

Dear {!Contact.FirstName},

LSE teaching and learning, 2021-22

LSE is committed to offering you the best possible teaching and learning experience within the constraints of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Our expectation for the 2021-22 academic year is that all LSE students will be in London and studying on campus, where we will provide flexible teaching and learning which blends both in-person and online elements. This flexible approach has been informed by our student and academic community and builds upon the innovations and improvements we have put in place over the past year.

We aim to run in-person teaching for the vast majority of seminars and classes, alongside face-to-face community-building and networking activities. You will also have opportunities to interact with fellow students and academic faculty outside of the classroom in LSE's many social spaces, halls of residence, cafés and Students' Union societies. The Library, support services and all campus buildings will be open for you to use and enjoy.

Larger group teaching, such as lectures, will be largely delivered online, either synchronously or asynchronously. Some other aspects of your programme may also be online but, when this happens, we will always prioritise opportunities for interactive engagement between students. Department and programme teams will develop the balance of their teaching, learning and assessment to enable you to learn effectively and benefit from your programmes of study. It may be possible to deliver more lectures in-person in the Lent Term.

Students are expected to arrive in London from the start of their programme for in-person teaching. However, some students may, exceptionally, not be able to arrive in London at the start of their studies due to coronavirus travel restrictions. If this were to affect you, we will support you by offering flexible arrangements at the beginning of Michaelmas Term. However, students should aim to arrive in London as soon as possible to join their programmes for in-person teaching. Students who are studying for a Master's programme which includes a pre-sessional course should check teaching and learning arrangements with their programme team.

We expect the government to share more guidance about social distancing and COVID safety measures in the coming weeks as we follow the UK's roadmap out of lockdown. Our priority remains the health and wellbeing of our community and our flexible approach to teaching and learning means that we will be able to flex and adapt our campus to the evolving COVID situation. We will provide further updates to our approach to teaching and learning as government advice is issued.

More information about <u>LSE's flexible approach to teaching and learning</u> and <u>how we are keeping our community safe</u> can be found on our website.

An update from Residential Services

We're pleased to advise that we have availability in the following halls of residence for postgraduate students for 2021/22:

Butler's Wharf residence (single rooms with 50 week contracts, starting at £186.55 per week); High Holborn residence (single rooms and single rooms with queen size bed with 39 week contracts, starting at £293.65 per week); Lilian Knowles House (single ensuite rooms with 50 week contracts, starting at £193.05 per week); Sidney Webb House (single ensuite rooms with 40 week contracts, starting at £211.75 per week), urbanest Kings Cross (single rooms, single ensuite rooms and single studio rooms with 50 week contracts, starting at £239.41 per week).

Living in halls is great for meeting other LSE students. The hall committees arrange social events, and together with the wardens and hall staff they'll help you settle in. You'll be immersed in a supportive and inclusive learning environment to help you form friendships with people from all corners of the globe. You can live close to London landmarks, and utility bills, Wi-Fi and contents insurance, as well as welfare support are included in the rent you pay. For more information about each residence, prices, and residence facilities please visit www.lse.ac.uk/accommodation and then make your booking via the LSE Student Accommodation System: https://studentaccommodation.lse.ac.uk/

