

Department of Sociology

Dear

On behalf of the Department of Sociology at LSE, we would like to extend our warm congratulations on your offer to study MSc City Design and Social Science with us.

Joining Our Community

Rather than wait until September, we want you to consider yourself a member of our community right now. If you haven't already, take some time to explore our department website to get a feel for the sort of work we engage in, the events we hold, and what we strive for collectively as a department. We are very active on social media, so be sure to follow us on X, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

As a department comprising approximately 30 full-time academics and teaching fellows, 15 Graduate Teaching Assistants, 12 Professional Support Staff members, and around 400 students, we work collectively to foster a diverse, close-knit and supportive environment where students and staff can engage in socially relevant, critical and creative learning and scholarship.

Our work as a department spans across many key issues shaping our world today, in empirically rich sociological analysis at the intersections between economy, politics and society. We examine social inequalities, economic and political change, human rights challenges, migration, urbanisation, technological transformation, climate issues, and much more.

As an active, socially conscious, and engaged community, we strive to offer our students rigorous training in theoretical and methodological sociological inquiry. Our ultimate goal is to provide you with some of the most valuable transferable skills needed for our modern society: critical, committed, independent thought.

Our MSc in City Design and Social Science offers an immersive and interdisciplinary approach to studying the city, with a studio research and design module at the core. The first part of our studio explores transformational design projects, including site visits and a short fieldtrip within the UK. The latter part of our studio module develops through group work and engages with site-based study in London.



What To Expect Next

In the months leading up to the start of your programme, we will keep in regular contact with you, providing information on a range of exciting topics including Welcome, course choice, news about the department, upcoming events, ways to get involved, and things to prepare in the lead up to the start of your degree. And don't forget about our offer holders' webpages: <https://www.lse.ac.uk/sociology/offer-holders/offer-holders>

If you haven't had the chance to, make sure you also take a look at LSE's upcoming virtual graduate open events. If you've missed any of the events, there will be recordings available you can watch and the

opportunity to ask talk to a current student about questions you may have about living and studying at LSE and in London: <https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Graduate/Prospective-students/Virtual-Graduate-Open-Events>



See You in September

It is our sincere hope that you choose to make the Department of Sociology at LSE your academic home for the duration of your degree. During your time studying with us, we are committed to supporting your development of the skills that will enable you to engage with your environment in meaningful ways to help understand, shape and change the world.

We look forward to welcoming you to the department at the start of the academic year in September.

Best wishes,



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