

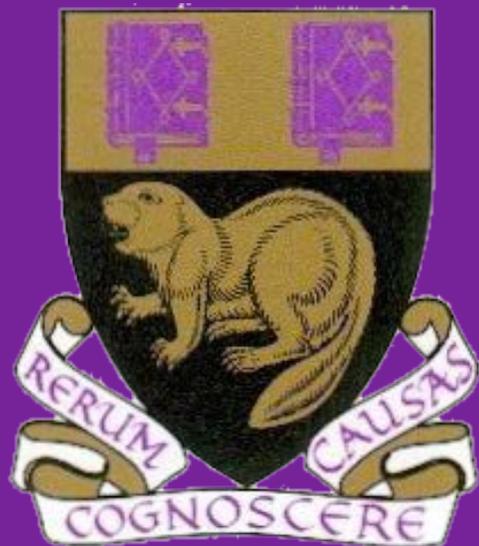
The Emory Student's Guide to LSE



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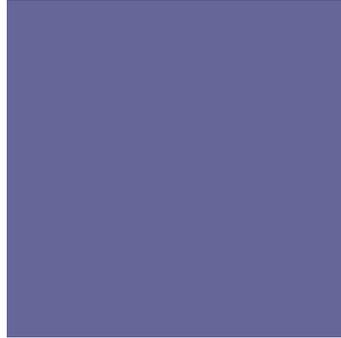
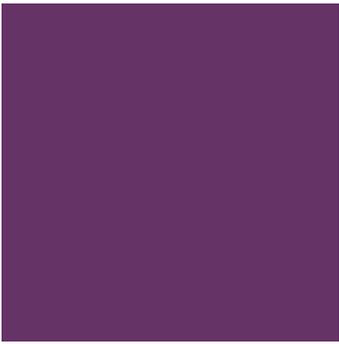


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Hi I'm Robert – I am an Applied Mathematics and Economics major and I studied abroad at LSE during the 2010-2011 academic year. I lived in Passfield Hall, where I shared a triple room with two first-year students. While at LSE, I took monetary economics, econometrics, real analysis, optimization theory, and an introductory finance course.

I put together this pamphlet to complete the Follow-On project requirement for the Gilman Scholarship. My goal was to help students like you considering a year at LSE by providing a detailed guide from the point of view of a student. I hope that you find this pamphlet helpful both during the application process and when you arrive in London.





Considering a Year at LSE?

Here are some things you should know

If you are a social science major considering study abroad, the General Course at LSE may be the right program for you!

Why choose LSE over the other study abroad programs in England? Well, for one, LSE is one of the most respected research institutions in the social sciences. The classes can be challenging, but you will undoubtedly benefit from developing a deep understanding of the subject matter.

Another advantage of LSE is that it is located in Central London. Many of London's top attractions are within walking distance or are a few stops away on the Tube (Underground).

Also, the General Course is a **full year** exchange program that runs from the end of **September** to the beginning of **July**. The advantage of studying abroad for an entire year compared to a semester is that it allows you to fully immerse yourself and develop an intimate feel of how life is in London. You will also have a better opportunity to feel like a

part of the student body at LSE. The student body at LSE is very international and you will undoubtedly meet interesting people from around the world.

On the other hand, if you want a traditional experience with gowns and banquets, the Oxford exchange program may be a better fit. In addition, studying abroad for an entire year has its disadvantages. You will be out of the Emory bubble for a long time and may miss out on the chance to form relationships with professors and spend time with your friends.

All things considered, I will say that for me personally, my year abroad at LSE was one of the best experiences I've had. If a year abroad is the right fit for you and you like being challenged academically, I strongly recommend LSE.

LSE at a Glance



Address: Houghton Street
London
WC2A 2AE

Nearest Underground Station: High Holborn

Total Enrollment: 9,000

Undergraduates: 3,849

General Course Students: 307

Number of Countries Represented: 140

Number of Nobel Prize Winners: 16

Miscellaneous:

- Compared to Emory, LSE has a much more urban feel. The campus feels more like a part of the city than a separate entity.
- Athletic facilities are very limited at LSE – make sure you join a sports club or buy a gym membership.
- The student body is very diverse – you will probably meet more international students than British students!
- It does rain a lot during fall/winter – umbrellas are a necessity. It gets dark before 4:00PM in December. Spring/Summer, on the other hand, is dry and very comfortable.



Around Campus:

LSE Library – One of the world's largest libraries dedicated to the social sciences.

Clare Market Street – Busiest street on campus where you may see booths set up by student organizations.

New Academic Building – LSE's newest and nicest academic building. Many guest lectures will take place here.

Old Building – Home of the Student Services Center, Fourth Floor Restaurant, Shaw Library, the Lost and Found, and classrooms.

St. Clement Building – Home of the IT help centre and many academic departments. Computer labs located on the first floor.

Clement House: Location of many lectures and where most exams take place. Computer lab located on the basement floor.

Peacock Theater: Location of many first-year lectures – seats about a thousand people.

Waterstone's – The campus bookstore

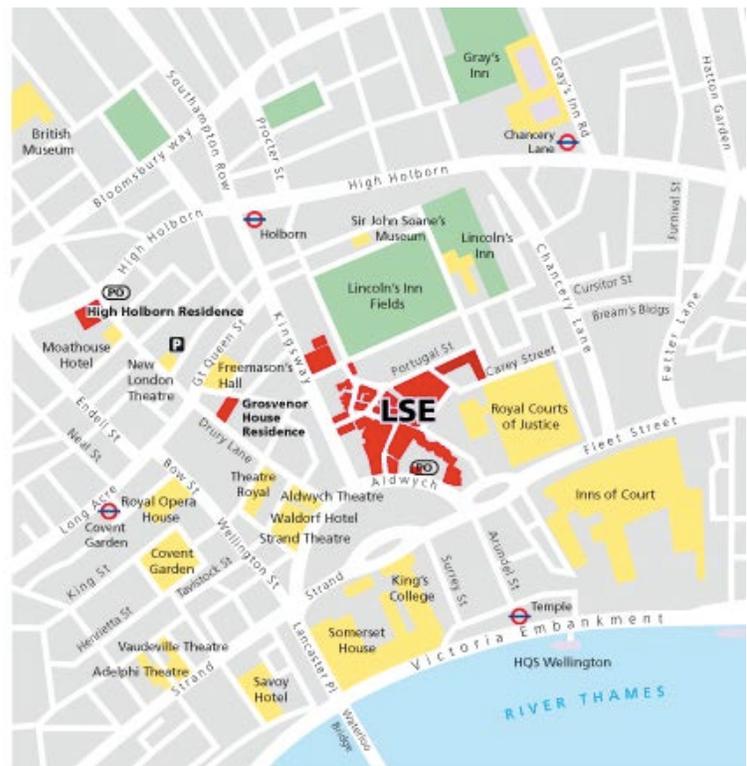
Natwest – On-campus bank where most students have an account

St. Phillips Medical Center – On-campus National Health Service (NHS) facility

The Three Tuns – LSE owned pub that is a popular hangout for undergraduates.

The Quad – cafeteria/study space during school hours and a nightclub on Friday nights.

Map of LSE Campus and Surrounding Area



Financing Your Study Abroad

During your time abroad, you will still be enrolled full-time at Emory and as such, you will still need to pay Emory tuition. Therefore, the difference between cost of attendance at Emory and in London is the living costs. Below is the current CIPA budget sheet along with some comments on where you can cut costs:

Emory Tuition	\$40,600
Airfare	\$1,100
Books	\$600
Personal Expenses	\$3,000
Housing	\$7,800
Local Transportation	\$800
Meals	\$3,200
Total	\$57,100

The one area where you can save the most is your living arrangement. You can cut down costs by requesting a shared room at one of the LSE residence halls. As a matter of fact, I had a triple room at Passfield Hall, which was very spacious and reasonable (evening meals were also included in the fees).

Another thing to note is that none of the residence halls are on campus – you will have to walk about a mile or take public transportation to commute. Your choice of residence hall, therefore, will also affect transportation costs.

As for meals, LSE does not offer a campus-wide meal plan to students – instead, each residence hall may or may not include meals as part of the housing contract. Here again, finding the hall that fits your needs important. Also, food can be expensive in London, but there are a few spots in Central London where

you can eat well for a reasonable price (More on this in the Eating on a Budget Section).

You can also cut costs with books. The LSE Library has a Course Collection that houses several copies of the required textbooks for each course. You can check out and renew these textbooks as long as you need them.

Finally, if you plan to travel during the breaks, make sure you plan and reserve well ahead of time – this can cut the price of transportation and lodging in half!

Financial Aid and Scholarships

You can carry financial aid and scholarships from Emory overseas. Here are a few additional scholarships that you may be eligible for:

CIPA Travel Grant

If you are currently receiving financial aid from the College, you are eligible to apply. Awards range from \$500 to \$1,200.

LSE General Course Scholarship

Scholarship to be awarded on basis of academic merit and financial need. Awards range from £12,000 – £15,000. You can access information online at the LSE website.

Gilman Scholarship

If you are receiving a Pell Grant, you are eligible to apply. Recipients carry out a follow-on project after returning to promote studying abroad and/or the Gilman Scholarship. Average award is approximately \$4,000.



The Application Process

To be eligible for the General Course, you must have a **3.3 GPA or higher** for qualitative majors (political science, sociology, history, etc.) or a **3.5 GPA or higher** for quantitative majors (economics, math, etc.).

Make sure you apply through CIPA. This way, you will remain enrolled full-time at Emory while you are abroad and can receive credit for the courses you take at LSE.

In addition to the CIPA application, make sure you submit the LSE secondary application online.

You will need to submit the following items to the CIPA office by the deadline:

- 2 Recommendation Letters
- Official Transcript
- Passport

Timeline

March 1

CIPA Application for LSE program is due

Approximately a week later

LSE sends decision letter via email

May 31

LSE Residence Hall Applications are due

June

Welcome Packs are sent to Offer Holders. These packs contain information and important forms that need to be sent back to LSE

Summer

Obtain a UK Visa (Application fee: £255) – you will have to demonstrate your ability to pay tuition

Late September

Make plans to arrive in London and settle in before lectures begin

Getting There

Tips on packing and Airport transportation

Packing

So what do you need to pack for a whole year abroad? Below are some suggestions on what to bring and what not to bring:

Clothing: Since you will be abroad for an entire year, you will need to be prepared for almost any kind of weather. However, you will not need shorts for the most part because summers in London are very moderate. One thing you must pack is a comfortable pair of shoes – you will be walking a lot in London. Also, try to fit everything in one large suitcase and a carry-on if possible.

School Supplies: Plan to purchase these once you arrive in London. I recommend a stationery store called **Ryman's** to buy your school supplies (there are several stores in London, including one near LSE).

Electronics and Appliances: Standard voltage in UK is 240V while in the US it is 120V. Most laptop chargers are dual voltage, so the only thing you need is an adapter to account for the differences in socket shapes. Don't bring things like hair dryers however - these are often not dual voltage and would require a converter. If you need a hair dryer or other toiletry goods, I recommend a drug store called **Boots**.

Pots and Pans: If you are going to cook, I recommend a store called **Robert Dyas** to buy kitchen supplies. This is also a good place to buy hangers – you would be surprised how hard they are to find in London!

Transportation

There are several ways to get from Heathrow Airport to your residence hall. Below are some comments on the transportation choices you have:

LSE Shuttle Service (free) – I do not know if LSE will continue to offer this, but for my year abroad, LSE offered transportation from Heathrow to the LSE campus at no charge. LSE will notify you by email if this option is available. Make sure you know which terminal LSE representatives are at and be prepared to take a taxi from the LSE campus to your residence hall.

Underground (£4.80) – Taking the Underground from Heathrow to the City would be the least expensive option if the LSE does not offer shuttle service. However, this option is not very practical if you are carrying large suitcases. During peak times, you will also have trouble getting on and off the train.

Heathrow Express (£18) – This train is a better option than taking the Underground, but is still inconvenient getting on and off the train if you have large suitcases. You will also need to find a way (either cab or Tube) to get from Paddington Station to your hall.

Cab Service (approx. £40) – If LSE does not offer a shuttle service, this would be the most sensible option. If you need a minicab, Emory's UK representative Anneka Reid can make an arrangement for you.

Getting Started in London



Buying a Cell phone

Purchasing an international plan for your American phone can be quite expensive so I would recommend buying an inexpensive phone in the UK. A good place to buy a phone is **Carphone Warehouse**. Most of the phones here are unlocked so you can switch providers very easily. In the UK, you do not need to sign a contract to get service - you can purchase a SIM card and put it directly in your phone!

For service providers, I would recommend **Giffgaff**. They have the most reasonable rates overall – even for international roaming. This can definitely be useful when you are traveling. You can receive a SIM card for free by signing up online at their website. The only catch is that you need a UK bank account to top up your account.



Buying an Oyster Card

Within a couple days of arriving in London, I would recommend that you purchase an **Oyster Card**, which is a pay- as-you-go card that is used for public transportation. This card will make getting around London cheaper and more convenient.

Obtaining an LSE student ID card

You can obtain an LSE student ID card during registration. After registration, you will also be able to print out a certificate of registration from **LSE For You** (the LSE equivalent of OPUS).

Registering for Health Care

General Course students qualify for coverage from the National Health Service (**NHS**). It is recommended that you obtain an NHS card and register at St. Phillips Medical Center, which is on the LSE campus. Read more here:

<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/intranet/LSEServices/medicalCentre/nhsRegistration.aspx>



Opening a UK Bank Account

You can open a UK bank account by bringing your passport and your certificate of registration to a bank of your choosing. Most banks have free student accounts. Wire money as infrequently as possible to avoid transaction costs.

Now you may not need to open a UK bank account if you have an account with Bank of America – in this case, you can use your debit card at Barclays ATMs for no charge.

Since you will not be able to open your bank account immediately when you arrive in England, I would suggest that you bring some cash to hold you over for a few days. Keep in mind though, that US credit and debit cards work in the UK (make sure to let them know ahead of time so they do not block international use), so you don't need to bring a substantial amount of cash for this purpose.

Academics at LSE



How do academics at LSE compare to those at Emory?
Here are the main things to remember:

First, an academic year at LSE consists of three 10 week-long terms. The Michaelmas term runs from early October to mid December and is followed by a four-week winter vacation. The Lent term runs from mid January to the end of March and is followed by a five-week spring vacation. The Summer term lasts about six weeks – you still may have revision lectures the during first two weeks but the rest of the term is reserved for exams. Keep in mind that most classes are a year long.

In addition, the academic system is quite different. Each week, a typical module (equivalent of an Emory course) consists of generally one or two lectures, where there can be up to a couple hundred students and no interaction with the lecturer, and one class, where a PhD student reviews problem sets. The frequency of graded assignments varies greatly from module to module: two of my modules had only two graded assignments during the term while the other two had weekly graded assignments.



There is also a much greater emphasis on the final exam at LSE. For full-time LSE students, the exam during the Summer term is the one and only true assessment for the whole year. As such, exams are a very intense experience. Luckily, LSE also assigns a class grade for General Course students.

With the British education system, self-discipline is incredibly important – even if you stay on top of things, expect to spend a significant portion of your Spring Vacation studying for the exam (yes, it is very common to study for an exam for an entire month at LSE).

The grading system is also quite a bit different from Emory. LSE assigns General Course students an exam grade and a class grade separately on the following grading scale:

First	75+	A
First	70-74	A-
Upper Second	60-69	B+
Second	55-59	B
Second	50-54	B-
Third	45-49	C+
Third	40-44	C
Fail	39 or below	F

How do these grade translate back to Emory? Well, Emory bumps up both the class grade and the exam grade half a letter grade and translates this into a standard GPA figure (for instance a B in an exam would be bumped to a B+, which is a 3.3 on the Emory scale). Then, Emory calculates a weighted average in which the class grade counts for 70% and the exam grade counts for 30%. This average will then be transformed back into a letter grade based on the following scale:

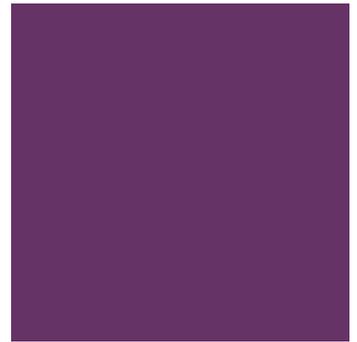
3.85-4.00	A
3.50-3.849	A-
3.15-3.499	B+
2.85- 3.149	B
2.50- 2.849	B-
2.15-2.499	C+
1.85-2.149	C
1.50-1.849	C-
1.15-1.499	D+
0.5 – 1.149	D
0 – 0.499	F

So how difficult are the modules at LSE compared to Emory? From my experience, I would say higher-level economics classes are definitely harder – they require a stronger mathematical background than classes at Emory. However, I think you will find the workload manageable if you follow LSE’s recommendation for General Course students and take one 100 level course, two 200 level courses and one 300 level course.

The exams are definitely harder than the final exams at Emory. You have three hours for most exams – this may sound like a long time but with most exams you will feel rushed. You will also see creative questions on the exam that will test the depth of your understanding of the material. With all this being said, Upper Second Honors are definitely within reach with hard work and getting a First is also possible.

I will also say that it is easier getting a First in quantitative classes. With qualitative classes, Firsts are rarely given on essays. That being said, with the Emory Grade Translation, all you need for an A on your transcript is a 70 or above in the class and a 60 or above on the exam. This is definitely manageable if you put in the work!





Student Accommodation

As long as you apply before the housing deadline, **LSE guarantees accommodation for General Course students**. I recommend that you stay in LSE accommodation for several reasons. For one, most of the residence halls are within a mile of the LSE campus but are reasonably priced.

In addition, if you want to cut costs, shared rooms at LSE residence halls are relatively inexpensive. For some halls, evening meals are included in the fees. Eating out in London is definitely much more expensive than it is in most places in the US; if you do not plan on cooking regularly, I strongly recommend that you consider a residence hall with meals included in the fees.

Living in an LSE residence hall is also a good way to get to know people. The social atmosphere varies greatly from hall to hall, but I will say you will get to know more students at a residence hall where dinner is provided.

On the next page, I will provide some fast facts about each of the residence halls. Here are some things you should consider when choosing a residence hall:

- Location: Most residence halls are about a mile away from campus. The exception is High Holborn – this hall is the most convenient but it is relatively expensive.
- Length of contract: you have two choices - 31 weeks (breaks not included) and 40 weeks (included). If you are planning to travel, the former may be a better option. However, you will have to move out after the end of each semester – this can be a hassle especially if you do not have a place to store your belongings.
- The number of shared rooms varies from hall to hall. Passfield Hall has the highest percentage of shared rooms so if you want a shared room and you want evening meals provided in the fees, this may be the best choice.

If you prefer, you can rent a flat. Keep in mind that most inexpensive areas are outside of Central London and would require a longer commute.

Taking a Look at the Most Popular Residence Halls

Passfield

Length of Contract: 31 weeks

Number of Residents: 227

Distance to LSE: 20 minute walk

Meal plan: Evening meals Sun – Fri and brunch Sat included in fees

Kitchen Facilities: Microwave, small fridge, grill

Rates: Single: £151 – £182

Twin: £111 – £127.50

Triple: £90.50 - £98

High Holborn

Length of Contract: 40 weeks

Number of Residents: 448 (408 single rooms, 20 twin rooms)

Distance to LSE: 5 minute walk

Meal Plan: None

Kitchen Facilities: Oven, stove with grill, fridge/freezer, microwave

Rates: Single: £188 – £215

Twin: £122.50

Carr-Sanders

Length of Contract: 31 weeks

Number of Residents: 156 (132 single rooms, 10 twin rooms)

Distance to LSE: 25 minute walk

Meal plan: Evening meals Mon-Fri included in fees

Kitchen Facilities: Microwave, small fridge, grill

Rates: Single: £143.50

Twin: £104.50 – £112.50

Rosebery

Length of Contract: 31 weeks (residents can apply for an extension)

Number of Residents: 316 (271 single rooms, 18 twin rooms)

Distance to LSE: 25 minute walk

Meal plan: Students given a weekly £15 voucher for use at Rosebery's dining hall

Kitchen Facilities: Microwave, small fridge, grill

Rates: Single: £117 - £144

Twin: £88 - £168

Bankside

Length of Contract: 40 weeks

Number of Residents: 617 (527 single rooms, 45 twin rooms)

Distance to LSE: 25 minute walk

Meal plan: Not included in fees – £2.50 for breakfast and £4.00 for evening meals

Kitchen Facilities: Not included in fees – additional 7 per week

Rates: Single: £143.50 – £159.50

Twin: up to £98.50

Sidney Webb

Length of Contract: 40 weeks

Number of Residents: 450 (mostly single rooms)

Distance to LSE: 35 minute walk

Meal plan: None

Kitchen Facilities: Fully-equipped Kitchen

Rates: Single: £123 – £137.5

Couples: £155 - £168

Eating on a Budget

Eating out in London can be expensive, so knowing a few good, inexpensive places is very helpful. Here are some of my favorite cheap eats near LSE:

Pret a Manger and **EAT** – You can find these two chains all over London. They make good sandwiches, with prices ranging from £1.99 to £4.50 for a sandwich.

Subway – Yes, they have Subway in the UK too. You can get a foot-long Sub of the Day for £4.29, which is a pretty good value in London.

Hare and Tortoise – This fusion Asian restaurant is always packed because the prices are reasonable for the quality of the food. Main courses range from £5.50 to £6.75.

Benito's Hat – A good place for Tex-Mex. Burritos range from £5.70 to £6.60.

Belgo's – A Belgian chain with a couple good offers. They have a lunch special for £6.95 and a Beat the Clock menu from 5:00 onwards where you pay the price of the time you ordered. (£6 for 6:00, for example)

Meal Deals – In England, grocery stores often have a special lunch deal that includes a drink, a sandwich, and a side for a set price. Here is a look at the meal deals of some of the biggest grocery store chains in the UK:

Tesco (£2.50) – The cheapest of the meal deals, but also with the smallest selection for each of the choices. Tesco's best sandwiches are not included in the meal deal.

Sainsbury's (£3.00) – Most sandwiches are part of the meal deal, but the selection for drinks and sides are a little limited.

Sainsbury's also has probably the cheapest hot meal available at £3.50 for chicken tikka or chicken jalfrezi

Boots (£3.79) – This meal deal is the most expensive, but has the largest selection. I used to get a fruit smoothie (£1.95 by itself), a chicken and basil pasta salad (£2.40) and carrot cake (£1.40) for this set price.

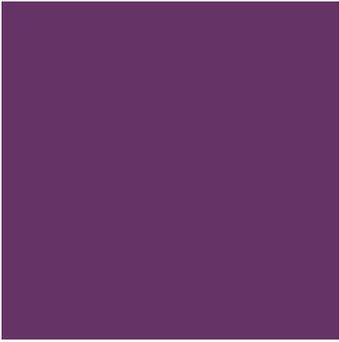
There are also some decent options to eat on the LSE campus. Below is a look at some of the top dining options:

Fourth Floor Café – This restaurant is located on the fourth floor of the Old Building. They have a pretty good variety of hot foods – lunch will typically be around £5.

Garrick – This restaurant probably has the best food of the LSE restaurants. With the lunch special, you can get the daily hot special of the day along with 2 sides for £4.70

Wright's Bar – This is one of the most popular lunch spots on the LSE campus. Sandwiches, fries and burgers are very cheap.

Hare Krishna – Each day, a Hare Krishna monk provides a free, vegan hot meal right outside of the Old Building. There is often a long line because, well, it's free.



Foods to Try

Taste of England

Fish and Chips – An iconic dish, although that’s not saying very much about British cuisine... A famous shop near LSE worth looking into is the Rock and Sole Plaice.

Afternoon Tea – An expensive affair with tea, pastries, and sandwiches. However, this is definitely worth the experience.

Sunday Roast - Most pubs serve a traditional roast on Sundays. Try a gastro-pub if you want a sophisticated twist on this classic dish.

Where to go for something different

Borough Market – If you are a foodie, this is one place that is worth checking out. Open from Thursday to Saturday and a great way to try something new for lunch.

Brick Lane – London is a great city for South Asian food. I would recommend checking out Brick Lane, which is a block of restaurants and shops located in East London.

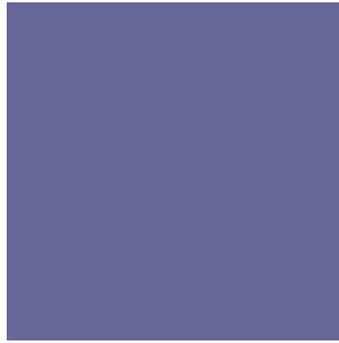
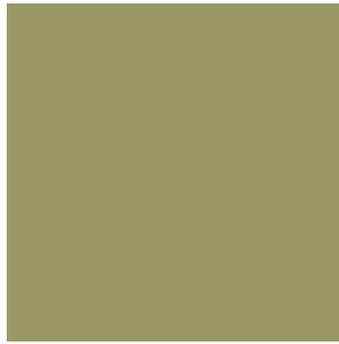
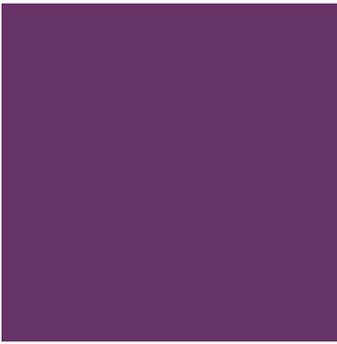
Treat yourself

Coffee – Try Monmouth Coffee (closest shop to LSE is in Covent Garden). Once you’ve had a great cappuccino or espresso, you can’t go back to the coffee you used to drink.

Chocolate – London offers several world-class chocolate shops that are worth visiting. You can’t go wrong choosing one of the following: DeMarquette, Melt, L’Artisan du Chocolat, and William Curley.

Ice Cream – London is also home to many good ice cream shops. One I would recommend near LSE is a parlor called Scoop. They have a wide selection of gelato made from the finest ingredients.

Macarons – Paris may be the best place in the world to try this heavenly treat, but you can buy them in London too. Pierre Herme has a store at Selfridges and you can find Lauderee in Covent Garden.



Clubs and Activities

Fresher’s Fayre – Before lectures begin, you will have the opportunity to learn about the clubs and organizations available at LSE through the annual Fresher’s Fayre. For most organizations, membership is £2. There are many interesting student organizations at LSE and I would recommend that you join some that interest you. Don’t sign up for every club at the Fayre though – you won’t have time to honor these commitments!

Sports clubs – Here too there is a wide range of clubs available. Membership is £10. Also, keep in mind that you may have to take a train to get to a field every week – this is not included in membership fees.

Wednesdays – There are very few lectures and classes on Wednesdays to give students the opportunity to participate in sports and student organizations

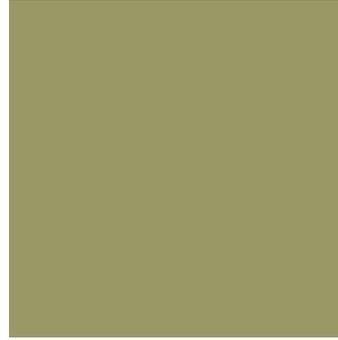
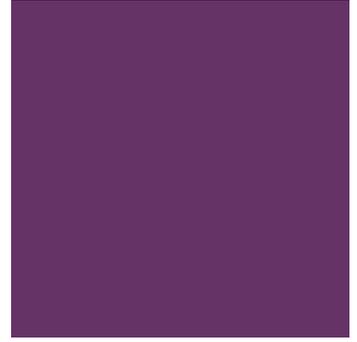
Guest Speakers – Many prominent figures in international politics and academia come to LSE and give guest lectures. These lectures can be very interesting and I would encourage you to attend. For the most anticipated events, I would encourage you to obtain a ticket as soon as they are available because they often run out very quickly.

Gym Membership – Unlike Emory, athletic facilities are not included in the fees so you will have to find a gym and become a member on your own. Below is a breakdown of the university gyms:

LSE: £55 for 5 months – Located in the Clare Market Building. Very limited facilities, but inexpensive.

UCL: £70 for 3 months– The best combination and value and quality of facilities.

ULU: £75 for 3 months - The most expensive of the university gyms, but the only one with a swimming pool (33m).



Things to Do in London

Sightseeing

Top Attractions – It’s good that you have a whole year in London, because there is a lot to see and explore. At a bare minimum, you should visit London’s most iconic sights, including Buckingham Palace, the House of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, the London Eye, Tower of London, and Trafalgar Square.

Parks – You can visit one of London’s many parks scattered throughout the city. The most famous park is probably Hyde Park, which is home to the Speaker’s Corner. Other parks renowned for their beauty include Regent’s Park, Kensington Gardens, Green Park, and Primrose Hill.

Shopping – London is also a great city for shopping. Oxford Street is the busiest shopping district in Europe. Covent Garden is fairly close to LSE and has an interesting atmosphere. You should also check out Portabello Market for some unique vintage items.

Arts

Museums – All museums are free in London. Take advantage of this and make sure you at minimum explore the British Museum, National Gallery, and Tate Modern Art Museum. Sir John Soane’s Museum (right next to LSE) is home to an eclectic collection of items and is also worth checking out.

Movies – By signing up at studentbeans.com, you can receive vouchers for 50% tickets at select movie theaters and watch the latest Hollywood hits if you miss American media.

Theater – Even if you are not a theater person, I strongly recommend that you see at least one performance while you are in London – they are truly spectacular!

Music – London has a very diverse music scene and venues for almost any genre of music, from dubstep to jazz. Definitely worth exploring.



Sports

Football – I recommend that you attend at least one professional football (soccer) match while you are in England – the fans are very intense and the atmosphere is unique. Just remember that it is very difficult to get tickets to a Premier League Match – you may have to become a member of the club to watch Manchester United play, for instance.

Tennis – There are two events during the year where you can watch the world’s top players – the Barclays ATP World Championships and Wimbledon. For the former, tickets are reasonable if you buy them in bulk before the matchups are announced (less than £15).

General Course Social Calendar

This is a great way to explore England and meet fellow General Course students. LSE subsidizes these outings, so they are often a good value. The two outings I recommend are Stonehenge and Bath and the Phantom of the Opera. One thing to keep in mind – don’t purchase from the company too far ahead of time: your schedule may change and you may not be able to attend, but you will not receive a full refund.

Emory Outings

Anneka Reid will organize several outings each semester for Emory students studying abroad in England. These outings are free (including food!) and you will see some interesting sights that are a little off the beaten path, so I would encourage you to attend!

Nightlife

London has a far more vibrant nightlife than what you are used to in Atlanta. Below is a breakdown of some options that you have:

Pubs – A unique British institution. Including this in the “nightlife” section maybe a little misleading since many pubs close fairly early (by 10:00 PM for most places due to London’s alcohol laws). Atmosphere depends greatly from pub to pub. The Three Tuns is a popular hangout with LSE students. For craft beers, I would recommend Euston Tap, right outside of Euston Station.

Comedy – If you want a good laugh, I would recommend the Comedy Store in Leicester Square to start. They have a good lineup of comedians each week. Tickets for the “Best in Standup” show are £10 for students.

Nightclubs – There is a lot of variety here as well. Entrance can be expensive – normally it is anywhere from £5- £25. There is a student night going on somewhere in the capital each night of the week. Just don’t let this interfere with your studies...

Some of the most popular destinations for students are Fabric, Ministry of Sound, and Tiger Tiger. LSE also hosts a club night every week in the Quad called Crush. I would recommend that you attend the first Crush of the year as a large proportion of the student body is there. Entrance is £5.