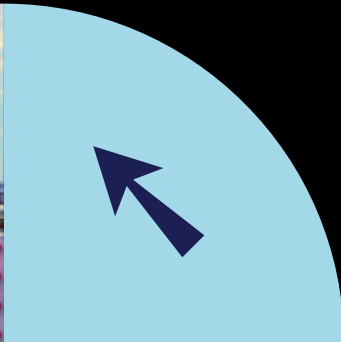
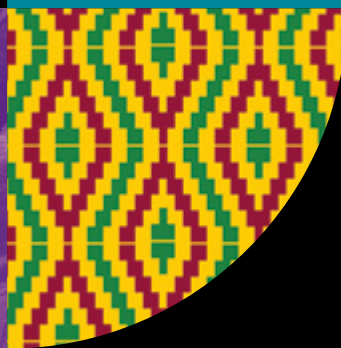




SOAS
University of London



Where everything connects

Undergraduate Prospectus
2021 entry

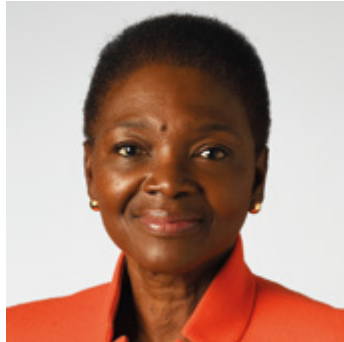




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SOAS is a remarkable institution. With our vast repository of knowledge and expertise, we are uniquely placed to inform and shape current thinking about the economic, political, cultural, security and religious challenges of our world.

London offers the best student experience in the world. From day one at our central campus, you will be encouraged to challenge conventional views and think globally – and that’s one of the reasons why our graduates go on to pursue a range of careers that make a real difference to society, whether they are lawyers, economists, policy-makers or artists.

Our academics have unparalleled practical and theoretical knowledge across the range of disciplines we offer. We also adopt an interdisciplinary approach as a way to deepen the learning experience and equip our students with the necessary skills they need for when they graduate.

We look forward to welcoming you to the SOAS community.

Baroness Valerie Amos
Director (2015-2020)

Adam Habib
Director (from 2021)

A dynamic, diverse and thriving student environment

Discover a lively social hub that's home to music, debate, clubs, societies and strong student support for everyone.

Students' Union

Our Students' Union (SU) is known around the University of London and the wider community in Bloomsbury as the place to be. There are several reasons why:

- It's famous for its music scene – amplified by the fantastic SOAS Radio (www.soasradio.org).
- For decades, our bar has served as the go-to place for after-hours lively debate and discussion.
- It's one of the most politically active in the UK, with the largest proportional turnout in SU elections in the country.
- We have around 160 clubs and societies covering sport, political debate, cultural issues and everything in between. For more information, visit:
➤ www.soasunion.org

Clubs and societies

All our clubs and societies are free, and include anime, beekeeping, circus, cycling, dance, drama, feminism, film making, hiking, journalism, music, origami, photography, SOAS Radio, SOAS Spirit newspaper, taekwondo, vegetarian, ventures and yoga. There is also a wide range of religious, cultural and political societies.

Enough is Enough

'Enough is Enough' is an SU initiative that aims to tackle potential gender-based violence on campus through consent training workshops, events and online campaigns. All new students are required to take part in Enough is Enough. If you have any questions, or would like to get involved, please email: enoughisenough@soas.ac.uk



Academic excellence

We're immensely proud of our global reputation and our lively environment, where curious minds come to debate, discover and develop.

Our respected academics, alumni and current students are shaping thinking and policy around the economic, political, cultural, security and religious challenges in society. Unravelling pressing issues such as human rights, migration, identity, legal systems, poverty, religion, and social change through a non-Western lens, our programmes offer the scope to explore your passions – and build the capability, confidence and understanding of contemporary issues to make a meaningful impact on a multicultural world.

Curriculum Review
Undergraduate programmes are being refreshed, with a new curricula set to be launched in September 2021. Programmes will be carefully curated, with a mixture of compulsory modules and recommended options. Students will be able to study languages alongside their degree, if they wish; and to select some modules outside of their department. Study skills, critical thinking and employability will be embedded into programmes, giving students the best possible preparation for success. Students will study during two semesters each year and leave SOAS with a degree and experience reflecting the university's unique identity and values.

QS 2020 World University Rankings

- Global Top 50 for Arts and Humanities
- 10 subjects among the world's top 100
- 6 subjects among the world's top 50

Top ranking subjects include:

- 6th in the world for Development Studies
- 13th in the world for Anthropology
- 18th in the world for Politics
- 45th in the world for History

Other notable awards

- Top 20 European institution in the QS rankings and a top 20 UK institution in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking for Arts and Humanities.
- Silver ranking in the Teaching Excellence Framework 2018.
- 3rd in the world in the 2019 THE University Impact Rankings for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal "Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions".
- Top 10 courses in The Complete University Guide 2020 include our South Asian and South East Asian Studies; and Middle Eastern and African Studies.

5th

In the UK for teacher-student ratio*

x5

The proportion of international students is around five times the national average



Live and study in the best student city in the world: London

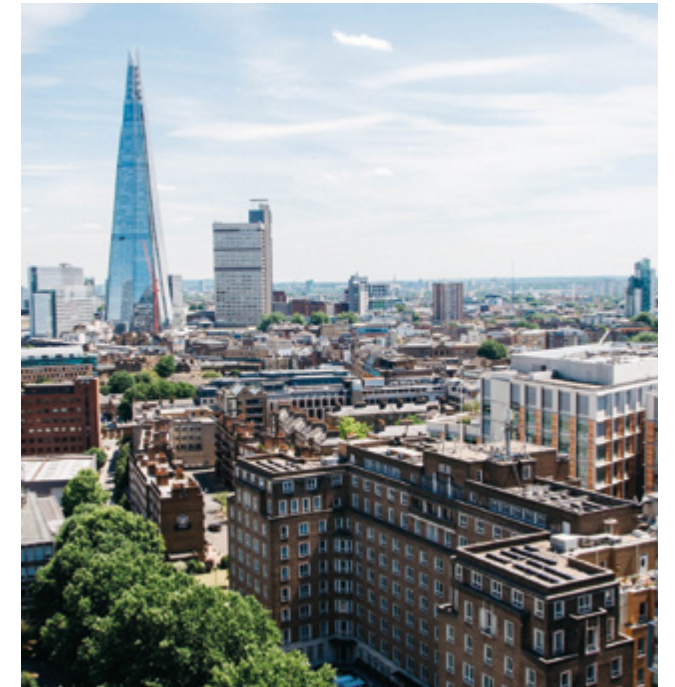
There's nowhere better to be a student than London. And SOAS is right at its heart.

London is home to influential graduate employers – and with 350,000+ students, there are more international students here than any other city. Over 100,000 in fact, from more than 200 countries. With as many as 300 languages spoken, the capital is a colourful fusion of cultures – and never dull, whatever your budget:

- More than 170 museums, many being free.
- Iconic art galleries.
- Legendary nightlife.
- Student Central access.
- NUS extra card for hundreds of discounts.

We're close to several Underground stations (you'll be eligible for 30% off Transport for London (TFL) travelcards and passes), and London has six major airports too.

► www.studentcentral.london

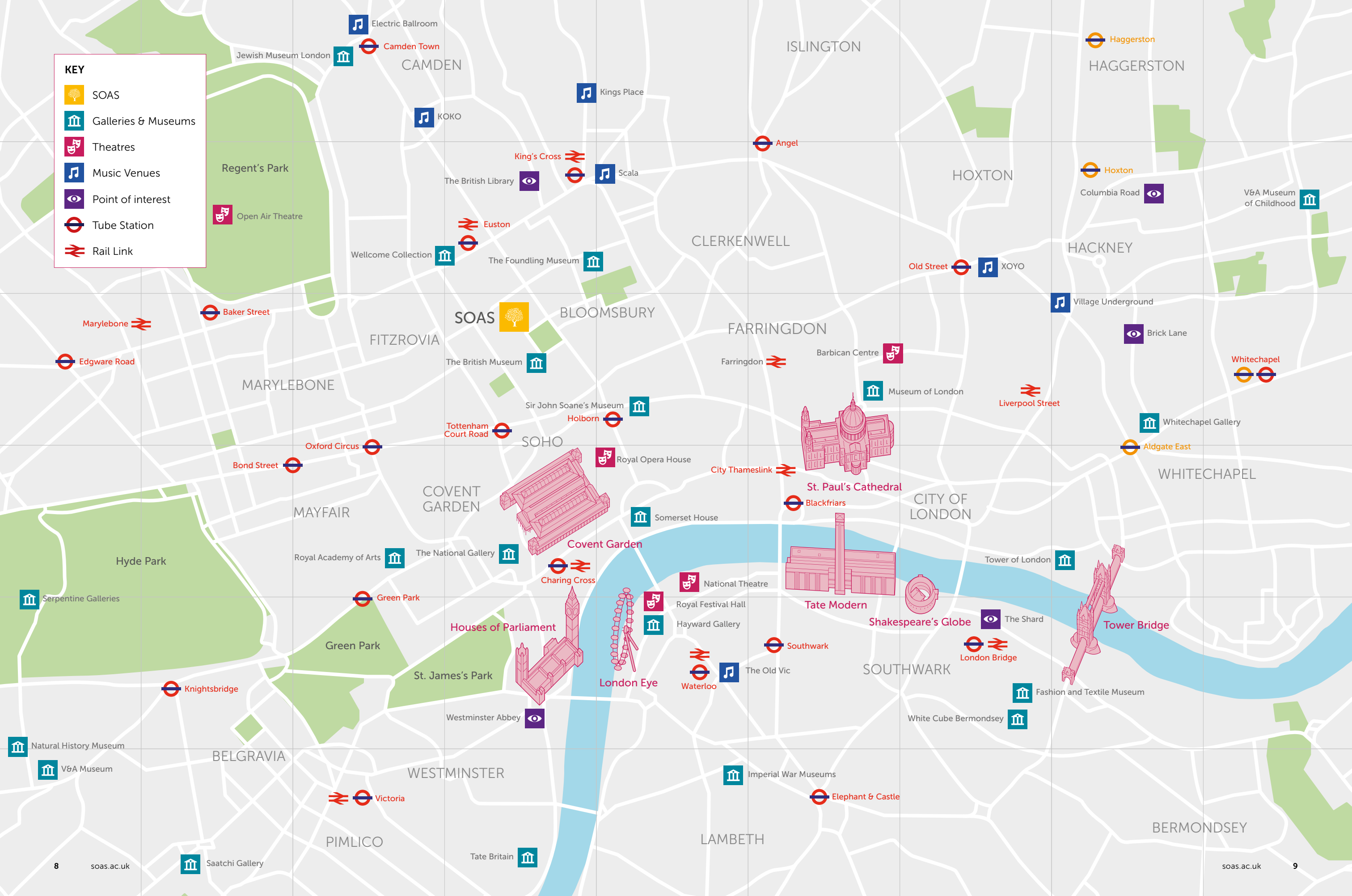


350,000

Students in London

KEY

- SOAS
- Galleries & Museums
- Theatres
- Music Venues
- Point of interest
- Tube Station
- Rail Link



Our campus

SOAS is a place for people with an interest in global issues, who want to gain a more profound understanding of the world, whilst having their assumptions challenged – alongside a diverse student body that does too.



Located in cosmopolitan Bloomsbury, our Russell Square campus is at the heart of it all. It has everything you need – including the warm atmosphere our students tell us makes SOAS feel like a home away from home.

The Paul Webley Wing

The Paul Webley Wing in our iconic Senate House building is home to the Weston Student Hub, which is your first port of call for any enquiries related to study, accommodation, course registration, student finance, careers and enterprise. You'll also find state-of-the-art formal and informal learning facilities, various student meeting spaces, cafés and breakout spaces.

Eating and entertainment

A large refectory and several coffee shops mean you'll be well catered for. In our lively Students' Union, you'll also find a popular bar, and a shop selling snacks, stationery and other essentials. A tree-lined pedestrianised area, our precinct links several buildings, and is often the scene of impromptu music performances, alfresco food, and lively debate.

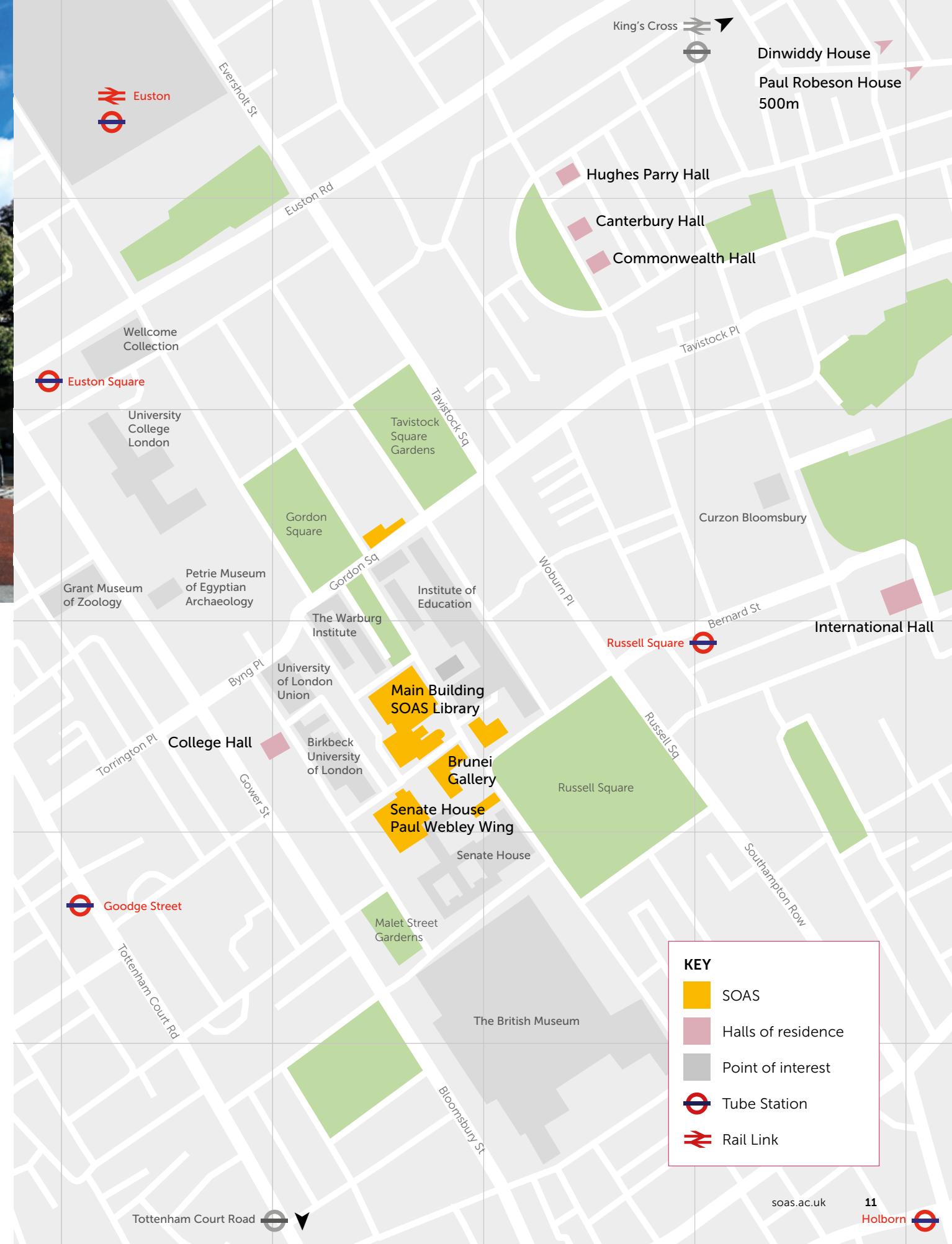
Library and lecture theatres

The SOAS Library houses over 1.3 million volumes, and provides quiet study spaces, as well as printing, photocopying and scanning facilities. We also have five lecture theatres:

- Khalili Lecture Theatre – Main Building
- Kamran Djam Lecture Theatre – Main Building
- Alumni Lecture Theatre – Paul Webley Wing
- Wolfson Lecture Theatre – Paul Webley Wing
- Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre - Brunei Gallery

Other facilities

We have open-access computer labs, and specialist multimedia, AV, video, music and language labs. Multimedia and IT training is available, and every student has their own account with email, 2GB storage, and WiFi. SOAS is also home to two exhibition areas: the Brunei Gallery, hosting changing contemporary and historical exhibitions from Asia, Africa and the Middle East; and the smaller Wolfson Gallery within the SOAS Library.



KEY

- SOAS
- Halls of residence
- Point of interest
- Tube Station
- Rail Link

A world-class library

The SOAS Library is one of the world's most important academic resources for the study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Our library is at the heart of our School – and attracts scholars from all over the world. Providing unrivalled information resources, services and systems, it further strengthens our standing as a leading international centre of excellence for research, learning and teaching.

Our resources are always expanding, with an ever-growing digital library complementing more than 1.3 million printed volumes and a major collection of archives, manuscripts and rare books.

We actively source materials in the languages of Asia, Africa and the Middle East, and Western European language materials relating to those regions. Collections on global concepts such as migration and diaspora, gender, food studies, film, media, financial management, law, international politics and diplomacy are also covered, to inform, illuminate and inspire the global focus of our students and staff. It offers:

- Various study environments, including silent and group areas.
- More than 40,000 electronic journals, 100,000 eBooks and 100 research databases.
- Extensive archival collections, manuscripts and rare books relating to Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the South Pacific, and Australasia.
- Wide-ranging training sessions, delivered by experts.
- Additional facilities for students with disabilities.

As one of only five National Research Libraries in the UK designated by HEFCE, our library also enjoys extra funding to support UK higher education research in Asian, African and Middle Eastern studies.

Opening times

Monday – Friday, 8am – 11:30pm
Saturday/Sunday, 10:30am – 11:30pm

► www.soas.ac.uk/library

1,000+

Seats for readers

3km

Of archives
and manuscripts

The Brunei Gallery

SOAS has its very own respected gallery right here on campus, hosting an exciting programme of international exhibitions and events.

For more than 25 years, The Brunei Gallery has presented stunning artworks and events that reflect the diverse subjects and regions being studied at SOAS. It's a rich source of inspiration and information, allowing our students to get close to some truly influential concepts and craftsmanship.

Dedicated to promoting a better understanding of the art, culture, history and contemporary contexts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East, it's convenient too – sitting opposite the main SOAS building.

Visiting and permanent collections

The galleries have exhibition space on three floors which can be used combined to present major exhibitions, or independently for smaller projects.

We also have our own collections of art and artefacts, which are managed by the gallery and used for study and teaching. A selection of these collections is on rotating display or themed to relate to key temporary exhibitions in the Foyle Special Collection Gallery.

Many exhibitions have provided the first opportunity for artists, collections and exhibitors, including those working with non-governmental organisations and charities, to be shown in this country.

Opening times

Open: Tuesday – Saturday, 10.30am – 5pm (late night Thursday until 8pm).

Closed: Sundays, Mondays and Bank Holidays.

Admission: FREE.

► www.soas.ac.uk/gallery



Images from the 2020 exhibition 'Ancient Vessels', a joint project between SOAS and the Museum of East Asian Art, Bath.

12+

Exhibitions a year

Accommodation

Finding a place to live in London can be confusing. But don't worry - we provide all the help you need, including a dedicated Housing Adviser to offer information, advice and support.



Halls of residence

We offer a range of catered and self-catered rooms, studios and flats. These start at £151.93 per week, going on to our most common room type at £171.67 and up to £298.58 per week at Urbanest St. Pancras. Once you have firmly accepted a place at SOAS, we will send you information about applying for accommodation.

We've a range of halls, some with a mix of students at other London universities, some SOAS only – all within 20-30 minutes' walk of our Bloomsbury campus and near to transport links. We also have rooms with the University of London Intercollegiate Halls, with the option of catering and starting from £162.83 for a single room.

Private rented accommodation

Privately rented accommodation can offer more privacy, independence and, depending on location, value for money than halls of residence. Rent varies from £110.00 to £300.00 per week, plus bills. We can also help you to rent privately, through our housing events from May to October, one-to-one support, contract checks and house hunting resources.

Student Homes

Student Homes are houses and flats leased by the University of London and sublet to SOAS students, guaranteeing a good quality, well-managed property starting from £145 per week plus bills. Student Homes can be booked from outside the UK, with no need for viewing.

► www.studenthomes.london.ac.uk

Students with families

If you're moving with a family or partner, there are family-friendly studios and flats available in SOAS halls of residence, and with housing associations, privately run halls and privately rented accommodation. Our website has more information.

Accessibility

We have accessible rooms in most of our hall options. Please email for advice and assistance.

Contact

For more information contact:

- Disability Advisors: disabilities@soas.ac.uk
- SOAS Housing Adviser: accommodation@soas.ac.uk

► www.soas.ac.uk/accommodation

Study abroad

With such a diverse community in the heart of London, we offer students a uniquely rich environment in which to study, develop and live alongside people from different countries, communities and cultures.

However, we understand the importance of experiencing these regions first hand, to see the challenges, breathe in the air and get a true feel for what life is like there as a local.

That's why more than 40% of our degree programmes offer you the chance to spend a year studying a language in another country. This normally involves at least half of your modules being in language study.

Our partners

We currently have exceptional links with study partners in:

- China
- Egypt
- India
- Indonesia
- Israel
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Palestinian Territories
- South Korea
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Vietnam



While I had always liked learning Japanese and studying languages, trying to make friends using a newly-acquired second language makes the learning process so much more meaningful. Going to Japan not as a tourist, but a would-be member of society, I finally experienced a culture I had only previously observed through media and the internet. On one hand, I felt that Japan really was like a living, breathing anime. However, its culture was so complex and nuanced that many of my ideas about Japan before coming were completely blown away.

Isabella Lau
4th Year, BA Japanese



40%

Of degree programmes offer a year abroad

A global alumni network

After graduating, you'll join a distinguished community and global network of over 53,000 SOAS alumni across 190 countries. Wherever life takes you, stay connected through our alumni family.

On our dedicated alumni website, you'll enjoy access to alumni benefits, careers information, news and events across the globe.

► www.soasworld.org

You can also find out more about notable alumni from a community that includes:

- Former Turkish prime minister, **Bülent Ecevit**
- British MP, **Catherine West**
- TV comedian, **Dom Joly**
- Director of V&A East, **Gus Casely-Hayford**
- Previous director of BBC News, **James Harding**
- Crown Princess of Norway, **Mette-Marit**
- England national rugby player, **Maro Itoje**
- Singer and civil rights activist, **Paul Robeson**
- Former President of Ghana, **John Atta Mills**

Events

Receive invitations to SOAS events taking place on campus and around the world, including lectures, exhibitions, social gatherings and guest presentations.

Professional networking

Benefit from the professional knowledge and experience of other SOAS alumni, as well as continued access to career services, alumni mentoring and our alumni LinkedIn groups.

International alumni

We've hosted events in over 120 global cities. If you're returning home or travelling abroad during or after your studies at SOAS, you can get in touch with your regional alumni group – a valuable resource for social and professional networking.

Philanthropy at SOAS

Our generous alumni provide valuable financial support to the next generation of students through scholarships, the SOAS Library, hardship grants and entrepreneurial student projects.

In the news

Stay connected with news from in and around SOAS with dedicated e-bulletins and event invitations. Follow SOAS Alumni on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

190

Countries SOAS students have reached



Fatima Zaman,
BA Politics, 2014
CVE Advocate at
the Kofi Annan
Foundation



SOAS is home and it will always be the place where I was able to explore the concept of identity. I arrived here when I was 18, wanting something very heterodox, very vibrant and very rich – and it didn't disappoint. And I received a scholarship to study here, so I'm just incredibly grateful for everything SOAS has done for me in terms of my education and development of my character."

A SOAS education is highly valued and well respected by employers.

Fatima studied a BA Politics degree, and was a student ambassador, and President of the United Nations society. She was recently recognised at The Asian Women of Achievement Awards for her work with the Kofi Annan Foundation, helping to prevent girls from becoming radicalised.



The best thing about being a lawyer is the intellectual challenge. You're constantly required to think outside the box. People see you as a resource of information and ideas. Your client will be on the phone to you and, as their lawyer, you need to be able to provide answers quickly.

Studying at SOAS has been instrumental to my career. The knowledge I acquired has given me the opportunity to approach transactions from a broader perspective.

A lot of the deals we work on are very international, and a lot of the clients we work with are multicultural, so there are different cultural expectations. Coming from an institution like SOAS, where you are always learning about different regions and legal systems and seeing how they are able to interact, has been very useful to me.



Onyema Ugorji,
LLB, 2010
Associate, Walkers

Careers support and advice

A job. An internship. Further study. Our Careers Service can help you, whether you know what you want to do after graduation – or whether you are still deciding.

Our education can equip you with the knowledge and skills to be successful in the career you want. Our careers service can help you to identify, apply for and secure it.

- Online resources include our website, tailored emails, our intranet 'MySOAS Student', and 'CareersZONE' – a site dedicated to careers events, curated jobs, internships and volunteering opportunities.
- Events including skills sessions, careers fairs, careers-themed weeks, and events with employers such as The Red Cross, Teach First, Water Aid, PwC and the Civil Service.



- Alumni panel events are very popular, where SOAS graduates share their career paths, inspire ideas and help you explore unexpected career options.
- Regular workshops on key topics such as decision making, job applications and social media.
- We know how useful internships are: we offer guidance and advice about finding an internship, and only promote paid opportunities for our students. Our internships manager runs weekly drop-in sessions too.
- Application support such as one-to-one careers advice on the application process, including CVs, covering letters and practice interviews.
- Volunteering opportunities available in the UK and abroad.
- Further study support means you can talk to our careers consultants or attend events on what doing a Masters or PhD involves, funding, applications and more.
- Part-time or temporary work to help you gain vital skills, as well as an income. Opportunities are posted on CareersZONE alongside other vacancy sources.
- Not sure what to do next? We can help you pinpoint a firm and fresh direction, plan your next step, research options, get relevant experience, access resources and develop your CV.

Visit the Careers Service

Once you start, come and visit us in room SL62 in the Paul Webley Wing or make an appointment to talk to a careers consultant. You can also get in touch with us now on:

T: +44 (0)20 7898 4115

E: careers@soas.ac.uk

Support services

We pride ourselves on providing a friendly and stimulating environment for everyone, and helping to make your SOAS experience warm, welcoming, and healthy.

Our support services are your safety net, and on-hand for everyone:

Finance, immigration and accommodation

We can provide impartial, confidential advice on non-academic issues such as visas, immigration, finance, accommodation, childcare, benefits and money management.

Wellbeing

Our professionally trained counsellors can offer confidential support, groups and workshops, as well as online support.

Mental health and mentoring

We can offer specialist support and mentoring to students who may be struggling to manage their wellbeing or mental health.

Learning advice

Our learning advisors offer support and advice on specific learning differences, including dyslexia, dyspraxia, AD(H)D and dyscalculia – as well as other disabilities or issues such as depression, anxiety and procrastination.

Disability advisors

We can offer information, advice and support, as well as negotiate adjustments to exam arrangements and library services, loan equipment such as digital recorders and laptops with specialist software, and create study inclusion plans which make staff aware of recommended adjustments.

Accessibility

The majority of SOAS buildings are accessible for wheelchair users and we can change timetables to ensure all rooms are accessible to students unable to use stepped access. There is also some Braille and tactile signage.

Contact

T: +44 (0)20 7074 5015

E: studentadviceandwellbeing@soas.ac.uk

E: disabilities@soas.ac.uk

🐦 [@SOASWellbeing](https://twitter.com/SOASWellbeing)

Widening participation

We believe everyone should have the chance to realise their potential. That's why we ensure our doors remain firmly open to people from all walks of life.

Widening participation outreach

Our interactive sessions in schools and colleges are designed to help young people explore their options, especially students from backgrounds that aren't well represented in higher education. These sessions are helping to increase ambition, attainment, and accessibility to university, and include:

- Taster days for primary school children.
- Our Year 12 Step On programme focused on languages.
- Our two-year 'SOAS Scholars: Thinking Globally!' project for sixth-formers.
- Outreach with adults returning to education.

Discover more at:

➤ soas.ac.uk/widening-participation/outreach or email: wpteam@soas.ac.uk

Financial support

Students with financial challenges and a household income of less than £25,000 can apply for financial awards:

- The SOAS Bursary consists of £4,500 over the duration of your degree (£1,500 cash a year, excluding language years abroad).
- Hardship funds for students experiencing unexpected financial difficulties.
- Scholarships are covered in more detail at: ➤ soas.ac.uk/registry/scholarships



The aim is to enable students with potential to succeed at SOAS – irrespective of social, financial or personal circumstances.

For up to date information (including eligibility), please visit:

➤ soas.ac.uk/registry/funding/bursaries or email: funding@soas.ac.uk

Bridging courses

We offer two free, week-long bridging courses designed to enable people to settle in and make the best possible start at SOAS. These courses are for:

- Students who are the first in their family to go to university or grew up in an area where there is low progression to higher education, or;
- Mature students who are 21 and over.

For more information (including eligibility), visit:

➤ soas.ac.uk/widening-participation/courses

Scholarships

Curious minds shouldn't be hemmed in by financial barriers. That's why we offer a range of scholarships and awards to support undergraduate students.

Naturally, the application for these is competitive, and based on academic merit. But we can offer the support you need to give you the best possible chance of success.

- The Undergraduate SOAS Academic Excellence Scholarship is designed for new undergraduate students with outstanding academic performance.
- Sanctuary Scholarships have inclusivity at their heart. Two of our alumni, Amira Rady and Holly Buck, started a campaign to make education more accessible. With the incredible support of our wider alumni community, the first seven Sanctuary Scholars started their journey with us in September 2017.
- SOAS Bursary: We believe strongly that all students should have the opportunity to fulfill their potential. The SOAS Bursary offers additional financial support for students with the greatest need.

Find out more:

► soas.ac.uk/registry/scholarships/

£5,000

Fee waiver
(first year only)*

Academic Excellence Scholarship
(first year only)*



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SOAS Bursaries
awarded 2019/20

Muhammad was born in Syria into a liberal Kurdish family. After the outbreak of civil war, he was forced to leave, along with an estimated 5.8m others. In late 2015, after a long, risky journey, he sought refuge in the UK. Then in 2017, he was accepted onto our MA Translation course. For Muhammad, translation provides a method through which he can "pass on an accurate and true picture of vulnerable people in the Middle East and the world."

At SOAS, Muhammad received a Sanctuary Scholarship. "Scholarships are vital because life can sometimes be unjust for people who need our help. There will always be good times and bad ones, but I must thank Sanctuary Scholarships for making my life full of pleasure again. Sanctuary Scholarship was a new start for my life. It meant that no matter how hard life is, good-hearted people were by my side." Since starting his course Muhammad has begun to look to the future. "With an MA in Translation, I will help as many fellow Syrians and Kurds as possible to communicate and give a positive view of our tolerance towards other people in the world. One day, I will go back home and help rebuild Syria."



Muhammad Issa
Sanctuary
Scholarship

SOAS Stories

Above all else, we are an intimate single community: one that celebrates diversity and is respectful and tolerant.



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SOAS Stories

Emmanuel Adringa BA Development Studies and Politics

Emmanuel had some big questions about the shape of Africa today, and knew that studying at SOAS could help to secure its future.

I'm from the Ivory Coast and growing up, I could see challenges, and how politics is affecting everyone. I wanted to improve people's lives. And gain the knowledge I need to do that.

It made me question a lot of things.

As a high school student, I looked at African countries – a continent that's the wealthiest in terms of natural resources, but has some of the poorest countries. Why are some countries so rich? Why is the population rising at an amazing rate? People are willing to study hard, so why is the continent still struggling with poverty? Something was lacking in leadership. And the answer is in politics and development. So, for me to be an effective agent of change, I needed an understanding of them. In a world that's ever changing, the future is no longer sustainable. If we want to survive, things need to change.

The staff are leading thinkers, and as diverse as the students.

There's no agenda at SOAS – it's not Eurocentric or generalised. There's an emphasis here on context, and seeing the African continent from a different perspective. I've been taught by British, African, Indian, Canadian, and Latin American people. The world is neither black nor white. It's blue, green, purple, silver. If you take a narrow, reductionist view, this can lead to conflict. So, the broader your perspectives, the better you see the world.

Be open minded.

Everything is challenged at SOAS! My first day though, I felt I'd been here my entire life. It's so easy to access London, and full of memories, friendly people... whatever you need.



I'm planning on doing a Masters too, either in Diplomatic Studies or Politics. I want to focus on policy development, ideally in Africa. Eventually, I plan to go back to my country as a full-time politician. It's entirely realistic, because of what I'm studying here at SOAS.





SOAS Stories

Aisha Seriki

BA Global Liberal Arts

Sanctuary Scholar Aisha describes what has made her SOAS experience so rewarding.

I've always wanted to study at SOAS. The global aspects of the modules, the chance to learn about all different things in the world and because SOAS doesn't take the Eurocentric model. I also knew it would give me freedom and flexibility. SOAS has definitely met my expectations.

I wouldn't be at SOAS without their support.

Even though I moved to the UK from Nigeria when I was eight, it meant I wasn't eligible for student finance. And I just couldn't pay for it all. But because of amazing support from alumni, SOAS and students – both financially and with my application – I was awarded a Sanctuary Scholarship. As I'd always wanted to go to SOAS, it just seemed right. Everything worked out.

It feels like home.

The location of the campus and my student halls makes me so happy. It's so central. Living in halls gives me that 'student experience' and helps me meet loads of people from different places. SOAS is somewhere for people who are interested in global issues and learning new things. They're genuinely kind, and positive, and help in so many ways. When I was looking for unis, I wanted that support. I wanted somewhere smaller, and a relationship with lecturers who knew me. Here, I see people I know all the time. It's like a little bubble, and inspires me to be better.

My advice is throw yourself in the deep end. There are lots of student societies, for example. There's a social side to it, as well as being part of a group of people who want to change the world!



Come to an open day and see what SOAS is about. Everyone's nice – don't be scared! Be open to chatting to new people. The connections you make here will be really beneficial. People are doing all sorts of cool things. You never know what you'll find.



SOAS Stories

Gavin Alexander BA International Relations and History

Gavin knows his degree is only half the story. He's also using his time at SOAS to make an impact on issues that matter to him.

I did debating at school and Africa and the Middle East came up a lot. It made me wonder... why hadn't I learnt them at school? Why were we only looking at Nazi Germany, and not the colonisation of Africa? I wanted to look into the background of countries I'd not studied before, and it led to a Summer School and Law Masterclass at SOAS.

There are lots of campaigns to get involved in.

I'm helping to close the racial attainment gap through a movement called Bridging The Gap that's creating a course for African diaspora students – looking at content, how to teach it, and how to engage people. I'm also running a series of Panel Discussions, on things like representations of black people, sexual racism and mental health.

Through campaigning, SOAS students have even helped to stop deportations, and save green space that was set to be developed on. They're things I can't imagine happening anywhere else. The fact these campaigns are in such rich abundance is amazing.

The facilities are incredible.

Other places don't offer the texts we have in our library. The Brunei Gallery is amazing too. It's literally at my uni and hosts loads of cool exhibitions. We also have access to the British Museum up the road – I've even had a couple of history classes in there!

People here are inquisitive and don't take things at face value.

If you're willing to question the stuff you know, you'll enjoy SOAS. It's not about regurgitating facts. Take music. It's not just music. You also study the culture, and where it comes from. Language isn't just language. It's learning about the food, and the culture. You delve more into a subject. SOAS is so unique, you need to make the most of the opportunities.



It's not just doing a degree. It's about those experiences. I'm not just learning about different things that have happened in the world and different crises going on now. I'm supporting people and doing something about them.





SOAS Stories

Zoha Rahman

LLB Law alumna

Zoha graduated in Law in 2017, but now she's leveraging her SOAS experience to raise the bar for diversity in the film industry.

SOAS could offer courses and modules nowhere else could. Then when I visited the campus, I just knew I wanted to be there. I really enjoyed my law degree, but my passion has always been acting. So for me, gaining the qualification itself wasn't everything. It was about the experience. I knew SOAS would help me grow as a person. There are protests, talks, events, societies... you learn something new every day. I was quite shy. But because SOAS is more compact and there's always something going on, it's easy to get involved and make friends.

You can go on to do whatever you want.

University doesn't have to be about what you thought. Learning transferable skills, extra-curricular activities, the people you meet, the inclusivity – they're all important to your experience. My advice would be to embrace the SOAS spirit. Enjoy your Freshers' Week! Get involved in different societies. Be open to what comes your way. Being here will help to broaden your horizons. So, have the confidence to speak up about your values – there'll be someone else here who shares them.

I want to become the first Muslim female actor to win an Oscar.

I'm working on it! I've already been in films – including the latest in the Spider-Man franchise. In fact, I was the first featured hijab-wearing person in a Marvel movie. Being at SOAS gave me that strength to speak out about diversity and have the platform I have today. It enabled me to dig much deeper into those cultural norms. When you learn why something has happened, you can start to change it.



It was a comfortable environment, and I could see people of all cultures, ages and backgrounds. It seemed very inclusive. And when I started, I was right. It was more than the people though – there was a real diversity of thought there too.



SOAS Stories

Dr. Richard Williams

Lecturer in Ethnomusicology

Richard loves teaching a passionate community of students that is both incredibly diverse, whilst sharing a broad global outlook.

SOAS had been a dream destination of mine long before I started teaching here. Since I research Indian music and South Asian cultural history, there really is no better setting for my work. Everyone comes here for a reason and this creates a really strong sense of community: we all take it for granted that the world is a very large place and worth exploring with an open mind and a willingness to challenge our own assumptions. When I visit other universities and say I teach Indian classical singing or Urdu poetry, I'm often faced with surprise. By contrast, there is nothing unusual about wanting to explore these deep and rich subjects at SOAS.

It feels like a cosy village within a very large city.

I'm particularly struck by the advantages of the scale of SOAS. We are a small community, but far from parochial: my students come from all around the world, from Chile to Japan, and even everyday conversations in class can turn into eye-opening exchanges, enriched by personal and global insights.

My students reap the benefits of some exceptional facilities.

These include a state-of-the-art recording studio, a radio station, an internationally-renowned museum gallery, and an extremely eclectic musical instrument collection. Most of our visitors ask to see our gamelan – a percussive ensemble from Southeast Asia – but often end up entranced by the koras from Mali or the Korean kayakeums.

As a lecturer, I relish learning something new every day, just by hearing what my colleagues and students are working on, from Cambodian sculpture to popular music in the Congo.



SOAS is a genuinely unique institution, and we offer courses that you simply will not find anywhere else. I recommend coming here with a very open mind and finding your own path through the world as seen by SOAS.





SOAS Stories

Dr. Sian Hawthorne Senior Lecturer – Philosophy, Religion and Politics

Sian studied at SOAS as an undergraduate, then as a postgraduate, and is now a senior lecturer here. Read what sets SOAS apart for her.

I was offered jobs elsewhere, but SOAS was more cutting edge. The student body is very open and the level of discussion is much deeper. It's a really lively campus, and the lack of hierarchy between students and staff lends itself to a better environment – one where I'm always challenged. Everyone benefits. Students have a huge amount of input in how I think about things. They'll say something that provokes or gives a different perspective.

I find graduations incredibly moving.

I often sit on the stage to see my students graduate. They may come from difficult backgrounds, so then to see them triumph with a huge smile on their face and making their families proud, is such a moving thing. I keep in touch with lots of students from across the globe. They're making a difference in the world. It helps me see what's possible. Not just talking about ideas, but seeing the real-life application of what we learn about. Everything in the classroom affects what you do outside it. It's part of what makes our students highly employable.

The SOAS Library is special.

There's nothing like it anywhere in the world. The Student Union is a jewel too. There's so much going on, with workshops, seminars, and music events. SOAS is quite small, so there are lots of opportunities to meet. There's a collegial feel, and staff aren't distant to students. Everyone's much more connected. My advice is to visit the campus, and don't feel you can't approach or email people. You can get a feel for whether it's the right place for you by talking to people. Just ask!

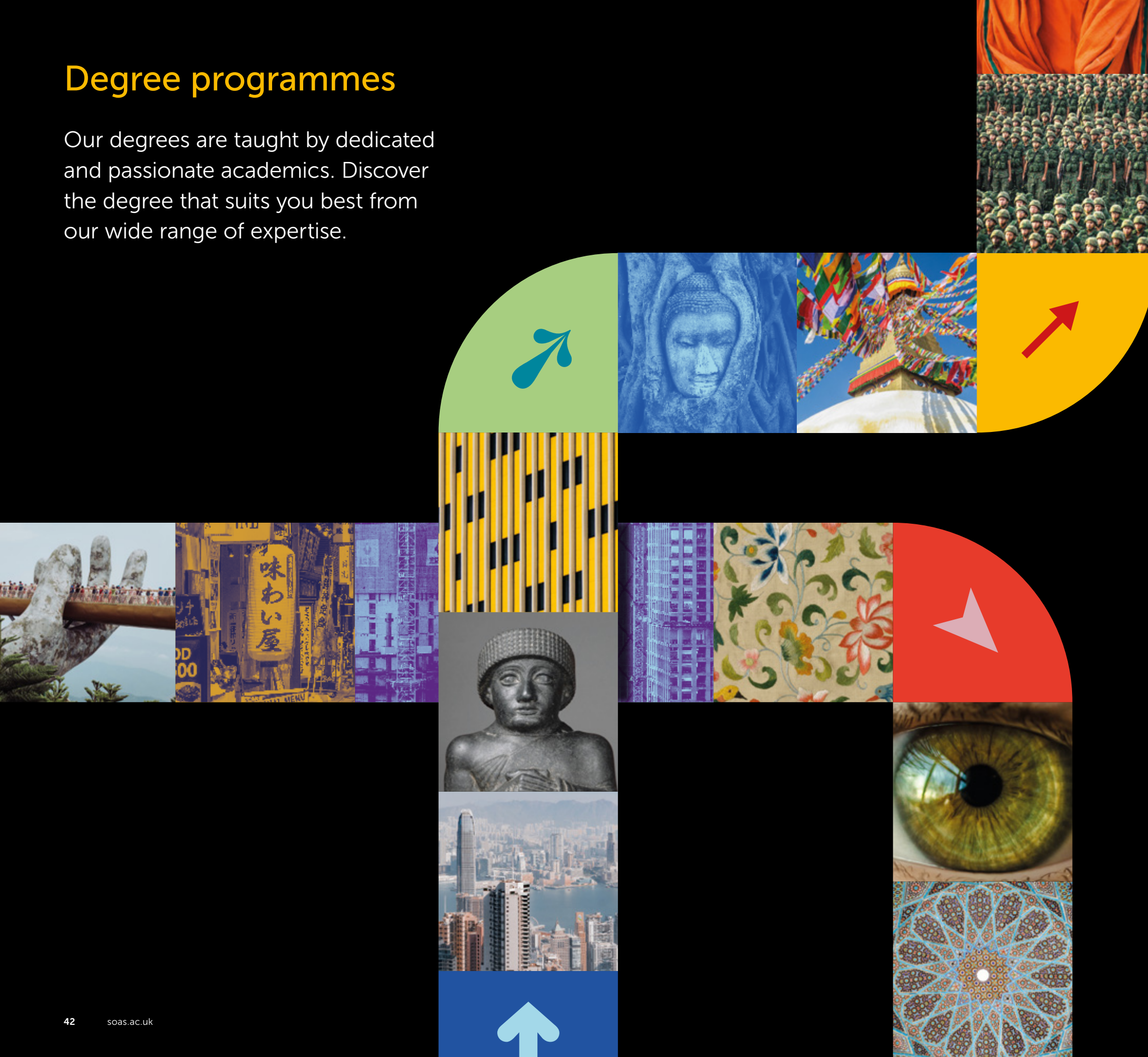


If you're interested in the wider world, different cultures and new ways of looking at things, come to SOAS. I'm proud that people are impressed I work here. As SOAS is considered a world leader, it really marks you out if you've been there. It's an accolade.



Degree programmes

Our degrees are taught by dedicated and passionate academics. Discover the degree that suits you best from our wide range of expertise.



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Africa

Study an African language with teaching staff who have unrivalled expertise, first-hand experience, and an infectious passion for their subject.

Learn from the very best, as you study a fascinating African language of your choice, including Swahili, Zulu, and Yorùbá. This will open the door for you to gain a richer understanding of the diverse cultures of Africa, such as literature in English and African languages, as well as African film and philosophy. Our aim is for you to develop a breadth of knowledge and new perspectives. That's why we also offer a choice of options from an unparalleled range of other disciplines, such as religious studies, anthropology, art, archaeology, performance, and history. By the end of your programme, you'll be delighted at your language fluency, inspired by the diverse African culture, and poised for success in a range of careers or further study options.

Courses:

- BA African Studies
- BA African Studies and... (see pages 88-89)

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies)
- IB:35 (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- The practical skills of careful listening and acquiring languages.
- The intellectual skills of examining and evaluating cultures and theories.
- Highly employable skills such as being able to confidently research, analyse, communicate and solve problems in a range of scenarios.

Potential careers:

- Company director
- Editor
- Expedition Planning Manager
- Head of Corporate Governance
- Journalist
- Publisher

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/africa

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Global Top 100

For Languages*

Anthropology and Sociology

Help to change the world, by gaining a deep understanding of its cultures, communities and complexities.

Join one of the UK's most respected social and cultural anthropology departments, and benefit from the world-class expertise of our anthropologists – all focused on widening your horizons. Learning from experts in Asian, African and Middle Eastern cultures, you'll gain a broad education in anthropology, an infectious curiosity about the world and the tools you need to engage with urgent global issues. Developing alongside academics and students who are passionate about social justice and climate change, you'll grow at the heart of a like-minded, international community.

Flexibly structuring your course through a wide choice of compelling modules, including languages, you'll thrive on an interesting blend of theory-based teaching, with practical and research-led elements too.

Courses:

- BA Social Anthropology
- BA Social Anthropology and... (see pages 88-89)

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies)
- IB:35 (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- Knowledge of anthropological concepts, data collection methods and analysis.
- Understanding of the peoples, cultures and societies of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.
- Lateral thinking, critical reasoning, research and presentation skills.

Potential careers:

- Cultural Organisations
- Government and Civil Service
- Humanitarian Organisations
- International Aid and Development
- Journalism and Media
- Museums, Heritage and Tourism
- Social Research

More information:

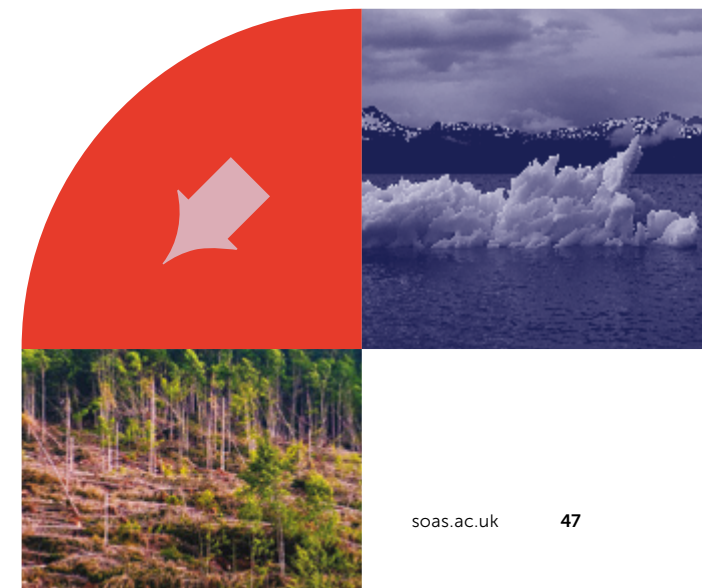
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13TH

In the world for Anthropology*



China

Study Chinese languages and cultures on courses that are more thorough, extensive and immersive than anywhere else in the UK.

Our incredibly diverse range of expertise in the languages and literatures in China, Tibet and other Asian regions is unique in the UK. With more than 50 wide-ranging China experts, unrivalled library resources and the country's largest choice of China-related language and discipline modules, you'll lay the best possible foundations for success.

To give you a solid grounding, your first year will be more structured – with greater freedom and a huge choice in the following years. Language modules focus on practical skills, whilst others, such as literature, film and cultural studies, centre more on theory. Chinese is a fascinating language – and one which you'll be able to read, speak, understand and write fluently.

Courses:

- BA Chinese (Modern and Classical)
- BA Chinese and... (see pages 88-89)
- BA Chinese Studies

Duration:

- 4 years (OR)
- 3 years - BA Chinese Studies

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies)
- IB:35 (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

No prior knowledge of Chinese is required.

You'll gain:

- Language, listening, research, communication and critical thinking skills.
- The ability to examine and evaluate cultures and theories.
- Knowledge of language, translation, East Asian civilisations, Chinese-language literatures, cinema, theatre and popular culture.

Potential careers:

- Banking
- Diplomacy
- Marketing
- Publishing
- Teaching
- Translation

More information:

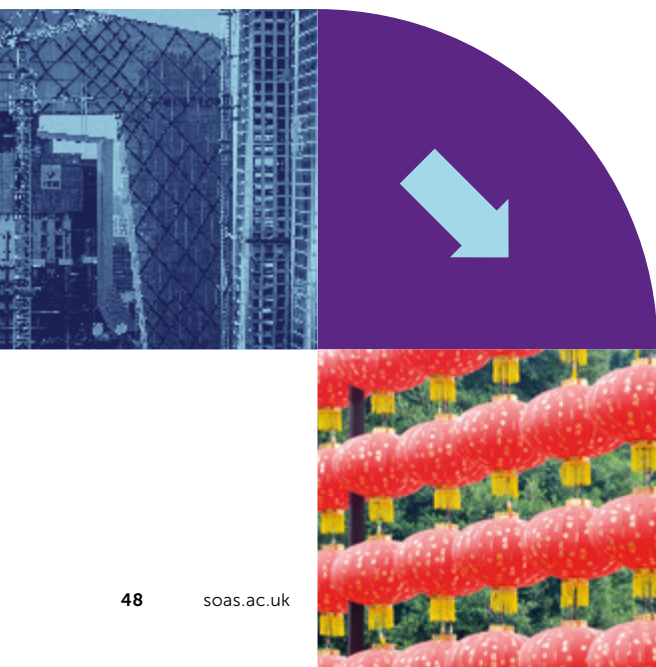
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Global Top 100

For Languages*



Creative Arts

Discover the freedom of creativity across an array of disciplines, underpinned by fascinating theory around global history, society and culture.

Creative Arts here is unique. You'll thrive in a creative environment that offers huge scope to hone your craft, whilst developing the critical thinking, communication and vocational skills needed for a successful career in the creative industries.

We combine a heady mix of theoretical teaching, creative expression and deep subject knowledge – all across your choice of disciplines, styles and regions that include Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The range of modules we offer is exceptional – and rare. Choosing a broad selection of arts, or focusing on one, you'll produce anything from a musical performance, film, podcast or piece of creative writing, to exhibition and festival designs.

Course:

- BA Creative Arts

Duration:

- 3 years

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies)
- IB:35 (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- Knowledge and expertise across disciplines including art history, music, performing arts, film, media, and literature.
- Employable skills and a creative portfolio.
- Exposure to notable academics.
- Work placement opportunities.

Potential careers:

- Auctioneer
- CEO
- Curator
- Fashion designer
- Journalist
- Music producer

More information:

- ▶ soas.ac.uk/soasoas/programmes/ba-creative-arts/



**Global
Top 100**

For Performing Arts*



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Development Studies

International politics, economics, migration, climate change and conflict are all pressing global issues, ever changing – and at the core of our programme.

Focused on power, inequality and change, we do more than support our students to identify some of the biggest challenges facing today's global community. We'll equip you to address them head on, through specialist knowledge, robust policies and nuanced responses. By the time you graduate, you'll have a deep understanding of the causes of social, political and economic transformation around the world. Presenting an authentic and refreshingly global view, we ensure that you are able to critique mainstream and Western theories of development, and crucially, offer alternatives. Here, you'll be informed and inspired by academics with experience of shaping policy, and research in areas such as politics, anthropology, sociology, economics, conflict and the environment – often focused on Africa, Asia or the Middle East.

Courses:

- BA Global Development
- BA Global Development and... (see pages 88-89)

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language

You'll need:

- AAA-AAB (excluding General Studies)
- IB:37 (6/6/6 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- Professional knowledge and experience through innovative learning techniques on campus and online, internships, placements and more.
- The chance to choose 'open option' modules in other departments, including languages.
- The ability to debate contemporary global development and present concepts and arguments.

Potential careers:

- Advocacy
- Humanitarianism
- Human rights
- International development
- Policy
- Research

More information:

- soas.ac.uk/development

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6TH

In the world for Development Studies*



Economics

Study a side to economics you won't find elsewhere, on a programme that will open doors to policy makers, careers, and exciting destinations.

Take a truly global view of economics, by learning from experts in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, a thriving alumni network and students who are as curious as you are. With 96% of our graduates in full-time employment or further study within six months, we're passionate about preparing you for a bright future. It starts with a strong foundation in core economic theory, using a mix of innovative teaching techniques. But what really sets us apart is our position at the forefront of economic research and policy making. It means you'll enjoy a unique choice of modules in policy and applied economics rarely offered at undergraduate level – as well as strong links with alumni in the UK and beyond, in an intimate environment where you'll quickly feel part of our diverse student community.

Courses:

- BA Economics
- BA Economics and... (see pages 88-89)
- BA Politics, Economy and Law
- BSc Development Economics
- BSc Economics
- BSc Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language

You'll need:

- AAA-AAB (excluding General Studies) – with A-Level in Maths or grade 6/B or above in GCSE Maths (OR)
- IB:37 (6/6/6 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- The chance to study abroad over the summer in your 2nd year.
- Critical thinking skills and a global perspective.
- A deep appreciation of global and regional social issues, and how some of these can be resolved.

Potential careers:

- Academia
- Banking
- Civil Service
- Finance
- International development
- Journalism
- Policy

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/economics

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(Decent Work and Economic Growth)



33RD

In the world for
Economics Research*



Finance and Management

Gain a global outlook, regional knowledge and the skills to make an ethical, international impact in the areas of accounting, finance and management.

Business is global. As the only higher education institution in the UK specialising in Asia and Africa, our students develop an international perspective, regional expertise and highly employable skills.

Ranked 14th in the UK and 1st in London for Business and Management*, we're high in the league tables – and at the heart of one of the world's leading financial hubs. From finance, Fintech, management and marketing, to corporate governance and international business strategy, a solid grounding in the fundamentals is just the start. Drawing on expert knowledge of the cultural context of different regions, you'll also gain unrivalled insight into 'big data', digital disruption and business development, tools and technologies around the world. With an informed, fresh outlook on how society's resources are managed, you'll understand business relations between the regions – and how they impact on the global landscape.

Courses:

- BSc Accounting and Finance
Students have been approved to enter straight into the Management level which qualifies them for 8 CIMA exemptions.
- BSc International Management
- BSc International Management (Year Abroad) (regional specialisations on China, Korea, Japan and MENA)
- BSc Management
- BSc International Management and South East Asian Studies

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language

You'll need:

- AAA-BBB, (excluding General Studies)
- IB:33-36 (5/5/5 - 6/6/6 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- An understanding of interactions between China, Japan, Korea, the Middle East and North Africa.
- The ability to question assumptions about international business and differences in regional markets.
- Analytical, statistical, computing, communication and critical thinking skills.

Potential careers:

- Chartered accountant
- Financial analyst
- Global business manager
- Management consultant
- Start-up CEO

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/finance-and-management



1ST

In London for Business and Management*



*Guardian University League Table 2020

Foundation Year

Our Foundation Year programmes are designed to give you an insight into university life, and a solid foundation on which to study at undergraduate level.

Our Foundation Year programmes are designed for students who need additional study before starting their undergraduate degree. This includes students who don't yet have the required grades for direct entry onto an undergraduate programme, or who haven't previously studied the relevant subjects – but need to (not all courses need you to have prior knowledge). These Foundation programmes are a great introduction to university life, giving you an insight into different academic disciplines and equipping you with important skills and knowledge. You'll enjoy an introduction to a wide range of different subjects taught at SOAS, so that once you complete your Foundation Year, you can choose the SOAS undergraduate programme that inspires you most.

Courses:

- BA/BSc Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities with Foundation Year
- BA/BSc Business, Management, Economics & Law with Foundation Year

Duration:

- 1 year full-time

You'll need:

For specific entry requirements, or for general enquiries, email: foundation@soas.ac.uk

You'll gain:

- The skills you need to progress onto undergraduate study, such as the ability to analyse major global themes, conduct research and write your own analysis.
- Numerical, digital and communication skills.
- Cultural awareness, and the ability to plan and deliver a supported study project.

Likely outcomes:

- Progress onto a SOAS undergraduate programme.

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/foundation-years



History

Take a refreshingly broad and unbiased view of the past, to understand the present – and shape a more positive future.

Breaking from convention, our global approach to historical study goes far beyond the West. Our unique expertise means you'll gain a multi-faceted view of history, and deep knowledge of Asia, Africa and the Middle East, the connections between them and their international impact.

We also delve into the practice of historical research itself. Only by looking at how we analyse the past, can we see and solve the problems of the present. So, you'll also explore what needs to change about how we document history to challenge biases today.

Discovering the histories of eastern regions with experts who know the people and places from the inside, you'll start building a global network as part of a diverse student body who bring the world to SOAS.

Courses:

- BA History
- BA History and... (see pages 88-89)
- BA Ancient Near Eastern Studies
- Certificate in Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language
- 1 year - certificate

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies)
- IB:35 (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- An unbiased, broader view of world history, and specialist knowledge of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.
- Full support from academic advisors, from day one.
- The confidence, capability and communication skills to conduct independent research, analysis, and well-supported debates.

Potential careers:

- Consulting
- Copywriting
- Diplomacy
- Law
- Publishing
- Researcher

More information:

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45TH

In the world for History*



History of Art and Archaeology

We challenge convention – and amplify alternative voices to a Eurocentric take on art, archaeology, and architecture.

From ancient times to the present day, you'll enjoy delving into the creative cultures of China, Japan, South Asia, the Middle East and more. Whether performance masquerade in West Africa, the temples of South East Asia, the archaeology of Morocco and Ethiopia, or contemporary art exhibitions and questions of identity in museums, teaching here is broad, bold and bespoke. Offering the choice of more than 40 modules on one course alone, as well as modules from the School of Arts across music, media and the history of art, the variety here is unrivalled. In fact, we're the only university in the world to offer such a range of teaching and concentration of research specialists in these fascinating areas.

Courses:

- BA History of Art
- BA History of Art (Asia, Africa and Europe)
- BA History of Art and Archaeology
- BA History of Art and Archaeology and... (see pages 88-89)

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies)
- IB:35 points (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- A specialist background in Asian and African art.
- The ability to tailor the way you communicate information, arguments and ideas to suit your audience.
- Visual and critical awareness, and strong research skills.

Potential careers:

- Auctioneer
- Editor
- Fashion designer
- Non-profit executive director
- PR
- Project manager

More information:

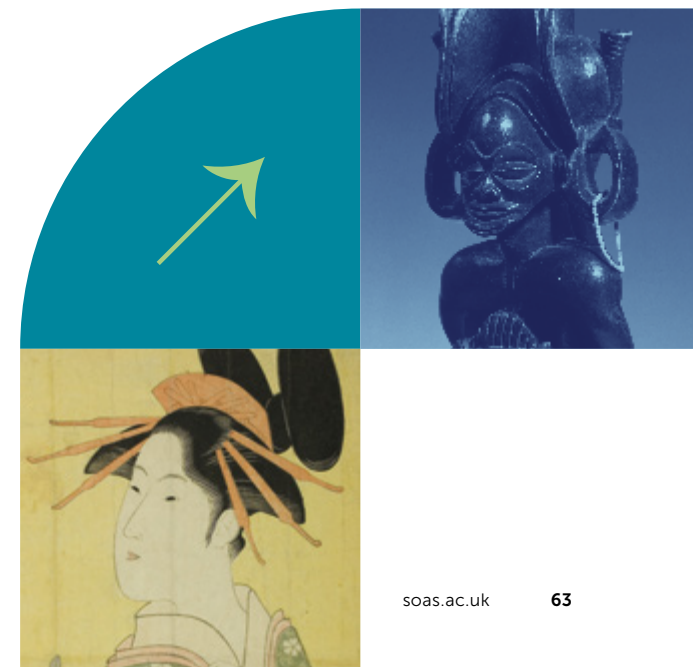
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Global Top 200

For History of Art*



Japan

Immerse yourself in Japan's rich culture, whilst becoming fluent in this fascinating language.

Join the largest collection of Japanese specialists outside of Japan and develop an exceptional command of the Japanese language – underpinned with wide-ranging knowledge of contemporary and historical Japan. Learning how to speak, read and write Japanese to a very high standard, you'll enjoy an engaging mix of innovative modules on the history, society, media, literature and popular culture of the region.

From manga and sushi, to war and history in East Asia, our theory-based discipline modules are wide ranging, engrossing, and taught by celebrated Japanese specialists. In London, you'll have access to the thriving Japan-related culture, including films, talks, theatre, music, restaurants and shops – combined with a year in Japan at a choice of prestigious Japanese partner universities to experience all the country and culture has to offer.

Courses:

- BA Japanese (4 years)
- BA Japanese and... (4 years) (see pages 88-89)
- BA Japanese Studies (3 years)
- BA Japanese Studies and... (see pages 88-89)

Duration:

- BA Japanese Studies and... with a language - 4 years

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies)
- IB:35 (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

No prior knowledge of Japanese is required.

You'll gain:

- Research, writing and critical thinking skills.
- Knowledge of how to move and translate between cultures.
- Strong Japanese language skills, and the option of studying other East Asian languages. (Our students often take top places in the annual Japanese speech contest.)

Potential careers:

- Ambassador
- Financial analyst
- Regional expert
- Research executive
- Teacher
- Translator

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/japankorea

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**Global
Top 100**
For Languages*

Korea

Embrace Korean culture and communication with our experts, and expand your language skills, horizons, and chances of success.

Live and learn Korean life as you become confident in speaking, reading, writing and understanding the beautiful Korean language. Whilst the quality and intensity of our teaching is high, we believe language and linguistics are only half the story. Joining a programme taught by the largest concentration of Korean specialists in Europe, you'll also develop a deep understanding and appreciation of the history, society, literature and popular culture of Korea. Plus, your year abroad spent at a choice of prestigious partner universities in Korea, and time in London surrounded by Korean culture, will help breathe life into theory.

Truly mastering the Korean language and discovering a renewed passion for the country's past and present, this compelling programme will open doors – as well as your mind.

Courses:

- BA Korean (4 years)
- BA Korean and... (4 years) (see pages 88-89)
- BA Korean Studies (3 years)
- BA Korean Studies and... (see pages 88-89)

Duration:

- BA Korean Studies and... with a language - 4 years

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies)
- IB:35 (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

No prior knowledge of Korean is required.

You'll gain:

- Research, writing and critical thinking skills.
- Knowledge of how to move and translate between cultures.
- Strong Korean language skills, and the option of studying other East Asian languages in your 3rd/4th year.

Potential careers:

- Academia
- Ambassador
- Financial analyst
- Marketing executive
- Strategist
- Translator

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/japankorea

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Global Top 100

For Languages*



Law

This is no ordinary law qualification. Our global outlook and expertise means you'll also get under the skin of legal systems around the world.

Many of our modules simply can't be found elsewhere, allowing you the flexibility to tailor your programme to feed your passions. So, whilst you'll study the English LLB needed for many careers, our module choices also cover facets of law that tackle legal challenges, injustices and imbalances across the globe. Changing the world looks different to us all. So, we also offer joint degrees with disciplines such as international relations, anthropology and languages.

Taught by recognised experts in race, migration, and regional law, you'll enjoy engaging teaching methods, mock courts, and the chance to get involved in clinical courses, leadership and governance with our Law Society. Our student community is incredibly diverse too, active in social justice and at the heart of a supportive mentoring scheme.

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Courses:

- LLB Law
- LLB with year abroad
- Senior Status LLB
- BA Law and... (see pages 88-89)
- BA Politics, Economy and Law

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language
- Senior Status LLB is a 2-year programme

You'll need:

- AAA-AAB
- IB:37 (6/6/6 in Higher Level subjects)
- Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT) required for non-standard UK qualifications
- Senior Status LLB requires a completed undergraduate degree at 2:1 or above

You'll gain:

- Practical legal skills and theoretical knowledge, such as legal pluralism, decolonising law, non-Western legal thinking, and structuring arguments.
- Legal writing, research, analysis, and critical thinking skills.
- Insight into English, Asian, African, International, Islamic, Human Rights, and Commercial Law.

Potential careers:

- Barrister
- Business development manager
- Financial analyst
- Legal researcher
- Policy advisor
- Solicitor

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/law



Global Top 200

For Law*

Liberal Arts

Enjoy limitless potential as you explore a melting pot of subjects ranging from arts and humanities, to languages and social sciences.

Taking a remarkably global view, our teaching will arm you with expert knowledge of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Whilst the joy of study is key here, employability sits at the heart of all we do. That's why our interdisciplinary approach and support will empower you to develop a breadth of transferable talents too. Exploring topics related to our specialist regions, our choice is vast. Our experts teach more than 200 modules across a uniquely extensive range of topics that span language, politics, art, archaeology, management, society, music, filmmaking, architecture, philosophies, development, economics, and more. It's just part of why our students are open-minded, inquisitive, and interested in learning new things, new perspectives and making an impact on an evolving new world.

Course:

- BA Global Liberal Arts

Duration:

- 3 years

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies)
- IB:35 (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- Familiarity with various research methods, as well as analytical, critical thinking, and project design skills.
- A high level of cultural awareness.
- The flexibility needed to adapt in an ever-changing professional world.

Potential careers:

- Consultancy
- Creative industries
- Journalism
- Marketing
- PR
- Publishing

More information:

- soas.ac.uk/history/programmes/ba-global-liberal-arts/



Global Top 50

For Arts and Humanities*



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Linguistics

How do the world's languages vary?
What do they have in common?
How do we acquire languages?
What causes them to die?

A Linguistics programme with SOAS will support and stir you to answer some of the biggest, most complex and compelling questions around language. With around 6,500 spoken languages in the world, the diversity is enormous – and fascinating. Our staff are as captivated by linguistics as our students, and have practical, working knowledge of the discipline through regular fieldtrips to describe and document the language they teach. Our programme is designed for you to develop a full understanding of the way languages are structured, and to master all the skills needed to analyse any of the wide-ranging languages taught at SOAS. These include languages spoken in Africa, the Near and Middle East, South Asia, South East Asia, Central Asia, Australia, the Pacific and Siberia.

Courses:

- BA Linguistics and... (see pages 88-89)

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies)
- IB:35 (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- The practical skills of careful listening and acquiring languages.
- The intellectual skills of examining and evaluating cultures and theories.
- Highly employable skills such as being able to confidently research, analyse, communicate and solve problems in a range of scenarios.

Potential careers:

- Communications officer
- Copywriter
- Editorial researcher
- Linguistics educator
- News reporter
- Social media officer

More information:

- soas.ac.uk/linguistics

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Global
Top 100

For Linguistics*

Music

Music knows no boundaries. It can captivate, express creativity and unite communities around the world.

Music can act as the ideal lens through which to study human behaviour, cultures and experiences across the globe. And at SOAS, our international outlook is broader than most. Music teaching here breaks through geographical, cultural and social confines, and you will enjoy the chance to explore the music of your chosen region in much more depth. Studying at least one instrument or vocal style from Africa, Asia, the Middle East or the African diasporas, you'll benefit from direct teaching from one of our experts. We'll combine this with the opportunity to choose modules from across the School of Art too, blending theory and practice across a range of disciplines. No other university in the world offers such a range of teaching or concentration of research specialists in these captivating areas.

Courses:

- BMus Music
- BA Music and... (see pages 88–89)
- BA Global Popular Music

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies)– with A-Level in Music required for the BMus (OR)
- IB:33-35 (5/5/5 to 6/6/5 in Higher Level Subjects)

You'll gain:

- The practical skills of learning music and performance in global genres.
- Analytical, research, teamwork, sound recording, presenting and radio script writing skills.
- The opportunity to learn languages through music.

Potential careers:

- Composer
- Music journalism
- Music therapist
- Performer
- Producer
- Teacher

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/music

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For Performing Arts*



Near and Middle East

Explore evolving languages and cultures with experts in this stunningly diverse region.

We're at the forefront of the study of the languages and cultures of this complex, and fascinating region. From Qur'an and Hadith Studies to the texts and history of Sufism, to Arabic and Islamic revolution, we offer programmes of study that are unique in the UK.

Language, art, cinema, politics, literature, economics, conflict, history, religion, and more: they're all areas of interest for you to delve into from a huge range of modules. We also have unrivalled linguistic expertise, and options to study abroad – some only available with SOAS. Plus, of course, you'll also be well placed to soak up all that London has to offer. Near and Middle Eastern cultures have made their mark all over the city, and our student community within SOAS is just as vibrant.

Courses:

- BA Arabic (4 years)
- BA Arabic and... (4 years) (see pages 88-89)
- BA Arabic and Islamic Studies (4 years)
- BA Hebrew and... (4 years) (see pages 88-89)
- BA Middle Eastern Studies (3 years)
- BA Middle Eastern Studies (with year abroad) (4 years)
- BA Middle Eastern Studies and... (3 years) (see pages 88-89)
- BA Middle Eastern Studies and... (with year abroad) (4 years) (see pages 88-89)
- BA Persian and... (4 years) (see pages 88-89)
- BA Turkish and... (4 years) (see pages 88-89)

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies) (OR)
- IB:35 (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

No prior knowledge of Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish is required.

You'll gain:

- Invaluable skills in careful listening and acquiring languages.
- The ability to examine and evaluate cultures and theories.
- Research, analytical, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

Potential careers:

- Advocate
- Auditor
- Broker
- Interpreter
- Media analyst
- Project manager

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/nme

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Global Top 100

For Languages*



Politics and International Studies

If you want to make a visible difference in the world, you need a programme that looks at the world – without using a narrow Western lens.

Become a catalyst for change. Tailoring your study through a huge choice of modules, you'll be empowered and enabled to analyse, critique, and shape the future of truly global politics. Exploring the political issues of Africa, Asia and the Middle East on a level no other university can, we explore bold angles that differ from (and even criticise) the mainstream. You'll also look at how they connect with other parts of the world, and have the chance to learn a language from a wide selection. Our academics have spent substantial time in the regions we study, speak several languages, produce world-leading research – and use it all to inform quality teaching. Our student body is also proactively political, and the most internationally diverse in the UK, proportionally speaking – placing you at the heart of a passionate, informed community, and politically significant city.

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Courses:

- BA International Relations
- BA International Relations and... (see pages 88-89)
- BA Politics
- BA Politics and... (see pages 88-89)
- BA Politics and International Relations
- BA Politics, Economy and Law
- BSc Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- Certificate in Politics and International Studies

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language
- 1 year - certificate

You'll need:

- AAA-AAB (excluding General Studies) (OR)
- IB:37 (6/6/6 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- An understanding of the complex, cultural issues of global politics.
- A portfolio of widely transferable talents, such as research, analytical, leadership, and communication skills, and conceptual thinking.
- The ability to structure arguments and evaluate conflicting opinions and evidence.

Potential careers:

- Development economist
- Diplomat
- Journalist
- Parliamentary assistant
- Political analyst
- Risk management advisor

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/politics



18TH

In the world for Politics*



Religions and Philosophies

Explore the most recent thought around religions and philosophies – and how they impact on almost all aspects of the world today.

Religions and philosophies have been powerful and enduring forces throughout history. And they continue to influence the formation, development and contemporary expressions of political, economic, cultural, social and moral frameworks. A culture's religion and philosophical thought can shape morals, ideals and senses of identity. So, study here is about much more than religion and philosophy – it's about discovering how people reflect on and react to what they consider to be of ultimate value.

At SOAS, you can study a wider range of religious traditions in more depth than any other programme in the world. And on our philosophy programmes, you'll build a solid grounding in core philosophical themes, concepts and approaches from non-European, European, and Anglophone traditions – whilst learning a language or specialising in a region or theme.

Courses:

- BA World Philosophies
- BA World Philosophies and... (see pages 88-89)
- BSc Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- Certificate in the Study of Religions

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language
- 1 year - certificate

You'll need:

- AAB-ABB (excluding General Studies) (OR)
- IB:35 (6/6/5 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- A deep understanding of different cultures, histories and beliefs.
- The ability to research, critically assess, present and debate findings from various sources, in the original or relevant languages.
- The grounding you need to succeed in all sorts of careers, in a range of sectors.

Potential careers:

- International development
- Media
- NGO sector
- Red Cross
- Reuters
- Think tanks

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/religions-and-philosophies

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In London for Religious Studies and Theology*



South Asia

Fuel your passion for South Asia with a department that offers the broadest range of teaching in Europe on its languages, literatures and cultures.

We see language as a passport. Studying your choice of language from Hindi, Urdu, Sanskrit or Punjabi, you'll gain access to a deeper understanding of the region's culture, art, anthropology, archaeology, cinema, economics, history, law, literature, music, politics, and religion. You won't need any previous knowledge – but you will need a real curiosity for this complex, significant area of the world.

As one of the largest centres of South Asian studies outside the subcontinent, our degrees are unique in the UK, and we keep things interesting with public lectures, seminars, cultural events, formal teaching and even the option of a year abroad in India, Nepal or Bangladesh. You'll also benefit from being in central London – an amazing city that brings a microcosm of South Asia to your doorstep.

Courses:

- BA South Asian Studies
- BA South Asian Studies and... (see pages 88-89)
- Certificate in South Asian Studies

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language
- 1 year - certificate

You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies) (OR)
- IB:33 (5/5/5 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- The practical skills of careful listening and acquiring languages.
- The intellectual skills of examining and evaluating sources and theories.
- Highly employable skills such as being able to confidently research, analyse, communicate and solve problems in a range of scenarios.

Potential careers:

- Civil Servant
- Head of Business Development
- Intellectual Property Solicitor
- Interpreter
- NGO sector worker
- Risk Consultant
- UN Refugee Agency coordinator

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/southasia

*QS 2020 World University Rankings



Global Top 100

For Languages*



South East Asia

South East Asia is one of the most diverse regions on earth. And our unique programmes are just as vibrant.

We're the only university in the UK to offer a comprehensive degree in South East Asian Studies. As we believe that studying a language is essential to understanding the region's cultures and nations, you'll get to grips with a language of your choice – and study the trajectories, linguistics, cultures and religions of some of the most traditional, and most modern, societies in the world. We also have strong links with universities in the region, for you to learn in a whole new way on an unforgettable year abroad in Burma, Indonesia, Thailand or Vietnam. Not only will it allow you to immerse yourself fully in the language and culture, it can open up a whole raft of opportunities for work, volunteering or further study.

Courses:

- BA South East Asian Studies
- BA South East Asian Studies and... (see pages 88-89)
- BA International Management and South East Asian Studies

Duration:

- 3 years (OR)
- 4 years with a language

You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies) (OR)
- IB:33 (5/5/5 in Higher Level subjects)

You'll gain:

- The practical skills of gaining proficiency in a language.
- The intellectual skills of examining and evaluating sources and theories.
- Highly employable skills such as being able to confidently research, analyse, communicate and solve problems in a range of scenarios.

Potential careers:

- Company director
- Consultant
- Diplomat
- International marketing executive
- Lecturer
- Policy advisor

More information:

► soas.ac.uk/sea

*QS 2020 World University Rankings



**Global
Top 100**
For Languages*



University of London Joint Degree with BA French

Study for a degree in French with UCL, whilst learning a language with SOAS.

Our partnership means that you're able to combine certain SOAS language programmes with French, which is offered as a degree at University College London (UCL), also part of the University of London. The SOAS languages available as a joint option include Arabic, Hausa, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Persian, Swahili, Thai, and Turkish. These joint programmes also give you the chance to study abroad for a year, to fully immerse yourself in the culture of your chosen country, as well as the language.

Courses:

- BA French (Joint with one of several other language options)

Duration:

- 4 years with a language

You'll need:

- AAB (including French at grade A) (excluding General Studies) (OR)
- IB:36 points (including French at grade 6 Higher Level)

You'll gain:

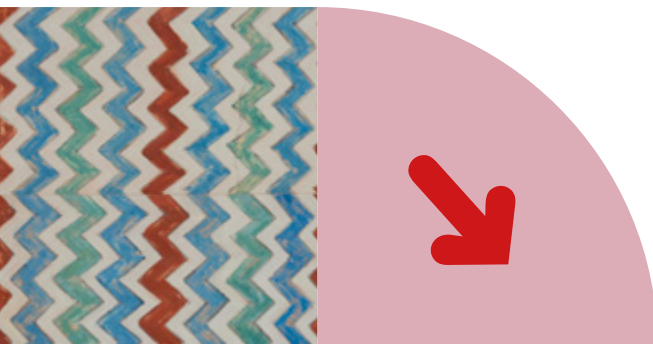
- The chance to learn more than one language.
- The invaluable opportunity to study abroad for a year.

Potential careers:

- Diplomat
- Interpreter
- Journalist
- Strategist
- Teacher
- Translator

More information:

- soas.ac.uk/departments/joint/programmes/bafrench/



Degree combination table

	African Studies	Arabic	Chinese	Chinese Studies	Development Studies	Economics	Hebrew	History		History of Art and Archaeology	International Relations	Islamic Studies	Japanese	Japanese Studies	Korean	Korean Studies	Law	Linguistics	Middle Eastern Studies	Music	Persian	Politics	Social Anthropology	South Asian Studies	South East Asian Studies	Tibetan	Turkish	World Philosophies
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BA Chinese and...					●	●		●		●				●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●			●		●
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BA History of Art and Archaeology and...	●	●	●	●	●			●			●		●	●	●	●			●	●		●	●	●	●			●
BA International Relations and...	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●			●	●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●			●
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BA Politics and...	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●		●
BA Social Anthropology and...	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●			●
BA South Asian Studies and...	●				●			●		●	●							●		●		●	●					●
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BA Turkish and...		●																●			●							
BA World Philosophies and...	●	●	●	●	●			●		●	●		●	●	●	●			●	●		●	●	●	●			

What you need to know

Now that you've made the decision to go to university, find out how to successfully complete your UCAS application.

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How to apply

Undergraduate Degrees:

All applicants for undergraduate degree programmes at SOAS must apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) online at:

► www.ucas.com

The UCAS form allows you to apply to up to five institutions or degrees. If you require further assistance with completing the online application form, please contact UCAS either by phone on **0371 468 0468** (+44 330 3330 230 from outside the UK) or online at:

► www.ucas.com

If you need to speak to us about your application, please contact: undergradadmissions@soas.ac.uk and remember to mention your UCAS number (which you will be given by UCAS once they have received and processed your form) and the degree programme(s) for which you have applied.

Deferred entry

SOAS is happy to consider applicants who wish to take a year out to gain some specific experience or to take part in projects.

You should apply in your final year of school or college, and indicate on the UCAS form that you wish to defer your admission.

There is a special section in the form for deferral, which you must remember to complete. If your plans are relevant to your degree choice, it is advisable to mention them in your personal statement.

For further information, visit:

► www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/ug/howtoapply/

Transfer students

If you wish to transfer from another UK university to SOAS, either to continue a similar programme or to start another programme, you must do so through UCAS.

Each case is looked at individually: you should give full details of your qualifications, the modules you have taken at university and the examinations you have passed there. We also require an academic reference from your current university tutor to be included in your UCAS application.

For further information, visit:

► www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/ug/howtoapply/

Disabled students

Applications from disabled students are considered using the standard academic criteria regardless of any disability, and any related information supplied is treated as confidential.

You are encouraged to disclose any disability that you may have, as this will help us to work with you and plan for your support needs and for any adjustments the School may need to make.

For further information, visit:

► www.soas.ac.uk/disability/applying/

Mature students (over 21)

We welcome applications from those who are considering returning to education after a break.

If you have been out of formal education for some time or left school without the necessary qualifications, you may be advised to consider an option such as an Access to HE Diploma.

If you gain a place, you may also wish to attend a one-week bridging course during the summer prior to the start of your studies. This programme is designed to familiarise you with studying at SOAS.

For further information visit:

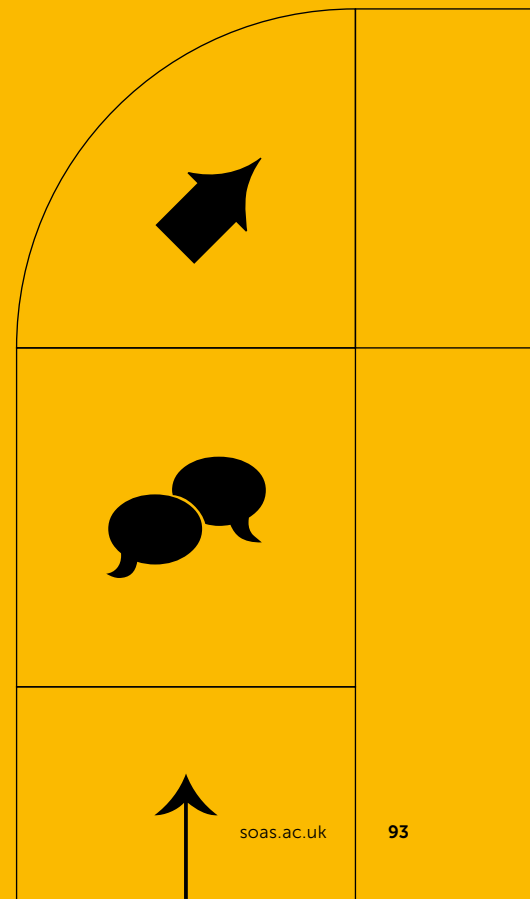
► <https://www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/ug/mature/>

Application Questions

For any further questions, please contact undergradadmissions@soas.ac.uk quoting your UCAS number.

For assistance completing the online application form, please contact UCAS: **0371 468 0468** (+44 330 3330 230 from outside the UK)

► www.ucas.com



Qualifications

Admissions staff take all available information into consideration when assessing an application. You must demonstrate that you have achieved (or are expected to achieve) the appropriate entry requirements for the degree you are applying to.

In addition to looking at the suitability of your prior and potential academic profile, our admissions staff consider your whole application, including your personal statement. You should provide considered and persuasive reasons for your choice of subject(s).

Considerable weight is also given to the academic reference. In light of the range of factors that are taken into account when considering an application, please note that having or being predicted qualifications which meet the published entry requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

For further information, visit:

► www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/ug/entryreq

UK qualifications

GCE A and AS-levels, and vocational A-levels

We will consider applications with at least three A levels.

The normal grade requirement at SOAS ranges from **AAA** to **BBB** from three A-levels, but please look carefully at the academic requirements shown in each degree description in the prospectus and on our website for specific grade requirements for individual subjects. Native language A Levels are considered on an individual basis, taking into account the overall application and the academic profile.

Scottish Highers

An average offer is five subjects at Higher level with grades **AAAAA** to **BBBBB**. Alternatively, we also accept three Advanced Highers at the same specified A Level grades. We also consider a combination of Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications.

Entry requirements for degree language study

Applicants who are hoping to study languages as a single or two-subject degree do not need any previous experience of studying the languages they have chosen. Languages at the School are usually taught from beginner level.

However, admissions tutors will look for evidence of language learning ability in a classroom situation, such as study of a second language. If you have prior knowledge of the language you may be able to start your degree at an advance level of language study.

For further information, email: undergradadmissions@soas.ac.uk

BTEC

BTEC level 3 qualifications, or combinations of such qualifications, equivalent to three A-levels at appropriate grades will be considered for entry as will Higher level BTEC qualifications. Departments will consider the relevance of the BTEC and its relation to the proposed programme of study. Please note: for Law programmes, applicants offering BTEC qualifications, either on their own or in combination with other qualifications, will be required to take the Law National Admissions Test (LNAT).

Access courses

SOAS welcomes applications from students on appropriate access courses. For those hoping to study law at SOAS, an Access to Law Course is highly recommended. Please note: All applicants offering non-traditional qualifications, including Access courses, are required to take the Law National Admissions Test (LNAT).

Widening Participation and Contextual Offer making

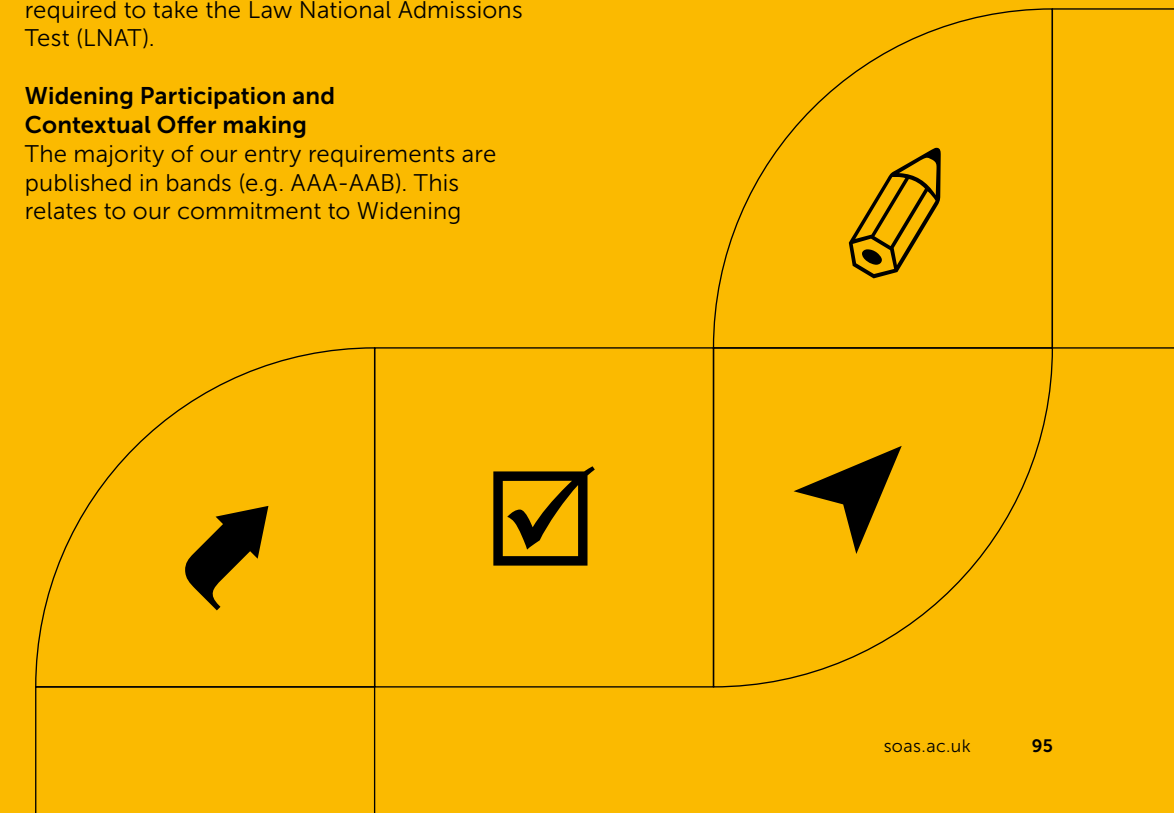
The majority of our entry requirements are published in bands (e.g. AAA-AAB). This relates to our commitment to Widening

Participation. We take into consideration the environment in which an education has taken place and if we find circumstances which can reasonably be considered to have an impact on the level of exam results we can, at our discretion, make an offer that is at the lower end of the published band.

More information can be found online:

► www.soas.ac.uk/widening-participation

You can support your application with evidence of, enthusiasm for and interest in the subject, region or language chosen.



International applicants

SOAS accepts a range of international qualifications including applicants with International Baccalaureate (IB) and European Baccalaureate (EB) qualifications. Please check our website for specific requirements for each programme.

The school-leaving qualifications of some countries are not recognised by the School as meeting its minimum entrance requirements. Applicants from these countries and those who do not hold a qualification recognised by the School are required to supplement their studies with GCE A-levels, the International Baccalaureate or a foundation programme before admission to an undergraduate degree.

For information on requirements in your country visit:
 ► www.soas.ac.uk/yourcountry/

Students who are not qualified for direct entry to a degree should apply for the ICC International Foundation programme (IFP) run by the IFCELS Department of SOAS.

All ICC students are guaranteed an offer of a place on any SOAS degree and the programme is also recognised throughout the UK.

Read more:
 ► www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/icc
 Email:
ifcels@soas.ac.uk

English language requirements

If your first language is not English, you must provide evidence of your English language ability before admission to the School.

Language competence is generally demonstrated by success in one or more of a range of English tests, although other evidence may be acceptable.

This requirement is specified in order to ensure that the academic progress of students is not hindered by language difficulties and that students are able to integrate socially while studying at SOAS and living in the UK.

Acceptable qualifications

The following examples apply for entry into SOAS degree course.

For direct unconditional entry with a free inessional orientation course requirement, the minimum scores are:

	Overall	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
IELTS	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.5
TOEFL iBT	100	21	21	23	23
Pearson Test	65	60	60	65	65

The minimum scores for entry to the longest Pre-session Course at SOAS (12 weeks) are:

	Overall	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
IELTS	6.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.5
TOEFL iBT	85	18	18	18	20
Pearson Test	55	50	50	50	55

SOAS accepts a variety of English qualifications for entry either directly or with a Pre-session course at a variety of levels.

Read more:
 ► www.soas.ac.uk/international/englishrequirements/
 ► www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/presessional/
 Email:
englishassess@soas.ac.uk
ifcels@soas.ac.uk

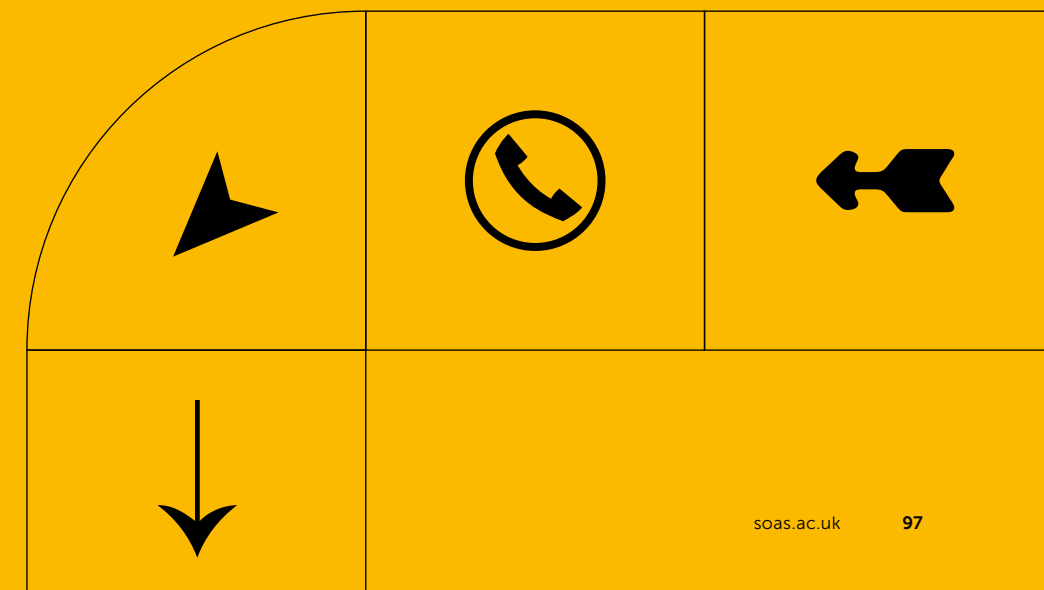
Study Abroad at SOAS

Our Study Abroad and Exchange programme offers students the opportunity to study at SOAS for either a term or the full academic year.

As a Study Abroad or Exchange student, you are able to design your own unique programme of study. Whether you decide to focus on a particular region or concentrate on a specific discipline, you are free to choose modules from across the school.

We welcome students from all over the world, and your institution does not need to have an exchange agreement with SOAS to study with us.

Read more:
 ► www.soas.ac.uk/studyabroad
 Email:
studyabroad@soas.ac.uk



English language and academic preparation

International Foundation Courses and English Language Studies (IFCELS)

IFCELS is one of the UK's leading centres of expertise in International Foundation, Pre-master's and Academic English Programmes.

Programmes

ICC International Foundation Programme (IFP)

ICC is a 30 week programme starting in mid-September 2020 through to early July 2021. It is designed for students wishing to progress to degrees in Business and Management-related subjects, Economics and Finance, Law, the Social Sciences, Media and the Humanities.

The flexible programme structure allows students to choose two academic modules from a range of ten, so they can create their own pathway to the degree of their choice.

ICC integrates subject study with academic English and study skills so students develop academic knowledge and skills and learn the subject-specific language they need to study successfully at degree level.

Students are guaranteed offers for all SOAS degrees and receive a 5% discount on tuition fees for the full period of their undergraduate study. The programme Certificate is also recognised across the UK as a valid entry qualification. Since 2015 over 80% of ICC students have progressed to SOAS or a top 30 UK university and 65% have gone on to a college of the University of London.

Read more and apply:
► www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/icc

LAS (English Language and Academic Studies)

ELAS is a flexible, modular programme that allows students to focus on academic English combined with subject study in the Social Sciences, Humanities and International Business Studies.

Options such as IELTS preparation, Research Methods and additional English Language Skills are also included to meet the needs of different groups of students.

There are three ten-week terms each year with entry points in September, January and April and students can stay for one, two or three terms.

Students completing at least two terms on the programme may be awarded a SOAS Diploma/Certificate in Academic English with Business Studies or Social Science or Humanities.

An Academic English mark of 70% on ELAS meets the English Language Requirements for unconditional entry to a degree at SOAS. Students with 60-69% can access a degree via a Pre-sessional English Course.

Transcripts are provided for university students taking ELAS as a period of Study Abroad.

Read more and apply:
► www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/elas

Pre-sessional courses

SOAS Pre-sessional English courses run for four, eight and twelve weeks from the end of June until late September and are designed for international students who have narrowly failed to meet the English language entry requirements for Undergraduate degrees.

The courses aim to develop students' English language and study skills to the level required for them to be successful in their studies and to help students gain an understanding of the academic and cultural context of university study so that they will be able to participate in and benefit fully from their degree programme.

Pre-sessional details, entry requirements and application:
► www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/presessional

IFCELS Summer programme

Enjoy summer in London by studying on campus for three, six or nine weeks and stay in the SOAS halls of residence at a special rate.

As well as developing students' academic and English language skills and knowledge, the IFCELS Summer Programme offers an introduction to university study through the medium of English in the UK and can be a "taster" for students thinking of taking a longer programme at SOAS or elsewhere.

The IFCELS Summer Programme offers International Students a range of 11 different courses - some with a subject focus (Business, Art, Environment/Development, Literature, International Relations, Film) and others aimed at language improvement (Reading and Writing - intermediate and advanced level courses, English Language Skills).

On the subject courses, academic and English teaching are combined so that the content is accessible to students with an intermediate to upper-intermediate level of English.

Read more and apply:
► www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/summer

Insessional courses

Insessional courses, which are free of charge and non-credit bearing, are provided by IFCELS' team of expert teachers, to students who are not L1 English users and who need support in Academic English and Academic Study Skills while on degree programmes at SOAS. Classes take the form of two-hour sessions once a week over a five or ten-week period. Examples of courses offered include Academic Essay Writing, Seminar Speaking Skills, Reading and Note-taking, Dissertation Writing and 1-1 tutorials.

Read more:
► www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/insessional

School policies

Terms and conditions

You can find the most up-to-date specification and regulations for each programme at the bottom of the structure tab on each individual programme page. Find your programme page at:
► www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/ug/progs

Admissions policy

We are committed to providing high-quality education to all, regardless of background, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, gender, disability, sexual identity or religion. Applicants are welcomed from all backgrounds and will be considered on the basis of their academic ability and potential to benefit from the programme. SOAS actively ensures that all applicants are treated fairly and equitably.

Our admissions policy can be found in full at:
► www.soas.ac.uk/admin/governance/policies

Equality and diversity

SOAS is made up of a diverse population of students and staff. This diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and in order to consolidate and build upon it, equality of opportunity and the absence of unfair discrimination must be at the core of all our activities.

The School recognises the link between quality and equality and will not discriminate in the recruitment or treatment of students or staff on the basis of: age, disability, ethnicity/race, gender, marital status, nationality, religion/belief, sexual identity, sexual orientation or any other factor that is not relevant to their academic development.

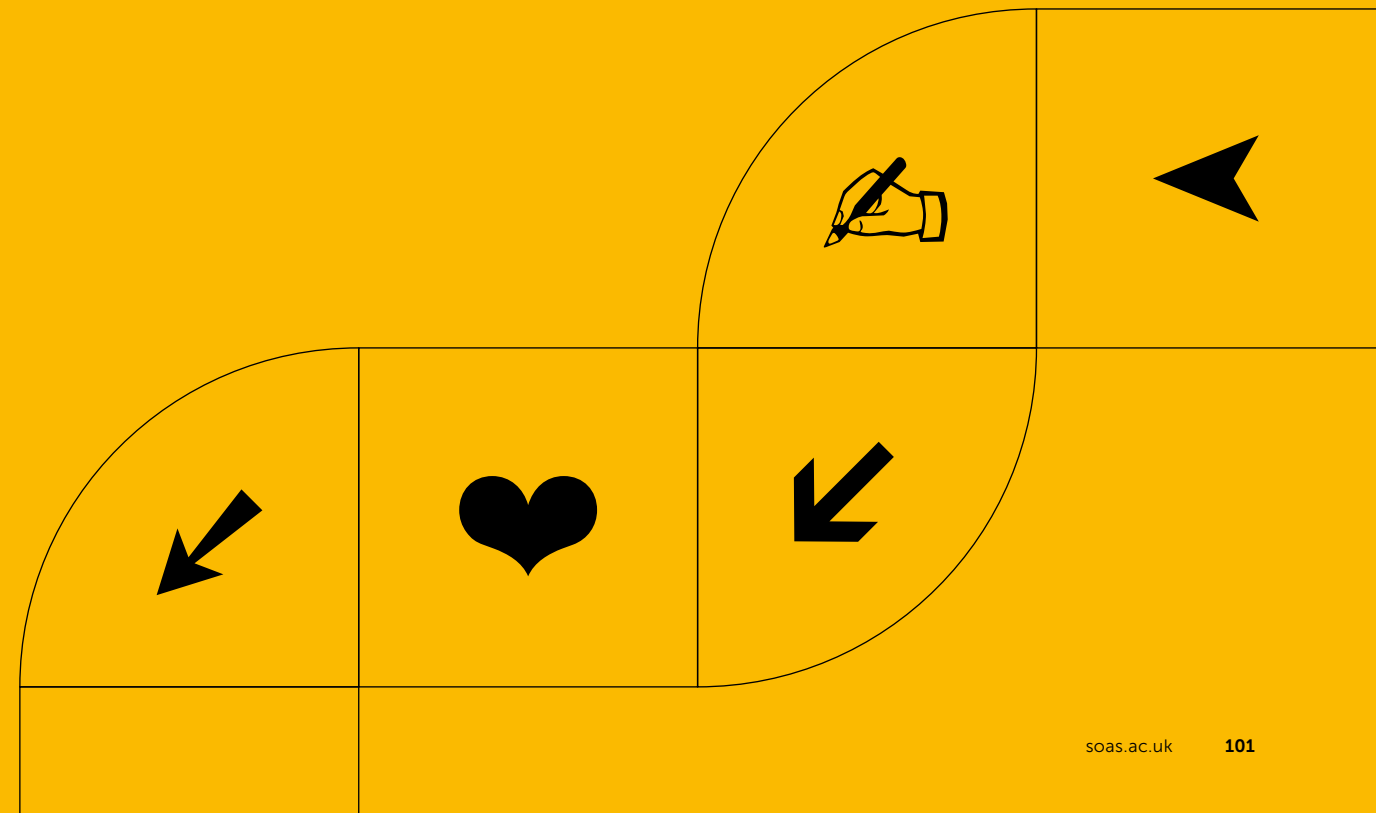
For the full text of the School's Equality and Diversity statement, please see:
► www.soas.ac.uk/equalitydiversity/statement

Freedom of Expression: Statement of Principles

SOAS is committed to the pursuit and dissemination of knowledge. This can only be conducted effectively in an atmosphere of open enquiry, mutual tolerance and intellectual freedom. In practice this means that we acknowledge the paramount importance of freedom of expression. Freedom of expression may not be exercised to threaten the safety or freedom of expression of others. In making this assertion, the School endorses the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and related international covenants.

Complaints procedure

For our admissions complaints procedure please see our website:
► www.soas.ac.uk/infocomp/admissions-process



Fees and financial support

Fees

The tuition fee rates for each academic year are posted on our website. For the current fee rates and information on ways to pay, please see:

► www.soas.ac.uk/fees

Please note that there may be additional costs incurred relating to some optional modules, field trips and the cost of living abroad if you undertake a study abroad programme. Please refer to the website for up-to-date information.

For IFCELS fees, please see:

► www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels

Fee status

SOAS charges tuition fees at the Home or Overseas rate, depending on your fee status. Your fee status depends on several factors, including residency and immigration. For information on fee status regulations and legislation, and to calculate your own fees status, please see the UKCISA website:

► www.ukcisa.org.uk

If you have a query about your fee status, please contact the Admissions Office, who will send you a fees questionnaire: undergradadmissions@soas.ac.uk

Payment of fees

Tuition fees are payable in full before, or at, enrolment at the beginning of each academic year. However, fee payments in two equal instalments by debit or credit card are available for self-funding students undertaking on-campus degree programmes. If your fees are being paid by Student Finance, a sponsor or other government funding body then you must provide proof of this before or at enrolment.

Fees include charges for tuition and examination. For further information visit: ► www.soas.ac.uk/fees

Financial support

UK students

UK students taking their first undergraduate degree can obtain a loan each year from Student Finance to cover tuition fees. You are advised to apply for fee assistance as soon as possible and by the published deadlines before the start of your programme. For information and application links, please see:

► www.soas.ac.uk/ug-finance

Income-related loans are available to UK-resident undergraduate students taking their first degree to help cover living expenses, and are administered by Student Finance. Further details are available at:

► www.gov.uk/student-finance

For information on scholarships visit:

► www.soas.ac.uk/registry/scholarships

Higher Education Access to Learning Fund

Registered students experiencing severe financial hardship or above-average needs are advised to contact the SOAS Welfare Office for details and advice on funding options.

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E: welfare@soas.ac.uk

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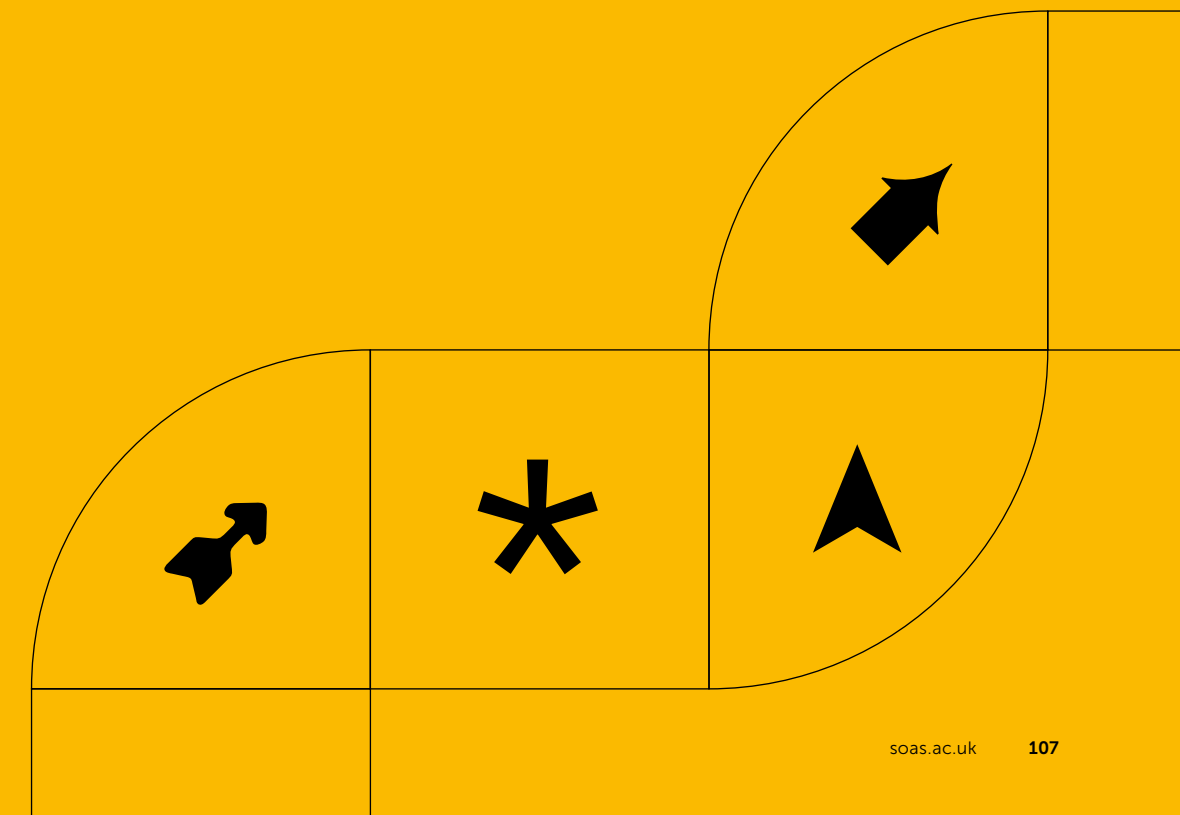
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