

Your application timeline

2026/7

September – December

Speak to your adviser and begin preparing your General Course application

Once your application is complete you will usually receive a decision within 10 working days

Submit your application

From 1 January

Include your statement of academic purpose, academic reference, transcript, English scores if required/ obtained, and course preferences

Within 30 days of offer being made

Officially accept or decline your offer in LSE for You

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Complete the Financial Undertaking Form (FUF) and Data Release Consent form

Within 30 days of receipt

The FUF tells us where to send the invoice for tuition fees. You will need to complete this to receive your CAS number later on.

From January

Once you have accepted your offer you can apply for guaranteed LSE accommodation

We will email you for these details to ensure our records are up to date. This is especially important if you require a visa to study with us.

From May/June

Provide a passport scan when prompted

Receive an email with your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies number, which you will need for your visa application

From early July

Plan to apply for your visa no more than three months before the start of the General Course. However, you can prepare documents such as financial evidence and checking your passport in advance.

You will receive your department allocation by email by the end of August. Your courses are not guaranteed at this point.

By mid-July

Indicate your course preferences for department allocations

Move into university accommodation

Register for courses online

From early September

For courses that are available and don't require permission, you can register in LSE for You which guarantees you a place on the course. Courses that require permission will be dealt with once you arrive at LSE.

Attend the mandatory GC welcome presentation, your department welcome event and other events around campus.

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Register at LSE

You are encouraged to speak with the Dean of the General Course within your first weeks at LSE.

From 28 September

Teaching begins

You can change courses within the first two weeks of term. You can also audit lectures from other courses during this time.