

## STUDYING AT LSE: RERUM COGNOSCERE CAUSAS



*After having had a very positive experience working at The Peninsula School in Australia as part of a year of volunteer social service, I craved the opportunity to spend more time abroad. I could not, and still cannot, think of a better place to combine living and studying than in one of the world's most exciting and culturally rich cities: London.*

*I eventually decided that the Master of Laws programme at the London School of Economics and Political Science with its intellectual opportunities and challenges was the one that suited me best, and thus made the course my number one choice. LSE's motto (Rerum cognoscere causas, in English: To Know the Causes of Things) is one that I find to be fitting for the study of law, since knowing the law often means knowing the Causes of Things and ultimately having an insight into a country's society and its social and political processes.*

*LSE provides students with the opportunity to discuss and analyse current legal problems with lecturers and fellow students from an international perspective. I am particularly interested in international legal contexts within the field of corporate law. I find that an exciting aspect of pursuing graduate studies at LSE is that my fellow students with their wide variety of backgrounds and traditions have different approaches to, and ways of thinking about, solving legal problems. This fuels and guarantees discussions of a very high standard. The LSE's teaching methods, which feature small group seminars, also offer the perfect environment for such lively discussions.*

*Besides being a great opportunity academically, London is a city like no other – where you can literally find something new to do or discover every single day, be it musicals, operas, museums, famous sights, sporting activities or restaurants. I, for example, have found great pleasure in enjoying the Indian cuisine in Brick Lane. It is also essential to mention that every university in London that I know of has a wide variety of student societies devoted to everything from salsa dancing to pizza baking, or to enjoying the culture of numerous countries (Israel Society, Germany Society, Japan Society...).*

*All in all, this has been one of the best years of my life. I have not once regretted my decision to come to London.*

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