

# Department of Sociology

Dear,

2025 is halfway through, and here in the Department of Sociology at LSE, we are almost finished with the 2024/25 academic year! Our current students are turning their attention to Spring Term assessments, with most MSc students focusing on their dissertations. We are also starting the preparation for the 2025/26 academic year and welcoming you into the department. Read on for top tips from current students, information on course selection and details of our next **Zoom offer holder session** 

#### **Course Selection**

- Students are required to select their courses (modules) according to their programme regulations and for an MSc student in our department studying full time, they undertake the equivalent of four full units, including writing a 10,000-word dissertation. A 'unit' is the term for course value. Assessed courses carry a unit value of either one full unit (taught across two terms) or one-half unit (taught across one term).
- Some of these units will be mandatory for your programme and others are
  optional. You will have a selection of optional courses to choose from. Most
  optional courses will be capped, meaning there will be limited space, and so it
  is possible you will not receive a place on your first preference of courses.
- You are guaranteed a space on any course that is compulsory for your degree programme, but please note that as places are limited on optional courses, admission is not guaranteed. Spaces may also be subject to timetabling constraints and/or students meeting specific prerequisite requirements.
- We will publish the full list of available courses closer to the start of the new academic year. This list will confirm which courses are running and in which term, helping you to plan ahead. You will also receive more detailed guidance and support from us before the new academic year begins.
- You can view further guidance on the course selection process here.



#### Welcome 2025!

Welcome will run from Monday 22 September 2025 to Friday 26 September 2025,

with all new students joining us at LSE for a week of department and School-wide events, activities and an induction which will take place in person on campus. Please save the date as you'll also need to attend in-person enrolment on campus during this week! It's also a key time to get inducted to your programme and meet your fellow students and academic staff. The first day of teaching will take place Monday 29 September 2025, and you can <u>find term dates here.</u>

## **Our Student Community**

Current students have wrapped up their final weeks of teaching and are preparing for their final assessments, and the Department has been busy delivering a range of community-focused events to mark the end of term. We recently hosted a Department of Sociology alumni careers panel & networking event - both alumni and current students had the opportunity to socialise and network, with a panel chaired by our Head of Department. We've also held our final <a href="Student-Staff Liaison">Student-Staff Liaison</a>
Committee of the year, hosted our end of term reception for our student community as well as hosting a fun 'Paint-a-Canvas Social' for both BSc and MSc students to finish up the term in a creative and fun way. To continue the theme of community, we've interviewed a few recent MSc students and here's what they had to say about their time at LSE to our future students:



"I wanted to study on this programme due to my personal interests and I have really enjoyed studying Political Reconciliation. My favourite place on campus has been the Marshall Building or the main square outside the Centre Building. My experience at LSE has been life-changing and my advice to new students: meal prep!".

María Pía Wohlgemuth Neira,
 MSc Human Rights

"I chose this programme because it combined both politics and sociology in terms of its approaches and perspectives. My favourite LSE experience so far has been learning in class and studying Racial Capitalism. Lecturers are amazing and there is a lot of academic support from LSE Life too. One thing I wish I'd taken more advantage of was office hours during the first term, and the library resources!".

Yasmin Raquq, MSc Political Sociology I have several sociology interests and wanted to pursue a degree that would allow me to study different topics. I have gained a more global perspective on important issues and my favourite LSE experience so far has been engaging in seminar discussions. If I could give one top tip to new students, it would be: look for ways to get involved on campus!"

Rylee Dolezal, MSc Sociology

"I wanted to study this programme as I was interested in Human Rights and want to work in this field. My favourite topics that that I studied this year were Internationalism and Populism. I would recommend that new students take advantage of joining societies and clubs!".

- Ho Chi Frances Sit, MSc Human Rights and Politics



# Zoom Session − Wednesday, 28 May at 3:00 PM (BST)

Join us for our next Zoom session for offer holders, where our MSc programme managers will be running an information session about studying in the department and answer any questions you may have.

You can join the session by using this Zoom link: https://lse.zoom.us/j/82301149274

With warm wishes,

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