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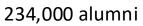
Information session

12 November 2024

Part of LSE

- 20 Nobel Prize winners among LSE staff and former students

- Over 40 world leaders have studied or taught at LSE

- 12,000 full-time students

  234,000 alumni

- The first Carbon Neutral verified university in the UK in 2021

- Ranked as The Times and Sunday Times top university in the UK and University of the Year 2025.

Our location

Our SPP Community
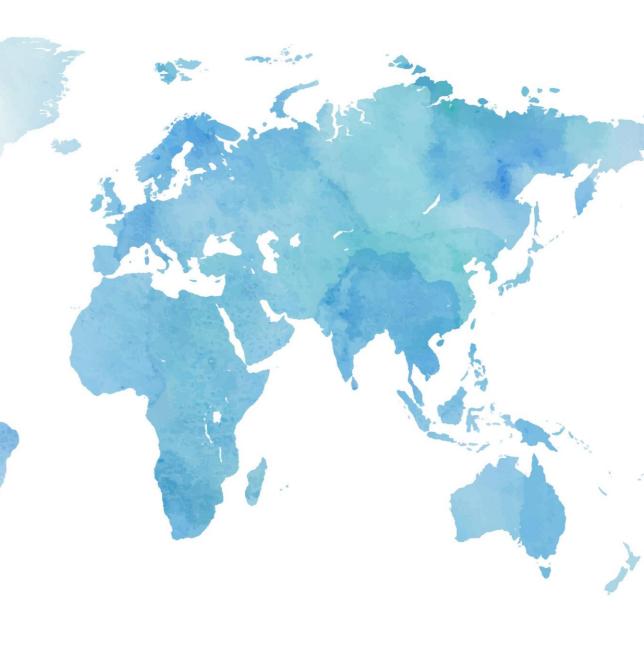## (2024 year)

- **8** Postgraduate degree programmes

- **391** Students (y1&2)

- **69** Nationalities

- **2300** alumni

Backgrounds including:

- Government administration, Law, Economics, Finance, Consultancy, Engineering, NGOs, Healthcare, Education and more.

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Our Programmes

Master of Public Administration (MPA) Programme

- ▪ 2 years, full-time

- ▪ Early to mid-career stage students. No requirement for prior professional experience.

- ▪ Year 1 - micro- and macro-economics, political science and quantitative methods of analysis plus option courses

- ▪ Year 2 – Practical applications

- 6 month Capstone Project with external client

- Option to specialise

- Option courses incl. policy paper (6,000 words) or dissertation (10,000 words)

Master of Public Policy (MPP) Programme

- Intensive 9-month programme

- For early to mid-stage career professionals. 5+ years professional experience required

- Six core modules + option courses

- Develop a deeper understanding of how policy, policy-making, and 'craft of government' works

- Shape your career trajectory and develop your professional networks

MPA in Data Science for Public Policy (MPA-DSPP)

- Welcomed first intake in 2023

- 2 years, full-time

- Develop core quantitative, technical and analytical tools to address modern policy challenges in an increasingly digital world

- MPA-DSPP Capstone Project

- 4-week programming bootcamp prior to welcome weeks

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MPA
Double Degree Programmes

- 2- years, full time

- Study at two world-leading universities in two cities (London & Paris, New York or Toronto) Benefit from the expertise, resources and international alumni networks of both prestigious institutions

- MPA/MGA with University of Toronto (1st year at LSE SPP)

- MPA/MPA with Columbia SIPA (1st year at LSE SPP)

- MPP/MPA with Sciences Po (1st year at Sciences Po)

Comparing Our Programmes

	MPA	MPP	MPA-DSPP	MPA Double Degrees (x3)	Executive MPA
Duration	2 years	9 months	2 years	2 years	2 years
Format	Full time	Full time	Full time	Full time	Modular
Professional experience required	No requirement	5 + years	No requirement	No requirement	5+ years
Intake size (2024 – year one)	60	68	15	15-16 each (47 combined)	28
Nationalities	21	27	11	15	17
Age (avg)	27	34	26	26	38
Prof experience (avg)	4.5 years	10 years	4.5 years	4 years	12 years
Prof experience (approx. range)	0.5 – 20 years	4.5 – 40 years	0.5 -20 years	0.5 -20 years	

Student Networks, Opportunities and Professional Development

Policy in Practice

SPP is a forum for students to discuss policy issues with leading academics and practitioners and connect their classroom learning with real-world scenarios.

- Professors in Practice

- Policy in Practice (PiP) seminar series

- Dean's Dialogues

- Turner MIINT programme

- GPPN annual conference

- LSE and SPP Public events series

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SPP Professional Skills Accelerator

- A tailored programme with runs alongside your studies, designed to complement the skills and insights that you gain as part of the programme curriculum.

- Equips you with the necessary skills for the next step in your career.

- Sessions hosted by experts designed to bridge the gap between sophisticated theory and effective practice

- Sessions have included:
    - Professional leadership
    - Decision making and negotiation
    - Persuasive communication
    - Successful interview skills
    - Data visualisation

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SPP Student Networks and Opportunities

- Association of Public Policy Students (APPS)

- Public Sphere Journal for Public Policy (PSJ)

- Womxn's Network

+ Over 200 LSE societies, volunteering, student media and sports opportunities

LSE Careers

- 1:1 career appointments and coaching
- Careers seminars - support with CV, cover letter, networking, career planning, practice interviews
- Career impact sessions followed by networking evening with employers
- Careers fairs
- Alumni panels & networking

SPP Alumni

- 2,300 SPP alumni
- Q&A alumni career panel events for SPP students
- Alumni mentorship scheme
- LSE 'Ask an alum' online tool
- Alumni in Action profiles and Alumni Achievements campaign

How to Apply and Admissions

Programme Entry Requirements

- **Academic requirements**
  - A first or upper second-class honours (2:1) degree or a [non-UK equivalent](#) in any discipline

- **Professional experience**
  - MPP – 5+ years of relevant professional experience (exceptions for outstanding applicants)
  - MPA, MPA-DSPP and MPA DDs – No formal requirement although students usually have some prior professional experience.

  - High level of English language proficiency

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Who should apply

- Demonstrate a passion for public policy and making a positive impact.

- A strong academic record and be able to demonstrate a commitment to public service

- A clear understanding of the programme and how you will benefit from the programme.

There will be opportunities for individuals with less experience in economics and quants to develop or refresh their skills via online learning materials prior to the programme starting.

What is policy-relevant experience?

A wide range of professional/voluntary/interning experience can be relevant. The list below is a **non-exhaustive**:

- Work for government agencies
- NGOs/Non-profit organizations/some charity work
- Consulting/advisory roles
- Think tanks/lobbying/special-interest organizations
- Civil-Service roles
- Regulatory work; legal work; compliance work
- Economist roles
- Analyst roles

- Urban planning
- Education
- Development
- Some finance roles, especially those concerned with central banking, regulation or compliance
- Health services
- Defence
- Transportation
- Environment
- Many business or other private-sector roles can also, of course, be policy-relevant

Please don't be discouraged if your own experience does not feature in the list above: Selectors are open-minded, so make the case for its relevance in your Statement of Academic Purpose.

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How to Apply

- Online application
- Includes supporting documents
  - CV
    - statement of academic purpose
    - Two references – can be professional
- £95 application fee (includes two programme choices)

- Decisions issued within 8 weeks
- Progress can be checked on Graduate Applicant Portal

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Statement of Academic Purpose

- Two sides of A4 paper (1,000 - 1,500 words)
- For your chosen programmes, outline your:
  - Interest
  - Understanding
  - Suitability
  - Purpose and objectives
  - Focus on the origin of your interest in this subject/area

- Your statement should:
  - describe your academic interests, strengths and background relevant to the programme(s)
  - outline your academic ambitions and/or research interests, and any professional aspirations.

Application deadlines

- MPA, MPP, MPA-DSPP we encourage applications by our early deadline **20 January 2025,** applications close once spaces are full.

- Sciences Po double degree – apply via Sciences Po by **12 February 2025**

- Columbia SIPA double degree – apply via LSE by **17 March 2025** (complete application incl. references)

Fees and Funding

- SPP region specific scholarships:

- Luksic Scholarships for Public Service (Chile) – MPA and MPP

- Hosh Ibrahim African Scholarship (Africa) - MPP

- David and Duncan Clark Scholarship (Asia) – MPA, MPP and MPA-DSPP

- SPP scholarship application deadline **20 January 2025** and GFSA form by 31 January 2025.

- LSE fees and funding - Graduate Support Scheme (GSS) application deadline 25 April 2025.

Next
Steps

- Find out more about our programmes and students on our website www.lse.ac.uk/spp/study

- Follow us on social media

- Register your interest to hear more from us

Register for a programme information session with our Programme Directors

- MPP info session – Tue 19 November, 1pm

- MPA info session – Thu 21 November, 1pm

- MPA double degree (Toronto) – Wed 4 December, 3pm

- MPA-DSPP info session – Mon 9 December, 4pm

Apply to join us in 2025!

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