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Congratulations again on your offer to study with us. We're delighted you're considering joining the Department of Government at LSE. Over the coming months, we'll share more on your programme, academic expectations and plans for Welcome. For now, here's a short introduction to the community you could soon be part of, the opportunities available to you, and one of our alumni!



How to get involved in the Department of Government community

The Department of Government is a very busy place! We previously shared our [full schedule of academic extra-curricular events](#). We also have many opportunities for you to engage with the department and develop your skill set, depending on your interests. See some of the opportunities below:

 **Student Content Creators** – Get paid to create content for the Department of Government's social media channels

 **Green Impact** – The Department of Government is a platinum award winner for Green Impact! We'll be holding events focused on sustainability, including creating bug hotels to improve green space on the LSE Campus

 **Student Reps** – Represent your programme cohort and feed into the improvement of your programme and student experience

 **Event Reps** – Work with the programmes team to organise student events to support the development of our community

 **GovSoc** – You're automatically a member of our student-led department society! Recent events include cross-party debates, and speaker events with Spotify, IFS and the Civil Service

 **Summer Research Internship Scheme** – Become a Research Assistant to Department of Government academics on their research projects

📷 **Photo Competition** – Submit a cool photo on a theme, potentially win a prize, and have your photograph displayed on the walls of the department

📄 **Undergraduate Political Review** – Write and review academic articles from your Department of Government peers

Follow us on [Instagram](#) to check out what's been happening in the Department and hear from some of our staff, students and alumni!

Alumna spotlight

Meet [Madison Bryan](#), BSc Politics and Economics 2024, working as a Scholarship Lead at Zero Gravity:



What drew you to study BSc Politics and Economics at LSE, and how did your expectations compare with your actual experience over the three years?

I had enjoyed studying Politics and Economics at A-Level and knew that LSE was my dream university to continue exploring those subjects. The LSE brand, with its academic reputation and location in London, drew me to apply. I never anticipated receiving an offer, so I was overjoyed on results day in 2022 when my place was confirmed.

Being from London, it made financial sense to live at home instead of moving into halls, but I was initially worried that this decision would make it harder to make friends. Thankfully, this wasn't the case. The welcome week events hosted by the Government Department gave me a chance to meet other Politics and Economics students while everyone was in that excited, open phase of wanting to connect. Suggesting a coffee or

lunch felt natural. I'd recommend all new students take full advantage of those early weeks, as people are most willing to have spontaneous chats.

Looking back on your time in the Department of Government, what experiences—academic or personal—stand out as particularly formative or memorable?

Graduation feels so far away when you're walking around the freshers' fairs or sitting in your GV100 and GV101 lectures, but the years fly by. I feel it was only yesterday that me and my friends and I were sitting in the Peacock Theatre attempting to soak in all the new economics content, but before we knew it, we were cheering each other across the stage at graduation.

Academics were just one part of studying in the Government Department; the sense of community was my favourite part. I would urge students to keep an eye out for Government Department emails as you come across events like puppy therapy or arts activities which are always a fun way to relax after a busy day.

What advice would you give to current Government students about making the most of their time at LSE—both inside and outside the classroom?

One thing I wish I'd known during freshers' week was that you can join sports societies socially. If you're anything like me, physical activity is a firm no, so I never even considered a membership to the dance society or netball. Yet, what you soon find out is that some of the biggest social events at LSE are centered around the sports clubs. I only discovered in my second year that you can join sports societies socially. I joined LSE Hockey socially in both my second and third years. It was one of the best decisions I made at university. Some of my favourite memories came from those years, especially the two big trips to Barcelona and Prague. So, if sports aren't your thing but unforgettable socials are, give it a go.

Another useful tip is to make the most of LSE's Learning Lab! It's such an incredible resource for academic support. Whether you're struggling with essay structure or how to organise your resources, Learning Lab study advisors will have some helpful advice. I built a great relationship with one of them, and having someone whom I knew I could always turn to when things got stressful made all the difference. It became a key part of my support system.

And finally, my biggest piece of advice when joining LSE is to check out the LSE Volunteer Centre. Getting involved with volunteering completely shaped my time at LSE and who I am today. I started off small, just going to talks and one-off opportunities, and before long, I was hosting events on and off campus. Volunteering is such a rewarding way to give back while meeting new people, and the activities are so varied. I'd recommend trying out events like Letters Against Isolation, Post Pals, or Knitting for Syria. They're fun, impactful, and a great way to feel part of the wider LSE community.

How did LSE support you with your graduate role?

LSE was a massive support for me in landing my role as Scholarships Lead at Zero Gravity. I first came across Zero Gravity at an LSE Volunteering event during Student Volunteering Week (a great example where opportunities at LSE can open unexpected

doors). A few LinkedIn messages asking for career advice quickly moved into interview invitations and then landed me a role I'm very excited about.

Throughout this process, LSE Careers was there for me. After every interview, they were there to answer my questions, talk through my concerns, and help me prepare for the next stage. Their guidance gave me the confidence I needed.

How do you see your LSE experience informing your graduate role and beyond?

I think this was something instilled in me from the very start at LSE. This is the belief that we can be the change we want to see in the world. LSE provides an incredible platform for students to not only build their network, but also to better understand yourself and the kind of impact you want to make.

For me, my time at LSE really shaped how I thought about creating positive change in my community and beyond. It inspired me to see opportunities everywhere. For example, introducing one-off volunteering initiatives in my part-time role at Tesco Southwark, to collaborating with powerful stakeholders on a wider scale to make a real difference.

Feeling inspired by Madison's story? Read about more of our [Alumni stories!](#)

You can also get in touch with our Alumni through '[Ask an Alum](#)'. Ask your question, get matched with alumni who can answer you and start to build your network.

We're looking forward to keeping in touch and sharing more over the coming months. You'll hear from us regularly. In the meantime, check out [Information for offer holders](#) to help prepare for your arrival in September!

Warm wishes,

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