



M.A. in Global Communication and MSc in Global Media and Communications Admission Application Guidelines and Instructions for Fall 2011

Program Description

Admission to this two year dual degree program is limited to the fall term. The first year is completed at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and the second year is completed at USC Annenberg School. Faculty members from both schools review applications for admission and decision notification comes from LSE. For students starting the program in 2011, the first year starts in October 2011 and the second year begins in August 2012.

Application Process and Filing Guidelines

Applicants must submit admission application materials to LSE and USC Annenberg. Applications open mid-October. Please apply early as competition for admission is intense. Be sure to monitor program availability on the LSE Web site at www.lse.ac.uk/collections/graduateAdmissions/. Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis.

1) Complete the online LSE application at www.lse.ac.uk/collections/graduateAdmissions/:

- Personal statement
- Two academic letters of reference
- Transcripts from colleges/universities attended
- English language score (if required)
- Application fee (refer to LSE Web site for the fee)

2) Complete the online USC Graduate Admission Application at www.usc.edu/admissions/graduate/applyonline/. Upload the materials submitted to LSE. *Note: the USC application fee is waived. However, you must select the waiver when prompted to pay the fee.*

- Personal statement
- Transcripts from colleges/universities attended
- TOEFL or IELTS scores (if required)

English Proficiency

If your first language is not English or the language of instruction of your bachelor degree was not English, you may be required to provide valid TOEFL or IELTS scores. Official scores must be reported electronically to USC (code 4852).

Personal Statement

Please upload a personal statement that describes your academic interests and your purpose and objectives in undertaking graduate study. This is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the faculty selection committee. As LSE and USC do not offer interviews, please use this section to indicate your academic strengths and interests, your motivation for applying to the course and future plans (academic or professional). You may also use this section to give details of relevant internships and vacation/employment which have bearing on your application. Your statement should cover two to three pages; there is no fixed word limit.

Financial Support

Refer to the LSE Web site for first year costs. The estimated cost of attendance for the second year at USC is \$54,106, including tuition & fees and living expenses. U.S. citizens and permanent residents may apply for U.S. Federal financial aid since you will be enrolled at USC for both years. For more information, visit USC Financial Aid Web site at www.usc.edu/admission/fa/. Note: all second year degree candidates are considered for USC Annenberg departmental merit scholarships and research associate positions; no application is required.

Also, LSE Financial Support Office administers a variety of scholarships and awards for incoming students. The terms, conditions, eligibility requirements and value of each individual scholarship or award differ. For details about scholarships and awards and for more information about the application process, visit www.lse.ac.uk/financialSupportOffice. Note: Please apply for scholarships early; you do not have to wait for an offer of admission before applying.

Prospective Graduate Student Information Opportunities

LSE holds an Open Evening for prospective students in November. The evening is your opportunity to learn more about LSE, attend specific subject talks, meet LSE academics and discover the range of degrees available. In addition, members of the LSE staff attend Education Fairs and organize trips throughout the world. For further information, please visit the LSE Graduate Admission Web site.

Graduate information sessions are held on campus throughout the academic year. In addition, the Annual Prospective Graduate Student Visit Day program will be held on November 12, 2010. In addition, faculty and admission staff members attend graduate fairs and organize trips in the U.S. and Asia.

Visit the Annenberg School Web site at www.annenberg.usc.edu/Prospective/VisitandSched.aspx for detailed information about on-campus visit opportunities and to view our travel schedule.

Contacts

LSE Student Recruitment Office: stu.rec@lse.ac.uk or telephone 020 7955 6613

USC Annenberg Admissions Office: ascadm@usc.edu or telephone 213.821.0770

LSE Departmental Website: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/media@lse

LSE Programme Website: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/globalMedia

USC Annenberg Web site for academic and admissions information: www.annenberg.usc.edu