

Changes to course packs and student printing credits for 2021/22

student factsheet



As part of a transition to a [Digital Smart LSE](#), we are making the following changes to reduce our environmental impacts. From the start of Michaelmas Term 2021:

- Digital versions of course packs should be available to you on Moodle
- Departments will be asked to avoid providing printed course packs
- Departments are no longer providing 'free' printing credits.
- Disability and Wellbeing Service printing credits are not affected.

Why is LSE making this change?

Before the pandemic, LSE printed 12 million pages a year - the equivalent of about 1,200 trees or 546 tonnes of carbon. These changes will help reduce printing and use of paper at LSE, as part of our ongoing sustainability efforts and each of us taking action on the climate crisis. It is also important to develop your digital skills ready for a workplace which is increasingly digital by default.

Were students consulted?

In our 2019/20 sustainability consultation, a vast majority of LSE students told us they were keen for a digital by default approach. In addition, 93% of people surveyed said they were willing to make or accept changes at LSE to support sustainability. The changes we're making are a direct result of student feedback and LSESU sabbatical officers were actively involved in our discussions.

How can I get support with digital literacy?

- LSE's [Digital Skills Lab](#) offers training on a range of software solutions.
- [LSE LIFE](#) offers students resources to develop a range of skills.

I have a disability which requires me to print, how can I get support?

Credits allocated by the Disability and Wellbeing Service are not affected by the change. Speak to your adviser from the [Disability and Wellbeing Service](#) to discuss your circumstances and support available to you.

What support is available for buying a laptop or tablet?

- Students can benefit from discounts on new equipment at various UK online websites including [Edustore](#), [Apple](#), [HP](#), and more.
- Students facing financial hardship may be eligible for support from the [LSE Digital Support Fund](#).

Can I bring my laptop or tablet to lectures?

Please check with your course lecturer or teacher, as LSE departments have different policies when it comes to the use of laptops during classes or seminars.

Is digital more environmentally friendly than printing?

When compared, digital solutions attract a lower environmental footprint and use fewer resources. The main impact of electronic devices is their manufacture and disposal, so only buy devices you need and recycle unwanted ones. An electronics recycling point is available at LSE Careers on the 5th floor of the Saw See Hock student centre.

Further queries?

Contact your department directly if you have any questions about how this may affect your course.

For sustainability queries and suggestions visit lse.ac.uk/sustainablelse or [contact the Sustainability team](#).