



**The General Course**  
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Study Abroad 2010-11

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# The General Course



## Study year abroad at the London School of Economics and Political Science

**This brochure provides information for students at universities outside the United Kingdom who wish to join the General Course, usually as part of their work toward a degree at their home institution. It complements our website, [www.lse.ac.uk/general-course](http://www.lse.ac.uk/general-course), which provides further detailed information and answers many of the most frequently asked questions.**

### 100 years of study abroad at LSE

The 1909-10 edition of the LSE 'Calendar' notes 'The [General Course] is recommended to foreigners desirous of studying the development of British Institutions'. Whilst the General Course is still recommended, it is now students studying overseas we welcome, and the study of British Institutions need no longer be their focus!

Today, 100 years later, the General Course offers a fully integrated year of undergraduate study to around 300 students of more than 40 nationalities drawn from over 125 universities.

## Academic departments



**At LSE more than 250 undergraduate courses are taught each year by faculty organised into the following departments and groups:**

Accounting  
Anthropology  
Economic History  
Economics  
Employment Relations and Organisational Behaviour Group (EROB)  
Finance\*  
Geography and Environment  
Government  
Information Systems and Innovation Group \*  
International History  
International Relations  
Language Centre  
Law  
Management  
Mathematics  
Media and Communications \*  
Operational Research Group  
Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method  
Social Policy  
Sociology  
Statistics

\*No UG degrees available. General Course students cannot be placed in these departments.

# Centres, Institutes and Research Units

## LSE is also home to the following centres, institutes and research units:

Africa Climate Change Forum

Alcoa Foundation Programme

Asia Research Centre

BIOS (Centre for the Study of Bioscience, Biomedicine, Biotechnology and Society)

Brain, Self and Society

British Society for Population Studies

Business History Unit

Cañada Blanch Centre for Contemporary Spanish Studies

Centre for the Study of Global Governance

China in Comparative Perspective Network (CCPN)

Cities Programme

CLARA (Comparative Lifetime Analysis and Research on Ageing)

Cold War Studies Centre

Columbia University and LSE Alliance

Complexity Research Programme

Confucius Institute for Business London  
伦敦商务孔子学院

Corporate Governance at LSE

Crisis States Research Centre (CSRC)

Culture and Cognition Group

Darwin@LSE

Decision Support and Risk Group (DSRG)

Economic and Social Cohesion Laboratory (ESOC-Lab)

Education Research Group

Energy, Water and Environment Community (EWE) programme

EPIC (European Political-economy Infrastructure Consortium )

ESRC MAP2030: Modelling Ageing Populations to 2030

EU Kids Online

European Foreign Policy Unit (EFPU)

European Institute

European Neuroscience and Society Network

Financial Markets Group (FMG)

Forum on Religion

Gender Institute

Global Economic History Network (GEHN)

Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)

Greater London Group

Hellenic Observatory

ICT Observatory

IDEAS - Centre for the study of international affairs, diplomacy and grand strategy

India Observatory

INFORM (Information Network Focus on Religious Movements)

Institute of Social Psychology

International Trade Policy Unit

LSE Environment: Centre for Environmental Policy and Governance (CEPG)

LSE London

LSE Mackinder Programme for the Study of Long Wave Events

LSE Urban Research Centre

LSE/AIDS

Mannheim Centre for Criminology

Manpower Human Resource Lab

Methodology Institute

Migration Studies Unit (MSU)

Nations and Nationalism

New Femininities: Post-Feminism and Sexual Citizenship

Non-Governmental Public Action

Organisational Research Group

Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU)

Polis

Political Science and Political Economy Group

Population at LSE

Population Investigation Committee (PIC)

Programme in Culture and Cognition

Psychoanalysis@lse

Regional and Urban Planning Studies

Regulating Nanotechnologies in the EU and US

RICAFE (Risk Capital and the Financing of European Innovative Firms)

Risk and Stochastics Group

Science, Technology and the Public Sphere (STEPS)

Social Psychological Research into Racism and Multiculture (SPRRaM)

Spatial Economics Research Centre (SERC)

Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines (STICERD)

Taiwan Research Programme

The Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment

The Kuwait Programme on Development, Governance and Globalisation in the Gulf States

The Nature of Evidence: how well do 'facts' travel?

Transnational Challenges, Security Cultures and Regional Organisations

TSEP (Third Sector European Policy)

UBS Pensions Research Programme

Urban@LSE

VOICES

**A list of all the courses available to General Course students in 2009-10 is provided on page 22.**

# 15 reasons to join the General Course

As you read through this brochure you will learn about LSE and all it has to offer study abroad students. You will discover there are many reasons why the General Course is the right choice for you, but here's a selection to whet your appetite.

## 1 The world's leading dedicated social science institution

LSE consistently receives the highest ratings available for the quality of its teaching and research. It is also home to the world's largest social science library, the British Library of Political and Economic Science.

## 2 Year-long fully integrated programme

No semester study option is available so you will enjoy full access to all the School's facilities and be able to participate in all social and academic activities.

## 3 Over 250 courses to choose from

Covering all the main social science disciplines and taught alongside degree-seeking students in a mixture of lectures and small classes.

## 4 Support of the Associate Dean for the General Course

Available throughout your stay at the School to deal with any problems, queries or issues you might have. You will also have a departmental tutor and a student mentor.

## 5 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.

## 6 Elite and intellectual student body

High calibre students selected for their academic ability who share your enthusiasm for the subject matter and motivation to learn.

## 7 Public lectures delivered by eminent outside speakers

An extensive programme of events attracting leading individuals from all walks of life, including in the last year: Michelle Bachelet; Pascal Lamy; Kevin Rudd, and Rowan Williams.

## 8 International and cosmopolitan environment

LSE students are drawn from over 140 different countries and 65 per cent of all those at the School come from outside the UK. 40 per cent of the academic staff originate from outside the UK.

## 9 Guaranteed university accommodation

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

## 10 Central London location

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

## 11 General Course social calendar

UK and European excursions offered at substantial discounts. General Course students also enjoy a Welcome Party and an end of year Boat Party.

## 12 Residential visit to Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park

An introduction to both the UK and your fellow General Course students in the relaxed surroundings of an English country house.

## 13 Over 160 student clubs and societies

Covering a wide variety of interests including politics, culture, academia, sports, hobbies and food and drink. Complemented by the activities of the University of London Union.

## 14 Work in London

Automatic entitlement to work on or off campus up to 20 hours each week of the academic term, and more in vacations.

## 15 Global reputation for excellence

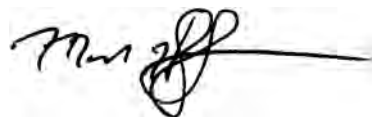
Graduate schools and employers around the world will recognise and respect the LSE name on your CV. You will also be part of an impressive global alumni network ensuring you maintain a life-long connection with the School.

# A Message from the Associate Dean

The London School of Economics and Political Science is a place of genuine intellectual excitement and cutting-edge research, employing many of the world's leading experts in their fields and attracting 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.

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



**Mark Hoffman**

Associate Dean, the General Course



# Introduction to LSE



**The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) offers a unique opportunity to study the social sciences in a university institution with a worldwide academic reputation, while enjoying the cultural, social and recreational facilities of one of the world's great capital cities.**

## **Why choose LSE?**

The School's location in central London is fundamental to its identity. LSE just wouldn't be the same if it were located elsewhere. LSE looks out over the London skyline, rather than over green fields. It is stimulating, cosmopolitan and very much a part of the 'real world'. The School is compact and full to the brim with students and staff – this just contributes to the vitality and friendliness of the place. LSE offers you the opportunity – and the challenge – to study different ways of understanding human society together with people from all parts of the world, with radically differing experiences, views and beliefs, in an atmosphere that encourages you to question ideas and to seek solutions to problems. If you prefer the tranquillity of a rural campus or the traditions of dreaming spires, then LSE will not suit you; but, if

you welcome the stimulus of new experiences and ideas in a lively capital city, choose LSE!

## **What we study**

LSE seeks to promote the impartial pursuit of knowledge and understanding about how people organise themselves into, and interact within, social groupings. The social sciences offer a number of ways of investigating and thinking about these questions: they do not teach you a 'right' (or left, or centre!) way to solve the world's problems. The focus of our teaching is on helping you to learn some of the different ways to test your – and other people's – ideas: and, in the words of our motto, *rerum cognoscere causas*, 'to understand the causes of things'. The School offers courses not only in economics and political science, but also in a wide range of social science subjects, taught within 17 departments and a number of groups and interdisciplinary institutes. It is the only British university specialising in the study of the social sciences, and has a worldwide reputation in the field. Indeed, several subjects, including Anthropology, International Relations and Social Policy, have been pioneered at LSE.

LSE's own undergraduates are reading (studying) for a very specialised degree over a period of three years. The regulations for these degrees are often tightly drawn in terms of compulsory courses and limited choices within a carefully defined range of optional courses.

General Course students, on the other hand, may take virtually any four year-long undergraduate courses (or the equivalent in half-units) and in any combination. Over 250 courses, listed on page 22 and detailed on our website at [www.lse.ac.uk/general-course](http://www.lse.ac.uk/general-course), are available to General Course students. It is also worth noting that only a third of these courses are in economic or economics-related subjects. Well over two thirds of the teaching available at LSE is in non-quantitative subjects such as anthropology, government, international history, international relations, law and social policy.

General Course students are expected to pursue at least one course in the department to which they are assigned (two if in Economics). Some General Course students choose to spread their four courses over a range of different academic interests. Others choose to concentrate more heavily in just one. The choice is entirely yours! Whichever approach you adopt, you will be taught alongside LSE undergraduates in our regular scheduled lectures and classes – you are not segregated, marginalised or educated differently in any way.

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

**Matthew Frisch**  
University of Pennsylvania



# Life at LSE

**London is an exciting, vibrant and colourful city. Whatever your interests or appetite you will always find something to suit your palate and your pocket in this truly international centre. Whether you are into art, architecture or artefacts, dance, film, music or theatre, London really does have it all!**

As a student at LSE you will be studying in the heart of a multicultural city alongside students from across the world. Major attractions such as Theatreland, the West End, the Royal Opera House and the British Library and Museum are right on your doorstep. It is truly one of the most dynamic and exciting cities in the world. Educational benefits include libraries, professional institutes and all the resources of the University of London. LSE's central position means that you are a short walk from an enormous range of opportunities and attractions, many of them tailored for the tastes and pockets of the tens of thousands of students in the many universities and colleges in London.

## Living in London

The map inside the back cover of this brochure shows some of the attractions that you will be able to access within easy walking distance of LSE. As a student living in the heart of London and a member of LSE's Students' Union, you will also be in a position to take advantage of numerous student discounts designed to save you money.

The School itself offers a very wide range of activities to its students. LSE's weekly *News and Views* lists many public lectures, films and concerts. The Students' Union has its own newspaper, *The Beaver*, and supports a lively variety of affiliated social, political and ethnic clubs and societies; there are many social events and entertainments throughout the year, at little or no cost.

For details of the General Course's own social calendar please see page 10.

## Guaranteed Housing

All students who have accepted the offer of a place on the General Course and applied for housing by the deadline of 31 May 2010 are guaranteed to be offered a place in LSE or University of London accommodation, although it may not be in your preferred residence or in a single room.

LSE offers a variety of styles of accommodation. In all of them, there will be a varied mix of students, undergraduates and postgraduates, home and overseas, men and women. In each residence there is a student committee to organise regular events, such as video evenings or film shows.

There are nine Halls of Residence:

- Bankside House: 617 places in mainly single rooms, many with private bathroom facilities, located just south of the Thames, next door to the Tate Modern gallery.
- Butlers Wharf: 281 spaces in mainly single rooms. The hall is self-catering and students live in flats of 5-6. It is situated next to Tower Bridge and near the Tower of London.
- Carr-Saunders Hall: 132 single rooms and 12 twin rooms in the West End, near the Telecom Tower and Tottenham Court Road; meals are provided as required and cost on average £4.50 for an evening meal.
- High Holborn: 448 spaces just a short walk from the School, in the heart of London's Theatreland. This is self-catering accommodation.
- Lillian Knowles: 360 spaces in single rooms with private bathrooms. This hall is located near Liverpool Street station and the city of London.
- Northumberland House: 370 spaces in single and shared rooms with private bathrooms. The residence is self-catered and situated just off Trafalgar Square in the centre of London (ten minutes walk from LSE).
- Passfield Hall: 100 single, 42 twin and 14 treble rooms in a Georgian terrace overlooking a tree lined square in Bloomsbury, near the University of London central precinct; one meal a day (dinner) is included in the fees.
- Rosebery Avenue Hall: 289 single (some equipped with mobility aids for wheelchair users) and 13 twin rooms close to Sadler's Wells Theatre; evening meals are provided as required, and cost about the same as at Carr-Saunders.
- Sidney Webb House: 450 spaces in single rooms all with their own private bathroom. The hall is near Borough Station and the Borough Food Market. The hall is entirely self catering and is split into flats of 6-8 students who share a kitchen.

The University of London also provides intercollegiate accommodation in seven mixed halls: Commonwealth Hall, Hughes-Parry Hall, International Hall, Nutford House, College Hall, Canterbury Hall and Connaught Hall. Should you miss the application deadline for guaranteed accommodation, or you simply wish to live in private housing, the School can still assist you. There is plenty of rented housing available in London, but to get a good price and a good location you will need to allocate some time to 'shopping around'. LSE is able to offer you a place in one of its halls of residence for two weeks prior to the start of the Michaelmas Term. From this base you will be able to meet other General Course students and begin to look for housing together, using both the School's Accommodation Office and that provided by the University of London. Further details on LSE accommodation can be found at [www.lse.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.lse.ac.uk/accommodation)



# Life at LSE (continued)



## Welcome party

A well established event at the start of each new academic year is the Welcome Party for arriving study abroad students, hosted by the Associate Dean for the General Course. Held in the week prior to the start of the Michaelmas Term, this popular icebreaker is a great way to meet your fellow students before you settle down to the serious work of studying and exploring London!

## Cumberland Lodge residential visit

An escape from London to Cumberland Lodge is an annual event in the General Course calendar. Located 27 miles to the West of London, Cumberland Lodge is the largest house in Windsor Great Park. Built in 1652 on land that Oliver Cromwell had appropriated from the Crown, following the restoration of the monarchy in 1660 the Lodge became the home of the Ranger of the Great Park, acquiring its present name in the period of the Duke of Cumberland's residence in the mid eighteenth century. It has been the home of many distinguished people (Queen Victoria was a frequent visitor throughout her life) and for

350 years has played its part in national history. For example, it was the setting for talks about the Abdication crisis in 1936. Since 1947 Cumberland Lodge has been a place where students and teachers in higher education can go to reflect quietly on the purpose of their study and research.

The General Course visit acts as an introduction to both the School and the UK and involves a mixture of academic seminars and social activities, as well as the opportunity to explore the Park and Windsor itself. Held over a weekend in the Autumn Term it is open to around 40 students each year, with the cost subsidised by the School.

## Tembo

Tembo is the General Course newsletter. Produced nine times a year it provides General Course students with a dedicated forum for sharing their experiences, knowledge, ideas and queries. The first issue of the year is sent to incoming students prior to their arrival in London, providing them with useful information and advice before they land in the UK. This edition will also include details of how you can get involved; all

budding journalists and amateur photographers are encouraged to contribute.

## General Course Social Calendar

Throughout your year at the School you will be able to explore the UK and Europe on a range of day trips and short breaks. Arranged in collaboration with a company called Proscenium, past excursions have covered the delights of Amsterdam, the ruggedness 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 Students' Union represents LSE students on campus. It is there to ensure that your time at LSE is as full, trouble-free and entertaining as possible. To make certain that this is the case for you, General Course students elect their own representative to the Union at the start of each academic year. The Union organises entertainments – concerts, films, cabaret and discos – and funds over 150 student societies covering a wide variety of interests.

It also funds a free weekly student newspaper, *The Beaver*, a termly magazine *The Script* and a radio station *PuLSE*. A number of societies produce regular magazines, including the Literature Societies *Muse*. The Union runs a shop, a copy shop, a café and three bars which have a joint capacity of 1,500 people, and which on Friday and Saturday nights provide a venue for what is one of London's top student night clubs.

LSE is famous, or perhaps infamous, for the political activism of its students. Many former students maintain that they learnt more arguing in the bars and cafés than they ever did in class. The crucible for debate is the weekly Union General Meeting where left, right and centre compete for the hearts and minds of the uncommitted – few students can resist at least one visit to this hotbed of revolution, reaction and intrigue.

### **Athletics Union**

Athletics are the responsibility of the Athletics Union (AU), which is funded by the Students' Union. All students are eligible to join the AU by becoming members of any of its constituent clubs. Some 26 clubs exist for a wide range of

sports and many use the School's 25 acre sports ground at New Malden, Surrey. There are pitches for soccer, rugby, hockey (both men's and women's) 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 the School has its own gymnasium (much used for football, badminton and other training sessions), a room for judo, table tennis, karate and boxing, while the SU provides a large fitness centre fully staffed by qualified fitness instructors and three squash courts. LSE cricketers play throughout the winter using the indoor facilities at Lord's.

### **University of London Union**

All registered students of the School are automatically members of ULU, and are entitled to make use of the extensive facilities without payment of any extra membership fee. ULU is housed nearby in Malet Street, and the premises include a fitness centre, swimming pool, aerobics/dance classes, discos and live gigs, bars, banks, general store, sports shop, copy shop, ticket agency, travel office, day nursery, opticians, insurance centre, health spa, badminton court, squash court

and a range of other recreation facilities. All General Course students are welcome to make use of these facilities.

### **St Philips Medical Centre at LSE**

St Philips Medical Centre is situated on the LSE campus. It provides full NHS services to registered patients and medical care to anyone who becomes ill or needs medical advice while on the LSE campus. General Course students are eligible to use the National Health Service on the same terms as UK residents. Further information can be found on the Medical Centre website at [www.lse.ac.uk/medicalcentre](http://www.lse.ac.uk/medicalcentre)

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

Arnaud Alves de Souza  
HEC Lausanne



# Life at LSE (continued)

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

The Disability and Well-being Office provides a first point of contact for prospective and current students with disabilities, long term medical conditions and/or dyslexia.

Facilities at LSE include:

- An accessible library with two study rooms and some computers reserved for students with disabilities; lockers; a book fetch service and photocopying assistance where required
- Assistive software and specialist IT support
- A number of accessible and adapted rooms in three halls of residence
- All lecture theatres and some classrooms are fitted with infra-red hearing support systems
- Readers, note-takers and support assistants can be arranged as part of the LSE Circles Network of peer/staff support
- Practical support can also be provided by a Community Service Volunteer (CSV)
- There is a rest room, with a bed and easy chairs.

You can contact the Disability and Well-Being Office at Disability-Dyslexia@lse.ac.uk

## Counselling

The LSE Student Counselling Service offers free and confidential support to all current students, including those on the General Course. The Service aims to help students cope more effectively with any personal or study difficulties that may be affecting them while at LSE. There are six professionally qualified and experienced counsellors, offering about 80 counselling sessions each week. Appointments can be booked Monday to Friday throughout the year. In addition students can access free counselling through the Students' Union Advice and Counselling Centre.

For further information please see the Student Counselling Service website at [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/studentCounsellingService](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/studentCounsellingService)

## Student Mentoring Scheme

General Course students, in common with our new undergraduate degree seeking students, can opt into the Student Mentoring Scheme.

Volunteer mentors come mainly from the second and third years of undergraduate degrees. Each prospective mentor attends a training session which includes a workshop on perceptions of mentoring, a guide to support services at the School, and a session on listening skills and referring problems on to other sources of help.

Mentors provide incoming General Course students with a friendly face and information on the wide range of support services available at the School. Whilst they are not expected to advise you on academic or personal matters, they will be able to refer you to the individuals and departments at LSE that are best able to assist you. Your student mentor will contact you via your LSE email account prior to the start of the academic year, and will offer to meet you in person during the induction period. Further information on the scheme can be found on the General Course website.

## Careers

The LSE Careers Service has an experienced team of careers advisers and information staff to provide assistance and advice to General Course students, both informally and in careers seminars and interviews.

They run an extensive programme of careers fairs and forums and host many employer presentations, skills sessions and recruiter-in-residence sessions with top employers. Venture@LSECareers will help you develop entrepreneurial skills and develop your ambitions to work in social enterprise or start your own business venture.

Whether you are looking for internships, work experience, vacation work or part-time, term-time jobs to help you finance your study, you can search for current job vacancies at 'My Careers Service'.

For further information please see the Careers Service website at [www.lse.ac.uk/careers](http://www.lse.ac.uk/careers)

## Volunteering

The LSE Volunteer Centre exists to help place LSE students in voluntary positions all over London. Volunteering is about giving something back to the community and helping others, whilst helping yourself too. You can develop your skills; meet new people; have fun, and make a difference to the local community. A wide range of organisations and projects are looking for your help, so whether your interest lies in caring for animals, staffing helplines, working in museums and galleries or assisting organisations dealing with women's issues (to name but a few) you will find something to interest you. For further information visit the Volunteer Centre website at [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/volunteerCentre](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/volunteerCentre)

'This year in London changed my life. Prior to studying at LSE, I had a much more limited knowledge of critical global issues.'

Akhila Kolisetty,  
Northwestern University



# Education



**LSE believes in a traditional approach to teaching, ensuring students have a solid understanding of the core elements of their subjects.**

## **Teaching methods**

In each of the four courses you take over the year, teaching will consist of a mixture of lectures and linked classes, running in parallel, in which you will work through questions, problem sets and issues raised in the lectures or present and discuss your own papers or essays. Lectures are attended by all the students taking the course (and some auditing the lectures out of general interest); on a popular course, there could be as many as 300 students in a lecture. For the classes, you would be allocated to a much smaller group, generally consisting of no more than 15 students. In some advanced third year courses, the two functions of lectures and classes may be combined in seminars or small-group tutorials: this depends on the numbers taking the course, and on the subject being studied. The number of 'formal' contact hours will vary with the type of course you are taking but will normally be between 2-4 hours per course per week.

Lectures are not compulsory but 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 personal tutor 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 around which each student must work, providing you with a structure for your own research and reading. We expect that in addition to 'formal' contact time, our students spend at least double the amount of hours pursuing 'independent study' related to their four courses. The timetabled teaching might not look like all that many hours a week, but the associated reading and writing of essays, projects and other

course work assignments make up a full working week. Motivation and commitment are the keys to success!

### Examination and assessment

Like our teaching methods, LSE has a traditional approach to examinations and assessments. For most courses, students are examined once, at the end of the year. This is usually by three-hour unseen paper, and all General Course students are required to take these exams. These results also appear on the final transcript. A number of courses have an 'assessed coursework' component that contributes towards the final exam mark. Typically this takes the form of an independently produced piece of writing.

In exceptional circumstances, and only with the permission of the Associate Dean for the General Course and the course teacher responsible, a General Course student may also pursue one graduate-level course as one of their four choices. However, you are not permitted to sit a graduate examination at the end of the year and will need to arrange an additional form of assessment, again usually a piece of independent research and writing.

### Credits, grades and the transcript

All visiting students are reminded that it is their home institution that determines if and how credit is awarded, not LSE. We provide grades that your home university can then decide how to use. As already described, General Course students receive two sets of grades on their end of year General Course transcript; one, the class grades, for their course work undertaken throughout the academic year for class teachers, and the other the exam grade, for each of the four examinations taken at the end of the year. On successful completion of the General Course each student will be provided with a detailed transcript which includes the following information:

- (a) the titles of the four courses for which the student was enrolled;
- (b) assessments in letter grades for class work for these courses;
- (c) assessments in letter grades for final examinations taken;
- (d) an indication of the exam grade distribution for all General Course students in current and previous years, with equivalents for other full-time undergraduates at the School.

**Note:** Students studying on the General Course through the Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University, or the Arcadia University Centre for Education Abroad will receive from them a transcript converted into American semester credits and letter grades.

'The program has been simply exceptional in every dimension. It has broadened my horizons academically, socially and culturally.'

Divya Goenka  
Brandeis University



# Academic support services

## The Library

The Library (The British Library of Political and Economic Science) is more than a book and journal collection. It also has 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 the Electronic Library, accessible from workstations right around the School, provides access to an increasing 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. We have rich collections of government publications from nearly all the countries of the world, a wealth of statistical materials, important collections of manuscripts and rare books and long runs of a large number of journals. The School also has a separate collection of general literature and music which is housed in the Shaw Library, a pleasant room in which to read, study, relax and listen to

lunchtime and evening recitals. As an LSE student you will also have access to the libraries of most other colleges of the University of London. To find out more about the Library, visit their website at [www.lse.ac.uk/library](http://www.lse.ac.uk/library)

## Information technology IT facilities on campus

There are around 1,000 PCs available for students to use in open access areas around the School and in the computer classrooms. Over 450 of these PCs are located in the Library, and there is 24-hour PC availability on campus during term-time.

All networked PCs on campus provide access to common desktop applications and specialist software. PCs on campus also provide access to the Library catalogue and a wide range of electronic databases and datasets (eg, census, financial information).

## IT facilities in residences

All residences are wired for direct connection to the School network. There are a small number of open access PCs in each residence computer room, which are available 24 hours a day, and students may

use their own computer in their study bedroom or in the wireless zone, located in the social and recreational areas in residences.

## Using your own computer

Computer ownership is not obligatory, but if you do bring your own computer, IT Services provides information and help with connecting to the LSE IT environment and accessing services and resources both on campus and off site. On campus, there are over 200 laptop plug-in points in the Library, and laser printing is also available. In addition there is an extensive wireless network from which you can gain access to the internet and email. Off campus, students can connect via the Remote Desktop or a virtual private network (VPN).

For more information see [www.lse.ac.uk/itservices](http://www.lse.ac.uk/itservices)

## 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 the 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. Whether you are going to study a modern foreign language or need to improve your English for academic purposes, their aim is to provide you with the highest level of language support throughout your studies. All LSE's language courses utilise the specialist talents of our lecturers who relate their own expertise to the teaching of languages for specific purposes.

Further information can be obtained from the Language Centre website at [www.lse.ac.uk/depts/language](http://www.lse.ac.uk/depts/language)

## Academic guidance

As already alluded to, LSE believes that its students are mature, responsible adults who are self-motivated, self-disciplined and capable of guided independent study. As a LSE student you would be largely responsible for organising your own work to keep up with the requirements of your four courses. Anyone who meets our admission standards should have a good idea already of the kind of skills needed; but we find that our students can often use some extra advice. LSE can help in the following ways:

### Study skills support

Throughout the academic year, there is a popular series of open lectures beginning with an introduction to Study at LSE and continuing with topics including essay writing, effective reading, preparing for quantitative tests and exam preparation. Some of these also have follow-up classes to improve your skills in areas such as argumentation and class presentations. If you need more personalised support for any subject, the Teaching and Learning Centre offers one-to-one advice sessions with an experienced study adviser.

Further details are available at [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/TLC](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/TLC)

### Teachers and academic advisers

For any guidance about a particular class, there is the individual class teacher, and a teacher responsible for each course, who guides the class teachers. Each student has 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. The academic adviser is also there to help with any academic,

administrative or personal questions where you may not be sure who is the person or office responsible. Each department also has a Departmental Tutor responsible for the day-to-day running of undergraduate studies in the department and all members of academic staff set aside specified times when they are free to see any student.

### Associate Dean for the General Course

In addition to your class teachers and an academic adviser, the Associate Dean for the General Course is available to deal with any academic, administrative or pastoral support issues you might have. These can include advice on housing, particular course choices, changing departmental affiliation and support for credit transfers to your home university. The Associate Dean also offers orientation seminars covering topics such as the grading system, academic progression and internships and careers. You are encouraged to contact the Associate Dean whenever you need assistance.



# How to Apply



**Application for admission to the General Course may be made by students who will have completed at least two years of study in an overseas university by the time they register at the School. Students who have directly entered the second year of their university on the basis of A-levels or an International Baccalaureate will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students who have directly entered their second year on the basis of 'Advanced Placement' tests will not normally be considered for a place. We positively welcome good applicants from any university in any country. Students must register for the full academic year, ie, from October to June. LSE has no 'semester' or 'single-term' programmes.**

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

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

- a completed General Course application form;
  - a college transcript showing grades up to and including the first semester of the applicant's second year of university\*;
  - two 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 should normally be written in, or translated into, English.
- \* Students come to us from many different universities, using varied grading systems; any transcript/record should be accompanied by a note on how to 'translate' the grades.

Once the completed application is received by the Student Recruitment Office, it normally takes less than seven working days for a decision to be issued. Both the applicant and their home university will be notified

if a place on the programme has been offered. The applicant is under no obligation to accept an offer of admission nor do they make any legal or financial undertaking before they arrive at the School.

### **Online application**

The General Course has its own online application, which applicants are welcome to use in place of the traditional paper form. The online application is completely free of charge and facilitates the electronic submission of all the required documentation, including transcripts and references. Applicants studying at institutions that require continued use of the paper form are, however, assured that submitting paper applications remains perfectly acceptable.

### **Application and induction dates**

Completed applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered from January 2010. The application cycle closes on 3 September 2010. We operate a 'rolling admissions' process until all the available places are filled so applicants are recommended 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 if they are staying in university accommodation, and two weeks early if they need to find housing in the private sector (see section on 'Guaranteed Housing' page 8). Along with the induction activities organised for all new undergraduate students by the School and your department, there will also be an induction specifically tailored for General Course students, details of which will be included in your Welcome Pack.

### **Entry requirements**

We judge each applicant individually and have no 'agreements' which give advantage to students from particular countries or particular universities. We seek to allocate students to an academic department reflecting their major interests, but permit applicants to choose courses across the full range of our curriculum. Applicants whose two years of university education prior to joining LSE haven't been undertaken in English are required to provide evidence of proficiency in the English language. The following is an example of some of the qualifications we accept:

- International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) with a score of 7.0 in all four subjects
- International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) English as a First Language with a grade B or better plus grade 2 in the optional speaking test
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 627 in the paper test, 107 in the internet based test or 263 in the computer based test.



## How to Apply (continued)

We look in detail at each applicant's recent university academic record, paying particular attention to the subjects studied and the grades obtained. For example, using university grade scales common in the USA, a student with a minimum 3.3 grade point average (on a 4 point scale) will be positively considered. In the case of those students applying to departments or predominantly listing courses that are quantitatively based (ie, accounting, economics, finance, maths and statistics) we are looking for a 3.5 or better in related courses, including higher level calculus and linear algebra. In practice, we are looking for students who are in the top 10-15 per cent of their class. We are primarily interested in a student's academic work in social science subjects and will be especially interested in the quality of work in the fields which they might wish to pursue at LSE. We are particularly assisted by the comments of academic referees, especially if they are relevant to the courses the applicant wishes to follow at the School. We actively encourage enquiries, most conveniently by email, and invite you to contact the School to discuss any prospective application – write to: [gc@lse.ac.uk](mailto:gc@lse.ac.uk)

Applications can be submitted directly to the School or via the IFSA, Butler University or Arcadia University Centre for Education Abroad (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, to whom we regularly mail General Course material. Such offices can advise you on their support for study abroad and its impact on your academic progress, financial aid, etc.

Students who are offered admission to the General Course are notified initially by email and then by letter with an 'Acceptance Form' for completion and return. This will be followed by a Welcome Pack later in the year detailing information on our registration and orientation arrangements.

### **Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad**

Students wishing to apply to the General Course through the Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad (Arcadia-CEA) should visit the Arcadia-CEA website at [www.arcadia.edu/CEA](http://www.arcadia.edu/CEA) for further information and details of the fees applicable.

### **The Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University**

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

### **Fees**

The tuition fee for all students applying directly to the General Course (not through Arcadia-CEA or IFSA-Butler) in 2010-11 will be £14,426 for the full year. Please note, the tuition fee is the same for all General Course students, regardless of nationality or residence. Fees cover tuition, examination entry, library use, access to all LSE social, health and welfare facilities and Student Union membership. They do not cover accommodation or living costs which must be budgeted separately. We estimate that the cost of living in London during the nine months of the 2009-10 academic session will total some £9,000, with total one-off costs of about £1,000, giving a sum total of about £10,000 for nine months. However, savings can be made. For instance, walking to LSE can eradicate local travel costs and

students who cater for themselves or eat at LSE will live more cheaply in terms of 'household expenses'.

LSE is also a registered institution for most types of US and Canadian Student Loans. The LSE US Student Loans reference number is 006693.

‘The blend of a cosmopolitan city, rich with history and culture, and challenging and thought provoking academics makes LSE the perfect place to combine real life examples and experience with your course of study.’

Swati Balakrishnan  
Whittier College



# Departmental Information and Course Listings

Successful applicants are, whenever possible, assigned to a place in one of the academic departments at LSE reflecting their major area of interest, and that department will subsequently nominate a member of their faculty to act as the student's academic adviser during the year. On the application form we ask you to indicate three departmental preferences, which should correspond with the School's academic departments (see listing on page 2 of this brochure). Before making such an assignment we will weigh up your academic background, the balance of your proposed course interests and the demand for places in particular departments from one year to another. The key issue is that you have the right to choose the courses you wish to follow – **the departmental assignment does not restrict your right to pursue courses in other fields of study.** Please note, once accepted, you have every right to change your course choices, but it is not possible to change your departmental allocation without the permission of the Associate Dean for the General Course.

The LSE application form asks you to identify up to six courses of particular interest – to assist us in making an initial departmental assignment. Prior to your arrival you will be asked to select four courses for the purposes of pre-registration. However, your final selection of four courses will be confirmed after your arrival at LSE and in consultation with your academic adviser. Our aim is to give you full access to those courses that you wish to pursue. Thus, whilst LSE cannot commit itself to guarantee the availability of course selections, every effort is made to do so. Again, there are more than 250 courses available to General Course students and you have the right to change your course selections up to the end of the fourth week of the first term. In more than 99 per cent of cases, students get all of the courses that they want – and time to explore and to change their minds.

Whilst we are unable to guarantee the availability of any course, the Course List that follows represents what was taught in 2009-10. A full Course Guide (naming the key academic responsible for each course, a description of its coverage, basic bibliographies and any pre-requisites) is available

on our website at [www.lse.ac.uk/](http://www.lse.ac.uk/) general-course 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 restricted for General Course students.

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

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

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

The online course descriptions should be read carefully as many courses assume a level of aptitude in the subject. We also encourage new students to sample a range of courses in the first four 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.

The majority of General Course students find they are sufficiently stimulated 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, an asterisk\* 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. All courses, including half-unit courses, are examined at the end of the Summer Term.

**'You don't just read the most cutting edge and influential books at LSE, you learn about them from the authors whose opinions shape the way contemporary global leaders think'**

Chris Bostock  
Trinity College, Hartford, CT

### Accounting (AC)

Accounting at LSE is known for pioneering new approaches to the study of cutting-edge financial management practices in private and public organisations.

**AC100** Elements of Accounting and Finance

**AC211** Managerial Accounting

**AC310** Management Accounting, Financial Management and Organisational Control

**AC340** Auditing, Governance and Risk Management

### Anthropology (AN)

Social anthropology is concerned with the variety of human societies and cultures. Social anthropologists try to explain the causes of this variation and also to understand what it means to belong to societies and cultures which, at first sight, appear very foreign to ours. Study of the subject should help you see what is universal to all human societies and what is variable, and help you to understand the dilemmas of society in the modern world.

**AN100** Introduction to Social Anthropology

**AN101** Ethnography and Theory: Selected Texts

**AN102** Reading Other Cultures: Anthropological Interpretation of Text and Film

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

**AN205** The Anthropology of Melanesia

**AN221** The Anthropology of Christianity

**AN226** Political and Legal Anthropology

**AN227** The Anthropology of Economic Institutions and their Social Transformations

**AN237** The Anthropology of Development\*

**AN243** Children and Youth in Contemporary Ethnography

**AN245** The Anthropology of Borders and Boundaries

**AN300** Advanced Theory of Social Anthropology

**AN301** The Anthropology of Religion  
Medical Anthropology (new course for 2009/10 – code to be confirmed)

Indigenous Politics in Highland Latin America (new course for 2009/10 – code to be confirmed)

### Economics (EC)

Economics is the systematic study of questions such as: how much of its income a household chooses to save and what goods it chooses to buy; how many people a business chooses to employ and how it sets its prices; how the price system in a market economy allocates resources and incomes; and how all the households and

businesses in the country interact to determine national output, the balance of payments, inflation and unemployment. It reveals why purely self-interested behaviour may nevertheless produce a desirable outcome for society as a whole. But it also reveals how easily this process can go awry, justifying government intervention. A case in point is the need for coordinated international action to limit environmental pollution. Above all, the study of economics develops a mental approach suitable for analysing a whole range of problems, often well outside what is conventionally thought of as the domain of economics.

**EC100** Economics A

**EC102** Economics B

**EC201** Microeconomic Principles I

**EC202** Microeconomic Principles II

**EC210** Macroeconomic Principles

**EC220** Introduction to Econometrics

**EC221** Principles of Econometrics

**EC230** European Economic Policy

**EC301** Advanced Economic Analysis

**EC302** Political Economy

**EC303** Economic Analysis of the European Union

**EC307** Development Economics

**EC309** Econometric Theory

# Departmental Information and Course Listings (continued)

**EC311** History of Economics: How Theories Change  
**EC313** Industrial Economics  
**EC315** International Economics  
**EC317** Labour Economics  
**EC319** Mathematical Economics  
**EC321** Monetary Economics  
**EC325** Public Economics  
**EC331** Quantitative Economics Project  
**EC333** Problems of Applied Econometrics

## 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. Typical issues which the subject addresses are: economic globalisation in a historical perspective, the effect of business organisation on economic performance, the economic and social effects of wars, the importance of education and human capital in economic change, change in social behaviour in the past, the history of economic development in the third world, and the causes of population change and migration.

**EH101** Internationalisation of Economic Growth  
**EH205** Towns, Society and Economy in England and Europe, 1450-1750

**EH220** Comparative Economic Development: Late Industrialisation in Russia, India and Japan

**EH225** Latin America and the International Economy

**EH236** The Integration of Europe's Economy, 1815-1990

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

## Employment Relations and Organisational Behaviour (ID)

Traditionally, study of employment relations has focused on trade unions and their activities. More recently, interest in the management and government perspective has grown. Since the 1980s, in particular, the study of managerial strategies and techniques in selecting, motivating, developing and rewarding employees has flourished as part of the growth in business education.

**ID100** Employment Relations

**ID200** Organisational Theory and Behaviour

**ID222** Managing Employment Law

**ID290** Human Resource Management

**ID300** Selected Topics in Employment Relations

**ID301** Leadership in Organisations: Theory and Practice

## 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.

**FM212** Principles of Finance

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

**FM320** Quantitative Finance

## Government (GV)

Politics is about power and ideas, and it determines the public life of society. It encompasses a broad spectrum of activities relating to public affairs, from the competition of political parties to the operations of public bureaucracies. In earlier centuries, politics was largely carried on by a relatively small elite, but modern democracy involves the whole population. 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

**GV227** The Politics of Economic Policy

**GV262** Contemporary Political Theory

**GV263** Public Policy Analysis

**GV264** Politics and Institutions in Europe

**GV265** States, Nations and Empires

**GV302** Key Themes in the History of Political Thought

**GV310** Democracy and Democratisation

**GV350** Theories and Problems of Nationalism

**GV351** Government, Politics and Public Policy in the European Union

## Geography and Environment (GY)

The focus of geography at LSE is on the economic, social and environmental outcomes and problems which have resulted from location and spatial interaction. As we attempt to improve human welfare and environmental quality in a sustainable manner, it is vital that we have a good understanding of the social, political and economic forces that shape development and social change in our interdependent global economy. Current patterns of population growth, industrial development, urbanisation, and the use and consumption of resources are resulting in environmental changes on all scales, from the local to the global. Major issues include pollution, soil erosion and desertification, loss of biodiversity, ozone depletion and global warming. Although such environmental changes

manifest themselves as physical problems, the processes which drive the changes are economic, social and political. Therefore, any attempts to manage the use of environmental resources to achieve more sustainable forms of development have to begin with a clear understanding of the socio-economic processes involved.

- GY100** Environment, Economy and Society
- GY103** Contemporary Europe
- GY120** The Natural Environment
- GY121** Environmental Change and Sustainable Development
- GY140** Methods in Spatial and Social Analysis
- GY200** Economy, Society and Space
- GY201** Location and Spatial Analysis
- GY202** Introduction to Development in the South
- GY205** Political Geographies, Policy and Space
- GY220** Environment: Science and Society
- GY222** Economic Analysis of the Environment
- GY244** London's Geographies: An Introduction to Cultural and Historical Geography
- GY300** Theories of Regional Development and Change
- GY301** Political Geography of Development and the South
- GY302** Urban Development: Politics, Policy and Planning

- GY303** The Geography of Gender: Global Perspectives
- GY321** Environmental Politics and Policy
- GY323** Environmental Assessment and Management

### 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.

- HY101** The European Civil War 1890-1990
- HY113** From Empire to Independence: the Extra-European World in the Twentieth Century
- HY114** War and Society from the Renaissance to the Napoleonic Era, c.1500-1815
- HY116** International History since 1890
- HY117** Rule Britannia: Britain and Empire from 1780 to the Present Day
- HY203** The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Nationalism, Territory, Religion
- HY206** The International History of the Cold War, 1945-1975
- HY208** The History of the United States since 1783
- HY209** Democracy, Civil War and Dictatorship in Twentieth-Century Spain
- HY221** The History of Russia, 1682-1825
- HY222** France in International Affairs, 1940-1981: European, Colonial and East-West Conflict

- HY226** The Great War 1914-1918
- HY230** Early Colonial Empires: Europe and the World 1400-1750
- HY232** Frontiers of Nationalism, Statehood and Independence: the History of South-Eastern Europe 1914-1990
- HY233** Empire and Nation: Britain and India since 1750
- HY234** Muslims, Christians and Jews in the Early Modern World
- HY235** Modernity and the State in East Asia: China, Japan and Korea since 1840
- HY237** Western Intellectuals and the Challenge of Totalitarianism: Thinkers and Themes
- HY238** The Cold War and European Integration, 1947-1992
- HY300** Dissertation
- HY302** Anglo-Spanish Relations in the Age of Elizabeth I
- HY303** Russia in Revolution, 1914-1921
- HY304** Germany's New Order in Europe, 1939-1945
- HY311** Limited War During the Cold War Era: The United States in Korea (1950-53) and Vietnam (1954-75)
- HY312** From Suez to the Six Day War; Britain, the United States and Arab Nationalism, 1952-1970
- HY313** The International History of East Asia, 1914-1945
- HY314** Representing the Past: Historiography and Historical Methods
- HY315** The European Enlightenment, c.1680-1799
- HY319** Napoleon and Europe
- HY320** The Cold War Endgame

### 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 and it studies the functioning of the international system – the forces, factors and interests, the customs, rules, institutions and organisations from which the theory and history of its development are formed.

- IR100** The Structure of International Society
- IR200** International Political Theory
- IR202.1** Foreign Policy Analysis 1
- IR202.2** Contemporary Foreign Policy in Practice
- IR203** International Organisations
- IR302** The Ethics of War
- IR304** The Politics of International Economic Relations
- IR305** Strategic Aspects of International Relations
- IR306** Sovereignty, Rights and Justice: Issues in IPT
- IR308** Systemic Change in the Twentieth Century: Theories of the Cold War
- IR309** International Security
- IR311** Europe's Institutional Order
- IR398** Dissertation

# Departmental Information and Course Listings (continued)

## Information Systems (IS)

Information technology is absorbing an ever-increasing proportion of the resources of organisations and governments, both in terms of money and human resources. Consequently, there is a need for people who are educated to understand and assess the complex interactions between information technology and people. To do this it is essential to look beyond the technologies themselves and investigate the rich social and organisational contexts in which they are deployed.

**IS143** Information Technology and Society

**IS340** Information Systems in Business

## Law (LL)

The study of law involves examining and analysing the rules and institutions that society establishes to promote justice and order. In addition to being a preparation for the legal profession, knowledge of law and the analytical and logical reasoning skills it develops will be valued by many employers.

**LL104** Law of Obligations

**LL105** Property I

**LL106** Public Law

**LL108** Criminal Law

**LL109** Introduction to the Legal System\*

**LL201** Administrative Law

**LL203** Law of Business Associations

**LL205** Medical Law

**LL207** Civil Liberties and Human Rights

**LL209** Commercial Law

**LL210** Information Technology and the Law

**LL212** Conflict of Laws

**LL221** Family Law

**LL232** Law and Institutions of the European Union

**LL233** Law of Evidence

**LL241** Introduction to Civil Law

**LL242** International Protection of Human Rights

**LL250** Law and The Environment

**LL251** Intellectual Property Law

**LL257** Labour Law

**LL272** Outlines of Modern Criminology\*

**LL275** Property II

**LL278** Public International Law

**LL284** Sentencing and Treatment of Offenders\*

**LL293** Taxation

**LL295** Media Law

**LL298** Essay on an approved Legal Topic\*

**LL299** Full Unit Essay Option

**LL300** Competition Law

**LL305** Jurisprudence

## Language Studies (LN)

Although the School does not offer full degrees in languages, the LSE Language Centre runs a successful programme of courses in English Literature and Society, Russian Language and Society, German, French and Spanish.

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

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

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

**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)

**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)

**LN250** English Literature and Society

**LN251** Comparative Literature and Society

**LN252** Contemporary Literature and Global Society

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

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

## Mathematics (MA)

Discover how modern advances in economic theory are made possible by use of techniques drawn from mathematics.

**MA100** Mathematical Methods

**MA103** Introduction to Abstract Mathematics

**MA107** Quantitative Methods (Mathematics)\*

**MA110** Basic Quantitative Methods

**MA200** Further Mathematical Methods (Calculus)\*

**MA201** Further Mathematical Methods (Linear Algebra)\*

**MA203** Real Analysis\*

**MA207** Further Quantitative Methods (Mathematics)\*

**MA208** Optimisation Theory\*

**MA209** Differential Equations\*

**MA210** Discrete Mathematics\*

**MA300** Game Theory

**MA301** Game Theory I\*

- MA303** Chaos in Dynamical Systems\*
- MA305** Optimisation in Function Spaces\*
- MA310** Mathematics of Finance and Valuation\*
- MA313** Probability for Finance and Economics\*
- MA314** Theory of Algorithms\*
- MA315** Algebra and its Applications\*

### **Managerial Economics and Strategy (MN)**

Effective management is based on understanding how organisations and markets work. We focus on helping you achieve this understanding through the analysis of key disciplines like economics, finance, statistics, law, psychology and sociology rather than by teaching you specific techniques. Managers in industry, business, government and defence are often confronted with difficult decisions and need a rational basis on which to make them. The management sciences are a range of methods used to assist managers through applying scientific and quantitative approaches to the management of organisations, often involving the construction of computable models of the key features in decision-making.

- MN200** Process of Management
- MN201** Economics for Management
- MN203** Social Science Research Methods for Management
- MN302** International Marketing: A Strategic Approach
- MN303** International Context of Management\*
- MN304** Strategy\*
- MN307** Aspects of Marketing Management\*

### **Operational Research (OR)**

Managers in industry, business, government and defence are often confronted with difficult decisions and need a rational basis on which to make them. The management sciences are a range of methods used to assist managers through applying scientific and quantitative approaches to the management of organisations, often involving the construction of computable models of the key features in decision-making.

- OR202** Operational Research Methods
- OR304** Decision Sciences in Theory and Practice
- OR307** Simulation Modelling and Analysis\*

### **Philosophy (PH)**

What is knowledge and how is it acquired? Can we hope to have as exact a knowledge of humans and human society as scientists seem to have of electrons and planets; and can the methods of the physical sciences be applied to psychology, sociology, etc? Or does the existence of consciousness and free will call for a different kind of knowledge and special methods of investigation when dealing with humans? These are just a few examples of the type of problems that fascinate philosophers.

- PH101** Logic
- PH103** Reason, Knowledge and Values: An Introduction to Philosophy
- PH200** Mathematical Logic
- PH201** Philosophy of Science
- PH203** Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- PH211** Philosophy of Economics
- PH213** Scientific Revolutions: Philosophical and Historical Issues
- PH214** Morality and Values
- PH217** Set Theory and Further Logic
- PH220** Evidence and Scientific Method
- PH221** Problems of Analytic Philosophy
- PH299** Essay on an approved subject in Philosophy

### **Social Policy (SA)**

Social Policy examines the making and implementing of policy in almost every field of 'social provision' including health care, education, housing, social security, and personal social services (such as child protection and care for the elderly and people with disabilities). It also covers policies that affect society in broader ways, like those on race relations, social exclusion, the family, urban regeneration, and deviance and control.

- SA100** Foundations of Social Policy
- SA101** Sociology and Social Policy
- SA104** Social Economics and Policy
- SA105** Crime and Society
- SA201** Research Methods for Social Policy
- SA213** European Social Policy
- SA217** Psychology of Crime and Criminal Justice
- SA218** Criminological Perspectives
- SA221** Poverty, Social Exclusion and Social Change
- SA222** Principles of Social Policy
- SA250** Demographic Description and Analysis
- SA309** Criminal Justice Policy
- SA349** A Long Essay on an Approved Topic

# Departmental Information and Course Listings (continued)

## 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 which no other academic subject can rival.

- SO100** Key Concepts in Sociology: An Introduction to Sociological Theory
- SO110** Key Issues in Contemporary Societies: An Introduction to Contemporary Sociology
- SO201** Sociological Analysis
- SO203** Political Sociology
- SO208** Gender and Society
- SO210** Crime, Deviance and Control
- SO211** Sociology of Health and Medicine
- SO212** Work, Management and Globalisation
- SO215** Evolution and Social Behaviour
- SO221** Issues and Methods of Social Research
- SO224** The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
- SO250** Multi-Culture and Multi-Culturalism
- SO305** Environmentalism: theory, politics and practice
- SO306** Atrocity, Suffering and Human Rights

**PS102** Self, Others and Society: Perspectives on Social and Applied Psychology

**PS203** Societal Psychology: Theory and Applications

## 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. Actuarial science applies mathematical skills to a range of applied subjects, and helps to solve important problems for insurance, government, commerce, industry and academic researchers.

- ST102** Elementary Statistical Theory
- ST103** Statistical Methods for Social Research
- ST107** Quantitative Methods (Statistics)\*
- ST108** Probability and Statistics for the Social Sciences
- ST201** Statistical Models and Data Analysis\*
- ST202** Probability, Distribution Theory and Inference
- ST203** Statistics for Management Sciences
- ST205** Sample Surveys and Experiments\*

**ST218** Projects in Applied Statistics

**ST226** Actuarial Investigations: Financial\*

**ST227** Survival Models\*

**ST300** Regression and Generalised Linear Models\*

**ST302** Stochastic Processes\*

**ST304** Time Series and Forecasting\*

**ST305** Actuarial Mathematics: Life

**ST306** Actuarial Mathematics: General

**ST307** Aspects of Market Research\*

**ST327** Market Research: An Integrated Approach

**ST330** Stochastic and Actuarial Methods in Finance

**ST331** Decision Theory and Bayesian Statistics

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

Andrea Gallego  
Stony Brook University



# Life After LSE

## Alumni relations

Whilst you are likely to be returning to your home university at the end of your time on the General Course, the School recognises its ongoing commitment to current and former students, including those on the General Course, through a highly effective alumni relations programme that is administered by School staff and a network of volunteer alumni across the world.

For further information visit our website at: [www.lse.ac.uk/alumnirelations](http://www.lse.ac.uk/alumnirelations) or  
Tel: +44 (0)20 7955 7361.

## LSE Summer Schools

LSE runs two summer schools, one based in London and one located in Beijing.

The Summer School based in London provides an opportunity for students to share in LSE's tradition of academic excellence over a short period of time. Two Summer Schools are offered in 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 and Finance; Economics; English Language; International Relations, Government and Society; Law, and Management.

For further information visit their website [www.lse.ac.uk/summerschool](http://www.lse.ac.uk/summerschool)

The LSE-PKU Summer School is run over two weeks in August at PKU's campus in Beijing. It is a collaboration between two of the world's leading institutions for teaching and research offering recognised flagship courses from the London Summer School, an outstanding established course at Peking University and three new courses. Together these cover the fields of Accounting and Finance; Management; Economics; International Relations, and Law. All courses are taught in English by internationally renowned specialists in the field.

For further information visit their website at [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEPKUProgramme](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEPKUProgramme)

## Graduate studies at LSE

Although this brochure is written with potential General Course students in mind, a note on postgraduate opportunities at LSE could be of interest if you are thinking about higher degree work in the longer term. Just over half of our student population is engaged in such work and LSE is one of the major world centres for the advanced study of the social sciences. The School offers tuition for postgraduate diplomas, for taught Masters degrees (MSc, MA, MPA, LLM) and research programmes. Many programmes last for one session, and examination is normally by a number of formal unseen written papers, supplemented in most Masters programmes by a long essay/dissertation. There is also a two-year taught MPhil degree and supervision is available for the research degrees of MPhil or PhD, or for non-degree research or other studies not leading to the award of a qualification.

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# The essential General Course

## A simple guide to the most important facts

- LSE offers no single semester study options; you spend a full academic year at the School
- You must have completed at least two years of university level study prior to joining LSE. (Unless studying on the University of London External Programme)
- If you wish to study qualitative courses (eg, government, management, law) you should have a GPA of 3.3 or above. If you wish to study quantitative subjects (eg, economics, accounting, mathematics) you should have a GPA of 3.5 or above in related subjects. Your grades should put you in the top 10-15 per cent of your class
- If your two years of university education prior to joining LSE haven't been undertaken in English, you are required to provide evidence of your proficiency in the English language
- You choose courses from a list of over 250 but need only take one from the department to which you are assigned (two if in Economics). Your departmental choice need not reflect your major interest
- Applications can be submitted either on paper or online
- Applications are considered from January 2010 onwards and will continue to be looked at until all the available places have been filled. The deadline for receipt of applications is 3 September 2010
- There is no application fee when applying directly to the School
- University housing is guaranteed to all General Course students.



## Further information and feedback



**If, after reading this brochure and visiting our website at [www.lse.ac.uk/general-course](http://www.lse.ac.uk/general-course), you have any further questions, or suggestions for ways in which we can improve our literature, please don't hesitate to contact us via any of the mediums listed below.**

Staff from LSE's Student Recruitment Office make regular visits to overseas institutions and are more than happy to meet with students interested in any aspect of the School. Further details of such visits can be obtained from [www.lse.ac.uk/studentrecruitment](http://www.lse.ac.uk/studentrecruitment). Advice for those wishing to visit LSE can also be obtained via the contact details below.

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Comprehensive information on the General Course, including 'The Benefits of a Year Abroad' and a video of the School.

[www.lse.ac.uk/depts](http://www.lse.ac.uk/depts)  
Access to LSE's individual departmental web pages and the subject specific information they provide.

[www.lse.ac.uk/calendar](http://www.lse.ac.uk/calendar)  
Online publication containing the Undergraduate Handbook and full details of all the courses offered by the School.

[www.lse.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.lse.ac.uk/accommodation)  
Details of LSE and University of London accommodation.

[www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)  
Homepage of The UK Council for International Student Affairs, with information on many aspects of studying overseas, including visas.

[www.educationuk.org](http://www.educationuk.org)  
British Council website featuring welfare information, links to colleges and universities and other information about coming to the UK to study.

[www.ifsa-butler.org](http://www.ifsa-butler.org)  
Homepage of IFSA-Butler.  
An alternative route to joining the General Course providing additional support services.

[www.arcadia.edu/CEA](http://www.arcadia.edu/CEA)  
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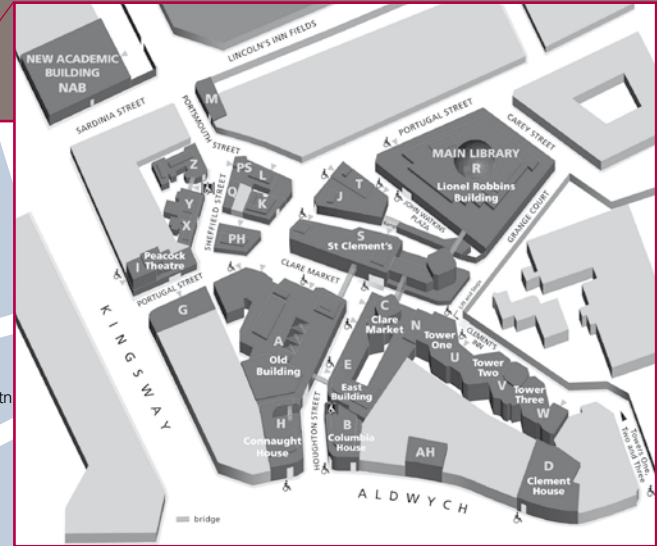
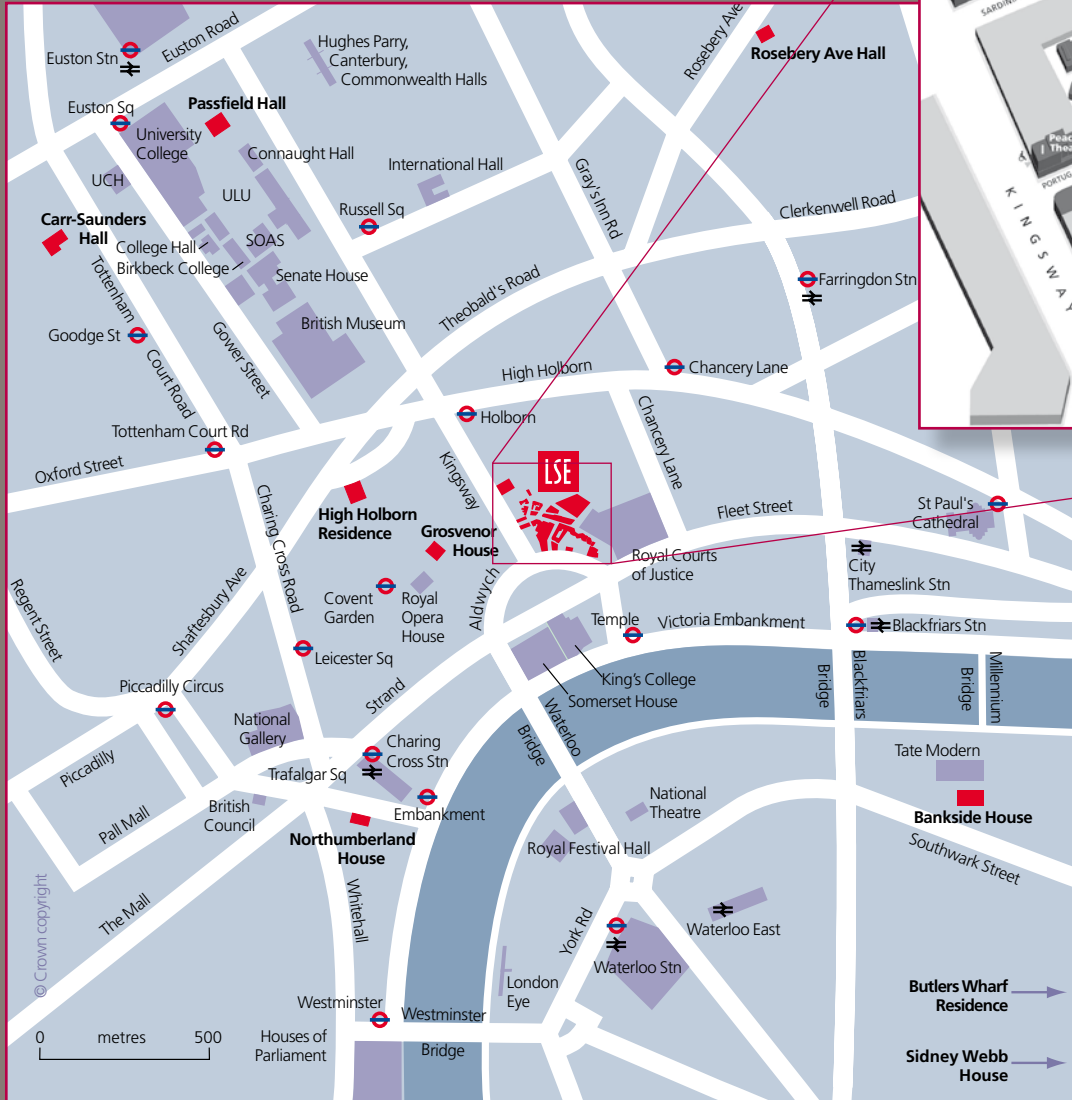
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