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Welcome to LSE100!

*LSE's flagship
interdisciplinary course
for all undergraduates*





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LSE100 is...

PART 1: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE

What is LSE100? What is interdisciplinarity? How does LSE100 connect to my degree programme?

PART 2: A COMMUNITY COURSE

How can I connect with other first-year students during LSE100? What opportunities are there for collaboration and networking?

PART 3: AN EMPLOYABILITY COURSE

*What skills will I develop during LSE100? How can I get support from **LSE Learning Lab** to communicate and collaborate effectively?*



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LSE100 is an *interdisciplinary* course





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What is LSE100?

LSE's flagship interdisciplinary course taken by all first-year undergraduates, giving you:

- A chance to *explore ideas and arguments* beyond the boundaries of your degree programme
- Expertise in *thinking like a social scientist*
- Skills in *persuasive communication, research, and collaboration*
- An opportunity to *meet students from around the School*



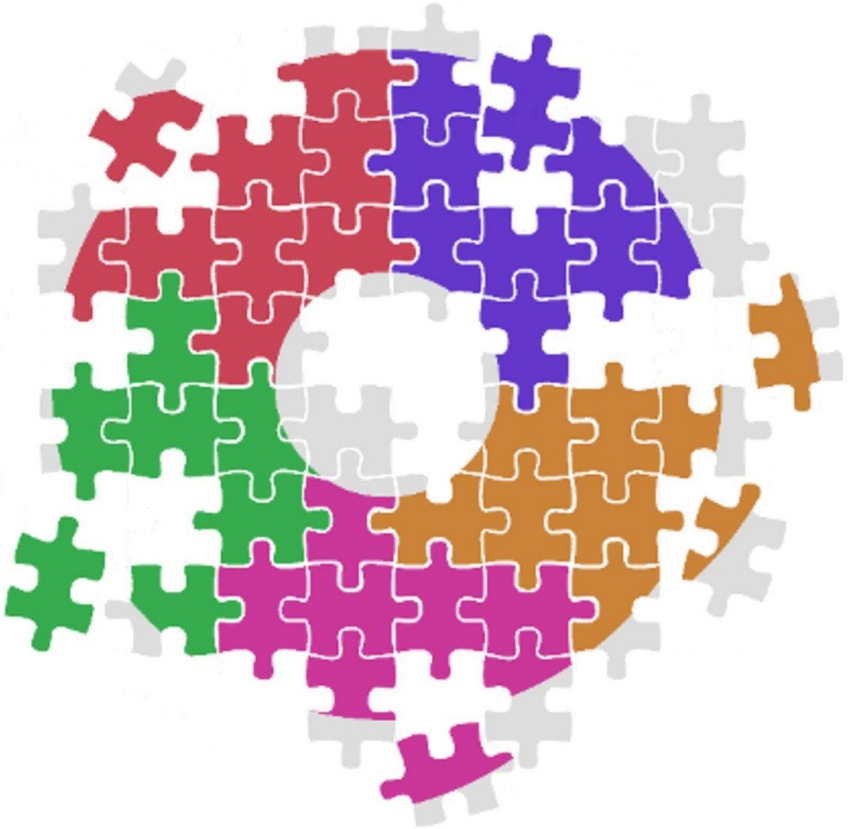
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What is LSE100?

- **Fortnightly seminars** during Autumn and Winter terms – interactive 80-minute sessions led by a member of the LSE100 teaching team
- Prepare for seminars on Moodle by completing short **video lectures, core readings, and preparation worksheet**
- Two assessments worth 50% each: **interdisciplinary commentary** (due AT Week 8/9) and **group research project** (due end of WT)

What is interdisciplinarity?

“A process of answering a question, solving a problem, or addressing a topic that is too broad or complex to be dealt with adequately by a single discipline or profession...draws on disciplinary perspectives and integrates their insights” (Klein & Newell)



Why interdisciplinarity?

- Equips you with the knowledge and skills you need to **tackle complex challenges**
- Develops your skills in **critical thinking**
- Helps you learn by **connecting ideas and concepts** from different disciplines together
- Prepares you to **collaborate with others** and work effectively as part of a diverse team





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LSE100 and your degree

- A half-unit course that you will take alongside your other courses in your **first year of study**
 - Will **count towards your degree classification** as part of your first-year average if it is one of your 6 best marks (out of 9)
 - A **distinctive** part of your time at LSE, enhancing your degree programme and your training as a **social scientist**
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This year's LSE100 themes

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How can we
transform
our climate
futures?



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How can we
control AI?



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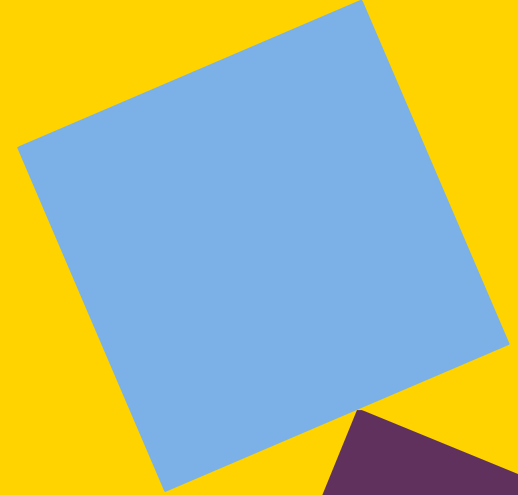
How can we
create a fair
society?





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LSE100 is a *community* course





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A community of first-years

- LSE100 is a place to meet, work with, and learn from your peers – not just from your department, but all around the School
- You'll do this in seminars, in your assessments, and as part of our events programme
- Opportunities to connect with others and expand your network at LSE

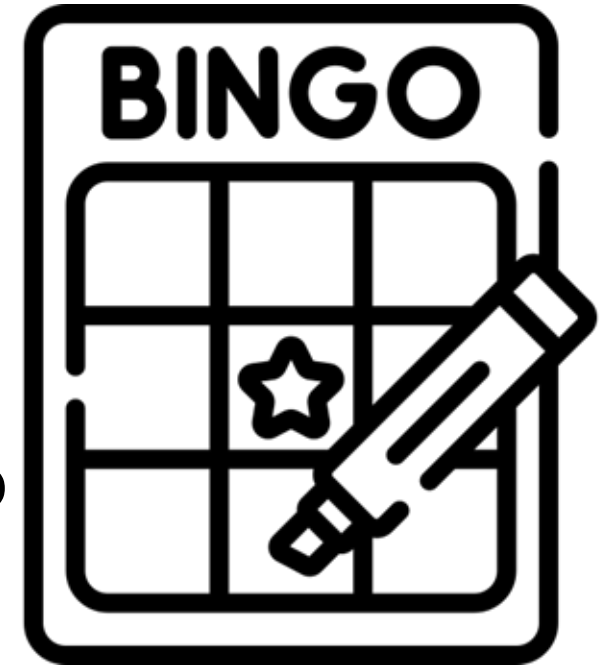




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LSE100 Welcome Bingo

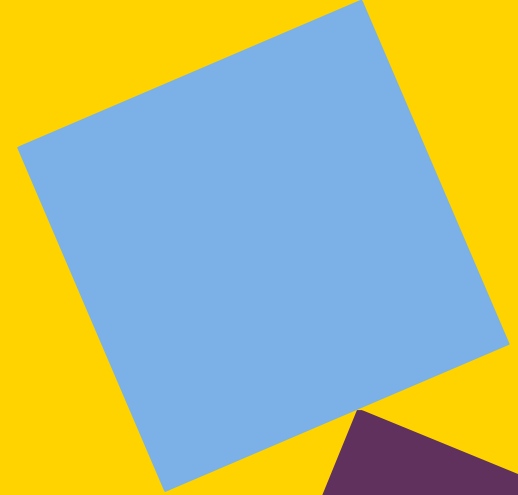
- Find your bingo card on **page 16** of your Guide.
- Walk around the room and **speak to another student or an LSE100 teacher**. Find out if they meet one of the criteria on your bingo card!
- If they do, **write their name in that box**. You can only use each person you meet to fill in **ONE** box.
- The goal is to **fill in your entire bingo card** – first to finish wins a **prize!**





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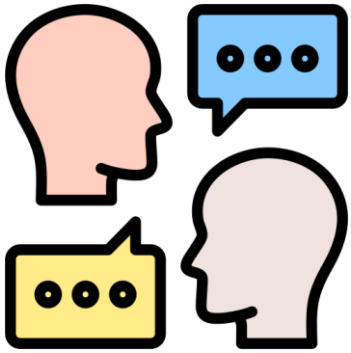
LSE100 is an *employability* course





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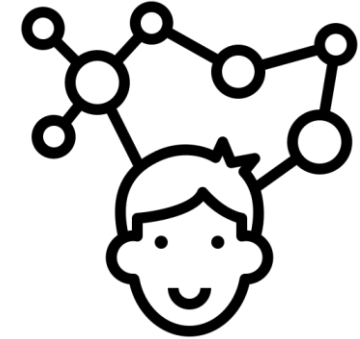
Developing essential skills



Persuasive
communication



Effective
collaboration



Systems thinking



Research and
analysis



Critical thinking

Interdisciplinary leadership

- Working collaboratively in a way that integrates and synthesises diverse perspectives is a **key skill of successful leaders**
- Learning to draw on expertise from multiple fields to **address real-world challenges**
- Embracing **uncertainty** and **complexity** in decision-making and problem-solving





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Assessment 1: Interdisciplinary Commentary

- 1000 ($\pm 10\%$) words, 50% of your LSE100 grade
- Answer one of **five questions** connected to your theme
- Explain how at least **two academic disciplines** approach your question and draw **connections** between perspectives
- Incorporate **at least two core readings/videos** from LSE100
- Due on **18 November** or **25 November** depending on your timetable





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Assessment 1: Interdisciplinary Commentary

Disciplines will include:

- Your **own** discipline(s) that you're studying at LSE
- Insights from the **readings and videos**
- A **structured conversation** with another LSE100 student from a different degree to you





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Assessment 1: Interdisciplinary Commentary

Your **conversation** will involve discussing how you each approach the question.

Choose any 1st year LSE undergrad who:

- Studies a **different degree** to you
- Agrees to participate
- Is **not** answering the same question for their assessment



*Or: conduct your structured
conversation with Claude AI*



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Assessment 1: Interdisciplinary Commentary

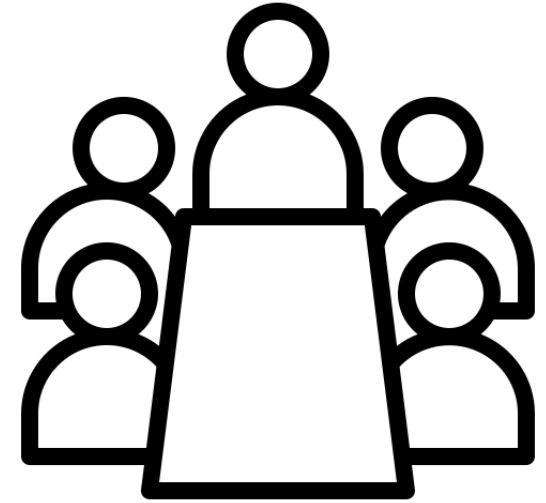
- Detailed **assessment guidance** available on Moodle
- Get support from your LSE100 teacher during **weekly feedback and advice sessions**
- Book a one-to-one appointment with a **Learning Lab study adviser**
- Attend a dedicated **Learning Lab workshop** on how to write your commentary
- Use the **LSE Library** to find supporting evidence for your analysis



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Assessment 2: Group Research Project

- Interdisciplinary group research project, 50% of your LSE100 grade
- Begins in final seminar of Autumn Term - **allocated to small groups by your teacher** according to your topic preferences
- **Two components:** **10-minute presentation** in WT Week 7/8 (25%) and **3000-word digital report** (75%) due at end of WT





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Assessment 2: Group Research Project

- Aim: **make positive change** to address a problem or challenge related to your LSE100 theme
- Your group must **persuade** your target audience to make systemic change – could be a **policy proposal** to government or a **strategic plan** for NGOs, social movements or activists
- Digital report due on **17 March** or **24 March** depending on your timetable





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Assessment 2: Group Research Project

- Detailed **assessment guidance** available on Moodle
 - Get support individually or with your group in your teacher's weekly **feedback and advice sessions**
 - Attend the **Learning Lab workshop series** and chat to a study adviser
 - Use the **LSE Library** to research your chosen topic
 - The **Digital Skills Lab** can help you create an engaging report
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The Learning Lab is here to help!

Your one-stop-shop for developing academic and professional skills – and lollipops



Why The Learning Lab?

Discover **your strengths**, develop **your skills**, and bring them together to **reach your goals**.

A team of **study advisers** and **learning developers** who work with specialists from across the School, including your Departments, the Library, LSE Careers and the Digital Skills Lab.

AT Workshops for LSE100

60-minute **workshops on the interdisciplinary commentary specifically designed for LSE100 students:**

- AT5: 2 per week: 1 on campus, 1 online
- AT7: 2 per week: 1 on campus, 1 online
- AT8: 1 online

Structure your thinking; interrogate your question; integrate disciplines; conversation strategies

Workshop bookings via the LSE100 Moodle Page



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WT Workshops for LSE100

In Winter Term we'll offer **workshops on the Group Research Project** focusing on:

- Delivering persuasive presentations
- Producing impactful pieces of writing

Write persuasively using evidence-based arguments; frame positive changes and contributions; report writing style

During all these sessions, Learning Lab and LSE100 staff will be on hand to help you make sense of your assignment.

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Academic Workshops

Workshops to help you succeed on LSE100 and in tackling your assessments, whatever form they take:

- Use AI tools critically for effective reading and writing
- Write essays that LSE markers want to read
- Construct effective arguments
- From analysis to arguments: writing quantitatively
- Present with confidence

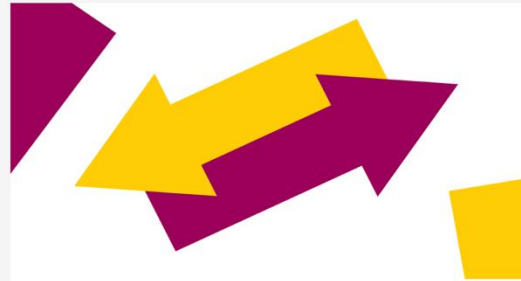
You can also **book one-to-ones** (Monday – Friday, 10 am – 5:30 pm, in person and online) with our study advisers or use our **Moodle** page materials in your own time.



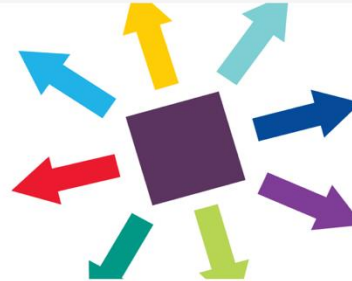
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It's Not All Work, Work, Work

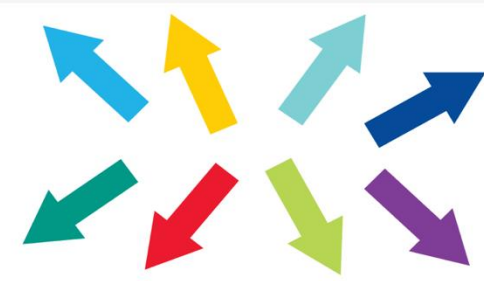
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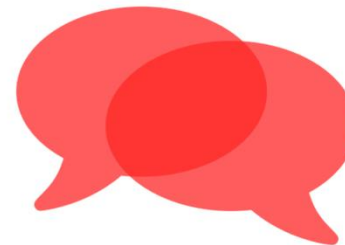
Your events With over 2000 events running every year, there's always something to be interested in.



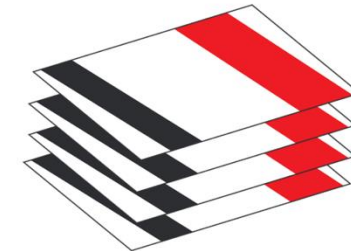
Your opportunities Discover the programmes, appointments, and resources available to you throughout the year.



How can I use LSE LIFE? Practical sessions covering skills you'll find useful in and out of the classroom.



One-to-one conversations Personalised advice on any aspect of student life



Learning Lab Your academic skills, our expertise.



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LSE LIFE Space



Stay in touch:

- Drop by the LSE LIFE front desk.
- Book a workshop or one-to-one via Student Hub.
- Email us @ learninglab@lse.ac.uk



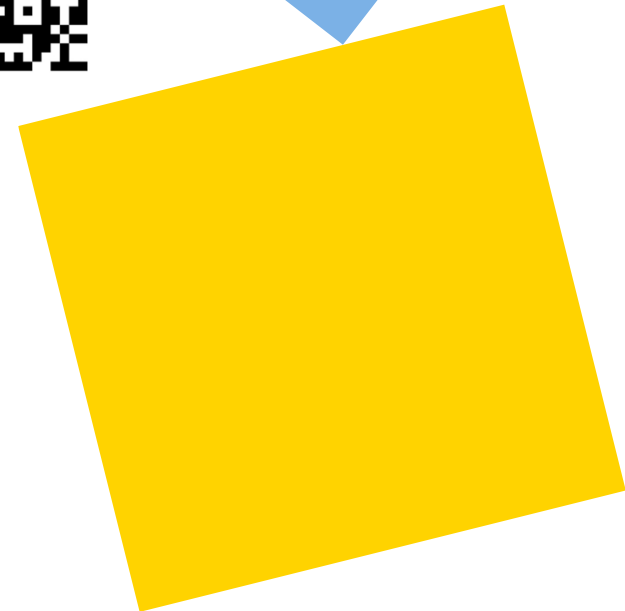
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LSE100 Prizes

- Top group projects win the **Raymond Huang Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement** - £150 per group member
- Groups are nominated by their LSE100 teacher for excellence in **interdisciplinary research** and **collaboration**
- Student(s) with the top overall mark on LSE100 win the **Huang Khong Chui Lin Prize for Exceptional Academic Performance**, with a cash prize of £300

Getting the most out of LSE100

- Sign up to be a **Student Academic Representative** – a chance to share your views as part of the LSE100 Staff-Student Liaison Committee! Complete the form by **Monday 12 October at 12:00** – more details on Moodle
- Follow us on **Student Hub**, **Instagram** (@lse_100) and **LinkedIn** (search LSE100) for regular updates





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Getting the most out of LSE100

- Attend our **events programme** – events throughout the year across all themes
- Last year we visited museums, hosted a Microsoft AI expert dialogue, ran a climate film screening and Q&A with the director, and more!
- Want to **partner with us** on running an event with your club or society? Have an idea for a talk, film screening, or tour? Get in touch with us using our **Student Partnership** form!



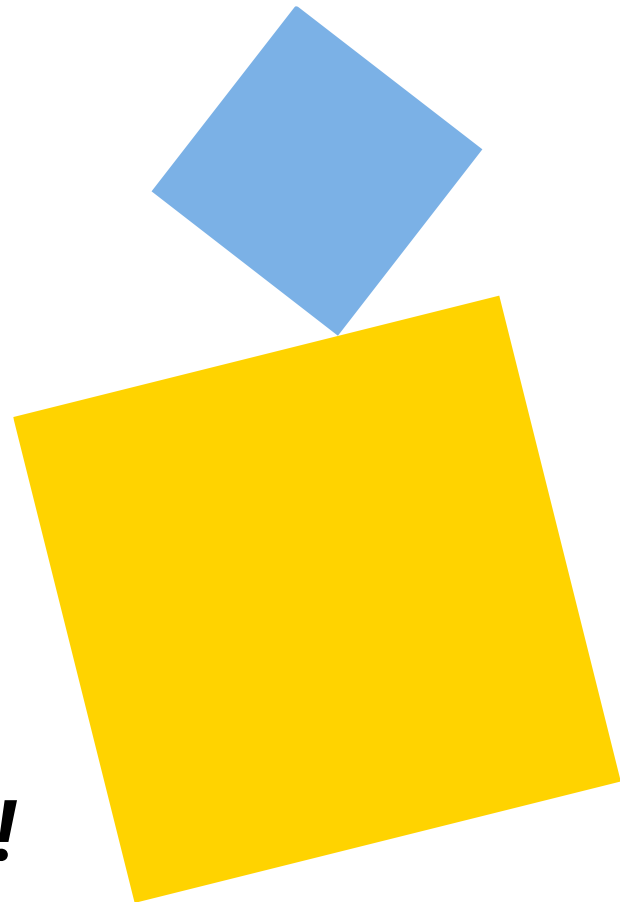


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Get ready for your first seminar

- ✓ **Check your timetable** so you know when and where your seminar is taking place
- ✓ **Log into Moodle** (*moodle.lse.ac.uk*) and find “LSE100 2026/27” in My Courses
- ✓ **Complete the Moodle lesson** for Seminar 1 – video lectures, readings, preparation worksheet
- ✓ **Read the pre-seminar email** from your LSE100 teacher

You're ready for LSE100 – see you soon!





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Questions? Get in touch with us!

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