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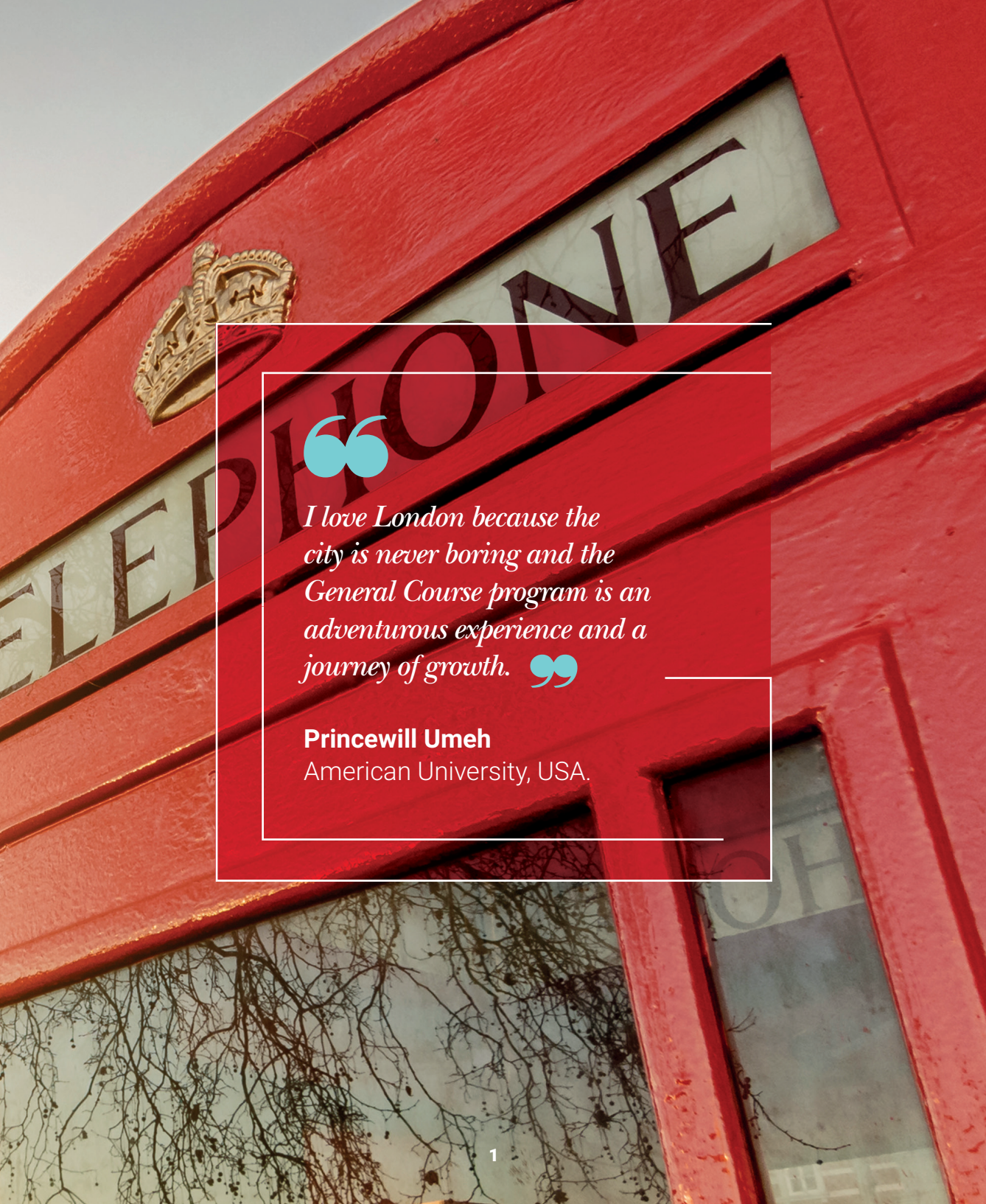


**A YEAR TO
DISCOVER**

THE GENERAL
COURSE 2023/24

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“

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.



Michel Barnier



Helen Clark



Kevin Rudd



Christine Lagarde



Gro Harlem Brundtland



Patricia Espinosa



Bianca Jagger



Amartya Sen



Juan Manuel Santos



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.



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

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.

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**, 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 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 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 2023 onwards and will continue to be accepted until 31 July 2023, 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 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

All accepted students can apply for a John C Phelan General Course Scholarship. Recipients will also be considered for an International Students House Accommodation Scholarship, providing 50% off the usual cost of their central London housing.

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: Michel Barnier; Bianca Jagger; John F Kerry; Christine Lagarde; Mark Lowcock; Mary Robinson; Kevin Rudd; Juan Manuel Santos; Amartya Sen, and Lawrence H Summers.

INTERNATIONAL AND COSMOPOLITAN ENVIRONMENT

LSE students are drawn from over 150 different countries and 66 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 students offered a place on the General Course are guaranteed university housing.

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 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.

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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COUNTRIES ARE
REPRESENTED
IN THE LSE
STUDENT BODY

66%

OF ALL THOSE
AT THE SCHOOL
COME FROM
OUTSIDE THE UK

45%

OF THE
SCHOOL'S STAFF
ORIGINATE
FROM
COUNTRIES
OUTSIDE THE UK

A portrait of Gretchen Ellis, a young woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a black leather jacket over a dark top. The background is a scenic view of a city at dusk or dawn, with hills and buildings visible under a blue sky.

Gretchen Ellis

St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota




I chose the General Course because I wanted to attend one of the best social science institutions in the world but I also wanted a study abroad programme with a great student life. I came from a small school but LSE's support systems and student groups made it feel more and more like home.

I loved my courses. LSE has so many great class choices that allow you to expand your knowledge and explore subjects you would not have had the opportunity to explore otherwise. The classes were so exciting and taught by professors who are leaders in their field, so I felt I was learning from the best.

Socially, I loved the sponsored General Course events. I met some of my closest friends through these and we explored a lot of London and greater England. I am especially fond of the Cumberland Lodge visit due to the many opportunities to make new friends while also learning from some pretty cool lecturers at the same time.

There are countless benefits to studying abroad for the entire year. You can really settle into a community and I believe a year gives you a more fulfilling experience, allowing you to explore as much as you want without feeling the constraint of time. It may seem super scary to leave for an entire year but that challenge allows you to grow from your experiences and expand your worldview, different from shorter programmes.

I recommend the General Course for the unique opportunities the programme offers, its academic rigor, and the wonderful friends and memories you will make. The positive and active support provided by LSE makes the experience even better. I will forever be grateful for my time on the General Course. 

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 33-43 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.

WHAT TO STUDY

LIFE AT LSE

A photograph of three students in an outdoor setting. On the left, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a light blue shirt, is gesturing with his hands while talking. In the center, a woman with dark hair, wearing a yellow sleeveless top and light blue jeans, is laughing. On the right, a man with dark hair, wearing a dark plaid shirt and light blue jeans, is holding a clear water bottle and smiling. They are standing in front of a brick building with large windows. In the foreground, there are several bicycles parked in a rack. The image has a teal overlay and a white border.



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 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 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 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.

Study Abroad 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.

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

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 Wellbeing 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 Wellbeing Service at disability-wellbeing@lse.ac.uk

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

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

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 week-long 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 funding competitions, events 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, please see 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.

For an exceptional price of £600, 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 reduced price of \$1,990 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, please visit The Intern Group website at 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.



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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

A young woman with a yellow turban and headphones is the central focus, looking down. The background is a blurred library or study area with other people. The title 'ACADEMIC SUPPORT' is overlaid in large red letters at the top. A red line is on the right side of the image.

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

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

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. 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, General Course students are encouraged to 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

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.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

A photograph of three young people in an outdoor urban setting. On the right, a young man with dark hair is laughing heartily, his hand near his mouth. He is wearing a light blue shirt and a grey scarf. In the center, a young woman with long brown hair tied back is seen from the back, wearing a grey jacket and a backpack with a patterned strap. On the left, a young woman with long dark hair is wearing a red sweater and looking towards the man. The background shows a building with a sign that includes the words 'Old Curiosity Shop' and 'Charles Dickens'.

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 course (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 course (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 course (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, Washington, D.C.

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 principally 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 a 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% in three courses and 40% 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.

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.

* 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 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 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. Applicants are under no obligation to accept an offer of admission, nor do they make any legal or financial undertaking before they arrive at the School.

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(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

Application and induction dates

Completed applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered from January 2023. We operate a “rolling admissions” process, until 31 July 2023 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

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 to discuss any prospective application, 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.



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



Matthew Frisch

University of Pennsylvania, USA.

Fees

The tuition fee for all students applying directly to the General Course (not through CGS-Arcadia, IFSA or SAF) in 2023/24 will be £25,272 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 £14,500.

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 2023/24, 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.

Two recipients of a John C Phelan General Course Scholarship will also be nominated for International Students House (ISH) Accommodation Scholarships. These provide 50% off the usual cost of ISH's central London housing.

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

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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 2022/23. A list of all the courses to be offered in 2023/24 will be available in the summer of 2023. Although we cannot guarantee that everything offered in 2022/23 will be available in 2023/24 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 narrow this initial selection down to four courses, 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 27).



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 2022/23 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.

AC102 Elements of Financial Accounting (H)

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

AC200 Accounting Theory and Practice

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)

AN243 Children and Youth in Contemporary Ethnography (H)

AN256 Economic Anthropology (1): Production and Exchange

AN276 Anthropology and the Anthropocene (H)

AN301 The Anthropology of Religion

AN303 Advanced Theory of Social Anthropology (H)

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

AN301 The Anthropology of Religion

AN303 Advanced Theory of Social Anthropology (H)

AN357 Economic Anthropology (2): Transformation and Globalisation (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.

DS101L Fundamentals of Data Science (H)

DS101M Fundamentals of Data Science (H)

DS105L Data for Data Science (H)

DS105M Data for Data Science (H)

DS202 Data Science for Social Scientists (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

EH209 The Family Economy in History: 1260 to the present day

EH214 Money and Finance: From the Middle Ages to the Eighteenth Century (H)

EH215 Money and Finance: From the Eighteenth Century to Modernity (H)

EH217 Chinese Economic History since 1800: A Chronology (H)

EH218 Chinese Economic History since 1800: Economic Growth in a Historical Perspective (H)

EH238 The Origins of Growth

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

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

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)

EC201 Microeconomic Principles I

EC2A3 Microeconomics II (H)

EC2A5 Microeconomics II (H)

EC2B3 Macroeconomics II (H)

EC2B5 Macroeconomics II (H)

EC2C3 Econometrics I (H)

EC2C4 Econometrics II (H)

EC301 Advanced Economic Analysis

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EC302	Political Economy
EC307	Development Economics
EC309	Econometric Theory
EC311	History of Economics: How Theories Change
EC313	Industrial Economics
EC315	International Economics
EC317	Labour Economics
EC319	Games and Economic Behaviour
EC321	Monetary Economics and Aggregate Fluctuations
EC325	Public Economics

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)
FM212	Principles of Finance
FM300	Corporate Finance, Investments and Financial Markets
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
GY205	Political Geographies
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)
GY220	Environment: Science and Society
GY222	Applied Environmental Economics
GY307	Regional Economic Development (H)
GY308	The Economic Geography of Growth and Development (H)
GY309	The Political Geography of 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)
GY315	Geographies of Race (H)
GY316	Gender, Space and Power (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)
GY331	Geographies of Global Migration (H)

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	Public Choice and Politics
GV248	Power and Politics in the Modern World: Comparative Perspectives
GV251	Government, Politics and Public Policy in the European Union
GV262	Contemporary Political Theory
GV263	Public Policy Analysis
GV264	Politics and Institutions in Europe
GV302	Key Themes in the History of Political Thought
GV307	Conflict and Cooperation: A Few Provocative Debates (H)
GV324	Applied Quantitative Methods for Political Science (H)
GV325	Topics in Political Economy (H)
GV326	Conflict, War and Revolution - Approaches to Political Theory
GV328	Middle East Politics in Transnational Perspective (H)

GV329	Making Democracy Work (H)
GV330	Data Science Applications to Politics Research (H)
GV332	Big Data in Politics: A Few Provocative Debates (H)
GV334	Comparative Perspectives on Inequality and Politics: Global North, Global South (H)
GV334	Comparative Perspectives on Inequality and Politics: Global North, Global South (H)
GV335	African Political Economy (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	From Empire to Independence: The Extra-European World in the Twentieth Century
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
HY232	War, Genocide and Nation Building. The History of South-Eastern Europe 1914-1990
HY235	Modernity and the State in East Asia: China, Japan and Korea since 1840
HY241	What is History? Methods and Debates

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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.



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
HY329	Independent India: Myths of Freedom and Development
HY330	From Tea to Opium: China and the Global Market in the Long Eighteenth Century
HY332	Interwar worlds: the cultural consequences of the First World War
HY333	Enslavement, commerce, and political formations in West Africa, c. 1550-1836
HY334	Communication Revolutions in Latin America, c.1539 to the Present
HY335	History of Foreign Relations of the People's Republic of China, 1949-2008
HY336	The United States and nuclear weapons from the Manhattan project to the end of the Cold War

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	International Relations of the Middle East
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
IR355	Economic Diplomacy (H)
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)

IR377 The Politics of Peace & Security in Sub-Saharan Africa (H)

IR378 Critical War Studies (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)

LN340 Mandarin 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

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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
LL221	Family Law
LL232	Law and Institutions of the European Union
LL233	Law of Evidence
LL241	European Legal History
LL250	Law and The Environment
LL251	Intellectual Property Law
LL257	Employment Law
LL272	Outlines of Modern Criminology (H)
LL275	Property II
LL278	Public International Law
LL284	Topics in Sentencing and Criminal Justice (H)
LL293	Tax and Tax Avoidance



LL295	Media Law
LL300	Competition Law
LL301	Global Commodities Law
LL305	Jurisprudence
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)
MG311	Foundations of Behavioural Decision Science (H)
MG316	Brand Strategy (H)
MG316	Brand Strategy (H)

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
MA213	Operations Research Techniques (H)
MA214	Algorithms and Data Structures (H)
MA222	Further Mathematical Methods (Linear Algebra) (H)
MA301	Mathematical Game Theory (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)
MA323	Computational Methods in Financial Mathematics (H)
MA324	Mathematical Modelling and Simulation (H)
MA330	Game Theory for Collective Decisions (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	Text Mining (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.

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PH103	The Big Questions: An Introduction to Philosophy
PH105	Historical and Global Perspectives on Philosophy (H)
PH111	Introduction to Logic (H)
PH112	Intermediate Logic and Probability (H)
PH201	Philosophy of Science
PH203	Philosophy of the Social Sciences
PH214	Philosophy, Morals and Politics
PH217	Set Theory and Further Logic
PH222	Philosophy and Public Policy
PH223	Mind and Metaphysics (H)
PH224	Epistemology (H)
PH225	Business and Organisational Ethics (H)
PH227	Genes, Brains and 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)
PH238	Philosophy of Language (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.

SP110	Sociology and Social Policy
SP111	Social Economics and Policy
SP112	Politics of Social Policy Making
SP210	Development and Social Change
SP230	Education Policy
SP232	Health and Social Care Policy
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)
SP374	Riots, Disorder and Urban Violence (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
SO203	Political Sociology
SO232	Sociology of Health and Illness (H)
SO235	The Sociology of Homicide (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)
SO311	Law and Violence (H)
SO312	Work, Inequality and Society (H)
SO313	Material Culture and Everyday Life (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.

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)
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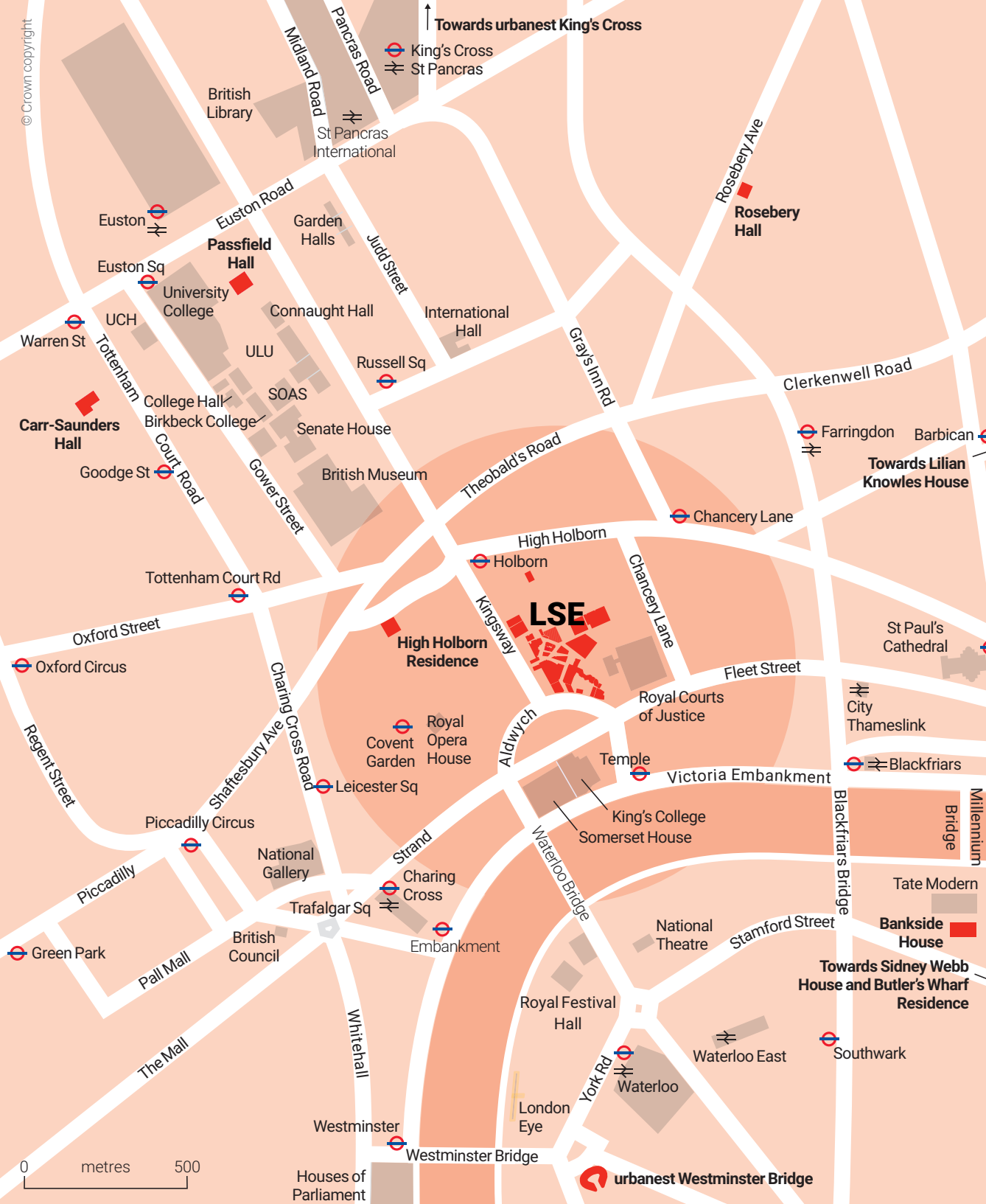
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