



Dear student,

We hope this newsletter meets you well. We hope that you're looking forward to Welcome and joining us here in the Department of Sociology.

A number of you have been in contact regarding your upcoming course selection so we thought it would be beneficial to provide you with some important information now regarding course selection and the availability of courses for 2024/2025. There is a full PG course selection guide available that we encourage you to read before arriving in September, but we have also set out a lot of key information below. The guide is here: <https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/services/assets/documents/PG-Student-Guide.pdf>

Every year, we aim to offer you learning opportunities across a varied range of topics that are empirically rich and intellectually stimulating. Each MSc programme will have compulsory and optional courses available to select from in line with the programme regulations – all students are expected to adhere to their programme regulations, which set out exactly which courses you may select from. The 2024 entry programme regulations have been published and are available here: <https://www.lse.ac.uk/resources/calendar2024-2025/programmeRegulations/taughtMasters/2024/Default.htm>

Courses can be either worth half (0.5) or a full (1.0) unit. A full unit course is taught across both the Autumn (first) Term and Winter (second) term whilst a half unit course runs for just one term. All our MSc programmes will also require you to undertake a 10,000-word dissertation. A full-time student would be required to select courses to the value of four full units. A part-time student would usually be required to select courses up to the value of two units in their first year, and two units (including the dissertation) in their second year.

The course guide for each course will include an overview of the course and topics covered, the teaching hours involved, the teaching format, and the assessment method(s). The course guides are due to be published week commencing 12 August, and will detail the outline of the course, who the course is open to, the assessments and any other teaching related information.

All Sociology option courses are 'Controlled Access' which means the Department decides which students will be accepted onto their courses. This may be due to limited available spaces or prerequisites that need to be checked. All students are required to submit a short, written statement explaining why they wish to take that course and how it fits their research interests. **It is important to note that all courses are subject to availability, and you are not guaranteed a space unless it is a compulsory course for your programme. This means you**

might not get a place on your first-choice courses, and you are encouraged to have alternative courses in mind.

You will have the opportunity to consult with your programme director or academic mentor during Welcome to make informed decisions regarding your course selection. Before the formal course selection window opens, there will be a short period where the course selection system will open for browsing only, so you can have some time to get familiar with the system

We will release even more detailed guidance closer to your arrival in September and we hope this newsletter has covered your general queries for now. In the meantime, below are all the courses due to be taught by the Department of Sociology in 2024/25, barring any unforeseen circumstances that may lead to changes.

Please note that the below list includes all our courses running for 2024/25, but you will need to check your programme regulations regarding which ones you are allowed to select:

Course Code	Course Title
S0407	Politics and Society
S0424	Approaches to Human Rights
S0426	Classical Social Thought
S0427	Modern Social Thought
S0434	Cultural Theory and Cultural Forms
S0448	City Design: Research Studio
S0449	Independent Project
S0451	Cities by Design
S0457	Political Reconciliation
S0458	Gendering, Identities, Differences
S0468	International Migration and Migrant Integration
S0477	Urban Social Theory
S0481	Class, Politics and Culture
S0488	Social Scientific Analysis of Inequalities
S0491	Quantitative Social Research Methods
S0492	Qualitative Social Research Methods
S0493	MSc in Culture and Society Dissertation
S0494	MSc in Political Sociology Dissertation
S0495	MSc in Economy and Society Dissertation
S0496	MSc in Human Rights Dissertation
S0497	MSc in Inequalities and Social Science Dissertation
S0499	MSc in Sociology Dissertation
S04A8	Leadership and Social Change

SO4B1	Contemporary Politics of Human Rights
SO4B2	MSc in Human Rights and Politics Dissertation
SO4B5	The Anticolonial Archive: Sociology of Empire and its Afterlives
SO4B7	Lawful violence
SO4B8	Internationalism and Solidarity
SO4B9	The Sociology of Consumption
SO4C1	Fascism, Authoritarianism, Populism
SO4C4	Global Mobilities: International Migration
SO4C5	The Social Life of Infrastructure
SO4C6	Reading Black Thought
SO4C7	Patriarchy and Society
SO4C9	Risk Governance
SO4D1	Economics Sociology
SO4D2	Modern Personhoods and Identitarian Thought

****Specific to MSc City Design and Social Science:** please be aware that a semi-core course, SO480 Urban Inequalities, under paper 2 will not be running for 2024/25. You will have three other options to select from to fulfil this part of your programme regulations.*

We hope you find this information useful and if you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With warm wishes,
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