

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Tower Bridge in London. The bridge's two massive stone towers are the central focus, with their intricate Gothic-style architecture and white suspension cables clearly visible. The bridge deck, painted a light blue, stretches across the frame. In the foreground, there are dark, out-of-focus green bushes and a black lamppost with two lanterns. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds, suggesting an overcast day. The overall composition is a low-angle shot, making the bridge appear imposing and grand.

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OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

Study abroad at LSE

**The General Course
2025/26**

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“A full year abroad has allowed me to truly integrate into a community and make a home away from home.”

Iris Peng
Georgetown University, USA



Mia Amor Mottley



Andrew Bailey



Arun Blair-Mangat



Gordon Brown



Alexander De Croo



Bisher Khasawneh



Christine Lagarde



Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala



Lawrence Summers



Ursula von der Leyen



Humza Yousaf



Olena Zelenska

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.

ACCOUNTING
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DATA SCIENCE
ECONOMIC HISTORY
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FINANCE
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SCIENTIFIC METHOD**
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BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE**
SOCIAL POLICY
SOCIOLOGY
STATISTICS



OVER 300 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

“The General Course gave me a new worldview. It pushed me outside my comfort zone and provided me with opportunities and experiences that continue to shape me.”

Sid Goel,
Bentley University, USA

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 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, which provides further detailed information and answers many of the most frequently asked questions.

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.

“ I've gained lifelong friendships, connections to outstanding professors, professional advice, and the opportunity to experience all that the lovely city of London has to offer thanks to the General Course. ”

Rohit Pratapagiri, Babson College, USA

You need to have completed at least two years of university level study prior to joining LSE (unless studying in-person on the University of London Programme with academic direction by LSE).

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 300 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 2025 onwards and will continue to be accepted until 31 July 2025, or until all the available places have been filled, whichever is the sooner.

University housing is guaranteed to all General Course students who apply for it before the deadline.

John C Phelan General Course Scholarships and International Students House Accommodation Scholarships are available to students in financial need.

* Students on the General Course for English Language Majors track follow a set study package of four courses from the Language Centre, which is also their host department at the School.

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:

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.

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.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD

In 2025/26 we will once again award John C Phelan General Course Scholarships. Recipients will also be considered for an International Students House Accommodation Scholarship.

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: Kostas Bakoyannis; Arun Blair-Mangat; Gordon Brown; Alexander De Croo; Elisa Ferreira; Bisher Khasawneh; Jose Pascual Marco; Mia Amor Mottley; Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain; Joanna Post; Toyin Saraki, and Humza Yousaf.

INTERNATIONAL AND COSMOPOLITAN ENVIRONMENT

LSE students are drawn from over 150 different countries and 65 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.



GUARANTEED UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

All General Course students are guaranteed a place in university housing if they apply for it before the deadline.

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.

GENERAL COURSE SOCIAL CALENDAR

A variety 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.

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. General Course students can also access all that the University of London has to offer.

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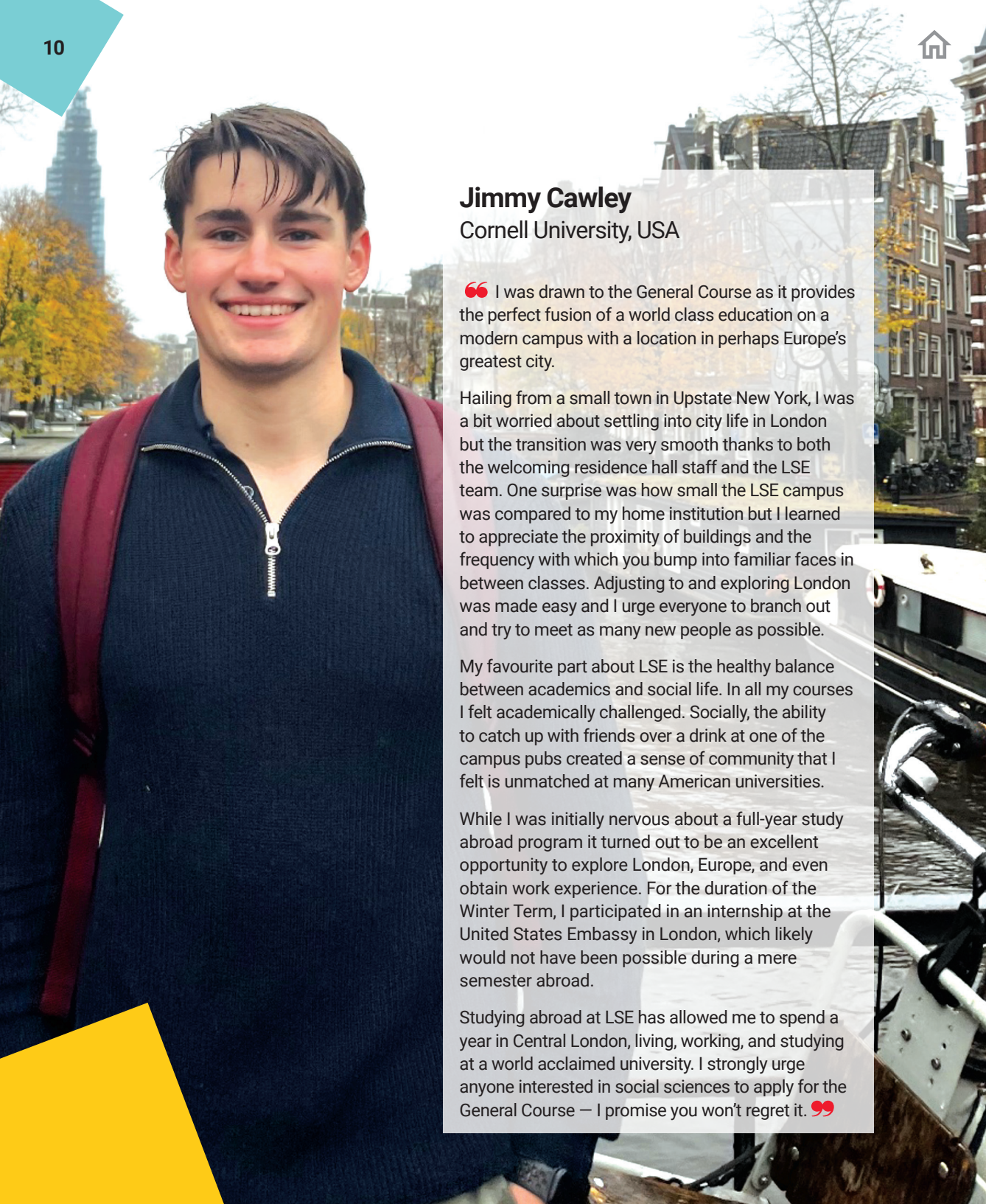
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STAFF ORIGINATE
FROM COUNTRIES
OUTSIDE THE UK**



Jimmy Cawley

Cornell University, USA

“ I was drawn to the General Course as it provides the perfect fusion of a world class education on a modern campus with a location in perhaps Europe's greatest city.

Hailing from a small town in Upstate New York, I was a bit worried about settling into city life in London but the transition was very smooth thanks to both the welcoming residence hall staff and the LSE team. One surprise was how small the LSE campus was compared to my home institution but I learned to appreciate the proximity of buildings and the frequency with which you bump into familiar faces in between classes. Adjusting to and exploring London was made easy and I urge everyone to branch out and try to meet as many new people as possible.

My favourite part about LSE is the healthy balance between academics and social life. In all my courses I felt academically challenged. Socially, the ability to catch up with friends over a drink at one of the campus pubs created a sense of community that I felt is unmatched at many American universities.

While I was initially nervous about a full-year study abroad program it turned out to be an excellent opportunity to explore London, Europe, and even obtain work experience. For the duration of the Winter Term, I participated in an internship at the United States Embassy in London, which likely would not have been possible during a mere semester abroad.

Studying abroad at LSE has allowed me to spend a year in Central London, living, working, and studying at a world acclaimed university. I strongly urge anyone interested in social sciences to apply for the General Course — I promise you won't regret it. ”

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE CHANCELLOR

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.

Professor Larry Kramer

President and Vice Chancellor



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 300 courses listed on [pages 36-53](#) and on our website at 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 approach that's highly popular and successful. And an environment in which we know you'll positively thrive.

* Students on the General Course for English Language Majors track take four Language Centre courses.

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 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

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 Autumn 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 study abroad newsletter. It's packed with academic advice, useful cultural information, details of events, and brilliant money saving tips.

Cumberland Lodge residential visit

Another popular event in the General Course calendar is our annual escape from 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.

Study Abroad Ball

What better way to celebrate your time at LSE than by dressing up, enjoying a sumptuous end-of-year dinner with your friends and 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 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.





LSE Students' Union and student societies

The LSE Students' Union is all about you. Representing all 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, multipurpose sports hall, squash courts and dynamic weights room.

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

Student Wellbeing Service

The Student Wellbeing Service (SWS) aims to provide you with a single integrated source of help and assistance to ensure that you get the most out of your LSE experience.

Disability and Mental Health Service (DMHS)

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. 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. The earlier that you let DMHS know about your condition the earlier they can work with you to put appropriate support in place.



The Disability and Mental Health Service can be contacted at disability-wellbeing@lse.ac.uk. For more detailed information about "My Adjustments" visit lse.ac.uk/myadjustments

Student Wellbeing and Counselling Service

Any student looking for support for their wellbeing can book a 30-minute Wellbeing Appointment. This provides an opportunity to discuss any issues you are experiencing, and an opportunity to explore what would be most useful to you, including: one-to-one support (eg, counselling), groups, workshops, online resources, self-care strategies and referrals to other LSE and external services. Visit lse.ac.uk/counselling for more information.

Groups and workshops

SWS also organizes groups and workshops to support students experiencing stress, anxiety or other issues. Details can be found at info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/student-wellbeing/counselling-workshops

Peer Supporters

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 at lse.ac.uk/peersupport



Careers

LSE Careers has an experienced team that provides assistance and advice to General Course students. You can book appointments with careers consultants, attend events with alumni and employers from a huge variety of sectors, and access information and resources on the website. 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 info.lse.ac.uk/Current-Students/Careers

General Course Edge

General Course Edge is an annual highlight in the study abroad calendar, designed to connect current and recently graduated General Course students with alumni of the programme.

Through a series of bespoke events, GC Edge provides an exclusive opportunity for you to network with General Course alumni working in a variety of industries, including Data and Tech, Media and Marketing, Business, and International Organisations. You'll also have the opportunity to hear from former General Course students who are pursuing graduate study both at LSE and elsewhere and to attend tailored workshops on creating a great CV.

All General Course students are expected to participate in GC Edge – just one of the many unique benefits of studying abroad at LSE.

LSE Generate

LSE Generate supports General Course students and alumni to build socially responsible businesses. Their year-round programme is packed with workshops about the fundamentals of creating a business, their flagship accelerator programme, funding competitions, events, international treks and networking opportunities. They support innovators at each stage of their entrepreneurial journey and provide the infrastructure to build, develop and scale your ideas.

For further information visit the LSE Generate website at lse.ac.uk/generate

Internships for General Course students

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

General Course students can apply for an internship totaling eight weeks, from September through early March, within a sector of the economy of their choosing – from blue-chip firms to fast growing small and medium-sized businesses, to nonprofit organisations and government departments.

The Intern Group has staff in London and provides 24 hour support, proprietary training materials and videos, lifetime membership of their alumni network, and assistance in obtaining academic credit from your home institution (should this be possible).



These internships are wholly separate from study at LSE and are undertaken alongside and in addition to the four full-year (or the equivalent in half-unit) courses that General Course students must take.

If you are interested in adding an internship to your study abroad experience you should apply directly to The Intern Group before you arrive in London.

LSE has also negotiated a special deal for virtual internships with The Intern Group. Their virtual internship programme has everything you need to boost your career, including:

- A professional, virtual internship in your chosen fields.
- Career advancement training focused on developing eight key competencies desired by hiring managers.

- A Keynote Speaker Series of exclusive live Q&A sessions with experts and industry leaders.
- Live personal support throughout the programme, including placement counseling, resume and cover letter guidance, free access to mental health services during your internship and a session with a professional career coach after your internship is complete.

The virtual internship programme is flexible to fit your schedule. You choose when you want to start, the hours you can commit to (10 to 40 per week), and the length of your internship (4 to 24 weeks). If you are interested in a virtual internship you should contact The Intern Group directly.

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

For further information, visit The Intern Group website at theinterngroup.com



EDUCATION



“ 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. Note that transcripts are only produced/issued upon completion of the programme.

The taught elements of our courses are intended 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 number 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, issued to students only upon their completion of the programme. A number of courses have an "assessed coursework" component that contributes towards the final exam mark. These usually consist of an independently produced piece of writing.

A full-page background image of the Tower Bridge in London at sunset. The bridge's two towers are illuminated with warm lights, and the sky is a mix of orange, pink, and purple. The bridge's suspension cables and walkways are visible. In the foreground, there's a rocky shoreline with dark, wet stones. The River Thames flows beneath the bridge, reflecting the sky's colors. A small, modern building is visible on the left side of the river.

“ 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.

The Library's Course Collection contains books on your reading lists and, in addition, you can access a range of other resources in print and online including e-books, newspapers and articles.

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 institutions in the University of London.

To discover more about the Library, visit lse.ac.uk/library

Information technology

We have around 1,000 PCs available for students to use on campus, many 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

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 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

LSE LIFE

LSE LIFE is the School's centre for academic, personal, and professional development. They can help you find and make sense of the wide array of information and support available to students at LSE.

You can book a place on a workshop or have a chat with a study adviser for one-to-one advice on anything related to your studies, including ways to read for academic work, make effective notes, write essays, study and think more critically, prepare for exams, and conduct research.

LSE LIFE also offer events and advice to improve your leadership, communication, and time management skills and help you think about your own goals and aims, inside and outside the classroom.

Learn more about LSE LIFE at lse.ac.uk/lselife



Volunteer Centre

Volunteering is a great way to help develop new skills and meet new people while making a difference and the LSE Volunteer Centre exists to inspire and empower you to volunteer for causes that you care about.

The Centre works with organisations to advertise volunteering opportunities across London, the UK and internationally. Whether you are passionate about the environment or human rights or ready to change the world through campaigning or mentoring, they'll have an opportunity for you. They also run a comprehensive one-off volunteering programme to ensure you can fit volunteering into your schedule.

For further information visit the LSE Volunteer Centre website at lse.ac.uk/volunteercentre

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 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.

THE GENERAL COURSE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE MAJORS





The General Course for English Language Majors

The General Course for English Language Majors (GC ELM) is a languages, literature and linguistics track specially designed for English language majors who are required to study abroad during their degree programme.

GC ELM students are fully integrated into the General Course, benefiting from the full range of academic support and social provision. They are hosted by the School's Language Centre and, rather than selecting courses from across the School, all GC ELM students follow a tailored combination of courses ideal for English language majors. The GC ELM track comprises the following four courses:

1. Discourse and Communication (LN370)

The course covers key theories and concepts involved in communication with a contrast between written and spoken discourse, and a focus on genre and identity. Students apply the theories and concepts to the appropriate and effective usage of English in real-life cases and analyse how linguistic and communication strategies can be used effectively in English-medium social, professional and academic contexts.

2. English Literature and Society (LN250)

The course concentrates on 20th century literature in Britain and its links to the major political and social trends in the period. Significant focuses include Modernism (Joyce, Eliot), feminism (Woolf), theatre of the absurd and postmodernism (Beckett and Pinter) and politically engaged writing (Auden, Orwell, Heaney).

3. Modern language course (French, German, Mandarin, Russian or Spanish)

GC ELM allows students to develop an additional language in addition to their high-level English skills. Students can choose from five languages and will be placed in an appropriate level (from beginner to advanced) following a placement test. This track offers you the opportunity to start a new language or develop a language that you have studied before, adding to your linguistic abilities.

4. Society and Language (LN270)

The Society and Language: Linguistics for Social Scientists course introduces students to key (socio)linguistic concepts (semantic and pragmatic meaning, discourse, register, genre, dialect, idiolect, sociolect) employed in the analysis of language use as a social process. Students explore the reciprocal relationship between language and specific social contexts and structures (class, gender, ethnicity), and study the role that language plays in the creation, maintenance and change of social relations and institutions.



The Language Centre provides each GC ELM student with an academic mentor and organises a range of additional social and cultural activities, curated to complement the courses being studied. At the end of their time at the School, GC ELM students receive an additional certificate recording their completion of courses in languages, literature and linguistics.

Students wishing to join the General Course for English Language Majors track must indicate this on the General Course application form. The regular General Course academic entry requirements and tuition fee applies to all GC ELM students.

“After a year on the General Course I am more capable and braver than I thought I could be.”

Deborah Oh
Georgetown University, USA

HOW TO APPLY





Application for admission to the General Course, including the General Course for English Language Majors track, may be made by current undergraduate students who will have completed at least two years of in-person 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 other qualifications will not normally be considered for a place.

Students undertaking an in-person University of London Programme with academic direction by LSE may apply for entry after just one year of study but will be required to obtain first year grades of at least 60 per cent in three courses and 40 per cent in a fourth.

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:

- **A COMPLETED** General Course application, available at lse.ac.uk/generalCourse
- **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.
- **ONE ACADEMIC REFERENCE** written by a university teacher currently familiar with the applicant's work, preferably in a field they intend to pursue at LSE. The reference must be written in, or translated into, English.

* 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. University of London students who are studying in-person and applying during their first year of study may apply without a transcript but are required to provide this before any conditional offer can be confirmed.



Once the completed application is downloaded by the General Course admissions team, it normally takes less than seven business 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. Applicants are under no obligation to accept an offer of admission, nor do they make any legal or financial undertaking before they enroll at the School.

Application and induction dates

Completed applications can be submitted from January 2025. We operate a “rolling admissions” process, until 31 July 2025 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 designed for General Course students. You’ll find all the details in your Offer Pack.

Academic entry requirements

We judge each applicant individually and have no “agreements” that give advantage to students from particular countries or institutions. 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 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.

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



If you receive an offer of admission, 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.

Applications can be submitted directly to the School or via The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University, the Institute for Study Abroad (IFSA) or the Study Abroad Foundation (SAF) (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 help with any queries you might have, preferably by email. Please feel free to contact the General Course team by writing to 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 their website at 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 their website at ifsa-butler.org for further information and details of the fees applicable.



The Study Abroad Foundation (SAF)

Student wishing to apply to the General Course through the Study Abroad Foundation should visit their website at studyabroadfoundation.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, IFSA or SAF) in 2025/26 is likely to be £28,600 (TBC) 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 £15,500.

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 2025/26, LSE will again 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.

Recipients of a John C Phelan General Course Scholarship will also be considered for an International Students House (ISH) Accommodation Scholarship, providing two students with free central London housing.

Further information is available at lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/The-General-Course/scholarships-and-fees

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

Matthew Frisch
University of Pennsylvania, USA



DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AND COURSE LISTINGS



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 2024/25. A list of all the courses to be offered in 2025/26 will be available in the summer of 2025. Although we cannot guarantee that everything offered in 2024/25 will be available in 2025/26 the vast majority will be, and potentially more besides. The General Course application form asks you to identify up to six courses of particular interest and, prior to your arrival, you will be invited to reconfirm your course preferences, for the purposes of pre-registration. However, your final selection of four courses (or the equivalent in half-units) 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 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.

Students applying for the General Course for English Language Majors track are not required to indicate course preferences as they follow a set study package (see [page 28](#)).





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 or two 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 two 300 level courses.



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. Over 50 per cent of the courses available in 2024/25 were half-units.

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.

AC102	Elements of Financial Accounting (H)
AC206	Intermediate Management Accounting (H)
AC311	Results Accountability and Management Control for Strategy Implementation (H)
AC312	Performance Measurement, Strategy, and Uncertainty (H)
AC331	Contemporary Issues in Financial Accounting (H)
AC332	Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation (H)
AC341	Corporate Governance, Risk Management and Financial Audit (H)
AC342	Accounting, Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability (H)

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.

AN100	Being Human: Contemporary Themes in Social Anthropology
AN101	A History of Anthropological Theory
AN102	Ethnography through Mixed Media
AN200	The Anthropology of Kinship, Sex and Gender
AN205	The Anthropology of Melanesia (H)
AN226	Political and Legal Anthropology
AN237	The Anthropology of Development (H)
AN250	The Anthropology of South Asia (H)
AN256	Economic Anthropology (1): Production and Exchange (H)
AN269	The Anthropology of Amazonia (H)
AN276	Anthropology and the Anthropocene (H)
AN284	Anthropological Approaches to Race, Racism, and Decolonisation (H)
AN285	Mind and Society (H)



AN303	Advanced Theory of Social Anthropology (H)
AN357	Economic Anthropology (2): Transformation and Globalisation (H)
AN395	Digital Anthropology (H)

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.

DS101A	Fundamentals of Data Science (H)
DS105A	Data for Data Science (H)
DS105W	Data for Data Science (H)
DS202A	Data Science for Social Scientists (H)
DS202W	Data Science for Social Scientists (H)
DS205	Advanced Data Manipulation (H)

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.

EH101	The Internationalisation of Economic Growth, 1870 to the present day
EH102	Pre-industrial Economic History
EH111	The Internationalisation of Economic Growth (H)
EH204	Money and Finance: From the Middle Ages to Modernity
EH207	China since 1800: Culture, institutions and economic growth
EH211	Africa and the World Economy, 1500-2000
EH214	Money and Finance: From the Middle Ages to the Eighteenth Century (H)
EH215	Money and Finance: From the Eighteenth Century to Modernity (H)
EH238	The Origins of Growth
EH240	Business and Economic Performance since 1945: Britain in International Context
EH316	Atlantic World Slavery



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.

EC1A3	Microeconomics I (H)
EC1A5	Microeconomics I (H)
EC1B3	Macroeconomics I (H)
EC1B5	Macroeconomics I (H)
EC230	Economics in Public Policy
EC2A3	Microeconomics II (H)
EC2A5	Microeconomics II (H)
EC2B3	Macroeconomics II (H)
EC2B5	Macroeconomics II (H)
EC2C3	Econometrics I (H)
EC2C4	Econometrics II (H)
EC307	Development Economics
EC311	History of Economics: How Theories Change
EC313	Industrial Economics
EC317	Labour Economics

EC321	Monetary Economics and Aggregate Fluctuations
EC325	Public Economics
EC330	Environmental Economics
EC334	Advanced Macroeconomics (H)
EC335	Economic Policy in the Global Economy (H)
EC336	Econometric Theory A (H)
EC337	Econometric Theory B (H)
EC338	International Trade (H)
EC339	International Macroeconomics (H)

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.

FM101	Finance (H)
FM210	Principles of Finance I (H)
FM211	Principles of Finance II (H)
FM310	Corporate Finance, Investments and Financial Markets I (H)
FM311	Corporate Finance, Investments and Financial Markets II (H)
FM321	Risk Management and Modelling (H)
FM322	Derivatives (H)



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.

GY100	Introduction to Geography
GY103	Contemporary Europe
GY120	Environmental Change: Past, Present and Future
GY121	Sustainable Development
GY140	Introduction to Geographical Research
GY144	Human Geography and the City
GY202	Introduction to Global Development
GY204	Political Geography (H)
GY206	Urban Geography and Globalisation (H)
GY207	Economy, Society and Place (H)

GY209	The Economic Geography of Trade, Production and Development (H)
GY210	The Economics of Cities (H)
GY212	Pathways in Human Geography (H)
GY220	Environment: Science and Society
GY222	Applied Environmental Economics
GY307	Regional Economic Development (H)
GY310	Urban Politics (H)
GY311	The Political Economy of Urbanisation (H)
GY313	Firms and Economic Geography: Location, Technology and Innovation (H)
GY314	The Economics of Housing Markets and Migration (H)
GY316	Gender, Space and Power (H)
GY317	Geographies of Urban Violence (H)
GY326	Sustainable Business and Finance (H)
GY327	Global Environmental Governance (H)
GY328	Political Ecology of Development (H)
GY329	Applied Economics of Environment and Development (H)



“ 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





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.

GV100	Introduction to Political Theory
GV101	Introduction to Political Science
GV225	Analytical Politics
GV245	Democracy and Democratisation
GV248	Power and Politics in the Modern World: Comparative Perspectives
GV249	Research Design in Political Science
GV251	Government, Politics and Public Policy in the European Union
GV262	Contemporary Political Theory

GV263	Public Policy Analysis
GV264	Politics and Institutions in Europe
GV324	Applied Quantitative Methods for Political Science (H)
GV325	Topics in Political Economy (H)
GV326	Conflict, War and Revolution - Approaches to Political Theory
GV329	Making Democracy Work (H)
GV335	African Political Economy (H)
GV336	Latin America: Democracy and Development (H)

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.

HY113	Empires and Resistance in Global History
HY116	International Politics since 1914: Peace and War





HY118 Faith, Power and Revolution: Europe and the Wider World, c.1500-c.1800

HY200 The Rights of Man: the History of Human Rights Discourse from the Antigone to Amnesty International

HY206 The International History of the Cold War, 1945-1989

HY221 The History of the Russian Empire, 1676-1825

HY226 The Greater War c. 1912-1923

HY235 Modernity and the State in East Asia: China, Japan and Korea since 1840

HY239 People, Power and Protest in Latin America, c.1895 to the present day

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

HY248 Britain in the World: British Foreign Policy in the Twentieth Century

HY249 War, Social Conflict and Nation Building: The History of Eastern and Southeastern Europe in the Twentieth Century

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

HY319 Napoleon and Europe

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

HY328 The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Nationalism, Territory, Religion

HY330 From Tea to Opium: China and the Global Market in the Long Eighteenth Century

HY331 Henry Kissinger and the Global 1970s

HY333 People and Power in West African History, c. 1450 - 1850

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.

IR202	Foreign Policy Analysis 1
IR203	International Organisations
IR205	International Security
IR206	International Political Economy
IR305	Strategic Aspects of International Relations
IR317	American Grand Strategy (H)
IR369	Politics of Money in the World Economy (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)
LN341	Mandarin in the Global Workplace
LN342	Academic Chinese for International Relations
LN370	Discourse and Communication

Law (LL)

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

LL108	Criminal Law
LL143	Tort Law
LL201	Law and State Power
LL203	Company Law
LL205	Medical Law
LL212	Conflict of Laws
LL216	Freedom and the Law in Britain (H)
LL217	European Human Rights Law (H)
LL220	Technology Law and Regulation (H)
LL221	Family Law
LL228	European Union Law (H)
LL232	European Union Law
LL251	Intellectual Property Law
LL257	Employment Law
LL272	Outlines of Modern Criminology (H)
LL276	Property
LL279	Public International Law (H)
LL280	Advanced Issues in Public International Law (H)
LL284	Topics in Sentencing and Criminal Justice (H)
LL303	Cultural Heritage and Art Law (H)
LL304	Global Commodities: The Rise of International Law (H)



LL306	Theories of Law (H)
LL307	Justifying Political Authority (H)
LL342	International Protection of Human Rights

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.

MG104	Operations Management (H)
MG105	Organisational Behaviour and Leadership (H)

MG205	Econometrics: Theory and Applications
MG206	Firms, Management and Competitive Advantage (H)
MG207	Managerial Economics
MG209	E-business (H)
MG210	Corporate Social Responsibility and International Labour Standards (H)
MG212	Marketing (H)
MG213	Information Systems (H)
MG214	Human Resource Management (H)
MG228	Managing the Stone-Age Brain (H)
MG301	Strategy
MG302	Topics in Management Research (H)
MG303	International Business Strategy and Emerging Markets (H)
MG305	Innovation and Technology Management (H)
MG307	International Context of Management (H)



MG308	Simulations for Managerial Decisions (H)
MG311	Foundations of Behavioural Decision Science (H)
MG316	Brand Strategy (H)
MG317	Leading Organisational Change (H)

Mathematics (MA)

The Department of Mathematics 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)
MA108	Methods in Calculus and Linear Algebra (H)
MA203	Real Analysis (H)
MA207	Further Quantitative Methods (Mathematics) (H)
MA209	Differential Equations (H)
MA210	Discrete Mathematics (H)
MA211	Algebra and Number Theory (H)
MA212	Further Mathematical Methods
MA213	Operations Research Techniques (H)
MA214	Algorithms and Data Structures (H)

MA222	Further Mathematical Methods (Linear Algebra) (H)
MA316	Graph Theory (H)
MA317	Complex Analysis (H)
MA318	History and Culture of Mathematics (H)
MA319	Partial Differential Equations (H)
MA320	Mathematics of Networks (H)
MA322	Mathematics of Finance and Valuation (H)
MA324	Mathematical Modelling and Simulation (H)
MA333	Optimisation for Machine Learning (H)

Methodology (MY)

LSE has always been at the forefront of methodological development in the social sciences and the Department of Methodology is an internationally recognised centre of excellence in research and teaching in this area.

MY360	Quantitative Text Analysis (H)
MY361	Social Network Analysis (H)



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.

PH105	Historical and Global Perspectives on Philosophy (H)
PH111	Introduction to Logic (H)
PH112	Intermediate Logic and Probability (H)
PH201	Philosophy of Science
PH214	Philosophy, Morals and Politics
PH222	Philosophy and Public Policy
PH223	Mind and Metaphysics (H)
PH224	Epistemology (H)
PH225	Business and Organisational Ethics (H)
PH226	Philosophy of Society (H)
PH230	Einstein for Everyone: From time travel to the edge of the universe (H)

PH232	Physics and Uncertainty: From Quantum Jumps to Stock Market Crashes (H)
PH237	Advanced Logic (H)
PH240	The Ethics of Data and AI (H)
PH311	Philosophy of Economics
PH333	Philosophy of Gender and Race (H)

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.

PB100	Foundations of Behavioural Science
PB101	Foundations of Psychological Science



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.

SP111	Social Economics and Policy
SP112	Politics of Social Policy Making
SP210	Development and Social Change
SP230	Education Policy
SP231	Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy
SP232	Health and Social Care Policy
SP314	Ethnicity, Race and Social Policy (H)
SP315	Urbanisation and Social Policy in the Global Souths (H)
SP331	Sexuality, Everyday Lives and Social Policy in Developing Countries (H)
SP332	Social Security Policies (H)



SP333	NGOs, Social Policy and Development (H)
SP335	Migration: Current Research, Critical Approaches (H)
SP336	Behavioural Public Policy (H)
SP372	Punishment and Penal Policy (H)

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
SO232	Sociology of Health and Illness (H)
SO235	The Sociology of Homicide (H)
SO236	Urban Society (H)
SO237	Racial Borderscapes (H)
SO244	The Sociology of Race and Empire (H)
SO248	Gender and Society (H)
SO309	Atrocity and Justice (H)

SO311	Law and Violence (H)
SO313	Material Culture and Everyday Life (H)
SO314	Class, Culture and Meritocracy (H)
SO348	Family Diversity and Change (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.

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)
ST226	Actuarial Investigations: Financial (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)

ST313	Ethics for Data Science (H)
ST314	Multilevel and Longitudinal Models (H)
ST326	Financial Statistics (H)
ST327	Market Research: An Integrated Approach
ST330	Stochastic and Actuarial Methods in Finance



LIFE AFTER LSE





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For further information, visit our website at alumni.lse.ac.uk

LSE Summer Schools

Summer Schools provide an unmissable opportunity for students to share in LSE's tradition of academic excellence over a short period of time. Summer Schools are offered in June, July and August each year, delivering three-week intensive courses that are taught and examined to LSE standards and based on regular undergraduate courses. Summer School courses are offered in Accounting; Business and Management; Economics; English Language; Finance; International Relations, Government, Psychology and Society; Law, and Research Methods, Data Science, and Mathematics.

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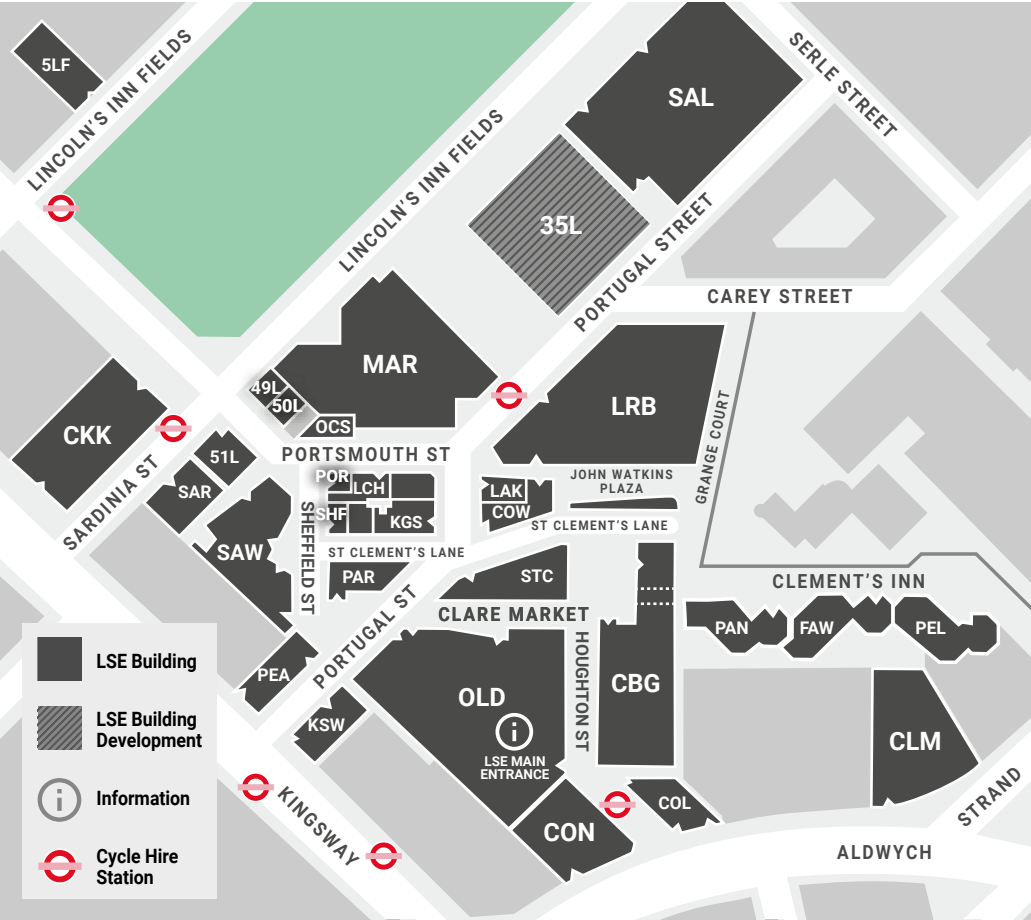


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Parker Taft
Siena College, USA



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- intellectual freedom
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- collegiality
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