

The logo for SOAS University of London, featuring the letters 'SOAS' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The background of the entire page is a deep purple with a repeating geometric pattern of interlocking lines forming various polygons. Large, stylized letters 'S', 'A', 'O', and 'S' are scattered across the page, each filled with a golden-yellow color and the same geometric pattern as the background.

# SOAS

University of London

**The World's University**  
Postgraduate Prospectus  
2024 entry



All of our challenges - climate change, renewable energy, public health, inequality, political and social polarisation - are transnational in character and require global and local knowledge, critical reflection, multidisciplinary perspectives, and practical engagement if they are to be sustainably addressed. This is what the SOAS education is about.

With an explicit mandate of social justice and academic excellence, and a desire to bridge the divides among the human community, we bring the diversity of our world to our campus in central London. Here at SOAS, we enable our students and staff to engage in critical research, deep thinking, robust deliberation, and practical experimentation on the world's central challenges. We would love to welcome each one of you to this inspiring yet challenging, demographically diverse, cosmopolitan community.

At SOAS, you will learn both the professional skills required by your chosen field, and the soft skills that enable you to not only traverse diverse, cosmopolitan communities but also be transformed into citizens and leaders capable of impacting our world.

**Adam Habib**  
Director

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# Welcome to SOAS: the world's university

At SOAS, we view the world through a different lens. Our expertise in the study of Africa, Asia and the Middle East shapes our understanding to tackle the global challenges of our time.

Come to SOAS and join a welcoming, diverse, and close-knit community in central London. Here, we challenge perspectives, broach debate and empower our students to find solutions to the issues facing the world today.

If you want to expand your horizons and develop a deeper understanding of the world, be part of SOAS: the world's university.





# Why SOAS?

See the world through a different lens

Challenge the status quo

Be committed to building equitable global partnerships

Thrive in diversity

Strive for a more equal and just world

Embrace inclusivity

# SOAS in stats

**5,880**

students on campus

**55%**

international students

**6th**

in the UK for employment outcomes\*

**55K+**

SOAS alumni worldwide

**135+**

countries represented across our student body

**Top 50**

in the world for internationalism\*

**Top 50**

in the world for Arts and Humanities\*

**1 of 5**

National Research Libraries funded by UKRI

**87%**

of research ranked world-leading or internationally excellent\*\*

\*QS World Rankings 2023

\*\*Research Excellence Framework 2021

# Research for change

Collaborating with partners worldwide, SOAS researchers address challenges and strive for a more equal and just world.

## Finding new ways to tackle corruption in developing countries

Existing anti-corruption approaches of top-down driven enforcement have often delivered poor results in developing countries. The SOAS Anti-Corruption Evidence (ACE) research project aims to develop anti-corruption strategies that move away from top-down enforcement and towards peer-group support for anti-corruption. The programme operates primarily in Bangladesh and Nigeria but has also worked in Tanzania, Lebanon, Pakistan, Indonesia and Malawi, and includes a network of 27 co-creating research partner organizations across these countries.

## Using immersive VR to reconstruct the past

The Hashima Virtual Reality Project brings together an interdisciplinary team of historians, game developers, and heritage preservationists to teleport users to an immersive experience of life on the Island of Hashima. The Island, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site off the coast of Nagasaki city is both a symbol of Japan's industrial heritage and a contested site of historical memory. The project reconstructs and gives guided tours of this UNESCO World Heritage site and will become an interactive gaming experience of the island from the 1920s to the 1970s.



## Amplifying the carceral experiences of marginalised communities around the world

The Carceral Policy, Policing and Race Project seeks to amplify the carceral experiences of marginalised communities around the world and to dig deeper into the various meanings and manifestations of carcerality itself. Led by the Rt Hon David Lammy MP, it aims to uncover the strikingly similar carceral colonial character of societies around the world. It asks what it would mean to “decolonise” systems of criminal justice around the world.

## Transforming public understanding of The Epic of Gilgamesh

The Epic of Gilgamesh is the oldest long poem in history. Professor Andrew George began work translating the Epic in 1985 as a young lecturer at SOAS and continued his work on it for more than 35 years. His 2019 Penguin Classics edition is the definitive translation for non-academic readers and includes the most recent discoveries of text. By recovering Gilgamesh for modern readers Professor George has put the masterpiece of Babylonian literature where it belongs – squarely in the cultural limelight.

For more information, visit:  
► [soas.ac.uk/research](https://soas.ac.uk/research)



# Student life

## What does it mean to be a SOAS student?

SOAS is as diverse and inclusive as the city it's in. Our campus in London has one of the most international student bodies in the country, meaning you'll have the chance to make friends with people from all around the world. Being a SOAS student isn't just one thing. What unites SOAS students is a curiosity to question and a drive to learn more about the world around them.

## Life on campus

Discover a lively social hub home to music, societies and strong student support for everyone. Our Students' Union common room has been the go-to place for lively debate, discussion, music, sports screenings and meet-ups for decades. On campus, you can also find our newly refurbished Postgraduate Common Room and an on-site cafeteria, 'The World's Kitchen', offering a diverse range of dishes with halal and vegan options, all at an affordable price. We even have a Farmer's Market every Thursday near campus!

## The Students' Union (SU)

We have one of the most politically active SU's in the UK, with the largest proportional turnout in SU elections in the country. The SU represents students, both within the university itself and on national issues.



## SOAS has 100+ student societies

These include; anime, Bangla, Chinese percussion, debating, origami, feminist society, a world music choir, yoga and various sports teams. A wide range of religious, cultural and political societies also host events throughout the year. There's even a student-run radio station and newspaper right here on campus.

## Working while studying

Many jobs are available on campus and beyond to earn extra income while studying. We have part-time roles in our SU shop and our cafes. You can work as a Student Ambassador at in-person events or online. Living in a vibrant city like London, you'll also have access to job opportunities across the capital's diverse range of industries.

For more information, visit:  
► [soasunion.org](https://soasunion.org)

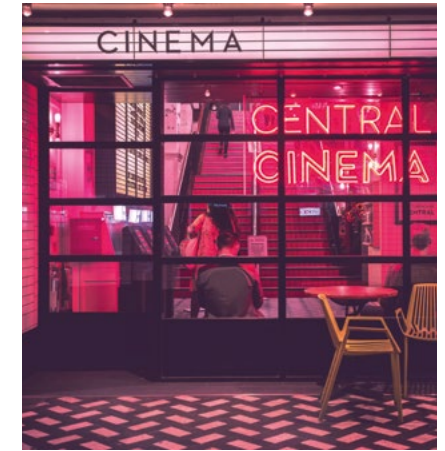


# Living in London

London is officially the best student city in the world\* - and has been for four years in a row.








It's not hard to see why. There's never a dull moment here; the UK's capital is a city full of new discoveries and opportunities that fully embrace its diversity.

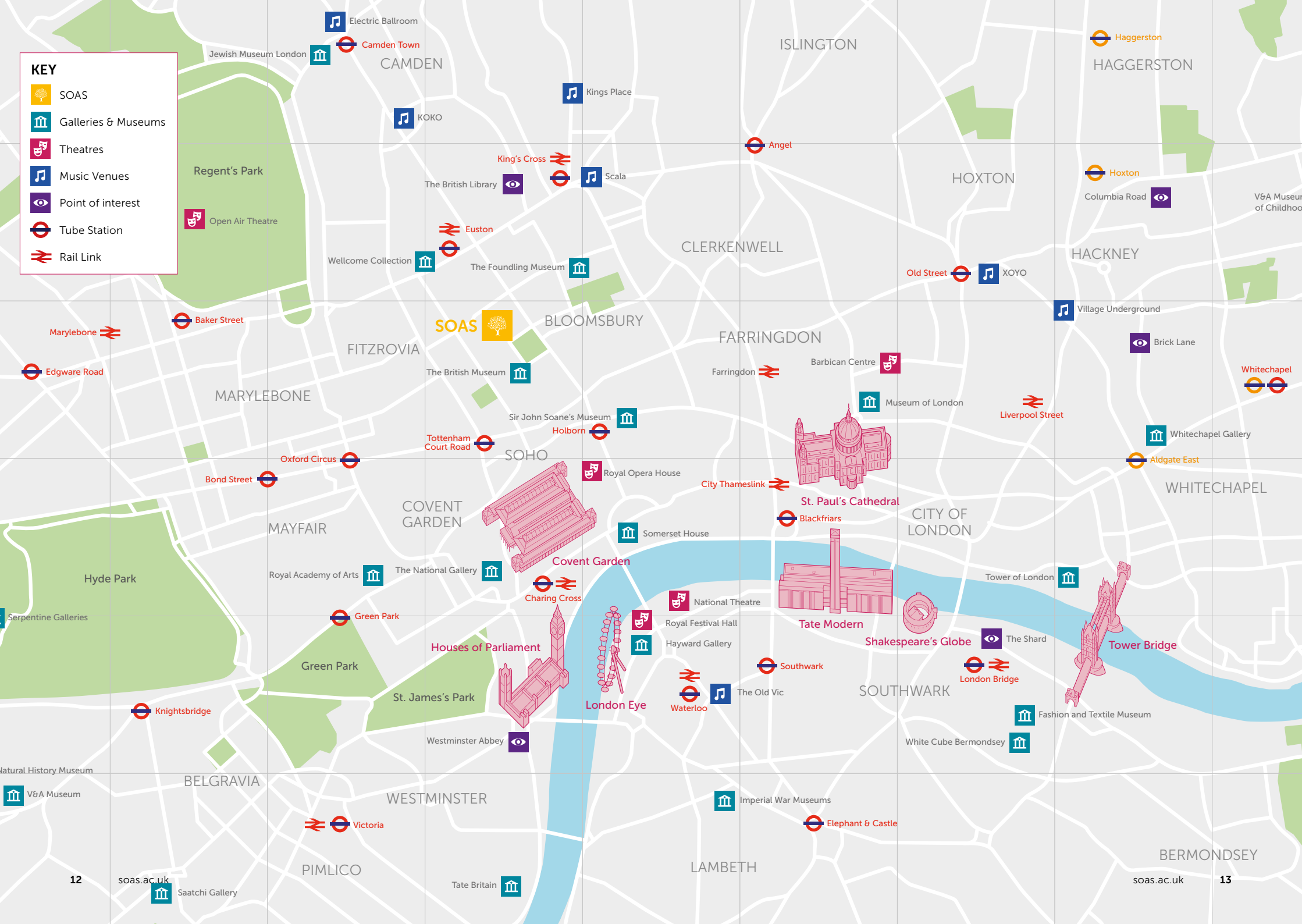
- World-renowned music, comedy, sport and theatre - every day of the week.
- More than 170 museums, many being free to explore.
- Iconic landmarks and art galleries to match any taste.
- Over 3000 parks, making it one of the greenest cities in the world.
- A TOTUM card offers you hundreds of student discounts.
- A well-connected, accessible public transport network to explore the city and beyond, with discounted TFL travel available.



\*QS World Rankings 2023

**KEY**

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





# Our campus

Located in leafy and cosmopolitan Bloomsbury, our central London campus is right at the centre of it all.

SOAS has a single campus surrounded by green spaces, cafés, bars and restaurants, bookstores, museums and arts venues - with the British Museum, British Library, Regent's Park and the West End all within walking distance.

It has everything you need – including the warm atmosphere our students tell us makes SOAS feel like a home away from home.

## The SOAS Library

Our library is one of the world's most important academic resources for the study of Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Its impressive structure houses over 1.3 million volumes, including manuscripts, archives and digital collections - and it is ever-expanding. It is recognised by RLUK as one of the most significant research libraries in the UK and attracts scholars from around the globe.

## The Brunei Gallery

SOAS has a gallery space on campus hosting an exciting programme of events and exhibitions throughout the year, promoting a better understanding of the art culture, history, and contemporary contexts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East.





# Accommodation

Living in central London is an unrivalled experience.

SOAS offers a variety of housing options to match your needs, budget and taste - in locations close to the SOAS campus in historic Bloomsbury.

## Postgraduate Halls of Residence

### Paul Robeson House

En-suite rooms close to the creative hubs of Angel, Camden and King's Cross.

🚶 25 minutes

### The Stay Club

Self-contained studios with a whole host of social and study spaces in Camden and Kentish Town.

🚶 25-35 minutes

### Downing Students Vega

Luxury accommodation in the heart of trendy Vauxhall.

🚶 25 minutes

### Helen Graham House

Live opposite the world-famous British Museum!

🚶 8 minutes



### Goldsmiths House (female only hall)

A female only option sat between The British Library and Regents Park.

🚶 20 minutes

### Wood Green Hall

A low-cost option in Wood Green, with good transport links.

🚶 30 minutes

### Urbanest St Pancras

Situated right by Regent's Canal in the newly regenerated King's Cross area.

🚶 25 minutes

### Intercollegiate Halls

SOAS is a member institution of the University of London, meaning our students can enjoy shared facilities and live with students from other London universities in the area.

🚶 5-10 minutes

### Students with families

If you're moving with a family or partner, family-friendly studios and flats are available with many of our accommodation providers.

### Private accommodation

SOAS are on hand with our housing events, one-to-one support, contract checks and house-hunting resources.

### Accessibility

We have accessible rooms in most of our hall options. Get in touch with our Disability Advisors who will be able to support you:

[disabilities@soas.ac.uk](mailto:disabilities@soas.ac.uk)

### Get in touch

► [accommodation@soas.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@soas.ac.uk)



# Global partnerships

## A new model for equitable global partnerships.

At SOAS, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East are not simply areas of study. They are the philosophical lens through which we understand the planetary questions of our time; climate change, inequality, pandemics, and political and social polarisation.

We come to those questions from the perspectives of the majoritarian world. That's why we're building a model for equitable global partnerships at SOAS.

We are committed to developing partnerships with like-minded institutions across Africa, Asia and the Middle East to co-develop, co-teach and co-award programmes that offer students a truly global learning experience - one that brings together and represents different knowledge systems in a more equitable way.

Find out more:

► [soas.ac.uk/partnerships](https://soas.ac.uk/partnerships)

Contact us:

► [globalpartnerships@soas.ac.uk](mailto:globalpartnerships@soas.ac.uk)



# Student advice and wellbeing

We pride ourselves on providing a welcoming environment for everyone and helping to make your SOAS experience fulfilling.

Our support services are your safety net and are on hand for everyone, whatever you need help with.

## **Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Service**

A confidential service for students needing support with a range of difficulties related to wellbeing and mental health.

## **Student Advice Service**

Our team offer free, confidential advice about finance, accommodation, immigration and funding to enrolled students and applicants.



## **Disability and Neurodiversity Team**

Our specialist guidance and support for disabled and neurodiverse students can help to ensure that reasonable adjustments are made to make SOAS accessible for you.

## **Multi-faith Chaplaincy**

Our team of chaplains can provide pastoral support to students of any faith or none. They come from different faiths and personal backgrounds.

Find out more:

► [soas.ac.uk/studentsupport](https://soas.ac.uk/studentsupport)



# Scholarships

Curious minds shouldn't be hemmed in by financial barriers.

At SOAS we wish to support all students to fulfil their potential. That's why we offer a range of scholarships, bursaries and awards to support postgraduate and research students through their studies.

We also participate in external scholarship programmes, such as Chevening, which offer eligible international students comprehensive funding for postgraduate study.

Find out more:  
 ► [soas.ac.uk/scholarships](https://soas.ac.uk/scholarships)



# Scholarships available

AWARD	VALUE	ELIGIBILITY
<b>Allan and Nesta Ferguson Scholarships</b>	£32,500	For any full-time MA programme in the College of Humanities
<b>Bloomsbury Colleges PhD Studentships</b>	Home fee rate tuition fees and a stipend for up to 3 years	MPhil/PhD studentships of 3 years duration
<b>International Postgraduate Scholarship</b>	£4,000	Any full time PhD programme or Taught Masters programmes
<b>Felix Scholarships - Indian students</b>	Tuition fees, living costs and a return air fare	Any full time PhD programme or Taught Masters programmes
<b>Felix Scholarship Non-Indian</b>	Tuition fees, living costs and a return air fare	Any full-time taught MA
<b>SOAS Master's Scholarships</b>	£4000	Any full-time taught MA
<b>Subject-specific and external scholarships</b>	Check the website for the full range of scholarships available	

# Your career

6<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
employment  
outcomes\*

A SOAS education gives you a unique perspective on the world, providing you with the cultural insights and skills to make a difference where it matters most.

Gain the knowledge and skills to make an impact. SOAS graduates are well regarded by employers for their global outlook and unique specialisms. We are ranked 6th\* in the UK for Employment Outcomes. Study at SOAS and be ready for a career within the global economy and a multicultural world.

### How we support you

We have a dedicated career service team on hand to help you at whatever stage you are at. Our careers team offers one-to-one consultations, skills sessions, career fairs, an online CareersZONE, e-mentoring with alumni, plus access to the University of London Careers Group. The SOAS internship programme offers valuable work experience with NGOs, finance and tech companies, charities and art galleries.

### Where do SOAS graduates go?

United Nations, Amnesty International, EY, Deloitte, The New York Times, Google, BBC, World Economic Forum, Save the Children and many more...

Find out more:

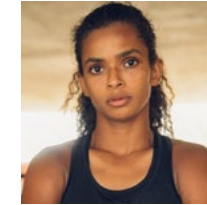
► [soas.ac.uk/careers](https://soas.ac.uk/careers)



## Inspiring alumni



Achim Steiner  
Chairman of United Nations Sustainable Development Group  
MA African Studies, 1985



Ramla Ali  
Professional boxer, Olympian and model  
BA Law, 2009



Nick Mulvey  
Mercury Prize nominated musician  
BA Music Studies, 2007



Poppy Ajudha  
Singer and songwriter  
BA Social Anthropology and Music, 2017



Maro Itoje  
England international rugby player  
BA Politics, 2018



Fatima Bhutto  
Writer, journalist and activist  
MA South Asian Studies, 2005

\*QS World University Rankings 2023



# Alumni careers

Be inspired by the impressive career paths of our SOAS alumni community.

“My hopes for the future? To see the transformation of Rwanda in my generation.”

Isaac graduated with an MSc in Public Policy, Finance and Management and now works at the Development Bank of Rwanda:

“It was made clear from the start that there is no prescriptive magic pill that we’re going to get from SOAS. Instead, we learnt the ability to widen your scope, to gather different perspectives that can guide your own reading of any complex situation that you would like to contribute to or solve.”

“I’m able to borrow from what I picked up at SOAS to make sure the development we’re pursuing is done in a sustainable manner for future generations.”



**Isaac Rugamba Rutagwenda,**  
MSc in Public Policy, Finance and Management.  
Resource Mobilization Manager at the Development Bank of Rwanda



**Dr Feroza Sanjana,**  
MA in International Studies and Diplomacy Consultant.  
Women’s Economic Empowerment Unit, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

“SOAS helped develop my worldview towards life and people.”

Dr Feroza Sanjana used her MA at SOAS to deepen her knowledge of the institutions, politics and processes that underlie many of the global challenges her work now seeks to offer. She helps women entrepreneurs access finance, markets and networks.

“I’m motivated by the projects I work on. I think they’re important as women’s lives can be transformed by having access to opportunities and skills and challenging the societal norms that might restrict them from achieving their full potential.”

“I can draw a direct line from my studies at SOAS to my current job.”

Max Schmidt’s MSc Research for International Development prepared him for a fellowship with an international climate think tank before becoming a climate finance consultant:

“When I applied for master’s degrees, I couldn’t stop thinking about SOAS and the amazing things I’d heard about it from some alumni. This went so far that I turned down an offer from the University of Cambridge for an MSc in Development Studies. In retrospect, this was the absolute right decision: I had so much flexibility with the MSc Research for International Development at SOAS...Studying at SOAS exceeded my wildest dreams.”



**Max Schmidt,**  
MSc Research for International Development.  
Climate Finance Consultant,  
Perspectives Climate Group

# 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

## 9<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for Middle Eastern and African Studies\*

Gain unrivalled and specialist knowledge of Africa and its multiple diasporas - through studying the region's languages, cultures, politics, economics or law.

At SOAS, you will have the opportunity to take a multi-disciplinary approach, gain intercultural awareness and study an African Language of your choice, including Amharic, Swahili, Zulu and Somali.

Engage with the region's various distinctive cultures and forms of artistic expression imbued with political, philosophical and religious significance. We are uniquely equipped as the only university in the UK to offer a master's degree in the Politics of Africa and offer access to the SOAS Centre of African Studies, the largest centre of expertise on Africa outside the continent.

### Courses:

- MA African Studies
- MA African Studies and Intensive Swahili
- MA...and Intensive Language (Swahili)
- MSc Politics of Africa
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in African Studies

### Where our graduates go:

- Amnesty International
- BBC World Service
- Google

### More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/africa](https://soas.ac.uk/africa)

🏠 Margaret Busby New Daughters of Africa Award Scholarship available

\*Complete University Guide 2023

# Anthropology and Sociology

## 12<sup>TH</sup>

in the world for Anthropology and Sociology\*

Grapple with the theory and practice of real-world issues: migration, race, gender, climate change, and social justice.

We are a diverse, multi-lingual, and engaged community that believes the world has many layers, perspectives, and forms of knowledge. Here, you acquire the methods and theories to help understand the world and to make a difference. Our approach to teaching is practice-based and collaborative, offering a unique learning opportunity for our diverse and vibrant student community - to gain the skills to impact policy and government, the arts, and the media.

### Courses:

- MA Anthropology of Food
- MA Anthropology of Food and Intensive Language
- MA Anthropology of Global Futures and Sustainability
- MA Medical Anthropology and Mental Health
- MA Migration and Diaspora Studies
- MA Migration and Diaspora Studies and Intensive Language
- MA Social Anthropology
- MA Social Anthropology and Intensive Language
- MRes Social Anthropology
- MRes Social Anthropology and Intensive Language
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Anthropology and Sociology

### Where our graduates go:

- Deloitte
- The New York Times
- Unicef

### More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/anthropology](https://soas.ac.uk/anthropology)

🏠 Scholarships available

\*QS World University Rankings 2023

# Arts

# 13<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK\*

Learn by making, doing, debating, and creating with open-minded people inspired by culture – and its potential to create a better world.

At SOAS, you'll develop a critical non-Western perspective, theoretical knowledge, and the practical skills you need to navigate the future of the cultural industries. Lectures, student-led seminars, one-to-one supervision, workshops, and potential work placements all enrich our eclectic mix of creative stimulation, inspiration, and education. We'll also introduce you to a whole host of exciting ideas and perspectives – then inspire you to pursue your own passions, from curation to creation.

## Course:

- MA Curating Cultures
- MA Global Creative and Cultural Industries
- MA History of Art and Archaeology
  - Opportunity to specialise in East Asia or Islamic Middle East, with Intensive Language options.
- MA Music
- SOAS-Alphawood Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Art
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Creative Arts and Cultural Industries, Film Studies, Music, History of Art and/or Archaeology

## Where our graduates go:

- The Art Newspaper
- V&A Museum
- British Library Sound Archive

## More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/school-arts](https://soas.ac.uk/school-arts)

# China and Inner Asia

# 9<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for Asian Studies\*

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 literature of China, Tibet and other Asian regions is unmatched in Europe. SOAS is home to the largest concentration of Chinese specialists outside of China, with unrivalled library resources and the country's most comprehensive choice of China-related language and discipline modules.

Our research and modules are interdisciplinary and extend to explore aspects of religion, philosophy, family life and political and social history. More specifically, it gives you the opportunity to delve that much deeper into areas of interest such as literature, games, horticulture from the Ming and Qing periods, Chinese cinema and theatre, popular culture, media, and cultural governance.

## Courses:

- MA Chinese Studies 🏠
- MA Taiwan Studies
- MA... and Intensive Language (Chinese)
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Chinese and Inner Asian Studies

## Where our graduates go:

- Google
- Bloomberg LP
- KPMG

## More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/cia](https://soas.ac.uk/cia)

🏠 SOAS School of Arts Doctoral Scholarships for Chinese Art History available

\*QS World University Rankings 2023

🏠 Bernard Buckman Scholarship available

\*Complete University Guide 2023



# Cultural, Literary and Postcolonial Studies

**1<sup>ST</sup>**

in London for  
Middle Eastern and  
African Studies\*

Explore the cultural, aesthetic and literary world in the ever-evolving and ever-engaging regions of Africa, Asia, the Middle East and their diasporas.

Our unique appreciation and approach to the aesthetics, literature, and culture of Africa, Asia and the Middle East are vital for students who want to look more deeply and broadly at non-European cultures and literatures. We've nurtured a truly diverse and cross-cultural environment for decades. And today, we're more active than ever in debates surrounding these changing regions.

At SOAS, you'll learn from and engage with expert scholars from across the humanities – people who play a key role in the critical and theoretical debate of comparative literature, and cultural and postcolonial studies. We'll inspire you to participate in and research exciting new debates on literary, cultural and postcolonial thinking.

## Courses:

- MA Comparative Literature
- MA Cultural Studies
- MA Postcolonial Studies
- Research Degrees (MPhil/ PhD) in Cultural, Literary and Postcolonial Studies

## Where our graduates go:

- Amnesty International
- Médecins Sans Frontières
- UN World Food Programme

## More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/cclips](https://soas.ac.uk/cclips)

# Development, Environment and Policy

**Top 20**

in the UK for  
student satisfaction  
with teaching \*

Develop a wide range of interdisciplinary skills, and above all, learn how to apply them where they matter most.

Sustainable development. Environmental impact. Poverty on an immense scale. These are some of the most pressing issues facing the world today. Ethical, political, economic, social, and technical pressures interrelate and underpin these complex challenges.

At SOAS, we look to help navigate the consequences of these global problems – and ultimately, explore effective ways of tackling them. Our range of postgraduate qualifications in this area is unique, covering subjects that include sustainable development, poverty reduction, environmental management, water, forestry, climate, agricultural production, biodiversity, conflicts, and energy supply.

## Courses:

- MSc Economics and Environment
- MSc Research for International Development
- MSc/PGDip/PGCert Climate Change and Development ▶
- MSc/PGDip/PGCert Sustainable Development ▶

## Where our graduates go:

- Barclays
- Deloitte
- The World Bank

## More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/cedep](https://soas.ac.uk/cedep)

🏠 Scholarships available

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🏠 Scholarships available

▶ Online and Distance Learning degree

\*Complete University Guide 2023

# Development Studies

## 2<sup>ND</sup>

in the world  
for Development  
Studies\*

To change the world, we need to ask some big questions. We'll help you explore the answers.

Why does development as we know it result in an environmentally unsustainable and socially unjust world? How can you change things? What's already being done? The world's pursuit of economic growth has devastating consequences. We look at why this approach is still business as usual. And how we can change it for the better and for everyone.

Our world-leading programmes are your gateway. Not just into the politics, environment, and development of Africa, Asia and the Middle East – but their people's languages, cultures, music, and lives. Looking far beyond the West and mainstream thinking, you'll dig deeper into the political and economic dynamics that underpin development.

### Courses:

- MSc Development Studies – Opportunity to specialise in Gender or Labour and Activism.
- MSc Environment, Politics and Development
- MSc Humanitarian Action
- MSc Humanitarianism, Aid and Conflict
- MSc International Development
- MSc Migration, Mobility and Development
- MSc Research for International Development
- MSc Violence, Conflict and Development
- MSc/PGDip/PGCert Climate Change and Development or Sustainable Development
- MPhil/PhD in Development Studies or International Development

### Where our graduates go:

- Amnesty International
- Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
- UN World Food Programme

### More information:

- [soas.ac.uk/study/development-studies](https://soas.ac.uk/study/development-studies)

➤ Online and Distance Learning degree

➤ Scholarships available

\*QS World University Rankings 2023

# Economics

## Top 30

in the UK for  
economics\*

Gain a well-rounded education that applies economics to real-world issues, reflects real policy concerns, and adds real value.

Modern economics can't be understood in the context of today's complex world without first fully understanding the historic and political economy. At SOAS, you'll gain this deep understanding and the most rounded education in economics you possibly can. Our programmes focus on an unparalleled range of countries and regions. Specialising in studying developing and emerging economies, we offer a pluralist and applied approach to the study of economics. At SOAS, you'll be encouraged to explore the economic impact of some of the world's biggest challenges – and equipped to help tackle them.

### Courses:

- MSc Development Economics
- MSc Economics
- MSc Economics and Environment
- MSc Economic Policy
- MSc International Finance and Development
- MSc Political Economy of Development
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Economics, Development Economics or International Development
- SOAS-Wits Joint

### Where our graduates go:

- Barclays
- Deloitte
- The World Bank

### More information:

- [soas.ac.uk/economics](https://soas.ac.uk/economics)

➤ Scholarships available

➤ Online and Distance Learning degree

\*QS World University Rankings 2023



# Finance and Management

## 6<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for graduate employability\*

We prepare leaders, entrepreneurs, managers, and policymakers to face the challenges and reap the opportunities of our fast-changing world.

We're a top-ranked university for business and based close to the world's financial epicentre. The opportunities here are countless. Our programmes are designed to increase your understanding of how finance and firms tackle global business's major challenges. Seminars will expose you to the latest research on how emerging economies, e-business, social entrepreneurs, and other financial influences shape the world.

We look at the ethical and legal aspects of finance and the experiences of those in the Global South in ways you won't find elsewhere.

### Courses:

- MSc Accounting and Finance
- MSc Finance [▶](#)
- MSc Finance and Financial Law [▶](#)
- MSc Financial Management
- MSc in Public Policy and Management [▶](#)
- MSc International Business
- MSc International Business Administration [▶](#)
- MSc Public Financial Management [▶](#)
- MSc Public Policy and Management
- MSc Public Policy and Management [▶](#)
- PGDip/PGCert in Policy Studies [▶](#)
- Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas available [▶](#)
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Finance and Management

### Where our graduates go:

- Financial Times
- KPMG
- Lloyds Banking Group

### More information:

- ▶ [soas.ac.uk/finance-and-management](https://soas.ac.uk/finance-and-management)

# Gender Studies

## 15<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for Arts and Humanities\*

At SOAS, we refocus discussions of gender, feminism, and sexuality on the complex specificities of Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Our stimulating and collaborative environment is the perfect backdrop to grapple with these incredibly relevant and important issues. SOAS is a place where analytical thinking is encouraged by our experts and your peers.

We're also passionate about promoting interdisciplinary research. Areas of interest here span far and wide, but include women's, gender, and sexuality studies with regards to African, Asian and Middle Eastern cultures – as well as anthropology, development, law, languages, cultures, and more. With visiting scholars regularly adding to our mix of expertise, voices, and learning methods, we understand the power of knowledge exchange - not only to students looking to benefit from a breadth of insight, but societies across the globe.

### Courses:

- LLM Law and Gender
- MA Gender Studies
- MA Gender Studies (Middle East Pathway)
- MA Gender Studies and Law
- MA Transnational Queer Feminist Politics
- MA Transnational Queer Feminist Politics with special reference to the Middle East
- MSc Development Studies (Gender)
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Gender Studies

### Where our graduates go:

- International Rescue Committee
- Amnesty International
- The Guardian

### More information:

- ▶ [soas.ac.uk/genderstudies](https://soas.ac.uk/genderstudies)

[▶](#) Scholarships available

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[▶](#) Scholarships available

[▶](#) Online and Distance Learning degree

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# History

## 12<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
History\*

Our unique programmes enable you to think critically about the global past, and to engage with the most pressing concerns in our future.

Study history from a refreshingly non-Western perspective at SOAS. We'll fuel your passion for the peoples, pasts, and societies of Africa, Asia, and the Middle East – and how they all interconnect.

Our enthusiasm for global history runs through our programmes. Exciting regional, thematic, and global modules are taught by leading specialists, and enriched by our students – a highly diverse community of people who have a lot to teach each other about history and the world. We develop cutting-edge modules, feed specialist research into our teaching, and embrace technology and innovation to keep things fresh. Here, you'll be empowered to think critically about the evolution of historical study and its impact on how we see the world today.

### Courses:

- MA History
- MA History and Intensive Language
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in History

### Where our graduates go:

- Al Jazeera
- Natural History Museum
- UNESCO

### More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/history](https://soas.ac.uk/history)

🏠 Scholarships available

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# History of Art and Archaeology

## 15<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for Arts  
and Humanities\*

From ancient times to the present day, our coverage of the arts, archaeology, and architecture of Asia, Africa, and the Middle East is truly unique.

Whether it is Islamic art or African diasporic art, contemporary Korean ceramics or South East Asian Buddhist monuments, our students have the unique opportunity to study a global collection of arts and material culture. Here, we challenge convention and amplify alternative voices to a Eurocentric take on art, archaeology and architecture.

Our teaching is supported by the world-class collections of Asian and African art in museums in London and the UK, with opportunities for internships, field trips, museum and storage visits, and talks by curators, artists and other practitioners. Our programmes help you progress to work in the vibrant arts, culture and heritage sector.

### Courses:

- MA History of Art and Archaeology
- 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 Archaeology of the Islamic Middle East
- MA History of Art and Archaeology of the Islamic Middle East and Intensive Language
- SOAS-Alphawood Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Art
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in History of Art and/or Archaeology

### Where our graduates go:

- Hong Kong Museum of Art
- The British Embassy
- V&A Museum

### More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/art](https://soas.ac.uk/art)

🏠 Scholarships available

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# Japan and Korea

## 12<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
Modern Languages\*

Learn from the largest collection of Korean specialists in Europe and Japan experts outside of the country.

In the UK, there's no better place than SOAS to study this globally significant region. The wealth and breadth of our expertise is second to none, and everything we teach is grounded in significant research. We cover a fascinating range of topics, all designed to increase your knowledge, expertise, and passion for Japan and/or Korea.

Our students are a hugely diverse community of people from all over the world, and our staff are all experienced, multilingual academics with multicultural backgrounds and expertise in many areas – from history to politics, language to ethnography.

### Courses:

- MA Japanese Studies
- MA Japanese Studies and Intensive Language
- MA Korean Studies
- MA Korean Studies and Intensive Language
- MA... and Intensive Language (Japanese)
- MA... and Intensive Language (Korean)
- Research Degrees (MPhil/ PhD) in Japanese and Korean Studies

### Where our graduates go:

- Accenture
- Korean Trade Centre (KOTRA)
- Japanese Government

### More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/japankorea](https://soas.ac.uk/japankorea)

# Law

## 1<sup>ST</sup>

in the UK for Law  
Research\*

A world-leading law school that digs deeper into the most pressing, contemporary, and ever-evolving legal issues shaping societies around the globe.

The SOAS School of Law is truly unique. With a spotlight on the Global South, post-colonial geographies, and the ways law can be used to marginalise or empower people, you'll focus on core subjects alongside a fascinating deep dive into your chosen specialism. You'll be taught by experts with years of experience advising governments and international organisations, and in professional practise.

Combining theory with hands-on experience, we offer an incredibly wide range of modules that go beyond law and across languages, cultures, economics, politics, and more. You'll have the power to tailor a bespoke programme – and the freedom to specialise in areas that interest you.

### Courses:

- LLM (Master of Laws) 🇬🇧
- LLM Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
- LLM Human Rights, Conflict and Justice
- LLM International Commercial and Economic Law
- LLM International Law
- LLM Islamic Law
- LLM Law and Development in Planetary Perspective
- LLM Law and Gender
- MA Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
- MA Gender Studies and Law
- MA Human Rights Law
- MA International Law
- MA Islamic Law
- MA Legal Studies (General Programme)
- MRes Law
- Research Degree (PhD) in Law

### Where our graduates go:

- The Economist
- PwC LLP
- Linklaters

### More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/law](https://soas.ac.uk/law)

🇬🇧 Scholarships available

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# Linguistics

## Top 10

in the UK for  
Linguistics\*

How do the world's languages vary and what do they have in common? How do humans acquire language(s)? And what causes languages to die?

These are some of the key questions you will consider if you study for a degree in linguistics at SOAS. The languages we investigate at SOAS are spoken across Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Our expert staff have practical, working knowledge of the discipline, with many undertaking regular fieldwork trips to describe and document the languages analysed in their teaching.

If you are interested in the enormous diversity of the world's languages, then SOAS is the place to come to develop this knowledge and think critically about what languages are and how they function.

### Courses:

- MA Linguistics
- MA Linguistics and Intensive Language
- MA Translation
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Linguistics
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Translation Studies

### Where our graduates go:

- Africa Matters
- Department for International Development
- UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency

### More information:

- ▶ [soas.ac.uk/linguistics](https://soas.ac.uk/linguistics)

🏠 Scholarships available

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# Media Studies

## Top 20

in the UK for  
research in film and  
media\*

Gain critical grounded knowledge of global media and digital cultures from a diverse and non-Western perspective.

We live in an age of rapid technological development and all-consuming media. This is your opportunity to examine media in all its form on our unique interdisciplinary programme that explores global media and digital cultures in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

You'll be taught by leading scholars and address some of the key debates in contemporary lives – populism, hate speech, fake news, access and representation, inequalities (with a specific focus on gender and minorities) and transnational communities and diasporas.

As we're located in central London, you'll benefit from our close connections to some of the most prolific media providers in the world.

🏠 Scholarships available

▶ Online and Distance Learning degree

\*REF 2021

### Courses:

- MA Global Media and Communications
- MA Global Media and Digital Cultures ▶
- MA Media in Development
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Film Studies
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Media Studies

### Where our graduates go:

- Westminster City Council
- The Institute of Ismaili Studies
- Al Jazeera

### More information:

- ▶ [soas.ac.uk/global-media-and-communications](https://soas.ac.uk/global-media-and-communications)



# Music

**1<sup>ST</sup>**

in the UK for  
Research  
Excellence\*

Be part of the only department in the UK specialising in the music of Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and their diasporas.

Gain musical and cultural expertise in a city brimming with world music concerts, workshops and festivals. At SOAS, you'll get a theoretical and practical grounding in the discipline of ethnomusicology while developing your performance skills. As well as a practical understanding of how music can work in the sphere of social development and an in-depth study of global musical styles. Join a music department ranked best in the UK for research impact\* and a thriving culture of performance, research and active engagement with music around the globe.

#### Courses:

- MA Global Creative and Cultural Industries
- MA Music
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Music

#### Where our graduates go:

- Songlines Magazine
- Roundhouse Trust
- Music in Hospitals and Care

#### More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/music](https://soas.ac.uk/music)

🏠 Scholarships available

\*REF 2021

# Near and Middle East

**Top 10**

in the UK for Middle  
Eastern and African  
Studies\*

Delve deeper into the history, geography, politics, economics and anthropology of the Middle East.

With the highest concentration of world-class teaching and research related to one of the most historically, politically and economically significant regions in the world, you can be sure to receive an excellent education. Our scholars have unrivalled expertise in the languages, literatures and cultures of the Ancient Near East, medieval and modern Iran, the Arab Middle East, Central Asia and the Caucasus and the Jewish and Islamic traditions. Our programmes provide a wide range of choice that will give you the freedom to specialise in areas that interest you. You will also have the opportunity to study Arabic, Hebrew, Persian or Turkish. Whether you're considering a future career in academia, charity work, community and government or NGOs, media and publishing, or UN agencies, the top-class transferable skills you'll gain with us will equip you for success.

#### Courses:

- MA Iranian Studies 🏠
- MA Iranian Studies and Intensive Persian
- MA Islamic Studies
- MA Middle Eastern Studies
- MA Middle Eastern Studies and Intensive Languages
- MA... and Intensive Language (Arabic)
- MA... and Intensive Language (Persian)
- MA... and Intensive Language (Turkish)
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Near and Middle Eastern Studies

#### Where our graduates go:

- Middle East Eye
- Al Arabiya News Channel
- BBC Arabic

#### More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/nme](https://soas.ac.uk/nme)

🏠 Kamran Djam Scholarships available

\*Complete University Guide 2023

# Politics and International Studies

## 5<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for Politics\*

Governments, international agencies, NGOs, and the global mass media seek out our expertise, our resources and our graduates.

If you want to change the world, you first need to understand it. At SOAS, we encourage a deep understanding of the realities and decisions that affect the lives of people in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Our training in Politics and International Studies balances academic rigour with a focus on applied real-world engagement.

Our Department's concentration of regional specialists is unmatched in the UK. Our teaching staff are theorists, human rights experts, UN advisors, and commentators for global media. They provide a unique combination of teaching on campus, online, and 'on location' in key parts of the world. They're changing the world by challenging accepted beliefs about vital issues. You'll engage in research that has a tangible effect on the real world.

🏠 Scholarships available

\*QS World University Rankings 2023

### Courses:

- MA International Studies and Diplomacy
- MSc Global Political Economy
- MSc International Politics and Security
- MSc Political Theory
- MSc Politics of Africa
- MSc Politics of Central Asia
- MSc Politics of Conflict, Rights and Justice
- MSc Politics of East Asia
- MSc Politics of South Asia
- MSc Politics of Southeast Asia
- MSc Politics of the Middle East
- Research Degree (PhD) in Politics and International Studies

### Where our graduates go:

- HM Treasury
- United Nations
- International Committee of the Red Cross

### More information:

➤ [soas.ac.uk/politics](https://soas.ac.uk/politics)

# Religions and Philosophies

## 9<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
Theology, Divinity  
and Religion\*

Study a wider range of religious and philosophical traditions in more depth than anywhere else in the UK.

Religions and philosophies have been powerful and enduring forces in all societies, at all times. They encapsulate its people's values and ideas. They help set their role models and form an integral part of many people's identity.

At SOAS you will have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of specialisms of our department including Japanese Tantric Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Shinto, Taoism, Zoroastrianism, and Christianity in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. With our highly diverse expertise, our comprehensive resources, and our interdisciplinary approach we offer a unique learning and research environment for a truly intercultural approach to systems of belief and thought.

### Courses:

- MA Buddhist Studies
- MA Buddhist Studies with Intensive Language
- MA Religion, Politics and Society
- MA Traditions of Yoga and Meditation
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Religions and Philosophies

### Where our graduates go:

- Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport
- Centre for Muslim Policy Research
- The British Library

### More information:

➤ [soas.ac.uk/HRP](https://soas.ac.uk/HRP)

🏠 Scholarships available

\*QS World University Rankings 2023



# South Asia

## 9<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
Asian Studies\*

An opportunity for advanced study of one of the world's most important and diverse regions.

At SOAS, we provide a wide-ranging interdisciplinary analysis of the South Asian countries. Disciplines available include Politics, Economics, Anthropology, Law, Literature, Cinema, Culture, Religion and History.

The postgraduate degrees attract students from a variety of backgrounds. While some wish to broaden their previous studies or experience of South Asia, others approach the programmes without having a South Asian element to their first degree but with a desire to focus their previous training on the region.

With us, you will also get access to the SOAS South Asia Institute, the largest multidisciplinary community of scholars working on South Asia of any university in Europe.

### Courses:

- MA South Asian Area Studies
- MA South Asian Studies and Intensive Language
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in South Asian Studies

### Where our graduates go:

- Amnesty International
- BBC World Service
- United Nations Development Programme

### More information:

► [soas.ac.uk/southasia](https://soas.ac.uk/southasia)

🏠 Brough Sanskrit Awards available

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# South East Asia

## 12<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
Modern Languages\*

Develop your language skills and cultural awareness of a fast-developing region, with an increasingly important strategic role in global affairs.

Deepen your knowledge of South East Asia through a combination of study including language, history, cinema, literature, politics, economics and law and take your language skills and cultural awareness to the next level. We believe knowledge of local languages is vital to engage effectively with a different culture and encourage intercultural understanding. As a result, we deliver specialist language-based teaching in combination with strong disciplinary skills. You will have the opportunity to study Indonesian, Burmese, Thai and Vietnamese languages. Languages may be taken from the beginning, with no prior experience necessary.

The two-year programme with an intensive language allows students of Indonesian or Vietnamese to follow a language summer abroad in Yogyakarta or Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City.

### Courses:

- MA South East and Pacific Asian Studies
- MA... and Intensive Language (South East Asian Language)
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in South East Asian Studies

### Where our graduates go:

- British High Commission
- International Committee of the Red Cross
- World Economic Forum

### More information:

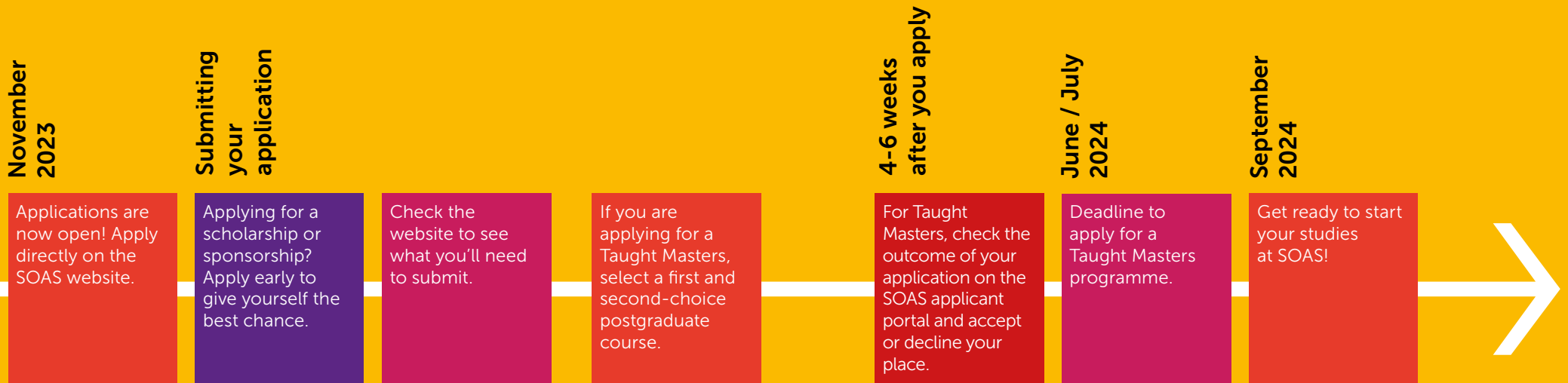
► [soas.ac.uk/sea](https://soas.ac.uk/sea)

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# What you need to know

Now that you've made the decision to undertake further study, find out how to successfully complete your application to study a postgraduate taught programme.



## How to apply

You can apply for Taught Masters programmes, Diplomas and Certificates through our online postgraduate application system.

If you are interested in applying for a research degree, read the guidance on our website.

Find out more:

► [soas.ac.uk/how-apply-pg](https://soas.ac.uk/how-apply-pg)

## Entry requirements

We will consider all applications with 2.2 undergraduate degree or international equivalent. The admissions team also consider significant relevant work experience or additional study related to your programme. While references are optional, they can help build a stronger application profile if you have non-traditional qualifications.

Find out more:

► [soas.ac.uk/PG-entry-requirements](https://soas.ac.uk/PG-entry-requirements)

## Applying via a Global Partnership

SOAS has a number of global partnerships with institutions across the world. If you are coming to SOAS to study through one of our Global Partnership institutions, there are further steps to complete as part of the application process.

Find out more:

► [soas.ac.uk/partnerships](https://soas.ac.uk/partnerships)

## Disabled students

We give equal consideration to all applicants and welcome applications from students with disabilities. You are encouraged to disclose any disability you may have, as this will help us work with you to plan for your support needs and any adjustments the School may need to make.

Find out more:

► [soas.ac.uk/studentssupport](https://soas.ac.uk/studentssupport)

## English language and academic preparation

All applicants must demonstrate that their English is of a high enough standard to successfully engage with and complete their course at SOAS. If you need to take an English language test, you can still apply for your degree, but we will include evidence of language requirements as part of your offer conditions. In all cases, we consider the most recent test evidence.

Find out more:

► [soas.ac.uk/english-requirements](https://soas.ac.uk/english-requirements)

## Student visas

If you're from outside the UK, you may need to apply for a student visa with sponsorship from SOAS. Our dedicated advice team can provide tailored guidance to help you navigate the visa process prior to enrolment

Find out more:

► [gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas](https://gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas)

## Fees and funding

The tuition fee rates for each academic year are published online, in addition to information on payment methods.

Find out more:

► [soas.ac.uk/fees](https://soas.ac.uk/fees)

\*Please check the SOAS website for the most up-to-date information.



# Connect with us

Have a question? You can ask us for advice on studying at SOAS, including available programmes and modules, entry requirements, application procedures, housing and living costs at:

► [study@soas.ac.uk](mailto:study@soas.ac.uk)

## **SOAS On-demand**

Wherever you are in the world, find out what studying at SOAS is like with our range of online content. Discover your perfect course, take a virtual stroll around our central London campus, and hear what makes SOAS so unique.

Join us on:

► [soas.ac.uk/on-demand](https://soas.ac.uk/on-demand)

## **Campus tours**

We have campus tours running all year around so you can see first-hand our great facilities and experience the vibrant and unique atmosphere that make SOAS so special.

Book your place:

► [soas.ac.uk/campus-tours](https://soas.ac.uk/campus-tours)

## **Learn a language at SOAS**

We offer quality teaching in a wide range of languages to SOAS students and the general public through our extensive extramural programme.

Find out more:

► [soas.ac.uk/language-centre](https://soas.ac.uk/language-centre)


## **Chat with our students**

Speak directly to a SOAS student to find out about the courses you're interested in and what makes the SOAS student experience so unique.

► [soas.ac.uk/chat-student](https://soas.ac.uk/chat-student)

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