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Part of LSE



20 Nobel Prize winners among LSE staff and former students



Over 40 world leaders have studied or taught at LSE



12,000 full-time students from 146 countries
237,000 alumni



The first Carbon Neutral verified university in the UK in 2021



Ranked 1st in the UK for two years running in 2025 and 2026 [Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide](#) LSE University of the Year for 2025.

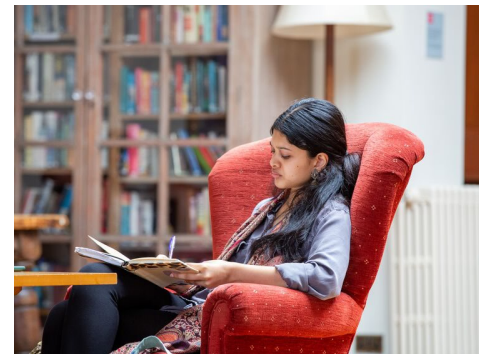
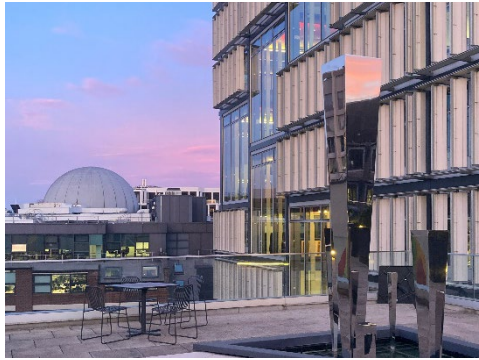
#1 University in the UK

The Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2026



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A vibrant campus in the heart of London



Our SPP Community (2025 year)

- **8** Postgraduate degree programmes
- **430** Students (years 1&2)
- **60** Nationalities
- **2300** alumni

Backgrounds including:

- Government administration, Law,
Economics, Finance, Consultancy,
Engineering, NGOs, Healthcare, Education and
more.



Our Programmes

Master of Public Administration (MPA) Programme

- 2 years, full-time
- Early to mid-career stage students. No requirement for prior professional experience.
- Year 1 - micro- and macro-economics, political science and quantitative methods of analysis plus option courses.
- Year 2 – Practical applications - 6 month Capstone Project with external client, strategic policymaking course, option to specialise, option courses.

MPA Students (2025 year one intake):

83	23	26 years	3 years
Year 1 intake	Nationalities	Age (avg.)	Professional experience (avg.)

Master of Public Policy (MPP) Programme

- Intensive 9-month programme
- For professionals with 5+ years experience
- Six core modules + option courses
- Develop a deeper understanding of how policy, policy-making, and 'craft of government' works
- Shape your career trajectory and develop your professional networks

MPP Students (2025 intake):

82	35	31 years	8 years
Students	Nationalities	Age (avg.)	Professional experience (avg.)



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MPA in Data Science for Public Policy (MPA-DSPP)

- Welcomed first intake in 2023
- 2 years, full-time
- Develop core quantitative, technical and analytical tools to address modern policy challenges in an increasingly digital world
- MPA-DSPP Capstone Project
- 4-week programming bootcamp prior to welcome weeks

MPA DSPP Students (2025 intake – year one):

28

Students

17

Nationalities

25

years
Age (avg.)

3

years
Professional
experience (avg.)





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MPA Double Degree Programmes

- 2- years, full time
- Study at two world-leading universities in two cities (London & Paris, New York or Toronto)
- Benefit from the expertise, resources and international alumni networks of both prestigious institutions
- MPA/MGA with University of Toronto (1st year at LSE SPP)
- MPA/MPA with Columbia SIPA (1st year at LSE SPP)
- MPP/MPA with Sciences Po (1st year at Sciences Po – apply via Sciences Po admissions)

Comparing Our Programmes

	MPA	MPP	MPA-DSPP	MPA Double Degrees (x3)	Executive MPA
Duration	2 years	9 months	2 years	2 years	2 years
Format	Full time	Full time	Full time	Full time	Modular
Professional experience required	No requirement	5 + years	No requirement	No requirement	5+ years
Intake size (2025 – year one)	83	82	28	15-25 each (48 combined)	28
Nationalities	23	35	17	15	17
Age (avg)	26	31	25	25	38
Prof experience (avg)	3 years	8 years	3 years	3 years	12 years
Prof experience (approx. range)	0.5 – 20 years	4.5 – 20 years	0.5 -12 years		

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Student Networks, Opportunities and Professional Development

Policy in Practice

SPP is a forum for students to discuss policy issues with leading academics and practitioners and connect their classroom learning with real-world scenarios.

- Professors in Practice
- Policy in Practice (PiP) seminar series
- Turner MIINT programme
- GPPN annual conference
- LSE and SPP Public events series



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SPP Professional Skills Accelerator

- A tailored programme with runs alongside your studies, designed to complement the skills and insights that you gain as part of the programme curriculum.
- Equips you with the necessary skills for the next step in your career.
- Day sessions hosted by experts designed to bridge the gap between sophisticated theory and effective practice
- Past sessions have included:
 - Data visualization
 - Professional leadership
 - Decision making and negotiation
 - Media training and podcasts
 - Persuasive communication
 - Successful interview skills
 - CV & LinkedIn



SPP Student Networks and Opportunities

- Association of Public Policy Students (APPS)
- Public Sphere Journal for Public Policy (PSJ)
- Womxn's Network

+ Over 200 LSE societies, volunteering, student media and sports opportunities



Alumni & Careers



Alumni

- 2,300 SPP alumni - Lifelong community!
- Q&A alumni career panel events for SPP students
- SPP alumni/student mentorship scheme
- Alumni in Action profiles and Alumni Achievements campaign
- SPP annual alumni symposium
- LSE 237,000 alumni - 'Ask an alum' online tool, events and meet ups around the world.

Careers

- 1:1 career appointments and coaching
- Careers seminars - support with CV, cover letter, networking, career planning, practice interviews
- Career impact sessions followed by networking evening with employers
- 'Professionals at LSE' for those with 5+ years professional experience



How to Apply and Admissions

Programme Entry Requirements

Academic requirements

A first or upper second-class honours (2:1) degree or a non-UK equivalent in any discipline

Professional experience

- MPP – 5+ years of relevant professional experience (exceptions may be taken into consideration)
- MPA, MPA-DSPP and MPA DDs – No formal requirement although students usually have some prior professional experience.

Other

High level of English language proficiency



Your application

- Must demonstrate a passion for public policy and making a positive impact.
- Must have a strong academic record and be able to demonstrate a commitment to public service
- Must have a clear understanding of the programme and how you will benefit from it.

There will be opportunities for individuals with less experience in economics and quants to develop or refresh their skills via online learning materials prior to the programme starting.



What is policy-relevant experience?

A wide range of professional/voluntary/interning experience can be relevant. The list below is **non-exhaustive**:

- Work for government agencies
- NGOs/Non-profit organisations/some charity work
- Consulting/advisory roles
- Think tanks/lobbying/special-interest organisations
- Civil-Service roles
- Regulatory work; legal work; compliance work
- Economist roles
- Analyst roles

- Urban planning
- Education
- Development
- Some finance roles, especially those concerned with central banking, regulation or compliance
- Health services
- Defence
- Transportation
- Environment
- Many business or other private-sector roles can also, of course, be policy-relevant

Please don't be discouraged if your own experience does not feature in the list above. Selectors are open-minded, so make the case for its relevance in your Statement of Academic Purpose.



How to Apply

Online application

Include supporting documents:

- Academic documents
- CV
- Statement of academic purpose
- Two references – can be professional

Application fee £95 (for up to two programme choices)

Decisions issued within 8 weeks

Progress can be checked on Graduate Applicant Portal

Statement of Academic Purpose

Roughly two pages (1,000 - 1,500 words)

For your chosen programmes, outline your:

- Interest
- Understanding
- Suitability
- Purpose and objectives
- Focus on the origin of your interest in this subject/area

Your statement should:

- describe your academic interests, strengths and background relevant to the programme
- outline your academic ambitions and/or research interests, and any professional aspirations.



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Columbia SIPA double degree –
apply via LSE by **17 March 2026**

Fees and Funding

SPP region specific scholarships:

- Peruvian Scholarship for Public Service (Peru)
– MPA, MPP, and MPA-DSPP
- Luksic Scholarships for Public Service (Chile)
– MPA and MPP
- Hosh Ibrahim African Scholarship (Africa) -
MPP
- David and Duncan Clark Scholarship (Asia) –
MPA, MPP and MPA-DSPP

SPP scholarship application deadline **22 January 2026** and GFSA form by 19 February 2026.

LSE fees and funding - Graduate Support Scheme (GSS) application deadline 23 April 2026.





Next Steps

- Find out more about our programmes and students on our website www.lse.ac.uk/spp/study

- Follow us on social media

- Register your interest to hear more from us

- Register for a programme information session with our Programme Directors:

[MPA info session](#) – Tue 18 November, 1pm

[MPP info session](#) – Thurs 20 November, 2pm

[MPA-DSPP info session](#) – Mon 8 December, 3pm

[MPA double degree \(Toronto\)](#) – Tue 9 December, 4pm

Apply to join us in 2026!

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