Hello,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Department soon!

This is a final email in advance of your joining the Department on Friday 6 September. Please read the information carefully.

Remember that you can find all this information and more on the Department of Statistics Welcome Website.

This email includes information on:

-Reminder of Compulsory Welcome Events on Friday 6 September and MA400
-LSE Welcome Guide and Presentation
-Online R and Python Pre-sessional courses – links now available
-Sign up for MSc Buddy Scheme
-Course Selection Process
-Meet your Academic Mentor Session

REMINDER: Compulsory Welcome Events taking place on Friday 6 September

Campus enrolment 10.30 and 11.30 am in the Student Services Centre Atrium, Old Building.

All new students must attend campus enrolment. Please make sure you follow the instructions sent to you by the school regarding enrolment and refer enrolment process.

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

Please arrive at PAR.LG.03, Parish Hall at 12.45, when we will provide a buffet. Note that this includes vegetarian/vegan food.

You can view the location on our campus map here.

The session will last until approximately 16.00. Note that there will be a half-hour break from 14.00 to 14.30, between the Icebreaker ending and the Department Welcome Session.

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.**

LSE Welcome Guide and Presentation

The [LSE Welcome Guide](#) as well as the [LSE Welcome Microsite](#) provide a wealth of key information to help you navigate your first days and weeks at LSE.

The LSE Welcome presentation is an online event and will is a key method of communicating information about the School to new students. It is compulsory to watch this presentation. You will be able to access a link to this in your online enrolment or please click [here](#).

- 12noon-13.00, Tuesday 17 September
- 14.00-15.00, Wednesday 18 September

Online pre-sessional courses in R and Python – Links now available.

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.*

You can sign up to the R course here: https://moodle.lse.ac.uk/course/info.php?id=8714

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, 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.

You can sign up to the Python course here - https://moodle.lse.ac.uk/course/info.php?id=8709

For both courses, you will be guided to request a licence for Dataquest through a form which is linked on the pre-sessional page.

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

The Buddy Scheme will connect you with a fellow PG student on your programme, who can be a friend and to help you to settle in at LSE.
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.
Sign up to have a buddy here. https://lse.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eKax9bAF3TFpTGS

MSc Handbook

You are recommended to familiarise yourself with the MSc Handbook before starting your journey in the Department of Statistics. The MSc Handbook should help you find your way around the Department and the School, as it includes key academic, administrative and course information. You can access a copy of the handbook on our website.

Course Selection Process

You will be provided with more information about the course selection process during your Department Welcome Meeting on 6 September. However, you can find key information about the course selection process, including dates and deadlines in Pages 15-19 of the MSc Student Handbook.

For more details on the process, I would encourage you to visit the LSE Course Selection page, and specifically the Postgraduate Course Selection Guide, where you can find a wealth of useful information (bottom right hand side of the page at link above).

Meet your Mentor – Dr Andreas Sojmark

You will be invited to meet your Academic Mentor and Programme Director Dr Andreas Sojmark in small groups from 4.15pm on Wednesday 17 September. This will give you the opportunity to discuss course choices in more detail. Andreas will be in touch (on your LSE email) with more details shortly. If you would prefer to meet Andreas for a one-to-one meeting, then you can contact him directly at a.sojmark@lse.ac.uk

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Get your Free Hoodie now!

As a new student you can order a Department of Statistics branded Hoodie, completely free of charge!

Note that you must use the email address that you used when applied for LSE, not your new LSE email address and use discount code FreeHoodie2024.

The deadline by which to place your order is 27 September at 15:00. You can find more information about how to do this and a link to the Online Store here.

Please do contact stats-msc@lse.ac.uk if you have any queries in the meantime, or to let me know of any delays to your arrival. See you on Friday!

Best wishes

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