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Code	Course name		Units	Compulsory / Term	Notes
PB400	Advances and Debates in Psychological and Behavioural Science		0	Compulsory AT	Compulsory non-credit bearing lecture series.
PB402	Organisational Social Psychology		1	Compulsory AT	Core course and crux of the programme, introducing students to the essential theoretical and empirical insights of the MSc.
PB411	Methods for Social Psychology Research: Qualitative and Quantitative Methods		1	Semi-Comp AT	Students are required to take either PB411 or PB414 as part of the methodology component of their degree. Each PB course is made up of two MY courses which, when combined, will provide training in quantitative and qualitative methods in preparation of the empirical component of the dissertation.
	MY421: Qualitative Research Methods	MY465: Intermediate Quantitative Analysis			
PB414	Advanced Methods for Social Psychology Research: Qualitative and Quantitative Methods		1	Semi- Comp AT	The default is PB411, but if a student is already well versed in quant methods, then they're welcome to enrol on PB414 as the advanced option.
	MY421: Qualitative Research Methods	MY452: Applied Regression Analysis			
PB417	Consumer Psychology for Sustainability		0.5	Optional WT	Students must choose two Winter term courses from this list that reflect their research interests. The highlighted courses – PB433, PB439 and PB457 are recommend to OSP students because they align with the core philosophical and intellectual trajectory of the programme. These courses are also taught by OSP faculty members and supported by the OSP graduate teaching assistant.
PB418	Corporate Communications		0.5	Optional WT	
PB421	Happiness		0.5	Optional WT	
PB428	Political Psychology: Inequality and Intergroup Relations		0.5	Optional WT	
PB429	Science, Innovation and the Human Future		0.5		
PB431	Social Psychology of Economic Life: Advanced Topics		0.5	Optional WT	
PB432	Social Representations: Social Knowledge and Contemporary Issues		0.5	Optional WT	
PB433	Theory and Practice of Organisational Development		0.5	Optional WT	
PB434	Behavioural Science in an Age of AI and New Technology		0.5	Optional WT	
PB436	The Science of Time at Work		0.5	Optional WT	
PB438	Behavioural Science of Cross-Cultural Cooperation and Conflict		0.5	Optional WT	
PB439	Leadership in challenging times		0.5	Optional WT	
PB440	Modelling Minds in Society		0.5	Optional WT	
PB441	Wellbeing for Policy		0.5	Optional WT	
PB457	Organisational Culture		0.5	Optional WT	
PB458	Dialogue: Conflict & Negotiation		0.5	Optional WT	
	Or: another Winter term option from the list found here. Students are only able to select one 0.5 course outside PBS		0.5	Optional WT	
PB410	Dissertation		1	Compulsory WT/ST	Students are required to write a dissertation of 10,000 words on a subject of their choice that relates to the programme. Students will be paired with a supervisor in Winter term.

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MSc programmes at LSE are made up of four units. [Please take time to read through the programme regulations for MSc OSP so you fully understand how these units are allocated across the year.](#) The above table is an overview of the four components that make up MSc OSP. [Term dates can be found here.](#)

****Courses highlighted in yellow are common pathways for OSP students**

Below are three examples of what your MSc could look like based on what courses you choose:

Example 1 (most common combination based on past years):

PB402 (Core)

PB411 (Methods - made up of MY421 + MY465)

PB439: Critical Perspectives on Leadership during Challenging Times + PB433: Theory and Practice of Organisational Development (optional Winter course x 2, both PBS)

PB410 (Dissertation)

Example 2:

PB402 (Core)

PB414 (Advanced methods – made up of MY421 and MY452)

PB457: Organisational Culture + PB418: Corporate Communications (optional Winter course x 2, both PBS)

PB410 (Dissertation)

Example 3:

PB402 (Core)

PB411 (Methods - made up of MY421 + MY465)

PB433: Theory and Practice of Organisational Development + GI413 Gender, Race and Militarisation (optional Winter courses x 2, one of which is a Gender Studies outside option)

PB410 (Dissertation)

Course Selection

Course selection opens for browsing only at 10am on Monday 21st September via LSE for You (LFY) and then opens fully to select the courses from 10am on Thursday 24th September. This can be accessed for two weeks until 5pm on Friday 9th October. [In-depth guidance on course selection can be found here.](#) Faculty will not start responding to optional course requests until Friday 25th so do not worry if you haven't heard back about any courses in the first day. We will discuss more during the programme induction but, in short, the process looks like this:

1. Students enrol on PB402 (core course) and PB410 (dissertation), both of which are compulsory courses on the programme. To do this, students input the course code in the search bar and select.
2. Students choose either PB411 or PB414 following the same process. Then you select the seminar choice option to pick a seminar for the MY courses.

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- Students apply for the two optional courses they would like to enrol on in conjunction to their programme regulations (see table above). Students need to provide a short statement (around 100 words) outlining motivation for optional courses (this is built into the interface). When submitted, this goes to the course lead who makes a decision (either accept, reject, or place on waiting list if course is already at capacity).
- If accepted, the student then approves from their end to confirm their enrolment on the course.
- Students can only be enrolled on two 0.5 unit courses at any one time.

Important info regarding course selection

- Every optional course has a cap depending on how many seminars are running.
- OSP students will have priority to enrol on PB433, PB439 and PB457.**
- Course selection reopens in January before the start of WT.** It is not unusual for students to move optional courses during this window on reflection to the academic content they have been exposed to during Autumn term however there may be limited capacity by January so will need to contact your PM/PD.

Timetabling

[All timetabling can be found here.](#) More information about this will be discussed at the programme induction (*rooms may change*). For PB402 it looks like this (subject to changes):

Code	Teaching Title	Type	Grp	Day	Room	Start	Finish	AT Wks
PB402	PB402 Organisational Social Psychology	LEC	1	Wed	CBG.2.01	10:00	12:00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
PB402	PB402 Organisational Social Psychology	SEM	1	Thu	KSW.1.05	10:00	11:00	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
PB402	PB402 Organisational Social Psychology	SEM	2	Thu	KSW.1.05	11:00	12:00	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
PB402	PB402 Organisational Social Psychology	SEM	3	Thu	FAW.1.02	13:00	14:00	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

- All lectures are on campus.
- The department will allocate you into seminars for all core PB courses, however you will be able to select your own seminars for most PB half unit options. *Note, seminar times/rooms are subject to change, we will notify you of any updates.*
- For MY course, you choose one seminar per course via LFY seminar choice (there are lots of options for all MY courses). **You are taking three courses in AT: PB402 and MY421; along with either MY465 or MY452 depending on which methodology package you choose (PB411 or PB414).** In week 1 after Welcome Week you only have PB402 (MY courses start in week 2). As you can see in the timetable snapshot above, the PB402 lecture will be on Wednesday and you will be allocated into a seminar that occurs on Thursday.
- Your personal timetable can be viewed via [Studenthub](#) once course selection is complete.

If, at any point, you have questions about the above, or anything at all, feel free to reach out to your programme manager Salv Ridino, (pbs.msc@lse.ac.uk). Before Welcome Week you will also be allocated an [academic mentor](#). You will meet them during Welcome Week and you can either email or book a meeting with them throughout term.