

MSc Societal and Environmental Psychology Structure					
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.
PB403	Societal and Environmental 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		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 a solid anchoring in quantitative and qualitative methods in preparation for the empirical component of the dissertation.
	MY421: Qualitative Research Methods	MY465: Intermediate Quantitative Analysis			
PB414	Advanced Methods for Social Psychology Research		1	Semi-comp AT	The default is PB411, but if a student already has an advanced understanding in quantitative methods, then they're welcome to enrol on PB414.
	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 – PB417, PB431, PB435 – are recommended for SEP students because they align with the core philosophical trajectory of the programme. These courses are also taught by SEP faculty members and supported by the SEP graduate teaching assistant.
PB418	Corporate Communications		0.5	Optional WT	
PB421	Happiness		0.5	Optional WT	
PB428	Political Psychology		0.5	Optional WT	
PB431	Societal Psychology of Economic Life		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	
PB435	Behavioural Science for Planetary Wellbeing		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.		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 and receive weekly lectures/workshops

MSc programmes at LSE are made up of four units. Please take time to read through the [programme regulations](#) for the MSc SEP 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 the programme. [Term dates can be found here.](#)

Students are required to make three choices during the course selection period: PB411 or PB414, and two x 0.5 unit courses. Below are three examples of how your MSc could be structured based on which courses are selected:

Example 1 (most common combination and what we recommend):

- PB403 (Core)
- PB411 (Methods - made up of MY421 + MY465)
- PB417: Consumer Psychology for Sustainability + PB431: Societal Psychology of Econ Life (optional Winter Term course x 2, both within PBS)
- PB410 (Dissertation)

Example 2:

- PB403 (Core)
- PB414 (Advanced Methods – made up of MY421 + MY452)
- PB417: Consumer Psychology for Sustainability + PB435: Behavioural Science for Planetary Wellbeing (optional Winter Term course x 2, both within PBS)
- PB410 (Dissertation)

Example 3:

- PB403 (Core)
- PB411 (Methods - made up of MY421 + MY465)
- PB431: Advanced SEP + GV4L2: Politics and Policy of Climate Change and Sustainability (optional Winter Term courses x 2, one of which is an example outside option - subject to availability - hosted by the Department of Government).
- 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 PB403 (core course) and PB410 (dissertation), both of which are compulsory courses on the programme. To do this, students select the relevant course codes from the list.
2. Students choose either PB411 (made up of MY421 and MY465) or PB414 (made up of MY421 and MY452) following the same process.
3. Students use the seminar choice option to select a seminar for each PB/MY course.
4. 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 and programme manager who decide an outcome.
5. If accepted, the student then approves from their end on LFY to confirm their enrolment on the course.
6. Students then select the seminar they would like to attend for the 0.5 unit courses that are enrolled on.

Important info regarding course selection

- **Every course has a cap (also known as 'controlled access') depending on how many seminars are running.** We will always prioritise SEP students on PB417: Consumer Psychology and PB431: Societal Psychology, but everything else is dependent on availability. Most students get their 1st choice combination within PBS - we just do not know what courses will see high demand until course selection opens.
- Courses hosted by other LSE departments (such as Management or Government) will prioritise their own students before accepting 'outside' students, so it might be trickier to get a place.
- **Course selection reopens in January before the start of Winter Term.** It is not unusual for students to move courses during this window on reflection of the academic content they have been exposed to during the Autumn Term, although availability may be more limited.

Timetabling

[All timetabling at LSE can be found here.](#) Below is how PB403, as an example, is outlined:

Code	Teaching Title	Type	Grp	Day	Room	Start	Finish	AT Wks	WT Wks	ST Wks
PB403	PB403 Economic and Environmental Psychology	LEC	1	Thu	PAR.LG.03	10:00	12:00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11		
PB403	PB403 Economic and Environmental Psychology	LEC	1	Fri	SAL.G.03	11:00	14:00		1	
PB403	PB403 Economic and Environmental Psychology	LEC	1	Fri	SAL.G.03	11:00	13:00		3, 4, 5	
PB403	PB403 Economic and Environmental Psychology	SEM	1	Thu	PAR.LG.03	13:00	15:00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11		
PB403	PB403 Economic and Environmental Psychology	SEM	1	Fri	OLD.1.28	14:00	16:00		1, 3, 5	
PB403	PB403 Economic and Environmental Psychology	SEM	2	Thu	PAR.LG.03	15:00	17:00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11		
PB403	PB403 Economic and Environmental Psychology	SEM	2	Fri	OLD.1.28	16:00	18:00		1, 3, 5	

1. All lectures are on campus.
2. 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.*
4. 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: PB403 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 PB403 (MY courses start in week 2). As you can see the AT PB403 lecture and seminar will be on Thursday, and you will be allocated into a seminar.
5. Your personal timetable can be viewed via [Studenthub](#) once course selection is complete.

Contact, Support, Office Hours

- If, at any point, you have questions about the above, or anything at all, feel free to reach out to the SEP programme manager Chris Roberts (pbs.msc@lse.ac.uk), who leads on all the administrative aspects of the MSc.
- During Welcome Week you will also be allocated an [academic mentor](#), who is also a source of support throughout the academic year - you can either email them or book a meeting with them. We recommend booking a meeting with them twice a semester to have a general chat if you feel it would be helpful.
- You can book an office hour with any academic at LSE (not just faculty in PBS) via [Studenthub](#).