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WELCOME TO THE YEAR OF YOUR LIFE

A year at LSE is more than just a year of study at one of the world's most renowned universities. It's a year to discover London; a year to discover new opportunities, new friends and new horizons. But more importantly, it's a year to discover yourself. Quite simply, it's a year that will change your life. As a student at LSE, you'll join an international community in the heart of one of the world's most vibrant cities. What's more, an exciting myriad of cultural events and attractions await discovery right on your doorstep.

Read on to discover what a year of study abroad at LSE will mean for you and [**join our mailing list**](#) if you'd like to receive relevant news and updates from us.



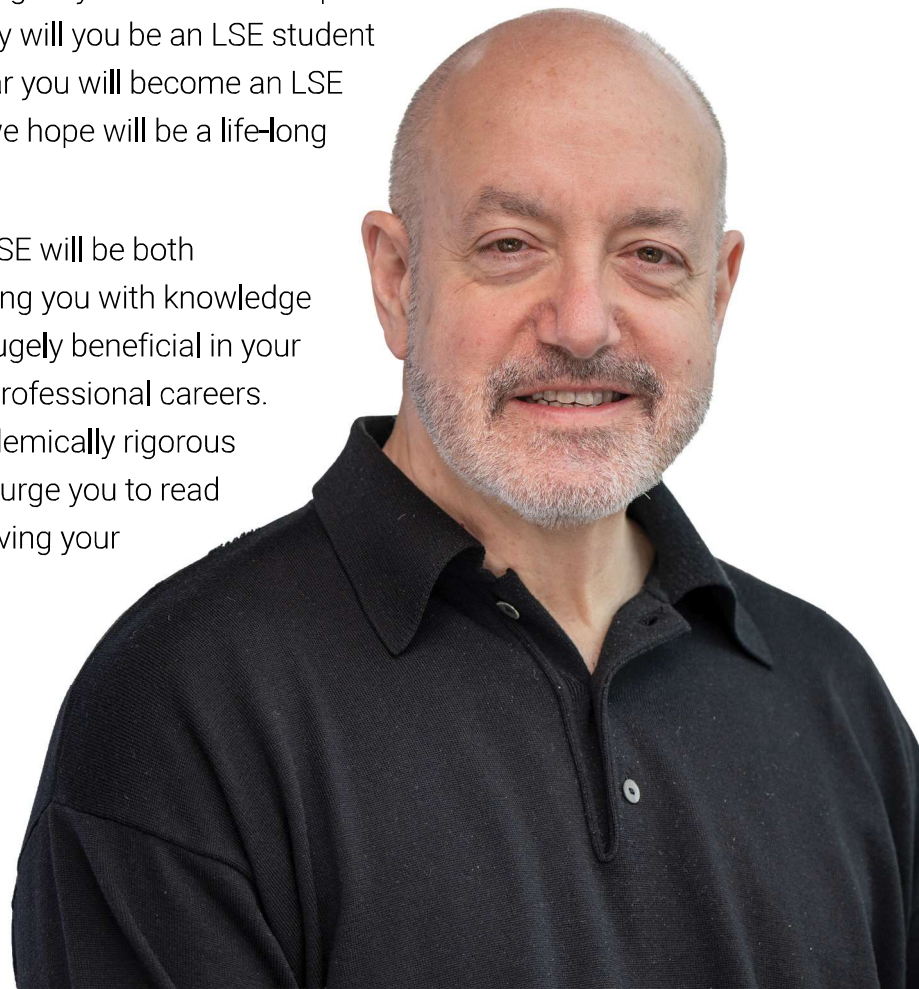
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE CHANCELLOR

The London School of Economics and Political Science is a place of genuine intellectual excitement and cutting-edge research. It employs many of the world's leading experts in their fields and attracts the very best students from across the globe.

The General Course offers you a unique opportunity to experience all that LSE and the great city of London have to offer, whilst undertaking a year of fully integrated undergraduate study at the world's leading dedicated social science institution. LSE provides you with an environment in which you can study your chosen courses in depth, whilst becoming fully involved in all aspects of School life. Furthermore, not only will you be an LSE student but upon completion of your year you will become an LSE alumnus, thus beginning what we hope will be a life-long association with the School.

I'm confident that your time at LSE will be both enjoyable and rewarding, providing you with knowledge and experience that will prove hugely beneficial in your future academic, personal and professional careers. If you think you'd enjoy this academically rigorous and culturally rich programme, I urge you to read on, and we look forward to receiving your application.

Professor Larry Kramer
President and Vice Chancellor





A STUDENT'S VIEW

“ LSE has always been my dream university. What attracted me most was the flexibility of the General Course: the possibility to take courses across different departments and explore new academic areas.

LSE has exceeded my expectations. I always knew it was a world-leading institution but I can't even describe the way I enjoy studying here and how grateful I am to be here. Every professor is incredibly passionate about what they do and it is incredible to have the possibility to learn directly from experts who are truly at the top of their field.

What I enjoy most is the quality of teaching and the feeling that everything you learn is meaningful and useful. I genuinely feel that I am constantly learning and growing.

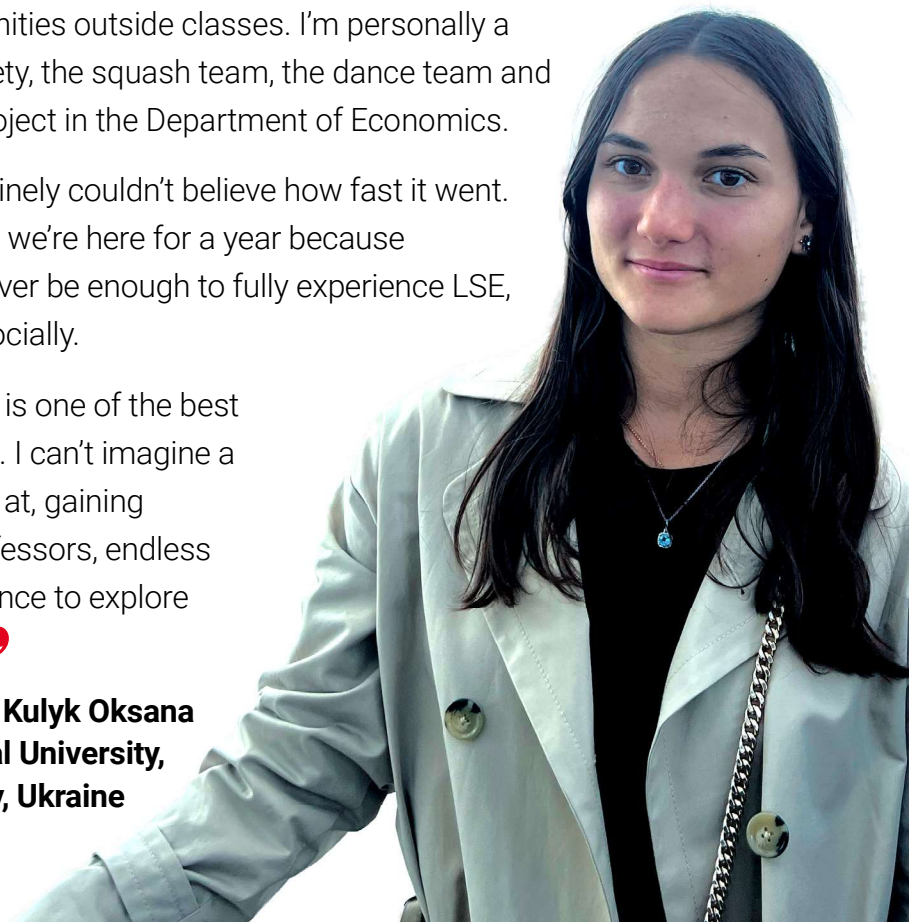
Everyone here is unique, motivated, talented and incredibly educated, and it feels amazing to be surrounded by people who constantly inspire and challenge you.

LSE also offers so many opportunities outside classes. I'm personally a member of the War Studies Society, the squash team, the dance team and I also participate in a research project in the Department of Economics.

When the first term ended I genuinely couldn't believe how fast it went. I am very happy and grateful that we're here for a year because I realised that one term would never be enough to fully experience LSE, not only academically but also socially.

I truly believe the General Course is one of the best opportunities a student can have. I can't imagine a better institution to study abroad at, gaining knowledge from world-class professors, endless academic resources and the chance to explore subjects across departments. ”

Kulyk Oksana
Kyiv National University,
Kyiv, Ukraine



FIELDS OF STUDY

ACCOUNTING

ANTHROPOLOGY

DATA SCIENCE

ECONOMIC HISTORY

ECONOMICS

EUROPE

FINANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

GOVERNMENT

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

LANGUAGE CENTRE

LAW

MANAGEMENT

MATHEMATICS

PHILOSOPHY, LOGIC AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE

SOCIAL POLICY

SOCIOLOGY

STATISTICS





OVER 300 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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Sid Goel,
Bentley University, USA

THE GENERAL COURSE: A SIMPLE GUIDE TO THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTS





This brochure provides information for undergraduate students at universities outside the United Kingdom who wish to join LSE's study abroad programme – the General Course – as part of their work toward a degree at their home institution.

It complements our website, lse.ac.uk/generalCourse, which provides further detailed information and answers many of the most frequently asked questions.

LSE offers no single semester study options.

You spend a full academic year at the School, helping you integrate into the LSE community and make lasting friendships.

We welcome applications from suitably qualified students at any overseas institution in any country.

You need to have completed at least two years of in-person university level study prior to joining LSE (unless studying on the University of London Programme with academic direction by LSE) and be working toward an undergraduate degree at your home institution.

If you wish to study qualitative courses (eg, government, management, law) you should have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.3/4 or above. If you wish to study quantitative subjects (eg, economics, finance, mathematics, statistics) you should have a GPA of 3.5/4 or above in related subjects.

You choose courses from a list of over 300 but need only take one from the department to which you are assigned (two if in Economics). Your host department need not reflect your major interest*.

Applications can be submitted online, free of charge. They are considered from January 2027 onwards and will continue to be accepted until all the available places have been filled. We recommend applying before the end of March 2027.

* Students on the General Course for English Language Majors track follow a set study package of four courses from the Language Centre, which is also their host department at the School.



University housing is guaranteed to all General Course students who apply for it before the deadline.

The John and Amy Phelan Family Foundation General Course Scholarships and International Students House Accommodation Scholarships are available to students in financial need.

“ I’ve gained lifelong friendships, connections to outstanding professors, professional advice, and the opportunity to experience all that the lovely city of London has to offer thanks to the General Course. ”

Rohit Pratapagiri, Babson College, USA





10 REASONS TO JOIN THE GENERAL COURSE

There are many reasons to study at LSE but here are 10 we really think you should know about:

1 THE UK'S TOP UNIVERSITY

That's not just us saying it, *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2026 ranked LSE as the number one university in the UK. It is also home to The British Library of Political and Economic Science, one of the largest libraries in the world devoted to the economic and social sciences.

2 GLOBAL REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE

Graduate schools and employers around the world recognise and respect LSE. It's a prestigious name and having it on your CV really sets you apart. You'll also be part of an impressive global alumni network ensuring you maintain a life-long connection with the School, and enjoy a 10 per cent discount on LSE's graduate tuition fees.

3 TEACHING DELIVERED BY LEADING ACADEMICS

LSE's academics are at the cutting-edge of the social sciences, influencing opinion and helping shape society. They are frequently called upon to advise governments and international organisations, and provide an education grounded in the real world.

4 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD

The John and Amy Phelan Family Foundation General Course Scholarships and International Students House Accommodation Scholarships will be available to students in financial need.

5 PUBLIC LECTURES DELIVERED BY EMINENT OUTSIDE SPEAKERS

LSE hosts an extensive programme of events attracting leading individuals from all walks of life, including in the past year: Andrew Bailey; Nick Clegg; Carlos Fernández Valdovinos; Pablo Hernández de Cos; John Major; Sanna Marin; Gabriel Oddone; Kyriakos Pierrakakis; Peter Piot; Adolfo Rubinstein; Juan Manuel Santos; Tom Steyer; Alexander Stubb, and Ignazio Visco.



6 INTERNATIONAL AND COSMOPOLITAN ENVIRONMENT

LSE students are drawn from over 150 different countries and 65 per cent of all those at the School come from outside the UK. Of the School's staff, 40 per cent originate from countries outside the UK.

7 GUARANTEED UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

All General Course students are guaranteed a place in university housing if they apply for it before the deadline.

8 CENTRAL LONDON LOCATION

The School located in the very heart of the UK's capital, on the doorstep of the City of London, Westminster and Covent Garden, providing great social and academic resources. London is both your campus and your social science laboratory.

9 GENERAL COURSE SOCIAL CALENDAR

General Course students enjoy a range of bespoke events throughout the year, from a Welcome boat party on the Thames to an end-of-year Study Abroad Ball.

10 OVER 200 STUDENT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

LSE Students' Union clubs and societies cover a wide variety of interests including politics, culture, academia, sports, hobbies, and food and drink. General Course students can also access all that the University of London has to offer.

150

COUNTRIES ARE
REPRESENTED
IN THE LSE
STUDENT BODY

65%

OF ALL THOSE
AT THE SCHOOL
COME FROM
OUTSIDE THE UK

40%

OF THE SCHOOL'S
STAFF ORIGINATE
FROM COUNTRIES
OUTSIDE THE UK



Teresa Ribera



Nick Clegg



Alexander Stubb



Pablo Hernández de Cos



John Major



Sanna Marin



Andrew Bailey



Lila Ibrahim



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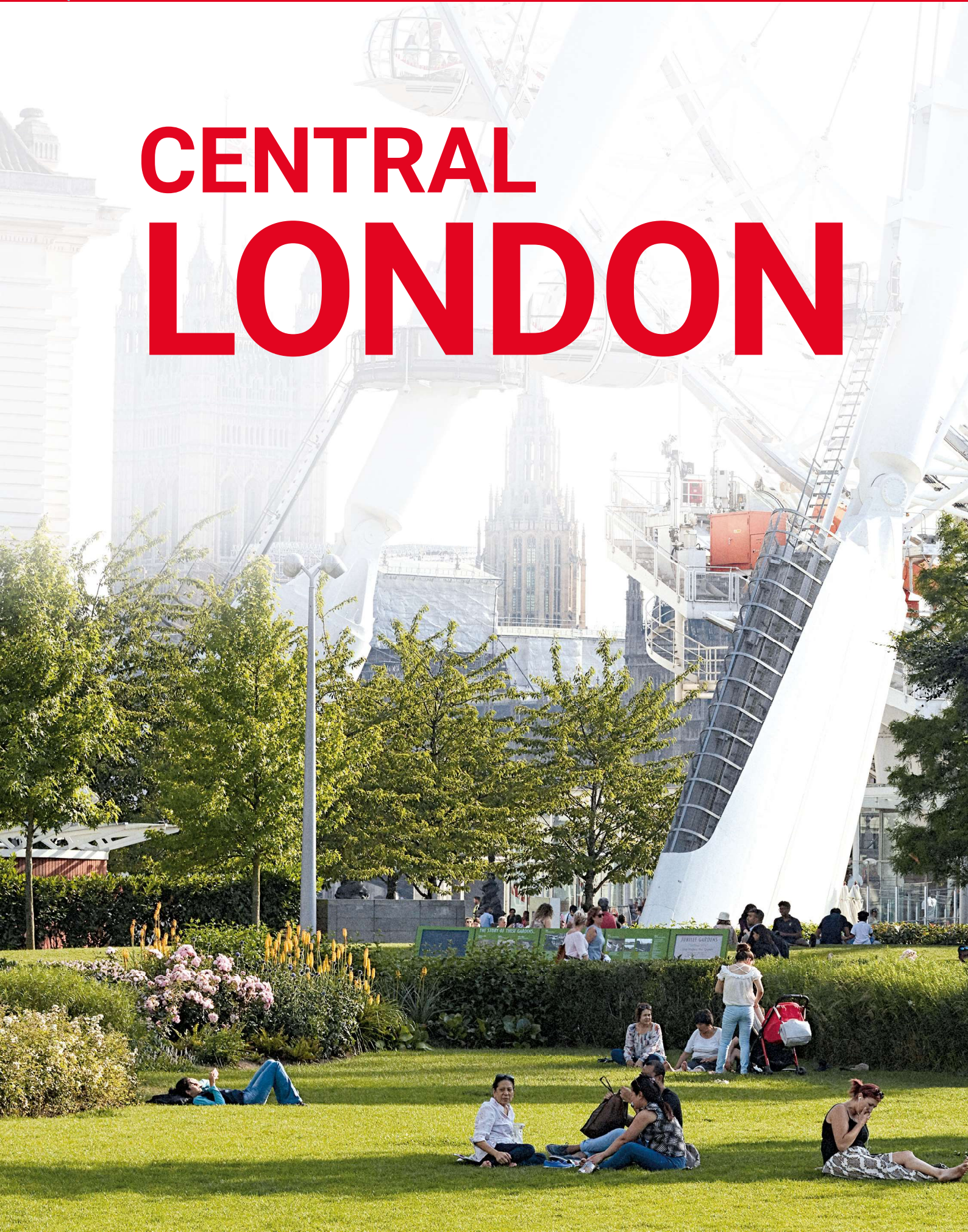


Juan Manuel Santos



Tom Steyer

CENTRAL LONDON





It's safe to say that our campus doesn't overlook green fields and tranquil spires. Because we're right in the middle of the world's most exciting capital city.

Right at the heart of a global financial, legal and cultural centre. This is the real world. And it's reflected in the learning atmosphere at LSE.

Here, amongst an international population of students with varied backgrounds, experiences, views and beliefs, we encourage you to exchange and question ideas. To seek and develop solutions. And to have fun doing so.

So if you're up for the stimulus of new experiences in a vibrant and friendly new environment, your year of discovery starts right here.

VIBRANT AND COSMOPOLITAN

STIMULATING AND DYNAMIC

MULTICULTURAL

MULTIFACETED

WE'RE NOT ALL ABOUT ECONOMICS

This may come as something of a surprise, but we're not all about economics. We offer a wide range of social science subjects. In fact, subjects like anthropology, international relations and social policy were pioneered at LSE. General Course students can take virtually any combination of four year-long undergraduate courses (or the equivalent in half-units*). You'll find over 300 courses listed on our website at lse.ac.uk/generalCourse – over two thirds of which don't contain the word "economics" in the course title. That's because we're also big on subjects like geography, government, international history, law, and philosophy. But whatever your chosen subject, we guarantee you'll be taught alongside LSE undergraduates in our regular scheduled lectures and classes. It's an inclusive approach that's highly successful and an environment in which we know you'll positively thrive.

* Students on the General Course for English Language Majors track take four Language Centre courses.



LIFE AT LSE







Becoming a Londoner

Studying in the heart of London means the vibrant West End, Theatreland, the Royal Opera House and the British Museum are all on your doorstep. But so too are plenty of really useful educational establishments. The British Library, numerous professional institutes and the resources of the University of London are all handily close by.

Guaranteed Housing

If you accept our offer of a place on the General Course and apply for housing by the deadline you're guaranteed to be offered a place in LSE or University of London accommodation.

Further details of LSE accommodation can be found at lse.ac.uk/accommodation

Welcome Boat Party

A really popular and well-established event at the start of each new academic year is the Welcome Boat Party for arriving study abroad students. Held in the week prior to the start of the Autumn Term, it's a relaxed and easy way to meet your fellow students whilst cruising along the Thames and taking-in the London sights.

Tembo

Tembo is our weekly study abroad newsletter. It's packed with academic advice, useful cultural information, details of events, and brilliant money saving tips.

Cumberland Lodge residential visit

Another popular event in the General Course calendar is our annual escape from London for the peace and tranquility of Cumberland Lodge – a beautiful country house in the majestic splendour of Windsor Great Park. This General Course visit acts as an introduction to both the School and the UK and involves a mixture of academic seminars and social activities, so there's time to explore the Park and the royal town of Windsor itself.



Study Abroad Ball

What better way to celebrate your time at LSE than by dressing up, enjoying a sumptuous end-of-year dinner with your friends and dancing late into the night.

General Course Social Calendar

Throughout your year at the School we organise a range of social activities for study abroad students, including a Thanksgiving Dinner.

LSE Students' Union and student societies

The LSE Students' Union is all about you. Representing all students on campus, it's there to ensure that your time at LSE is as full, trouble-free and entertaining as possible. To ensure your voice is heard, General Course students elect their own representative to the Union at the start of each academic year. The Union is brilliant at organising entertainments – concerts, films, cabaret and discos – and funds over 200 student societies covering a wide variety of interests.

Athletics Union

Whatever your sport, we've a club to suit. In fact, we've got nearly 40 clubs for sports and many use the School's stunning 23 acre sports ground at New Malden, Surrey. Here you'll find pitches for soccer, rugby, hockey and cricket, together with grass tennis courts, and a restaurant and well-appointed bar, both of which are open on match days. At Houghton Street you'll also find a well-equipped gym, multipurpose sports hall, squash courts and dynamic weights room.

National Health Service (NHS)

A medical centre is located on the LSE campus, providing free, comprehensive, National Health Service (NHS) care to registered patients and to anyone who becomes ill or needs medical attention while at LSE. General Course students are eligible to use the NHS on the same terms as UK residents.

Information about the NHS and how to register/make use of its services is available at lse.ac.uk/medicalCentre



Student Wellbeing Service

The Student Wellbeing Service (SWS) aims to provide you with a single integrated source of help and assistance to ensure that you get the most out of your LSE experience.

Disability and Mental Health Service (DMHS)

DMHS are the first point of contact for students with disabilities, long term medical and mental health conditions, and Specific Learning Difficulties such as dyslexia. DMHS can help you to create “My Adjustments”, which is a way of putting in place agreed “reasonable adjustments” to support your studies. Advisers in DMHS can potentially set up one-to-one learning support, mentoring and help you access assistive technology designed to remove barriers to studying.

The Disability and Mental Health Service can be contacted at disability-wellbeing@lse.ac.uk. For more detailed information about “My Adjustments” visit lse.ac.uk/myadjustments

Student Wellbeing and Counselling Service

Any student looking for support for their wellbeing can book a 30-minute Wellbeing Appointment. This provides an opportunity to discuss any issues you are experiencing, and an opportunity to explore what would be most useful to you, including: one-to-one support (eg, counselling), groups, workshops, online resources, self-care strategies and referrals to other LSE and external services. Visit lse.ac.uk/counselling for more information.

Groups and workshops

SWS also organizes groups and workshops to support students experiencing stress, anxiety or other issues. Details can be found at info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/student-wellbeing/counselling-workshops

Peer Supporters

Peer Supporters give you the opportunity to talk to fellow students about anything that is worrying you. Peer Supporters are trained to offer confidential emotional support, help and reassurance. You can find out more about the scheme at lse.ac.uk/peersupport



Careers

LSE Careers has an experienced team that provides assistance and advice to General Course students. You can book appointments with careers consultants, attend events with alumni and employers from a huge variety of sectors, and access information and resources on the website. Whether you're looking for internships, work experience, vacation work or part-time, term-time jobs, you can search for current job vacancies on LSE CareerHub.

For further information, please see the LSE Careers website at info.lse.ac.uk/Current-Students/Careers

General Course Edge

General Course Edge is an annual highlight in the study abroad calendar, designed to connect current and recently graduated General Course students with alumni of the programme.

This half-day conference exclusively for study abroad students provides a unique opportunity for you to network with General Course alumni working in a variety of industries, including Data and Tech, Media and Marketing, Business, and International Organisations. You'll also have the opportunity to hear from former General Course students who are pursuing graduate study both at LSE and elsewhere and to attend tailored workshops on creating a great CV.

All General Course students are expected to participate in GC Edge – just one of the many unique benefits of studying abroad at LSE.

LSE Generate

LSE Generate supports General Course students and alumni to build socially responsible businesses. Their year-round programme is packed with workshops about the fundamentals of creating a business, their flagship accelerator programme, funding competitions, events, international treks and networking opportunities. They support innovators at each stage of their entrepreneurial journey and provide the infrastructure to build, develop and scale your ideas.

For further information visit the LSE Generate website at lse.ac.uk/generate



Internships for General Course students

LSE has negotiated a special deal with The Intern Group that gives General Course students the opportunity to undertake an internship during their time on the programme.

General Course students can apply for an internship totaling eight weeks, from September through early March, within a sector of the economy of their choosing – from blue-chip firms to fast growing small and medium-sized businesses, to nonprofit organisations and government departments.

The Intern Group has staff in London and provides 24 hour support, proprietary training materials and videos, lifetime membership of their alumni network, and assistance in obtaining academic credit from your home institution (should this be possible).





These internships are wholly separate from study at LSE and are undertaken alongside and in addition to the four full-year (or the equivalent in half-unit) courses that General Course students must take.

If you are interested in adding an internship to your study abroad experience you should apply directly to The Intern Group before you arrive in London.

LSE has also negotiated a special deal for virtual internships with The Intern Group. Their virtual internship programme has everything you need to boost your career, including:

- A professional, virtual internship in your chosen fields.
- Career advancement training focused on developing eight key competencies desired by hiring managers.
- A Keynote Speaker Series of exclusive live Q&A sessions with experts and industry leaders.
- Live personal support throughout the programme, including placement counseling, resume and cover letter guidance, free access to mental health services during your internship and a session with a professional career coach after your internship is complete.

The virtual internship programme is flexible to fit your schedule. You choose when you want to start, the hours you can commit to (10 to 40 per week), and the length of your internship (4 to 24 weeks). If you are interested in a virtual internship you should contact The Intern Group directly.

Please note that LSE Careers are not partnered with The Intern Group.

For further information, visit The Intern Group website at theinterngroup.com

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Sid Goel, Bentley University, USA



EDUCATION



“The General Course has given me the opportunity to study in a place that is undeniably enriching for my career as well as studying alongside students of multiple backgrounds, experiences, and passions.”

Daniela Cuellar, Arizona State University, USA



Teaching methods

In each of the courses you take over the year, teaching will consist of a mixture of lectures and linked classes (discussion groups), running in tandem. In these, you'll work through questions, problem sets and issues raised in the lectures, as well as presenting and discussing your own papers or essays.

Lectures are attended by all the students taking the course, which means, on a popular course, there could be several hundred students in a lecture. But for the classes, you'll be in a much smaller group, usually consisting of around 15-20 students. The number of "formal" contact hours will also vary with the type of course you're taking, but expect it to be between two to four hours per course per week.

While not compulsory, lectures are strongly recommended. Classes, however, are compulsory and you will usually be expected to submit two written pieces of work or a certain number of problem sets per course per term. Class teachers report each term on your attendance, work in class and written work submitted for the class. These reports are then sent to your academic adviser who will discuss them with you, as well as your overall progress. Your class teacher will also provide an overall grade at the end of the year. These will appear on your final LSE transcript, along with the grades for your final examinations, as a summary of your work at the School. Note that transcripts are only produced/issued upon completion of the programme.

The taught elements of our courses are intended as a framework, providing you with a structure for your own research and reading. In addition to "formal" contact time, we expect our students to spend at least double the number of hours pursuing "independent study" related to their four courses. The timetabled teaching might be just a few hours a week, but the associated reading and writing of essays, projects and other course work assignments make up a full working week. Self-motivation and commitment are the keys to success!

Examination and assessment

For most courses, students are examined once, at the end of the year, but some courses, notably those taught by the Department of Economics, have exams early in January as well. Exams usually take the form of a three-hour unseen paper and all General Course students are required to take the exams. These results appear on the final transcript, issued to students only upon their completion of the programme. A number of courses have an "assessed coursework" component that contributes towards the final exam mark. These usually consist of an independently produced piece of writing.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT





The Library

The Library (The British Library of Political and Economic Science) is so much more than a book and journal collection. It's an invaluable resource boasting hundreds of study spaces and IT workstations, laptop points, rooms for group study, video viewing and photocopying facilities.

The Library's Course Collection contains books on your reading lists and, in addition, you can access a range of other resources in print and online including e-books, newspapers and articles.

The main stock of the Library covers the social sciences in the widest sense. Collections are particularly strong in economics, sociology, political science and the social, economic and international aspects of history. As an LSE student, you'll also have access to the libraries of most other institutions in the University of London.

To discover more about the Library, visit lse.ac.uk/library

Information technology

We have around 1,000 PCs available for students to use on campus, many of which are located in the Library. All LSE residences are wired for direct connection to the School network.

Data and Technology Services provides information and help with connecting your personal laptop or computer to the LSE IT environment and accessing services and resources both on campus and off-site. IT support is also available 24 hours a day over the phone.

For more information, visit lse.ac.uk/dts

LSE Language Centre

The LSE Language Centre is unique. No other centre specialises in creating courses targeted to the needs of students and practitioners in the field of social sciences and related areas of study. All the Centre's teachers are native speakers who combine extensive teaching experience with an educational background in one or more of the subject specialisms offered at LSE. So whether you're going to study a modern language or need to improve your English for Academic Purposes, their aim is to provide you with the highest level of language support throughout your studies.

Further information can be obtained from the Language Centre website at

lse.ac.uk/language-centre



LSE LIFE

LSE LIFE is the School's centre for academic, personal, and professional development. They can help you find and make sense of the wide array of information and support available to students at LSE.

You can book a place on a workshop or have a chat with a study adviser for one-to-one advice on anything related to your studies, including ways to read for academic work, make effective notes, write essays, study and think more critically, prepare for exams, and conduct research.

LSE LIFE also offer events and advice to improve your leadership, communication, and time management skills and help you think about your own goals and aims, inside and outside the classroom.

Learn more about LSE LIFE at lse.ac.uk/lselife

Volunteer Centre

Volunteering is a great way to help develop new skills and meet new people while making a difference and the LSE Volunteer Centre exists to inspire and empower you to volunteer for causes that you care about.

The Centre works with organisations to advertise volunteering opportunities across London, the UK and internationally. Whether you are passionate about the environment or human rights or ready to change the world through campaigning or mentoring, they'll have an opportunity for you. They also run a comprehensive one-off volunteering programme to ensure you can fit volunteering into your schedule.

For further information visit the LSE Volunteer Centre website at lse.ac.uk/volunteercentre

Teachers and academic advisers

Individual class teachers can offer guidance about a particular class. There's also a teacher responsible for each course (who guides the class teachers). In addition, you'll be allocated an academic adviser, who meets with you several times over the course of the year, receives regular reports from class teachers, and is able to advise on your progress. Your academic adviser is also there to help with any academic, administrative or personal questions.



THE GENERAL COURSE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE MAJORS





The General Course for English Language Majors

The General Course for English Language Majors (GC ELM) is a languages, literature and linguistics track specially designed for English language majors who are required to study abroad during their degree programme.

GC ELM students are fully integrated into the General Course, benefiting from the full range of academic support and social provision. They are hosted by the School's Language Centre and, rather than selecting courses from across the School, all GC ELM students follow a tailored combination of courses ideal for English language majors. The GC ELM track comprises the following four courses:

1. Discourse and Communication (LN370)

The course covers key theories and concepts involved in communication with a contrast between written and spoken discourse, and a focus on genre and identity. Students apply the theories and concepts to the appropriate and effective usage of English in real-life cases and analyse how linguistic and communication strategies can be used effectively in English-medium social, professional and academic contexts.

2. English Literature and Society (LN250)

The course concentrates on 20th century literature in Britain and its links to the major political and social trends in the period. Significant focuses include Modernism (Joyce, Eliot), feminism (Woolf), theatre of the absurd and postmodernism (Beckett and Pinter) and politically engaged writing (Auden, Orwell, Heaney).

3. Modern language course (French, German, Mandarin, Russian or Spanish)

GC ELM allows students to develop an additional language in addition to their high-level English skills. Students can choose from five languages and will be placed in an appropriate level (from beginner to advanced) following a placement test. This track offers you the opportunity to start a new language or develop a language that you have studied before, adding to your linguistic abilities.



4 . Society and Language (LN270)

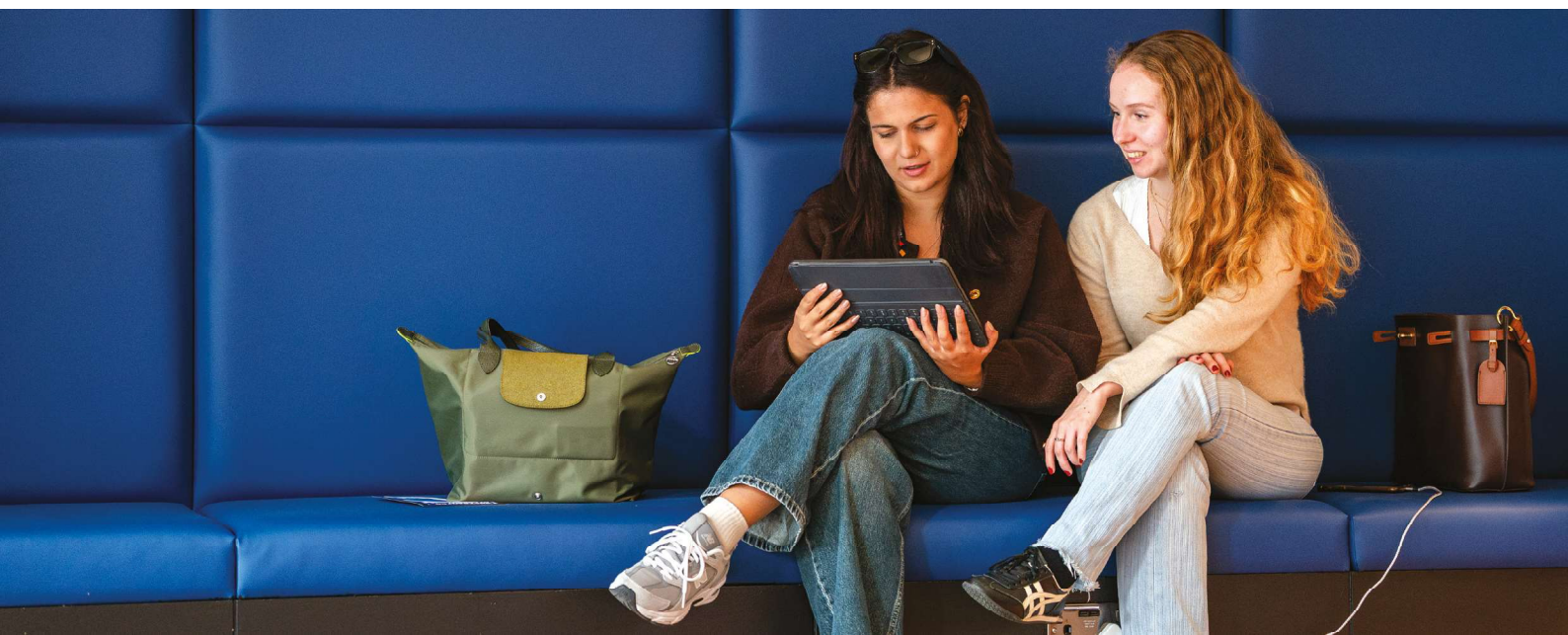
The Society and Language: Linguistics for Social Scientists course introduces students to key (socio)linguistic concepts (semantic and pragmatic meaning, discourse, register, genre, dialect, idiolect, sociolect) employed in the analysis of language use as a social process. Students explore the reciprocal relationship between language and specific social contexts and structures (class, gender, ethnicity), and study the role that language plays in the creation, maintenance and change of social relations and institutions.

The Language Centre provides each GC ELM student with an academic mentor and organises a range of additional social and cultural activities, curated to complement the courses being studied. At the end of their time at the School, GC ELM students receive an additional certificate recording their completion of courses in languages, literature and linguistics.

Students wishing to join the General Course for English Language Majors track must indicate this on the General Course application form. The regular General Course academic entry requirements and tuition fee applies to all GC ELM students.

“After a year on the General Course I am more capable and braver than I thought I could be.”

Deborah Oh, Georgetown University, USA



HOW TO APPLY





Application for admission to the General Course, including the General Course for English Language Majors track, may be made by current undergraduate students who will have completed at least two years of in-person study in an overseas university by the time they register at the School. The General Course is not open to students who will have graduated before they join the programme.

We positively welcome good applicants studying at any university outside the UK, but students must register for the full academic year, ie, from September to June. LSE has no “semester” or “single-term” programmes.

Students who have directly entered the second year of their university with credits from high-school courses will not normally be considered for a place.

Students undertaking a University of London Programme with academic direction by LSE may apply for entry after just one year of study but will be required to obtain first year grades of at least 65 per cent in three full-unit modules and an overall average of 55 per cent or above.

Students must follow and abide by the specific requirements of their home university. Failure to do so may adversely affect the outcome of the selection process. Applications should comprise:

- **A COMPLETED** General Course application, available at lse.ac.uk/generalCourse
- **A TRANSCRIPT** showing grades up to and including the first semester of the applicant's second year of university*. Transcripts must be written in, or translated into, English.
- **ONE ACADEMIC REFERENCE** written by a university teacher currently familiar with the applicant's work, preferably in a field they intend to pursue at LSE. The reference must be written in, or translated into, English.



* Students come to us from many different universities, using varied grading systems, so any transcript/record should be accompanied by a note on how to “translate” the grades. University of London students who are applying during their first year of study may apply without a transcript but are required to provide this before any conditional offer can be confirmed.

Once the completed application is downloaded by the General Course admissions team, it normally takes less than 10 business days for a decision to be issued. Both the applicant and their home university will be notified of whether or not a place on the programme has been offered. Applicants are under no obligation to accept an offer of admission, nor do they make any legal or financial undertaking before they enrol at the School.

Application and induction dates

Completed applications can be submitted from January 2027. We operate a “rolling admissions” process until all the available places are filled. We recommend applying before the end of March 2027. Students joining the General Course are expected to arrive in London a week prior to the start of the new academic year. That way, you can enjoy all the induction activities organised for new undergraduate students by the School and your department, as well as the induction specifically designed for General Course students. You’ll find all the details in your Offer Pack.

Academic entry requirements

We judge each applicant individually and have no “agreements” that give advantage to students from particular countries or institutions. We look in detail at each applicant’s recent university academic record, paying attention to the subjects studied and the grades obtained. For example, using university grade scales common in the USA, a student with a minimum 3.3 Grade Point Average (on a 4 point scale) will be positively considered. In the case of those students predominantly listing courses that are quantitatively based (ie, economics, finance, maths and statistics), we are looking for a 3.5 or better in related courses, including higher level calculus and linear algebra. We are primarily interested in your academic work in social science subjects and will be especially interested in the quality of your work in the fields you might wish to pursue at LSE.

Entry requirements for applicants from a range of countries can be found on our website at lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/The-General-Course/entry-requirements



If you receive an offer of admission, you will need to provide proof of your English proficiency unless you are a national of Canada (whose first language is English) or of Antigua & Barbuda; Australia; The Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Dominica; Grenada; Guyana; Ireland; Jamaica; New Zealand; St Kitts & Nevis; St Lucia; St Vincent & the Grenadines; Trinidad & Tobago, or the USA, or your degree is taught entirely in English in one of those countries. The English proficiency requirements for IELTS are scores of 7.0 in all four components. You do not need to have obtained the required marks before you apply.

Applications can be submitted directly to the School or via The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University, the Institute for Study Abroad (IFSA) or the Study Abroad Foundation (SAF) (please see below).

Those applying directly to LSE will incur no application fees and no tuition deposits. Most applicants will find that they are helped by initial contact with their home university's Office of International Programs or Study Abroad Office. Such offices can advise you on their support for study abroad and its impact on your academic progress, financial aid, etc.

We're happy to help with any queries you might have, preferably by email. Please feel free to contact the General Course team by writing to gc@lse.ac.uk

The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University

Students wishing to apply to the General Course through The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University (CGS-Arcadia) should visit their website at arcadia.edu/abroad for further information and details of the fees applicable.

The Institute for Study Abroad (IFSA)

Students wishing to apply to the General Course through the Institute for Study Abroad should visit their website at ifsa-butler.org for further information and details of the fees applicable.

The Study Abroad Foundation (SAF)

Student wishing to apply to the General Course through the Study Abroad Foundation should visit their website at studyabroadfoundation.org for further information and details of the fees applicable.



Fees

The tuition fee for all students applying directly to the General Course (not through CGS-Arcadia, IFSA or SAF) in 2026/27 was £29,600 for the full year. The tuition fee for 2027/28 will be confirmed in the Autumn/Fall of 2026. Please note, the tuition fee is the same for all General Course students, regardless of nationality or country of residence. The tuition fee covers registration and examination fees payable to the School, lectures, classes and individual supervision, and membership of the Students' Union.

It does not cover accommodation or living costs which must be budgeted separately. We estimate that the cost of living in London for a year will be around £19,030.

LSE is also a registered institution for most types of US and Canadian Student Loans. The LSE US Student Loans reference number is G06693.

Scholarships

In the academic year 2027/28, LSE will again offer The John and Amy Phelan Family Foundation General Course Scholarships and International Students House (ISH) Accommodation Scholarships. The latter provide two students with free central London housing.

Further information is available at lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/the-general-course/scholarships-and-fees

“Academically, culturally, and socially, LSE offers the best study abroad experience out there.”

Matthew Frisch, University of Pennsylvania, USA



DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AND COURSE LISTINGS





Our aim is to give you full access to those courses you wish to pursue.

The Course List that follows represents what was taught in 2026/27. A list of all the courses to be offered in 2027/28 will be available in the summer of 2027. Although we cannot guarantee that everything offered in 2026/27 will be available in 2027/28 the vast majority will be, and potentially more besides. The General Course application form asks you to identify up to six courses of particular interest and, prior to your arrival, you will be invited to reconfirm your course preferences, for the purposes of pre-registration. However, your final selection of four courses (or the equivalent in half-units) will only be confirmed after your arrival at LSE, and in consultation with your academic adviser.

A full Course Guide (naming the key academic responsible for each course, a description of its coverage, basic bibliographies and any prerequisites) is available on our website at lse.ac.uk/generalCourse and should be referred to when you complete the Course Preferences section of the application form. The three digit codes indicate whether the course is normally followed by our own three-year degree students in their first, second or third year of study, but access is not usually restricted for General Course students.

Students applying for the General Course for English Language Majors track are not required to indicate course preferences as they follow a set study package (see [page 29](#)).





100 LEVEL COURSES are taught to LSE's first year degree-seeking students. They are introductory level courses that have no specific prerequisites in their own subject but may require some mathematics or other related subjects. General Course students normally select these courses when they have no previous background in the subject, ie, they want to gain experience of a new academic field.

200 LEVEL COURSES are taught to LSE's second year degree-seeking students. They are intermediate level courses that have prerequisites in the form of university-level introductory courses in the same, or a closely related, subject. These courses are the equivalent of Junior year courses at four-year degree institutions and, as such, are usually the most appropriate for General Course students.

300 LEVEL COURSES are taught to LSE's third year degree-seeking students. They are advanced and equivalent to either final year undergraduate or first year graduate courses. They have prerequisites of university level intermediate courses. General Course students should ordinarily only select one or two of these courses when they have a minimum of three semesters background and very high grades in the relevant field.

Please read the online course descriptions carefully as many courses assume a level of aptitude in the subject, and some are only available to General Course students with the permission of the teacher responsible. We also encourage new students to sample a range of courses in the first weeks of the session and to discuss their own level of skill and the course expectations with lecturers and class teachers before confirming their course choices for the year. Your final course selections are made in early October.

The majority of General Course students find they are sufficiently challenged by one (or, at the very most, two) 300 level courses when combined with those offered at the 200 and 100 levels. The optimum combination for a serious student is usually one 300 level and three 200 level courses. Unless you have declared your major sometime ago and have a very strong background in the subject, it is unwise to take more than two 300 level courses.



In the listing that follows, (H) designates a half-unit course and, therefore, one that counts for only half the “weight” of a full-year course. Typically, all of its teaching is contained in just one term and students would take two half-units instead of one full year course. Over 50 per cent of the courses available in 2026/27 were half-units. (C) designates a course that caps enrollment.

“Great experience! It represents an enrichment on every level and the teaching is excellent.”

Arnaud Alves de Souza, HEC Lausanne, Switzerland

Accounting (AC)

Accounting and finance are concerned with more than just computational skills. Both subjects are central to the way in which management, shareholders and society at large perceive, understand and seek to change and control the nature of organisations, as well as to an understanding of how the market allocates finances to firms. LSE is known for pioneering new approaches to the study of the modern practice of financial management in organisations.

AC102	Elements of Financial Accounting (H)
AC103	Elements of Management Accounting, Financial Management and Financial Institutions (H)
AC205	Intermediate Financial Accounting (H) (C)
AC206	Intermediate Management Accounting (H) (C)
AC311	Results Accountability and Management Control for Strategy Implementation (H)
AC312	Performance Measurement, Strategy, and Uncertainty (H)
AC331	Contemporary Issues in Financial Accounting (H)
AC332	Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation (H)
AC341	Corporate Governance, Risk Management and Financial Audit (H)
AC342	Accounting, Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability (H)



Anthropology (AN)

Social anthropology studies human societies and cultures in a broad comparative perspective. Social anthropologists try to explain the causes of variation in social and cultural behaviour, and also to understand what it means to belong to a cultural group whose values and rules may be very different from those familiar to you. At LSE we are distinctive in our strengths in the fields of law, human rights, cognition, religious practice, kinship, gender, nationalism and everyday forms of the state. Our concern with the global south (or “third world”) leads to a serious engagement with issues of development, globalisation, industrialisation and the effects of neo-liberalism.

AN100	Being Human: Contemporary Themes in Social Anthropology (C)
AN101	A History of Anthropological Theory
AN102	Anthropology through Mixed Media (C)
AN253	Politics and Power: Debates in Anthropology (H)
AN256	Economic Anthropology (H)
AN273	Thinking as an Anthropologist (H)
AN279	Anthropology of Law and Human Rights (H)
AN285	Mind and Society (H)
AN287	Environmental Anthropology (H)
AN288	Gender, Sexuality and Kinship (H)
AN290	Anthropology and Religion (H)
AN336	The Anthropology of Development (H)
AN350	The Anthropology of South Asia (H)
AN369	The Anthropology of Amazonia (H)
AN376	Anthropology and the Anthropocene (H)
AN377	Topics in the Anthropology of sub-Saharan Africa (H)
AN389	Body and Senses (H)
AN395	Digital Anthropology (H)
AN3A1	Understanding Religion in the Contemporary World (H)
AN3XX	Comparing China (H)
AN3XX	Global China (H)
AN3XX	Reading the Philippines - New Approaches and Ethnographic Contexts (H)



Data Science (DS)

The Data Science Institute works to equip students with the skills they need to tackle business, science and social questions from a data perspective through the extraction of useful information and knowledge from data.

DS101A Fundamentals of Data Science (H)

DS101W Fundamentals of Data Science (H)

DS105A Data for Data Science (H) (C)

DS105W Data for Data Science (H) (C)

DS202A Machine Learning for Social Scientists (H)

DS202W Machine Learning for Social Scientists (H)

DS205 Advanced Data Manipulation (H) (C)

Economic History (EH)

Economic and social history is concerned with understanding the process of change in the past. It uses the skills of the economist, the statistician and the sociologist, as well as those of the historian.

EH101 The Internationalisation of Economic Growth, 1870 to the present day (C)

EH102 Pre-industrial Economic History

EH111 The Internationalisation of Economic Growth (H) (C)

EH204 Money and Finance: From the Middle Ages to Modernity (C)

EH207 China since 1800: Culture, institutions and economic growth (C)

EH209 The Family Economy in History: 1260 to the present day

EH211 Africa and the World Economy, 1500-2000 (C)

EH214 Money and Finance: From the Middle Ages to the Eighteenth Century (H) (C)

EH215 Money and Finance: From the Eighteenth Century to Modernity (H) (C)

EH221 Boom and Bust: Macroeconomic History of the Modern World (C)

EH225 Latin America and the International Economy (C)

EH240 Business and Economic Performance since 1945: Britain in International Context (C)



Economics (EC)

Economics today tackles a broad range of problems, from barriers to economic development to international financial crises. An open-minded and scientific approach to these issues requires formal modelling of economic relationships, and testing hypotheses against data. The study of economics therefore involves developing problem-solving skills, including mathematical and statistical abilities, and applying these skills, without losing sight of the real world.

Please note: many Economics courses are examined in both the first week of January and in May/June.

EC1A3	Microeconomics I (H)
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EC1A5	Microeconomics I (H)
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EC1B3	Macroeconomics I (H)
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EC1B5	Macroeconomics I (H)
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EC230	Economics in Public Policy (C)
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EC2A3	Microeconomics II (H)
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EC2A5	Microeconomics II (H)
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EC2B3	Macroeconomics II (H)
EC2B5	Macroeconomics II (H)
EC2C3	Econometrics I (H)
EC2C4	Econometrics II (H)
EC302	Political Economy (C)
EC307	Development Economics (C)
EC311	History of Economics: How Theories Change (C)
EC312	Topics in Political Economy: Theory (H)
EC313	Industrial Economics (C)
EC317	Labour Economics (C)
EC319	Games and Economic Behaviour (C)
EC321	Monetary Economics and Aggregate Fluctuations (C)
EC325	Public Economics (C)
EC328	Economics of Diversity and Discrimination (H)
EC330	Environmental Economics
EC334	Advanced Macroeconomics (H) (C)
EC335	Economic Policy in the Global Economy (H) (C)
EC336	Econometric Theory A (H) (C)
EC338	International Trade (H) (C)
EC339	International Macroeconomics (H) (C)

Finance (FM)

Finance students examine the theory and practice of many aspects of the field that are key to understanding how financial institutions and markets operate around the world.

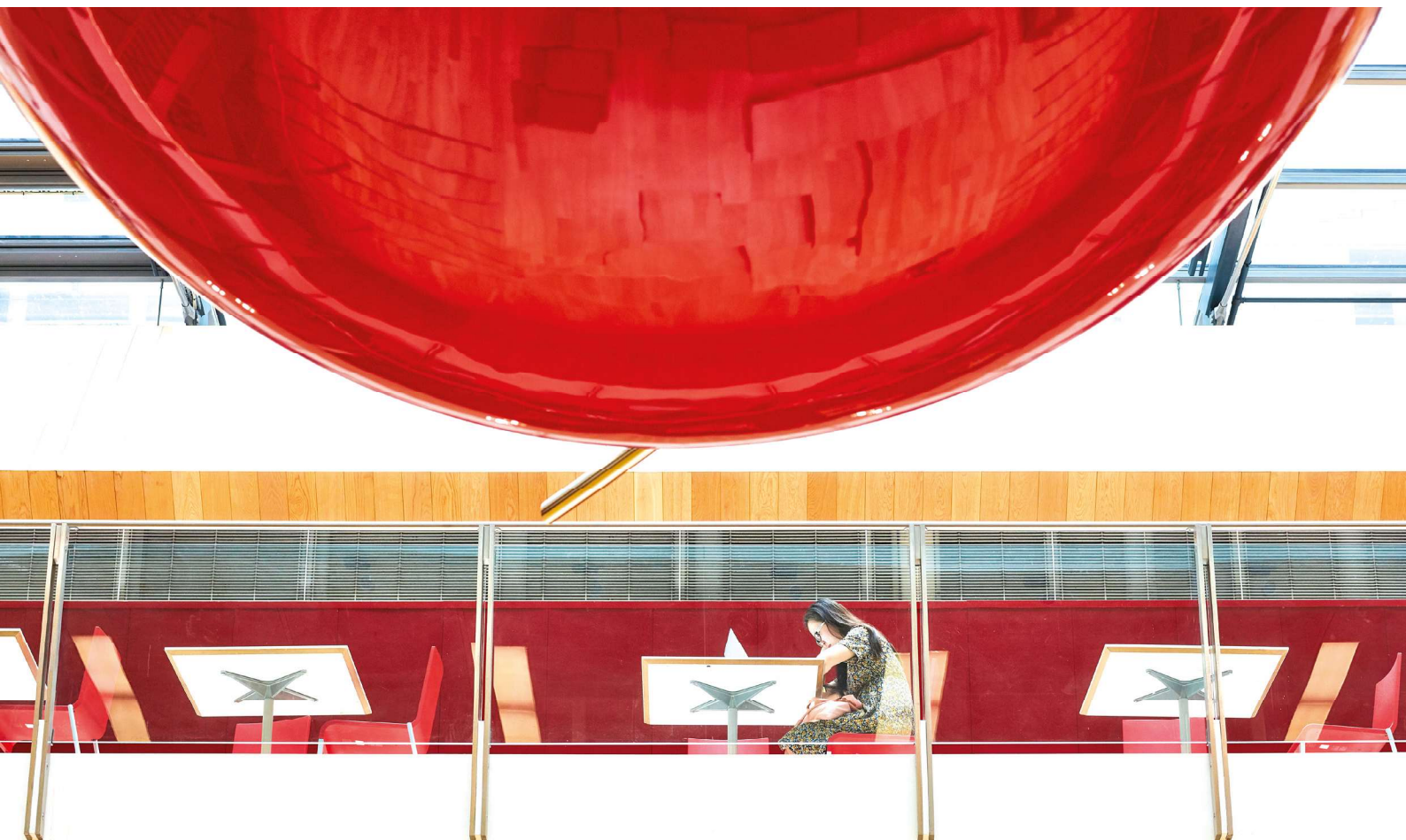
FM101	Finance (H)
FM210	Principles of Finance I (H)
FM211	Principles of Finance II (H)
FM310	Corporate Finance, Investments and Financial Markets I (H)
FM311	Corporate Finance, Investments and Financial Markets II (H)
FM321	Risk Management and Modelling (H)
FM322	Derivatives (H)



Geography and Environment (GY)

One of the critical questions in modern society is how to manage processes of economic and social development so that we can make sustainable improvements in human welfare without destroying the environmental resource base on which all life depends. Our teaching emphasises the fact that the majority of environmental problems arise from human actions and decisions, and that all environmental management schemes seek to achieve objectives defined by humans within constraints imposed by political and economic systems.

GY100	Introduction to Geography (C)
GY103	Contemporary Europe (C)
GY120	Environmental Change: Past, Present and Future
GY121	Sustainable Development (C)
GY140	Introduction to Geographical Research
GY144	Human Geography and the City
GY204	Political Geography (H) (C)





GY206	Urban Geography and Globalisation (H) (C)
GY207	Economy, Society and Place (H) (C)
GY209	The Economic Geography of Trade, Production and Development (H) (C)
GY210	The Economics of Cities (H) (C)
GY211	Introduction to Global Development (H)
GY212	Pathways in Human Geography (H) (C)
GY220	Environment: Science and Society (C)
GY222	Applied Environmental Economics (C)
GY307	Regional Economic Development (H) (C)
GY309	The Political Geography of Development (H) (C)
GY311	The Political Economy of Urbanisation (H) (C)
GY313	Firms and Economic Geography: Location, Technology and Innovation (H) (C)
GY314	The Economics of Housing Markets and Migration (H) (C)
GY315	Geographies of Race (H)
GY316	Gender, Space and Power (H) (C)
GY317	Geographies of Urban Violence (H) (C)
GY326	Sustainable Business and Finance (H) (C)
GY327	Global Environmental Governance (H)
GY328	Political Ecology of Development (H) (C)
GY329	Applied Economics of Environment and Development (H) (C)



Government (GV)

Politics is about power, conflict and ideas. The study of politics involves analysis of the ways in which individuals and groups define and interpret political issues and seek to shape government decisions. It encompasses a broad spectrum of activities relating to public affairs, from elections and bureaucracies to wars and terrorism. Because it is at the junction of power and morality, politics has always attracted the attention of philosophers and historians, and its study, originating in Athens in the fourth century BC, is the seed bed of all the social sciences.

GV100	Introduction to Political Theory
GV101	Introduction to Political Science
GV225	Analytical Politics (C)
GV248	Power and Politics in the Modern World: Comparative Perspectives (C)
GV249	Research Design in Political Science (C)
GV251	Government, Politics and Public Policy in the European Union (C)
GV262	Contemporary Political Theory (C)
GV263	Public Policy Analysis (C)
GV264	Politics and Institutions in Europe (C)
GV324	Applied Quantitative Methods for Political Science (H) (C)
GV325	Topics in Political Economy: Applications (H)
GV335	Government and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa (H) (C)
GV336	Latin America: Democracy and Development (H) (C)
GV345	Resistance and Revolution in the Contemporary World (H) (C)
GV3XX	Central and Eastern Europe: Democracy, Authoritarianism and Nationalism (H) (C)



International History (HY)

History is a wide-ranging and challenging subject to study. It seeks to understand the past and to make sense of the present, adding an important dimension to the understanding of many aspects of human society.

HY113	Empires and Resistance in Global History (C)
HY116	International Politics since 1914: Peace and War (C)
HY118	Faith, Power and Revolution: Europe and the Wider World, c.1500-c.1800 (C)
HY200	The Rights of Man: the History of Human Rights Discourse from the Antigone to Amnesty International (C)
HY206	The International History of the Cold War, 1945-1989 (C)
HY221	The History of the Russian Empire, 1676-1825 (C)
HY226	The Greater War c. 1912-1923 (C)
HY235	Modernity and the State in East Asia: China, Japan and Korea since 1840 (C)
HY239	People, Power and Protest in Latin America, c.1895 to the present day (C)
HY242	The Soviet Union: Domestic, International and Intellectual History (C)
HY243	Islamic Empires, 1400 - 1800 (C)
HY245	The United States and the World since 1776 (C)
HY246	The Global Caribbean: Colonialism, Race and Revolutions 1780s-1980s (C)
HY248	Britain in the World: British Foreign Policy in the Twentieth Century (C)
HY250	Britain, Brussels, Bruges & Brexit: Reassessing Four Decades of UK EC/EU Membership (C)
HY311	Limited War During the Cold War Era: The US in Korea (1950-53) and Vietnam (1954-75) (C)
HY315	The European Enlightenment, c.1680-1799 (C)
HY319	Napoleon and Europe (C)
HY320	The Cold War Endgame (C)
HY323	Travel, Pleasure and Politics: The European Grand Tour, 1670-1825 (C)
HY327	The Anglo-American Special Relationship, 1939-89 (C)
HY330	From Tea to Opium: China and the Global Market in the Long Eighteenth Century (C)
HY331	Henry Kissinger and the Global 1970s (C)



HY332	Interwar worlds: the cultural consequences of the First World War (C)
HY333	People and Power in West African History, c. 1450 - 1850 (C)
HY334	Communication Revolutions in Latin America, c.1539 to the Present (C)
HY335	History of Foreign Relations of the People's Republic of China, 1949-2008 (C)
HY336	The United States and nuclear weapons from the Manhattan project to the end of the Cold War (C)
HY337	Sources for the Subcontinent: The Culture and Politics of South Asia (C)

International Relations (IR)

International relations is the study of an international system composed of territorial states which acknowledge no superior authority over matters which they consider of vital interest. It deals with the nature of the changing relations between states and with non-state actors. It studies the functioning of the international system – the forces, factors, interests, customs, rules, institutions and organisations from which the theory and history of its development are formed.

IR100	International Relations: Theories, Concepts and Debates (C)
IR200	International Political Ideas: From Theory to Practice (C)
IR202	Foreign Policy Analysis 1 (C)
IR203	International Organisations (C)
IR205	International Security (C)
IR206	International Political Economy (C)
IR305	Strategic Aspects of International Relations I (C)
IR312	Genocide (H) (C)
IR315	International Relations of the Middle East (C)
IR317	American Grand Strategy (H) (C)
IR318	Gender, Power and International Politics (H) (C)
IR319	Empire and Conflict in World Politics (H) (C)
IR323	Race, Resistance and Decolonisation in International Relations (H) (C)
IR327	World Orders in International Relations: Past, Present and Future (H) (C)
IR349	Conflict and Peacebuilding (C)
IR350	Global Politics of China (H) (C)



IR354	Governing International Political Economy: Lessons from the Past for the Future (H) (C)
IR355	Economic Diplomacy (H) (C)
IR367	Green Political Economy (H) (C)
IR368	The Political Economy of Trade (H) (C)
IR369	Politics of Money in the World Economy (H) (C)
IR373	China and the Global South (H) (C)
IR378	Critical War Studies (H) (C)
IR379	Eastern Europe: Domestic Regimes and Foreign Policies (H) (C)
IR380	The Politics of Inequality and Development (H) (C)
IR391	Globalisation and Development (H) (C)

Languages (LN)

The study of language or literature is placed firmly within the context of society, economics and politics. All courses relate language study to the field of interest of social science students using a variety of written and audio sources.

LN100	Russian Language and Society 3 (advanced) (C)
LN101	Russian Language and Society 1 (beginner) (C)
LN102	Russian Language and Society 2 (intermediate) (C)
LN104	Mandarin Language and Society Level 1 (Beginner) (C)
LN110	German Language and Society 3 (advanced) (C)
LN112	German Language and Society 2 (Intermediate) (C)
LN120	Spanish Language and Society 3 (advanced) (C)
LN121	Spanish Language and Society 1 (beginner) (C)
LN122	Spanish Language and Society 2 (intermediate) (C)
LN130	French Language and Society 3 (advanced) (C)
LN131	French Language and Society 1 (beginner) (C)
LN132	French Language and Society 2 (intermediate) (C)
LN140	Mandarin Language and Society 3 (Advanced) (C)
LN142	Mandarin Language and Society 2 (Intermediate) (C)
LN200	Russian Language and Society 4 (proficiency) (C)
LN210	German Language and Society 4 (proficiency) (C)
LN220	Spanish Language and Society 4 (proficiency) (C)



LN230	French Language and Society 4 (proficiency) (C)
LN240	Mandarin Language and Society 4 (Proficiency) (C)
LN250	English Literature and Society (C)
LN251	Comparative Literature and 20th Century Political History (C)
LN252	Contemporary Literature and Global Society (C)
LN253	European Literature and Philosophy (C)
LN254	Literature and Aspects of Ethics (C)
LN270	Society and Language: Linguistics for Social Scientists (C)
LN320	Spanish Language and Society 5 (mastery) (C)
LN330	French Language and Society 5 (mastery) (C)
LN341	Mandarin in the Global Workplace (C)
LN342	Academic Chinese for International Relations (C)
LN370	Discourse and Communication (C)





Law (LL)

The study of law involves examining and analysing the rules and institutions that society establishes to promote justice and order.

LL106	Public Law (C)
LL108	Criminal Law (C)
LL143	Tort Law
LL201	Law and State Power (C)
LL203	Company Law (C)
LL205	Medical Law (C)
LL210	Information Technology and the Law (C)
LL212	Conflict of Laws (C)
LL216	Freedom and the Law in Britain (H) (C)
LL217	European Human Rights Law (H) (C)
LL220	Technology Law and Regulation (H) (C)
LL221	Family Law (C)
LL222	Data Law and Policy (H) (C)
LL224	Regulation of Social Media and Online Platforms (H) (C)
LL225	Critical Theory and Law (H) (C)
LL228	European Union Law (H) (C)
LL229	The European Market (H) (C)
LL233	Law of Evidence (C)
LL244	Sports: Law and Governance (H) (C)
LL245	Feminist Legal Theory (H) (C)
LL250	Law and The Environment (C)
LL251	Intellectual Property Law (C)
LL257	Employment Law (C)
LL276	Property (C)
LL279	Public International Law (H) (C)
LL280	Advanced Issues in Public International Law (H) (C)
LL284	Topics in Sentencing and Criminal Justice (H) (C)
LL285	Theories on Adjudication: Forms, Values, Aspirations (H) (C)
LL293	Tax and Tax Avoidance (C)



LL295	Media Law (C)
LL300	Competition Law (C)
LL303	Cultural Heritage and Art Law (H) (C)
LL304	Global Commodities: The Rise of International Law (H) (C)
LL306	Theories of Law (H) (C)
LL307	Justifying Political Authority (H) (C)
LL342	International Protection of Human Rights (C)

Management (MG)

To cope with the challenges of the 21st century, managers will require a deeper understanding of the global business environment and the social world, as well as a greater capacity for ongoing learning than provided by traditional business education. A feature of management at LSE is its emphasis on the social sciences – in particular, economics, psychology and sociology – as a lens for understanding organisations and management practice. Going beyond fads and catchphrases, students are encouraged to think about theory and evidence.

MG104	Operations Management (H) (C)
MG105	Organisational Behaviour and Leadership (H) (C)
MG205	Econometrics: Theory and Applications (C)
MG206	Firms, Management and Competitive Advantage (H) (C)
MG207	Managerial Economics (C)
MG209	E-business (H) (C)
MG210	Corporate Social Responsibility and International Labour Standards (H) (C)
MG212	Marketing (H) (C)
MG213	Information Systems (H) (C)
MG214	Human Resource Management (H) (C)
MG301	Strategy (C)
MG303	International Business Strategy in the World Economy (H) (C)
MG305	Innovation and Technology Management (H) (C)
MG307	International Context of Management (H) (C)
MG308	Simulations for Managerial Decisions (H) (C)



MG311 Behavioural Science and Group Processes (H) (C)

MG312 Science of People in Workplaces (H) (C)

MG316 Brand Strategy (H) (C)

MG317 Leading Organisational Change (H) (C)

Mathematics (MA)

The Department of Mathematics at LSE is internationally renowned for its teaching and research in mathematics related to the social sciences, particularly the mathematics necessary for understanding economics.

MA100 Mathematical Methods

MA102 Mathematical Proof and Analysis (H)

MA103 Introduction to Abstract Mathematics

MA107 Quantitative Methods (Mathematics) (H)

MA108 Methods in Calculus and Linear Algebra (H)

MA203 Real Analysis (H)

MA207 Further Quantitative Methods (Mathematics) (H)

MA208 Optimisation Theory (H)

MA209 Differential Equations (H) (C)

MA210 Discrete Mathematics (H)

MA211 Algebra and Number Theory (H)

MA213 Operations Research Techniques (H)

MA214 Algorithms and Data Structures (H) (C)

MA221 Further Mathematical Methods (Calculus) (H)

MA222 Further Mathematical Methods (Linear Algebra) (H)

MA301 Mathematical Game Theory (H)

MA315 Algebra and its Applications (H)

MA316 Graph Theory (H)

MA317 Complex Analysis (H)

MA318 History and Culture of Mathematics (H) (C)

MA319 Partial Differential Equations (H)

MA320 Mathematics of Networks (H)

MA321 Measure Theoretic Probability (H)



MA322	Mathematics of Finance and Valuation (H)
MA323	Computational Methods in Financial Mathematics (H)
MA324	Mathematical Modelling and Simulation (H) (C)
MA330	Game Theory for Collective Decisions (H)
MA333	Optimisation for Machine Learning (H)
MA336	Mathematics of Cryptocurrencies and the Blockchain (H) (C)

Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method (PH)

Studying philosophy means engaging with some profound and fascinating questions; questions that any inquisitive and critical thinker will find themselves asking at some point in their life, but which many non-philosophers do not pursue in depth. In studying philosophy at LSE you will debate and investigate the issues and problems that have preoccupied philosophers since Greek times, as well as learning the skills and techniques of reasoning.

PH103	The Big Questions: An Introduction to Philosophy (C)
PH105	Historical and Global Perspectives on Philosophy (H)
PH111	Introduction to Logic (H)
PH112	Intermediate Logic and Probability (H)
PH201	Philosophy of Science
PH214	Philosophy, Morals and Politics
PH222	Philosophy and Public Policy
PH223	Mind and Metaphysics (H) (C)
PH224	Epistemology (H)
PH225	Business and Organisational Ethics (H)
PH226	Philosophy of Society (H) (C)
PH230	Einstein for Everyone: From time travel to the edge of the universe (H)
PH232	Physics and Uncertainty: From Quantum Jumps to Stock Market Crashes (H)
PH237	Logic, Machines, and Incompleteness (H)
PH238	Philosophy of Language (H)
PH239	Anarchy, Authority and Evidence: Topics in Philosophy of Law (H)



PH240	The Ethics of Data and AI (H)
PH241	Animal Minds and Animal Ethics (H) (C)
PH311	Philosophy of Economics
PH333	Philosophy of Gender and Race (H)

Psychological and Behavioural Science (PB)

LSE provides a distinctive social science and practical policy-oriented approach to psychological and behavioural science. As well as developing core knowledge and skills in psychological and behavioural science, students learn to analyse ways in which its theories and findings can be applied to the real world, to use them to understand important social issues and propose and assess possible solutions.

PB102	Social Psychology (C)
PB301	Cognition and Culture (H)

Social Policy (SP)

Social policy is a vibrant subject at LSE, taught by many leading experts in the field. People in the Department are broadly interested in what we should do to ensure the wellbeing of ourselves and others. How far do we have a responsibility as individuals to provide for ourselves? What should governments, employers, voluntary organisations and families do? Who gets what in our society and in other societies, why and what issues does it raise? You can study policies and measures at many different levels: local, national and international, and in many different kinds of organisation.

SP111	Social Economics and Policy (C)
SP112	Politics of Social Policy Making (C)
SP210	Development and Social Change (C)
SP230	Education Policy (C)
SP231	Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy (C)
SP314	Racial Inequalities and Social Policies (H) (C)
SP315	Urbanisation and Social Policy in the Global Souths (H) (C)
SP331	Sexuality, Everyday Lives and Social Policy in Developing Countries (H) (C)
SP332	Social Security Policies (H) (C)
SP333	NGOs, Social Policy and Development (H) (C)



SP335	Migration: Current Research, Critical Approaches (H) (C)
SP336	Behavioural Public Policy (H) (C)
SP343	Social Policy of Climate Change (H) (C)
SP372	Punishment and Penal Policy (H) (C)
SP373	Policing, Security and Globalisation (H) (C)

Sociology (S0)

Sociology helps us to understand not only the unparalleled changes that are occurring throughout the world and the changing patterns of relationships between peoples, but also our own lives, predispositions, values and expectations in a way that no other academic subject can rival. LSE aims to be both a guardian of the discipline of sociology, and a leader in the development of the social sciences into new intellectual areas, addressing the social problems and ethical dilemmas that face a globalised post-modern society.

S0100	Key Concepts: Introduction to Social Theory (C)
S0203	Political Sociology (C)
S0232	Sociology of Health and Illness (H) (C)
S0235	The Sociology of Homicide (H) (C)
S0236	Urban Society (H) (C)
S0240	Crime, Deviance and Control (H) (C)
S0244	The Sociology of Race and Empire (H) (C)
S0248	Gender and Society (H) (C)
S0311	Law and Violence (H) (C)
S0312	Work, Inequality and Society (H) (C)
S0313	Material Culture and Everyday Life (H) (C)
S0314	Class, Culture and Meritocracy (H) (C)
S0315	The Sociology of Generations (H) (C)



Statistics (ST)

The Department offers expert teaching and supervision in time series, stochastic modelling, financial mathematics, actuarial statistics, latent variable modelling and sample survey theory and methods.

ST101A Programming for Data Science (H) (C)

ST101W Programming for Data Science (H) (C)

ST102 Elementary Statistical Theory (C)

ST107 Quantitative Methods (Statistics) (H) (C)

ST109 Elementary Statistical Theory I (H) (C)

ST110 Elementary Statistical Theory II (H) (C)

ST115 Managing and Visualising Data (H) (C)

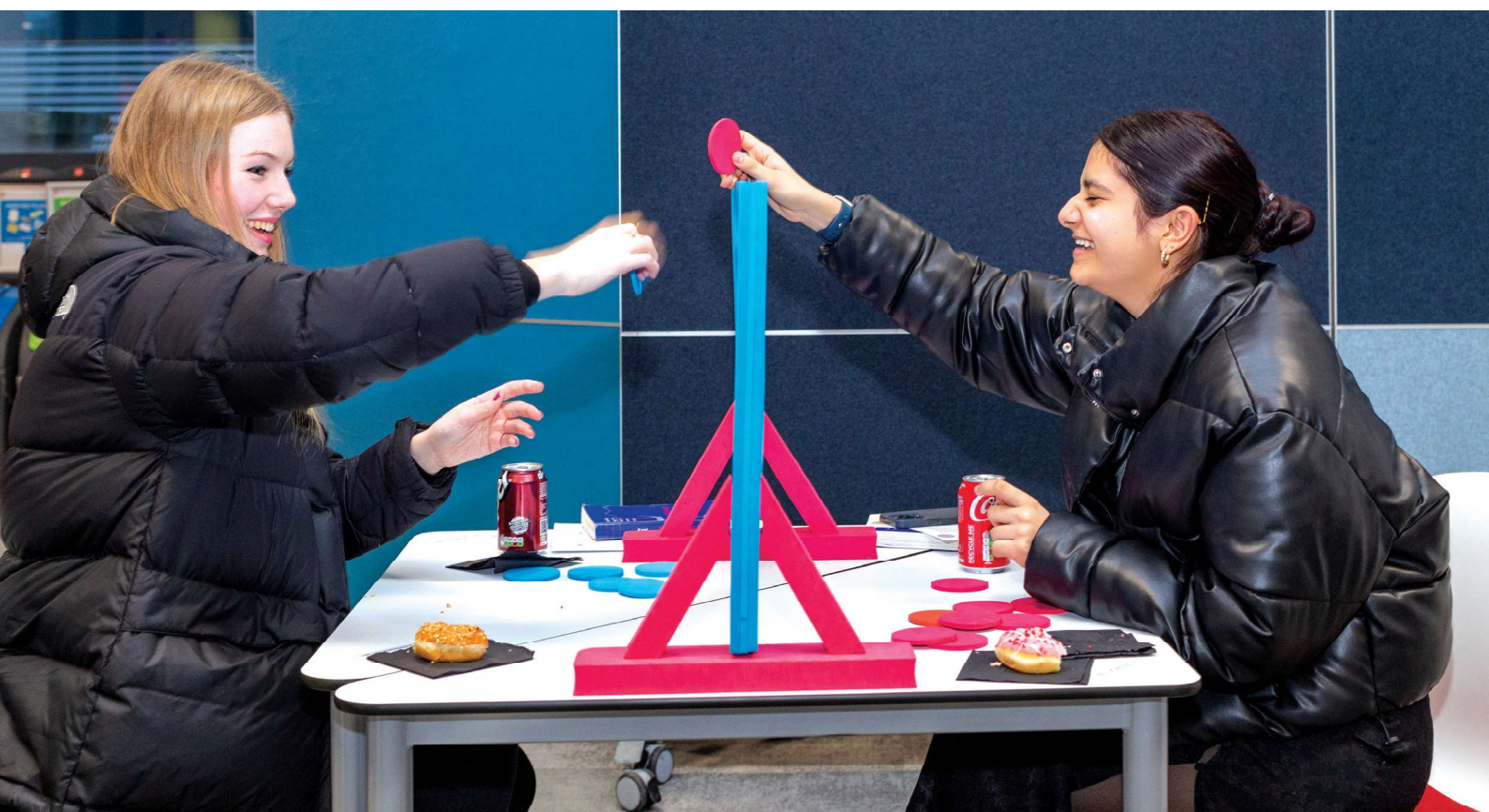
ST201 Statistical Models and Data Analysis (H) (C)

ST205 Sample Surveys and Experiments (H)

ST206 Probability and Distribution Theory (H)

ST207 Databases (H) (C)

ST213 Introduction to Pricing, Hedging and Optimization (H)





ST216	Statistical Inference (H)
ST226	Mathematics for Finance and Investment (H) (C)
ST227	Survival Models (H) (C)
ST300	Regression and Generalised Linear Models (H)
ST301	Actuarial Mathematics (Life) (H) (C)
ST302	Stochastic Processes (H) (C)
ST304	Time Series and Forecasting (H)
ST306	Actuarial Mathematics (General) (H) (C)
ST307	Aspects of Market Research (H) (C)
ST308	Bayesian Inference (H) (C)
ST309	Elementary Data Analytics (H) (C)
ST310	Machine Learning (H) (C)
ST311	Artificial Intelligence (H) (C)
ST313	Ethics for Data Science (H) (C)
ST314	Multilevel and Longitudinal Models (H) (C)
ST326	Financial Statistics (H)
ST327	Market Research: An Integrated Approach (C)
ST330	Stochastic and Actuarial Methods in Finance (C)



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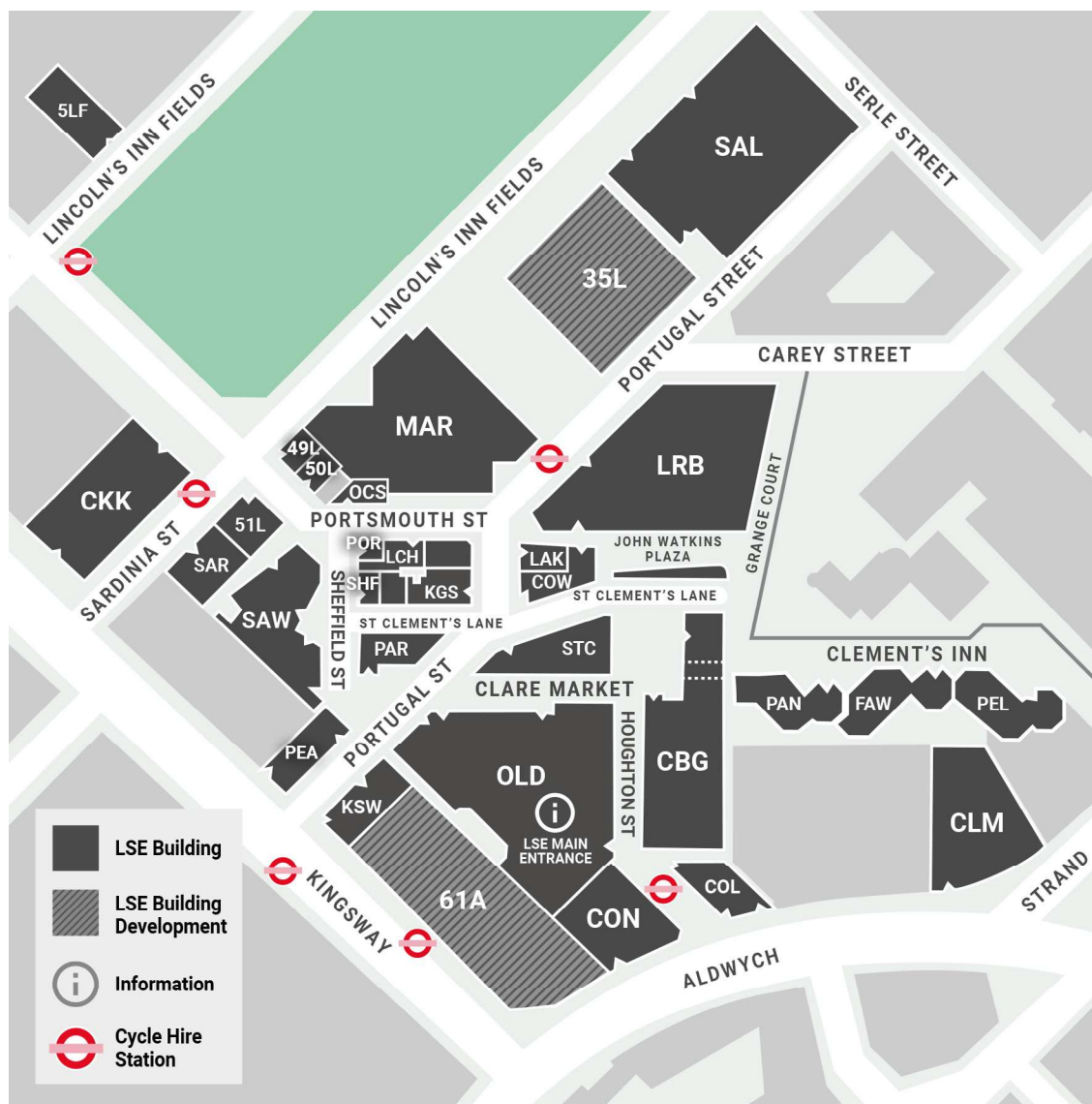
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