



LSE Summer School Application Guide 2023

Minimum Requirements

In order to apply for the LSE Summer School, you must satisfy our entry requirements as follows:

- **100 level courses:** proof of an offer of a place at university for the upcoming academic year or a transcript showing you are currently attending/have previously attended university.
- **200 and 300 level courses:** a university transcript showing you meet course specific prerequisites.
- You are also required to provide evidence of meeting our language requirements (if a non-native English speaker).

We expect all applicants to show grades of around B+ (GPA 3.3). In some instances, it may be possible to accept slightly lower grades, depending on the strength of the application as a whole.

Courses & Prerequisites

Courses are taught at 3 levels that generally equate to the 3 years of undergraduate study in the UK university system:

Level	Equivalent to	Prerequisites
100	1st year undergraduate	None (though some background in mathematics may be recommended)
200	2nd year undergraduate	Introductory level university courses (see course description page for your chosen course)
300	3rd year undergraduate	Intermediate level university courses (see course description page for your chosen course)

Where the term 'Introductory' is used, we require a course that is of similar level to 1st year undergraduate study at LSE. Advanced Placement (AP) courses are not considered sufficient prerequisites for Summer School courses.

If you apply for 200 or 300 Level courses, you will be prompted in your application form to state how the prerequisite is met for your chosen course. Please indicate the relevant module code and title in full that corresponds to your academic transcript. If you studied these topics as part of courses that had different titles, we recommend that you upload a copy of the relevant course



outline in addition to your transcript. If your transcript, is not in English, you will need to provide a translation alongside the original document.

English Language Requirements

If you are applying to the LSE Summer School as a non-native English speaker, you will also need to provide evidence that you meet our language requirements. All students will need to meet one of the following requirements:

1. Provide an English Language proficiency certificate from the list below that passes the required score.

Certificate	Required Score
TOEFL iBT (including Home and Paper Editions)	107 or above (including 25 in each component)
IELTS	7.0 or above (including 7 in all components)
CAE	With grade B or better, or 185 points overall and a minimum of 185 points in each individual component
CPE	With grade C or better, or 185 points overall and a minimum of 185 points in each individual component
Pearson Test of English (Academic) (PTEA)	Academic test with a score of 65 in all four components
Trinity ISE (revised test)	Level III overall with distinction in all components
College English Test (CET)	Students who do not meet the requirements above, but who have a CET score of 470 or more, may be admitted if they also attend a one week LSE Preparatory English course immediately prior to taking their chosen Summer School course
Bellerbys Academic English Skills (AES)	A minimum score of 70%

2. We are aware that in many places, university education is taught fully or partially in English as standard. You can apply as a native speaker if you have studied at a university in one of the following: **India, Pakistan, Scandinavia, the Netherlands, Hong Kong, Singapore and Turkey**. If you are from one of these areas, or anywhere else



where English is used extensively in education, you do not need to fill in the language section.

3. If you have studied in an English-speaking institution, or have courses taught at your university in English (excluding English language courses), in a location not listed above, you may still meet our requirements without having to supply one of the above certificates. Please provide evidence on a transcript or letter from your university that explicitly states the courses taught in English.

Guidance on uploading your Academic Transcript

Please note that you will need to provide a copy of your university transcript if you have undertaken any university study. If you are applying for a 100-level course, and have not yet started studying at university, you will only need to provide proof of a university offer.

When submitting your application, please provide a copy of your academic transcript listing all modules / courses taken as part of your degree studies and grades obtained to date, including your current semester enrolment (if you are currently studying). You can send either a screenshot of your online student portal, or an official or unofficial transcript. Any transcript or portal screenshot **must** include your full name **and** the full name of the university.

If your transcript is not in English, please provide us with a translation - this does not need to be an official translation, but it should include all the information as per the original document.

Helpful Tips & Reminders

Please see the following guidance below that is designed to ensure that your application processes smoothly.

Setting up an application profile

- We would **strongly** recommend using a personal email address when setting up your application to avoid issues should you lose access to any workplace or university-based email account you may currently use.

Course Prerequisites

- When applying to 200/300 level courses, make sure you state/explain clearly how you meet the course prerequisites. Providing the module code and full module title (if have any) that corresponds to your academic transcript will help facilitate the assessment process.

English Language

- Please make sure that your English proficiency test is from our list of accepted certificates.



- English Language courses do **not** count as having been taught in English. You will need to provide evidence on a transcript or letter from your university that explicitly states the courses taught in English.
- You can apply as a native speaker if you have studied at a university in one of the following: **India, Pakistan, Scandinavia, the Netherlands, Hong Kong, Singapore** and **Turkey**.

Transcript

- Any documents or transcripts that you submit **must** be in English. If your transcript is not in English, you will be asked to provide a translation.
- Your full name and full university name must be visible on any transcript that you submit.
- If you are submitting screenshots of your university portal, please be sure to include your full name and full university name as well. If the screenshot has cropped out any of this information, you will be asked to submit it again.

Uploading documents to your application

- Please make sure that any documents you submit are high-quality and clearly legible. Any documents that appear unclear will need to be re-submitted.
- Any specific letters from a university professor or member of staff must include their official signature/stamp.

Changes to your application after submission

- It is possible to add/withdraw from a course upon submitting your application and receiving your offer. You must put your request in writing to summer.school@lse.ac.uk so that we can process your request. For any payment issues such as refunds, you will need to get in touch with your home institution directly.

FAQs

What is the application deadline?

We work on a first-come, first-served basis, which means that we have no fixed deadlines and you can apply for any course up until the point it is filled. We receive applications on a daily basis, therefore in order to avoid disappointment we suggest that students apply as early as possible. Please also note that accommodation spaces are limited and may fill up before this date so you are advised to apply as soon as possible if you wish to stay in LSE Halls.

My grades are lower than the GPA stated on your website, can I still apply?

We expect all applicants to show grades of around B+ (GPA 3.3). In some instances, it may be possible to accept slightly lower grades, depending on the strength of the application as a whole.



The best way to know for sure if you will be accepted is to apply so that we can see and assess your application as a whole. It is hard for us to say as we do not make the academic decision in the Summer School office, this lies with the course directors who assess applications in a second stage.

I am taking/have taken a prerequisite course but will not receive my grades until later in the year. Can I still apply?

Yes, but any offer will be conditional on providing evidence of meeting the prerequisites before the start of the programme. Students will be asked to state the date on which they expect to receive grades.

Can I use LSE Summer School courses as prerequisites?

Yes, it is quite common for students to take a prerequisite course in one session in order to progress to a higher level course in the next session. For example, EC101: Introductory Microeconomics can be used as a prerequisite for EC270: Public Finance.

I do not meet the prerequisites for a course, but I do have relevant professional experience. Can I apply?

Courses at LSE, especially the higher level courses, tend to be heavily theoretical. We believe that there is no substitute for academic experience, and therefore in nearly all cases we are unable to accept applications that do not meet the prerequisites. Please get in touch with our office should you wish to discuss this further.

I am taking a TOEFL/IELTS/Cambridge test, but I will not get the results until later in the year. Can I still apply?

Yes, but any offer will be conditional, subject to providing evidence of a language proficiency qualification certificate before the start of the programme.

My transcript is not in English, does this matter?

You will be asked to provide a translation. This does not need to be professionally translated. You will be able to submit both the original and translated document to us with your application form.

How long will it take until I know if I've been accepted?

Applications that arrive complete and with the correct supporting evidence will usually be processed within 10 working days. If we require further information as part of your application, we will email you. Incomplete applications will take longer to process as you will need to supply further information.

If your question has not been answered here, there is an extensive FAQ section on the LSE Summer School website, or you can contact the Summer School Office directly by sending us an email at summer.school@lse.ac.uk.