**Visa Application:**

As a European citizen I am not familiar with the visa regulations for the UK.

**Enrolment Procedure and recommended subjects:**

Enrolment takes place online via the LBS Portal. LBS provides one preliminary deadline where up to 5 courses can be selected and ranked in accordance to preference. Depending on the selection, students may be enrolled in as little as 1 or 2 of those courses, or as many as 4 or 5. For the other selected courses they will be placed on a waitlist. Later enrolment opens again and adjustments can be made to the selection.

The waitlist can be a pretty frustrating experience, as it may take a long time until changes take place. It seems most students wait until close to the next deadline to possibly withdraw from a course. From my experience it may easily be possible to be enrolled in a course from waitlist position number 1; I wouldn’t bet on being enrolled from waitlist position number 3 though.

LBS offers a vast amount of different courses, many within the Finance field, but also in the areas of marketing, accounting, OB, etc. There is very high demand for certain courses, so those courses should best be selected before the first deadline and ranked very high in terms of preference. Generally it appears courses of high demand are particularly finance courses (as those are taken by MBA and Finance majors) with a convenient schedule, i.e. afternoon classes seem to be more popular than morning or evening classes, and block week 0 seems to be much more popular than later block weeks. Particularly block weeks 14 – 16 are not very popular as they require students to stay longer.

In terms of courses, I would recommend LBS particularly to those students with a strong interest in Finance. However, not all courses may be available due to pre- and co-requisites. It should also be considered that certain courses may be very challenging, e.g. courses that require the Capital Markets & Financing waiver.

**Workload at exchange school:**

The workload really depends on the course selection. While some courses involve assignments, possibly on a weekly basis, which may take many hours to complete, other courses only require attendance. Course descriptions provide a good indication of the potential work load for each course.

I would recommend balancing heavier courses with lighter ones, and potentially taking a block course or two to reduce the weekly work load.

**Accommodation options:**

LBS does not provide student accommodation to exchange students, thus external accommodation must be secured. On the one hand there are many furnished places available in London – no need to worry about furniture; on the other hand it may be difficult to find accommodation for short periods as most landlords prefer 6 – 12 months leases.

LBS has a discussion forum which may be very helpful (that’s how I found my flat). There are also
many flat-sharing sites which can be used.

Rental prices in London are similar to those in Sydney (expensive), but there are great differences depending on the area. London’s public transport is pretty good though, so for students wanting to save some money it may pay off to live a bit outside of London. Obviously flat sharing is also much cheaper than having an own place.

**Campus Facilities**

LBS has a library, a fitness centre (with pool and sauna), a computer lab, and the so-called Nash-Lounge for relaxation and the famous sun-downers parties on Thursdays. As far as I know LBS will be undergoing renovations in the near future and the school will be relocated during that time, thus I don’t know what kind of facilities future exchange students can expect.

**Careers Services:**

Career Services are available to exchange students. There are many events, guest speakers, networking events, etc. Best contact career services early upon arrival to make best usage of the available services.

**Student life:**

London is a vibrant city with many attractions, bars & restaurants, clubs, museums, etc. Additionally the proximity to mainland Europe enables students to travel overseas. During my time in London many exchange students got to know each other fairly well and organised parties and trips together.

**Things AGSM MBA students should consider/be aware of when applying to this school for exchange:**

I personally went on exchange in session 4 because I wanted to be in Sydney for careers month. However, it appears only very few students were actually able to secure employment during careers month. I would recommend going on exchange in session 3 if you want to work in Sydney; being here in session 4 might actually be more helpful.

I don’t know when best to go if you want to work in London. At the time I was there many LBS students had already secured jobs, particularly through the LBS summer internships.

**Highlight:**