



Dear Student,

Congratulations on receiving an offer to your [Department of Government](#) MSc in Public Policy and Administration programme at the [London School of Economics and Political Science](#). We are pleased to welcome you to our vibrant student community, located at the centre of one of the most innovative, forward-looking and cosmopolitan cities in the world. The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide (2026) also ranked the Politics at LSE second in the country, ahead of Oxford, Cambridge and UCL.

We look forward to welcoming you to LSE and providing you with a thorough education in the Department of Government. Your programme of study will help you better understand the world in which you live, develop some ideas on how to make it a better place, and gain access to a range of rewarding careers that might enable you to put them into practice.

Graduate Destinations

The LSE is one of the leading British universities when it comes to employment and salaries after graduation, and our LSE Government graduates achieve excellent career outcomes. Unsurprisingly, the top employment sector for our graduates is government and public policy in the UK and around the world. However, our graduates pursue a wide range of careers, including roles in research and consultancy, international organisations, academic institutions, NGOs and finance.

If you are interested in finding out [what LSE graduates do](#) when they complete their programme, please click the link for a breakdown of data by sector, employers and country.

Next steps

IMPORTANT NOTE: *The Department of Government does not administer graduate admissions applications, admissions processes or accept admissions-related documents. These are handled exclusively by the Graduate Admissions Office, and you should [contact](#)*

[the Graduate Admissions Office directly](#) if you cannot find an answer from the below resources.

- Keep a regular eye on the [LSE Current Processing Times](#). This page shows the graduate admissions office processing times for incoming applications, emails and documents. It is updated at least once a day during the week.
- [Accept and confirm your offer](#) to the LSE Graduate Admissions Office if you have not already done so.
- Keep up-to-date with the Graduate Admissions Office's [News and Events](#) for some excellent admissions related FAQs and resources.
- Read the [Graduate Offer Pack](#) for information on visas, fees, accommodation, what to do before you arrive at LSE, general information about student life & London.
- Reference the Department of Government [Offer Holder](#) page for information for offer-holders & prospective students
- Follow our [LSE Department of Government blog](#) online to read about department related research, analysis, events and reviews.

Who to contact at LSE regarding my application, my offer, accommodation, funding and visas:

- [The Graduate Admissions Knowledge base](#) is the best place to look to find out information on payment, registration, offer-acceptance, visas, new arrivals, and declining, deferring and reinstating offers.
- **Providing documents.** Do **NOT** send additional documentation to the Graduate Admissions Office unless they specifically request it.
- [Meeting the conditions of your offer](#) and [Confirming Your Offer](#) for general information and advice for offer-holders
- [LSE Financial Support Office](#) for information on funding matters visit their webpage and attend one of their [ZOOM drop-in sessions](#).
- [Tuition and Accommodation Fees](#) for information on the payment instalment options.
- [Graduate Course Selection](#): good general resources on the three-stage process. Course selection does not take place until late September and after registration.
- [FAQs for students](#) for regularly updated and current information on teaching plans and on what will happen if you need to register late.

- LSE [Student Advice and Engagement Team](#) and are the only team at LSE qualified to offer [visa advice](#), so please contact them via their [online enquiry form](#) for any visa-related queries you may have. Academic Departments cannot advise offer-holders or students on visa-related matters.
- **CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies)** If you need a CAS these will start to be issued from June. Watch the [Information on the CAS process](#) video (fourth video from the top) and read the [guide to the CAS statement](#). If you then have any remaining questions about the CAS process, please contact admissions.cas.queries@lse.ac.uk who can give you the most appropriate advice.

Who to speak to at LSE regarding teaching, course choice and assessments at LSE.

If you have any questions about academic matters, courses or assessments please don't hesitate to contact the Department of Government Programmes Team on gov.msc@lse.ac.uk

Information sessions

The Department of Government plans to run three seminars in the summer months:

Webinar 1 (Late-April– date to be confirmed) General Overview. *This webinar will walk offer-holders through the key dates and events of their MSc programme, including registration and welcome, graduate course choice, allocation of academic mentors, how to find useful information on courses, teaching and the dissertation.*

Webinar 2. (Early-July – date to be confirmed): Registration and Welcome. *The webinar will cover the arrangements for registration and welcome in September, including Department of Government inductions and events for masters' students. Offer-holders will receive further, more detailed, central communications on the registration processes from LSE in early August. Teaching will start on Monday 28 September 2026 (see the [Term Dates](#) webpage).*

Webinar 3. (Early-September): Graduate Course Selection. *This webinar will cover the graduate course selection process and resources in more detail. It is timed to coincide with the publication of 2026/27 programme regulations, course guides, and lecture and seminar timetables, which we will refer to frequently in this session.*

We look forward to welcoming you to your programme in September. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us at gov.msc@lse.ac.uk if you have any questions.

With best wishes,



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