

The cover features a dark blue background with a repeating pattern of intricate floral and geometric motifs in a lighter blue and orange color palette. Large, stylized letters 'S', 'O', 'A', and 'S' are arranged to spell 'SOAS'. Each letter is filled with a detailed orange and white floral pattern. The 'S' at the top left and bottom right are partially cut off by the edges of the page. In the top right corner, the text 'SOAS' is written in a large, bold, white sans-serif font, with 'University of London' in a smaller, white sans-serif font directly below it.

**SOAS**

University of London

**The World's University**  
**Undergraduate Prospectus**  
2025 entry

# 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.

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# 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

**5,630**

students on campus

**54%**

international students

**6th**

in the UK for employment outcomes\*

**55K+**

SOAS alumni worldwide

**135+**

the number of countries our students come from

**Top 40**

in the UK for research quality\*\*\*\*

**Top 30**

in the UK\*\*

**1 of 35**

National Research Libraries in the UK

**87%**

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

\*QS World Rankings 2023

\*\*The Times Good University Guide 2024

\*\*\*Research Excellence Framework 2021

\*\*\*\*Complete University Guide 2024

# Student life

Be part of a welcoming, diverse and active student community.

SOAS is as diverse as the city it's in. Our campus in London has one of the most international student populations in the UK, meaning you'll have the chance to connect with people from all corners of the world.

### Students' Union (SU)

The SU is committed to enhancing your university experience, organising engaging events, advocating for student interests, offering invaluable advice and guidance and much more. Best of all, it's led by students and membership is free and automatic for SOAS students.

### SOAS SU has 100+ societies

The SU facilitates societies and sports teams, including Anime, Desi, Chinese Percussion, Origami, Feminist, World Music Choir, Yoga, Basketball, Football, Brazilian Ju-Jitsu, Netball, Rugby, Squash, Volleyball and more. There are also groups for various religions, cultures, political ideologies, plus a student newspaper. There is something for everyone, and getting involved is a great way to socialise and develop your interests.



### Sports

As well as the SU sports teams, you'll have access to University of London clubs and Bloomsbury Fitness Gym, right around the corner from campus.

### Working while studying

There are lots of opportunities on campus and beyond to earn some extra cash while studying. We have part-time roles in our SU shop, cafés, as student ambassadors at events and digital ambassadors online. London is also full of opportunities for part-time work alongside your studies.



Maryam,  
SU Co-President



Let me share a bit about what the SU stands for. Our main focus is on creating inclusive communities, ensuring that all students, regardless of their background, feel valued and represented. To enrich the overall student experience, we offer opportunities to develop skills and create lasting memories. And of course, offer safe spaces where you can take a break from your studies and recharge.

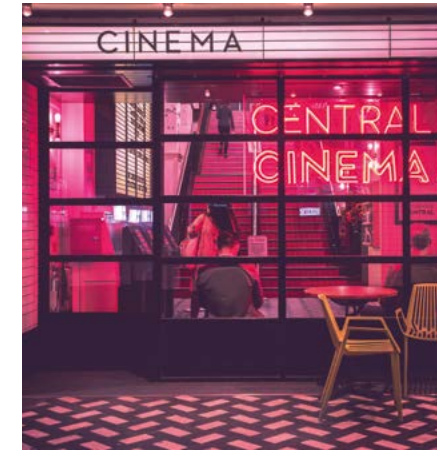


# Living in London

London is officially the best student city in the world\* - and has been for five 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 embraces its diversity.

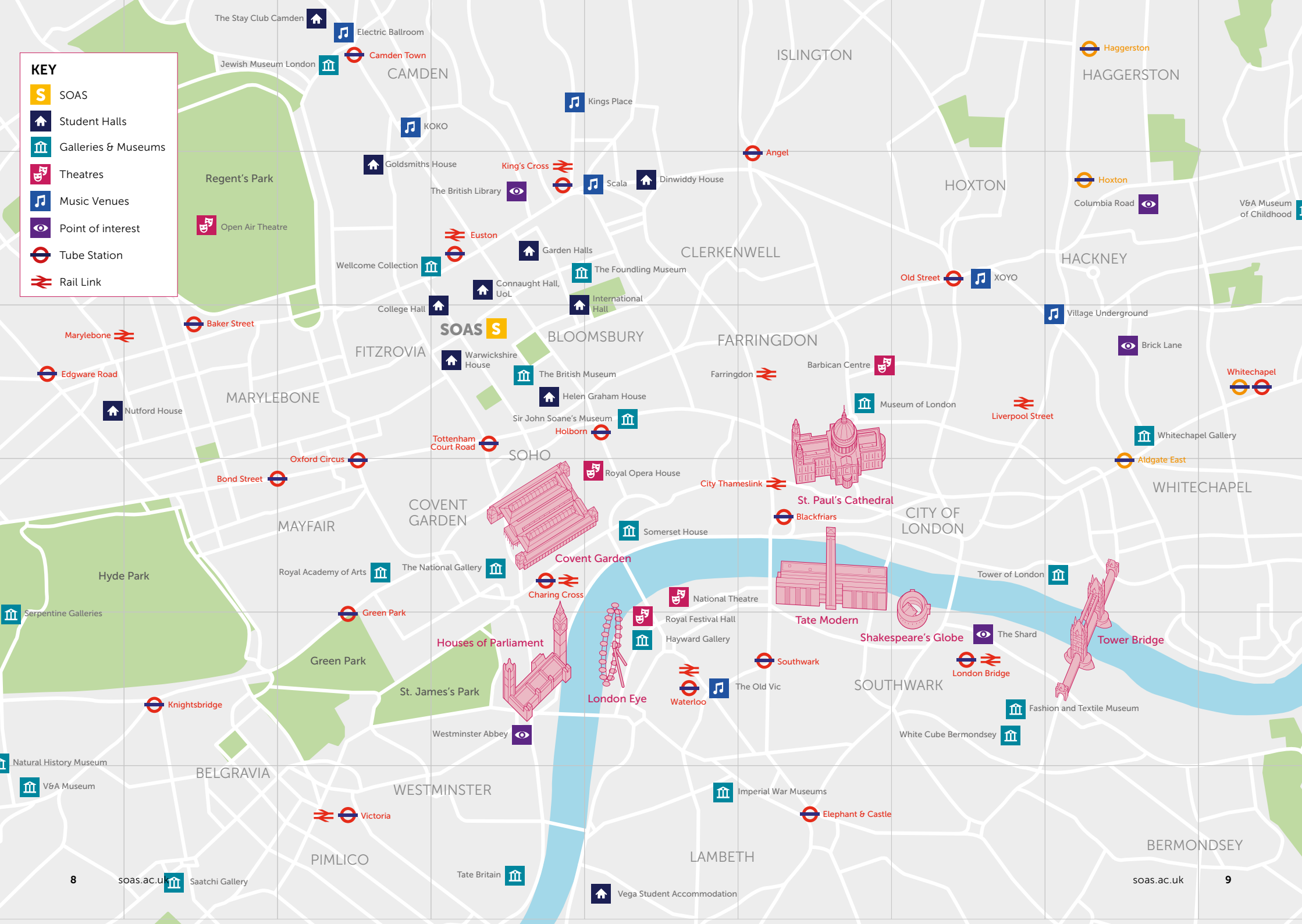
- World-renowned music, comedy, sport and theatre - every day of the week!
- More than 170 museums, many being free to explore.
- Iconic landmarks and art galleries to match any taste.
- Over 3000 parks, making it one of the greenest cities in the world.
- A TOTUM card will offer you hundreds of student discounts.
- London is well connected, with easily accessible transport routes around the city and beyond. As a student, you can also get 30% off Transport for London (TFL) travel to explore more of what the city has to offer.



\*QS World Rankings 2024

**KEY**

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



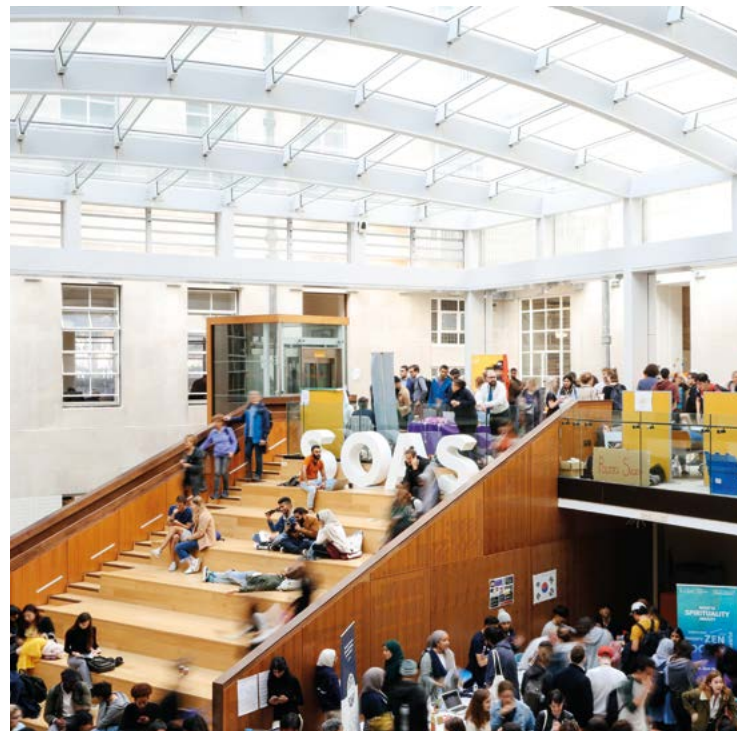
# Our campus

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.

## Life on campus

- Newly refurbished Students' Union common room and bar.
- A calendar full of events, seminars and music.
- The SOAS Library has 1.3 million resources on Asia, Africa and the Middle East.
- The Brunei Gallery runs exhibitions and events throughout the year.
- Learning lounge and range of study spaces.
- Multi-faith chaplaincy and prayer rooms.
- SU shop, café and on-site cafeteria 'The World's Kitchen'.
- A Farmer's Market every Thursday near campus.



# Accommodation

Living in central London is an unrivalled experience.

With so many options, finding the right place for you can be daunting. There's no need to fret - we provide all the help you need, including our very own Accommodation Office and dedicated staff to offer advice and support.

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

## Halls of Residence

### Dinwiddy House

🚶 15-20 minutes

Shared halls close to the creative hubs of Angel, Camden and Kings Cross.

**Price Range:**

£211-£276 per week

### The Stay Club

🚶 25-35 minutes

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

**Price Range:**

£243-£363 per week



### Vega Vauxhall

🚶 25 minutes

Enjoy a cinema room, gym, games room and a rooftop terrace with skyline views overlooking the city.

**Price Range:**

£180-£200 per week

### Intercollegiate Halls

🚶 5-10 minutes

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.

**Price Range:**

£227-£237 per week

### Students with families

If you're moving with a family or partner, family-friendly studios and flats are available across our locations.

### Private accommodation

If you're looking for more independent living than shared student halls, private accommodation could be for you. But you're not alone in the search. 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)





# Study abroad

Study abroad for a year and enhance your SOAS degree and future career.

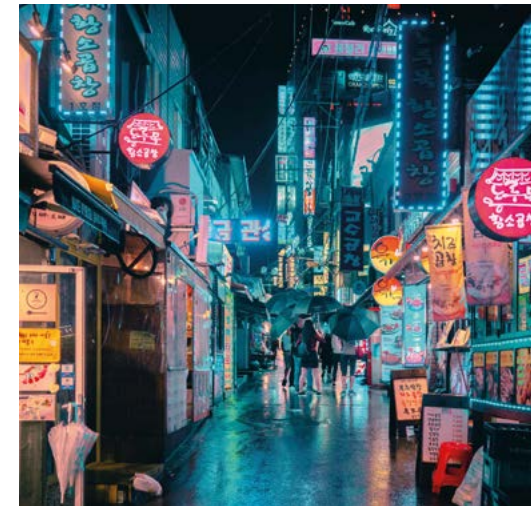
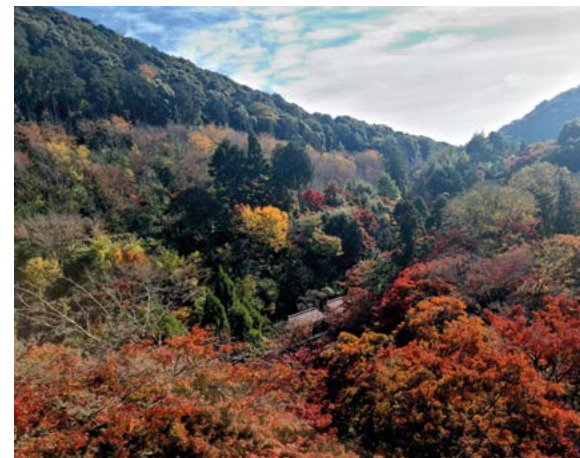
With such a diverse community in the heart of London, we offer students a uniquely rich environment to study, develop and live alongside people from different countries, communities and cultures. However, we understand the importance of experiencing places firsthand, testing your language skills, getting to know people, and exploring the world.

That's why SOAS holds partnerships with an increasing number of universities, allowing students to apply to study abroad as part of their degree.



We have partnerships with universities in:

- China
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- India
- Italy
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Turkey



# Learn a language at SOAS

We teach 20+ languages from across Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Whether you are a beginner or an advanced learner, the SOAS Language Centre offers classes that make learning practical, fun and accessible.

You have the option to be taught in small, group classes that foster interactive learning, or personalised one-to-one sessions that are tailored precisely to your needs.

The courses run all three academic terms and have many languages on offer, including:

- **Africa:** Amharic, Swahili, Yorùbá
- **Near and Middle East:** Arabic, Hebrew, Kurdish, Persian, Turkish
- **East Asia:** Chinese (Mandarin), Japanese, Korean, Tibetan
- **South Asia:** Bengali, Hindi, Sanskrit, Sinhala, Tamil, Urdu
- **South East Asia:** Filipino, Indonesian, Thai, Vietnamese

## Discount

SOAS students get 25% discount on all short courses.



# Student advice and wellbeing

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

The student advice and wellbeing team are a multi-disciplinary department providing specialist advice and support to students on a range of issues.

## Mental health and wellbeing service

- Confidential access to 1:1 therapy and mentoring
- Specialist Black Student Therapist and International Student Counsellor
- Therapeutic group-based workshops
- Safeguarding work
- Access to online resource TalkCampus

## Disabilities and neurodiversity support

- Appointments to discuss options, advice and guidance
- Student inclusion plans and special exam arrangement options
- Assistive technology and training sessions
- Study skills sessions
- Liaison work with the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)



## Immigration and finance

- Immigration advice for applicants and current students
- Webinars to support study abroad students
- Providing finance advice and workshops to current students
- Hardship funds available
- Laptop loans for students from low-income backgrounds

## Multi-faith chaplaincy

- 1:1 pastoral support for students
- Faith based groups
- Workshops on spirituality and inter-faith collaboration



# 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 undergraduate students through their studies.

You can find more information on our scholarships, and how to apply on our website.



# Scholarships and financial support available

AWARD	VALUE	ELIGIBILITY
<b>SOAS Sanctuary Scholarships</b>	Tuition fee and £12,000 maintenance for each year of your studies	For UK residents with Limited Leave to Remain. Supporting displaced people, including those with refugee status, humanitarian protection status, discretionary or limited leave to remain, asylum seeker or refused asylum seeker status
<b>SOAS Undergraduate Financial Support: ALF and Additional Support Funds</b>	Dependent on situation and fund	For current UK and EU students who face exceptional or unforeseen financial difficulty
<b>SOAS Bursary</b>	£4,500 worth of cash bursaries over the duration of your degree	For UK or EU nationals who are residents in England and are in greatest financial need
<b>The Rahim Lalji'14 Development Studies Bursary</b>	£2,500 fee waiver	To support international fee-paying students with the greatest financial need, who are enrolled on a Development Studies programme
<b>Undergraduate International Academic Excellence Scholarship</b>	£2,500 fee waiver	For new overseas students applying for any undergraduate programme

# Your career

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 the 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

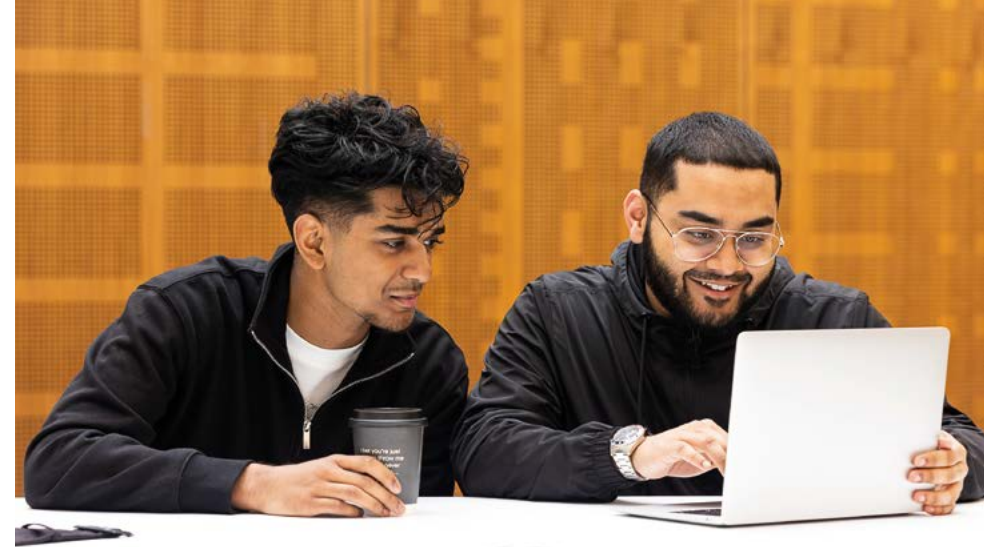
We have a dedicated careers service team on hand to help you, at whatever stage you are. Offering one-to-one sessions, skills sessions, career fairs, an online CareersZONE, e-mentoring with alumni, plus access to the University of London Careers Group.

Alongside career support, there are SOAS-exclusive paid internships available. SOAS Careers partners with organisations across sectors to offer summer internship opportunities, while the Co-creator Internship scheme is a chance for students to work on projects with staff across departments.

## 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...

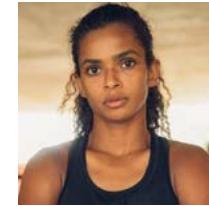
Be inspired by the career paths of our global community of alumni.



# 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

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# 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 African  
and Middle Eastern  
Studies\*

Expand your knowledge of Africa and the Black Diaspora, immersing yourself in the diverse languages and cultures of the continent.

Gain specialist knowledge of Africa and its multiple diasporas and have the chance to study an African language of your choice, including Amharic, Swahili, Zulu and Somali. BA Africa and Black Diaspora gives you in-depth knowledge of historical and topical issues through a unique, interdisciplinary approach. Centre Africa in your studies and combine it with an unparalleled range of other disciplines, including Politics, Social Anthropology, Languages and Cultures, Economics and International Relations. Students on the four-year programme will be able to spend a term at each of our partner institutions in Tanzania and Kenya.

### Courses:

- BA Africa and Black Diaspora and...
- BA Languages and Cultures
- BA Languages and Cultures and...

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Africa in the World
- Migration, Borders and Space: Decolonial Approaches
- Contemporary African Literature

### Where our graduates go:

- Amnesty International
- BBC World Service
- Google

# Anthropology and Sociology

## 5<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
Anthropology\*

Understand the world by gaining a deep understanding of its cultures, communities and complexities.

Join one of the world's most respected social and cultural anthropology departments and benefit from the expertise of our anthropologists – all focused on widening your horizons. You will study the great variety of beliefs and practices that exist around the world, from remote communities to global cities.

Here, we challenge common assumptions and critically engage with the pressing issues of our time from climate change, racial discrimination and food poverty to migration, religious fundamentalism, and artificial intelligence. At SOAS, you will be part of a diverse, multi-lingual, and engaged student community who are committed to exploring the vast range of human experience in a complex world.

### Courses:

- BA Social Anthropology
- BA Social Anthropology and...

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Anthropology and Climate Change
- Migration, Borders and Space: Decolonial Approaches
- Anthropology of 'Race', Gender and Sexuality

### Where our graduates go:

- Deloitte
- The New York Times
- Hackney Migrant Centre

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# China

## 8<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
Asian Studies\*

Be taught by the largest concentration of Chinese specialists outside of China.

Gain advanced knowledge of Chinese, a language spoken by a quarter of the world's population. SOAS is home to unrivalled library resources and the country's most comprehensive choice of China-related language and discipline modules. Our courses allow you to gain advanced written and spoken language skills, an in-depth understanding of classical and modern Chinese cultures, and a broad understanding of the region.

You will have the opportunity to study abroad in China or Taiwan to further your language skills and understanding and help set you up for your future career.

### Courses:

- BA Chinese (4 years)
- BA Chinese and... (4 years)
- BA East Asian Studies (3 years)
- BA East Asian Studies and...

### Duration:

- 3 years - BA East Asian Studies (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

No prior knowledge of Chinese is required.

### Example modules:

- History and Memory in East Asian Cultures
- Gender in East Asian Literature
- Chinese for Business

### Where our graduates go:

- Google
- Bloomberg LP
- KPMG

# Creative Arts

## 15<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for Arts  
and Humanities\*

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

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

We combine an exhilarating mix of theoretical teaching, creative expression and deep subject knowledge – across your choice of disciplines, styles and regions, including Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The range of modules we offer are unique. You can choose from a broad selection of arts or focus on one, from music, film, podcasting, creative writing to design. All to provide you with a solid theoretical and practical foundation to pursue a career in the cultural industries.

### Course:

- BA Creative Arts and Cultural Industries

### Duration:

- 3 years

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Arts, Culture and Commodification
- Decolonising Pop: K-Pop and Beyond
- Histories of Art: In/Out of Asia and Africa

### Where our graduates go:

- Christie's
- Japanese Gallery
- V&A Museum

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# Development Studies

## 2<sup>ND</sup>

in the world  
for Development  
Studies\*

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

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

### Courses:

- BA Global Development
- BA Global Development and...

### Duration:

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

### You'll need:

- AAB (excluding General Studies)
- ABB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Conflict, Rights and Justice
- BA Professional Placement
- Issues in Gender and Development

### Where our graduates go:

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

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# Economics

## Top 30

in UK for  
Economics\*

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

Take a truly global view of economics and learn about issues facing governments, organisations and people in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, as well as in Europe and Latin America. You will gain a solid grounding in theoretical models and mathematical, statistical, and computing skills, but also the opportunity to apply these skills to real-world issues - including the cost-of-living crisis, climate justice, gender, race - as well as other socio-economic inequalities.

Economics graduates leave with an ability to think laterally, take a global perspective, employ critical reasoning and the practical skills necessary to navigate today's complex world.

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### Courses:

- BA Economics
- BA Economics and...
- BSc Development Economics
- BSc Economics
- BSc Politics, Philosophy and Economics

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad

### You'll need:

- AAB (excluding General Studies) - with A-Level in Maths or grade 6/B or above in GCSE Maths
- ABB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Professional Placement in Economics
- International Trade and Investment
- Macroeconomic Analysis

### Where our graduates go:

- Barclays
- Deloitte
- The World Bank

# Finance and Management

## 6<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for Graduate Outcomes\*

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

Gain a solid foundation in financial and management principles, learn from real-world case studies and attain specialist knowledge of the emerging markets of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. From finance, fintech, management and marketing to corporate governance and international business strategy, a solid grounding in the fundamentals is just the start. Drawing on expert knowledge of the cultural context of different regions, you'll also gain unrivalled insight into big data, digital disruption and business development, tools and technologies around the world.

Our students develop an international perspective, regional expertise and highly employable skills for a future career in the global marketplace.

### Courses:

- BSc Accounting and Finance  
Accredited by ACCA and CIMA (8 CIMA exemptions available)
- BSc Management

### Duration:

- 3 years

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies) - with a minimum of grade 6/B in GCSE Maths or equivalent
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Principles of Management
- Corporate Finance
- Finance in the Middle East and North Africa

### Where our graduates go:

- Financial Times
- KPMG
- Lloyds Banking Group

# Foundation Year

Our Foundation Year programmes are a great introduction to university life, giving you a solid foundation to move to the next level.

A Foundation Year is the perfect chance for you to prepare for your degree. The course is for students who don't yet have the required grades for direct entry into an undergraduate programme or who haven't previously studied the relevant subjects. It will give an insight into different academic disciplines and equip you with essential skills and knowledge. You'll enjoy an introduction to a wide range of subjects taught at SOAS so that once you complete your Foundation Year, you can choose to progress onto the SOAS undergraduate programme that inspires you most.

### Courses:

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

### Duration:

- 1 year + 3 year degree
- Guaranteed progression onto your preferred undergraduate degree programme with appropriate pass

### You'll need:

- A-Levels: CCC
- BTEC: MMM

### Example modules:

- Introduction to Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities
- Introduction to Business, Management, Economics & Law
- The World From SOAS

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# History

## Top 30

in the UK for  
History\*

Breaking from convention, our global approach to historical study goes far beyond the West.

Join a vibrant history department boasting unparalleled expertise on the histories of Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Approach those histories by focusing on a range of topics, including culture, religion, gender, economics, law, politics, warfare and technology. Make sense of the world in a decolonial and interdisciplinary manner that challenges Global North-centric models. Our unique expertise means you'll gain a multifaceted view of history, and deep knowledge of the regions, their connections, and their global impact. We will help you develop valuable critical thinking and research skills that will support you to make a difference in the world through your chosen career pathway.

### Courses:

- BA History
- BA History and...

### Duration:

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

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example Modules:

- Colonial Curricula: Empire and Education at SOAS and Beyond
- Gender in History
- Culture and Society in African History, 1900 to the Present

### Where our graduates go:

- Al Jazeera
- Natural History Museum
- UNESCO

# History of Art

## 1<sup>ST</sup>

in the UK for  
Research  
Excellence\*

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

Studying art at SOAS is unique – as we are one of the few global centres specialising in the historical and contemporary arts of Asia, the Middle East and Africa. From ancient times to the present day, you'll enjoy delving into the creative cultures of China, Japan, South Asia, the Middle East and more. Whether it be performance masquerade in West Africa, the temples of South East Asia, the archaeology of Morocco and Ethiopia, or contemporary art exhibitions and questions of identity in museums, teaching here is broad, bold and bespoke.

As a SOAS student, you will thrive in an environment that offers enormous scope to develop your disciplinary and regional interests whilst enhancing the critical thinking, communication, and vocational skills needed for a successful career in the creative industries.

### Courses:

- BA History of Art
- BA History of Art and...

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Curating Global Arts
- Building Heritage: Architecture, Cities, Landscape
- Histories of Art: In/Out of Asia and Africa

### Where our graduates go:

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

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# Japan

## 12<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
Modern Languages\*

Learn Japanese and immerse yourself in the region's history, society, media, literature and popular culture.

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

BA Japanese students will also get to spend a year studying in Japan furthering their language proficiency and cultural understanding. Study at SOAS and gain intercultural awareness, language proficiency, and the critical skills that are valued by top employers.

### Courses:

- BA East Asian Studies (3 years)
- BA East Asian Studies and...
- BA Japanese (4 years)
- BA Japanese and... (4 years)

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

No prior knowledge of Japanese is required.

### Example modules:

- Cool Japan: Manga, Anime, Sushi
- History and Memory in East Asian Cultures
- Contemporary Japanese Society

### Where our graduates go:

- Amazon
- Google
- Japanese Government

\*QS World University Rankings 2023

# Korea

## 5<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for East  
and South Asian  
Studies\*

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

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

### Courses:

- BA East Asian Studies (3 years)
- BA East Asian Studies and...
- BA Korean (4 years)
- BA Korean and... (4 years)

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

No prior knowledge of Korean is required.

### Example modules:

- K-Culture
- Contemporary Korean Society
- The Other Korea: North Korea since 1945

### Where our graduates go:

- Accenture
- Bloomberg LP
- Korea Trade Centre (KOTRA)

\*Times Good University Guide 2023

# Law

# 1<sup>ST</sup>

in the UK for Law  
Research\*

## Gain a unique legal education focused on law in its global context.

Studying at SOAS gives you a solid foundation in British law and the opportunity to learn about the legal systems of regions covering Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Be taught by academics, practising lawyers and experts in their fields, specialising in Human Rights, International and Transnational Law, Gender, Development, Commercial Law and Environmental Law. A broad range of modules gives you the flexibility to tailor your programme and the chance to find out the area of law that most interests you.

Our graduates are critically engaged individuals with the analytical skills, specialist knowledge, and global perspective that top employers value. Many of our students go on to work in law firms, NGOs, and government departments around the world.

### Courses:

- LLB Law (3 years)
- LLB with year abroad (4 years)
- BA Law and...

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language or year abroad

### You'll need:

- AAA (excluding General Studies)
- ABB (contextualised offer)
- Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT) required for non-standard UK qualifications

### Example modules:

- Legal Systems of Asia and Africa
- Asylum and Immigration Law
- Criminal Justice, Race and Rights

### Where our graduates go:

- Allen & Overy
- Baker McKenzie
- Linklaters

# Liberal Arts

# Top 15

in the UK for Arts  
and Humanities\*

## Enjoy limitless potential with this interdisciplinary degree, bringing together subjects from across the social sciences and humanities underpinned by studying your chosen language.

Taking a remarkably global view, our teaching will equip you with expert knowledge of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Studying Liberal Arts gives you module options across SOAS within four tracks: Skills, Global, Regional, Language.

Whilst the joy of study is key here, employability sits at the heart of all we do. That's why our interdisciplinary approach and support will empower you to develop a breadth of transferable talents. The degree is designed to give you the perspective, specialist knowledge and skills you need to succeed in a broad range of professions. It will provide the adaptability and flexibility you need in our rapidly changing world.

### Course:

- BA Global Liberal Arts

### Duration:

- 3 years

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- World Histories - Global Encounters and Connectivities
- Social Theory, Reform and Revolution in an Age of Extremes
- Decolonising Otherness

### Where our graduates go:

- Blackstock PR
- Natural History Museum
- UNESCO

\*REF 2021

\*QS World University Rankings 2023

# Languages and Linguistics

## 12<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
Modern Languages\*

Our research specialises in contemporary and ancient cultures, languages, religions and traditions across Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

We are committed to delivering specialist language-based study in combination with a regional focus and disciplinary skills. Our programme is designed for you to develop a full understanding of the way languages are structured and to master all the skills needed to analyse any of the wide-ranging languages taught at SOAS. We collaborate with numerous partners to offer our students an opportunity to spend a year of study abroad so that they can gain a deeper insight into different societies and cultures and apply those skills wherever life takes them.

### Courses:

- BA Languages and Cultures
- BA Languages and Cultures and...
- BA Linguistics and...

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Languages of the World
- Beyond Regions: Cultures in the Diaspora
- Translating Cultures

### Where our graduates go:

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

# Music

## 1<sup>ST</sup>

in the UK for  
Research Impact\*

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

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

### Courses:

- BA Music and...

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad'

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Decolonising Pop: K-Pop and Beyond
- Urban Soundscapes
- The Music Business

### Where our graduates go:

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

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\*REF 2021

# Near and Middle East

## 9<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for Middle Eastern and African Studies\*

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

We're at the forefront of the study of languages and cultures of this complex and fascinating region. From Qur'an and Hadith Studies to the texts and history of Sufism to Arabic and the Islamic revolution, we offer unique programmes in the UK. You will also have the chance to study Arabic, Hebrew, Persian and Turkish.

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

### Courses:

- BA Arabic (4 years)
- BA Arabic and... (4 years)
- BA Languages and Cultures
- BA Languages and Cultures and...

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad'

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

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

### Example modules:

- Introduction to Arabic Literature
- Language, Society and Communication
- Arabic Dialects

### Where our graduates go:

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

# Politics and International Studies

## 5<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for Politics\*

See the world outside of a narrow Western lens – and become a catalyst for change.

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

### Courses:

- BA International Relations
- BA International Relations and...
- BA Politics
- BA Politics and...
- BA Politics and International Relations
- BSc Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- Certificate in Politics and International Studies

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad'
- 1 year - certificate

### You'll need:

- AAB (excluding General Studies)
- ABB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Politics of the World Economy
- Government and Politics of China
- International Relations of the Middle East

### Where our graduates go:

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

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\*QS World University Rankings 2023

# Religions and Philosophies

## 7<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
Research Excellence  
in Religions and  
Philosophies\*

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

Religions and philosophies have been powerful and enduring forces throughout history. And they continue to influence the formation, development and contemporary expressions of political, economic, cultural, social and moral frameworks. A culture's religion and philosophical thought can shape morals, ideals and senses of identity. So, studying here is about much more than religion and philosophy – it's about discovering how people reflect on and react to what they consider to be of ultimate value. At SOAS, you can study a wider range of religious traditions in more depth than elsewhere. And on our philosophy programmes, you'll build a solid grounding in core philosophical themes, concepts and approaches from non-European, European and Anglophone traditions – whilst learning a language or specialising in a region or theme.

### Courses:

- BA World Philosophies
- BA World Philosophies and...

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad'

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- World Philosophies in Context
- Indian Buddhist Philosophy
- Jewish Identity from Ancient to Modern Times

### Where our graduates go:

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

# South Asia

## 5<sup>TH</sup>

in the UK for  
East and South  
Asian Studies\*

Studying a language gives unique access to a region's culture, contemporary life and historical civilization.

At SOAS, you will have a chance to study Bengali, Sanskrit, Urdu or Hindi and gain a deeper understanding of South Asia's culture, art, anthropology, archaeology, cinema, economics, history, law, literature, music, politics and religion. You won't need any previous knowledge – but you will need a real curiosity.

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

### Courses:

- BA Languages and Cultures
- BA Languages and Cultures and...
- Certificate in South Asian Studies

### Duration:

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

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Cultural Studies of South and South East Asia
- Literatures of Resistance in South Asia
- Beyond Regions: Cultures in the Diaspora

### Where our graduates go:

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

\*REF 2021

\*Times Good University Guide 2023



# South East Asia

## 10<sup>TH</sup>

in Research  
Excellence for  
Modern Languages  
and Linguistics\*

South East Asia is a diverse region with a fascinating mix of cultures, languages, religions and traditions. And our unique programmes are just as vibrant.

As we believe that studying a language is essential to understand the region's cultures and nations, you'll get to grips with a language of your choice, including Burmese, Indonesian or Vietnamese. Study the trajectories, linguistics, cultures and religions of some of the most traditional and modern societies in the world. It will allow you to immerse yourself fully in the language and culture and open up many opportunities for work, volunteering or further study. We also have strong links with universities in the region, allowing you to learn a whole new way during an unforgettable year abroad.

### Courses:

- BA Languages and Cultures
- BA Languages and Cultures and...

### Duration:

- 3 years (or)
- 4 years with a language year abroad

### You'll need:

- ABB (excluding General Studies)
- BBB (contextualised offer)

### Example modules:

- Cultural Studies of South and South East Asia
- English Literatures of South East Asia
- The Art of Storytelling

### Where our graduates go:

- Edelman
- International Committee of the Red Cross
- World Economic Forum



\*REF 2021

# Degree combination table

	Arabic	Chinese	East Asian Studies	Economics		Global Development	History	History of Art	International Relations	Japanese	Korean	Languages and Cultures	Law	Linguistics	Music	Politics	Social Anthropology	World Philosophies
BA Africa and Black Diaspora and...	●			●		●	●	●	●			●	●		●	●	●	●
BA Arabic and...				●		●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●
BA Chinese and...				●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●
BA East Asian Studies and ...				●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●
BA Economics and...	●		●			●	●		●	●	●	●	●			●	●	
BA Global Development and...	●	●	●	●			●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
BA History and...	●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
BA History of Art and...	●	●	●			●	●		●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●
BA International Relations and...	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
BA Japanese and...				●		●	●	●	●					●	●	●	●	●
BA Korean and...				●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●
BA Languages and Cultures and...*	●			●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●
BA Law and...	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●				●	●	
BA Linguistics and...	●	●	●			●				●	●	●				●	●	
BA Music and...	●	●	●			●	●	●		●	●	●					●	●
BA Politics and...	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
BA Social Anthropology and...	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
BA World Philosophies and...	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	

\* The BA Languages and Cultures degree introduces students to the cultures and societies of Africa, the Middle East, South and South East Asia.

# What you need to know

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



## Making your application for 2025 entry

- All applicants for an undergraduate degree programme at SOAS must apply through UCAS online at: [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).
- You can apply for up to five courses on the UCAS application.
- The equal consideration deadline for the majority of students is in January 2025. If you are also applying to Oxford or Cambridge, the deadline is October 2024.

\*Check the UCAS website for final deadline dates.

## Have a question?

If you need help completing your online application form, please get in touch with SOAS by phone at +44 (0)20 3510 6974 or online.

If you have a question prior to submitting your application or a general enquiry, please contact [study@soas.ac.uk](mailto:study@soas.ac.uk) with your UCAS number (if you have one) and the degree programme you have applied to.

## Entry requirements

The entry requirements vary from programme to programme. In addition to A levels, we accept a wide range of alternative UK and international qualifications. For joint honours degrees with varying entry requirements, the higher grade requirement applies. Check the website for the full list of requirements.



## Alternative qualifications

SOAS welcomes applications from students studying a range of qualifications. Our admissions team take a holistic approach to applications, assessing on a case by case basis.

Qualifications considered for entry include access courses, BTEC level 3 or combinations of qualifications equivalent to three A levels at appropriate grades. Some departments will consider the relevance of the qualification to the chosen programme of study.

## 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 and plan for your support needs and any adjustments the team may need to make.

## Mature students, deferred entry and transfers

SOAS is happy to consider applicants who wish to take a year out, want to transfer from another UK university or are returning to study after a break.

## English language and academic preparation

All applicants must be able to show 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.

### \*Disclaimer

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this prospectus is correct as of January 2024. SOAS University of London will strive to deliver programmes and services as described, but reserves the right to make changes, including variations in content, entry requirements, and delivery methods, or to discontinue, merge, or combine programmes before or after a student's admission if deemed necessary. For the latest information, visit [www.soas.ac.uk](http://www.soas.ac.uk).

## Widening participation and contextual offer making

SOAS is committed to making higher education more accessible. When considering an application, we will look at a combination of factors that may have impacted the progression to university. This can include where students are:

- The first in their family to go to university
- Free school meal recipients
- Care leavers and those with care responsibilities
- From an area with low participation in higher education

## Fees and funding

The tuition fee rates for each academic year are on our website.



# 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)

## Open days



## Campus tours



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