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Section 1: Welcome from the Head of Department





Dear Student,

I am delighted to welcome you to LSE and the Department of Statistics. The Department has an international reputation and has been the academic home of a host of distinguished educators and researchers. You have done exceptionally well to be selected for your programme. Few applicants make it here, and you should be proud of yourself. LSE is one of the finest institutions of its kind in the world, with a key position both geographically, given its location in central London, and geo-politically, in terms of its national and international standing. Our success very much depends on your success, and we look forward to getting to know you and supporting you in your endeavours.

I would like to wish you all the best for your studies here and hope that you will make the most of your time with us. As you will discover, we are a relatively small department, and we maintain an informal, friendly, and supportive atmosphere for our students. If you encounter any problems — be they academic, financial, or wellbeing related — we very much hope that you will let us know at once. You can do this by speaking to your academic mentor, contacting your Programme Director, your Programmes Manager, or any other member of staff.

We are all excited for the academic year to begin and keen to support you throughout your studies. I expect that you will find your studies equally challenging, stimulating, and rewarding. This handbook will help you find your way around the School and the Department. Enjoy your time at LSE, and do take some time to explore London and the rest of the UK too.

Welcome!



Professor Milan Vojnović
Head of Department



Programme Directors Welcome Message

A very warm welcome to all of you to the LSE Department of Statistics. Our MPhil/PhD in Statistics provides you with both the breadth and depth in advanced and essential training in Statistics that will prepare you for your research endeavours and beyond. We are here to give you the support needed throughout to make your study as rewarding as possible.

During the first year taking core and optional advanced courses, you will also start your research projects, consolidating a research path with suitable arrangements with your supervisors. In the Spring term of each year, there will be a research presentation event in which you are required to present your research findings so far. We strongly encourage you to attend various seminars and special lectures within the Department and across LSE, and even at other London Universities to deepen and broaden your research profile. You can also take advantage from courses provided by the Department of Methodology, the London Graduate School in Mathematical Finance, or the London Taught Course Centre. Training in PhD comes in many other forms as well, not least in teaching as a graduate teaching assistant, or presenting in seminars and conferences.

Over the past decades we have had PhD Alumni from many parts of the world, now in various sectors or even staying in the academia. You will be there at the end of this fruitful journey, but there will certainly be obstacles waiting for you. Learn to be resourceful, be patient, diligent and persevere. Do not forget supports are around the corner, and our PhD and Teaching Programmes Manager should be the first point of contact if you are seeking help.

See you all very soon!



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Dr Shi has overall responsibility for monitoring the progress of research students, and for management of the MPhil/PhD programme.

Problems with progress or supervision should be discussed with your supervisors in the first instance, but may be referred to the Programme Directors when necessary.



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Jide will deal with all non- academic aspects of the programme and should normally be your first point of contact for such matters.



PhD Academy

4th Floor, Lionel Robbins Building

info.lse.ac.uk/Current-Students/phd-academy

Key central services relating to PhD students are based in the PhD Academy, which houses a dedicated teaching room and common room for all PhD students to use. If you have any queries about your registration, being an ESRC student, or professional development, please contact the PhD Academy.

Enquiries Form: lse360.my.site.com/student-services/s/enquiry-form

Financial Support Office

Tel: **020 7955 6609**

Email: financial-support@lse.ac.uk

info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/financial-support

The Financial Support Office provides information and support on funding your studies at LSE. FSO runs drop-in sessions; please check the PhD Academy's website for the current details.





All non-academic queries should be directed to the PhD Programmes Team who are located in offices COL 6.11 & COL.6.14. Please feel free to email us at stats.mphil.phd@lse.ac.uk or drop in during our opening hours which are 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm.

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Current Research Students

Take a look at our [PhD student profiles](#) for more information on their research



Section 2: About the Department of Statistics





The discipline of Statistics flourished at LSE under Sir Arthur Lyon Bowley, the eminent statistician and economist, who joined the school in 1895 and was made Professor of Economic Statistics in 1915.

The Department of Statistics became one of the world's leading centres of quantitative methods in the social sciences and home to some of the world's most famous and innovative statisticians, including Maurice Kendall, Claus Moser, Roy Allen, David Bartholomew, Jim Durbin, Anthony Atkinson, Henry Wynn and Howell Tong.

Today, the Department has an international reputation for the development of statistical methodology that has grown from its long history of active contributions to research and teaching in statistics for the social sciences.

The Department offers expert teaching in four key areas: data science; probability in finance and insurance; social statistics; and time series and statistical learning.

The Department shares teaching and research with other sections of the school that have strong interests in statistics, including the Departments of Economics, Finance, Management, Mathematics, and Methodology and the Data Science Institute. The Department also has close links with the Royal Statistical Society and the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

Throughout the academic year the Department hosts a range of seminars with speakers from academia and industry. There are also regular departmental seminars at which our academics and research students present current research. We encourage you to attend these seminars.





How to Find Us

The Department of Statistics is located in Columbia House (COL), 69 Aldwych, London WC2B 4RR. The administrative offices are located on the sixth floor and there are other offices on the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth floors.

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Leverhulme Library

As a research student, you are entitled to use the Leverhulme Library (COL 6.15), on the sixth floor of Columbia House. The library holds a selection of statistical books, which you can borrow. You are welcome to suggest books for the Department to purchase for the Leverhulme Library.

Social Media

The Department of Statistics uses many social media platforms and we would love you to follow us to keep up to date on all our news and events! We pride ourselves on having a community feeling with our students and we are excited for you to be #partofLSE.

Here are the handles for our social media plus links to our departmental website and the Student Hub too. Follow us, engage with us, and feel part of our community! #weheartstats

Bluesky: bsky.app/profile/lsedepofstatistics.bsky.social

Instagram: [@lsestatistics](https://www.instagram.com/lsestatistics)

X: [@LSEStatistics](https://twitter.com/LSEStatistics)

LinkedIn: [Department of Statistics](https://www.linkedin.com/company/department-of-statistics)

Student Hub: info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/student-hub

Department of Statistics website: lse.ac.uk/Statistics



Section 3: Communication Between Students and the Department





In Person/Virtual Meetings

You should agree arrangements for supervision with your supervisory team at the start of your degree, including the frequency of meetings, how work will be submitted and discussed, expected timescales for feedback, and how you will communicate between meetings.

Full-time research students are entitled to at least three supervisory meetings per term (nine per academic year), while part-time students are entitled to at least two meetings per term (six per academic year).

You are required to maintain an up-to-date PhD Log throughout your studies. Full-time students must record at least nine substantive supervisory interactions per academic year, and part-time students at least six. These records must be confirmed by your supervisor. Substantive interactions may include supervisory meetings, email exchanges, online meetings and other academic discussions relating to your research, progress or next steps.

You are very welcome to [contact the PhD and Teaching Programmes Manager](#) for a virtual or in-person meeting.

Email

The School will use your LSE email address to communicate with you so you should check it regularly. Microsoft Outlook is available on all PCs on the LSE network. You can also access email off-campus using webmail or the remote desktop, or on the move using email clients for laptops and mobile phones.

Contact by Telephone/Post

Sometimes it will be necessary for the School to send you information by post. For urgent matters it may be necessary to contact you by telephone. It is important that we have your correct contact details. You should update your details on [LSE for You](#) whenever you change your address or telephone number.

Moodle Page

We have created a [Moodle page](#) for the PhD programme, which acts as an easy point of reference with useful information and resources to support your studies. The page will be updated throughout the year, so do bookmark the link on your smartphone or computer.



Absence

In the event of absence that is likely to be for more than a week, whether due to illness or other reasons, you should notify your supervisor and the PhD Teaching and Programmes Manager by email.

General recommendations for communicating with your teachers, professional services and your co-students

These recommendations have also been provided to undergraduate and MSc students; PhD students who work as Graduate Teaching Assistants should expect their students to adhere to these guidelines.

You should always communicate your ideas, questions, concerns, and feedback in a polite and kind manner. The Department of Statistics has no tolerance to inappropriate behaviour towards students, teachers and professional staff.

Appropriate conduct means recognising the diversity of the Department's community and not discriminating against others on the basis of their age, ethnic origin, race, nationality, membership of a national minority, culture, language, religious faith or affiliation or lack thereof, political affiliation or opinions or lack thereof, sex, gender, gender identity, sexuality, sexual orientation, marital status, caring or parental responsibilities, illness, ability or disability, mental health status, medical condition, physical appearance, genetic features, parentage, descent, full or part-time student status, socio-economic background, employment status, trade union affiliation, spent or irrelevant criminal convictions or any other irrelevant distinction.



1 Email etiquette

An email is not just a piece of correspondence. It's an exercise in communicating well, and you are judged by it. You may follow the tips below to give the right impression.

- Keep it formal: start with "Dear Professor (ie, title and name/full name), ..."
- Identify yourself and say what course you are studying with them.
- Make your request clear.
- Keep it polite with your ending – just a simple "Thank you" is usually a safe bet when signing off. If it's more formal, you may use "Regards" or "Sincerely."
- Don't use slang or abbreviations.
- Avoid using all capitals for the body of your email as this can appear discourteous.
- Teaching staff will reply to emails at their earliest convenience.

2 Forums, anonymous forums and anonymous surveys

- When starting a new post in a forum, follow the general guidelines of the email etiquette.
- Take the time to thank and acknowledge a reply.
- Provide any feedback to your teachers and co-students in a polite and constructive manner.
- Your feedback is very important to us, so please provide it generously, in a constructive and polite manner by participating in surveys run by the Department and the School. It is considered inappropriate to comment on the looks and physical appearances of your teachers or any other characteristic as stated above.



3 Etiquette for group work

You might be asked to conduct group work for one of your courses. Group work requires organisation skills and helps you to develop good communication and collaboration skills. For making it work successfully:

- Act responsibly, be considerate, respectful and courteous towards other team members. Behave in a respectful manner towards other team members so that they do not feel that they are being harassed or bullied and abiding by the law.
- Everyone should share the responsibility of the tasks.
- Organise as many meetings as needed to complete the tasks of your project.
- Attend and arrive on time to all group meetings.
- Communicate any group issues to your teacher as soon as possible.

4 General behaviour in class

- Respect your teacher. Ask your questions and debate your opinions in a polite and constructive manner.
- Respect the questions and the opinions of your co-students.
- Attend all your classes and notify your teacher when you are not able to do so.
- Turn your mobile phones off during your classes.
- If your classes are online (with Zoom), login with your LSE email and use your full name (as it appears in [LSE for You](#)). If you post in the chat, please follow the etiquette of posting in forums.
- Please use your LSE email to communicate with your teachers.
- Teachers and students should not communicate through social network platforms that are not related to LSE



Section 4: Programme structure and what you need to do





Initially, you will be registered for the MPhil in Statistics and reviewed for transition to the PhD normally within the first 18-24 months of full time registration (or within the first three years for part-time students).

First Year: MPhil

During the first twelve months you will attend research training courses to enhance your background knowledge and research skills. Taught courses comprise an important part of your training, as they are intended to provide a broader knowledge of statistics, including areas outside of the specialised domains of your own individual research project.

You must complete 1.5 units of compulsory courses, and will need to select all of the courses in [**LSE for You**](#) in September for both Autumn and Winter terms, however you will be automatically enrolled onto ST505 and ST552. Please check that your course choices have been approved by the end of Week 3 of the Autumn Term.

You should familiarise yourself with the [**MPhil/PhD programme regulations**](#) in advance of the course selection period.

In your first year, you must take [**ST505 Statistical Modeling and Data Analysis**](#) and [**ST552 Probability and Mathematical Statistics I**](#).

As well as these two courses, students must also take one of the following options (or alternatively may take a different course option with the agreement of both the supervisor and PhD Programme Director):

- [**ST510 Foundations of Machine Learning**](#)
- [**ST553 Probability and Mathematical Statistics II**](#)

Performance in these compulsory courses will contribute to the decision on your progression to the next year.

You may, with the agreement of your first supervisor and the Doctoral Programme Director, also take courses offered by either the [**London Graduate School in Mathematical Finance**](#) or the [**London Taught Course Centre \(LTCC\)**](#). You should also complete any necessary training in research techniques and/or computing.

Throughout your first year, you will perform literature searches and become more familiar with your chosen research topic. By the end of the year you are expected to have written up an introductory chapter for your thesis as well as any new results you may have obtained. You will also be expected to present your research topic at our [**annual presentation events**](#). In addition, you may have other tasks to complete as directed by your supervisory team, according to the needs of your individual PhD project.



Second Year: MPhil/PhD

In the second year you will become more deeply involved with your research topic, producing and writing up new results. During this time, you will meet with your supervisors on a regular basis to discuss your academic development. During the year the Department will formally review your progress at an upgrade panel meeting. Following the successful assessment of your work, you may be upgraded to PhD status. You should also present your current research at one or more of the departmental seminars.

By the end of the Spring Term, full-time students are expected to have been upgraded from MPhil to PhD status, and are also expected to present their research findings at our annual presentation event. In addition, you may have other tasks to complete as directed by the supervisory team, according to the needs of your individual PhD project.

Third Year: PhD

The third year demands considerable and rapid progress with your research. A substantial part of the year should be spent consolidating material that you have already assembled. You may be in a position to begin writing your thesis.

By the end of the Spring Term, full-time students are expected to submit a plan for completion and to present their research findings at our annual presentation event.

In addition, you may have other tasks to complete as directed by the supervisory team, according to the needs of your individual PhD project.

Fourth Year

The final year is primarily focused on writing up your thesis. The role of your supervisor is to ensure the thesis is of a high standard. Towards the end of the year you will be required to submit your thesis. At least two months before your thesis is submitted, you should complete the examination entry form in discussion with your supervisor.



Upgrading to PhD

1. The decision to upgrade a full-time student to PhD will be normally be undertaken during the second year, ideally within the first 18 months of registration. In some cases, it may be appropriate to upgrade a student to PhD at the end of the first year or, in **exceptional circumstances***, during the third year of registration.

The final decision regarding the timing of the upgrade rests with the supervisor(s), in consultation with the Doctoral Programme Director or Head of Department.

For part-time students the upgrade would normally be conducted in the third year of registration.

(* Examples of exceptional circumstances are long-term ill health resulting in an interruption of registration, maternity leave.)

2. The upgrade review should normally be conducted by the first supervisor and at least one other member of academic staff in the department. **The panel must include at least one member of the department who is not directly involved in the student's supervision.** When a student's supervisor is not included on the upgrade panel, their view should be sought before the Panel reaches a decision.

In some cases, it might be appropriate to ask a member of staff from another department to sit on the panel. In exceptional circumstances, an academic who is external to the School might be asked to sit on the panel. The approval of the Doctoral Programme Director or Head of Department should be sought in such cases.

The student is required to submit a written report of literature searches, research findings, etc., together with a written research plan. The student presents their work to date and findings to the panel and answers questions from the panel.

The decision of the panel to upgrade or not upgrade the student should be notified in writing to the PhD manager.

3. Supervisor(s) should communicate detailed upgrade review requirements to be to the student by email:
 - Specify the amount and type of written materials a student is required to produce and indicate the deadlines for submission;
 - Require the student's written materials to detail the research finding to date, include a clear framework for the research and a timetable for completion;
 - Include the opportunity for the student to orally defend their work.



4. In all cases where issues have been identified that might affect the upgrade to PhD, the Doctoral Programme Director or Head of Department should sit on the upgrade panel.
5. The decision to upgrade a student from MPhil to PhD registration should reflect the panel's judgement that the student is working at a level that, if continued, should lead to the award of a PhD within the maximum period of registration.
6. If a student is not upgraded, there should be the opportunity of a second attempt. The School requires that the second attempt should be within six months from the original attempt. If, in **exceptional circumstances**, a longer period might be appropriate, the PhD manager will seek the approval of the PhD Academy.
7. Where a second attempt is unsuccessful, students may be de-registered from the degree programme or permitted to continue in registration and submit for an MPhil. The student has the right to appeal against the decision not to upgrade registration to PhD.
8. The supervisor(s) should notify the outcome of the upgrade to the Doctoral Programme Director and PhD manager by email, with a brief report of the findings of the panel. It should be recorded by the PhD manager in the department's MPhil/PhD student records and notified to the PhD Academy by email.

Departmental Thesis Guidance

A PhD thesis must form a distinct contribution to the knowledge of the subject. It must advance original ideas or hypotheses with suitable arguments and evidence, and exercise independent critique. A thesis must give a critical assessment of the relevant literature, describe the method of research and its findings. It must include a discussion of those findings and their significance in advancing the knowledge of the field.

As we have different research groups, in practice the criteria will vary between topics and within the overarching theme of each research group. Supervisors are responsible for providing guidance, but ultimately the candidate is responsible for the decisions on their thesis. It is ultimately the examiners who decide whether to recommend that the candidate is worthy of being awarded a PhD.

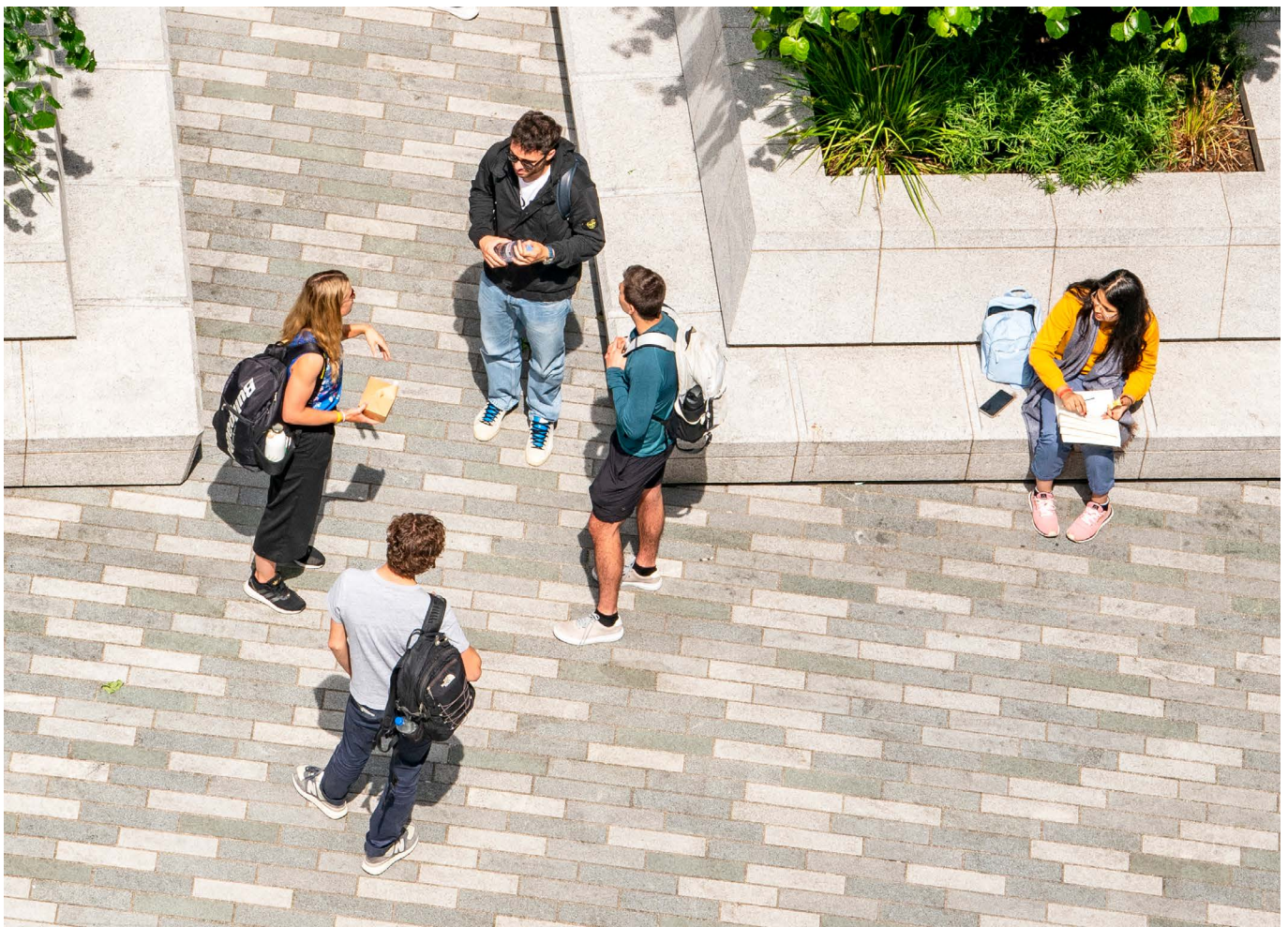


Format Aligning with the LSE regulations for research degree (Rule 48), there are two modes of PhD thesis approved by the Department of Statistics:

- A monograph that forms an integrated whole;

OR

- A set of publishable papers on a set of topics and adhering to the following guidance:
 - 1** Include an introductory chapter at the beginning of the thesis which includes a brief overview of the field, summarizes the papers and provides a rationale for their inclusion in the thesis. Links between the papers should be articulated clearly.
 - 2** Inclusion of co-authored papers is considered on a case-by-case basis, and any form of co-authorship should be discussed with the candidate's supervisor.
 - 3** The norm is three papers, but deviation can take place depending on the overall quality and nature of the papers submitted/to be submitted. The whole manuscript should constitute a significant contribution to the research area. Both quality and quantity of the produced work will be considered.





Section 5: Course Selection and Timetables





When to select your courses

You can browse (but not select) courses from 10am on Monday 21 September 2026. You can select courses from 10am on Thursday 24 September 2026 until 5pm on Friday 09 October 2026. You will be able to make changes to Winter Term half unit courses early in Winter Term. For more information, [visit the course selection webpages](#).

How to select your courses

- 1 Find out about your courses** – check the [MPhil/PhD programme regulations](#) to find out which courses you will need to take in your first year.
- 2 Select your courses in LSE for You** – course selection is completed through [LSE For You](#). Visit selecting courses for guidance on selecting your courses.
- 3 Check your Moodle access** – providing your selected courses are ready in Moodle, you should be automatically enrolled on their Moodle pages a few hours after selecting your courses on [LSE for You](#). If you are not automatically given access after you have completed course selection, please search for your course on Moodle and request to enrol.

If you're looking for information on selecting courses, [the LSE website](#) offers step-by-step guidance outlining how to explore your options and make choices. You can also refer to the [LSE Calendar](#) and your home department's guidance for more detailed information about your programme and regulations"

You should seek advice from your supervisor before finalising your courses. Should you have questions about a particular course the most efficient strategy is to put them to the Course Convener. If you have any queries about the programme itself or need advice on the course selection process you can contact the PhD and Teaching Programmes Manager.



Controlled access courses

Excluding our compulsory first-year courses, please note that other courses in the Department of Statistics and other departments may be subject to the **controlled access** procedure. This is designed to ensure that seminar groups allow for discussions between academics and students. To maximise your chances of being enrolled onto the courses you are interested in, it is imperative that you select your courses as early as possible. The controlled access procedure requires that you request permission to enrol in the course through the Graduate Course Choice application on **LSE for You**.

If you have any questions about whether a course is controlled access or not, please contact the department responsible for the course.

Seminar sign up and timetables

Once you have successfully registered for your courses and seminars in **LSE for You**, your personal timetable will be automatically updated for you. Once course selections have been approved they cannot be changed online. If you want to make late changes, you will need to request permission in writing to **stats.mphil.phd@lse.ac.uk**.

Where a course is taught in more than one seminar group or in larger lecture groups, you are also required to enrol in seminar groups within the course. This is done through the **Seminar Sign Up** facility on **LSE for You**.

Note: The Seminar Sign Up system operates in parallel with the Graduate Course Choice system. Where a course requires that you apply for entry through the Graduate Course Choice system and takes the form of weekly parallel seminars or lectures and follow-up seminars, you need to apply first for entrance to the course through the Graduate Course Choice system. If you are accepted on to the course the Seminar Sign Up system will be open to you and you can register for a particular parallel seminar or a follow-up seminar group, as appropriate.

Please note that we may reallocate you to a different seminar/follow-up seminar group for the term/year where timetabling considerations make this necessary. You need to attend the seminar group to which you are assigned. Our performance monitoring and attendance record systems are based on the group to which you are assigned. Failure to attend your group may therefore impact negatively on your performance record. It may also impact on the terms of your visa.



Please be aware that this may differ in other departments if you are considering taking outside course options. Contact the relevant department should you have any queries about non-Statistics courses.

Changing your timetable

It is not possible to change the lectures in your timetable; there is usually only one lecture for each course and it takes place at a fixed time. You can potentially change class groups in exceptional circumstances. To request a class change, apply using the “class change request” tool within [LSE for You](#). You should include details of why you need to change class and outline your availability for alternative classes. We may request evidence in support of your request.

Auditing courses

Some LSE courses allow for students to “audit”. This is an informal arrangement where you may attend seminars of certain courses if space allows but without submitting assessed coursework or sitting a final exam. The course is not taken for credit and audited courses do not appear on transcripts.

Some students choose to audit courses to expand their knowledge in other areas. If you do choose to audit a course you should first check that your timetable will allow you to join the lectures. If so, contact the relevant Course Convener and ask permission to audit their course.



Winter term course selection

Course selection will reopen at the start of Winter Term. You are able to change a Winter Term half unit course during the first two weeks of Winter Term provided the newly chosen half unit course is not oversubscribed. Late course changes are not permitted in Winter Term once course selection has closed. We strongly advise that you do not change more than one half unit course during this period.

Getting help

For queries about the course selection process, you can contact the PhD Academy via [their enquiry form](#). The PhD Academy can help if you are experiencing issues with the [LSE for You](#) system.

If you are not able to access [LSE for You](#), you can contact [Tech Support](#).

If you have a question about Moodle, please contact eden.digital@lse.ac.uk

For advice around which courses to take and how your programme fits together please contact your supervisor, Doctoral Programme Director or the PhD Programmes and Teaching Manager.





Section 6: Academic Support





Supervision

Your supervisors are agreed upon during the application process and are selected to reflect the candidate's research topic. Full-time students will have at least three supervision meetings each term; part-time students will have at least two meetings per term. Supervisors are primarily available during term time; please make arrangements during vacation periods, so that you remain in contact with your supervisors.

You will have a main supervisor and a second supervisor. The second supervisor provides additional or parallel expertise, local support if your first supervisor is away and backup to cover contingencies such as illness.

Programme Directors

Dr Chengchun Shi has overall responsibility for monitoring the progress of research students, and for management of the PhD programme.

They have to approve continued annual registration, the upgrade from MPhil to PhD, assignment of your supervisors and other arrangements. If you are unable to resolve an issue with the Programme Directors, you may contact the Head of Department to discuss it further.

PhD Log

The PhD Log should be used to record meetings with your supervisor throughout your time at the School. You will also be able to find your submission date on the log, which can be found on [LSE for You](#).

It is very important that you make regular and accurate use of the PhD Log. This is especially important for students with a Tier 4 or Student Visa as the PhD Log system is the School's formal method of recording attendance, and up-to-date logs ensure that we are compliant with our UKVI legal obligations.

Annual Monitoring

A formal departmental assessment of your progress is made in the Spring Term of each year. This assessment is based on statements made by yourself and the supervisors in the progress report forms. The outcome of the compulsory first-year taught course assessments is also taken into account when considering your progression to the second year.



The Doctoral Programme Director and the departmental Research Committee also monitor the progress of MPhil/PhD students.

Annual Research Presentation Events

The Department holds an annual presentation event, usually in May or June, at which first-year students are asked to present their research topic, and second and third students are asked to present their research findings. It is important to participate in this event.

Details of previous events can be found on the [Department of Statistics website](#).

Poster presentations

Students are offered the opportunity to produce a poster and abstract that outlines an aspect of their research. The poster will be displayed in the Department for several weeks. It can also be uploaded to LSE Research Online and submitted for presentation at conferences.

Office and Computing Facilities

The School is situated in the very heart of London and we are constrained with limited office space. However, the Department is determined to offer each full-time research student a desk and PC, subject to availability. You also have access to PCs in the LSE Library, PhD Academy and the School's computer rooms.



Section 7: Training and Development





Department of Methodology

The Department of Methodology runs courses for research students throughout the year. More information can be found on the [Department of Methodology website](#).

Academic and Professional Development Programme for PhD Students

The PhD Academy provides a number of opportunities for professional development and networking that complements the support you receive from your supervisors at departmental level, including a series of short courses which offer you help at the different stages of your PhD. These include support in core skills such as writing, constructing a thesis, managing your time effectively, coaching for timely completion as well as preparing for upgrade and your viva. In addition, these courses help you promote your ideas outside of LSE and prepare you for the job market.

For more information about the programme, please visit the [website](#).

Supporting and accrediting your teaching

The Eden Centre provides support and training for PhD students who teach. Students who wish to take their teaching to the next level should consider taking *Principles of Teaching in Higher Education (TC501)*, a programme aimed at new GTAs and guest teachers who wish to develop their confidence in designing and delivering class and seminar teaching and providing feedback on student work.

The Eden Centre also delivers the *LSE Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCertHE)*, a formal qualification in teaching in Higher Education, which is externally accredited by a national body, the UK Higher Education Academy.

For more information on either of these programmes, please see [here](#).



LSE Training Portal

There are a number of other training events and support networks for research students. Please see the training and development system for further details of courses and events.

Seminars

We encourage you to attend the seminar series on offer at LSE and other colleges. Throughout the year the Department of Statistics hosts seminars focusing on statistics, actuarial science and data science with speakers from academia and industry.

The Department also contributes to the Joint Econometrics and Statistics seminars with the Department of Economics, the Joint Risk and Stochastics and Financial Mathematics seminar series with the Department of Mathematics, and to the **London Mathematical Finance seminar series** with several other university partners.

Details of our seminar series are advertised on the Department's website, along with other occasional seminars at **lse.ac.uk/Statistics/Seminars**.

The School's **Data Science Institute** also holds seminars throughout the year.

Advanced Courses

The Department has been closely involved in the development and expansion of the London Graduate School in Mathematical Science and the London Taught Course Centre, highlighting our commitment to widening PhD training by adding our expertise and resources to this collective drive for excellence in the development of doctoral students and teaching in statistics and mathematics.



London Graduate School in Mathematical Finance

The London Graduate School in Mathematical Finance (LGS) is a consortium of researchers from Birkbeck College, Bayes Business School, Imperial College London, King's College London, Queen Mary, University College London and LSE. Its primary purpose is to provide a programme of advanced courses in mathematical finance, primarily for first-year MPhil/PhD students in the various groups. Courses begin in October and take place throughout the academic year.

Information about the courses provided by the LGS are posted on its website:

londonmathfinance.org.uk/

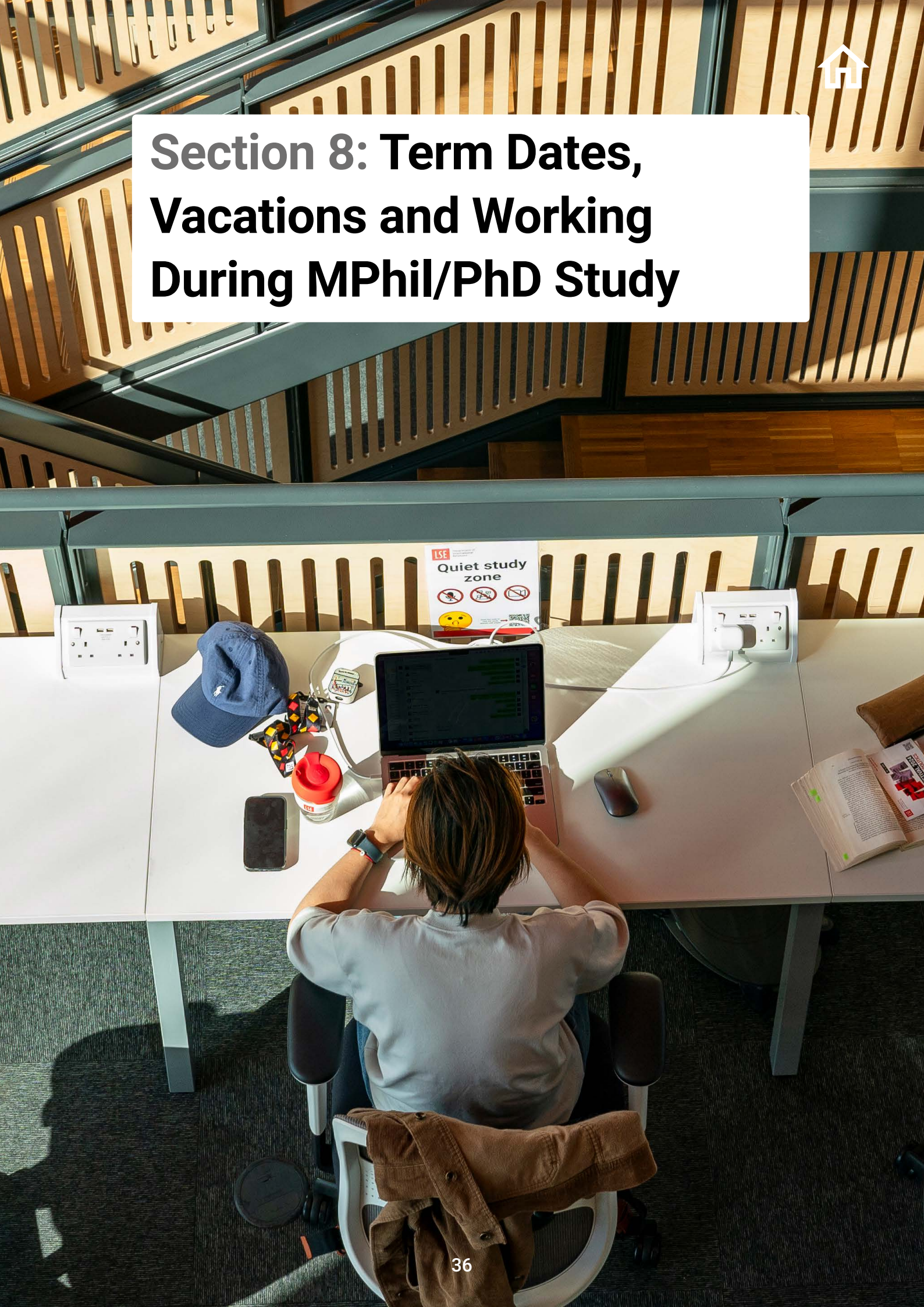
London Taught Course Centre

The London Taught Course Centre (LTCC) for PhD students in the mathematical sciences is run by a consortium of universities in the London region, including the Statistics and Mathematics departments at LSE. Its aim is to ensure that all mathematical sciences research students have a broad mathematical culture covering at least one (and ideally more) of the three areas; pure mathematics, applied mathematics, and statistics, but also to offer students opportunities to acquire a working knowledge of classical results and recent developments in their own broad research fields, but outside the specialised domains of their individual research projects. Website: ltcc.ac.uk/





Section 8: Term Dates, Vacations and Working During MPhil/PhD Study





Term Dates

Find information on [term dates and vacations](#) and find advice on [working while studying](#).

When you register for a research programme, you are expected to reside within the UK in order to attend taught courses and/or supervision meetings at LSE. In exceptional circumstances, the Research Degrees Subcommittee Chair might permit you to reside outside of the UK during the final stages of your research.

For full-time students, you are registered for four years until you submit your thesis for examination. Part-time students are registered for eight years.

Vacations for all registered research students are the Christmas and Easter breaks in each year of registration. You are considered a registered student, continuing your studies during each summer vacation; this is therefore not vacation time. You can request one short vacation (of up to 4 weeks) during each summer vacation in years 1 to 3 (or 1 to 7 if part time). This does not normally apply in the summer of your final year when you are expected to be completing your thesis for submission. Vacations during the summer must be negotiated with your academic department, usually with your supervisor and/or Doctoral Programme Director in good time before you plan to leave.

Agreed vacation periods should be notified to the PhD Academy. If additional vacation periods of this kind are granted to you, this cannot then be used as a reason for needing to extend your maximum period of registration in order to complete your thesis.





Working While Studying

Studying at LSE and completing an MPhil or PhD is intensive and demanding. Therefore, we recommend that all students limit work during term time to a maximum of 20 hours per week, and fewer if possible.

If you are on a Tier 4 or Student Visa which permits working in the UK, you may only work up to 20 hours per week except during vacations (i.e. the winter and spring breaks - this does not include the summer period), when you are permitted to work full-time. The number of hours that you can work is the same regardless of whether you are paid or unpaid. If you have completed your programme, and have a visa that permits you to work, you can work during the short period you are permitted to be in the UK after your programme ends. However, if you withdraw from your programme or interrupt your studies, you are not entitled to work regardless of when your permission in the UK ends. Further guidance on working during your studies as a Tier 4 or Student Visa holder can be sought from the

[**Student Advice and Engagement Team**](#)

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs)

The Department of Statistics employs Graduate Teaching Assistants to teach a number of its undergraduate and postgraduate courses; in particular, ST102 Elementary Statistical Theory and ST107 Quantitative Methods. Full-time MPhil/PhD students should expect to teach from their second year of studies onwards.

Please view our [**MPhil/PhD Teaching Policy**](#) for more details.



Section 9: Conferences, Travel and Funding





The Department encourages students to attend conferences during their PhD programme in relation to their particular research topic.

The Department particularly encourages students to attend the [**Research Students' Conference \(RSC\)**](#) and [**Young Statisticians Meeting \(YSM\)**](#). Students will be notified of these events at relevant times during the course of the academic year.

Postgraduate Travel Fund

LSE operates a [**Postgraduate Travel Fund**](#) to provide travel funding to PhD students who have been invited to present a paper at a conference related to their research degree.

MPhil/PhD Support Fund

We encourage you to apply for departmental funds to cover childcare costs when attending conferences and events related to your research. Please contact the PhD manager for more details.

The Department has modest funds to provide support for doctoral research activities. These funds are limited, therefore students are required to consider the following before applying:

- If you are invited to present a paper at a conference, symposium or academic event, you should first apply for LSE's Postgraduate Travel Fund. If you are granted funding from the Postgraduate Travel Fund, the Department may contribute towards any remaining costs that were not covered by that funding.
- If you are funded by the ESRC, you should draw on the Research Training Support Fund (RTSG) held by the Department in your name for research related expenses.

For further details of this fund see the [**ESRC Postgraduate Funding Guide**](#).



If ineligible for the above, or if your Postgraduate Travel Fund application is unsuccessful, you may apply to the Statistics PhD Support Fund, as long as your request meets one or more of the following criteria:

- A request for a contribution towards the costs of travel, accommodation or conference fees when the student has been invited to present a paper.
- A request for a contribution towards the costs of travel, accommodation or conference fees when the student believes their research will benefit substantially from participation and this is confirmed by their supervisor. **Please note that we will only support a maximum of one such (non-presenting) conference opportunity per student throughout the whole duration of their PhD.**
- A request for a contribution to other essential research-related expenses agreed with the first supervisor (eg, books, software, etc.).

Please note:

- MPhil/PhD students may apply for up to a maximum of £600 in one academic year. The year's funding will expire on 31st July of each year. Part-time students may apply for a maximum of £300 per academic year or £600 over a two-year period.
- Approved funding will be reimbursed after the student submits receipts for expenses incurred.
- For conference-related claims, if you have been invited to give a paper at the conference, you must provide a copy of the invitation.
- For conference-related claims, you must provide documentary evidence to support your proposed expenditure for travel costs, accommodation and the conference registration fee.
- A maximum of £20 per day subsistence (meals) may be claimed for conference attendance.
- Conference travel reimbursements will only cover return travel costs from London.
- Only economy travel will be reimbursed.
- Journeys taken by taxi will not normally be covered unless appropriate justification is provided.
- IT related claims cannot exceed £200.
- For small IT items (such as webcams, headphones, microphones, keyboard, mice, etc.) there is a limit of £45 per item. Please request permission before buying any IT equipment that exceeds this limit.



- We cannot part-pay towards a monitor or any other IT hardware that costs more than £200.
- In the event of the conference being cancelled, or you being unable to travel for any reason, you must advise the PhD manager.
- You will normally hear the outcome of your application within five working days.
- Decisions will be made by the PhD manager or the Doctoral Programme Director/Research Committee Chair and will be final.

To make a claim for funding you may either complete the [**MPhil/PhD Support Fund application form**](#) or provide full details of your request in writing via email, enclosing all relevant receipts and details for the PhD manager. Your supervisor will normally be asked to support your claim for conference or other expenses and you should seek their approval before proceeding with a purchase for which you intend to claim reimbursement.

Other Funding

Student Support and LSE Access Funding

Information on financial assistance is available for registered students who are facing financial difficulty or are incurring unexpected costs from the [**Financial Support Office**](#).

Final year fund

For students who are within a year of submitting their thesis. Information is available from the [**Financial Support Office**](#).

Student Union Funding

The Students' Union has a Hardship Fund set up to help students who are facing financial difficulty or are incurring unexpected costs. They also have a fund for those who need help with Graduation Gown hire fees. For more information visit: [**lsesu.com/support/funding/**](https://lsesu.com/support/funding/)



Students with Children

Please also view the section for Students with Children (on [page 73](#)) for information on other relevant funding options.

Travel and Travel Insurance

If you are travelling (eg, to attend a conference or visit another academic institution) you should give full details to the PhD manager before the start of your trip.

You must also inform the School via the [Notification of Travel form](#), which will give you access to the School's travel insurance policy.

Please familiarise yourselves with the [LSE travel guidelines and the terms of the LSE travel insurance policy](#). Please pay particular attention to information about non-work (leisure) days when travelling.





Section 10: Plagiarism and Academic Misconduct





Outside Help

If you plan to seek outside help with any aspect of the research process you must discuss your plans with your supervisor(s) first before doing this. This also applies if you intend to seek advice from other departments within LSE or from sources outside the School. All help received must be credited appropriately within your work.

Plagiarism Policies

It is essential that you familiarise yourself with and comply with the School's rules on plagiarism, [here](#).

The work you submit for assessment must be your own. Please also refer to the [**School's Statement on Editorial Help for Students' Written Work**](#).

If you attempt to pass off the work of others as your own, whether deliberately or not, you are committing plagiarism. If you are found to have committed an assessment offence (such as plagiarism or exam misconduct) you could be expelled from the School.

Any quotation from the published or unpublished works of other persons, including other candidates, must be clearly identified as such. Quotes must be placed inside quotation marks and a full reference to sources must be provided in proper form. A series of short quotations from several different sources, if not clearly identified as such, constitutes plagiarism just as much as a single unacknowledged long quotation from a single source. All paraphrased material must also be clearly and properly acknowledged.

Any written work you produce (for classes, seminars, examination scripts, dissertations, essays, computer programmes and MPhil/PhD theses) must be solely your own. You must not employ a "ghost writer" to write parts or all of the work, whether in draft or as a final version, on your behalf. Any breach of the Statement will be treated in the same way as plagiarism.



You should also be aware that a piece of work may only be submitted for assessment once (either to LSE or elsewhere). Submitting the same piece of work twice (regardless of which institution you submit it to) will be regarded as an offence of “self-plagiarism” and will also be treated in the same way as plagiarism.

Examiners are vigilant for cases of plagiarism and the School uses plagiarism detection software to identify plagiarised text. Work containing plagiarism may be referred to the **Regulations on Assessment Offences: Plagiarism** which may result in the application of severe penalties.

If you are unsure about the academic referencing conventions used by the School you should seek guidance from your supervisor, the Eden Centre or the Library.





Section 11: If you are unhappy with an aspect of your studies





Challenging Results of Taught Courses

We are confident that our assessment process is robust. Results are processed according to your unique candidate number, not your name. The results that are posted on [LSE for You](#) are definitely your results. For more information on challenging taught course results please see [here](#).

Appealing progression decisions or an examination outcome

You can appeal against upgrade, progression and de-registration decisions made by your department and decisions made by examiners following an MPhil or PhD examination.

For more information on this process, please view the [Appeals Regulations](#) document.

PhD Progress Remediation and Withdrawal Policy

If there are concerns about your progress, it may be necessary for the Department or School to follow the remediation process in order to address concerns and explore solutions. For more information on this policy, please view the [PhD Progress Remediation and Withdrawal Policy](#) document.

Complaint Procedure

If you have a complaint about a service, department or individual you should first speak to the person concerned. If no remedy is found, you should write to their manager. For more information about the School's informal and formal complaint processes please see [here](#).



Section 12: Part of LSE





Feel part of the Department and LSE by engaging with the following opportunities and societies.

Mentor an MSc student

This is a peer-to-peer mentoring programme for MSc and PhD students in the Department of Statistics. The scheme is specifically for MSc students who are interested in or have already decided to pursue PhD studies.

The programme matches MSc student mentees with current PhD student mentors.

As a mentor, you would offer advice on your experience of applying for a PhD and what it is like to be a PhD student. The aim is to provide MSc students with access to the skills, experience, knowledge and networks of PhD students in the department, in order to help them succeed in their studies.

Mentors are not tutors or teachers and you would not be expected to teach course material to students or help them with their studies. You would not be expected to provide advice on the specifics of the research proposal/PhD application, and would therefore not need to be experts in the subject area. Instead, your focus would be on providing support and guidance, helping them to make the most of LSE, and to signpost them to the right resources.

The mentoring relationship is intended to last for one academic year, and training would be provided for the role. MSc students would benefit from the support and guidance of a peer within the Department, who they may feel more comfortable talking to. You would gain experience working with students, develop your skills in communication and leadership, and enhance your CV. All mentors receive a CPD accredited certificate upon completion of the programme.

Previous mentors have found the experience rewarding. Below is a quote from a PhD student who took part in the scheme last year:

“ I have gained so much from my involvement in the mentoring scheme. The experience is hugely rewarding for me as it has made me realise the importance of engaging with new opportunities, as well as providing a sense of fulfilment and personal growth from volunteering. I have learned so much from the mentees, fellow mentors and members of staff in the process. It has also made me reflect on my past experiences which I think is crucial for future performance improvement. ”

For more information, and to become a mentor, please contact the MSc Programme Manager.



Support our BSc/MSc Cumberland Lodge Residential Weekends

The Department runs residential weekends at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, for undergraduate and MSc students. We often ask PhD students to support the activities by organising and running fun team-building exercises, being available to provide students with informal advice and providing general support.

The Department covers accommodation, food and a coach to the venue. There will also be free time for you to explore nearby Windsor. You will be invited to participate by the relevant programme manager in due course.

LSESU Student Societies

Societies are groups of students who share a common interest and provide opportunities for you to meet new people, pick up skills for later life and have fun while doing it.

There are a wide range of societies listed on the [Student Union website](#), but the following subject-related societies are a good starting point:

[The Actuarial Society](#)

[Data Science Society](#)

[Mathematics Society](#)





Section 13: Key Information





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LSE Campus

“ At LSE, you don't just get to study our changing world, you can see it and experience it. With history being made every day, why would you want to be anywhere else? ”



Online Pre-Enrolment and Campus Enrolment

New students will be required to undertake a two-stage process: Online Pre-Enrolment and Campus Enrolment. You will receive email notification when it is time to complete the pre-enrolment process for your programme. Campus enrolment takes place in-person, is where we check your official documents and is the point at which you are issued with your LSE Card. Accordingly, it is very important that you attend Campus Enrolment. For more information, visit info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy/phd-journey/Campus-Enrolment

Usually, you can re-enrol for subsequent years of study online. However, in some situations we may need to see you in person again. For more information, visit lse.ac.uk/enrolment

Your LSE Card

Your LSE card provides access to buildings and acts as your Library card. It is important that you keep it safe and never share it with anybody else. If your LSE card is lost, stolen or damaged visit lse.ac.uk/studentidcards to find out how to get a replacement.

[My Adjustments](#)

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My Adjustments

If you have a disability, long-term medical or mental health condition you are advised to apply for My Adjustments (MA) as soon as possible. The earlier that you let the Disability and Mental Health Service (DMHS) know about your condition the earlier they can work with you to put appropriate support in place. Advisers in DMHS can potentially set up one-to-one learning support, mentoring and help you access assistive technology designed to remove barriers to studying. For more detailed information about My Adjustments, and to apply for My Adjustments, visit lse.ac.uk/myadjustments

Student Status Documentation

During your time at LSE, you may need official documentation to prove that you are studying with us. A Certificate of Registration provides proof to organisations such as council tax offices, embassies, and banks that you are registered as a current student at LSE. You can order a self-service Certificate of Registration by using the online query form at lse360.my.site.com/student-services/s/enquiry-form

This will be delivered immediately to your LSE email address in PDF format. If this is insufficient for your needs, you can request a Customised Confirmation of Student Status document to be produced by the PhD Academy. More information about these documents is available from info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy/phd-journey/Certificates-and-Letters

Changes in your circumstances

Your PhD programme is expected to be a continuous programme of study. However, you can apply for adjustments to your enrolment in a number of circumstances, such as if you become ill or are going to become a parent, or if you need to conduct fieldwork or study away from the School.

An indicative, non-exhaustive list of potential changes to help manage these circumstances includes applications for permission to:

- interrupt your studies, and/or;
- change your study mode (from full- to part-time mode, or from part- to full-time), and/or;
- temporarily reside outside the UK.



The right adjustment will depend on your circumstances, including any visa conditions, and will require permission from your department. For more information on the PhD journey overall, change of circumstances processes and permission to conduct fieldwork, please visit the following pages:

info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy/phd-journey

info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy/Change-of-circumstances-students

info.lse.ac.uk/staff/divisions/Risk-and-Compliance-Unit/Health-and-Safety

Authorisation to undertake fieldwork

If you're going to undertake fieldwork, or any other kind of data-collection, you need to seek permission from the School. You seek permission through the following three steps.

Securing approval from LSE Research Ethics

Ethical approval protects participants, satisfies legal and institutional obligations, and underpins the integrity and credibility of the research. This is also essential as data collected without the proper School approvals can't be used in your research.

[**Find out more.**](#)

Securing approval from LSE Health and Safety (including completion of the Notification of Travel Form)

Health and Safety approval safeguards your welfare, fulfils the School's duty of care, and enables staff to respond quickly if problems arise during your fieldwork. This is also essential because travel undertaken without this breaches School policy, and may invalidate your insurance cover.

Submitting the PhD Academy's Fieldwork Authorisation form

This is necessary to ensure that the School has appropriate records of where you're going to be, and when. This is particularly important for visa-holders, to ensure that the School is able to demonstrate that we are managing your enrolment appropriately, and report your travel to UKVI. If you're a visa-holder, you should always speak the Student Advice and Engagement Team while planning your fieldwork – please don't leave this to the last minute!

Please note: You're required to submit a fieldwork approval form whenever you carry out research away from the LSE campus. This rule applies whether the work is in London, elsewhere in the UK, or overseas. It also applies in your home country, if this is somewhere other than the UK.



You should begin the approval process a minimum of 3 months before departure, and 4–5 months in advance if you think you'll be travelling to a high risk destination. Once you've secured approval from both of these teams, you should attach proof of your approvals to the PhD Academy's Fieldwork Authorisation Form. (Please remember to complete every part of the form in full!) Once you've done this, , secure signatures from your lead supervisor and Head of Department, and submit it by email to phdacademy@lse.ac.uk at least 4 working weeks before departure. You are advised not to book any travel or make any financial commitments until the PhD Academy confirms approval in writing.

Regulations

You should familiarise yourself with the LSE regulations, policies and procedures that cover many aspects of student life. Some of the regulations explain the organisation and conduct of your academic study. These include information about the structure of your programme, assessment requirements, how your final degree is calculated and what to do if you face exceptional circumstances.

For information on appeals regulations, general academic regulations, assessment offences including plagiarism, the regulations for research degrees, the research ethics policy and procedure, visit lse.ac.uk/calendar

For a detailed set of guidance and policy documents governing the PhD journey, please visit the following pages:

info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy/phd-journey

info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy/a-z-guidance

You can also find a full A-Z listing of LSE's policies and procedures online at lse.ac.uk/policies





PhD Academy

The PhD Academy is located in the Lionel Robbins building and can be contacted via the online Enquiry Desk at lse360.my.site.com/student-services/s/enquiry-form

The PhD Academy is responsible for organising research and career development training to complement what is offered at departmental level. It is a hub for students from different disciplinary backgrounds to meet and interact, both socially and academically.

The PhD Academy is also responsible for managing degree registration and advising students and Academic Departments on rules, regulations, and other issues that students face during their programme of study. It also provides support and advice to Research Council (ESRC and AHRC) funded students.

The PhD Academy works closely with other services relevant to research students, and therefore acts as an information hub, for example on financial support, visa regulations, careers advice, etc.

PhD Academy Advice Team

The PhD Academy has a dedicated advice team that can provide advice on academic matters (particularly around progression, interruption, withdrawal, regulations, and exams). If you are not sure who to contact about a query please contact the advice team via lse360.my.site.com/student-services/s/enquiry-form

Further information on accessing their services can be found on their website at info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy

PhD Academy Director

The PhD Academy Director, Professor Bingchun Meng, is available for informal discussions about your student experience and your research and training needs. Feel free to contact her at b.meng@lse.ac.uk

Student Advice and Engagement Team

The Student Advice and Engagement Team provide detailed immigration advice for international and EU/EEA students on their website which is updated whenever the immigration rules change. The best way to contact The Student Advice and Engagement Team is to use the query form at info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/student-services/Student-Advice-and-Engagement to attend one of their drop-in sessions.



Student representation

Student-Staff Liaison Committees and Student Consultative Fora

Student-Staff Liaison Committees (SSLCs) are one of the most important bodies in the School. Their purpose is to create a forum for students to discuss their experiences, both in and outside of the classroom, with LSE staff. SSLCs are a shared, collaborative endeavour between Departments, the Students' Union, central School Services, and, most importantly, students themselves.

SSLCs are your chance to engage with LSE and enact change for the benefit of yourself, your cohort, and even future cohorts. Volunteer to represent your peers and take a leading role in the student body.

At the start of the year, you will be asked by your department if you would like to represent your programme on the SSLC as a Student Academic Representative.

More information, including access to minutes from SSLCs across the School, and other ways you can use your voice, can be found online at info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/part-of-lse/student-voice





Research Degree Students' Consultative Forum (RDSCF)

The Forum considers research students' opinions on matters affecting their research at the school, for example by considering issues arising from the reports of departmental student-staff liaison committees. Students in each department select a representative to sit on the forum.

For more information, visit lsesu.com/voice/academic-reps/consultative-forum/

Student Education Panel

The Student Education Panel aims to engage students of all backgrounds in the development of education at LSE. The panel consists of 20-50 panellists meeting two to three times per year to discuss a specific education-related topic, question or proposal. They contribute to these discussions by reflecting on their personal experiences and perspectives, not as a representative of their peers. Applications to become a panellist will open in Autumn term 2026 and you can find out more at lse.ac.uk/studenteducationpanel





Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance Strategy

LSE's approach to assuring the quality of our teaching is set out in the Strategy for Managing Academic Standards and Quality which can be found online in the "quality assurance (internal)" section of the website at lse.ac.uk/tqaro. As an awarding body LSE must be in a position to assure the standards of its degrees. At the same time, we believe that the design of quality assurance should respect different departmental cultures and academic histories. The strategy sets out broad principles and processes for assuring academic standards and for enhancing the quality of educational provision. The overall framework includes devolved quality assurance arrangements for academic departments, with responsibility for the oversight and modification of existing provision resting with Departmental Teaching Committees. The Teaching Quality Assurance and Review Office (TQARO) supports the activities of the Education Committee and several of its sub-committees, with further details available in the "Committees" section of the website at lse.ac.uk/tqaro. Queries relating to devolved quality assurance responsibilities, the work of Education Committee or the process for the consideration of proposals for new courses and programmes of study should be sent to ard.capis@lse.ac.uk

Student Teaching Surveys

In both Autumn term and Winter term TQARO conducts course-level surveys to assess students' opinions of teaching.

Course survey scores are made available to teachers, Heads of Departments, the Director of the Eden Centre, the Pro-Director (Education) and the Pro-Director (Faculty Development). In addition to producing reports for individual teachers TQARO produces aggregated quantitative data for departments and School-wide bodies. The results can be found online in the "Surveys" section of the website at lse.ac.uk/tqaro

TQARO also conducts annual programme-level surveys of undergraduate and taught master's programmes and supports LSE's participation in the National Student Survey in coordination with the Communications Division and academic departments. Queries relating to the delivery of teaching surveys at course- or programme-level should be sent to tqarosurveys@lse.ac.uk



LSE Services to Support You With Your Studies and in Your Career

LSE LIFE – your personal guide to LSE

We help you make sense of everything the School offers and find the skills, opportunities, and experiences that feel right for you

Welcome can be a whirlwind – with so many people to meet, places to find, and information to take in (just look at everything on this website!). It's exciting, but also completely normal to wonder: how can I make the most of LSE? How will I stay on top of my studies? How will I feel at home in London?

That's where **LSE LIFE** comes in. Think of us as your personal guide to LSE – helping you find the skills, experiences, and opportunities that feel right for you during your time with us. We're here for you throughout the year – both online and on the Ground Floor of the Library.

- The **LSE LIFE events and opportunities listings** are regularly updated listings, bringing together all the extracurricular happenings across LSE in one place. You can filter by provider and theme, or just browse and see what strikes your interest!
- **LIFE Conversations** are one-to-one appointments providing personalised guidance about student life, settling into London, or making the most of what's on offer. LSE LIFE advisers can help clarify your goals, make a plan for your next steps, and help you find the teams and programmes that best fit your interests.
- The **LSE LIFE space** is a bright, open space located right on the ground floor of the Library. Perfect to study by yourself or with friends, attend a workshop or event, or drop by at the reception with any questions you might have.

Ready to get started?

Take our **Me+LSE quiz** to discover your campus creature – a quick way to get personalised recommendations for how you can make more of LSE based on your interests and goals.

Contact us at lselife@lse.ac.uk or drop by our space on the ground floor of the Library (Opening hours: 9.30am – 5.30pm, Monday – Friday).



Learning Lab – support at every stage of your academic journey

We help you discover and develop your academic skills and support you throughout your studies.

Starting at LSE is exciting, but it's normal to have questions and doubts about studying, too! What does a university-level essay look like? What's expected in seminars and discussions? And of course, how are you meant to manage your time when everything feels urgent?

You're not meant to know all those things when you get here, and you're not meant to figure everything out on your own. **Learning Lab** is here for you at every stage of your learning journey – from finding your footing to thinking more critically, writing more convincingly and getting more from your reading. Think of us as your academic gym: regular visits will build your confidence and skills over time – you don't need to wait until you're stuck!

- **Practical workshops** cover the skills you'll need to succeed at LSE – from essay writing and time-management strategies to techniques to read more effectively. Most are available both online and on campus.
- **Personalised one-to-one advice** from our experienced Study Advisers is available throughout the year. They can work with you on essay structure, argument development, research techniques, exam preparation, or any other academic challenge you're facing. Bring your essay plans, assignment briefs, or just your questions – we'll meet you wherever you are in your academic journey.
- **Online resources and activities** on our Moodle page offer guides, templates, and interactive materials you can work through anytime, anywhere at your own pace.

Ready to get started?

Come to one of our introductory **workshops** during the first weeks of Autumn Term.

Contact us at **learninglab@lse.ac.uk**



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LSE Library

LSE Library is the major international library of the social sciences. The collections, both print and online, cover the discipline in the widest sense, and will support your studies and research.

The two main print book collections are:

- The course collection, located on the first floor, which holds multiple copies of essential books for your courses. Many of these titles are available online
- The main collection is located across three floors, holding wider items for social sciences research.

You can use Library Search to find books and other materials for your studies via lse.ac.uk/library. Once you have found what you need, write down its location to help you find it in the Library. To borrow books, use your LSE card and the self-service machines on the ground floor. Research students can borrow up to 50 books at any one time. You can renew your books online by logging into your Library account at lse.ac.uk/library. If you do not return books on time, you will be unable to borrow any more until your overdue item is returned or renewed. We do not charge fines on late returns.

Each department has a dedicated professional Librarian, a subject expert offering email support and in-person and online appointments to help you locate and access information resources on any topic. This support ranges from identifying key resources to support your studies to high-level systematic literature searching for researchers. They also provide expert help in managing references.

The Library is a focal point of the School and we are open seven days a week during term time and vacation and 24 hours daily from the beginning of the Winter term until the end of the examination period. There are over 2,300 study spaces, including group study rooms, and extensive IT facilities, including over 500 PCs, laptop points, a laptop loan service, wireless Internet access via eduroam, and photocopying and printing facilities.





Centre for Language Studies

Whether you are an international student looking for support with your English, interested in taking a Centre for Language Studies course as part of your undergraduate degree, or want to learn or improve a language, the Centre for Language Studies can help.

If English is not your first language, there are plenty of ways you can improve and practise using the English language for your academic work. English for Academic Writing courses are available for any postgraduate student who does not have English as a first language and would like a weekly English language class to help with academic writing for coursework. You can find out more information on what is on offer and how to sign up at info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/lse-life/events/english-language-skills

You may be eligible to take a language, literature, or linguistics course as part of your degree. As an LSE student you can also sign up for a non-degree language course at a discounted rate. As part of the LSE Language Policy, if you are a UK-EU graduate and you do not have a GCSE Grade 4 (or equivalent) in a language that is not your mother tongue, you are eligible to take a course for free!

For more information visit lse.ac.uk/languages

LSE Careers

LSE Careers is here to help guide, support, and work with you throughout your time at LSE. We provide a range of careers services including events, one-to-one appointments and access to resources, tools, and careers information. We also offer bespoke services for disabled students and PhD students.

There is lots of information and support at lse.ac.uk/careers including:

- Information about the services offered by LSE Careers and how to access them
- Support with your career planning, no matter where you are in your career thinking
- Information and insight on a range of careers topics, from applications to employment sectors to further study
- Details of what graduates have gone on to do.



- LSE MyCareers, our online careers portal, allows you to:
 - View personalised activities based on where you are in your career journey
 - Discover jobs and opportunities
 - Book one-to-one discussions to talk about your career options and receive feedback on your applications
 - Explore upcoming events including employer and alumni insights, professional development skills sessions and recruitment events
 - Record your experiences.

You can access MyCareer at careers.lse.ac.uk

Keep up-to-date with events and advice by following [@LSECareers](https://twitter.com/LSECareers) on social media.

LSE Volunteer Centre

Volunteering is a great way to help develop new skills and meet new people while making a difference. The LSE Volunteer Centre is here to inspire and empower you to volunteer for causes that you are passionate about during your time at LSE.

We work with multiple organisations to provide you with short term and long-term volunteering opportunities across London, the UK and internationally. We also know that students are busy, so we run a comprehensive one-off volunteering programme to make sure you can fit it in. You can find out more, as well as the advice and support we can offer, at lse.ac.uk/VolunteerCentre or by following [@LSEVolunteering](https://twitter.com/LSEVolunteering).



[Read our blog](#)

LSE Generate

LSE Generate is the home of entrepreneurship at LSE.

We aim to support and scale socially driven student and alumni ventures, here in the UK and across the globe. We welcome all students and alumni, from those eager to develop and learn entrepreneurial skills to LSE entrepreneurs who have already launched their ventures and need support and advice from the team. Join us for our events, enter the Generate funding competition, pop by and meet us in our co-working space and access all our start-up resources for free. Discover more on our website lse.ac.uk/generate or keep up to date with Generate news through our social media [@LSEGenerate](https://twitter.com/LSEGenerate).



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

Promote equity, champion diversity, and help develop an inclusive LSE

One of our guiding principles in LSE's 2030 Strategy is to sustain excellence through an inclusive and diverse community. We work to build a School – and a society – in which everyone is able to fulfil their potential, and everyone's contribution is valued.

Through events celebrating Black History Month, LGBT+ History Month, Disability History Month and International Women's Day, we have consistently demonstrated our commitment to an inclusive LSE.

LSE has a number of important initiatives that are designed to lead to equity, diversity and inclusion for us all:

- **Ethics Code:** The LSE community is expected to act to the highest standards of ethical integrity, in accordance with the ethical principles set out in our Ethics Code. Visit lse.ac.uk/ethics to read about the School's commitment to equality of respect and opportunity.
- **Report it, Stop it:** If you have experienced, or witnessed, any form of bullying, harassment (including that based on protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010), hate crime or sexual violence, we encourage you to report this to LSE.
 - **Online Form:** Incidents can be reported via the online Report it Stop it form. This report can be completely anonymous, if you prefer. If you do leave your contact details, LSE can take action with your permission to find a resolution to your case. Find out more at info.lse.ac.uk/report-it/Report-an-incident
 - **Safe Contacts:** Reports can also be made to LSE Safe Contacts, who are trained members of LSE staff offering confidential support and guidance to individuals who have experienced, or are experiencing, any form of bullying, harassment, hate crime or sexual violence. Visit info.lse.ac.uk/report-it/Safe-Contacts for more information.
 - **Consent.ed:** LSE's educational programme focused on consent, fostering respectful and inclusive behaviour on campus. All students are expected to participate, though opting out is respected for personal reasons. Learn more on info.lse.ac.uk/report-it/Consent.Ed



- **Rape Crisis:** Rape Crisis Centres provide frontline specialist, independent and confidential services for women and girls of all ages who've been subjected to any form of sexual violence, at any time in their lives. LSE has partnered with Rape Crisis so that any student or staff member can book appointments with a designated Sexual Violence Support Worker anytime. Find out more: info.lse.ac.uk/report-it/Sexual-violence-support-worker
- **Survivors UK:** LSE has recently partnered with Survivors UK to provide independent sexual violence advisor services to any man, boy, transgender or non- binary person in the LSE community. Any staff or student can book a confidential appointment. Learn more here: info.lse.ac.uk/report-it/Sexual-violence-support-worker-Survivors-UK
- **AccessAble:** Accessibility guides of all LSE campus buildings, ensuring inclusivity for everyone. Visit accessible.co.uk/london-school-of-economics/
- **LGBTQ+ Role Models and Allies Directory:** provides a list of staff who are LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer) Role Models and Allies. Visit lse.ac.uk/LGBTplus
- **Our Race Equity Framework** has been developed for improving the representation and attainment of Black, Asian and minority ethnic students¹ at the postgraduate taught and post-graduate research levels, and improving the representation and progression of Black, Asian and minority ethnic staff in academic and PSS (professional services staff) roles. [Visit our website to learn more.](#)
- **Our Athena SWAN action plan** has been developed for the advancement of gender equality at LSE. The plan includes actions to embed EDI in departmental culture, to support women in applying for research grants, to support trans staff and students and increase the proportion of female students undertaking postgraduate research programmes. [Visit our website to learn more.](#)
- **LSE Students' Union:** You can view all student representatives, including Women's, LGBTQ+, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic, and Neurodiversity and Disability Officers on their website lesu.com/voice/student-reps/

For further information about these initiatives and the support available – plus our partnerships, training and workshops, and inclusive EDI policies – please contact the EDI Team on edi@lse.ac.uk or visit our website – info.lse.ac.uk/staff/divisions/equity-diversity-and-inclusion/Home

¹ Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) and Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) are umbrella terms that are sometimes used in the UK to refer to all non-white people. However, we recognise that these terms are imperfect, in that they mask differences in lived experience and outcomes for many different ethnic groups. Improving our community's understanding of these differences will be part of our work on race equity at LSE.



Your Wellbeing and Health

Student Wellbeing Service (SWS)

SWS brings together two key student facing services: the Disability and Mental Health Service (DMHS) and the Student Counselling Service (SCS). SWS also facilitates the Peer Supporter Scheme. SWS aims to provide you with a single integrated source of help and assistance.

SCS provides a professional, free, and confidential service to help you with any problems that you may be experiencing. You can speak to them about academic stresses, as well as personal and emotional difficulties. Visit lse.ac.uk/counselling to book an individual appointment, read about drop-in appointments or find out about groups and workshops.

DMHS are the first point of contact for students with disabilities, long term medical and mental health conditions, and Specific Learning Difficulties such as dyslexia. DMHS can help you to create My Adjustments which is a way of putting in place agreed “reasonable adjustments” to support your studies. Visit lse.ac.uk/disability to find out more.

Peer Supporters give you the opportunity to talk to fellow students about anything that is worrying you. Peer Supporters are trained to offer confidential emotional support, help and reassurance. You can find out more about the scheme and arrange a chat with a Peer Supporter at lse.ac.uk/peersupport





Health Care in the UK

You are likely to need to access medical care while you are at LSE, even if this is just for routine appointments. In the UK most health care is provided through the National Health Service (NHS).

You are typically eligible for free treatment on the NHS if you fall into one of the following categories:

- You are a UK resident
- You have a Tier 4 student visa and have paid the immigration health surcharge
- You have applied for the EU Settlement Scheme and hold either Pre-settled or Settled status.

This list is not exhaustive and was correct at the time of print. The UK Council for International Student Affairs maintains an up-to-date listing on their website available at ukcisa.org.uk

If you are unfamiliar with the NHS search for “NHS Services explained” to find out more. You are usually required to register with a local General Practitioner’s (GP) surgery before you can book an appointment. You should register as soon as possible and not wait until you are unwell. The nearest GP surgery is St Philips Medical Centre who are based on the second floor of Pethick-Lawrence House. This surgery will register most LSE students. For more information about the services offered and how to register please visit stphilipsmedicalcentre.nhs.uk or call 020 7611 5131.

Alternatively, you can find your nearest GP by using the GP finder function on the NHS website available at nhs.uk

As well as dispensing medicines, pharmacies can also offer advice on common health problems. You do not need to make an appointment, just visit a pharmacy, and ask to speak to the duty pharmacists. In an emergency you should dial 999 to call an ambulance. You can also visit your nearest accident and emergency (A&E) department at your local hospital or visit an Urgent Care Centre.

There is a lot more information about Health Care, including details about dentists and opticians, available at lse.ac.uk/studenthealth



LSE Faith Centre

The Faith Centre is open to students of all faiths and none. It's home to LSE's diverse religious activities, transformational interfaith leadership programmes, and provides spaces for worship, prayer, and quiet reflection.

Finding your feet

It can be challenging arriving in a new city for a new start. We want to help you settle into London and find a community that suits you – and there are lots of options!

We provide spaces for LSESU Faith Societies to meet, worship, and plan their activities. Details of contact information for faith groups and other helpful information can be found in our [resources](#).

Wellbeing

Looking to recharge and reconnect? Explore our wellbeing activities on offer: from guided meditation to yoga – as well as dedicated [spaces](#) for prayer and reflection – there's something for everyone. Find out more on our ["wellbeing" page](#).

Facilities

The Faith Centre comprises Islamic Prayer Rooms, a space for silent prayer/meditation (The Cave), and a multifaith space (The Desert Room) which is bookable for LSESU Faith Societies or faith/wellbeing-based staff groups. Find out more [here](#) or email faithcentre@lse.ac.uk for booking enquiries.





Support

You can contact the Faith Centre Director and Chaplain to LSE, Revd Dr James Walters, on j.walters2@lse.ac.uk for confidential support regardless of your background or beliefs.

We also have Muslim, Catholic, Jewish, and Orthodox Associate Chaplains, whose contact details can be found on the Faith Centre's ["People" page](#).

Beecken Faith and Leadership Programme

Religion has the power to challenge, connect, and transform. Our flagship faith and leadership programme invites all LSE students to engage deeply with difference, ask big questions, and build bridges across beliefs. These free, extracurricular sessions are where leadership meets reflection. Learn more about the module [here](#).

LSE Religion and Global Society

The Faith Centre is also home to the Religion and Global Society research unit; an interdisciplinary unit conducting, coordinating, and promoting religion-related social science research at LSE.

LSE Religion and Global Society Blog

The [LSE Religion and Global Society blog](#) is an interdisciplinary platform that explores the place and role of religion in our globalised world. The blog is a platform for experienced and early career academics, PhD and Master's research students, and other expert commentators to share their insights on this complex, wide-reaching topic. We welcome contributions from all researchers working on religion and global society.

If you are interested in contributing to the blog, have a look at [our guidelines](#) or get in touch with us at faithcentre.rgs@lse.ac.uk

Religion Scholars Network

This is a network for current LSE PhD candidates and post-doctoral researchers across departments whose work relates to the social scientific study of religion. We offer an invaluable opportunity to collaborate with peers across disciplines through informal events held throughout the year. For more information contact us at faithcentre.rgs@lse.ac.uk

Keep up to date with the Faith Centre: [X](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [TikTok](#)

Visit us: 2nd Floor, SAW Building, 1 Sheffield Street, WC2A 2AP



Support for Students with Children

During and Beyond Pregnancy

It is important that you let the School know that you are pregnant as soon as you can. We advise you to speak to your Supervisor so that we can ensure that any necessary adjustments or provisions are made for you, as much as possible.

Please visit info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/what-if/expecting-a-baby for more information on how the School can support you during your pregnancy and beyond.

If you have queries on parental leave for research degree students, please contact James Ringer, Head of Scholarships and Financial Support (j.ringer@lse.ac.uk).

For an overview of the School's Medical and Childcare Provision, please visit info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/estates-division/facilities-guide/medical-and-childcare-provision

Breast Feeding

LSE provides rest and breastfeeding facilities for staff and students in the New and Expectant Mothers' Room, which is on the first floor of Fawcett House (FAW). The room has a lockable door and contains a comfortable chair with footstool, a fridge, a microwave, and lockers.

Study Options

There will be a number of options available to you in relation to your studies. The advice that you are given will largely depend on your individual circumstances and the timing of the academic year in relation to your pregnancy and due date. Please speak to your department or the PhD Academy for advice on the best options for you.

Options may include:

- Flexibility around supervision arrangements
- Interruption of studies
- Changing from full time to part time study.



Financial Support

Childcare Costs

Financial support is available for you as a student parent if you are having difficulty in paying nursery fees.

For more information, visit info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/financial-support/student-support-lse-access

ESRC Students

ESRC has its own family leave policy. You will be able to find information about this on the [LSE ESRC DTP Moodle site](#).

Nursery Partnerships

We're partnering with three local nurseries to support LSE families wanting to access discounted childcare close to campus.

Staff and students have been able to take advantage of these spaces since September 2021.

When choosing the nurseries to partner with, a number of considerations were taken into account, including their Ofsted rating, location, availability of spaces, outside space, operating hours, fresh food provision, emergency care support and more. In addition, there will be an LSE representative on the management committees of all three nurseries, ensuring that the decisions made provide the best possible outcomes for our community.

For the latest information on this scheme, visit info.lse.ac.uk/staff/services/nursery/Nursery-partnerships



Exams and Assessments

Candidate Numbers

Your candidate number is a unique five-digit number that ensures that your work is marked anonymously. It is different to your student number and will change every year. Candidate numbers can be accessed in early Autumn term using LSE for You. Further information about LSE for You can be found in the Systems and Online Resources section.

[Systems and Online Resources section](#)

Exam Timetables

Course by course exam timetables will be available online at [**lse.ac.uk/exams**](https://lse.ac.uk/exams). For January exams the timetable is usually available towards the end of Autumn term, for summer exams it is usually available in Winter term and for students taking in-year resit and deferral exams, it is usually available in late July. Closer to each exam season, you will also be given access to a personal exam timetable with your room and seat numbers in LSE for You.

[Central Exam Adjustments](#)

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[Extension Policy](#)

[Exceptional Circumstances](#)

[Fit to Sit Policy](#)

Exam Procedures

Anybody taking exams at LSE must read the Exam Procedures for Candidates. It contains all the information that you need to know and is updated each year. The document is less than ten pages and covers topics ranging from candidate numbers to permitted materials to what to do if things go wrong. You can download your copy at [**lse.ac.uk/exams**](https://lse.ac.uk/exams)



You may only use a calculator in an exam if this is permitted by the relevant academic department. If you are permitted a calculator, it must be one of the approved models. For more information on the types of calculators allowed, please visit lse.ac.uk/exams. If you bring an alternative model, it will be removed by invigilators and no replacement will be given. The permitted calculators are readily available in many supermarkets, online retailers and in the LSE Shop.

Central Exam Adjustments

Central Exam Adjustments (CEAs) can be made if you have a documented medical, physical, or mental health condition and/or a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or dyspraxia. The purpose of CEAs is to provide an environment that gives all students an equal opportunity in exams. These adjustments are confidential and will not be listed on your degree certificate or transcript. In most cases you should apply for CEAs as part of getting your My Adjustments in place. However, there is a different process for applying for CEAs for short-term, unexpected, conditions. For more information visit lse.ac.uk/CEA

Deferral

If you have difficulties in the lead up to, or during, the assessment or exam then you can seek to defer the assessment or exam. For more information visit lse.ac.uk/deferral





Extension policy

If you have difficulties in the lead up to an assessment deadline but think you may be able to successfully submit if you had extra time, you can seek an extension request. You must make this request before the deadline has taken place and you will need permission from the Chair of your Sub-Board of Examiners to do this. For more information visit lse.ac.uk/extensionpolicy

Exceptional Circumstances

You should submit an Exceptional Circumstances Form and corroborating evidence to the Student Services Centre if there are any circumstances which may have affected your performance. These could include (but are not limited to):

- missing an assessment which you did not defer, or submitting an assessment late and incurring penalties
- experiencing difficulties which could have affected your academic performance in an exam or coursework
- adjustments such as CEAs, My Adjustments or deadline extensions being insufficient to compensate for the impact of your circumstances
- a late diagnosis of a condition meaning that you could not apply for adjustments until after you had completed some or all assessments.

Submitting an EC Form is the only way for you to alert the Sub-Board of Examiners to the circumstances which may have affected your performance. For more information visit lse.ac.uk/exceptionalcircumstances

Fit to Sit Policy

By attempting any type of assessment, including but not limited to sitting exams, submitting coursework, class participation, presentations, or dissertations, you are declaring yourself fit to sit. If you have experienced disruption to your studies (including but not limited to illness, injury, or personal difficulties) you must think carefully about whether you should attempt the assessment or whether you should consider requesting an extension or deferring the assessment. Requests for an extension or deferral must be made in advance of the assessment deadline.



Assessment Misconduct and Plagiarism

If you are found to have committed an assessment offence, such as plagiarism or exam misconduct, you could be expelled from the School.

The work you submit for assessment must be your own and all source material must be correctly referenced. Plagiarism is not only submitting work with the intention to cheat. Plagiarism could occur simply as a result of failing to correctly reference the sources you have used.

Any quotation from the published or unpublished works of other persons, including other candidates or your own previous work, must be clearly identified as such.

Quotes must be placed inside quotation marks and a full reference to sources must be provided in proper form. A series of short quotations for several different sources, if not clearly identified as such, constitutes plagiarism just as much as a single unacknowledged long quotation from a single source. All paraphrased material must also be clearly and properly acknowledged.

Any written work you produce (for classes, seminars, exams, dissertations, essays, and computer programmes) must solely be your own. You must not employ a “ghost writer” to write parts or all the work, whether in draft or as a final version, on your behalf.

For further information and the School’s statement on Editorial Help visit lse.ac.uk/calendar. Any breach of the Statement will be treated in the same way as plagiarism.

You should also be aware that a piece of work may only be submitted for assessment once (either to LSE or elsewhere). Submitting the same piece of work twice (regardless of which institution you submit it to) will be regarded as the offence of “self-plagiarism” and will also be treated in the same way as plagiarism.

Examiners are vigilant for cases of plagiarism and the School uses plagiarism detection software to identify plagiarised text. Work containing (or that contains) plagiarism may be referred to the Regulations on Assessment Offences: Plagiarism, which may result in the application of severe penalties.

If you are unsure about the academic referencing conventions used by the School you should seek guidance from your department, Academic Mentor, LSE LIFE or the Library as soon as possible.

The Regulations on Assessment Offences: Plagiarism can be found at lse.ac.uk/calendar



Examinations and Beyond

When your thesis is nearly ready for submission, your department will nominate Examiners, who will be appointed by the Research Degrees Sub-Committee. These nominations should normally be submitted at least eight weeks before the date on which you submit your thesis. This is important, as your examiners will normally require at least four weeks to read a thesis once it has reached them. Your viva will therefore usually take place between four and twelve weeks from the point at which you submit.

Submission of Thesis

When preparing your thesis for submission, you should refer to and comply with the Guidelines for MPhil and PhD examinations, which you can find by visiting info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy/a-z-guidance

If you need any further information or advice regarding the presentation of your work, you should speak to your supervisors.

Where to Send Your Thesis

Please submit your thesis electronically to the PhD Academy.

Please refer to the guidance on formatting your thesis, available from info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy/a-z-guidance

Graduation Ceremonies

For more information, including the dates of future ceremonies and details of the School's overseas ceremonies, please see info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/graduating-from-lse

Degree Certificates

You should contact the PhD Academy to make arrangements to receive your certificate. A confirmation of your award can also be requested from the PhD Academy for the purposes of job hunting whilst your degree certificate is being produced.

For more information, please see info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/graduating-from-lse/degree-certificates



Appeal rights

Under the Appeals Regulations for Research Students, you are entitled to appeal decisions made by your department. You can do this if you think something went wrong in an assessment process that affected the decision, during annual progress reviews or upgrade assessments processes, or decisions made by your examiners after your final thesis submission. A summary of appeal-able decisions can be found below.

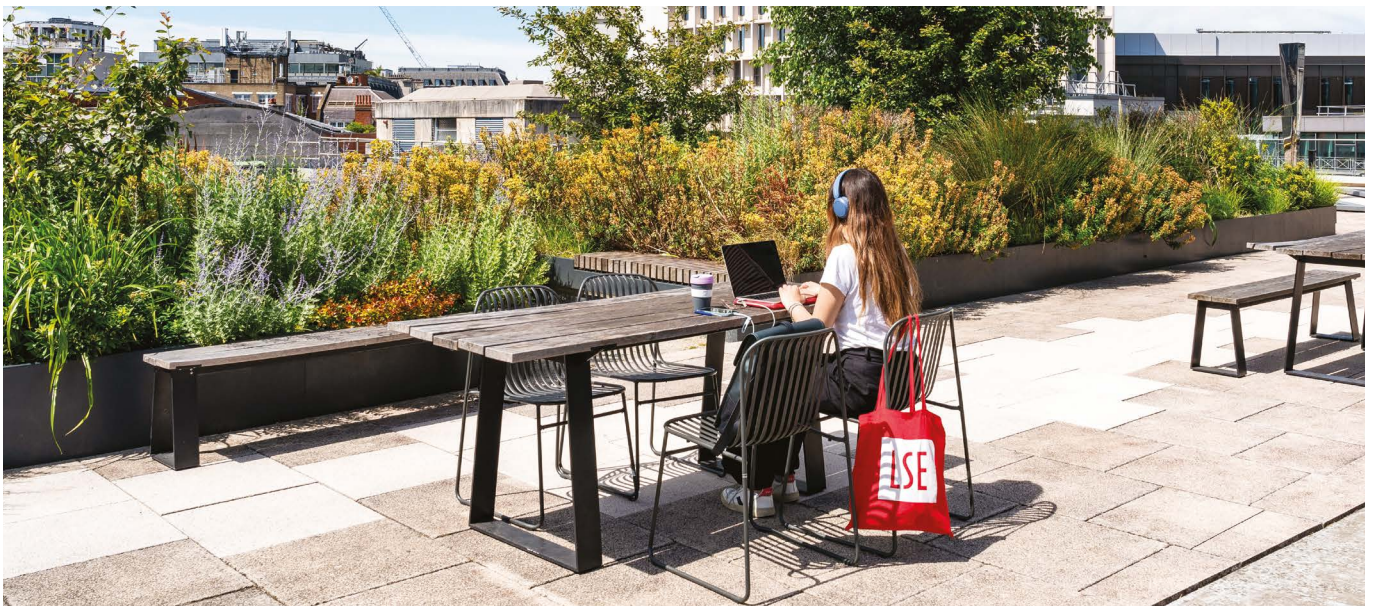
Progress review decisions that mean your enrolment is subject to conditions, or that you're only allowed to remain enrolled for an MPhil degree, or that you will be de-registered.

Failure to pass the upgrade assessment, whether at your first or your second attempt.

Examiners' decisions to require you to make amendments to your thesis, whether minor or major, or to require you to be re-examined, or to award you an MPhil degree, or not to award you any degree.

It's important to note that you can't appeal just because you disagree with your assessors'/examiners' academic judgement. Your appeal needs to be based on a problem with the process – for example, if the correct procedures weren't followed, or if there's evidence of bias affecting the decision, or if you had serious personal circumstances that you couldn't disclose at the time but which affected your performance.

Full guidance, including the appeal form and deadlines, is available on the PhD Academy website. You can also seek advice on the appeals process from the PhD Academy by emailing phdacademy@lse.ac.uk





Fees and Finance

Fees

All administration around your fees is handled by the Fees, Income and Credit Control Team.

LSE offers two options for payment of your tuition fees. You can either pay them in full prior to registration or by payment plan. If you have not paid your fees in full before you register, you will be placed on a termly payment plan. For payment plan options relating to Executive programmes please see Instalment options [Executive Programmes](#).

For tuition fee levels please visit lse.ac.uk/tableoffees

To pay online or to find out about the different payment methods available, visit lse.ac.uk/feepayments

Once you are registered you can access your financial details at any time to view your tuition and accommodation fees, invoices, payments, and instalment arrangements by accessing the Finance Hub. Please visit our webpage to get full details lse.ac.uk/ficc

Unfortunately, it is not possible for you to pay in person.

The Fees, Income and Credit Control Office also run drop-in sessions for students who wish to discuss fees and payment related enquiries. For further information, please visit lse.ac.uk/ficc

For full details regarding tuition fees, charging policy, payment, and instalment options, visit lse.ac.uk/feespolicy



Financial Support Office (FSO)

FSO are responsible for the administration and awarding of scholarships, bursaries, studentships, and School prizes.

FSO can also provide information about hardship funds for current students such as the Student Support fund and the LSE Access fund. You can find out more about FSO and download application forms at lse.ac.uk/financialsupport

FSO hold drop-in sessions in the Student Services Centre, drop-in sessions are currently conducted via Zoom, more information can be found at lse.ac.uk/find-support/finances/funds-and-financial-support

FSO are contactable by phone on 020 7955 6609 or by email at financial-support@lse.ac.uk





Codes and Charters

LSE Academic Code

LSE's Academic Code sets out what we are doing to deliver a consistent student experience across our School and clarifies what you can expect from an LSE education.

The Academic Code brings together key principles that underpin students' education into a School-wide policy. Developed in partnership with LSE Students' Union, it sets the baseline to build on teaching standards, academic support, and assessment and feedback – areas that students have told us matter the most to them.

The Academic Code should be read in conjunction with the [**LSE-LSESU Student Charter**](#).

- 1** All full-time undergraduate and taught postgraduate students taking a taught course will receive a minimum of two hours taught contact time per week when the course is running in the Autumn and/or Winter terms, or a minimum of four hours taught contact time per week for a full unit taught course running entirely in Autumn or in Winter term.
- 2** Students will have the opportunity to receive feedback on formative and summative work, as set out below. Feedback on assessment due in Spring term is not required for non-continuing students except for dissertations or capstone projects. There may be exceptional circumstances where the below time frames are not possible and, if this is the case, the reasons for extending the time period will be clearly explained to students as early as possible.
 - 2.1** All assessment submission deadlines and feedback time frames will be clearly communicated to students at the start of each course, including on the course Moodle page.
 - 2.2** Feedback on formative tasks will normally be returned to students within three term weeks of the submission deadline, where students submit their work on time.
 - 2.3** Feedback on summative assessment (excluding exams, dissertations, or capstone projects) will normally be provided within five term weeks of the submission deadline, where students submit their work on time.
 - 2.4** Feedback on January exams will normally be provided within six term weeks of the end of the exam period.
 - 2.5** Feedback on Spring exams will normally be provided within four term weeks of the following Autumn term.



- 2.6** Feedback on dissertations and capstone projects will normally be provided within four term weeks of the final mark being made available to students.
- 2.7** For any summative assessment which is failed, students will have the opportunity to receive feedback in time to prepare for the resit or resubmission. For summative assessment failed in Spring term, feedback may take the form of general guidance on how to have approached that assessment.
- 3** All students will have an Academic Mentor to advise on academic matters. Academic Mentors should have the necessary expertise and guidance to undertake the role. Ideally, students will keep the same mentor throughout their time at LSE.
- 4** Students will be invited to meet their Academic Mentor at least twice during each of the Autumn and Winter terms. These meetings may take the form of 1-2-1 sessions or small group gatherings, so that mentees can meet one another and discuss issues of mutual interest.
- 5** In addition to academic guidance provided by the Academic Mentor, students will have access to personal advice, for example with respect to mental health and wellbeing. Students will be clearly informed about who to go to for what kinds of advice and this will be available through various mechanisms, such as Disability and Wellbeing Services, Student Services, and Departments.
- 6** Staff teaching on LSE programmes will be available to students through a minimum of 35 office hours (for full-time teaching staff) during term time. Normally, the expectation is to meet face-to-face, but contact may take other forms that are mutually agreed between the teacher and students.
- 7** Departments will hold at least one Student-Staff Liaison Committee and one Departmental Teaching Committee meeting during each of the Autumn and Winter terms, following the guidelines for each type of meeting that we have agreed in partnership with the Students' Union.

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The Student Charter

Our Student Charter, written by students and staff, sets out how LSE's mission and ethos are reflected in the education you can expect to receive at the School, and in the diverse, equitable and inclusive community that we all contribute to and value.

The charter covers:

- Your education – what an LSE education is and how you can make the most of it
- Our community – what it means to be part of the LSE community and how to contribute
- Your future, our future – how to inspire future generations of LSE students.
- You can find out more about the charter, and read the full version online – just search “LSE Student Charter” or visit info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/student-charter

Codes of Good Practice

The Codes of Good Practice explain the basic obligations and responsibilities of staff and students.

They set out what you can expect from your department in relation to the teaching and learning experience. The codes cover areas like the roles and responsibilities of Academic Mentors and Departmental Tutors, the structure of teaching at LSE and exams and assessment. The codes also lay out your responsibilities as a member of our community. You can find the codes of practice at lse.ac.uk/calendar



The Ethics Code

The Ethics Code details the principles by which the whole LSE community are expected to act.

We expect the highest possible ethical standards from all staff, students, and governors. The Ethics Code sets out the School's commitment to the six ethics principles:

- Responsibility and Accountability
- Integrity
- Intellectual Freedom
- Equality of Respect and Opportunity
- Collegiality
- Sustainability.

You can find the code, as well as guidance and support at lse.ac.uk/ethics

Research Ethics

If you conduct research, you'll need to follow the Research Ethics policy and procedures.

Search online for "LSE Research Ethics and Guidance" to find resources, training, and support. If you have any questions regarding research ethics or research conduct, please email research.ethics@lse.ac.uk





Systems and Online Resources

Need IT Help?

Visit the Technology Centre on the first floor of the Library.

Email: tech.support@lse.ac.uk

Call: 020 7107 5000

The Help Desk is open seven days a week during term time and offers a range of services including a laptop surgery. For further information visit info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/dts

Student LSE for You

Student LSE for You is a web portal which gives you access to a range of services. You can access LSE for You at lse.ac.uk/lseforyou

Student LSE for You allows you to:

- View and update your term time (contact) and home (permanent) address
- Access your candidate number
- View your results
- See your taught course timetable.

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Student Hub

The Student Hub is LSE's app, designed to help you navigate your day-to-day life at LSE. With the Student Hub, you can:

- View your timetable and upcoming deadlines
- Find your way around with the campus map
- Follow your department, LSE events, Careers the Students' Union and more to keep up to date with news and events from around LSE
- Book appointments with academic staff (office hours) or support services
- Create or join groups with friends and course mates to carry on the conversation outside of class.

Download the app to help you organise your time, connect with coursemates and discover everything that LSE has to offer.



Available on iOS and Android app stores or as a web app.

Visit studenthub.lse.ac.uk to find out more!

Moodle

Moodle is LSE's virtual learning environment.

The majority of taught courses have a corresponding course on Moodle, the online learning platform used at LSE. Moodle courses contain essential resources such as lecture slides, lecture recordings and reading lists. Moodle also enables activities such as quizzes and discussion forums and allows for online assignment submission, marking and feedback. How Moodle is used is determined by the course convenor and so this may vary from course to course. LSE also provides a Moodle Archive service which provides teachers and students with a snapshot of previous year's courses.

You can access Moodle by visiting moodle.lse.ac.uk



Reset your IT password

To reset your IT password you can do so at [LSE Remote Access](#).

Email

LSE will use your LSE email address to communicate with you so check it regularly.

Microsoft Outlook is available on all public PCs. You can also access your email off-campus using webmail (mail.lse.ac.uk) or on the move using clients for laptops and mobile phones. For help setting up email on your device search "LSE mobile email setup".

Training and Development System

The Training and Development System allows you to book a place on many of the personal development opportunities offered around LSE.

You can access the Training and Development System at apps.lse.ac.uk/training-system and login using your LSE username and password.

Information Security Awareness Training

LSE provides Cyber Security Awareness Training, for which you can self-enrol on moodle. We strongly advise you to complete the training which equips you with the skills to spot phishing emails, keep your data and devices safe, and protect your privacy.

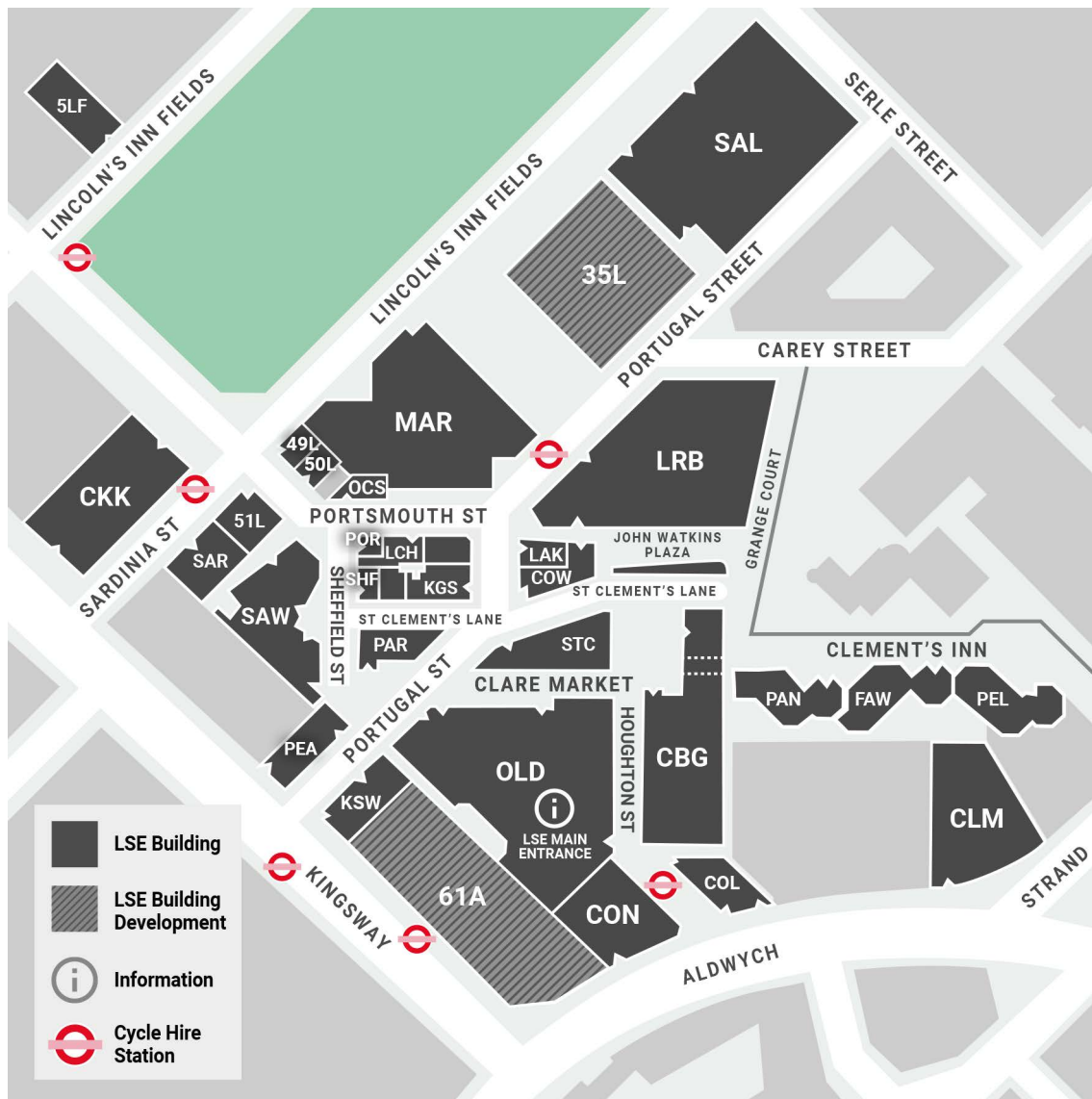
More information and tips are available at lse.ac.uk/cyber

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

To add an extra layer of security for your account and data, please set up Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) via lse.ac.uk/mfa



LSE campus



Find out more on the [LSE campus map webpage](#).

[AccessAble](#) provides detailed accessibility guides for campus buildings, residences and study spaces, including route maps between locations to help students navigate campus confidently and independently. Explore more campus facilities with the [Facilities Guide for Current Students](#).

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