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We're delighted that you'll be joining us in September and would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves, as your BSc Programmes Support Team and provide you with some useful information in preparing for your degree programme and how you will study.



Remember we're here to support you throughout your time at LSE, so if you have any questions before or whilst you are on the programme we're here to help!

We know that preparing for undergraduate study and embarking on your first steps at university can feel exciting but also daunting.

Don't worry! To help you feel prepared ahead of starting at LSE, we have a few tips and pointers for you!



LSE LIFE

We encourage you to take a look at [LSE LIFE](#) for useful tips and guidance on study skills, academic writing and assessment preparation. LSE LIFE is a place where you can learn more about yourself, your studies and your goals and get support as you navigate university.

Details of LSE LIFE events, such as workshops and practical talks are also listed [here](#).

Once you have completed online pre-enrolment in August and set up your LSE IT account, you can also access “Prepare to Learn at LSE”™: an online, independent study course to help you get your studies at LSE off to a great start. We highly recommend taking this course and you can find out more details [here](#) (we will remind you nearer the time!)

Preparatory reading and what reading to expect on your programme of study

Preliminary reading over the summer isn't essential. In September, once you arrive, you will start to access reading lists for your courses.



When you become a registered LSE student you'll have full access not only to the [LSE Library](#) but also numerous electronic texts and publications. For this reason, we **don't** recommend purchasing texts before you arrive which should later be available to you via the School's library.

We will also gift you one of the books on your reading list for one of your compulsory courses when you arrive!

However, we appreciate that some of you may wish to explore the types of topics you will be engaging with. Here are some examples of podcasts and articles you may wish to listen to or read, to get more of an idea of topics relating to Social Policy.

Podcasts, Articles and Blog posts

- [Catch 22 minutes \(a UK-based social enterprise\)](#)

- [Radio 4 Analysis programme \(UK based\)](#)
- [Policy Forum Pod \(Asia and Pacific Region, run by ANU\)](#)
- [Brookings Institution \(US\)](#)
- [Social Europe podcast](#)
- ["What does it really mean to be a citizen?"](#) a podcast featuring Dr Robtel Neajai Pailey, Department of Social Policy
- ["Top-income adjustments and official statistics on income distribution: the case of the UK"](#) – an article written by Stephen Jenkins

If you wish to explore more, you can find the department's recent publications, articles, podcasts, and more [here!](#)

Your Programme Structure & which courses you will take

The [programme regulations](#) list all the courses which are compulsory and optional for any degree programme offered at LSE. Please take time to familiarise yourself with the relevant regulations for your degree programme before you arrive.

When will I receive my timetable?

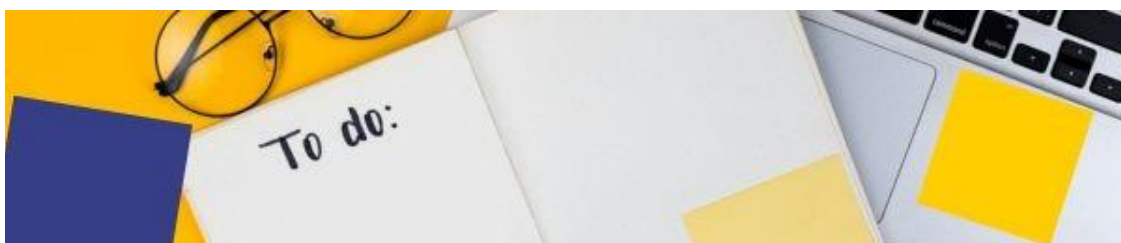
The timetable for all courses in the School can be found [here](#).

Your personal timetable will be updated in [LFY](#) and in your [Student Hub app](#) calendar from 10am on Friday 27 September 2024.

Can I make changes to my timetable?

Your scheduled lectures are at a set time each week and you are expected to attend these. You will attend the same lecture as all other students taking the course.

You will be allocated to a class group (15 – 17 students) for each course you take. These are smaller than lectures. It is expected that you should remain in the class group you are allocated to by the School, and any extra-curricular activities you are engaged with or part time employment you undertake, should be planned around your timetable. Changes to class groups are granted on exceptional grounds only.



Key dates for your diary

- Make a note of the [2024/25 term dates](#) LSE Academic Year is divided into Autumn Term (from September to December); Winter Term (from January to March) and Spring Term (from April to June).
- Teaching takes place in the Autumn and Winter Terms. Exams for any courses which are assessed by exam will take place in the Spring Term (some courses in other departments e.g., Economics may have exams during the January exam period). Throughout the Spring Term you will have some revision sessions ahead of your end of year assessments.

Next steps, reminders and what's coming next from us:

- Read the [Undergraduate Offer guide](#) for information on visas, fees, accommodation, what to do before you arrive at LSE, and general information about student life and London.
- Follow us on Twitter [@LSESocialPolicy](#) & [Instagram](#)
- You will next hear from us in July on the topic of 'My Skills and Opportunities' - giving you information about the opportunities on offer to you both within the Department and as part of the wider School!



Useful links

- Visit the [LSE Student Accommodation](#) pages for more information on accommodation.
- If you require a visa to study at LSE, please ensure that you read the [visa guidance for prospective students](#).
- If you have a medical, physical or mental health condition and/or a specific learning difference (SpID) such as dyslexia or dyspraxia, the [LSE Disability and](#)

[Wellbeing Service](#) is there to offer advice, assistance and support to you throughout your time at LSE. Do get in touch with them if you have any queries before you start in September.

We look forward to welcoming you in September. In the meantime, if you have any queries about your programme, please don't hesitate to email us on socialpolicy.ug@lse.ac.uk.

**Best wishes,
BSc Programmes Support Team**

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