



THE LONDON SCHOOL  
OF ECONOMICS AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■



**A YEAR TO  
DISCOVER**

THE GENERAL  
COURSE 2022/23

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**Please note:** the photographs in this brochure were taken before UK social-distancing guidance was in place. LSE takes every step to ensure the safety of all its students and staff.





*I love London because the city is never boring and the General Course program is an adventurous experience and a journey of growth.* ”

**Princewill Umeh**

American University, USA.





Gordon Brown



Helen Clark



Patricia Espinosa



Kristalina Georgieva



Gro Harlem Brundtland



HRH The Countess of Wessex



Kgalema Motlanthe



Thomas Piketty



Juan Manuel Santos Calderón



Lawrence H Summers



Ursula von der Leyen



Fareed Zakaria



# WELCOME TO THE YEAR OF YOUR LIFE

A year at LSE is more than just a year of study at one of the world's most renowned universities. It's a year to discover London; a year to discover new opportunities, new friends and new horizons. But more importantly, it's a year to discover yourself. Quite simply, it's a year that will change your life. As a student at LSE, you'll join an international community in the heart of one of the world's most vibrant cities. What's more, an exciting myriad of cultural events and attractions await discovery right on your doorstep.

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**THE GENERAL COURSE**



**ACCOUNTING  
ANTHROPOLOGY  
DATA SCIENCE  
ECONOMIC HISTORY  
ECONOMICS  
EUROPE  
FINANCE  
GEOGRAPHY AND  
ENVIRONMENT  
GOVERNMENT  
INTERNATIONAL HISTORY  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
LANGUAGE CENTRE  
LAW  
MANAGEMENT  
MATHEMATICS  
PHILOSOPHY, LOGIC AND  
SCIENTIFIC METHOD  
PSYCHOLOGICAL AND  
BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE  
SOCIAL POLICY  
SOCIOLOGY  
STATISTICS**



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# OVER 320 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES



*Culturally awakening, socially stimulating and academically enriching, a year of living in London and learning at LSE equipped me with the right lens to truly 'understand the causes of things'.*

**Krupa P Saraiya**

The Maharaja Sayajirao  
University of Baroda, India.

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**MORE THAN ECONOMICS**





# THE GENERAL COURSE

A SIMPLE GUIDE  
TO THE MOST  
IMPORTANT FACTS





This brochure provides information for undergraduate students at universities outside the United Kingdom who wish to join LSE's study year abroad programme – the General Course – usually as part of their work toward a degree at their home institution.

It complements our website, [lse.ac.uk/generalCourse](https://lse.ac.uk/generalCourse), which provides further detailed information and answers many of the most frequently asked questions.



*My expectations simply didn't capture just how diverse LSE is. I've learned more about cultures around the world in less than one year than I had during the rest of my life.* ”

**Lilian Chen**

University of California, Berkeley, USA.

**LSE OFFERS** no single semester study options. You spend a full academic year at the School, helping you integrate into the LSE community and make lasting friendships.

**WE WELCOME** applications from suitably qualified students at any overseas institution in any country.

**YOU NEED TO HAVE COMPLETED** at least two years of university level study prior to joining LSE (unless studying on the University of London International Programmes).

**IF YOU WISH TO STUDY** qualitative courses (eg, government, management, law) you should have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.3/4 or above. If you wish to study quantitative subjects (eg, economics, finance, mathematics, statistics) you should have a GPA of 3.5/4 or above in related subjects.

**YOU CHOOSE COURSES** from a list of over 320 but need only take one from the department to which you are assigned (two if in Economics). Your host department need not reflect your major interest.

**APPLICATIONS** can be submitted online, free of charge. They are considered from January 2022 onwards and will continue to be accepted until 31 July 2022, or until all the available places have been filled, whichever is the sooner.

**UNIVERSITY HOUSING** is guaranteed to all General Course students.

**JOHN C PHELAN GENERAL COURSE SCHOLARSHIPS** and an International Students House Residential Scholarship are available to students in financial need.



## 10 REASONS TO JOIN THE GENERAL COURSE

There are many reasons to study at LSE but here are 10 we really think you should know about:

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### THE WORLD'S LEADING DEDICATED SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTITUTION

That's not just us saying it, the QS World University Rankings confirm it. It is also home to Europe's largest social science library: the British Library of Political and Economic Science.

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### GLOBAL REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE

Graduate schools and employers around the world recognise and respect LSE. It's a prestigious name and having it on your CV really sets you apart. You'll also be part of an impressive global alumni network ensuring you maintain a life-long connection with the School, and enjoy a 10 per cent discount on LSE's graduate tuition fees.

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### TEACHING DELIVERED BY LEADING ACADEMICS

LSE's academics are at the cutting-edge of the social sciences, influencing opinion and helping shape society. They are frequently called upon to advise governments and international organisations, and provide an education grounded in the real world.

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### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD

All accepted students can apply for a John C Phelan General Course Scholarship. Recipients will also be considered for an International Students House Residential Scholarship, providing 40 weeks of FREE housing.

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### PUBLIC LECTURES DELIVERED BY EMINENT OUTSIDE SPEAKERS

LSE hosts an extensive programme of events attracting leading individuals from all walks of life, including in the past year: Inger Andersen; Patricia Espinosa; Kristalina Georgieva; Nikole Hannah-Jones; HRH The Countess of Wessex; Mark Lowcock; Pankaj Mishra; Kgalema Motlanthe; Juan Manuel Santos Calderón; Stephen A Schwarzman; Christos Staikouras, and Fareed Zakaria.

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### INTERNATIONAL AND COSMOPOLITAN ENVIRONMENT

LSE students are drawn from over 150 different countries and 67 per cent of all those at the School come from outside the UK. Of the School's staff, 45 per cent originate from countries outside the UK.

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### GUARANTEED UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

All students offered a place on the General Course are guaranteed university housing.

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### CENTRAL LONDON LOCATION

The School is on the doorstep of the City of London, Westminster and Covent Garden, providing great social and academic resources. London is both your campus and your social science laboratory.

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### GENERAL COURSE SOCIAL CALENDAR

A range of UK and European trips and excursions are offered at substantial discounts. General Course students also enjoy a range of bespoke events throughout the year.

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### OVER 200 STUDENT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Our clubs and societies cover a wide variety of interests including politics, culture, academia, sports, hobbies, and food and drink. Complemented by activities organised by the University of London.

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OUTSIDE THE UK**



## Johannes Konig

The University of Bayreuth, Germany



I was born and raised in Munich, Germany, and studied in Bayreuth, a small city in the north of Bavaria.


I chose the General Course for three main reasons.

Firstly, I loved the possibility of being able to choose the courses that I would be taking at LSE according to what I thought would be most interesting for myself and most beneficial to my personal academic development. It really feels like there is a course related to pretty much every topic in the economic and political sciences area.

Secondly, I wanted to study in a challenging foreign academic environment. LSE is a place that attracts young and highly motivated students and stands for excellence in its fields of research. The lecturers were easily approachable and happy to help out.

Thirdly, London. The city is incredibly diverse, vibrant and full of culture. LSE organized many social events in the first days and weeks of everyone being in London and it was really easy to connect with my fellow students. The School has loads of societies and joining one is a great way to make friends outside of the classrooms and lecture halls.

Many of my friends that only spent one semester abroad realized in retrospect that not spending a full year was definitely too short. By December you have finally settled in properly and have gotten accustomed to your new life in London. Staying for an entire year enables you to experience the different character of the city over the different seasons.

The General Course is an ideal opportunity for anyone wishing to study in an international, diverse and challenging academic environment alongside like-minded and friendly peers whilst having access to excellent staff and learning facilities. 





## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The London School of Economics and Political Science is a place of genuine intellectual excitement and cutting-edge research. It employs many of the world's leading experts in their fields and attracts the very best students from across the globe.

The General Course offers you a unique opportunity to experience all that LSE and the great city of London have to offer, whilst undertaking a year of fully integrated undergraduate study at the world's leading dedicated social science institution. LSE provides you with an environment in which you can study your chosen courses in depth, whilst becoming fully involved in all aspects of School life. Furthermore, not only will you be an LSE student but upon completion of your year you will become an LSE alumnus, thus beginning what we hope will be a life-long association with the School.

I'm confident that your time at LSE will be both enjoyable and rewarding, providing you with knowledge and experience that will prove hugely beneficial in your future academic, personal and professional careers. If you think you'd enjoy this academically rigorous and culturally rich programme, I urge you to read on, and we look forward to receiving your application.

**Baroness Minouche Shafik**  
Director, LSE





# CENTRAL LONDON







It's safe to say that our campus doesn't overlook green fields and tranquil spires. Because we're right in the middle of the world's most exciting capital city. Right at the heart of a global financial, legal and cultural centre. This is the real world. And it's reflected in the learning atmosphere at LSE.

Here, amongst an international population of students with varied backgrounds, experiences, views and beliefs, we encourage you to exchange and question ideas. To seek and develop solutions. And to have fun doing so.

So if you're up for the stimulus of new experiences in a vibrant and friendly new environment, your year of discovery starts right here.

**VIBRANT AND  
COSMOPOLITAN**

**STIMULATING  
AND DYNAMIC**

**MULTICULTURAL**

**MULTIFACETED**



# WE'RE NOT ALL ABOUT ECONOMICS

This may come as something of a surprise, but we're not all about economics. We offer a wide range of social science subjects. In fact, subjects like anthropology, international relations and social policy were pioneered at LSE. General Course students can take virtually any combination of four year-long undergraduate courses (or the equivalent in half-units). You'll find over 320 courses listed on pages 34-44 and on our website at [lse.ac.uk/generalcourse](https://www.lse.ac.uk/generalcourse) – over two thirds of which don't contain the word "economics" in the course title. That's because we're also big on subjects like geography, government, international history, law, and philosophy. But whatever your chosen subject, we guarantee you'll be taught alongside LSE undergraduates in our regular scheduled lectures and classes. It's an inclusive policy that's highly popular and successful. And an environment in which we know you'll positively thrive.

## WHAT TO STUDY





# LIFE AT LSE







**LIFE AT LSE**





## Becoming a Londoner

Studying in the heart of London means the vibrant West End, Theatreland, the Royal Opera House and the British Museum are all on your doorstep. But so too are plenty of really useful educational establishments. The British Library, numerous professional institutes and the resources of the University of London are all handily close by.

## Guaranteed Housing

If you accept our offer of a place on the General Course and apply for housing by the deadline of 31 May 2022, you're guaranteed to be offered a place in LSE or University of London accommodation.

Further details of LSE accommodation can be found at [lse.ac.uk/accommodation](https://lse.ac.uk/accommodation)

## Welcome Boat Party

A really popular and well-established event at the start of each new academic year is the Welcome Boat Party for arriving study abroad students. Held in the week prior to the start of the Michaelmas Term, it's a relaxed and easy way to meet your fellow students whilst cruising along the Thames and taking-in the London sights..

## Tembo

Tembo is our weekly General Course newsletter. It's packed with academic advice, useful cultural information, details of events, and brilliant money saving tips.

## Cumberland Lodge residential visit

Another popular annual event in the General Course calendar is when we escape London for the peace and tranquility of Cumberland Lodge – a beautiful country house in the majestic splendour of Windsor Great Park. This General Course visit acts as an introduction to both the School and the UK and involves a mixture of academic seminars and social activities, so there's time to explore the Park and the royal town of Windsor itself.

## General Course Summer Ball

What better way to celebrate your time at LSE than with a sumptuous end-of-year dinner at a luxury London hotel, followed by dancing late into the night.

## General Course Social Calendar

Throughout your year at the School we organise a range of day trips and short breaks to help you explore the UK and Europe. Past excursions have helped our students to uncover the delights of Amsterdam, the rugged beauty of the Scottish Highlands, and the joys of an English brewery! Each trip is subsidised by LSE and offered to our study abroad students at a significant discount, helping you get the most out of your time with us.



## National Health Service (NHS)

A medical centre is located on the LSE campus, providing free, comprehensive, National Health Service (NHS) care to registered patients and to anyone who becomes ill or needs medical attention while at LSE. General Course students are eligible to use the NHS on the same terms as UK residents.

Information about the NHS and how to register/ make use of its services is available at [lse.ac.uk/medicalCentre](https://lse.ac.uk/medicalCentre)

## LSE Students' Union and student societies

The Students' Union is all about you. Representing LSE students on campus, it's there to ensure that your time at LSE is as full, trouble-free and entertaining as possible. To ensure your voice is heard, General Course students elect their own representative to the Union at the start of each academic year. The Union is brilliant at organising entertainments – concerts, films, cabaret and discos – and funds over 200 student societies covering a wide variety of interests.

## Athletics Union

Whatever your sport, we've a club to suit. In fact, we've got nearly 40 clubs for sports and many use the School's stunning 23 acre sports ground at New Malden, Surrey. Here you'll find pitches for soccer, rugby, hockey and cricket, together with grass tennis courts, and a restaurant and well-appointed bar, both of which are open on match days. At Houghton Street you'll also find a well-equipped gym.

## Students who have a disability, long-term medical conditions or dyslexia

LSE is committed to enabling all students to achieve their full potential in an environment characterised by dignity and mutual respect, and aims to ensure that all individuals are treated equitably. To this end, the School's Disability and Well-being Service provides free, confidential assistance to all LSE students and is a first point of contact for all disabled students, prospective and current. Specialist advisers are available to see students on a one-off or ongoing basis, and cover a range of conditions, including:

- physical/sensory impairments and long-term or chronic medical conditions
- dyslexia, dyspraxia, Asperger syndrome disorder and other neurodiverse conditions
- mental health concerns.

Please contact the Disability and Well-being service at [disability-wellbeing@lse.ac.uk](mailto:disability-wellbeing@lse.ac.uk)

## LIFE AT LSE





## LSE Student Counselling Service

As an LSE student you're always our top priority. So we have a free and confidential service for all our students, which aims to help you cope more effectively with any personal or study-related difficulties.

More information and links to self-help websites can be found at [lse.ac.uk/studentCounselling](https://lse.ac.uk/studentCounselling)

## Careers

LSE Careers has an experienced team of careers consultants and information staff to provide assistance and advice to General Course students, both informally and in careers seminars and interviews. Whether you're looking for internships, work experience, vacation work or part-time, term-time jobs, you can search for current job vacancies on LSE CareerHub.

For further information, please see the LSE Careers website at [lse.ac.uk/careers](https://lse.ac.uk/careers)



*LSE gave me the intellectual firepower to critique and question academic material.* 

**Andrea Gallego**

Stony Brook University, USA.

## Internships for General Course students

The General Course has negotiated a special deal with The Intern Group that gives you the opportunity to undertake an internship during your time on the programme.

For an exceptional price of £590, you can apply for a part-time internship totalling eight weeks, typically from either the end of November 2022 or from mid-February 2023, within a sector of the economy of your choosing – from blue-chip firms and fast growing small and medium-sized businesses, to non-profit organisations and government departments.

The Intern Group have a physical office in London and provide 24 hour support; proprietary training materials and videos; lifetime membership of their alumni network, and support in obtaining academic credit from your home institution (should this be possible).

These internships are wholly separate from your study at LSE and are undertaken in addition to the four full-year (or the equivalent in half-unit) courses that you must take as an LSE student.

Please note that LSE Careers are not partnered with The Intern Group.

For further information, please visit The Intern Group website at [theinterngroup.com](https://theinterngroup.com)



*The General Course has given me the opportunity to study in a place that is undeniably enriching for my career as well as studying alongside students of multiple backgrounds, experiences, and passions.* ”

**Daniela Cuellar**

Arizona State University, USA.



## Teaching methods

In each of the four courses you take over the year, teaching will consist of a mixture of lectures and linked classes (discussion groups), running in tandem. In these, you'll work through questions, problem sets and issues raised in the lectures, as well as presenting and discussing your own papers or essays.

Lectures are attended by all the students taking the course, which means, on a popular course, there could be several hundred students in a lecture. But for the classes, you'll be in a much smaller group, usually consisting of no more than 15 students. The number of "formal" contact hours will also vary with the type of course you're taking, but expect it to be between two to four hours per course per week.

While not compulsory, lectures are strongly recommended. Classes, however, are compulsory and you will usually be expected to submit two written pieces of work or a certain number of problem sets per course per term. Class teachers report each term on your attendance, work in class and written work submitted for the class. These reports are then sent to your academic adviser who will discuss them with you, as well as your overall progress. Your class teacher will also provide an overall grade at the end of the year. These will appear on your final LSE transcript, along with the grades for your final examinations, as a summary of your work at the School.

The taught elements of our courses are intended only as a framework, providing you with a structure for your own research and reading. In addition to "formal" contact time, we expect our students to spend at least double the amount of hours pursuing "independent study" related to their four courses. The timetabled teaching might be just a few hours a week, but the associated reading and writing of essays, projects and other course work assignments make up a full working week. Self-motivation and commitment are the keys to success!

## Examination and assessment

For most courses, students are examined once, at the end of the year, but some courses, notably those taught by the Department of Economics, have exams early in January as well. Exams usually take the form of a three-hour unseen paper, and all General Course students are required to take the exams. These results appear on the final transcript. A number of courses have an "assessed coursework" component that contributes towards the final exam mark. Typically, this usually consists of an independently produced piece of writing.

## COVID-19

We look forward to the worst of the coronavirus pandemic being behind us by the start of the 2022/23 academic year. General Course students can be confident that LSE has in place well-established and flexible approaches to delivering teaching and learning in a COVID-secure environment, should that still be necessary.





*The General Course is about self-discovery and exposure beyond our university walls. One must work extremely hard, but it is so rewarding in the end.* ”

Elizabeth Farkas  
University of Southern California, USA.





# ACADEMIC SUPPORT





## The Library

The Library (The British Library of Political and Economic Science) is so much more than a book and journal collection. It's an invaluable resource boasting hundreds of study spaces and IT workstations, laptop points, rooms for group study, video viewing and photocopying facilities.

Of course, the Library's Course Collection contains books on your reading lists. But in addition, the Electronic Library, accessible from workstations right around the School, provides access to a range of publications, such as newspapers and journals.

The main stock of the Library covers the social sciences in the widest sense. Collections are particularly strong in economics, sociology, political science and the social, economic and international aspects of history. As an LSE student, you'll also have access to the libraries of most other colleges of the University of London.

To discover more about the Library, visit [lse.ac.uk/library](https://lse.ac.uk/library)

## Information technology

We have around 1,000 PCs available for students to use on campus, half of which are located in the Library. All LSE residences are wired for direct connection to the School network.

**Data and Technology Services** provides information and help with connecting your personal laptop or computer to the LSE IT environment and accessing services and resources both on campus and off-site. IT support is also available 24 hours a day over the phone.

For more information, visit [lse.ac.uk/dts](https://lse.ac.uk/dts)

## LSE Language Centre

The LSE Language Centre is unique. No other centre specialises in creating courses targeted to the needs of students and practitioners in the field of social sciences and related areas of study. All the Centre's teachers are native speakers who combine extensive teaching experience with an educational background in one or more of the subject specialisms offered at LSE. So whether you're going to study a modern foreign language or need to improve your English for Academic Purposes, their aim is to provide you with the highest level of language support throughout your studies.

Further information can be obtained from the Language Centre website at [lse.ac.uk/language-centre](https://lse.ac.uk/language-centre)







## LSE LIFE

LSE LIFE is the School's centre for academic, personal, and professional development. It covers topics including how to plan and organise your study at LSE; how to read for academic work; how to write essays; how to think more critically; how to improve and refine your writing style; how to communicate effectively; how to use others' ideas in your own work, and how to approach research.

LSE LIFE can also help you reflect on your future and build a rewarding career; teach you how to find and make sense of the seemingly endless information available to students, and help you understand how to look after yourself so that you can balance your study, work, creative activities, and leisure time in a way that suits you.

In addition to getting quick information and advice on a walk-in basis, you can book a place on one of LSE LIFE's many talks and workshops; make a one-to-one appointment to see a study adviser; visit with your study group for guided, independent work, or use their online resources. LSE LIFE also offer specialised drop-in sessions for help with maths and stats homework; advice on academic language and writing; career and CV-writing support, and help with finding and referencing the books, articles, and data that you need.

Further details are available at [lse.ac.uk/lselife](https://lse.ac.uk/lselife)

## Teachers and academic advisers

Individual class teachers can offer guidance about a particular class. There's also a teacher responsible for each course (who guides the class teachers). In addition, you'll be allocated an academic adviser, who meets with you several times over the course of the year, receives regular reports from class teachers, and is able to advise on your progress. Your academic adviser is also there to help with any academic, administrative or personal questions.

## Dean of the General Course Course and Global Mobility

In addition to your class teachers and an academic adviser, the Dean of the General Course and Global Mobility is available to help with any academic, administrative or pastoral support issues you might have. You are encouraged to contact the Dean whenever you need assistance.



*As my studies at LSE reach an end, I cannot help but wish I could start all over again. Yet I leave happy, having studied amongst inspirational individuals at one of the most renowned institutions in the heart of a truly beautiful city.*

**Chelsea Castañeda**

George Washington University, USA.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT



# HOW TO APPLY







Application for admission to the General Course may be made by current undergraduate students who will have completed at least two years of study in an overseas university by the time they register at the School.

We positively welcome good applicants studying at any university outside the UK, but students must register for the full academic year, ie, from September to June. LSE has no “semester” or “single-term” programmes.

Students who have directly entered the second year of their university on the basis of A-levels or an International Baccalaureate Diploma will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students who have directly entered their second year on the basis of “Advanced Placement” tests will not normally be considered for a place.

Students undertaking a University of London International Programmes degree with LSE as the lead college may be eligible for entry after just one year of study. Those interested in pursuing this opportunity should contact us at [gc@lse.ac.uk](mailto:gc@lse.ac.uk) before submitting an application.

Students must follow and abide by the specific requirements of their home university. Failure to do so may adversely affect the outcome of the selection process. Applications should comprise:

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**A COMPLETED** General Course application, available at [lse.ac.uk/generalCourse](http://lse.ac.uk/generalCourse)

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**A TRANSCRIPT** showing grades up to and including the first semester of the applicant’s second year of university\*. Transcripts must be written in, or translated into, English;

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**TWO ACADEMIC REFERENCES**, at least one of which must be written by a university teacher currently familiar with the applicant’s work, preferably in a field which he/she intends to pursue at LSE. References must be written in, or translated into, English.

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\* Students come to us from many different universities, using varied grading systems, so any transcript/record should be accompanied by a note on how to “translate” the grades.

Once the completed application is downloaded by the General Course admissions team, it normally takes less than seven working days for a decision to be issued. Both the applicant and their home university will be notified of whether or not a place on the programme has been offered. The applicant is under no obligation to accept an offer of admission, nor do they make any legal or financial undertaking before they arrive at the School.

## HOW TO APPLY



## Application and induction dates

Completed applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered from January 2022. We operate a “rolling admissions” process, until 31 July 2022 or all the available places are filled, whichever is the sooner, so applicants are encouraged to apply early. Students joining the General Course are advised to arrive in London a week prior to the start of the new academic year. That way, you can enjoy all the induction activities organised for new undergraduate students by the School and your department, as well as the induction specifically tailored for General Course students. You’ll find all the details in your Offer Pack.

## Entry requirements

We judge each applicant individually and have no “agreements” that give advantage to students from particular countries or particular universities. We look in detail at each applicant’s recent university academic record, paying attention to the subjects studied and the grades obtained. For example, using university grade scales common in the USA, a student with a minimum 3.3 Grade Point Average (on a 4 point scale) will be positively considered. In the case of those students applying to departments, or predominantly listing courses, that are quantitatively based (ie, economics, finance, maths and statistics),

we are looking for a 3.5 or better in related courses, including higher level calculus and linear algebra. We are primarily interested in your academic work in social science subjects and will be especially interested in the quality of your work in the fields you might wish to pursue at LSE. We are particularly interested in the comments of academic referees, especially if they are relevant to the courses you wish to follow at the School.

Entry requirements for applicants from a range of countries can be found on our website at [lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/The-General-Course/entry-requirements](https://lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/The-General-Course/entry-requirements)

You will need to provide proof of your English proficiency unless you are a national of Canada (whose first language is English) or of Antigua & Barbuda; Australia; The Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Dominica; Grenada; Guyana; Ireland; Jamaica; New Zealand; St Kitts & Nevis; St Lucia; St Vincent & the Grenadines; Trinidad & Tobago, or the USA, or your degree is taught entirely in English in one of those countries. The English proficiency requirements for IELTS are scores of 7.0 in all four components. You do not need to have obtained the required marks before you apply.



*Academically, culturally, and socially, LSE offers the best study abroad experience out there.* ”

**Matthew Frisch**  
University of Pennsylvania, USA.





Applications can be submitted directly to the School or via the Institute for Study Abroad (IFSA) or The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University (please see below).

Those applying directly to LSE will incur no application fees and no tuition deposits. Most applicants will find that they are helped by initial contact with their home university's Office of International Programs or Study Abroad Office. Such offices can advise you on their support for study abroad and its impact on your academic progress, financial aid, etc.

We're happy to deal with any enquiries you might have, preferably by email. Please feel free to contact the General Course team to discuss any prospective application, by writing to [gc@lse.ac.uk](mailto:gc@lse.ac.uk)

## The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University

Students wishing to apply to the General Course through The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University (CGS-Arcadia) should visit the CGS-Arcadia website at [arcadia.edu/abroad](http://arcadia.edu/abroad) for further information and details of the fees applicable.

## The Institute for Study Abroad (IFSA)

Students wishing to apply to the General Course through the Institute for Study Abroad should visit the website at [ifsa-butler.org](http://ifsa-butler.org) for further information and details of the fees applicable.

## Fees

The tuition fee for all students applying directly to the General Course (not through CGS-Arcadia or IFSA) in 2022/23 will be £23,088 for the full year. Please note, the tuition fee is the same for all General Course students, regardless of nationality or country of residence. The tuition fee covers registration and examination fees payable to the School, lectures, classes and individual supervision, and membership of the Students' Union.

It does not cover accommodation or living costs which must be budgeted separately. We estimate that the cost of living in London for a year will be around £12,825.

LSE is also a registered institution for most types of US and Canadian Student Loans. The LSE US Student Loans reference number is G06693.

## Scholarships

In the academic year 2022/23, LSE will offer a number of John C Phelan General Course Scholarships. All students accepted on the programme will be eligible to apply. Applications will be considered on the basis of need.

One recipient of a John C Phelan General Course Scholarship will also be nominated for an International Students House Residential Scholarship. This provides 40 weeks free housing in central London.

Further information is available at [lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/The-General-Course/scholarships-and-fees](http://lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/The-General-Course/scholarships-and-fees)

## HOW TO APPLY



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Our aim is to give you full access to those courses you wish to pursue.

The Course List that follows represents what was taught in 2021/22. A list of all the courses to be offered in 2022/23 will be available in the summer of 2022. Although we cannot guarantee that everything offered in 2021/22 will be available in 2022/23 the vast majority will be, and potentially more besides. The LSE application form asks you to identify up to six courses of particular interest and, prior to your arrival, you will be invited to narrow this initial selection down to four courses, for the purposes of pre-registration. However, your final selection of four courses will only be confirmed after your arrival at LSE, and in consultation with your academic adviser.

A full Course Guide (naming the key academic responsible for each course, a description of its coverage, basic bibliographies and any prerequisites) is available on our website at [lse.ac.uk/generalCourse](https://lse.ac.uk/generalCourse) and should be referred to when you complete the Course Preferences section of the application form. The three digit codes indicate whether the course is normally followed by our own three-year degree students in their first, second or third year of study, but access is not usually restricted for General Course students.








**100 LEVEL COURSES** are taught to LSE's first year degree-seeking students. They are introductory level courses that have no specific prerequisites in their own subject but may require some mathematics or other related subjects. General Course students normally select these courses when they have no previous background in the subject, ie, they want to gain experience of a new academic field.

**200 LEVEL COURSES** are taught to LSE's second year degree-seeking students. They are intermediate level courses that have prerequisites in the form of university-level introductory courses in the same, or a closely related, subject. These courses are the equivalent of Junior year courses at four-year degree institutions and, as such, are usually the most appropriate for General Course students.

**300 LEVEL COURSES** are taught to LSE's third year degree-seeking students. They are advanced and equivalent to either final year undergraduate or first year graduate courses. They have prerequisites of university level intermediate courses. General Course students should ordinarily only select one of these courses when they have a minimum of three semesters background and very high grades in the relevant field.



*Great experience! It represents an enrichment on every level and the teaching is excellent.* 

**Arnaud Alves de Souza**  
HEC Lausanne, Switzerland.

Please read the online course descriptions carefully as many courses assume a level of aptitude in the subject, and some are only available to General Course students with the permission of the teacher responsible. We also encourage new students to sample a range of courses in the first weeks of the session and to discuss their own level of skill and the course expectations with lecturers and class teachers before confirming their course choices for the year. Your final course selections are made in early October.

The majority of General Course students find they are sufficiently challenged by one (or, at the very most, two) 300 level courses when combined with those offered at the 200 and 100 levels. The optimum combination for a serious student is usually one 300 level and three 200 level courses. Unless you have declared your major sometime ago and have a very strong background in the subject, it is unwise to take more than one 300 level course.

In the listing that follows, (H) designates a half-unit course and, therefore, one that counts for only half the "weight" of a full-year course. Typically, all of its teaching is contained in just one term and students would take two half-units instead of one full year course. Nearly 50 per cent of the courses available in 2021/22 were half-units.

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## Accounting (AC)

Accounting and finance are concerned with more than just computational skills. Both subjects are central to the way in which management, shareholders and society at large perceive, understand and seek to change and control the nature of organisations, as well as to an understanding of how the market allocates finances to firms. LSE is known for pioneering new approaches to the study of the modern practice of financial management in organisations.

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**AC102** Elements of Financial Accounting (H)

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**AC103** Elements of Management Accounting, Financial Management and Financial Institutions (H)

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**AC200** Accounting Theory and Practice

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**AC311** Results Accountability and Management Control for Strategy Implementation (H)

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**AC312** Performance Measurement, Strategy, and Uncertainty (H)

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**AC331** Contemporary Issues in Financial Accounting (H)

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**AC332** Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation (H)

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**AC341** Corporate Governance, Risk Management and Financial Audit (H)

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## Anthropology (AN)

Social anthropology studies human societies and cultures in a broad comparative perspective. Social anthropologists try to explain the causes of variation in social and cultural behaviour, and also to understand what it means to belong to a cultural group whose values and rules may be very different from those familiar to you. At LSE we are distinctive in our strengths in the fields of law, human rights, cognition, religious practice, kinship, gender, nationalism and everyday forms of the state. Our concern with the global south (or “third world”) leads to a serious engagement with issues of development, globalisation, industrialisation and the effects of neo-liberalism.

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**AN100** Introduction to Social Anthropology

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**AN101** Ethnography and Theory: Selected Texts

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**AN102** Anthropology, Text and Film

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**AN200** The Anthropology of Kinship, Sex and Gender

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**AN226** Political and Legal Anthropology

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**AN237** The Anthropology of Development (H)

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**AN250** The Anthropology of South Asia (H)

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**AN256** Economic Anthropology (1): Production and Exchange (H)

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**AN269** The Anthropology of Amazonia (H)

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**AN275** The Anthropology of Revolution (H)

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**AN277** Topics in the Anthropology of sub-Saharan Africa (H)

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**AN280** Public Anthropology (H)

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**AN281** Health and Welfare: Anthropological Perspectives (H)

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**AN301** The Anthropology of Religion

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**AN303** Advanced Theory of Social Anthropology (H)

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**AN357** Economic Anthropology (2): Transformation and Globalisation (H)

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## Data Science (DS)

The Data Science Institute works to equip students with the skills they need to tackle business, science and social questions from a data perspective through the extraction of useful information and knowledge from data.

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**DS105** Data for Data Science (H)

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**DS202** Data Science for Social Scientists (H)

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## Economic History (EH)

Economic and social history is concerned with understanding the process of change in the past. It uses the skills of the economist, the statistician and the sociologist, as well as those of the historian.

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**EH101** The Internationalisation of Economic Growth, 1870 to the present day

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**EH102** Pre-industrial Economic History

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**EH204** Money and Finance: From the Middle Ages to Modernity

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**EH207** The Making of an Economic Superpower: China since 1850

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**EH209** The Family Economy in History

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**EH211** Africa and the World Economy, 1500-2000

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**EH225** Latin America and the International Economy

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**EH240** Business and Economic Performance since 1945: Britain in International Context

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**EH312** Knowledge, Technology and Economy from the Middle Ages to Modernity

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## Economics (EC)

Economics today tackles a broad range of problems, from barriers to economic development to international financial crises. An open-minded and scientific approach to these issues requires formal modelling of economic relationships, and testing hypotheses against data. The study of economics therefore involves developing problem-solving skills, including mathematical and statistical abilities, and applying these skills, without losing sight of the real world.

Please note: Many Economics courses are examined in both the first week of January and in May/June.

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**EC1A3** Microeconomics I (H)

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**EC1A5** Microeconomics I (H)

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**EC1B3** Macroeconomics I (H)

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**EC1B5** Macroeconomics I (H)

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**EC201** Microeconomic Principles I

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**EC202** Microeconomic Principles II

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**EC210** Macroeconomic Principles

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**EC220** Introduction to Econometrics

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**EC221** Principles of Econometrics

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**EC230** Economics in Public Policy

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**EC301** Advanced Economic Analysis

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**EC302** Political Economy

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**EC307** Development Economics

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**EC309** Econometric Theory

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**EC311** History of Economics: How Theories Change

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**EC313** Industrial Economics

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**EC315** International Economics

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**EC317** Labour Economics

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**EC319** Games and Economic Behaviour

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**EC321** Monetary Economics and Aggregate Fluctuations

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**EC325** Public Economics

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## European Institute (EU)

The European Institute is a multidisciplinary centre for the study of European politics, economics and culture in a globalised world.

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**EU3A1** The Politics and Policies of 'Brexit': The UK's changing relationship with the European Union (H)

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## Finance (FM)

Finance students examine the theory and practice of many aspects of the field that are key to understanding how financial institutions and markets operate around the world.

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**FM101** Finance (H)

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**FM212** Principles of Finance

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**FM300** Corporate Finance, Investments and Financial Markets

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**FM320** Quantitative Finance

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## Geography and Environment (GY)

One of the critical questions in modern society is how to manage processes of economic and social development so that we can make sustainable improvements in human welfare without destroying the environmental resource base on which all life depends. Our teaching emphasises the fact that the majority of environmental problems arise from human actions and decisions, and that all environmental management schemes seek to achieve objectives defined by humans within constraints imposed by political and economic systems.

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**GY100** Introduction to Geography

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**GY103** Contemporary Europe

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**GY120** Environmental Change: Past, Present and Future

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**GY121** Sustainable Development

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**GY140** Introduction to Geographical Research

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**GY144** Society, Culture and Place

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**GY202** Introduction to Global Development

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**GY205** Political Geographies

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**GY206** Urban Geography and Globalisation (H)

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**GY207** Economy, Society and Place (H)

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**GY209** The Economic Geography of Trade, Production and Development (H)

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**GY210** The Economics of Cities (H)

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**GY220** Environment: Science and Society

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**GY222** Applied Environmental Economics

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**GY307** Regional Economic Development (H)

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**GY308** The Economic Geography of Growth and Development (H)

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**GY309** The Political Geography of Development (H)

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**GY310** Urban Politics (H)

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**GY311** The Political Economy of Urbanisation (H)

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**GY313** Firms and Economic Geography: Location, Technology and Innovation (H)

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**GY314** The Economics of Housing Markets and Migration (H)

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**GY315** Geographies of Race (H)

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**GY316** Gender, Space and Power (H)

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**GY326** Sustainable Business and Finance (H)

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**GY327** Global Environmental Governance (H)

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**GY328** Political Ecology of Development (H)

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**GY329** Applied Economics of Environment and Development (H)

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**GY331** Geographies of Global Migration (H)

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## Government (GV)

Politics is about power, conflict and ideas. The study of politics involves analysis of the ways in which individuals and groups define and interpret political issues and seek to shape government decisions. It encompasses a broad spectrum of activities relating to public affairs, from elections and bureaucracies to wars and terrorism. Because it is at the junction of power and morality, politics has always attracted the attention of philosophers and historians, and its study, originating in Athens in the fourth century BC, is the seed bed of all the social sciences.

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<b>GV100</b>	Introduction to Political Theory
<b>GV101</b>	Introduction to Political Science
<b>GV225</b>	Public Choice and Politics
<b>GV245</b>	Democracy and Democratisation
<b>GV248</b>	Power and Politics in the Modern World: Comparative Perspectives
<b>GV249</b>	Research Design in Political Science
<b>GV251</b>	Government, Politics and Public Policy in the European Union
<b>GV262</b>	Contemporary Political Theory
<b>GV263</b>	Public Policy Analysis
<b>GV264</b>	Politics and Institutions in Europe
<b>GV307</b>	Conflict and Cooperation: A Few Provocative Debates (H)
<b>GV324</b>	Applied Quantitative Methods for Political Science (H)
<b>GV325</b>	Topics in Political Economy (H)
<b>GV326</b>	Conflict, War and Revolution - Approaches to Political Theory
<b>GV327</b>	Governance and Corruption (H)

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<b>GV328</b>	Middle East Politics in Transnational Perspective (H)
<b>GV329</b>	Making Democracy Work (H)
<b>GV334</b>	Comparative Perspectives on Inequality and Politics: Global North, Global South (H)
<b>GV334</b>	Comparative Perspectives on Inequality and Politics: Global North, Global South (H)
<b>GV335</b>	African Political Economy (H)

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## International History (HY)

History is a wide-ranging and challenging subject to study. It seeks to understand the past and to make sense of the present, adding an important dimension to the understanding of many aspects of human society.

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<b>HY113</b>	From Empire to Independence: The Extra-European World in the Twentieth Century
<b>HY116</b>	International Politics since 1914: Peace and War
<b>HY118</b>	Faith, Power and Revolution: Europe and the Wider World, c.1500-c.1800
<b>HY200</b>	The Rights of Man: the History of Human Rights Discourse from the Antigone to Amnesty International
<b>HY206</b>	The International History of the Cold War, 1945-1989
<b>HY226</b>	The Great War 1914-1918
<b>HY232</b>	War, Genocide and Nation Building. The History of South-Eastern Europe 1914-1990
<b>HY235</b>	Modernity and the State in East Asia: China, Japan and Korea since 1840
<b>HY239</b>	People, Power and Protest in Latin America, c.1895 to the present day

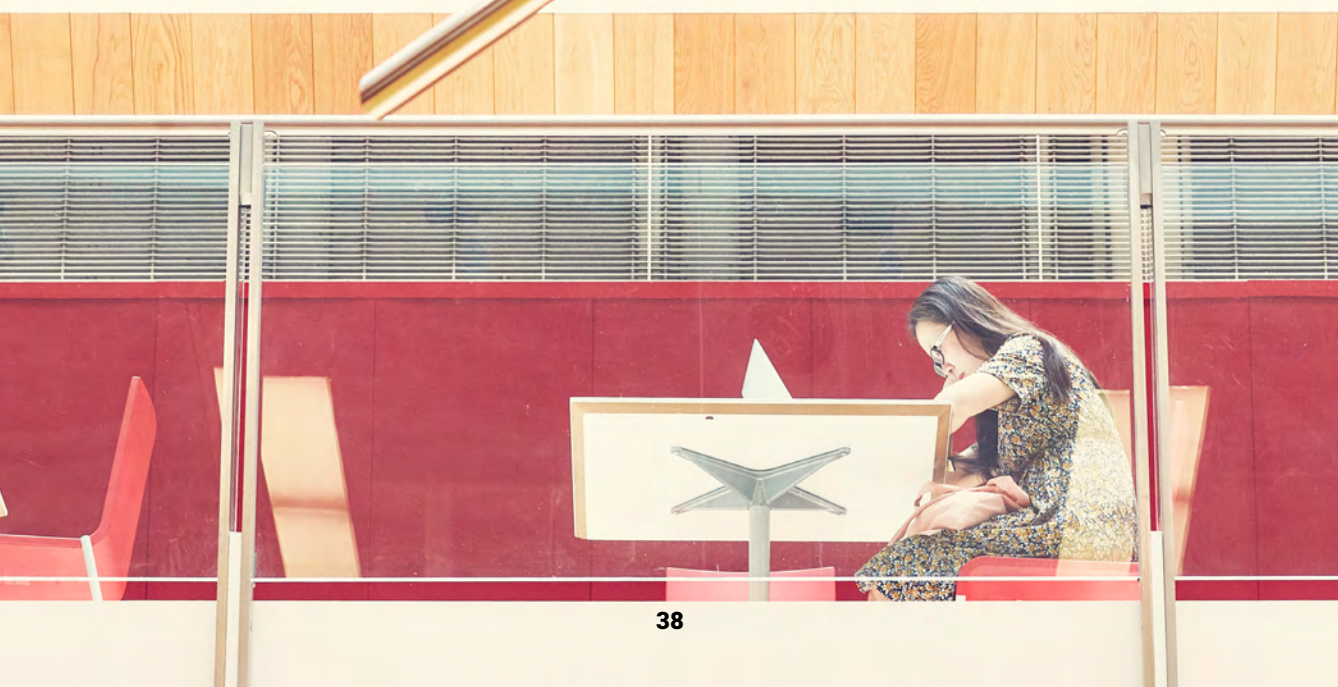
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*Studying abroad for a full year, especially at LSE, shows you're serious about the academic and cultural experience. I think being at LSE made a difference when it came to getting a highly-competitive internship on Wall Street.* ”

**Matthew Terry**  
Boston College, USA.







- HY240** From Empire to Commonwealth: war, race and imperialism in British History, 1780 to the present day
- HY241** What is History? Methods and Debates
- HY242** The Soviet Union: Domestic, International and Intellectual History
- HY243** Islamic Empires, 1400 - 1800
- HY245** The United States and the World since 1776
- HY246** The Global Caribbean: Colonialism, Race and Revolutions 1780s-1980s
- HY247** The History of Modern Turkey, 1789 to the Present
- HY311** Limited War During the Cold War Era: The US in Korea (1950-53) and Vietnam (1954-75)
- HY315** The European Enlightenment, c.1680-1799
- HY320** The Cold War Endgame
- HY322** Nazi Germany's War: Violence and Occupation in Europe, 1939-1945
- HY323** Travel, Pleasure and Politics: The European Grand Tour, 1670-1825
- HY327** The Anglo-American Special Relationship, 1939-89
- HY328** The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Nationalism, Territory, Religion
- HY331** Henry Kissinger and the Global 1970s
- HY333** Enslavement, commerce, and political formations in West Africa, c. 1550-1836
- HY334** Communication Revolutions in Latin America c. 1539 to the Present 1
- HY335** History of Foreign Relations of the People's Republic of China, 1949-2008

## International Relations (IR)

International relations is the study of an international system composed of territorial states which acknowledge no superior authority over matters which they consider of vital interest. It deals with the nature of the changing relations between states and with non-state actors. It studies the functioning of the international system – the forces, factors, interests, customs, rules, institutions and organisations from which the theory and history of its development are formed.

- IR100** International Relations: Theories, Concepts and Debates
- IR200** International Political Theory
- IR202** Foreign Policy Analysis 1
- IR203** International Organisations
- IR205** International Security
- IR206** International Political Economy
- IR305** Strategic Aspects of International Relations
- IR312** Genocide (H)
- IR314** Southeast Asia: Intra-regional Politics and Security (H)
- IR315** The Middle East and International Relations Theory
- IR317** American Grand Strategy (H)
- IR319** Empire and Conflict in World Politics (H)
- IR323** Gendered/ing and International Politics (H)
- IR326** The Rule of Law: A Global History (H)
- IR345** Global Politics of China
- IR349** Conflict and Peacebuilding
- IR367** Global Environmental Politics (H)
- IR368** The Political Economy of Trade (H)
- IR369** Politics of Money in the World Economy (H)
- IR373** China and the Global South (H)



## Language Studies (LN)

The study of language or literature is placed firmly within the context of society, economics and politics. All courses relate language study to the field of interest of social science students using a variety of written and audio sources.

**LN100** Russian Language and Society 3 (advanced)

**LN101** Russian Language and Society 1 (beginner)

**LN102** Russian Language and Society 2 (intermediate)

**LN104** Mandarin Language and Society Level 1 (Beginner)

**LN110** German Language and Society 3 (advanced)

**LN112** German Language and Society 2 (Intermediate)

**LN120** Spanish Language and Society 3 (advanced)

**LN121** Spanish Language and Society 1 (beginner)

**LN122** Spanish Language and Society 2 (intermediate)

**LN130** French Language and Society 3 (advanced)

**LN131** French Language and Society 1 (beginner)

**LN132** French Language and Society 2 (intermediate)

**LN140** Mandarin Language and Society 3 (Advanced)

**LN142** Mandarin Language and Society 2 (Intermediate)

**LN200** Russian Language and Society 4 (proficiency)

**LN210** German Language and Society 4 (proficiency)

**LN220** Spanish Language and Society 4 (proficiency)

**LN230** French Language and Society 4 (proficiency)

**LN240** Mandarin Language and Society 4 (Proficiency)

**LN250** English Literature and Society

**LN251** Comparative Literature and 20th Century Political History

**LN252** Contemporary Literature and Global Society

**LN253** European Literature and Philosophy

**LN254** Literature and Aspects of Ethics

**LN270** Society and Language: Linguistics for Social Scientists

**LN320** Spanish Language and Society 5 (mastery)

**LN330** French Language and Society 5 (mastery)

**LN342** Academic Chinese for International Relations

## Law (LL)

The study of law involves examining and analysing the rules and institutions that society establishes to promote justice and order.

**LL104** Law of Obligations

**LL105** Property I (H)

**LL106** Public Law

**LL108** Criminal Law

**LL109** Introduction to the Legal System (H)

**LL201** Administrative Law

**LL203** Law of Business Associations (Company Law)

**LL205** Medical Law

**LL207** Civil Liberties and Human Rights

**LL210** Information Technology and the Law

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<b>LL212</b>	Conflict of Laws
<b>LL232</b>	Law and Institutions of the European Union
<b>LL233</b>	Law of Evidence
<b>LL241</b>	European Legal History
<b>LL251</b>	Intellectual Property Law
<b>LL257</b>	Employment Law
<b>LL259</b>	Legal and Social Change since 1750
<b>LL272</b>	Outlines of Modern Criminology (H)
<b>LL275</b>	Property II
<b>LL278</b>	Public International Law
<b>LL284</b>	Topics in Sentencing and Criminal Justice (H)
<b>LL293</b>	Tax and Tax Avoidance
<b>LL295</b>	Media Law
<b>LL300</b>	Competition Law
<b>LL301</b>	Global Commodities Law
<b>LL305</b>	Jurisprudence
<b>LL342</b>	International Protection of Human Rights

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## Management (MG)

To cope with the challenges of the 21st century, managers will require a deeper understanding of the global business environment and the social world, as well as a greater capacity for ongoing learning than provided by traditional business education. A feature of management at LSE is its emphasis on the social sciences – in particular, economics, psychology and sociology – as a lens for understanding organisations and management practice. Going beyond fads and catchphrases, students are encouraged to think about theory and evidence.

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<b>MG104</b>	Operations Management (H)
<b>MG105</b>	Organisational Behaviour and Leadership (H)
<b>MG205</b>	Econometrics: Theory and Applications
<b>MG206</b>	Firms, Management and Competitive Advantage (H)
<b>MG207</b>	Managerial Economics
<b>MG209</b>	E-business (H)
<b>MG210</b>	Corporate Social Responsibility and International Labour Standards (H)
<b>MG212</b>	Marketing (H)
<b>MG213</b>	Information Systems (H)
<b>MG214</b>	Human Resource Management (H)
<b>MG301</b>	Strategy
<b>MG302</b>	Topics in Management Research (H)
<b>MG303</b>	International Business Strategy and Emerging Markets (H)
<b>MG305</b>	Innovation and Technology Management (H)
<b>MG308</b>	Simulation Modelling and Analysis (H)
<b>MG310</b>	Strategic Decision Making (H)
<b>MG311</b>	Foundations of Behavioural Decision Science (H)
<b>MG312</b>	Extreme Organisational Behaviour: Examining behaviour in non-normative organisational contexts (H)
<b>MG316</b>	Brand Strategy (H)

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## Mathematics (MA)

The Mathematics Department at LSE is internationally renowned for its teaching and research in mathematics related to the social sciences, particularly the mathematics necessary for understanding economics.

- **MA100** Mathematical Methods
- **MA102** Mathematical Proof and Analysis (H)
- **MA103** Introduction to Abstract Mathematics
- **MA107** Quantitative Methods (Mathematics) (H)
- **MA203** Real Analysis (H)
- **MA207** Further Quantitative Methods (Mathematics) (H)
- **MA208** Optimisation Theory (H)
- **MA209** Differential Equations (H)
- **MA210** Discrete Mathematics (H)
- **MA211** Algebra and Number Theory (H)
- **MA212** Further Mathematical Methods
- **MA214** Algorithms and Data Structures (H)
- **MA231** Operational Research Methods
- **MA300** Game Theory
- **MA301** Game Theory I (H)
- **MA315** Algebra and its Applications (H)
- **MA316** Graph Theory (H)
- **MA317** Complex Analysis (H)
- **MA318** History of Mathematics in Finance and Economics (H)
- **MA319** Partial Differential Equations (H)
- **MA320** Mathematics of Networks (H)
- **MA321** Measure Theoretic Probability (H)
- **MA322** Mathematics of Finance and Valuation (H)

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**MA323** Computational Methods in Financial Mathematics (H)

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**MA333** Optimisation for Machine Learning (H)

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## Philosophy (PH)

Studying philosophy means engaging with some profound and fascinating questions; questions that any inquisitive and critical thinker will find themselves asking at some point in their life, but which many non-philosophers do not pursue in depth. In studying philosophy at LSE you will debate and investigate the issues and problems that have preoccupied philosophers since Greek times, as well as learning the skills and techniques of reasoning.

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**PH103** The Big Questions: An Introduction to Philosophy

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**PH105** Historical and Global Perspectives on Philosophy (H)

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**PH111** Introduction to Logic (H)

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**PH112** Intermediate Logic (H)

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**PH201** Philosophy of Science

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**PH203** Philosophy of the Social Sciences

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**PH214** Philosophy, Morals and Politics

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**PH217** Set Theory and Further Logic

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**PH222** Philosophy and Public Policy

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**PH223** Mind and Metaphysics (H)

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**PH224** Epistemology (H)

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**PH225** Business and Organisational Ethics (H)

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**PH227** Genes, Brains and Society (H)

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**PH230** Einstein for Everyone: From time travel to the edge of the universe (H)

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**PH232** Physics and the City: From Quantum Jumps to Stock Market Crashes (H)

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**PH238** Philosophy of Language (H)

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**PH311** Philosophy of Economics

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**PH333** Philosophy of Gender and Race (H)

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## Psychological and Behavioural Science (PB)

LSE provides a distinctive social science and practical policy-oriented approach to psychological and behavioural science. As well as developing core knowledge and skills in psychological and behavioural science, students learn to analyse ways in which its theories and findings can be applied to the real world, to use them to understand important social issues and propose and assess possible solutions.

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**PB101** Foundations of Psychological Science

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## Social Policy (SP)

Social policy is a vibrant subject at LSE, taught by many leading experts in the field. People in the Department are broadly interested in what we should do to ensure the wellbeing of ourselves and others. How far do we have a responsibility as individuals to provide for ourselves? What should governments, employers, voluntary organisations and families do? Who gets what in our society and in other societies, why and what issues does it raise? You can study policies and measures at many different levels: local, national and international, and in many different kinds of organisation.

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**SP110** Sociology and Social Policy

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**SP111** Social Economics and Policy

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**SP112** Politics of Social Policy Making

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**SP210** Development and Social Change

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**SP230** Education Policy

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**SP232** Health and Social Care Policy

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**SP271** Psychology of Crime and Criminal Justice

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**SP331** Sexuality, Everyday Lives and Social Policy in Developing Countries (H)

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**SP332** Social Security Policies (H)

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**SP333** NGOs, Social Policy and Development (H)

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**SP335** Migration: Current Research, Critical Approaches (H)

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**SP372** Punishment and Penal Policy (H)

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**SP374** Riots, Disorder and Urban Violence (H)

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## Sociology (SO)

Sociology helps us to understand not only the unparalleled changes that are occurring throughout the world and the changing patterns of relationships between peoples, but also our own lives, predispositions, values and expectations in a way that no other academic subject can rival. LSE aims



to be both a guardian of the discipline of sociology, and a leader in the development of the social sciences into new intellectual areas, addressing the social problems and ethical dilemmas that face a globalised post-modern society.

- SO100** Key Concepts: Introduction to Social Theory
- SO110** Power, Inequality, and Difference: Contemporary Themes in Sociology
- SO203** Political Sociology
- SO232** Sociology of Health and Illness (H)
- SO236** Urban Society (H)
- SO237** Racial Borderscapes (H)
- SO240** Crime, Deviance and Control (H)
- SO244** The Sociology of Race and Empire (H)
- SO248** Gender and Society (H)
- SO310** The Sociology of Elites (H)
- SO313** Material Culture and Everyday Life (H)
- SO348** Personal Life, Intimacy and the Family (H)

## Statistics (ST)

The Department offers expert teaching and supervision in time series, stochastic modelling, financial mathematics, actuarial statistics, latent variable modelling and sample survey theory and methods.

- ST101** Programming for Data Science (H)
- ST102** Elementary Statistical Theory
- ST107** Quantitative Methods (Statistics) (H)
- ST109** Elementary Statistical Theory I (H)
- ST110** Elementary Statistical Theory II (H)

- ST115** Managing and Visualising Data (H)
- ST201** Statistical Models and Data Analysis (H)
- ST202** Probability, Distribution Theory and Inference
- ST205** Sample Surveys and Experiments (H)
- ST206** Probability and Distribution Theory (H)
- ST207** Databases (H)
- ST213** Introduction to Pricing, Hedging and Optimization (H)
- ST227** Survival Models (H)
- ST300** Regression and Generalised Linear Models (H)
- ST301** Actuarial Mathematics (Life) (H)
- ST302** Stochastic Processes (H)
- ST304** Time Series and Forecasting (H)
- ST306** Actuarial Mathematics (General) (H)
- ST307** Aspects of Market Research (H)
- ST308** Bayesian Inference (H)
- ST309** Elementary Data Analytics (H)
- ST310** Machine Learning (H)
- ST311** Artificial Intelligence (H)
- ST326** Financial Statistics (H)
- ST327** Market Research: An Integrated Approach
- ST330** Stochastic and Actuarial Methods in Finance

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# LIFE AFTER LSE

## You're an LSE alumnus!

Upon completion of your year on the General Course you'll be a fully-fledged alumnus of LSE. Forever! We operate a highly effective alumni relations programme that is administered by School staff and a network of volunteer alumni across the world.

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