

Waseda CS-R (Customized Study - Regular Academic Program) at

London School of Economics and Political Science

Location: Houghton Street, London, WC2A 2AE

Title: The General Course

Language Requirements: Students must have a TOEFL iBT score of 100, with at least 27 in Writing; 25 in Reading; 24 in Listening, and 24 in Speaking) or IELTS 7.0 (with at least 7.0 in each component). Other acceptable English language qualifications to meet our requirements can be found here: <https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Undergraduate/Prospective-Students/How-to-Apply/English-language-requirements>

GPA Requirements: 3.5 out of 4.0

Required student level on departure: (e.g. Undergraduate, one semester completed)

Applicants must have completed two years of university study by the time they join LSE, so they usually present at least three semesters' grades on their applications.

Nationality: Enrollment is open to students of any nationality who are studying for a degree at Waseda University.

Estimated Tuition: £ 31,100 for whole duration of the program

Estimated Room and Board per month: £ 1,450

Dates*:

Fall Intake

The General Course is a full academic year programme. The term dates for 2026-2027 are:

Welcome Week : Friday 18 September – Friday 25 September 2026

Autumn Term : Monday 28 September – Friday 11 December 2026

Winter break : Monday 14 December 2026 – Friday 8 January 2027

January exams : Monday 4 January – Sunday 10 January 2027

Winter Term : Monday 11 January – Thursday 25 March

Spring break : Friday 26 March – Friday 23 April 2027

Spring/Exam Term : Monday 26 April – Friday 11 June 2027

Details can be found at <https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/term-dates>

Keywords: London; social science; social calendar; guaranteed housing; scholarships; student support; internships.

Summary:

Founded in 1895, LSE is the world's leading dedicated social science institution. It enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence, with the media often turning to LSE academics for topical commentary and many staff acting as expert advisers to external organisations. 18 Nobel Prize winners have been either staff or students at the School, and LSE's alumni includes 37 past or present heads of state. The School's central London location is fundamental to its identity; LSE is vibrant, cosmopolitan and very much part of the real world. Major attractions such as Covent Garden; Leicester Square; Oxford Street, and the British Museum are all within easy walking distance. There are a range of resources available to help students make the most of their studies, including the world-renowned British Library of Political and Economic Science.

The General Course is LSE's study abroad programme. It allows students from overseas universities to spend a year of fully integrated undergraduate study at the School. LSE doesn't offer any single semester/term options, largely due to the fact that many courses span the full year but also because they feel students need at least a year to get the most out of the institution, and London! General Course students study any combination of four subjects, chosen from more than 300 undergraduate courses covering the full range of social sciences. All accepted students are eligible to apply for an International Students House Accommodation Scholarship. A year to discover. A year like no other. A year at LSE is more than just a year of study at one of the world's most renowned universities. It's a year to discover London, new opportunities, new friends and new horizons. But more importantly, it's a year to discover yourself. Quite simply, it's a year that will change your life. Furthermore, not only will you be a fully integrated LSE student but upon completion of your year you'll become an LSE alumnus, thus beginning a life-long association with the School.

Academic Study:

LSE offers over 300 undergraduate courses annually, from which Waseda students can choose up to four full-unit, or the equivalent in half unit, courses to study during the year. Some advanced courses have prerequisites, but many are open to any student. Courses are taught in the following academic departments: Accounting; Anthropology; Data Science; Economics; Economic History; Finance; Geography and Environment; Government (Politics); International History; International Relations; Language Centre; Law; Management; Mathematics; Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method; Psychological and Behavioral Science; Social Policy; Sociology; Statistics.

Housing and Meal Plan:

All General Course students are guaranteed university accommodation if they apply before the deadline. Housing is located within walking distance of LSE's central-London campus, with the price reflecting the location and facilities provided. Some housing includes a meal plan but in others students are required to cater for themselves.

Opportunities for Learning Through Experience:

General Course students are fully integrated into undergraduate student life, attending the same lectures and classes as regular degree-seeking students; sitting the same exams; using the same facilities, and living in the same accommodation. However, they also benefit from a range of additional bespoke activities, including a residential visit to an English country house; themed parties; trips and excursions around London, the UK and Europe, and an end of year Study Abroad Ball.

Facilitation Plan:

During the week prior to the commencement of teaching, at the start of the new academic year, all General Course students will participate in orientation and induction activities. These include a Welcome Presentation; a boat party on the River Thames; individual departmental events, and the LSE Students' Union Freshers' Fair.

Credits (24-30 semester credit hours):

General Course students receive approximately 8-12 contact teaching hours per week, dependent on the combination of courses they take. In addition to this, students are expected to undertake around 15 hours of independent academic work each week. Assessment is largely based on unseen written papers, sat in May and, for some courses, in January as well. Transcripts record the grades obtained in both classwork and the exams.

Program Expectations:

All General Course students attending LSE are subject to the same academic and disciplinary regulations and policies as pertain to regularly enrolled LSE students. Waseda students must remain in good standing in accordance with the rules for regularly enrolled students. If such has not been achieved, LSE may ask the student to return home. During their time at LSE, Waseda students will have full access to all LSE's student support facilities, designed to help them complete their year at the School successfully.

Web Page: www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/study-abroad/the-general-course