

Department of Economics  
MSc Economics & MSc EME Offer Holders' Frequently Asked Questions  
January 2026 Offer Holder Session

**How does the UK academic year work, and how is it different from the US system?**

The academic year is divided into Autumn Term, Winter Term, and a short Spring Term, followed by the main examination period in May–June. After Winter Term, there is limited teaching, and the focus is on exam revision rather than new material.

**My final degree results will not be available until summer. What should I do?**

It is not unusual for final results to be submitted in July/August. LSE Admissions are aware of the early start date for our MSc programmes; they will prioritise CAS processing accordingly. If you expect delays in enrolling, please seek guidance from our department admissions team: [econ.pgadm@lse.ac.uk](mailto:econ.pgadm@lse.ac.uk)

**How do I apply for scholarships?**

Scholarships are administered centrally through LSE's Financial Support Office, primarily via the Graduate Support Scheme (GSS). Candidates may apply for GSS funding via their Graduate Applicate Portal (GAP) account – deadline 23 April 2026 (5pm UK time). While most funding decisions are made by around May, occasional one-off awards may also be made up to early July. As funding is highly competitive, candidates are strongly encouraged to explore all funding opportunities, including local/regional sources.

**Is there a deadline for meeting the English language requirement?**

There is no fixed deadline, but all conditions should be met as soon as possible to enable the CAS and visa process to begin.

**Is MSc EME only suitable for students who want to do a PhD?**

No. While many graduates pursue PhDs, approximately 25–30% enter industry roles, particularly in technical areas such as finance, consulting, and research.

**Is there a recommended maths reading list before the programme starts?**

Recommended readings are listed in the course guides. Additional pre-sessional materials and guidance will be shared in mid-July. Suggested readings are also shared in your offer letter, which is a good place to start.

**What do the pre-sessional courses involve?**

The pre-sessional courses are taught and assessed entirely in person. For MSc Economics, it consists of three courses: Static Optimisation & Fixed Points, Dynamic Optimisation & Differential Equations, and Probability & Statistical Inference. MSc EME is also comprised of three parts: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Econometrics. For more information about the pre-sessional course relevant to the programme for which you hold an offer for, please see the information via our Course Guides for [MSc Economics](#), and for [MSc EME](#).

**Can I audit a course without taking it for credit?**

Yes. With the lecturer's permission, you may audit a course. This allows you to attend lectures and access Moodle, but not seminars or assessments.

**Is it possible to work part-time during the programme?**

Some students do work part-time, but the workload is intensive and careful time management is essential.

**Are internships or volunteering common during breaks?**

Yes. Many students pursue internships or volunteering opportunities during term breaks and over the summer.

**How long should my accommodation contract be?**

You should ensure accommodation covers the August pre-sessional period through to the end of the summer examination period in June.

**Is there a deadline for accepting my offer?**

There is no formal deadline, but LSE recommends accepting your offer within six weeks. Delaying acceptance may delay CAS processing and access to important communications.

**Are there offer-holder group chats or further online sessions?**

Yes. Programme-specific group chats and additional Zoom sessions will be shared with offer holders over the summer.

**Who should I contact if I still have questions?**

Admissions queries: [Econ.Pgadm@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Econ.Pgadm@lse.ac.uk).

Programme-related queries: [Econ.Msc@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Econ.Msc@lse.ac.uk).

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