Science. It is my great pleasure to welcome you to our programme and to the Mathematics Department. We are looking forward to meeting you.

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 Offer Holders and New Arrivals website page found at this link: <https://www.lse.ac.uk/Mathematics/Offer-Holders/WelcomeMScMC>

All times below are London time (BST) and the locations of buildings can be found on [Campus Map](#).

Orientation Welcome Meeting

The Department will hold its official Welcome Meeting for all MSc in Mathematics and Computation students on **Monday 21 September at 14.00-16.00 in room CBG 2.06 (Centre Building)**. This meeting will be an introduction to the programme and the Mathematics Department, followed by a Q&A session.

Welcome Reception

The Departmental Welcome Reception for all our MSc students will be held on **Wednesday 23 September from 12.30-14.30 in MAR 8.01 (Marshall Building, 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields)**. There will be drinks and light refreshments and an opportunity to meet staff and new students on our MSc degrees.

Pre-sessional Course on Python

There is a pre-sessional course on Python programming on **Thursday 24 September, 10.00-13.00** in rooms FAW 4.01, 4.02, FAW 4.03 (Fawcett House). The course is intended for students that do not have, or have limited, Python programming experience, but all students are welcome to attend. Please note, you will need to pre-enrol with the School before you can access teaching and learning resources.

School Enrolment

Enrolment at the LSE will be in two-stages: Online Pre-enrolment and Campus Enrolment.

Online Pre-enrolment

You will receive an email notification from the School's Enrolment Team when it is time to pre-enrol online for the MSc Mathematics and Computation programme. As part of the online pre-enrolment process, you will activate your LSE network and email accounts. Once you have

completed online registration and setup your accounts, you will have full access to all online teaching and learning resources (e.g. pre-sessional Python resources).

Campus Enrolment

Campus enrolment for the MSc Mathematics and Computation programme will take place in person on **Tuesday 22 September 14.45-15.00 in the Great Hall, Marshall Building (MAR)**. Information can be found [here](#) and the postgraduate enrolment schedule is available [here](#). If you miss this slot you will need to rebook. Further details can be found [here](#).

Important Information

Please note as part of your registration you agree to stay in London or within reasonable distance of the School from which you can commute during term time and for any summative assessment periods that fall outside the term dates such as completion of the project or dissertation. Students are required to be physically present in London until the end of the first week in September (i.e., 3rd September 2027), after submission of an MA497 project or MA498 dissertation and (possibly) having a viva for that submission. Hence, when you are booking accommodation either with LSE dormitories or out of campus, make sure you book it until the end of the first week of September.

In addition, if you are an overseas student in the UK who requires immigration permission to study at the School, you must abide by the conditions of your visa as defined by UK Visas and Immigration, including engaging with your teaching, mode of attendance, completion of campus enrolment and adhering to the working conditions. Further information about registration requirements can be found [here](#).

Teaching

Lectures start in week 1 beginning **Monday 28 September**. Seminars will start in week 2 or 3, depending on the course.

Mathematics and Computation Courses

The MSc Mathematics and Computation current degree regulations listing the compulsory and optional courses available can be found on the School calendar [here](#). The graduate course guides can also be found on the School calendar website pages [here](#). Both these pages will be updated August/early September for the 2026/7 academic year.

The provisional Timetable outline covering Autumn and Winter Term can be found [here](#). You will be required to take the equivalent of four full unit courses as outlined in the degree regulations. The School timetable confirming times and locations of lectures and seminars will be made available to view [here](#).

Choosing Course Options

You will be able to browse the course options available from Monday 21 September and start selecting your courses from **10.00 on Thursday 24 September until 17.00 on Friday 9 October** via [LSE For You](#).

Information about course options and the selection process will be given at the welcome meeting on 21 September. In the meantime, you can review the information on the School website pages [here](#). There will also be short videos made available to view for some of the optional Mathematics courses, on the MSc Mathematics Moodle page. Optional courses from other departments may

require some previous knowledge in particular areas. This will be indicated on the course guides, or the departmental website.

Academic Mentor Meetings

You will be assigned an Academic Mentor who will discuss your course options with you in more detail and offer guidance. Confirmation of your Academic Mentor will be announced during the welcome meeting. Your mentor will also provide academic guidance, support and feedback during your studies. You can find out more details about the role of the Academic Mentor [here](#).

Departmental Senior Student Adviser (DSSA)

Our DSSA (**Khadija Ahmed**) is a dedicated point of contact within the Mathematics Department, providing tailored support throughout your time at LSE. Working alongside your Academic Mentor and departmental staff, she can help you navigate the wide range of advice, support, and wellbeing services available across the School. Whether you need guidance on accessing support, managing personal challenges, or understanding the resources available to you, she is here to help ensure you feel supported both academically and personally. Further information can be found [here](#).

Academic preparation

This is a degree in mathematics, so the lecturers will expect you to have a good background in mathematical methods and some understanding of the logical structure of a mathematical “proof” and related aspects of abstract mathematics. If you are unsure about your background, or if you just want to refresh certain parts, have a look at the ‘*Preparatory Reading and Further Preparatory Reading*’ information which can found [here](#)

If you are not familiar with the programming language in Python which is required for the compulsory MA407 Algorithms and Computation course and also the optional MA421 Advanced Algorithms course you might want to look at an online introduction to Python, such as the online tutorial at <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/> or one of the many other resources available online or in print before joining the pre-session course on **Thursday 24 September**. Please consult the ‘[Notice regarding MA407 Algorithms and Computation](#)’ for further details.

Contact with other students

We have created a LinkedIn Group that you can use to connect with other new students in the MSc in Mathematics and Computation programme before you arrive. Please note that we will need to recognise your full name in English to accept requests to join the group. The link to the LinkedIn Group can be found [here](#)

Peer Buddies Scheme

This scheme aims to connect participants with a fellow postgraduate student on the same programme to share experiences, exchange useful information, and support one another in settling into life at LSE. For further information and to sign up for the scheme details can be found [here](#).

LSE Welcome Presentations

Professor Larry Kramer, President and Vice Chancellor, together with other members of the Leadership Team, will deliver welcome presentations for all students. These sessions will provide information about the wide range of opportunities, services, and support available to you throughout your studies at LSE. This is a compulsory presentation for all students and it

will take place on Friday 25 September. All sessions will take place at the Peacock Theatre. Further details, including session timings and attendance arrangements, will be shared on our welcome page once they have been finalised and confirmed.

Consent.Ed Programme

All students are required to complete the Consent.Ed programme. Information about this programme and the online course can be found [here](#). Please note the Level 1 course should be completed on Moodle before you arrive. You will be sent details of when to sign up for the Level 2 course in September.

Prepare to Learn at LSE Course

To help you get off to a good start and make the most of what LSE has to offer, the School has developed, a short online, self-access course to complete before you arrive on campus. Details can be found [here](#). Our research shows that students who complete the course are more likely to do well in their studies.

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://welcome.lse.ac.uk/my-lse/download-the-student-hub>

The above information will be posted on <https://www.lse.ac.uk/Mathematics/Offer-Holders/WelcomeMScMC> and the corresponding LSE website: <https://welcome.lse.ac.uk>.

Finally, if you have any further questions, please contact:

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Once again, we look forward to meeting you in September and we hope you have a very happy and rewarding year at the LSE.

Best wishes,

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Please note this message is being sent in advance to all those who, according to our records, hold a conditional or unconditional offer for this programme. Please note, you will need to have an unconditional offer to join the programme and completed on campus enrolment to attend lecture/seminar classes in September. If you have any queries about a conditional or unconditional offer, please contact the [Graduate Admissions Office](#) or check their [Knowledge Base](#)