



SOAS
University of London

A Guide for International Students



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Welcome



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

Our staff and student alike seek to ask the big questions and challenge conventional thinking, which is why SOAS is synonymous with lively debate.

Our community is diverse, multinational and vibrant, welcoming the brightest minds from over 135 countries. SOAS is sixth in the world for the highest percentage of international students (Times Higher Education International, 2017) making it one of the most diverse cultural hubs in one of the great cosmopolitan cities in the world.

This guide will introduce you to SOAS, what you can study and life in London. It also covers essential information like entry requirements and visa and English language requirements

We look forward to welcoming you to our thriving community.

Baroness Valerie Amos
Director



What can I study?

SOAS offers a wide range of programmes in Area Studies, Arts, Development Studies, Economics, Finance and Management, International Relations, Languages, Law and Politics, at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. A full list of programmes can be found on pages 25 to 28

Arts

Discover art traditions from Asia, Africa and the Middle East in our history of art programmes. From the architecture of the Middle East to religious arts of Asia, our flexible programmes will allow you to explore a range of traditions from around the world.

Our music programmes allow you to hone your performance skills as well as develop an understanding of a range of instruments and musical traditions unavailable anywhere else in Europe.

Humanities

From the medieval history of the Middle East, to slavery and its legacy in West Africa, our History programmes allow you to examine a multitude of regional histories from around the globe.

Our teaching of Religions and Philosophies will allow you to analyse the thinking that has influenced the development of cultural and religious values across the world.

Our programmes in Social Anthropology will teach you to understand constructions of culture from across Asia, Africa and the Middle East, and within a range of societies, from remote communities to recent urban developments.

Languages

Learning a language opens up a world of possibilities for dialogue, understanding, personal development and careers.

Degrees at SOAS can include language courses in more than 40 African and Asian languages.

English at SOAS explores the use of English as a world language, and places both language and literature firmly in its historical and global contexts. Linguistics examines linguistic diversity as one of the greatest treasures of humanity, and an enormous storehouse of our cumulative knowledge of the world.

Law

Our Law programmes have unrivalled expertise in comparative law (China, South/South-East Asia, the Middle East), complemented by specialists in international and transnational law, human rights, transnational commercial law, environmental law and socio-legal method. At the heart of much of our research is a critical study of law that is attentive to the ways in which law can be used to empower or marginalise. Our LLB programmes are unique in offering the opportunity to study all areas of Law required for professional purposes in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland alongside the opportunity to choose from 'a stand-out list of elective modules'.

Social Sciences

A degree in Development Studies will enable you to critically analyse how social constructs, economic change and policy challenges impact people and communities in the developing world. Our programmes also explore methods for creating more just approaches to Development.

The study of Economics at SOAS will allow you to explore mainstream, Marxist, feminist and Keynesian perspectives; as well as apply theory to specific real world and policy concerns within a range of countries and regions.

The study of Finance and Management at SOAS allows you to develop an advanced understanding of finance and management and organisational behaviour from an international perspective. You can choose to specialise in a geographic region or take a general Management degree which will cover a range of issues and perspectives.

Our Politics and International Relations programmes are unique in their engagement with the developments of African, Asian and Middle Eastern domestic and international politics, while also offering innovative and challenging perspectives for understanding political regimes.

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Facilities

SOAS Library

The SOAS Library is one of only five national research libraries in the UK, providing unique, specialist resources for our students, as well as scholars from around the globe.



1.3M+
ITEMS HELD IN
THE LIBRARY

ACCESS TO



70+
RESEARCH
DATABASES

OFFERS



900+
SEATS FOR
READERS



4,000
SUBSCRIPTIONS
TO PERIODICALS

Paul Webley Wing

This iconic, 1930s Grade II listed building was London's first skyscraper and George Orwell's inspiration for the Ministry of Truth in his dystopian novel *1984* – now, it is a state-of-the-art research, learning and teaching environment, which has unified the entire SOAS campus onto one site in historic Bloomsbury.

Language laboratories

Dedicated language laboratories and two open access language resource rooms are available to students, as well as a recording studio for the production of high-quality audio and video. Students also have access to satellite television offering up to 80 channels.

Brunei Gallery and Japanese Roof Garden

The Brunei Gallery hosts a dynamic programme of changing contemporary and historical exhibitions from Asia, Africa and the Middle East. It is also a valued member of the Museum Mile – a collective of 13 of the capital's most superlative museums and galleries that also includes the world-famous British Museum.

The Japanese Roof Garden offers tranquillity and respite from the noise and bustle of London's streets. It was built during the Japan 2001 celebrations and was officially opened by the sponsor, Mr Haruhisa Handa, an Honorary Fellow of the School.

Faith and prayer rooms

There are prayer rooms available at multiple locations on campus.



One of only five
National Research
Libraries in the UK





London life

SOAS is known around both the University of London and the wider community in Bloomsbury as a social hub. Our Students' Union is famous for its music scene - helped by the output of the much-acclaimed SOAS Radio (www.soasradio.org) – and has played host to a range of diverse acts, from Manu Chao to Nirvana. Our bar has served for decades as the go to place for after-hours lively debate and discussion.

From Brixton's cafés to the art and music rooms of Hackney, from the restaurants aligning the route of the famous Notting Hill Carnival to the Dickensian-esque waterside pubs along the Thames en route to Greenwich, London has it all.

SOAS is situated in the very heart of London in historic Bloomsbury, an area renowned for its fashionable cafés and restaurants, green spaces, book stores, museums and arts venues. The British Museum, British Library, Regent's Park and the West End are all within walking distance of our vibrant campus.

SOAS is also close to several Underground stations, making it easy for you to explore all parts of this great city. Don't forget: students are eligible for 30% off their weekly travelcard. London is one of the most cosmopolitan and diverse cities in the world; it offers an unparalleled student experience.

Being a student at SOAS gives you a chance to enjoy the finest cultural attractions on offer



The British Museum

Working in London

In order to enjoy all that is on offer, you might want to supplement your income – jobs for students are always available in London. Not only can working in London help to enhance your CV, it is also a great way of gaining some valuable practical experience. The University of London Careers Group can help you find part-time and/or temporary jobs or internships based in SOAS. Visit their website for further information: www.thecareersgroup.co.uk

However, before accepting any employment opportunity, you must be confident it will not negatively affect your studies. All our undergraduate programmes are offered on a full-time basis only and you must satisfy the work, attendance and visa requirements in order to progress through the academic years.



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FINEST MUSEUMS



NIGHTLIFE
OPTIONS THAT ARE
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350,000+
STUDENTS IN
LONDON



HOME TO
MANY OF THE
BIGGEST
GRADUATE
EMPLOYERS



The British Library is a short walk from our campus



Camden Town at night



SOAS life: Students' Union, volunteering, campaigning

Students' Union: run by students, for students

As a SOAS student, you'll become a member of the Students' Union (SU), an integral part of the School's vibrant student community. The SU represents SOAS students' interests, supports them in their studies and promotes their general welfare.

The SU has approximately 150 clubs and societies covering sport, political debate, cultural issues and everything in between. The SU wants you to get involved, and if your particular interest is not represented then it is very easy to set up your own society. For more information on SU sports and societies, visit www.soasunion.org

Student Central

As part of the University of London, SOAS students are also members of Student Central. Student Central gives you access to activities, sports, and societies across the University of London community.

Many of the social and sports activities offered by SOAS are either on site or provided by Student Central EnergyBase, which is just two minutes walk from Russell Square and has its own fitness centre and swimming pool.

Find out more at www.student-central.co.uk



**FOR POLITICAL
SCENE**
(WHICH? 2016)

SOCIETIES ARE



**FREE
TO JOIN**

150



**CLUBS AND
SOCIETIES**

INCLUDING
ANIME, BEEKEEPERS,
CIRCUS, CYCLING,
DANCE, DRAMA, FEMINIST,
FILM MAKERS, HIKING,
JOURNALISM, MUSIC,
ORIGAMI, PHOTOGRAPHY,
SOAS RADIO, SOAS
SPIRIT NEWSPAPER,
TAEKWONDO,
VEGETARIAN, VENTURES
AND YOGA.

THERE ARE ALSO A WIDE
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CULTURAL AND
POLITICAL SOCIETIES







Dinwiddy House



Dinwiddy House

Accommodation

London offers a great range of accommodation, and whilst living in the world's most exciting city isn't always inexpensive, choosing your accommodation carefully according to your budget and social priorities, can help you make the most of being a student in this endlessly diverse metropolis.

We advise all international students to research and apply for accommodation as soon as possible after making their application.

Halls of residence

We have a number of hall options available for our students at SOAS, including Dinwiddy House and Paul Robeson House and rooms in our other hall options at a range of different prices.

SOAS works with a number of hall providers to ensure we have hall accommodation which is suitable for our students and we have negotiated exclusive rates for some options.

Hall options include:

Urbanest St Pancras – a premium quality hall located in the new Granary Square quarter at Kings Cross.

Paul Robeson House – a good quality hall with en suite bathrooms located near to Kings Cross.

Goldsmiths House – a smaller hall of residence for female students only with prices starting from £156 per week.

Helen Graham House – located opposite the British Museum and a short walk to SOAS, one of our closest hall options.

Intercollegiate Halls – we have rooms available in a number of these University of London Halls which provide a great opportunity to meet students from other colleges of the University. All provide catering, offering breakfast and evening meals on weekdays and all meals at weekends. Rents for the last academic year were from around £180 for a single en-suite room.



1123
spaces in halls



From
£135-300
per week

How to apply for hall accommodation

International applicants, who have firmly accepted an offer with SOAS, are able to apply for halls of residence in the spring for those starting in September. We will email all eligible applicants with application details in March / April.

Virtual Tours and Further Information on our Website

We have panoramas of all our accommodation on the SOAS website. Please take your time and read through the information to find the best option for you www.soas.ac.uk/accommodation

Accessibility

We have a range of adapted rooms available for disabled students with our halls of residence partners, these include wheelchair accessible and specially equipped rooms. The SOAS Disability Advisors can discuss your particular accessibility and accommodation requirements prior to application. They can be contacted by email: disabilities@soas.ac.uk

Student homes

These flats and houses are leased by the University of London to SOAS students, guaranteeing a good quality, well managed property. There are a range of houses available, including one 12 bedroom property exclusively for postgraduate students. Student Homes may be booked from

outside of the UK, with no need for viewing. Rents start at £135 per week. <http://studenthomes.london.ac.uk/prospective/soas-student-homes>

Contact

For further information and advice about housing options at SOAS and for further support, please visit our website www.soas.ac.uk/accommodation or contact our Student Housing Adviser on accommodation@soas.ac.uk





Prepare for a career in our complex world



Events

Each year we host a wide and varied range of employer-led events, skills sessions, careers fairs and careers themed weeks. We also run workshops on topics such as making applications and using social media to support your career aspirations.

We have been delighted to welcome to campus employers including:

- The United Nations
- Bloomberg
- The International Committee of the Red Cross
- Teach First
- The Civil Service

Our themed weeks have included Languages Week, International Development Week and Business, Finance and Management Week.

Based on student feedback we also host a range of alumni-led events. Our 'What I Wish I'd Known While a Student at SOAS' lunchtime sessions provide a forum for students to meet alumni from specific industries and find out more about their career path, gaining valuable insights on how to best progress in this career area.

In addition to this we also run alumni-led Mock Interview Workshops. These small group sessions give students the chance to experience all aspects of an interview, by being interviewed and by taking on the role of interviewer on the interview panel, and by completing a set of standard aptitude tests.

www.soas.ac.uk/careers

Careers Service

The SOAS Careers Service provides specialist resources, careers education programmes as well as information, advice and guidance during your studies at SOAS. We offer a friendly service that helps you to develop employability skills and achieve your career potential. We also work closely with employers, helping them to connect with our students and recent graduates.

What we offer

- Support, help and guidance on all career matters and encouragement to take ownership of your career development and research
- Advice on the structure and content of your application forms and CV
- Help to find out about employers and to make applications for jobs.



Whether you know what you want to do or have no idea, come and see us when you start your studies

Student Enterprise

Interested in learning new skills, starting a project, business, social enterprise or charity? Want to know more about enterprise and entrepreneurship? SOAS Student Enterprise can help. We run a programme of skills-based workshops, inspirational speaker events, the student consultancy scheme, competitions and boot camps all designed to connect you with like-minded speakers, great organisations and to gain key employability skills, such as team work, communication and commercial awareness. We work closely with SOAS Ventures, the student enterprise society and also manage the Graduate Entrepreneur Visa scheme if you're interested in staying in the UK post-study to set up a business. We've had many successful businesses established including a human rights consultancy, art advisory business, ethical jewellery, tutoring and a foreign policy think-tank which really do highlight the diverse talents of SOAS students.

Elliot Aruldoss, Lawyer, Singapore LLB, School of Law

My time at SOAS has enabled me to adopt a multi-jurisdictional approach to law as well as to develop a deep understanding and appreciation of differing business cultures and political landscapes across ASEAN, which in turn has allowed me to add tremendous value in my role as an international financial lawyer. The School of Law at SOAS boasts a highly regarded teaching faculty, which prepare and push students toward unlocking and achieving their full potential. The emphasis on diversity of thought and perspective is a truly unique experience that only studying at SOAS can bring.

Isabel Whisson Deputy Manager, Microfinance and Ultra Poor Graduation Initiative, BRAC BA Politics

I work for a remarkable organisation called BRAC, which is the largest NGO in the world. I spend half my time managing communications for their microfinance programme, and half working with a global advocacy team helping to spread a high impact, evidence-based solution to extreme poverty called the graduation approach.

My time at SOAS was an overwhelmingly rich experience that opened my eyes to cultures, histories, knowledge, and languages in a way that I would not have had at another institution.

I am fortunate to be working in a job and area that I love. I look forward to continuing being a part of the movement that seeks to eradicate poverty in our lifetimes and promotes economic opportunities for all.

Lizzie Hobbs Freelance Pattern Artist BA South Asian Studies

I've had a fascination with India since I was very young and at school I started to create South Asian inspired patterns and to teach myself Hindi. The course at SOAS allowed me to delve deeper into South Asian culture and the arts, take my Hindi to the next level, and also branch into the arts of the Middle East. I was provided with access to amazing resources from books to Bollywood films, and I developed a number of contacts through studying at SOAS, which I have maintained throughout my career. One of my artworks was used as the cover design for the SOAS Students' Union Handbook and I created a large wall mural in the university bar on the theme of tea and coffee traditions.



Your future

"SOAS gave me a deep appreciation of the global world and social issues"



Indy Hothi
Economist, Ernst & Young
BSc Economics, 2010

I have a passion for discovering how the world works and am very interested in social entrepreneurship and exploring ways corporate organisations can positively contribute to society. SOAS gave me an outstanding degree and education, plus also a deep appreciation of global and social issues, which I don't think I would have necessarily found anywhere else. My role at Ernst & Young involves advising public and private sector organisations on the economic, social and fiscal impact of their organisations. My typical day comprises of meeting clients and working with teams of consultants to develop innovative solutions to address these challenges. Additionally, I am a trustee for an international humanitarian aid organisation. My involvement in the charitable sector has led me to the frontline in a number of disaster and civil conflict zones including Haiti, Bosnia, Iraq and Lebanon.



Samira Lindner
Project Manager at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
BA Development Studies and Politics, 2011

I got into Model United Nations in high school and soon became fascinated by the UN and the policy/development world. That led me to study Politics and Development Studies at SOAS.

I think the name SOAS is one that rings a bell with many people, employers and academics alike, and definitely has opened doors for me. The classes and courses I took have helped me prepare for my career. For example, I remember seminar discussions about the role of neo-patrimonialism in Sub-Saharan African politics, which was a great preparation for the anti-corruption work I would later do at Transparency International. At some point, I'd still like to fulfil that childhood goal and work for the UN.

"SOAS is a name that has definitely opened doors for me"



Jaya Sood,
Intern at UNIDO Uruguay Regional Office
MSc Global Economic Governance
and Policy, 2017

I was inspired by various modules during my undergraduate degree, such as Economic Development, and had a strong desire to pursue my studies, particularly in applied economics. This led me to undertake an MSc in Global Economic Governance and Policy at SOAS, where I became fascinated by production systems and industrial strategy. On completing my Masters, I worked with Dr. Antonio Andreoni, Senior Lecturer in Economics, on some quantitative and qualitative analyses in the field of industrial development, after which I was offered an internship in the UNIDO Uruguay Regional Field office, which is where I am currently working.

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"Doing the degree gave me the opportunity to test my ability to understand and argue complex issues"



Volker Hüls
Consultant in Aid Monitoring, Aid
Systems and Disaster Risk Reduction
MA International and Comparative
Legal Studies, 2004

I currently live in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where I work as a self-employed consultant in aid monitoring and disaster risk reduction. During my studies, I was a volunteer in the German civil protection system and, after my undergraduate degree, the interest in working in civil protection and humanitarian aid took over. I took a volunteer assignment in Kenya in 1998, and never looked back: I have been working in international aid ever since. I went to SOAS to get a degree to further pursue this new career. Doing the degree gave me a very important opportunity to test my ability to understand and argue complex issues. It gave me the confidence to do what I do now.



Other learning opportunities

Transform your study experience and personal development by spending part of your degree in London

Study Abroad

We welcome you to join our growing Study Abroad and Exchange Student Programme. This programme is available to both undergraduate and postgraduate students who would like to enrol at SOAS for half a year or full year. Studying at SOAS enables students to choose from over 400 courses, to construct your own unique programme of study and earn credits towards your degree at your home institution.

Apply for Study Abroad

SOAS has Erasmus+ exchange agreements with a number of European universities as well as exchange agreements with universities in India, Japan, Korea, and Hong Kong. All other students can apply as general Study Abroad students. To begin in September, please apply by 30 June and to begin in January, please apply by 30 October. Further details can be found at www.soas.ac.uk/studyabroad

There are three study options: Full academic year, Term 1 only (September - December) or Term 2 & 3 (January - June). Whether you are coming to SOAS for the full year, Term 1 only or Term 2/3 only, you can enrol in either full year or half year courses. Half year students will only be assessed on the material covered while at SOAS. You can apply at www.soas.ac.uk/studyabroad/apply

Study Abroad support

We provide a wide range of support to Study Abroad and Exchange students during their time at SOAS. In addition to the dedicated Study Abroad Coordinator, you will be assigned an Academic Advisor. Your Academic Advisor will be a current SOAS academic and will support you towards reaching your academic goals.

In addition to dedicated pastoral support and care, you will be fully integrated into the SOAS student body – both academically and socially. You will also be offered several opportunities to take part in group activities with other Study Abroad and Exchange students. Ultimately our goal is to provide you with an authentic UK university experience within a truly international environment.

Upon completion, all students are provided with a SOAS transcript to transfer credits back to their home institution. You will also automatically join our global network of alumni and have a chance to further develop your professional, academic, career and social community of SOAS alumni and friends.

SOAS Summer School

What better way to experience a flavour of life on the SOAS campus than to enrol on a summer school course?

SOAS offers a wide range of courses during the summer months, from intensive academic courses aimed at giving undergraduates the opportunity to enhance their current curriculum, to fun and innovative courses in music and world languages designed for students from all backgrounds and levels.

The Academic Summer School offers students the chance to gain a deeper understanding of a single academic topic and is a great opportunity to try out a subject prior to moving on to further academic studies. The range of themes covered includes: Law, Politics, Economics, Finance and Business, Development Studies and the Environment, and Cultural and Area Studies. Students benefit from cutting-edge academic research, innovative teaching and practice-oriented learning.

Dates for 2019 are:

Session 1: June – July 2019

Session 2: July – July 2019

Session 3: July – August 2019

"It was the best teaching I've ever experienced. I was so very impressed and really inspired."

(Olivia, Development and Conflict.)

The entry requirements for the Academic Summer School are that you need to be a university student or graduate at the time of attendance, and 18+ years of age. Professional experience may be recognised as equivalent to a university qualification. Fluency in English is required.

Students enrolling on our Summer School are usually able to obtain credits from their home institution. Typically, our courses receive:

- 3.5 credits in the US system
- 7.5 ECTS in the European system

Scholarships have been available in previous years for students from Hong Kong and China, the US and Kenya, to study at the Academic Summer School. Check out the scholarships web pages to discover the best ways to fund your studies:

www.soas.ac.uk/summerschool/subjects/scholarships

You may need a visa to join the Academic Summer School depending on which country you are coming from. International students should refer to the relevant pages on the SOAS website: www.soas.ac.uk/international/entry. If you are currently studying in the UK on a TIER 4 visa and providing you have not completed your studies, you will be able to attend SOAS's Summer School, providing that you obtain a letter of permission from your home university.





English language and academic preparation



We know that many of you will be studying in English for the first time. This can be daunting and we have a number of options for you to improve your English and academic skills.

International Foundation Courses and English Language Studies (IFCELS)

IFCELS is one of the UK's top centres of expertise for Foundation, Pre-master's and Academic English programmes and has been running foundation programmes since 1985.

Teaching on all IFCELS programmes features the integration of academic subject and supporting English study, so that you can develop your knowledge, critical skills and language all at the same time.

As an IFCELS student you are a fully integrated member of SOAS. You also benefit from the extra services provided by IFCELS, such as two dedicated academic counsellors to advise on university applications and the department's own Accommodation, Visa and Welfare Officer.

IFCELS Programmes ICC Undergraduate Foundation

The Intermediate Certificate Course in Comparative International Studies (ICC) runs from mid-September to the end of June, and combines academic study with English and study skills tuition.

It is designed for students who are interested in degrees in Business, Finance and Management-related studies, Economics, Law, the Social Sciences, Media and the Humanities and offers ten academic modules covering the above range of subjects.

ICC students are guaranteed an offer of a place on SOAS undergraduate 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.

ICC details and application: www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/icc

FDPS Pre-Master's Programme

The Foundation Diploma for Postgraduate Studies (FDPS) runs from mid-September to the end of June, and combines academic study with English as well as research and study skills tuition.

It is designed for students who are interested in degrees in Business, Finance and Management-related studies, Law, the Social Sciences, Media and the Humanities and offers seven academic modules covering the above range of subjects. A special feature of FDPS is the opportunity to develop your research skills by completing an 8000 word Independent Study Project (ISP) on a research topic of your choice with one-to-one supervision from an academic expert and support from a Research Methods course and an individual tutor.

FDPS students are guaranteed an offer of a place on the majority of SOAS Master's programmes and receive a 5% discount on tuition fees on their Master's. The programme Diploma is also recognised across the UK as offering a high quality and intensive preparation for postgraduate study. Over the past five years 75% of FDPS graduates have fulfilled offers from top 30 universities and 60% went on to a postgraduate programme at a college of the University of London.

FDPS details and application:
www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/fdps

ELAS (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. Students also choose from a range of options – IELTS Preparation, Research Methods, English language skills practice, Media Studies and History of Art - to individualise their studies.

It is taught at four different English levels (A1-4, covering 4.5 - 7.0 IELTS) and students with the equivalent of 4.5 IELTS can take an intensive English language course (level A1) before moving on to combined language and academic study.

There are three ten-week terms each year with entry points in September, January and April and you 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 academic subject study. An Academic English mark of 70% on ELAS meets the English language requirements for entry to a degree at SOAS. Transcripts are provided for students taking this programme as a period of study abroad from their home country.

ELAS details and application:
www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/elas

Pre-sessional courses

SOAS Pre-sessional English courses run for 4, 8 and 12 weeks from the end of June until Welcome Week in late September and are designed for international students who have narrowly failed to meet the English language entry requirements for undergraduate, Master's or Research degrees. The courses aim to improve your ability to use English in an academic context across all four skills.

Most students joining the courses are required to do so as a condition of their offer from SOAS and the condition will be clearly stated in the offer letter but others who wish to improve their skills are also welcome (as long as they are at the right level for the course).

Accommodation in the SOAS Halls of Residence is available at special rates. www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/presessional

IFCELS Summer programme

IFCELS offers a range of summer courses for international students wishing to improve their English skills and also courses providing an introduction to academic subjects. These offer a great introduction to studying at an English speaking university and a "taster" for students thinking of studying a longer programme at SOAS. Enjoy London in summer by studying for 3, 6 or 9 weeks between July and September and stay in the SOAS student halls at a special IFCELS rate. Subject and English teaching are combined so that the academic content is accessible to students with an intermediate or upper intermediate level of English

Summer programme details and application:
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 currently enrolled International non-native speaker students who need support in Academic English and Academic Study Skills while on degree programmes at SOAS. Some students are required to study on these programmes as part of the terms of their offer, and have an 'Insessional requirement', or a requirement to do an Insessional orientation course, while others can opt into the programmes depending on their needs. Classes take the form of 2 hour sessions once a week over a roughly 5 or 10 week period. Typical modules offered include Academic Essay Writing, Seminar Speaking Skills, Reading and Note-taking, Dissertation Writing and 1-1 tutorials. www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/insessional



How to apply to SOAS

UCAS (Undergraduate Students)

In the UK undergraduate admissions is centrally managed through a system called UCAS. The UCAS application form allows students to apply for up to five courses at the one time, either at one or multiple universities.

Visit www.ucas.com

- Why do you want to study the course?
- Where does your interest in the subject come from?
- What are the things you have studied that interest you most?
- How have you pursued this interest outside of the classroom?
- What experiences have prepared you for this course and degree level study?

Direct applications (All other students)

With the exception of prospective undergraduate students all other applications are made directly to SOAS. Application forms are available on the SOAS website. www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/pg/howtoapply

Personal statement

Applying to university in the UK at any entry level is straightforward as the majority of the application is made up of facts about you and your education background. Most students find the hardest component to be the personal statement. Your personal statement should, in essence, tell us why you are motivated to study the course you are applying for. Strong personal statements normally answer the following questions;

Undergraduate personal statement

As the UCAS system allows you to apply for up to 5 courses at different institutions it is not advisable to specifically name a university in your statement as your personal statement will be viewed by all the universities you have applied to. In some cases, where the course on offer is quite different to anything else offered in the UK, it may be possible to submit a second statement directly to the institution.

Postgraduate personal statement

As you will have to complete individual applications for each programme and university applied for you can be more specific about the university you are applying to, the content of the course and the academic staff. It is not advisable to use the same statement for all of your applications.

Course type	Deadline	Application system	Course choice	Admissions test	English Language test	Reference
Foundation	30-Jun	Direct to IFCELS	Students choose their subject courses after applying	Y	IELTS 5.5 (5.0+ Writing)	
Undergraduate	15-Jan (UK/EU) 30/6 (final deadline)	Through UCAS	Up to 5 choices at one or various institutions	Y	IELTS 6.5 (Minimum 6.5 in Writing and Speaking, 6.0 in Reading and Listening)	1 reference required
Study Abroad	30-Jun (term 1 or full year) 30-Oct (term 2 only)	Direct to SOAS	Modules are selected after the application has been submitted		IELTS 6.5 (Minimum 6.5 in Writing and Speaking, 6.0 in Reading and Listening)	1 reference required
Foundation Pre-Masters	30-Jun	Direct to IFCELS	Students choose their subject courses after applying		IELTS 5.5 (5.5 in each sub-score)	1 reference required
Postgraduate Taught	30-Jun	Direct to SOAS	Students can indicate a second choice but will initially only be considered for their first choice	Y	IELTS 6.5 (Minimum 6.5 in Writing and Speaking, 6.0 in Reading and Listening)	2 references required
Postgraduate Research	30-Jun	Direct to SOAS	Students are advised to informally approach potential supervisors to discuss their research objectives prior to applying		IELTS 7.0 overall with at least 6.5 in all sub-scores	2 references required

Understanding your offer

If you have applied to SOAS you will receive one of three responses;

Unsuccessful – the university is unable to offer you a place

Conditional offer – this is the response the majority of students receive as they have applied before completing their qualifications. A conditional offer means you have a place at the university but in order to take it up you need to achieve a particular mark in your final examinations and/or English language test.

Unconditional offer – where students have already completed their exams and therefore meet all the academic and English language requirements. Students with an unconditional offer are eligible for enrolment

Responding to your offer

Undergraduate students - Once all the universities applied to have returned their responses it is up to you to decide which offer you want to take up as your firm choice, and which you would like to make your insurance. If you would like further information/advice about whether the programme at SOAS is the best fit for you, please contact one of the International Recruitment team: www.soas.ac.uk/yourcountry

Postgraduate students - Once the university's decision has been sent you have the choice to accept or decline the offer.



Fees and financial support

Tuition Fees (fees indicated are 2018/19)

Undergraduate fees (Full-Time)	UK/EU	Overseas
BA, BSc, LLB	£9,250	£16,907
BA/BSc Language Year Abroad	£1,350	£8,454
Postgraduate fees (Full-Time)	UK/EU	Overseas
Masters programmes Bands 1 -6	£9,225 - £16,315	£18,980 - £21,725
Research degrees (PhD)	£4,271	£16,950

Fees

The tuition fee rates for each following 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/EU 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 or mastersadmissions@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. For further details see www.soas.ac.uk/registry/fees

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. Please see www.gov.uk/student-finance for information and application links.

The main sources of help with maintenance costs for full-time UK undergraduate degree students are:

- Student loans from the government via Student Finance
- SOAS bursaries

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. If you take out a student loan, you won't have to start paying it back until you have completed your degree and are earning more than a minimum salary. Further details are available at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

EU and international students

EU students

If you are studying for your first undergraduate degree, you can apply for a tuition fee loan to cover the cost of tuition fees on the same basis as UK students.

Please see www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance for information. You will not be eligible for bursaries and maintenance loans unless you are in the UK as a migrant worker before 1 September 2018. Otherwise, you should apply in your home country for help with living costs.

International students

Scholarships may be available from your home country (contact your local British Council for details: www.educationuk.org), and some external bodies and foundations also provide financial support for students. Please also see www.soas.ac.uk/scholarships for further information and links to external funding bodies.

Scholarships and awards

SOAS offers a diverse range of scholarships to help students finance their studies. Some examples include:

Undergraduate

- SOAS Academic Excellence Scholarship is designed to award new undergraduate students with outstanding academic performance. Worth cash payment of £7,000 for the first year; a further £7,000 if the first year is completed with the grade of a first overall; and a final £7,000 if the second year is completed with the grade of a first overall.
- Undergraduate SOAS Global Leadership Scholarship is designed to inspire excellence in global citizenship, leadership and innovation. Scholars within the programme will benefit from a wide range of academic, financial and personal support including a £3,500 cash award per year, £500 for a community project and £750 for

academic self-development, i.e. taking part or attending academic / professional conference.

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

Postgraduate

- International Postgraduate Merit Scholarships for postgraduate taught programmes in Economics, Finance, Management and Law. Worth partial fee waiver of £2,500 based on academic merit achievement.
- SOAS International Postgraduate Excellence Scholarship, (certain countries apply, these can be found on SOAS website). Worth partial fee waiver of £3,000 based on academic merit achievement of a UK first-class honours degree (1st) or the international equivalent and a 250-word personal statement.
- Postgraduate SOAS Global Impact Award is designed to reward and inspire excellence in global citizenship including inclusivity, leadership, social responsibility, innovation in solving complex local and global challenges. Scholars within the programme will benefit from a range of academic, financial and personal support including a £3,500 cash award and £750 for academic self-development, i.e. giving a paper at a conference

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

Visa requirements

Do you need a visa to study in the UK?

You don't need to apply for a visa to enter the UK if you are a national of a European Economic Area (EEA) country or Switzerland. If you are a national of a country outside the EEA or Switzerland you will need a Tier 4 visa unless your programme is less than 6 months long when you can apply for a Short Term Study Visa. Find out more: www.soas.ac.uk/studentadviceandwellbeing/students/immigration/short-term-study-visa

More information about the conditions, requirements, and application process for a Tier 4 visa can be found on our website: www.soas.ac.uk/studentadviceandwellbeing/students/immigration/extending-visa

Making an application

You can apply for your visa up to 3 months before the start of your programme. It is very important that you check your visa requirements and allow enough time for the application which can

take several weeks. Do not book a non-refundable air-ticket until you have your visa and passport and make sure you keep everything you need to show with you in your hand luggage when you travel. The Tier 4 visa application fee and information about the compulsory Immigration Health Surcharge can be found on our website. www.soas.ac.uk/studentadviceandwellbeing/students/immigration/extending-visa

Other useful information

The Tier 4 General visa allows you to work (part-time, paid or unpaid) for up to 20 hours per week during term time.

Successful applicants from outside the UK will be issued a 30 day visa vignette (sticker in your passport) to travel to the UK. You will need to collect a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) from a post office within ten days of arriving in the UK. In some circumstances, you may also be required to register with the police when you arrive. Further information and guidance can be found at: www.soas.ac.uk/studentadviceandwellbeing/students/immigration



Entry requirements



SOAS accepts a range of international qualifications for application to our programmes, please see the individual course listings pages on our website for specific requirements for each programme or speak to a representative from our international recruitment team at study@soas.ac.uk

English language requirements

If your first language (mother tongue) 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 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 onto SOAS degree courses:

For direct unconditional entry with an Insessional 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	23	23	23
Pearson Test	65	60	65	65	65

The minimum scores for entry to the longest Pre-sessional 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-sessional course at a variety of levels. More information can be found at: www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/presessional

Please check www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/international/englishrequirements for up-to-date information on entry requirements. Applicants can also contact IFCELS with any queries about English language entry levels for SOAS by emailing ifcels@soas.ac.uk.

Undergraduate Programmes by Subject Area including A-level and IB requirements



Our range of undergraduate degrees are listed here by subject area. For single-subject degrees, we have also provided our A-level and International Baccalaureate entry requirements. If you are interested in applying for a combined (two-subject) degree, the entry requirements are set at the level of the subject with the higher requirement.

Africa

- BA African Language and Culture AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA African Studies AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA African Studies and...
- BA Swahili and...

Anthropology and Sociology

- BA Social Anthropology AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Social Anthropology and...

History of Art and Archaeology

- BA Creative Arts AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA History of Art AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA History of Art (Asia, Africa and Europe) AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA History of Art/Archaeology AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA History of Art/and Archaeology and...

China and Inner Asia

- BA Chinese (Modern and Classical) AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Chinese (Modern and Classical) and...
- BA Chinese Studies AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)

Development Studies

- BA Development Studies AAA-AAB, 35 (666 at HL)
- BA Development Studies and...

Economics

- BSc Development Economics AAA-AAB + GCSE Maths B, 35 (666 at HL)
- BSc Economics AAA-AAB, 35 (666 at HL)
- BA Economics and...

English

- BA English AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA English and...
- BA Creative Arts AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)

Financial and Management Studies

- BSc Accounting and Finance AAB-ABB and GCSE B Maths, 34 (665 at HL)
- BSc International Management (China) AAB-ABB + GCSE Maths B, 34 (665 at HL)
- BSc International Management (China) (Year Abroad) AAB-ABB + GCSE Maths B, 34 (665 at HL)
- BSc International Management (Japan and Korea)



- AAB-ABB + GCSE Maths B, 34 (665 at HL)
- BSc International Management (Japan) (Year Abroad) AAB-ABB + GCSE Maths B, 34 (665 at HL)
- BSc International Management (Middle East and North Africa) AAB-ABB + GCSE Maths B, 34 (665 at HL)
- BSc International Management (Middle East and North Africa) (Year Abroad) AAB-ABB + GCSE Maths B, 34 (665 at HL)
- BSc Management AAB-ABB + GCSE Maths B, 34 (665 at HL)

History

- BA History AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA History and...

Japan and Korea

- BA Japanese AAB-ABB, A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Japanese and...
- BA Japanese Studies AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Japanese Studies and...
- BA Korean AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Korean and...

Law

- BA Law and
- LLB Law A*AA-AAB, 35 (666 at HL)
- LLB with Year Abroad A*AA-AAB, 35 (666 at HL)
- Senior Status LLB

Liberal Arts

- BA Global Liberal Arts AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)

Linguistics

- BA Linguistics AAB-ABB, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Linguistics and...

Music

- BA Global Popular Music BBB, 31 (554 at HL)
- BA Music BBB including A-level Music, 31 (554 at HL)
- BA Music and...

Near and Middle East

- BA Ancient Near Eastern Studies AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Arabic AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Arabic and...
- BA Arabic and Islamic Studies AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Hebrew and...
- BA Hebrew and Israeli Studies AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Islamic Studies AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Middle Eastern Studies AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)

- BA Middle Eastern Studies and...
- BA Persian AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Persian and...
- BA Turkish AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA Turkish and...
- Certificate in Ancient Near Eastern Studies
- Certificate in Arabic
- Certificate in Arabic Studies
- Certificate in Persian
- Certificate in Turkish
- Certificate in Turkish Studies

Politics and International Studies

- BA International Relations AAA, 35 (666 at HL)
- BA International Relations and...
- BA Politics AAA, 35 (666 at HL)
- BA Politics and...
- BA Politics and International Relations AAA, 35 (666 at HL)
- Certificate in Political Studies

Religions and Philosophies

- BA Study of Religions ABB-BBB, 33 (555 at HL)
- BA Study of Religions and...
- BA World Philosophies ABB-BBB, 33 (555 at HL)
- BA World Philosophies and...
- Certificate in the Study of Religions

South Asia

- BA South Asian Studies AAB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA South Asian Studies and...
- BA South Asian Studies (Year Abroad) AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA South Asian Studies and... (Year Abroad)
- Certificate in Nepali Studies
- Certificate in Sanskrit
- Certificate in South Asian Studies
- Diploma in Sanskrit

South East Asia

- BA Burmese (Myanmar) and...
- BA Indonesian and...
- BA South East Asian Studies AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA South East Asian Studies (Year Abroad) AAB-ABB A Level language preferred, 34 (665 at HL)
- BA South East Asian Studies and ...
- BA Thai and...
- BA Vietnamese and...

University of London Joint Degrees

- BA...and French

Postgraduate programmes

Africa

- MA African Studies
- MA African Studies (Literature Pathway)
- PhD in African Studies

Anthropology and Sociology

- MA Anthropological Research Methods
- MA Anthropological Research Methods and Intensive Language
- MA Anthropological Research Methods and Nepali
- MA Anthropology of Food
- MA Anthropology of Media
- MA Anthropology of Media and Intensive Language
- MA Medical Anthropology
- MA Medical Anthropology and Intensive Language
- MA Migration and Diaspora Studies
- MA Migration and Diaspora Studies and Intensive Language
- MA Museums, Heritage and Material Culture Studies
- MA Social Anthropology
- MA Social Anthropology and Intensive Language
- MA Social Anthropology of Development
- PhD in Anthropology & Sociology

China and Inner Asia

- MA Advanced Chinese Studies
- MA Chinese Studies
- MA Chinese Studies (Literature Pathway)
- MA Sinology
- MA Taiwan Studies
- MSc Contemporary China Studies
- PhD in Chinese and Inner Asian Studies

Cultural, Literary and Postcolonial Studies

- MA Comparative Literature (Africa / Asia)
- MA Cultural Studies
- MA Postcolonial Studies
- PhD in Cultural, Literary and Postcolonial Studies

Development Studies

- MSc/PGDip/PGCert Climate Change and Development (Distance Learning)
- MSc Development Studies
- MSc Development Studies (Central Asia Pathway)
- MSc Development Studies (Palestine Pathway)
- MSc Environment, Politics and Development
- MSc Globalisation and Development
- MSc Labour, Social Movements and Development
- MSc Migration, Mobility and Development
- MSc Research for International Development
- MSc/PGDip/PGCert Sustainable Development (Distance Learning)
- MSc Violence, Conflict and Development
- MSc Violence, Conflict and Development (Palestine Pathway)
- PhD in International Development

Economics

- Graduate Diploma in Economics
- MSc Development Economics
- MSc Economics
- MSc Economics with reference to

Environment and Development

- MSc International Finance and Development
- MSc Global Economic Governance and Policy
- MSc Political Economy of Development
- PhD in Development Economics
- PhD in Economics

Financial and Management Studies

- MSc Finance and Financial Law
- MSc Finance and Financial Law (Online and Distance Learning)
- MSc Finance (Major: Banking) (Online and Distance Learning)
- MSc Finance (Major: Economic Policy) (Online and Distance Learning)
- MSc Finance (Major: Financial Sector Management) (Online and Distance Learning)
- MSc Finance (Major: Quantitative Finance) (Online and Distance Learning)
- MSc International Business Administration (Online and Distance Learning)
- MSc International Management (China)
- MSc International Management (Japan)
- MSc International Management (Middle East and North Africa)
- MSc Public Financial Management
- MSc Public Financial Management (Online and Distance Learning)
- MSc Public Policy and Management
- MSc Public Policy and Management (Online and Distance Learning)
- MSc in Finance
- MRes in Finance and Management
- PhD in Finance and Management

Gender Studies

- MA Gender Studies
- MA Gender Studies with special reference to the Middle East
- MA Gender Studies and Law
- MA Gender and Sexuality
- PhD in Gender Studies

History

- MA Historical Research Methods
- MA Historical Research Methods and Intensive Language
- MA History
- MA History and Intensive Language
- MA Islamic Intellectual History
- MA Islamic Intellectual History and Intensive Language
- PhD in History

History of Art and Archaeology

- MA Arts of Asia and Africa
- MA Contemporary Art and Art Theory of Asia and Africa
- MA Global Creative and Cultural Industries
- MA History of Art and Archaeology of East Asia
- MA History of Art and Archaeology of East Asia and Intensive Language



- MA History of Art and Architecture of the Islamic Middle East
- MA History of Art and/or Archaeology
- MA Religious Arts of Asia
- PhD History of Art and/or Archaeology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Art

International Studies and Diplomacy

- MA Global Diplomacy (Online and Distance Learning)
- MA/PGDip International Studies and Diplomacy
- MSc Global Energy and Climate Policy
- MSc Global Energy and Climate Policy (Online Learning)
- MSc Global Corporations and Policy
- MSc Global Corporations and Policy (Online Learning)
- PhD in Global Studies

Japan and Korea

- MA ... and Intensive Language (Japanese)
- MA ... and Intensive Language (Korean)
- MA Japanese Studies
- MA Japanese Studies (Literature Pathway)
- MA Japanese Studies (Dual Degree Programme)
- MA Korean Studies
- MA Korean Studies (Literature Pathway)
- PhD in Japanese and Korean Studies

Law

- LLM (Master of Laws)
- LLM in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
- LLM in Human Rights, Conflict and Justice
- LLM in International Commercial and Economical Law
- LLM in International Law
- LLM in Islamic Law
- LLM in Law and Gender
- LLM in Law, Development and Globalisation
- MA in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
- MA in Human Rights Law
- MA in International Law
- MA in Islamic Law
- MA in Legal Studies (General Programme)
- MRes Law
- PhD in Law

Linguistics

- MA Language Documentation and Description
- MA Linguistics
- MA Linguistics and Intensive Language
- MA Translation
- PhD in Linguistics

Media Studies

- MA Critical Media and Cultural Studies
- MA Global Cinemas
- MA Global Creative and Cultural Industries
- MA Global Digital Cultures
- MA Global Media and Postnational Communication
- MA International Journalisms
- MA Media in Development
- PhD in Film Studies
- PhD in Media Studies

Music

- MA Global Creative and Cultural Industries
- MA Music in Development
- MMus Ethnomusicology
- MMus Performance
- PhD in Music

Near and Middle East

- MA Ancient Near Eastern Languages
- MA ... and Intensive Language (Arabic)
- MA ... and Intensive Language (Turkish)
- MA Arabic Literature
- MA in Gender Studies with special reference to the Middle East
- MA Iranian Studies
- MA Islamic Societies and Cultures
- MA Islamic Studies
- MA Israeli Studies
- MA Near and Middle Eastern Studies
- MA Palestine Studies
- MA Turkish Studies
- PhD in Near and Middle Eastern Studies

Politics and International Studies

- Certificate in Political Studies
- MA/PGDip International Studies and Diplomacy
- MSc African Politics
- MSc Asian Politics
- MSc Comparative Political Thought
- MSc Global Energy and Climate Policy
- MSc Global Energy and Climate Policy (Online Learning)
- MSc International Politics
- MSc Middle East Politics
- MSc Politics Of China
- MSc Politics of Conflict, Rights and Justice
- MA Religion in Global Politics
- MSc State, Society and Development
- PhD in Global Studies
- PhD in Politics and International Studies

Religions and Philosophies

- MA Buddhist Studies
- MA Muslim Minorities in a Global Context (Online and Distance Learning)
- MA Religion in Global Politics
- MA Religions of Asia and Africa
- MA Religions of Asia and Africa and Intensive Language
- MA Traditions of Yoga and Meditation
- PhD in Religions and Philosophies

South Asia

- MA Anthropological Research Methods and Nepali
- MA Intensive South Asian Studies
- MA South Asian Area Studies
- PhD in South Asian Studies

South East Asia

- MA Pacific Asian Studies
- MA South East Asian Studies
- MA South East Asian Studies and Intensive Language
- PhD in South East Asian Studies

Our International Office

Our International Officers are on hand throughout the application process to offer all the support you need to make an application to SOAS.

Visits to your country

Our International Officers regularly travel overseas to meet prospective students. The team attends education exhibitions, arranges visits to schools and universities, as well as presentations and individual counselling sessions for prospective students, applicants and offer holders.

These visits provide the perfect opportunity for you to find out more about the School.

For details of our upcoming trips visit:
www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/international/events

Steps for new students

Once you have an offer from SOAS, visit our website for helpful advice on how to prepare to take up your place
www.soas.ac.uk/international

Accuracy of this prospectus, changes or withdrawals to programmes, courses and modules

Every effort is made to ensure that the information in this prospectus is accurate and up to date at the time this prospectus was prepared (October 2018). However some changes, for example to programmes, modules, courses, facilities or fees may become necessary due to legitimate staffing, financial, regulatory and academic reasons. In such circumstances SOAS will: (i) endeavour to keep any changes to a minimum; (ii) take all reasonable steps to minimise disruption to students; and (iii) keep students informed appropriately. For the most up to date information, or if applicants require further information or confirmation of any matter, they should contact the Student Recruitment Office on study@soas.ac.uk or visit our website www.soas.ac.uk. All offers of admission to pursue a programme of study as a registered student of SOAS are made by the Head of Admissions or their officially authorised deputy. No promise or purported offer made otherwise has any validity.

Key contacts

If you have any questions please contact the International Officer responsible for your country/region below and they will be pleased to advise you.

You can find out more about studying at SOAS by connecting with the International Office on social media.

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- 5 ROBERT SHAWSON'S HOUSE, 100-102 BRISTOL STREET, WC1H 7TH
- 6 ST BONAVENTURE CHURCH, 100-102 BRISTOL STREET, WC1H 7TH
- 7 WINDMILL, 100-102 BRISTOL STREET, WC1H 7TH
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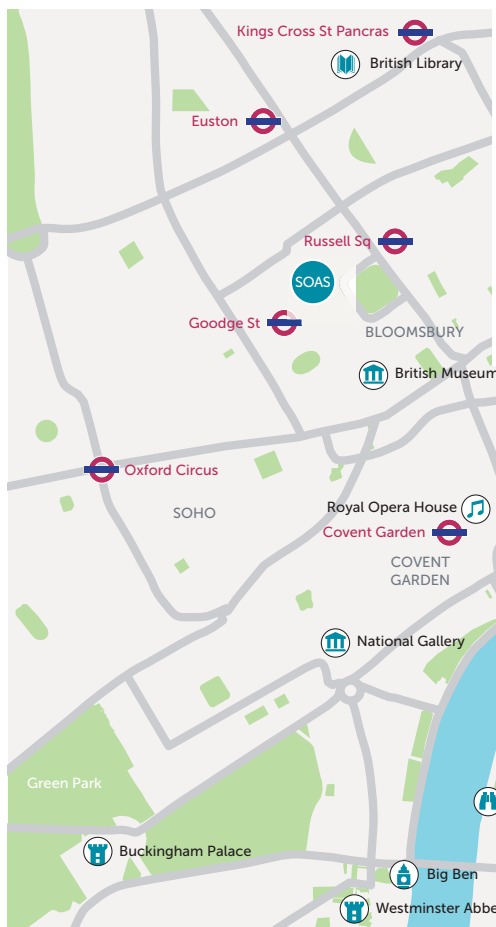
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-  Point of interest
-  Tube Station
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-  SOAS Campus and halls of residence
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