Visa Application:
- Check to make sure you fulfil your visa requirements depending on which country you’re a citizen of.
- It’s best to start early. You have to send your passport to Canberra via mail and the round trip takes about 5-6 weeks. Once you know you are going to LBS, you will get a letter from LBS demonstrating the “student status.” You should use that to apply for a visa between 2-3 months before you are going to go there. It should be an exchange visitor visa (tier-6). There is a tier-4 visa as well, which generally is for full time students and if you apply for it, it may get rejected. The tier-4 is a better visa because you can extend it in London in case you want to work there. It is much more difficult to extend the tier-6 visitor visa.

Enrolment Procedure
- Very professional. LBS tries to accommodate all preferences. You can choose up to 6 electives and rank them from 1-6. Then the electives will be allocated according to a sophisticated system. If you don’t get your preferred courses, you can choose courses which are still available.
- Block week courses are super competitive, especially the January Block Week. Make sure to prioritize these first. The wait list tends not to move. I was #1 on the wait list for over a month and never got into Advanced Corporate Finance in the January Block Week.
- LBS has a very strict deadline for when you are no longer allowed to change courses. Unlike other postgraduate institutions, the deadline is a full month before classes begin and NOT early into the start of the session.
- If you really want a class that is not popular, you may want to demote it in your rank order, and if you want a class that is popular, you may want to promote it.

Recommended subjects:
- Very wide range of courses offered with awesome professor profiles. You should be able to take classes at LBS no matter what your field of interest is.
- Mergers and Acquisitions (great), Negotiations (easy one), Advanced Corporate Finance (good, but hardcore), World Economy (very high quality, but focuses very much on macro-economics, you need to understand this), Energy Markets (good and practical, medium workload).
- Try to design your timetable such that it is convenient to your needs and lifestyle. LBS gives its students a lot of flexibility too. Do your research before taking courses. Some courses are excellent on paper, but may not fit your specific needs.

Workload at exchange school:
- Medium – although you have to be prepared for every class before going to it. There is cold calling and you don’t want to be unprepared.
- Depends on the subject - Negotiations and Bargaining was very light; Security Analysis and Financial Modelling was much more intense.
- It is not going to be a walk in the park.
- It is very manageable workload. Use block weeks, modular weeks, and weekly classes to spread out your workload through your time. It will enable you to focus a little better.

Accommodation options:
- Try to get this sorted out before you arrive if possible, otherwise it can be agonizingly expensive.
- Accommodation is easy to find but at a considerable cost. LBS has a dedicated portal where students can post their offers. However, 3 month is a short period and most of the landlord prefer a lease of 6 month or more. Costs vary between £150 – 250 pw.

- I stayed in “Goodenough College” and it was o.k. If you are interested in this option, it is highly recommended that you apply as soon as possible - as early as July for the following January session.

- It’s best to go into a hostel or hotel depending on your budget for the first week or so. Then, using “Gum-tree” and similar housing sites, you would have to look for accommodation. It is critical that you see a place before finalizing it, as maintenance standards in London aren’t very high. Because LBS is in the middle of London, it doesn’t have on-campus housing options for exchange students.
**Campus Facilities:**
- Excellent facilities!
- LBS really lacks isolated study rooms. You'll find a lot of students studying in the common areas such as coffee shops and the central hall.
- There is a lot of space in libraries to study. There are lots of meeting rooms that can be booked via a centralized online system.
- There is a gym, swimming pool, sauna, jacuzzi, steam room, fitness classes if you want to be physically fit. The MBA program office is very helpful in sorting out your administrative needs. Printing is free. Brilliant. The swimming pool and gym are free; computers, printers and scanners are everywhere.
- Taunton Building is awesome. It's where many people study and socialise. There's a gym and a pool on the bottom floor. The Nash Lounge serves healthy, tasty food at a really reasonable price.
- In order to print out stuff you need to connect your laptop physically to each printer.
- There are two cafeterias on campus where food is not too expensive.

**Careers Services/Alumni:**
- Good, accessible and lots of companies presenting on campus and participating in lectures.
- As an alumnus, they will help you find work in the future.
- As an exchange student you have access to many, but not all, of their services.

**Student life:**
- Fantastic. You will have fun no matter what
- They have very high-quality external speakers
- You tend to be in a group of 50+ exchange students coming from Stern, Columbia, Wharton, Kellogg, Booth, Argentina, South Africa, China, etc who are like minded. There are a lot of activities that are organized ad-hoc which are quite fun.
- One of the best events to be a part of is the Tattoo party at the end of February
- Good, but due to the size, everyone already has tight groups with which they spend time. You must join a club!
- Every Thursday they have free beers and one company pays for it.
- Lots of socialising!!

**Things AGSM MBA students should consider/be aware of when applying to this school for exchange:**
- To do Finance subjects only having the core course in Finance in not enough. You will not be allowed to do finance courses. Finishing block week assignments while you are already back home can be difficult...
- Don’t go for an elective on Thursday evening due to the free beer! It’s a very good networking place.
- There are lots and lots of events that happen here where prominent speakers and influential personnel also come to provide insights about the industry and career. It is very important that you have a clear focus as to what you want to get out of your experience - 12-16 weeks isn't a very long time.
- As there are approx 60 students from two intakes, exchange students and EMBA's, no one really knows each other. This leads to sterile class discussions and very little real challenging of ideas like what I was used to at the AGSM
- Read carefully the course syllabus in order to choose the best electives that will fit your needs. For the same reasons use the LBS internet portal
- Be prepared for the weather and also don’t under estimate the work load. It can be a lot sometimes, but will depend on what you do. Also if you are doing more than one block week, then make sure you come prepared as some of the block weeks are exhausting in terms of work load

**Highlights:**
- Excellent finance classes and the rugby club are world champions!
- You become LBS Alumni.
- I joined the soccer team and it has been by far the best thing. I met so many great people. Sundowners on Thursdays are also a lot of fun. Easy to meet people here and catch up with people from clubs, classes, etc.
Final thought:
- The LBS students are awesome as well and the diversity of the exchange students is unbelievable.