

Undergraduate Programmes in Economics, Management and Finance

A London School of Economics education
A University of London degree

Message from the LSE EMFSS Dean



The Economics, Management, Finance and Social Science (EMFSS) programmes offered by the University of London, with academic direction from LSE, provide an opportunity for students around the world to pursue LSE's globally renowned curricula in these disciplines. These programmes are taught by Teaching Centres around the world, while all other academic aspects, including curricular design and examination marking, are undertaken by LSE faculty, benefitting from internal oversight and procedure.

LSE has always endeavoured to shape the mind of the learner through its programmes and its pedagogy. Our motto – rerum cognoscere causas – says that it isn't enough to just know things; to know the causes of things is to truly understand, rather than to accumulate lots of facts and data. This same principle informs our academic direction for the EMFSS programmes.

The programmes are research-led, up-to-date and heavily applied, as we constantly look at the challenges and questions that the world poses for the social sciences and dive into the process of finding answers. This is perhaps one of the major reasons why graduates of these programmes go on to top work and study destinations all across the world.

LSE's association with India goes back all the way to the founding years of the School, and today, Indian School of Business and Finance, in New Delhi, is one of our foremost Teaching Institutions in the world. Not only does it have high recruitment standards, but its students have also demonstrated exceptional performance in the EMFSS programmes over a sustained period of time. I know that some of them have even transferred to LSE after their first year at ISBF, which is quite hard to achieve, and several others have attended Summer School or been accepted onto our prestigious Master's programmes on scholarship.

I would invite any deeply curious and motivated minds to evaluate the option of pursuing these programmes at ISBF. On behalf of the EMFSS Team at LSE, we will look forward to welcoming you into this unique learning community.



Professor Paul Kelly
Dean of the EMFSS Programmes,
The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Message from the ISBF Dean



In today's 'flat' and competitive world, one's choice of institution tends to correlate positively with one's personal and professional growth. Your search for a quality undergraduate learning experience and education is, therefore, an important activity that is filled with optimism and aspiration, challenges and opportunities.

In this context, I am delighted to introduce to you the Indian School of Business & Finance (ISBF), through this prospectus. As a Recognised Teaching Centre of the University of London (UOL), ISBF has completed thirteen successful years of imparting, under the academic direction of The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), some of the world's leading undergraduate programmes in Economics, Management and Finance.

Based on our internationally benchmarked academic environment, innovative approach to college education and diverse approaches to skill-building that make a holistic impact on students' personalities, ISBF has earned a strong reputation for excellence in teaching and learning. This education gives students a significant edge vis-à-vis their peers, especially in the context of international careers, and so our graduates have regularly been accepted into top institutions and leading firms around the world or ventured into entrepreneurship during or soon after college.

By perusing this document, you will understand the finer details about our institution – career paths, programme structures, faculty profiles, teaching and learning ethos, college life, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, LSE resources and opportunities, scholarships and the admission process.

As ISBF grows in prestige and excellence, so deepens our search for bright and inquisitive minds who can imbibe and further this distinctive identity. If that sounds exciting to you, then I invite you to read further and look forward to welcoming you to ISBF.

Dr. G. L. Tayal

Dean, Academics

Indian School of Business & Finance

ISBF, LSE and University of London

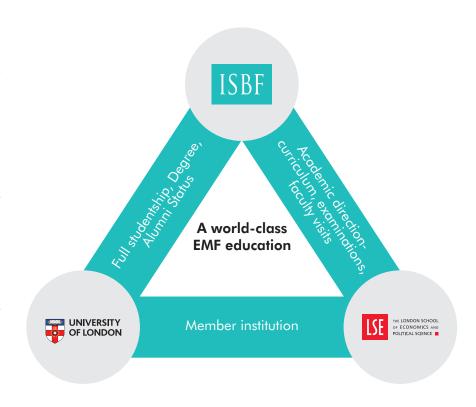
Indian School of Business & Finance (ISBF) was established in 2006 in New Delhi with the vision of imparting world-class education in India, and today offers undergraduate honours programmes in Economics, Economics & Finance, Accounting & Finance, Economics & Management and Business & Management.

Academic direction for all these programmes comes from The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and the academic tone at ISBF is set by the LSE motto, *rerum cognoscere causas* (to understand the causes of things). LSE is among the foremost educational institutions in the world, ranked among the top 10 for Economics, Management and Finance (QS, 2019), and ISBF is one of its top 5 Teaching Institutions globally. LSE academicians design the programmes, formulate the syllabi, develop the study material, and set and assess the final examinations for all the programmes offered at ISBF. This means that ISBF students study the same curriculum, and are evaluated to the same standards, as LSE students in London.

It also means that they have the unique opportunity to obtain one of the world's leading undergraduate educations right here in India - the same education that has produced some of the most distinguished luminaries of recent times, and at a fraction of the cost of obtaining it in London.

LSE is a part of University of London (UOL), and ISBF has been an Affiliate Centre of UOL since 2009 (the terminology was changed to Recognised Teaching Center in 2019.)This is the highest recognition accorded by UOL to partner institutions, and it has been earned and maintained by ISBF on the basis of stringent and continuous quality assessment. This essentially means that the teaching standards and methods, faculty and facilities at ISBF have been deemed by UOL to be equivalent to those provided by UOL itself.

All ISBF students enroll as full-fledged students of UOL, and in doing so they become part of a 54,000-strong international student community. Upon successfully completing the programme, they receive their degrees from the University of London, and are even invited to be graduated at the UOL convocation in London.



Undergraduate Programmes

All UG Programmes at ISBF are 3-year, full-time, honours degree programmes. Incessant inquiry, discussion and application to the real world are the hallmarks of an ISBF education. Being internationally recognised and valued, this education is a great stepping stone to postgraduate studies at globally reputed institutions.

The academic session begins with two weeks of orientation and Foundation Courses, which help students make a smooth transition to college life and the LSE curriculum. Details of Foundation Courses are given on each programme page.



BSc (Hons) Economics



BSc (Hons) Economics & Finance



BSc (Hons) Accounts & Finance



BSc (Hons) Economics & Management



BSc (Hons) Business & Management

LSE Rankings by Subject (QS 2019)

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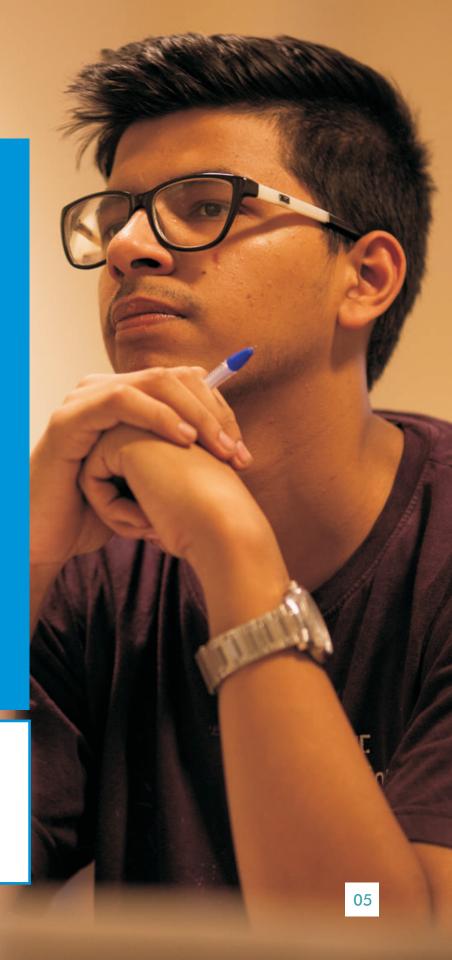
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Economics & Econometrics

Business & Management

Accounting & Finance



BSc (Hons) Economics

Programme Overview

The BSc (Hons) Economics programme will equip you with a nuanced understanding of economic models, and the ability to analyse and propose policy solutions to economic problems. After studying microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics, applied mathematics and international and monetary economics and finance, you will be able to understand and explain the functioning of most aspects of the world economy to your family and friends. By studying one of the most cutting-edge, rigorous and rewarding Economics curricula anywhere in the world, you will open up numerous and varied career options, ranging from higher studies at prestigious institutions to working in government and non-government organisations, multinational corporations, start-ups and international agencies.

Jurriculum

1st Year

EC1002 Introduction to Economics
MT105a Mathematics 1 (Half Course)
MT105b Mathematics 2 (Half Course)
ST104a Statistics 1 (Half Course)
ST104b Statistics 2 (Half Course)
FN1024 Principles of Banking and Finance

2nd Year

EC2065 Macroeconomics EC2066 Microeconomics

EC2020 Elements of Econometrics

Any course being offered

3rd Year

EC3115 Monetary Economics
EC3120 Mathematical Economics
EC3016 International Economics

Any course being offered

Dr. Urjit Patel, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is a graduate of LSE's BSc (Hons) Economics programme. Two recent graduates of this programme – sisters Rhiya and Priya Bansal, received full scholarships to pursue MSc Economics at LSE.

Career Paths

Economics research
(academic or corporate)
Policy research
Market research
Private equity
Corporate banking
Investment management
Development work, including
with international agencies
Data science
Management/Strategy
Business analytics
Array

Big Data analytics Marketing
Actuarial science Digital marketing
Investment banking Entrepreneurship

Foundation Courses

Applied Mathematics (advanced)

Logic

Statistics

Eligibility

To pursue this programme, you must have studied Mathematics up to Class XII. There is no other stream or subject-related eligibility criterion. Having studied Economics previously is not necessary.

Tip: Choose this programme if you like Mathematics and enjoy solving complex problems.

BSc (Hons) Economics & Finance

Programme Overview

In this programme, you will study the core areas of economics along with applied mathematics and statistics, and also explore in detail some key areas of the world of finance. You will develop a nuanced understanding of these intertwined worlds - how financial markets, their valuation and volatility impact the economy, and how policy solutions to most economic problems must take the financial markets into account. The multidisciplinary nature of the programme allows students to explore a range of careers after graduating, while the rigorous foundation they build helps in the pursuit of reputed professional qualifications and prestigious postgraduate programmes.

Curriculum

1st Year

EC1002 Introduction to Economics
MT105a Mathematics 1 (Half Course)
MT105b Mathematics 2 (Half Course)
ST104a Statistics 1 (Half Course)
ST104b Statistics 2 (Half Course)
FN1024 Principles of Banking and Finance

2nd Year

EC2066 Microeconomics

EC2020 Elements of Econometrics

EC2065 Macroeconomics

FN2191 Principles of Corporate Finance

3rd Year

FN2190 Asset Pricing and Financial

Markets

EC3115 Monetary Economics FN3142 Quantitative Finance

Any 200 or 300 level course being offered

Preparation for this programme significantly helps CFA and Actuarial Science candidates. Prateek Kansal joined this programme and, after 1st year, transferred to LSE on a scholarship.

Career Paths

Financial analysis/research
(academic or corporate)

Actuarial science

Investment management

Corporate finance
Economics research
(academic or corporate)
Policy research

Market research

Investment banking
Private equity
Hedge funds
Market research
Data science
Business analytics

Corporate banking Management/Strategy

Credit analysis consulting
Financial planning Entrepreneurship

Foundation Courses

Applied Mathematics (advanced)

Logic

Statistics

Eligibility

To pursue this programme, you must have studied Mathematics up to Class XII. There is no other stream or subject-related eligibility criterion. Having studied Economics or Finance previously is not necessary.

Tip: Choose this programme if you wish to pursue a career in Finance (eg. investment banking, actuarial science) and are comfortable with Mathematics.

BSc (Hons) Accounting & Finance

Programme Overview

This is a niche, vocational programme that will equip you with a strong base for careers in accounting and finance, whether domestic or global. Among other things, you will master the principles of finance and accounting, financial reporting, management accounting, auditing, valuation, risk management, corporate finance and asset pricing, aside from learning economics, mathematics and statistics. This training will prepare you well for rigorous postgraduate programmes in either discipline. It will also earn you several exemptions from professional accounting qualifications around the world. Besides, your ability to analyse financial statements and ratios to improve decision-making will make you an attractive prospect for the world of financial services.

Curriculum

1st Year

AC1025 **Principles of Accounting** FN1024 Principles of Banking and

Finance

MT105a Mathematics 1 (Half Course) ST104a Statistics 1 (Half Course)

EC1002 **Introduction to Economics**

2nd Year

AC2091 **Financial Reporting**

Management Accounting AC2097 FN2191 **Principles of Corporate**

Finance

EC2066 Microeconomics

3rd Year

AC3093 **Auditing and Assurance**

AC3193 **Accounting Theory**

FN2190 **Asset Pricing and Financial**

Markets

Any course being offered

On account of exemptions from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), students of this programme can achieve the ACCA qualification by the time they graduate, and at less than half the cost. This programme also enjoys exemptions from CIMA, CPA Australia, and ICAEW.

Career Paths

Accounting/finance research (academic or

corporate)

Accounting -

financial/management/

forensic

Taxation

Auditing

Corporate finance

Management/Strategy

consulting

Business analyst

Investment Management

Investment Banking

Private equity

Corporate banking

Credit analysis

Financial planning

Pricing specialist (fin-tech)

Treasury

Risk management

Foundation Courses

Applied Mathematics (basic)

Logic

Accounting

Eligibility

To pursue this programme, you must have studied Mathematics up to Class X. There is no other stream or subject-related eligibility criterion. Having studied Accounting in school is an advantage, but not a requirement.

Tip: Choose this programme if you enjoy Accounting and wish to pursue a career or professional courses in it, or if you wish to pursue a career in corporate finance.

BSc (Hons) Economics & Management

Programme Overview

This programme is ideal for students who have concurrent interests in economics and business/management studies, perhaps with the objective of using the former to become better entrepreneurs and managers. After laying a foundation in mathematics and statistics in the first year of study, you will pursue analytical courses in management and economics, which will help you develop a strong understanding of microeconomics, macroeconomics, accounting, international business, marketing, human resource, finance and e-business, among other things. This, in turn, will make you a great fit for nearly the entire gamut of corporate sector roles, in industries as varied as consultancy, fast moving consumer good (FMCG), financial technology (or fin-tech) and e-commerce. Besides, the rigour of LSE's curriculum will stand you in excellent stead for higher study.

Curriculum

1st Year

EC1002q Introduction to Economics MN1178 **Business and Management**

in a Global Context

Principles of Accounting AC1025 MT105a Mathematics 1 (Half Course) Statistics 1 (Half Course)

ST104a

2nd Year

EC2065 Macroeconomics EC2066 Microeconomics

MN2177 Core management Concepts SP2079 **Elements of Social and Applied**

3rd Year

FN2190 **Asset Pricing and Financial**

Markets

FN2191 **Principles of Corporate Finance**

MN3075 **Human Resource Management**

MN3127 **Organisation Theory Principles of Marketing** MN3141

Any 300 level Economics/Management

course being offered

Any course being offered

Several graduates of this programme have been selected for 1-year work placements with Fortune 500 firms in London and New York.

Career Paths

Management research (corporate or academic)

Management/Strategy consulting

Strategy

Business analytics

Marketing

Digital marketing

Advertising

Branding & communications

Public relations Market research

Human resources

Operations

Entrepreneurship

Financial analysis

Development work

Business Journalism

Foundation Courses

Applied Mathematics (basic)

Writing Skills & Logic

Accounting

Eligibility

To pursue this programme, you must have studied Mathematics up to Class X. There is no other stream or subject-related eligibility criterion. Further knowledge of Mathematics is an advantage, as are strong argumentative writing skills.

Tip: Choose this programme for a strong corporate sector career, and if you like Economics, but not the Mathematics that comes with it.

BSc (Hons) Business & Management

Programme Overview

Designed by one of the world's leading Management departments, this programme will equip you with a peerless understanding of the core functional areas of a business, such as accounting, financial management, international business, marketing, corporate finance and human resource management, while also exposing you to emerging ones such as information systems, psychology and e-business. Ergo, as a graduate, you will have opportunities to pursue MBA/Master's programmes from eminent institutions across the world, work in exciting corporate sector roles across diverse sectors/industries or strive to become the next 'unicorn'. And this training will stand you in excellent stead, no matter the choice.

Curriculum

1st Year MN1178 Business and Management in a Global Context AC1025 Principles of Accounting IS1060 Introduction to Information Systems MT105a Mathematics 1 (Half Course) ST104a Statistics 1 (Half Course)

2nd Year

MN2177 Core management Concepts SP2079 Elements of Social and Applied

Psychology

EC1002 Introduction to Economics Any 300 level course being offered

3rd Year

Any four of the following courses:

MN3075 Human Resource Management

MN3141 Principles of Marketing MN3127 Organisation Theory

FN2191 Principles of Corporate Finance

FN2190 Asset Pricing and Financial

Markets

Ritesh Agarwal, founder and CEO of OYO Rooms, was a student of this programme. Another student, Dhruv Bagla, founded Rackonnect, a sports dating app, while Ananya Jain was accepted onto IIM Bangalore's Young Leaders' Program after a Master's in Marketing from University of St. Andrews.

Career Paths

Entrepreneurship Branding & communications

Management research Management/Strategy (corporate or academic) consulting

Human resources Strategy

Operations Business analytics

Marketing Public relations

Marketing Public relations
Business development Market research

Digital marketing

Advertising

Business law

Business Journalism

Foundation Courses

Applied Mathematics (basic)

Writing Skills & Logic

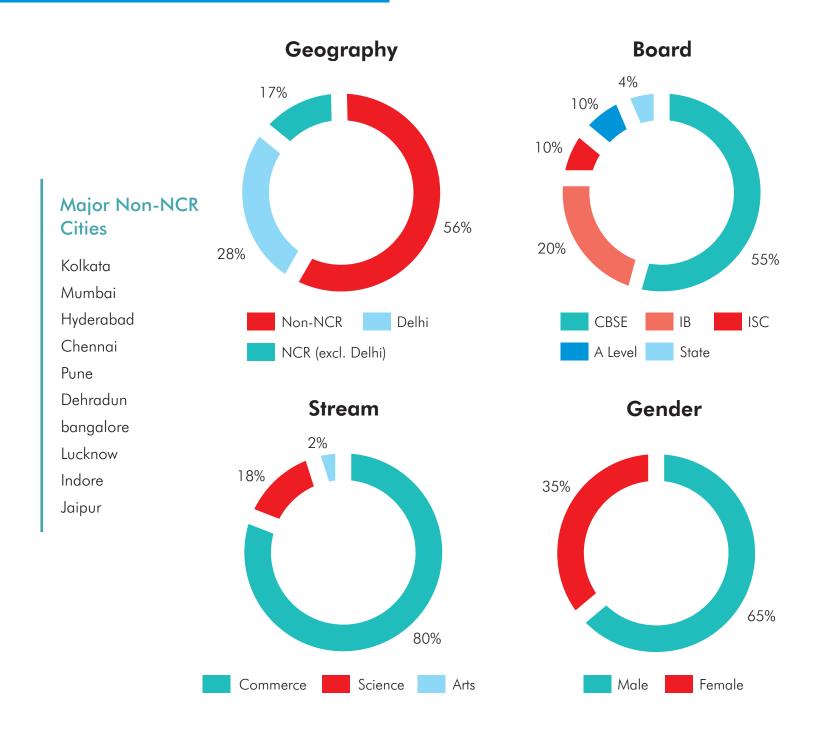
Accounting

Eligibility

To pursue this programme, you must have studied Mathematics up to Class X. There is no other stream or subject-related eligibility criterion. Strong argumentative writing skills are an advantage.

Tip: Choose this programme if you are an aspiring entrepreneur, or looking for strong corporate career prospects.

Batch Composition





Faculty

The programmes at ISBF derive contributions from two sets of faculty members – those at LSE and those at ISBF.

LSE Faculty - Academic Direction

LSE's faculty members provide 'academic direction' for all programmes taught at ISBF. The academic leadership team for the EMFSS Programmes at LSE lays down the structure and regulations for these programmes. With the help of a large team of LSE academicians, they also write and update the curricula, author the study materials, and set and grade all coursework and examinations for these programmes. This ensures parity of curriculum, assessment and overall rigour with what is followed internally at LSE. It also sets the tone for the teaching on these programmes, which is done by ISBF's faculty members.

EMFSS Academic Leadership



Prof. Paul Kelly,



Dr. Jorn Rothe, Academic Director



Dr. James Abdey, Associate Academic Director

Course

Asset Pricing and Financial Markets

Auditing and Assurance

Business Analytics, Applied Modelling

and Prediction

Business and Management in a

Global Context

Core Management Concepts

Elements of Econometrics

Elements of Social and

Applied Psychology

Financial Reporting

Further Mathematics for Economists

Human Resource Management

Information Systems Management

Innovating Digital Systems and Services

International Economics

Introduction to Economics

Introduction to Information Systems

Machine Learning

Macroeconomics Management Accounting

Management and Innovation

of e-business

Mathematical Economics

Mathematics 1 Mathematics 2 Microeconomics Monetary Economics Organisational Theory Principles of Accounting

Principles of Banking and Finance Principles of Corporate Finance

Principles of Marketing

Quantitative Finance Statistics 1

Statistics 2

Valuation & Securities Analysis

LSE Course Author(s)

R. Payne

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J. Abdev

L.P. Willcocks

P. Willman

C. Dougherty

J.E. Stockdale, B. Franks and

C.M. Provencher

J. Haslam and D. Chow

M. Anthony

J. Coyle-Shapiro, K. Hoque, I. Kessler,

A. Pepper, R. Richardson and L. Walker

A. Cordella

J. Matravers, W. Venters

R. Versteea

O. Birchall with D. Verry and M. Bray

T. Cornford with M. Shaikh

K. Kalogeropoulos

V. Polito with C. Brendon

A. Nayak, M. Mongiello

A. Cordella, S. Smithson,

A. Martin, M. Shaikh

M. Bray, R. Razin, A. Sarychev

M. Anthony

M. Anthony

A. Daripa

Y. Aksoy

P. Abell

D. Leiwy

M. Buckle, E. Beccalli

H. Zhong, P. Frantz,

R. Payne, J. Favilukis

H. Ali, V. Talwar

A. Patton

J.S. Abdey

J.S. Abdev

E. Beccalli, P. Frantz

ISBF Faculty - Teaching

As the Teaching Institution or 'college', ISBF is responsible for all the teaching on the programmes, and the appointment of our faculty members must adhere to clear norms laid down by LSE. That is why, in addition to hailing from prestigious institutions from across the world, ISBF's faculty members are extremely committed to the cause of furthering students' learning outcomes and include among them a University of London Worldwide Recognised Tutor.

As one of LSE's leading Teaching Institutions in the world, ISBF also enjoys several faculty visits from LSE every year, including Visiting Lectureship by Dr. James Abdey for courses in Statistics, Econometrics and Business Analytics.

Senior ISBF Faculty Members



Dr. G.L.Tayal
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BCom, Madurai Kamaraj University



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Associate Professor of Management
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Dr. Shashwat GangulyAssistant Professor of Mathematics
PhD, Heriot-Watt University
MSc, Durham University
BTech, Amity University

Pedagogy

Teaching and learning at ISBF are discussion-based, application-oriented and deeply rooted in a spirit of enquiry. Interactive classes form the bedrock of learning in a close-knit community with a high teacher-student ratio (1:15 or more), where faculty members provide peerless support and guidance to ensure a rigorous yet smooth learning journey. This ethos is derived from LSE's motto - rerum cognoscere causas, or to understand the causes of things, and is benchmarked to LSE's pedagogy as a result of regular training by LSE's faculty members.

The three pillars of teaching and learning at ISBF are:







These pillars, and the interactive classroom teaching they uphold, are supplemented by some other pedagogical processes, methods and initiatives. Here is a brief overview.

Formative Assessments and Feedback

Students appear for one assessment per course per month, and receive detailed formative feedback on these, in order to help them understand where they stand and how they can improve their learning. Three of the six assessments on each course are LSE-style exams, while the other three may adopt diverse formats, including presentations, quizzes, group work and home assignments.

LSE Faculty Training

Delivered through an annual, dedicated 4-day visit by a senior member of LSE's Teaching and Learning Centre and other regular interactions throughout each academic session.

Multi-Disciplinary Classes (MDCs)

Faculty members from different disciplines co-conduct classes which analyse real-world cases from the lenses of multiple disciplines at the same time.

iLearn

A course to help students transition smoothly to college and LSE's curricular expectations, by building vital skills like critical thinking, analysis and evidence-based writing, among others.

Peer Review Tutoring (PRT)

Senior students teaching their juniors, under the supervision of faculty members.

Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education

A world-leading programme (compulsory for college teaching in the UK) for improving teaching and learning, being pursued by several ISBF faculty members.

Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

Curated and updated continuously by LSE, this is a rich virtual repository of learning resources, course updates, discussion forums and also access to the online UOL Library.

Abridged Courses

Crunched versions of curricular courses, for those who wish to explore an interest that they aren't pursuing in their programme (eq. e-business for a BSc Economics student).

Workshops

Held periodically to impart technical skills like Excel, Stata, R and Python, or expose students to areas like policy-making, investing and entrepreneurship, to name some.

Public Lectures

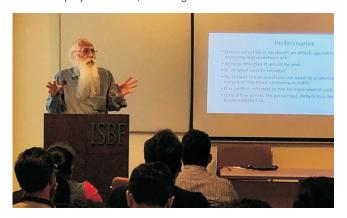
Guest lectures where students of ISBF as well as other colleges can meet and interact with prominent professionals from industry and academia, such as Dr. Pronab Sen, Joy Bhattacharya, Dr. Arun Kumar, and other stalwarts.

There is a strong feedback culture at ISBF - suggestions from both students and faculty members (through the Peer Review mechanism) are used to constantly improve teaching and learning.

Public Lectures at ISBF



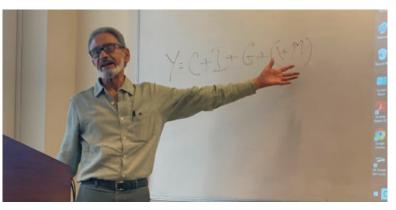
Dr. Montek Singh AhluwaliaFormer Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission



Dr. Arun KumarEconomist and a leading authority on black money



Joy Bhattacharya Writer and Sports Producer



Dr. Pronab SenFormer (and first) Chief Statistician of India



Dr. Abhijit SenFormer member of the Planning Commission



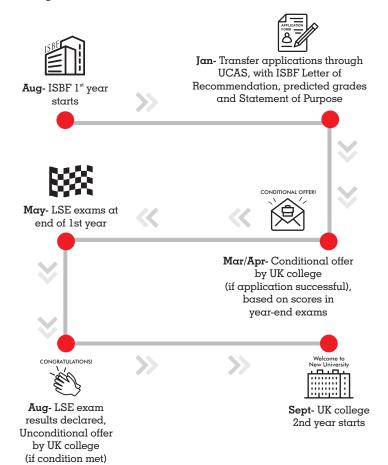
Nikhil AroraVice President and Managing Director, GoDaddy India



Transfer into 2nd year at LSE

Coming from one of LSE's top Teaching Institutions in the world, ISBF students enjoy a distinct edge when applying for transfers into 2nd year at LSE. This is because they study the same 1st year curriculum as students at LSE, and are assessed and graded to the same standards too, thus meeting important prerequisites for a successful transfer application.

This is why, till now, 14 students have received offers to transfer to LSE, including on scholarship, giving ISBF one of the most successful track records globally in this respect. These students then spend their last two years of undergraduate study at LSE and graduate there.



Transfers into 2nd year at other institutions

Each year, a number of meritorious 1st year ISBF students apply to transfer into 2nd year at other (non-LSE) top universities in the UK, US and Canada. Here too, the international equivalence of the LSE curriculum gives them a significant edge, and many have been accepted into prestigious universities to complete undergraduate studies.















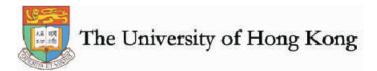












Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) is a dedicated online learning platform and community curated, updated and moderated by LSE academicians. It serves as the virtual hub for all students and teachers of the EMFSS Programmes around the world, as it hosts a rich repository of academic resources for all courses. These include learning activities and videos, practice questions, examination advice and course-wise discussion forums that are moderated by LSE academicians and have participants from all over the world.

The VLE also arms students with advice on study and research skills, career advice and ways to connect with other students, including to find a 'Study Buddy'. Besides, it serves as a gateway to the University of London Online Library, which provides students with unparalleled access to e-books, databases containing journals, book reviews, newspapers, magazines and other publications.



Access to UOL
Online Library, which has
over 97 million
e-journal titles



Downloadable academic resources, including e-books, articles and webinars



Discussion Forums with thousands of students from over 100 countries



Audio-visual tutorials on key concepts



Student Hub

Guest Lectures by LSE Faculty

ISBF enjoys several visits from LSE faculty members each year, ranging from the seniormost academic administrators to those in leading positions at LSE's Teaching and Learning Centre. On these visits, LSE lecturers spend time training our faculty members, lecturing to our students and participating in other strategic meetings and events.

For the academic session 2019-20, Dr. James Abdey, Associate Academic Director for the EMFSS Programmes at LSE, and Assistant Professorial Lecturer of Statistics, is Visiting Lecturer at ISBF, for the courses of Statistics, Econometrics and Business Analytics, a couple of which are authored by him.

All these visits represent unique opportunities to learn from some of the leading academicians in the world. ISBF students not only make the most of them but also inevitably leave the visitors impressed with the quality of their questions.



Professor Paul KellyDean of the EMFSS Programmes and
Professor of Political Philosophy, LSE



Dr. Neil McLeanDirector, Academic and Professional
Development Division, LSE



Professor Michael Cox
Director, LSE IDEAS and
Emeritus Professor of International Relations, LSE

Awards & Prizes

LSE and UOL give away a variety of prestigious academic awards, prizes and scholarships every year to students of these programmes, and ISBF students have been disproportionately successful at bagging these.



Given to the top five performers in the 1st year LSE examinations, from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

15 students in the last 6 years



Given to the best performing degree/diploma students in the year-end LSE exams

4 students in the last 3 years



Given to a student who attempts at least three full courses, and scores at least 70% in each of them

4 students in the last 3 years



Given to students who top LSE courses/programmes globally. Programme toppers also receive scholarships for postgraduate study at LSE

13/2 students in the last 6 years

LSE Summer School Scholarships

LSE's is one of the largest and most prestigious Summer Schools in the world, attracting students from over a hundred countries. It also offers over a hundred cutting-edge and globally relevant courses in the areas of accounting, finance, economics, business, management, international relations, government, psychology, research methods and data science.

LSE awards two Summer School Scholarships every year to undergraduate students from ISBF. These fund the tuition and accommodation fee for a 3-week Summer School session, for a course of the scholar's choice. The scholars are selected by ISBF based on academic merit and contribution to college life, and 10 students have received this scholarship so far.

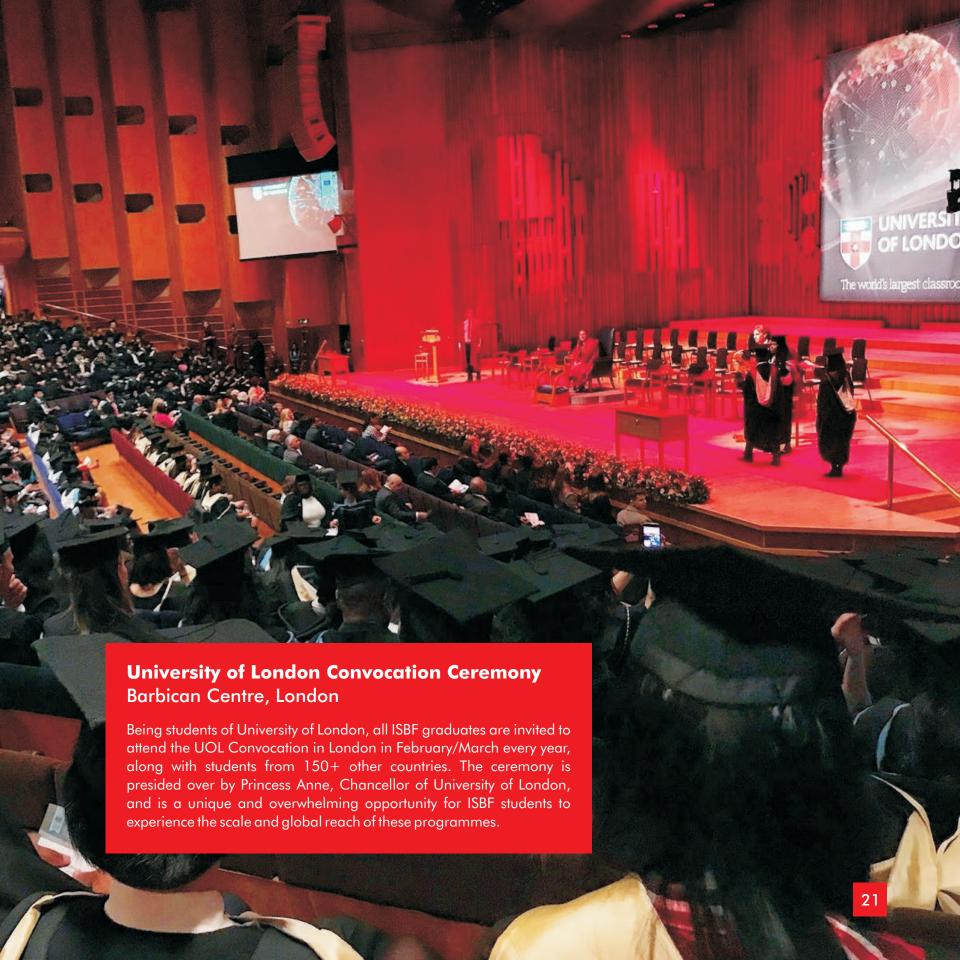
Bombay Stock Exchange Bootcamp

As a part of UOL and LSE's commitment to enhancing the employability of EMFSS graduates, they offer Indian students the opportunity to attend a specially curated, 2-day, on-site Bootcamp at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) in Mumbai. Students are selected through a competitive application process, and here too ISBF students have been disproportionately successful.

The Bootcamp presents an experiential learning opportunity, where students work alongside industry professionals on simulations of real-time stock exchange data. They learn about trading in stocks, the impact of economic indicators on the markets, technical and fundamental analysis and building and tracking a portfolio. They also participate in tours of the trading floor and the original stock exchange, and learn about capital market equity, equity dividend, commodity currency, risk management and clearing and settlement.



ISBF students pose with the iconic BSE 'bull'





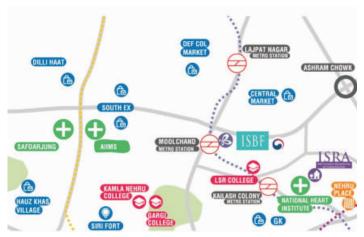
Campus



architectural heritage, being an amalgam of seven cities

ISBF's campus is located in the heart of the historic capital city of Delhi. Following the prototype of LSE's vibrant city-centre campus, ISBF too is located in a very central, accessible, safe and student-friendly part of Delhi.

The campus is fully Wi-Fi enabled, and equipped with state-of-the-art classrooms, a well-stocked library, games and recreation areas, a rooftop cafeteria and terrace, and other breakaway spaces to give students an environment conducive to learning and all-round development. Students have easy access to nearby sports, medical and other facilities, and the hostel is a stone's throw away.













Rich cultural and



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Hostel

ISBF Residential Accommodation (ISRA) provides separate accommodation facilities for girls and boys, which are a short walk away from the campus. Both the campus and the hostels are located in a very central, secure and student-friendly part of the city of New Delhi and are well-connected by all modes of public transport, including the Delhi metro. Both hostels are guarded 24x7 and are fitted with security cameras at the gate to ensure the safety and security of students.

Both hostels have spacious, air-conditioned rooms. Rooms may be single, double, triple or quadruple seaters with some having attached washrooms. Every room is furnished with a bed, wardrobe, study table and chair for each student.

Both hostels have limited seats. Outstations students can apply for ISRA after being made an offer of admission and are allotted rooms on a first-come-first-served basis.



Located in the heart of Delhi



Separate Hostels for Boys & Girls



24 x 7 CCTV Surveillance



Spacious & air-conditioned rooms



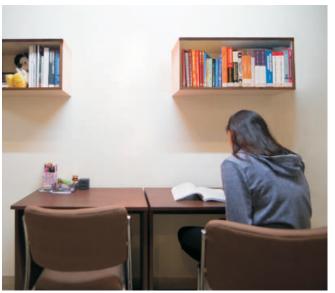
Short walk to the campus













Campus life at ISBF is not limited to just academics. Students engage in a multitude of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, ranging from dance, music, sports, photography and design to MUN, social work, debating, entrepreneurship and many more. The annual intercollege cultural festival, Xenia, brings together a number of these and marks the zenith of the non-academic calendar. All these activities are organised end-to-end by student societies - you can join one of them, or start one if you seek to nurture new interests!

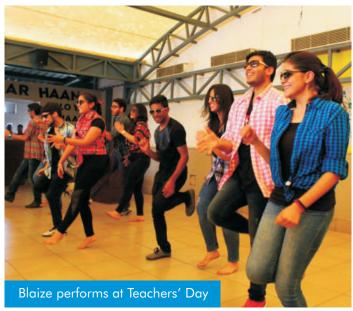
Core Council





Blaize (Dance Society)





Akademos (Debating & Quizzing Society)





ISBF Media Hub





Career Placement Cell





Social Work Society





Sports Society





The Rest Is Noise (TRIN - Music Society)





Artefactory (Design Society)





Entrepreneurship Cell







ISBF MUN

ISBF Inter-College Model United Nations















XENIA

The Annual Inter-College Cultural Festival















Careers- Higher Study

Master's Abroad

ISBF students study one of the world's leading curricula and receive a globally renowned degree upon graduating. These give them a significant edge over their peers when applying to top institutions around the world for Master's and MBA programmes. This is why ISBF students have managed to secure scholarships to pursue programmes where Indian students generally struggle to even be accepted.

Furthermore, the 3-year programme at ISBF, being a rigorous UK undergraduate programme, is considered equivalent to 4-year programmes in the US and Canada, thus meeting the requirement for 16 years of education to pursue postgraduate study at most institutions in these countries. ISBF students also enjoy exemptions from writing GRE or GMAT when applying to several programmes abroad.

Perhaps most importantly, the rigour of their undergraduate education stands them in excellent stead during the course of such prestigious postgraduate programmes, and helps them graduate near the top of their class. The set of logos given alongside is an indicative representation of the high-quality Master's programmes ISBF graduates have been accepted on to.









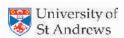




























Two ISBF graduates (and real sisters) in two years - 2017 and 2018 - secured 100% scholarships, worth more than 26,000 British Pounds each, from LSE to pursue MSc Economics, one of its flagship programmes.

Master's in India

The University of London (UOL) degrees enjoy 'equivalence' from several leading Indian universities. This is why many ISBF graduates have successfully pursued some of the most coveted Master's and MBA programmes in India.

However, being a UK undergraduate degree, the UOL degree is not governed and recognised by UGC. That is why, to retain all options for postgraduate study (and government jobs) in India, ISBF offers students operational and teaching support for pursuing a UGC-recognised degree programme with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), which can be done at nearly zero extra effort and cost.

Coupled with the rigour and renown of LSE and UOL, which represent one of the strongest extant signals of academic merit, this gives students the best of both worlds.













Careers- Work

Upskilling and Training

The Careers Team (CT) at ISBF, comprised of the Career Services and Corporate Relations divisions, dedicates itself to the task of placing students, for internships, 1-year work opportunities abroad and permanent roles in India. The placement process begins with one-on-one counselling, which helps CT understand students' career aspirations and interests.

Following this, a wide variety of upskilling and training sessions/workshops are organised throughout the three years of undergraduate study, so that students are well-prepared to face recruitment processes for internships as well as full-time roles. In their final year of study, all students seeking placement must undergo a focused, 3-month long Placement Module, which helps hone their placement-related skills.



One-on-one Counselling



Resume-writing



LinkedIn Profile Building



Aptitude tests



Group Discussions



Interview Training



MS Excel Training



Email Writing



Sector Orientation Talks



Personality development



Mock interviews

Summer Internships

For 1st and 2nd year students, the CT facilitates 2-month long summer internships in the corporate, development and government sectors, to enable them to gain hands-on learning and real-world experience, which are invaluable when applying for final placements or higher studies.

ISBF students have successfully completed summer internships with leading organisations in sectors such as development work, policy, consulting and finance, to name a few. Students also participate in live industry projects with different companies, which helps them gain relevant industry exposure and eases their transition to the corporate environment at the time of final placement.

















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1-year Placements

ISBF, in association with the Mountbatten Institute, provides students with an opportunity to undertake one-year work placements with Fortune 500 firms at their London or New York headquarters. The international standards of their education and a clear knack for analytical thinking have enabled several ISBF students over the years to clear gruelling rounds of interviews to be selected for these coveted roles. This opportunity to gain exposure in the most professional of working environments has been lifechanging for most, and some have even managed to impress their employers sufficiently to secure full-time offers in the India offices of these global corporations.















Placements in India

Owing to their application-oriented education and extensive upskilling, ISBF graduates choosing to work immediately after college have been selected by globally renowned organisations belonging to a wide range of sectors, from fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) to private equity.

In the last three years, all students who have signed up for placements have received an offer of employment, and nearly all have taken up their offers. This is because the rigour of their undergraduate study ensures that the roles are quite niche and technical - such as investment banking research, corporate finance, policy research, market research, business analytics, consulting and marketing – giving them strong growth prospects, and the compensation is always attractive.

Placements by sector





^{*}Proportion of students placed, out of those who signed up for placements.









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Graduate Work Destinations

The rigour of the LSE education stands ISBF graduates in excellent stead throughout their careers. Right from the first role at work, their application-oriented undergraduate training enables our graduates to add substantial value and make a mark for themselves.

This, in turn, helps them progress rapidly, often exponentially, in their careers, and go on to work for some of the leading organisations in the world, across a wide variety of sectors. Throughout this journey, the Careers Team at ISBF remains in touch with them, sharing job openings and helping them change iobs.

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Entrepreneurship

While most graduates tend to apply for higher study or opt for placements, there are a few that want to be job-creators rather than jobseekers. Having benefited from one of the world's top foundations in business, management and economics, and gained organisational experiences through the Entrepreneurship Cell and other extra-curricular work in college, many ISBFians have launched ventures while in college, or soon after. The gauntlet in this regard was thrown down by Ritesh Agarwal, Founder and CEO of OYO Rooms, who was a student of Business at ISBF, and almost every batch sees one or the other student seek to emulate his journey.

Some ventures started by ISBF students:

Oyo Rooms

Accommodation aggregator

Founded by Ritesh Agarwal, BSc (Hons) Business

AFK Gaming

e-sports

Founded by Siddarth Nayyar, BSc (Hons) Economics

Almora

Cryptocurrency and blockchain

Founded by Rohan Sharma, BSc (Hons) Economics & Management

ConneX-Tech

Software and web development

Founded by Rohan Sharma, BSc (Hons) Business & Management

Dinks Bakery Dessert parlour

Founded by Stuti Lohia, BSc (Hons) Economics

Unexplored World Tours & travel

Kushagra Jain,

BSc (Hons) Economics

Rackonnect Sports dating

Founded by Dhruv Bagla, BSc (Hons) Business & Management

illumany Innovation-based education

Founded by Shubhangini Prasad, BSc (Hons) Business & Management

Nurture Baby spa

Founded by Anushka Neyol, BSc (Hons) Economics & Management

Admission Process

For the undergraduate intake, there are 120 seats across all degree programmes. It is important for candidates to note that ISBF follows a rounds-based rolling admissions policy. This means applicants of earlier rounds have a higher likelihood of being accepted into the programme of their choice. It also means that applications will be closed as soon as all seats are filled. The admission process comprises of three steps:

Step 1 Filling the Application Form

Candidates can fill and submit the Application Form via the online portal www.applytoisbf.com, or obtain it from the ISBF website or campus, and fill and submit via courier.

Eligibility for Applying

A candidate must either have completed Class XII at the time of applying, or be completing it in the same year in which he/she seeks to begin undergraduate study at ISBF. If the Class XII Board examination results are available at the time of applying, these must be submitted for the Application Form to be considered as complete. Candidates from International Boards must submit their Class XII Predicted Grades, if the actual grades are unavailable.

Candidates from any stream, or studying any combination of subjects, can apply to any of the programmes at ISBF, provided that:

- Candidates applying for BSc (Hons) Economics or BSc (Hons) Economics & Finance must have studied Mathematics up to Class XII.
- Candidates applying for any of the other three undergraduate programmes must have studied Mathematics up to Class X.

Step 2 ISBF entrance test (iMET)

It is mandatory for all candidates to appear for the ISBF Entrance

Test (iMET), which is conducted online in each Admission Round. iMET tests a candidate's ability to reason logically, assimilate information meaningfully from multiple reading sources and apply concepts and techniques learnt in Mathematics up to Class X (based on the syllabi of the major Indian Boards). Candidates are advised to see the sample iMET question paper on the ISBF website, which also contains guidance on preparing for the test.

Candidates who perform well in iMET will be shortlisted for the Personal Interview (PI).

Step 3 Personal Interview (PI)

In the PI, candidates are tested for communication, attitude towards learning, academic curiosity and motivation – to study at ISBF and to study the programme of their preference. The candidate's past academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular record, as detailed in the Statement of Purpose in the Application Form, forms an important basis of the PI discussion. All PIs will take place in person at the ISBF Campus.

Selection Criteria

Once all three steps are completed, a candidate's application will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee. The final admission decision will take into consideration the iMET score (50% weight), performance in the PI (30% weight) and Class XII Board examination scores (20% weight), where available.

Candidates who perform exceedingly well in the admission process may be made an unconditional offer of admission, even if their Class XII Board scores have not been declared until then.

Please refer to the ISBF website for more details on the admission process and admissions calendar.

Lateral Entry / Transfers into 2nd or 3rd year

Students who wish to transfer to ISBF into 2nd or 3rd year, from a degree programme at another university, should write to ugadmissions@isbf.edu.in. All decisions in this regard are subject to recognition of the student's prior learning by University of London.

Scholarships

Studying at ISBF gives students the option to receive an LSE education at roughly one-fourth the cost of pursuing it in London. This cost is further brought down through scholarships offered by ISBF in 1st year, for all three years of study, and by LSE and UOL in the 2nd and 3rd years of study.

A limited number of scholarships are available for meritorious candidates. Four kinds of scholarships are on offer:

Offered in 1st year (for all three years)

ISBF Scholarship

This scholarship comprises of a waiver of up to 100% of the ISBF tuition fee. Candidates who hold an offer of admission may apply for this scholarship. It is awarded at the start of the first year, based on academic merit - as measured by the candidate's iMET and PI scores, as well as financial need. If the scholar is able to maintain the academic criteria stipulated in the award letter, this scholarship automatically continues for all three years of study.

The Power of Why Scholarship

Three scholarships, comprising waivers of 100%, 50% and 50% of the ISBF tuition fee, are awarded to the winners of The Power of Why Challenge, which is a two-part competition that tests students' spirit of enquiry and motivates them to challenge the status quo. This award also continues automatically for all three years of study, provided the scholar maintains the academic criteria stipulated in the award letter.

Offered in 2nd/3rd year

University of London Achievement Award

This scholarship is awarded by University of London to its students in the Indian subcontinent, and comprises a waiver of 100% of UOL's second or third year tuition fee. It is based on academic merit, and awarded to students who score the highest aggregate marks in a particular year.

LSE Summer School Scholarship

LSE offers two Summer School Scholarships to undergraduate students from ISBF every year. These awards fund the tuition and accommodation fee for a 3-week Summer School session, with the scholars only required to fund their travel to and from London. 11 ISBF students in the last five years have won this scholarship.

The scholars are selected by ISBF based on academic merit and contribution to college life and can pick a course of their choice at LSE, from among over a hundred exciting options in the domains of economics, management, finance and the social sciences

^{*}See the ISBF website for the latest fee structure and details of The Power of Why Challenge.

^{**}The scholarships awarded by LSE and UOL are subject to their discretion.

Why ISBF?



ISBF in the News











500 students get training on LSE based curricula

Chronicle*

Cyber security: The threat in numbers and micro response tactics





"The journey was very eventful. I spent sleepless nights studying, and that's how I achieved the LSE scholarship. I would like to mention my teachers, who were very supportive throughout these 3 years of my life."



Priya Bansal
BSc (Hons) Economics, ISBF,
Batch of 2017
Global programme topper
Full Scholarship from LSE
for MSc Economics

"After school, I got rejected from LSE. ISBF was the best option to get into LSE and I successfully got it. The entire success doesn't belong to me; it belongs to all the faculty members and all the staff members. Everyone has contributed to it."



Prateek Kansal
BSc (Hons) Economics & Finance, ISBF
Completed 1st year in 2017 and
transferred into 2nd year at LSE

"There was no disconnect moving from academic years to professional years. I was taught to think critically, and be aware of what's happening around the world. Today, when I look back, I think a lot of what I am able to connect to is because of my learning at ISBE."



Pranay Agarwal
BSc (Hons) Economics, ISBF, Batch of 2013
Level 3 CFA candidate
Presently working as Equity Research Analyst
at Goldman Sachs

"The journey started with a lot of uncertainty, but eventually made me learn a lot. The experience of studying at ISBF has indeed transformed me into a mature individual."



Diven Mehta

BSc (Hons) Business & Management, ISBF
Batch of 2015

1-year work placement at
UBS Investment Bank, London

Business Development Manager at Gold

"The education I received at ISBF helped me validate my interest in Economics. I thoroughly enjoyed the practical approach followed towards teaching as it challenged me, and made me an analytical individual."



Pranai Agarwal

BSc (Hons) Economics & Management, ISBF
Batch of 2011

MBA, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad
Presently working at VISA

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