

LSE

LSE, also known as the London School of Economics and Political Science, is one of the world's leading social science institution. It was founded in 1884-1885 by four important Fabian Society members, Beatrice and Sidney Webb, George Bernard Shaw and Graham Wallas.

The idea was to establish, "a London School of Economics and Political Science – a centre not only of lectures on special subjects, but an association of students who would be directed and supported in doing original work".

Leading in Europe and second worldwide in "social sciences and management", LSE pioneered social science research. Its motto "Rerum cognoscere causas" which translates as "to understand the causes of things", encapsulates LSE's aim to challenge ways of thinking and seek transformation for the betterment of society.

From 200 in 1885 to more than 11,000 students today, LSE has grown into a community of engaged students situated at the heart of the global city London. Indeed, LSE is located in Westminster, Central London, between Covent Garden and Holborn, next to the Royal Courts of Justice Building. Students are therefore at the doorstep of London's cultural and political institutions. Historically known as the Clare Market, the streets around LSE itself are mainly pedestrian creating a campus feel-like in the middle of the bustling city.

LSE international outlook: a global community

Going to LSE means hearing many different languages spoken around you, and meeting people from around the world! Indeed, with around 70% of international students coming from 148 countries and speaking over 100 languages on campus, making LSE a truly internationally diverse campus.

LSE life - academics

To Study: LSE, despite its name offers more than economics or politics courses, from philosophy, history and anthropology, to statistics, finance and international relations, the university offers more than 200 specialists undergraduate and postgraduates' programs from its 23 academic departments.

LSE's British Library of Political and Economic science is one of the largest economic and social science libraries in the world, hosting more than four million print volumes! Students can also study in the comfy armchairs of LSE founder's Shaw library. LSE has also recently acquired The Women's Library, Britain's main library about women's campaigns for equal rights and equality.

Academic opportunities – LSE also has 16 research centers like the European institute or LSE IDEAS. Students can take advantage of this intellectual hub, for example they can have a chance in assisting academics in their research. They also get access throughout the year to

world leading public lectures and events series by prominent contemporary intellectuals and academics.

Career and academic support – Initiatives such as LSE LIFE and PhD Academy as well as the LSE's career service provides workshops to improve academic, personal and professional skills and support and guidance for students. LSE's global community offers an impressive network composed of LSE fellow international and bright students. At LSE, there are also many social and academic opportunities to meet other London university students from King, Imperial, UCL and more! LSE is also composed 150,000 alumni from 200 countries, among them, 18 Nobel Prize winners!

LSE interdisciplinary approach

LSE strength lies in its specialty in social sciences. Therefore, all undergraduate students take a course, LSE 100, reuniting student from diverse disciplines to study pressing contemporary issue, such as food security or AI through a multidisciplinary approach. It is a chance to meet other students from different departments and collaborate by bringing different perspectives at work.

LSE life – social

Societies and sports club:

LSE is a vibrant community of engaged students. The Student Union offers over 200 societies and sports clubs, ranging from chocolate, beekeeping, entrepreneurs, amnesty international to tennis, wakeboarding and rugby, to fit every students' interest! They give plenty of opportunities to meet people, socialize, have fun or even gain professional experience. The Student Union also offers the possibility to create your own societies or even campaign for a cause close to students' heart!

Social life

LSE campus has many restaurants cafés around campus such as the Shaw Vegan café, LSE Garrick café for people to eat, hang out and work. After class, you will find students having a pint at one of LSE's pubs. Three Tuns, George IV or Yo Old White Horse all have different atmospheres to suit everyone's preference.

For LSE popular sports nights every Wednesday, LSE rents a club next to Leicester Squares. Students can also go to exclusive student club night in famous London venues! The Student Union organized events, such as Carols or Fight night, are also extremely popular. Throughout the year LSE balls such as the Diplomacy ball or the AU ball provide an opportunity to dress up and enjoy a night at an impressive and sumptuous venue.

LSE accommodation

Studying at LSE offers the opportunity to live at in the centre of London. First year students can choose among a range of Halls of Residence allocated around LSE campus, from Holborn, Trafalgar Square, to Bloomsbury or South Bank. LSE student halls or inter-collegiate halls (mixing several London university students) are

available. There are different offers for everyone's preference, such as catered, en suite, shared rooms and more options.

After the first Year, students often rent a flat with their friends, often located in Camden, Kings Cross or Bloomsbury, or they can choose to stay in a LSE or private accommodation.

LSE fun facts

- LSE has many artworks scattered around campus, such as a little elephant and penguin sculpture in front of its library!
- LSE mascot, the beaver is named Felix because its motto comes from Virgil's Georgic, the full quote is "Felix, qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas"
- During Second World war, LSE was evacuated to Cambridge University campus