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Your guide to LSE100 in 2026/27



Hello and welcome to LSE!

LSE100 is a key part of your first year as an LSE student, giving you the chance to learn about the cutting-edge social science research happening around the School in a creative, interactive environment with peers from other departments. LSE100 is a unique interdisciplinary offering that complements your degree programme and supports you as you develop skills in persuasive academic argumentation, collaboration, and communication that will benefit you throughout the rest of your time as a student and once you graduate. The course is a one-of-a-kind addition to your time at the School, and one of the many things that makes an LSE degree distinctive!

This guide brings together all the important details you'll need to know about the course, alongside useful information about other areas of the School that you'll use during your time as an LSE100 student and beyond. You can refer back to this guide throughout the year – if you have more questions, reach out to your LSE100 teacher by chatting with them in your seminar, attending their feedback and advice sessions, or emailing them directly. You can also email us at **LSE100@lse.ac.uk** and we'll make sure to get you the information you need.

To take advantage of everything the course has to offer, we encourage you to attend our events programme and network with other LSE100 students both in and outside of seminars. Be sure to keep up to date with us on Moodle, Student Hub, Instagram (**[@lse_100](#)**) and LinkedIn (search "**LSE100**") and for updates on events and other opportunities to enhance your LSE100 experience.

We hope you enjoy your time on LSE100, and we look forward to meeting you soon!

Dr Jillian Terry and Dr Chris Blunt
Co-Directors, LSE100

What is LSE100?

LSE100 is LSE's flagship interdisciplinary course taken by all undergraduate students in the first year of your degree programme. The course is designed to build your capacity to tackle multidimensional problems through research-rich education, giving you the opportunity to explore transformative global challenges in collaboration with peers from other departments and leading academics from across the School.

During pre-enrolment you will have selected one of three themes to focus on during LSE100, each of which foregrounds a complex and pressing question facing social scientists. In 2026/27, the available themes are:

- How can we transform our climate futures?
- How can we control AI?
- How can we create a fair society?

What will I study?

During your time on LSE100, you will learn about your chosen theme from a diverse range of disciplinary perspectives. In collaboration with your peers, you will bring your own subject knowledge and expertise to bear on the complex questions and challenges related to controlling the future of AI, transforming our climate futures, or creating a fair society.

No matter which theme you have chosen to focus on, LSE100 is a single course and all three themes are highly interrelated. Climate change is affected by developments in AI and has huge implications for fairness in society, the rapid growth in AI technologies is already having an impact on social inequalities as well as environments across the world, and our conceptions of a fair society can only be properly understood in the context of technological and environmental changes. Throughout the year, you will have a range of opportunities to connect with the other themes of the course, whether through activities in LSE100 seminars, your choice of assessment topics, or our interdisciplinary events programme.

In addition, all students on LSE100 will learn to use the tools and frameworks of systems thinking and you will employ these approaches to analyse the complexities within your chosen theme. Systems thinking and system change approaches are widely used across a range of different sectors – developing your skills with these frameworks will broaden your intellectual experience and deepen your understanding of your own discipline as you test theories, evidence and ideas from different disciplinary perspectives. Regardless of which theme you choose, LSE100 will help you develop skills in persuasive academic argumentation, communication for diverse audiences, and effective collaboration and teamwork that you will use in your other courses as well as in your professional life.

How will I study in LSE100?

LSE100 is a half unit running across Autumn and Winter term in the first year. Each term, you will attend five 90-minute interactive, discussion-based seminars in alternating weeks. Before each seminar, you will use Moodle to watch two short videos featuring leading LSE academics, each around 10 minutes in length. You will also complete 1-2 short readings totalling no more than 20 pages.

Videos and readings are accessed through LSE100's Moodle page, and are displayed in a lesson format, presented sequentially with accompanying notes and guiding questions.

As your group project progresses, you and your group members will prepare for each seminar by completing a range of tasks and choosing readings which relate to your group project topic.

How will I be assessed?

Your LSE100 mark will be based on two summative assessments: one individual written assessment (50%) in the Autumn Term and one group research project (50%) that you will complete as a team of 4-6 students in the Winter Term. The project includes two components: a 10-minute group presentation to be delivered during one of your LSE100 seminars, and a digital report submitted at the end of term.

The LSE100 Moodle page contains all the information you need to complete both assessments, including detailed assessment guidance, marking criteria, and recommended resources. Your teacher will discuss each assessment in more detail in your seminars.

When are my LSE100 assessments due?

The submission deadlines for each assessment depend on which LSE100 seminar group you are in. If your first seminar is in week ONE of Autumn Term, your deadlines are:

- Individual written assessment –
Wednesday 18 November at 12pm (noon) GMT
- Group research project presentation –
Week 7 of Winter Term during your timetabled LSE100 seminar
- Group research project digital report –
Wednesday 17 March 2027 at 12pm (noon) GMT

If your first seminar is in week TWO of Autumn Term, your deadlines are:

- Individual written assessment –
Wednesday 25 November at 12pm (noon) GMT
- Group research project presentation –
Week 8 of Winter Term during your timetabled LSE100 seminar
- Group research project digital report –
Wednesday 24 March 2027 at 12pm (noon) BST

Does LSE100 count towards my degree classification?

Yes. Your final mark in LSE100 will be included with your other first year marks and, if it is one of your best six marks, will count towards your overall first year average as a half-unit course.



How will LSE100 complement my degree programme?

In addition to being an **interdisciplinary** course, LSE100 is a course that will supercharge your **employability**, helping you to develop the skills you need to deliver presentations confidently, write persuasive reports for a wide range of audiences, and collaborate effectively as part of a diverse team. LSE100 also serves as a **community-building** course, giving you a space to meet, work with, and learn from other first-year students as you build your networks at LSE.

How can I get help with LSE100?

The entire LSE100 team is here to support you during your time on the course. Your LSE100 teacher is your first point of contact for any course-related support – they can answer questions you have during seminars, via email, or in one-to-one meetings during weekly feedback and advice sessions. Your teacher will share their email address as well as the time and location of their weekly feedback and advice sessions with you before your first seminar. You can also find these details on our Moodle page.

If you have administrative questions, email us at **LSE100@lse.ac.uk** or visit the LSE100 Course Office in KSW 4.10 to speak to a member of the team in person.

You can also get help with your LSE100 work by attending workshops or speaking to a Learning Lab study adviser, using the resources at the LSE Library, or attending training sessions at the Digital Skills Lab. Check out the following sections of this guide to learn more about these areas of the School and how they can support your learning on LSE100.

To learn more about LSE100, visit our website by scanning the QR code to the right or by visiting **lse.ac.uk/lse100**. Follow us on Moodle, Instagram (**[@lse_100](https://www.instagram.com/lse_100)**), LinkedIn (search “**LSE100**”) and Student Hub for the most up-to-date information about the course as well as links to events, resources, and more.



Get ready for LSE100

Use this checklist to get ready for LSE100 and make the most of your first weeks on the course!

- ☐ Visit our website to check out indicative readings for your chosen LSE100 theme
- ☐ Follow the LSE100 channel on your Student Hub app
- ☐ Follow us on Instagram (@lse_100)
- ☐ Follow us on LinkedIn (search “LSE100”)
- ☐ Log into the LSE100 Moodle page using your LSE email and password – watch the videos and complete the readings for Seminar 1
- ☐ Check your timetable to find out the time and place of your LSE100 seminars
- ☐ Learn more about your LSE100 teacher – check out their bio on our website
- ☐ Attend your first LSE100 seminar in Week 1 or 2 of Autumn Term



LSE LIFE and Learning Lab

LSE LIFE is the place to discover and develop skills you'll use as a student and beyond. We're here to help you make the transition to university and think about what you want to achieve – academically, personally, and professionally. We'll help you find your own ways to study, learn, and work to reach your goals.

How can you take advantage of LSE LIFE?

Come to a Learning Lab workshop

Join an LSE100 Learning Lab workshop, specially designed to help you with your LSE100 assessments. During Autumn Term, we'll help you write your individual assessment. In Winter Term, we'll focus on how to navigate a group research project: ways to work with others, deliver effective presentations, and prepare a digital report as part of a team. You'll leave more confident in preparing, planning, and delivering your projects, whatever form they take.

Come to our workshops to learn ways to read academic texts and take notes effectively, manage your time, write essays – and other key skills for the university classroom. Or book a place on our personal development workshops to explore and develop your people skills: become a better public speaker, a more active listener, or a good leader. In Learning Lab workshops, you'll get hands-on practice and a chance to ask questions and share your ideas.

Get personalised, one-to-one advice

Have a chat with a Learning Lab study adviser, on campus or online, Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm. Book a 30-minute appointment to ask questions and get advice about any aspect of your studies – about LSE100 or any other course you take at LSE: talk about an upcoming assignment, time management, exam revision, or most anything. If we don't have the information you're looking for, we'll help you find someone at LSE who does.

Explore our Moodle library of resources

Use the Learning Lab's online collection of tips, examples, and explanations in your own time – from writing and referencing your first essays, through presentations and exams, to your final project or dissertation. You'll find LSE LIFE on Moodle under "My Courses".

LSE LIFE is also a bright, open-plan area on the ground floor of the Library. Come work on your own in a productive environment, meet your classmates to work through problem sets together, or put a few tables together and bring over a whiteboard to collaborate on a group project. Alternatively, just pop by the reception desk to get a lollipop and a friendly "hello"!

At LSE LIFE you can ask questions, learn new ways to study at university, discover what London and LSE have to offer.

You'll find details about upcoming events, how to book a one-to-one appointment, where to find the Moodle page, and much more at lse.ac.uk/lselife.

The easiest way to find out what's on at LSE LIFE is to sign up to the weekly email update. Scan here and tell us where you'd like to get the latest news on workshops, events, and resources available to you.



LSE LIFE

Ground floor, Library
Monday-Friday
10am-6pm

lse.ac.uk/lselife
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LSE Library

LSE Library is one of the largest social sciences libraries in the world and a welcoming, inclusive environment to work in. We provide the resources you need for your undergraduate studies and for whichever theme of LSE100 you've chosen to take this year.

What spaces are available?

We are open 8am to midnight during Autumn Term and 24/7 in Winter and Spring Terms.

We have different types of spaces, depending how you like to work, ranging from individual study, silent shared spaces to group areas, using different furniture around the building. We'd encourage you to explore the whole Library to find a space that works best for you.

But we're more than just a building. We provide a range of online services and resources, available 24/7, wherever you are.

How do I find the resources I need?

Your course reading lists may be your first introduction to using our resources. We'll provide access to the essential and background readings online and/or in print.

Use our library catalogue – “Library Search” – when you need to search for resources beyond your reading list. You can find it in the middle of our homepage at lse.ac.uk/library.

For your LSE100 research you may want to use databases. These are often collections of information relevant to a specific subject and can include journal articles, newspaper articles, data and more.

There are several key databases and resources relevant to the LSE100 themes. We have environment-specific databases if you're researching how to transform our climate futures, whilst we have computing and robotics-specific databases if you're researching how to control AI.

Information about these resources can be found on the LSE100 Moodle site.

Whenever you access any online resources, you will need to sign in using your LSE IT details.

How do I find support when I need it?

We're here whenever you need our help and there are many ways you can reach out to us.

As a new student, we recommend you join one of our "Getting Started" sessions, which will run several times a day in LSE LIFE across Welcome. These will introduce you to our spaces, resources and support in more detail and enable you to find your way around the Library more easily.

If you're in the Library and you need help, just visit the helpdesk on the ground floor between 10am-4pm. You can also use Library Chat to speak to a member of staff for immediate support.

We have a team of department librarians who can help you with finding, evaluating or using the resources you need. Find out more about us at lse.ac.uk/librarians and we'll help you via email or we can meet in you in-person or online.

We run workshops in LSE LIFE across the year helping you develop the skills you need to find, evaluate and use resources in your LSE100 research and undergraduate studies – just book a place from the LSE LIFE events page or by scanning the QR code below (lse.ac.uk/lselife).

Our Moodle page complements our workshops with additional information and guidance.



Digital Skills Lab

LSE's Digital Skills Lab is the School's go-to hub for developing the technical skills that you need to thrive in the digital era. Whether online or in-person, the Digital Skills Lab will help you hone your digital capabilities to achieve your personal, professional, and academic goals, both in LSE100 and beyond.

Take advantage of what the Digital Skills Lab has to offer as you complete your LSE100 assessments. Whether it's learning how to design engaging PowerPoint slides for your group project presentation, refining your Word skills to develop an eye-catching digital report, or discovering how to use tools like Teams to collaborate with your LSE100 team members, the Digital Skills Lab can help you succeed.

Learn technical skills that will help you with your studies, your future career and your personal development with the Digital Skills Lab. We offer workshops, online self-study, drop-in advice sessions, challenges, bootcamps, seminars and other events in:

- AI and machine learning: AI for social sciences, hands-on ML sessions
- Data science tools and coding: Python, R, Tableau, GitHub, LaTeX
- Productivity tools: Excel, VBA, PowerPoint, Word
- Collaboration tools: Teams, OneDrive
- Specialist research tools: Stata, SPSS, NVivo, Qualtrics
- Web design: HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, UX Design

Regardless of which LSE100 theme you've chosen, the Digital Skills Lab is here to help you develop across a wide range of areas – you can choose when and how to learn, at a time and space that suits your schedule throughout the academic year.

Find out how the Digital Skills Lab can support you by scanning the QR code below or visiting lse.ac.uk/digital-skills-lab. You can follow us on the Student Hub and if you have any questions about our workshops or would like advice on your training options, get in touch with us at digital.skills.lab@lse.ac.uk.





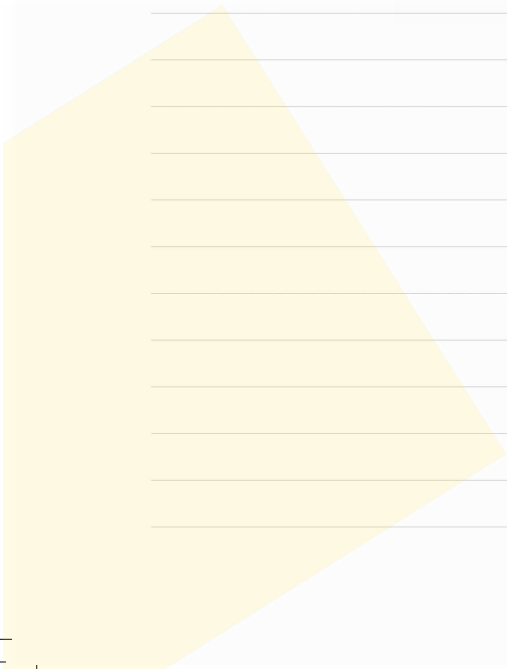
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LSE100 Welcome Bingo

Chose the same LSE100 theme as you	From a different department to you	Walked to campus today	Is afraid of heights	Has the same eye colour as you
Plays a sport	Prefers coffee over tea	Has ridden a horse	Is a morning person	Lives at home
Doesn't like pineapple on pizza	Took the Underground to campus today		Chose a different LSE100 theme to you	From a different country than you
Has a birthday in the same month as you	Has a pet at home	Loves scary movies	Likes pineapple on pizza	Writes with their left hand
Took the bus to campus today	Lives in halls	Plays a musical instrument	Has the same number of siblings as you	Doesn't have any pets at home

- Walk around the room and find another student who meets one of the criteria in the boxes above.
- **Write their name** in that box. You should only use each person you meet to fill in **one** box.
- The goal is to fill in your entire bingo card (all boxes except the free LSE100 space in the middle) – the first person to complete it gets a prize!

Notes



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The information in this leaflet can be made available in
alternative formats on request. Please contact the Course Office.