

Communication at LSE LIFE

This listening guide accompanies the audio presentation on LSE LIFE's communication work for the June 2021 conference, *L'expérience étudiante - défis actuels et solutions possibles*.

1. What we talk about

Icons showing skills that students can discover and develop at LSE LIFE

 Learn independently Use your own initiative to develop your knowledge and understanding. Participate fully in class, ask questions, and test your ideas with others. Seek and use feedback.	 Read Explore academic texts to identify viewpoints, arguments, and evidence that are relevant to you.	 Ace my exams Prepare and practise for exams – revise and interpret questions, solve problems, build arguments, and convey ideas convincingly, under exam conditions.	 Be organised Manage time, energy, information, and other resources so you can do what you set out to do, in ways that work for you.	
 Write Write clearly and convincingly in a style appropriate for your readers, in academic, professional, or personal settings. Use both your own and others' ideas in your work.	 Think critically Analyse arguments, explore ideas, and ask questions to draw your own conclusions. Recognise your own biases to help you see a bigger picture.	 Create a great dissertation Combine disciplinary knowledge, critical thinking, independent and ethical research to successfully create your own dissertation.	 Be healthy Understand what influences your wellbeing, and take action to achieve a state of balance.	 Be social Create, cultivate, and enrich relationships with others – for your work, studies, or personal life. Build a community where everyone feels welcome.
 Communicate Use and understand spoken, written, and non-verbal forms of communication. Interact with specific audiences in ways suited to them.	 Make notes Select relevant points from text, lectures, or meetings. Record them in your own words, along with your own questions and ideas.	 Discover a career I'll enjoy Explore and identify professional pursuits that fulfil your values and meet your needs.	 Understand myself Be aware of your strengths, weaknesses, priorities, and habits and how they influence your life.	 Be creative Invent or experiment with processes, things, or ideas, and consider alternative ways of doing things.
 Find & reference resources Search for and find information, judge its relevance and quality. Cite and reference sources correctly.	 Conduct research Formulate a question; design and carry out an investigation; and analyse, interpret, and present your findings in the context of existing knowledge.	 Get the job I want Learn about prospective employers and make a good impression as you search, apply, and interview for jobs.	 Use technology Make the most of the digital tools and media that are part of your everyday life.	 Make the most of LSE & London Discover and take advantage of what LSE and London have to offer.
 Think by numbers Appreciate and understand the world around you through a mathematical, logical, or statistical lens.	 Make the world a better place Explore what matters to you and find ways you can contribute to creating change, big or small.	So, what can I learn to do at LSE LIFE?		

[Events and workshops at LSE LIFE](#) LSE LIFE's page for finding and booking workshops, organised by icons

LSE LIFE's Moodle library of resources, structured using icons

Welcome to LSE LIFE

You've chosen what you want to learn. Come to LSE LIFE to learn how you want to learn.

To help you do this, we've structured our resources and events on this page around a set of key skills for learning and studying, and for everyday life. Each one is illustrated by an icon. Red icons present key academic skills, blue ones show dimensions of personal development, and purple combines red and blue to highlight some specific goals that might be relevant to you.

Decide which skills are most important for you and click on those icons for resources, screencasts, and advice to discover - and **practice** - those specific skills.

LSE LIFE is the place to come for support, guidance, and ideas about how to succeed in your studies and extend your learning and discovery far beyond the course you've chosen to study. To find out more, visit us at lse.ac.uk/life or contact us at life@lse.ac.uk

Books and materials from LSE LIFE events (20/21)

Looking for slides from an LSE LIFE workshop? Find them here

LIFE LIVE - FORUM Make Better Decisions

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Instructions: Clicking on the section name will show / hide the section.

Pre-arrival Course (PAC): an introduction to your LSE LIFE

Learn independently

Read

Write

Think critically

Make notes

Learn independently

Read

Explore academic texts to identify viewpoints, arguments, and evidence that are relevant to you.

But what is academic reading, and what makes it different to reading a novel or a newspaper?

Academic Reading: An Introduction

How to read for academic work

Getting the Elements of the Text

Engage with arguments and evidence in your readings

Assess your reading notes: these types of information you might find in your reading notes

Make notes, summarise and critical notes from your readings

Read critically within and across texts

Using Readings in your Own Work

Identify your thinking: tools and techniques for getting more ideas

What is critical thinking?

Understand myself

Be organised

Manage time, energy, information, and other resources so you can do what you set out to do in ways that work for you.

Organise your time

How to plan a term - getting started

Be more productive

LSE LIFE Study Networks

Manage your time: plan your exam preparation and summative assessments

Make a plan to get your research done

Maximise your reading time

Three ways to proofread your draft essay

Plan your reading week

How to prepare for LSE Exams

Keep calm as you prepare for January exams

Plan your Easter Break revision

Discover Different Ways to Make Revision Notes and Use Them During Your Online Exams

Find & reference resources

Conduct research

Think by numbers

Ace my (online) exams

Create a great dissertation

Combine disciplinary knowledge, critical thinking, independent and ethical research to successfully create your own dissertation.

Get off to a good start on your dissertation

Get off to a good start with LSE LIFE

How to get started on your dissertation

Think about your dissertation as an argument

Plan your dissertation: get organised, manage your time, and get the work done

What's the story: develop your research ideas, focus, and narrative

Develop your ideas and narrative

Your research ideas: develop your research proposal

A launch pad for thinking about your research question

Telling the story of your research

What is originality in a research project?

2. What we say

Yes, it's difficult sometimes. But no, you're not meant to do it by yourself.

A few examples of LSE LIFE's messages and resources

What is LSE LIFE, anyway? Ten-minute video to introduce LSE LIFE to new LSE students

Dissertation one-to-one support An explanation of five different types of personalised advice on offer over the summer to help students while they conduct and write up their dissertation research

Your Master's dissertation with LSE LIFE An overview of resources and events

Study skills are not the answers to students' academic woes 17 June 2021, WonkHE blog post

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