



Hi,

I am writing with key information about Welcome events for incoming MSc Quantitative Methods for Risk Management (QMRM) students taking place on **Friday 6 September 2024**, as well as other relevant information for your start at LSE. You can also find all this information and more on the [Department of Statistics Welcome Website](#).

Please read this information carefully and email Sarah McManus at Stats-Msc@lse.ac.uk if you have any queries.

Welcome Events taking place on Friday 6 September

Campus enrolment

All new students must attend campus enrolment. Without attending this enrolment, you cannot attend any in-person classes. Please make sure you follow the instructions sent to you by the school regarding enrolment. The School Website has more information on the [enrolment process](#).

The MSc QMRM enrolment is scheduled to take place between **10.30 and 11.30 am in the Student Services Centre Atrium**.

If you are not able to attend the enrolment on Friday 6 September (for example, due to visa delays) please notify me as soon as possible at Stats-Msc@lse.ac.uk and I can advise on alternative arrangements.

MSc QMRM Department Icebreaker and Welcome Session – from 12.45, PAR.LG.03, Parish Hall

After your campus enrolment you are invited to attend an icebreaker event, followed by your Departmental QMRM Welcome Session. *Please note that these events are compulsory.*

Please arrive at PAR.LG.03, Parish Hall at 12.45. You can view the location on our campus map [here](#). *Note that if you enter the building via the front entrance on Portugal Street*

(adjacent to the Peacock Theatre), you will need to turn immediately right and take the lift down to the Lower Ground Floor.

12.45 – 13.00 Informal buffet lunch will be available

13.00 – 14.00 Icebreaker Session with Michael Beaney, [LSE LIFE](#)

14.30 – 14.45 Welcome talk by the Head and Deputy Head of Department, Professor Pauline Barrieu and Professor Irini Moustaki.

14.45 – 16.00 Departmental Welcome Presentation by Programme Director, Dr Andreas Sojmark

MA400 Pre-sessional Course – 9 to 20 September

The **compulsory** pre-sessional course MA400 will run for two weeks from **Monday 9 to Friday 20 September 2024**. **All students are expected to attend this course in person**. There is also an informal online exam which will take place at the end of the pre-sessional course on **Wednesday 25 September**. You will receive a mark, but it is not formally recorded and will not appear on your transcript or affect your classification at the end of the degree. This exam is intended merely to give you with some general feedback on your understanding of the material covered which will be invaluable for learning.

You can find the timetable [here](#)

You are not required to do any preliminary reading or preparation before the pre-sessional but if you are interested, you can look at some lecture notes and exercises found [here](#) and [here](#).

Some other reading materials are:

- Shreve, Stochastic Calculus for Finance II Continuous-Time Models, Springer
- D. Williams, Probability with Martingales, Cambridge University Press (it also contains more advanced material).

Online pre-sessional courses in R and Python – details to follow

R Pre-Sessional Course

Previous programming experience is helpful for the compulsory course [ST429 Statistical Methods for Risk Management](#). *If you have no previous experience in R, you are strongly advised to complete the online course on Moodle.*

Python Pre-Sessional Course

The course will equip you with the basics of the Python programming language and environment, to enable you to follow other courses in the Statistics Department (including MA417), many of which will assume prior knowledge of Python up to the level of the course.

It is strongly recommended that you take the Python course if you do not already have prior knowledge of Python.

We will provide you with links to both online courses in the coming weeks.

Sign up now! Department of Statistics and LSE LIFE PG Peer Buddies Scheme

What is the scheme?

- We will connect you with a fellow PG student on your programme.
- By discussing your experiences with someone in a similar position, you can help each other to settle into life at LSE.
- You can share useful information you have picked up with one another and help each other to navigate anything you are unsure of.
- A buddy is, well, as the title suggests! - someone to be a friend and to help you to settle in at LSE.

How does it work?

- Once you sign up, you will be directed to complete some online training on Moodle on how to have good conversations with, and be a supportive friend to, your fellow students.
- We will also give you lots of information on the key services offered by the school, helping you and your buddy to make the most of your time at LSE.
- [LSE LIFE](#) will be on hand to answer any queries during your time as a Buddy.
- Once we have put you and your buddy in contact, we will leave the format and frequency of your meetings up to you.

Interested? Sign up to have a buddy here.

https://lse.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eKax9bAF3TFpTGS

I hope the information above is helpful and I look forward to meeting you very soon! Please do contact stats-msc@lse.ac.uk if you have any queries in the meantime.

Best wishes,

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