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SOAS
University of London

The World's University
Postgraduate Prospectus

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Welcome to SOAS:

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 complex and global challenges of our time.

Join a welcoming, diverse, and close-knit community in central London, where people from over 130 countries come together to exchange ideas, challenge dominant narratives and drive meaningful change.

Our postgraduate programmes equip students with the knowledge and skills to confront the world's most pressing challenges — from climate justice and migration to decolonisation and development — through rigorous, interdisciplinary study grounded in regional expertise.

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



Be part of a diverse, engaging community

At SOAS, conversations help you see the world differently.

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Most International Faculty in the UK*

What makes SOAS unique is the close-knit community - there's no divide between students and academics. Whether in seminars or over coffee, the conversations you'll have here will challenge your assumptions, open up new perspectives, and broaden your understanding of the world.

In our Meet the Academics series, you'll see this in action as students and academics come together to talk about their subjects, share book recommendations, and their favourite coffee spots around campus.

Watch the series:



*QS World University Rankings 2026



“ **SOAS** feels like home.”

"At SOAS we prioritise the Global South. We look at Eastern traditions, Arabic traditions, Islamic traditions, Chinese, Japanese, Indian traditions. It really is the World Philosophy course."



"I love the energy of SOAS. I love the fact that our students are so energetic and politically engaged."

Research for change

In partnership with communities and institutions around the world, SOAS researchers tackle urgent global challenges — working toward a more just, equitable, and sustainable future.

Addressing inequalities in access to mental health care

Mental healthcare is often poorly adapted to the diverse cultural worlds and the needs of those who seek it. The SOAS Centre for Anthropology and Mental Health Research in Action (CAMHRA) - the world's first of its kind - brings together anthropologists, healthcare partners, policy and people with lived experience to build new knowledge to reshape mental health systems.

Transforming economies to be sustainable and socially responsible

Structural transformation is needed in this age of ecological and social crises. The SOAS Centre for Sustainable Structural Transformation (CSST), led by Professors Ha-Joon Chang and Antonio Andreoni, focuses on creating long-term solutions for economic and environmental challenges in the Global South, with a special emphasis on Africa. CSST focuses on four key areas: sustainable energy, critical minerals, resilient supply chains, and infrastructure — driving structural change for a fairer, greener future.



Decolonising film and screen studies

'African Screen Worlds: Decolonising Film and Screen Studies' is a five-year research project funded by the European Research Council and led by Professor Lindiwe Dovey at SOAS University of London. The project explores the rich contributions of African filmmakers to today's diverse audiovisual cultures and aims to connect African cinemas with other regional cinemas, fostering a more inclusive and nuanced understanding of global screen cultures in a decolonised context.

Reframing racial justice through feminist and indigenous movements

The Feminist Centre for Racial Justice, led by Professor Awino Okech, focuses on the Global South to develop feminist perspectives on race. It unites feminist theory, diaspora studies, critical race theory and migration studies through a research and action cycle that bridges academic work and movement-building. The centre aims to be a global leader in transnational knowledge on racial justice, creating an archive of Indigenous feminist methods, and highlighting the transnational nature of emerging political cultures and protests.

STUDENT LIFE

Join a welcoming,
diverse and active student
community.

Our campus brings together people from around the world, offering the chance to meet new friends, share perspectives, and grow together.

Students' Union (SU)

Run by students, for students, the SU champions your interests and creates a vibrant social and support network. From hosting exciting events to offering advice and representation, the SU plays a central role in campus life and every SOAS student is automatically a member.

With over 100 student societies and sports teams, there's something for everyone. Whether you're into Anime, Feminism, Yoga, Football, Origami, Chinese Percussion, or Brazilian Ju-Jitsu, or want to explore cultural, political or religious groups, the SU makes it easy to connect with others who share your passions. You can even get involved with the student newspaper or start your own society.

Sport and fitness

Stay active whether you're looking to play sports competitively or just for fun,

you can join SU sports teams, get involved with University of London clubs, and make the most of Bloomsbury Fitness Gym, just a short walk from campus.

Working while studying

There are plenty of opportunities to work on campus and beyond. We offer a range of part-time work opportunities on campus, from roles in our cafés and SU shop to student ambassador positions at events or online. Beyond campus, London is full of options, and our Careers Service is on hand to help you find something that fits your schedule and goals.

Explore student life at SOAS:



My year at SOAS



Going to university is more than studying. It's a chance for self-discovery, new experiences and meaningful connections. Hear what it's like from SOAS students themselves.



Lilly, MA Cultural Studies

"What I didn't expect was how easily my social life and studies would intertwine—attending art exhibitions with professors, riding the Tube in search of reading spots, catching plays with classmates, and staying afterward to debate with the playwright."

"What surprises me most is how SOAS empowers me to critically unlearn, rethink, and reimagine knowledge, and gives me the confidence to find my own voice in both scholarship and cultural work."



*Haodong,
MA Comparative Literature*



*Linshu, MA History of Art
and Archaeology*

"Being part of the museum community feels like a dream comes true. And of course, London life added its own sparkle."

Living in London

London is officially the best student city in the world* - and has been for six 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.
- 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.
- Hundreds of student discounts across the city with a TOTUM card.
- London is well connected with an easy-to-use transport system, and students get 30% off TFL travel to explore the city.
- Near businesses and organisations across sectors, providing opportunities for work and internships.



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Galleries & Museums

Student Halls

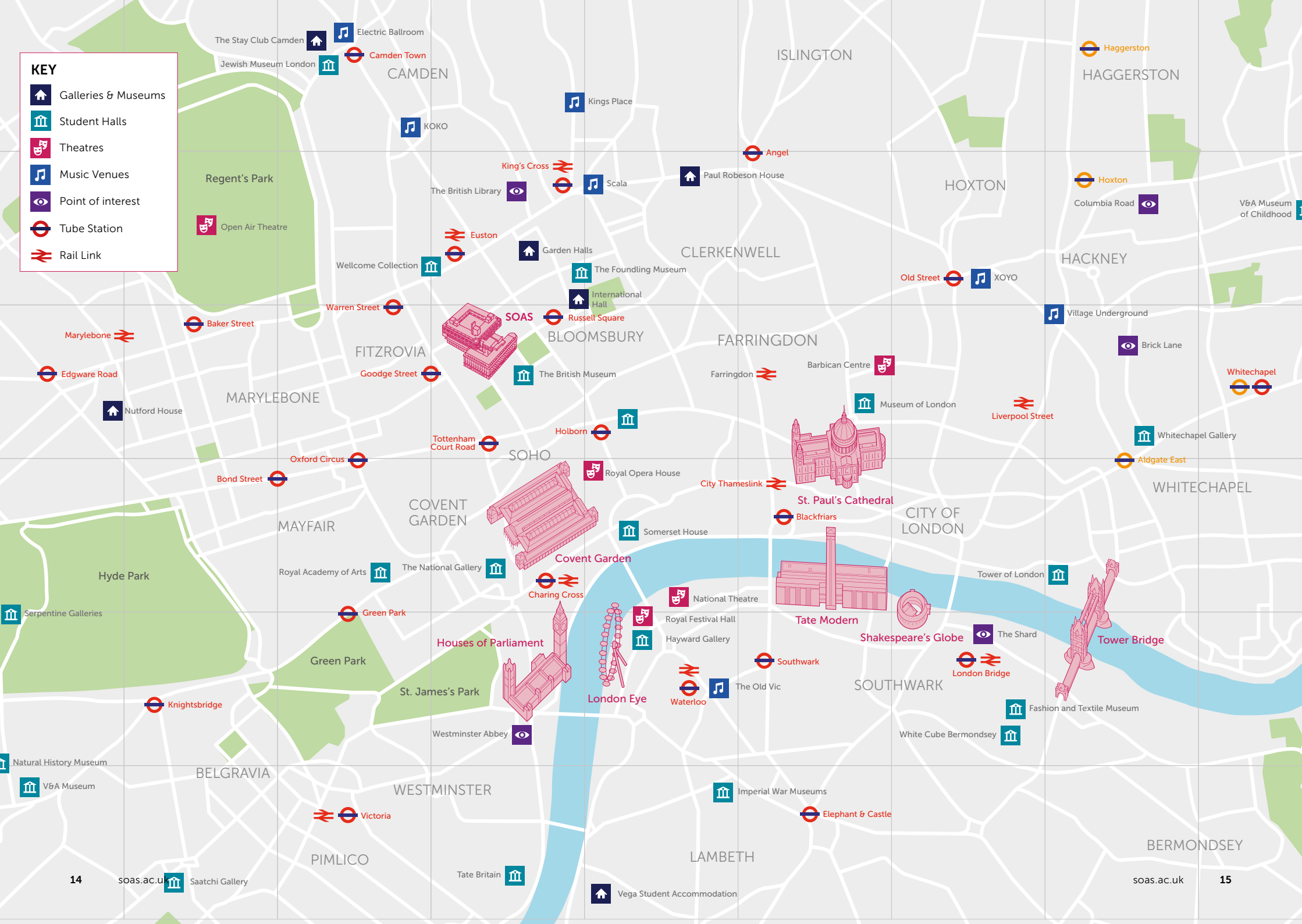
Theatres

Music Venues

Point of interest

Tube Station

Rail Link



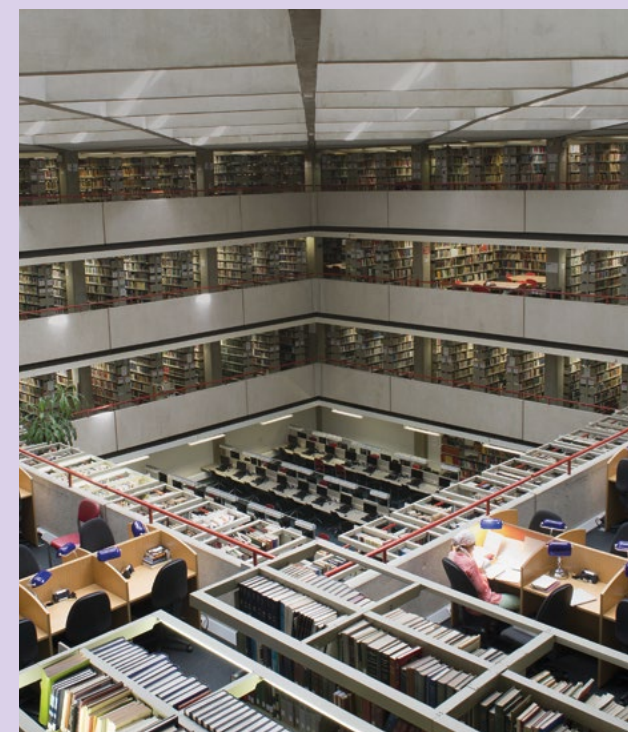
Our campus

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

- The SOAS Library has 1.5 million resources on Africa, Asia and the Middle East.
- The SOAS Gallery runs exhibitions and events throughout the year.
- Newly refurbished Students' Union common room and bar and Doctoral School.
- A calendar full of events, seminars and music.
- 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.

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

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

Handel Mansions

A range of 2,3, 4 bedroom flats are available in this centrally located spot.

🚶 8 minutes

Nutford House

Catered hall providing communal meals, socials and sporting facilities.

🚶 20 minutes



Garden Halls

Self-catered and catered accommodation option close to campus.

🚶 8 minutes

Wood Green Hall

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

🚶 30 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.

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 students can access one-to-one housing 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

Check the website for a full list of accommodation options.



Student advice and wellbeing

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

Student Advice and Wellbeing is 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 to applicants and current students.
- Providing finance advice and workshops to current students.
- Hardship funds available.
- Laptop loans to students from low-income backgrounds.

Multi-faith chaplaincy

- 1:1 pastoral support for students of all faiths and none.
- Faith-based groups.
- Workshops on spirituality and inter-faith collaboration.



“My wellbeing mentor, Liz, has been my rock. She’s seen me through all three years of uni and whenever I’ve had a problem, she’s got me through.”

Alysha,
BSc Accounting and Finance

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.

"SOAS offered the perfect blend of academic rigour and cultural diversity with a strong focus on policy, governance and an emphasis on global and sustainable solutions. The scholarship support has not only impacted my studies but has empowered me to make meaningful contributions and I aim to use my education to influence public policy and improve governance reforms in Uzbekistan."

Timur Juraev,
MSc Public Policy and Management,
Eddid Financial Holdings Bursary



AWARD	VALUE	ELIGIBILITY
Allan and Nesta Ferguson Scholarships	£32,500	For any full-time MA programme in the College of Humanities
Bloomsbury Colleges PhD Studentships	Home fee rate tuition fees and a stipend for up to 3 years	For three-year MPhil/ PhD studentships
International Postgraduate Scholarship	£8,000	For any international fee-paying, full-time taught MA
Felix Scholarships - Indian students	Tuition fees, living costs and a return air fare	For any full-time PhD or taught MA
Felix Scholarship Non-Indian	Tuition fees, living costs and a return air fare	For any full-time taught MA
SOAS Master's Scholarships	£5,000	For any home fee-paying, full-time taught MA
Subject-specific and external scholarships	Check the website for the full range of up-to-date scholarships available	

We are pleased to offer a range of scholarships for the 2026 intake. These scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis and are not automatic, so we encourage strong applicants to apply and showcase their potential. Be sure to check the website for more information on available scholarships.



Your career

A SOAS education gives you the cultural insights and skills to make a real impact.

SOAS graduates are well regarded by employers for their global outlook and unique specialisms. Study at SOAS and be ready for a career within the global economy and a multicultural world.

How we support you

Our dedicated AGCAS accredited careers team offers tailored support at every stage, including one-to-one consultations, skills workshops, career fairs, e-mentoring with alumni, and access to CareersZONE and the University of London Careers Group.

Internships

The SOAS Summer Internship Programme offers exclusive external internships every summer with NGOs, finance and tech companies, charities and art galleries.

'It's an amazing programme - the partner organisations are really diverse and give students a wide range of internships to choose from. My internship has significantly influenced my career goals and allowed me to meet and work with amazing, passionate people. I would definitely recommend applying to this programme, it is one of the most useful things you can do during your time at SOAS!' - 2024 Intern

After you graduate

Your career support doesn't end at graduation. As alumni, you'll enjoy lifetime access to CareersZONE, skills workshops, and personalized one-to-one appointments with our team.



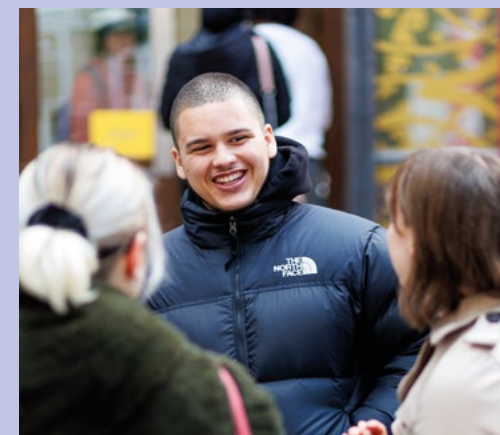
Postgraduate work placement

Enhance your career prospects with a Postgraduate work placement year.

Gain professional skills and practical UK work experience, as part of a 2-year degree at SOAS. A work placement is a chance to apply academic knowledge to a practical, real-world setting in an organisation of your choice. Develop your professional skills, teamwork, collaboration, critical analysis and problem-solving skills while studying, to help you prepare for your next career step.

Courses that offer work placement year:

- MSc Global Development
- MSc Economic Policy
- MSc Development Economics
- MSc Finance
- MSc International Business
- MSc International Marketing
- MSc Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Strategy



Alumni careers

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



Andrew Mahiga

Country Director, Department for Business and Trade, Tanzania
MSc Public Policy and Management

"SOAS helped me tremendously in my current field as I am now directly involved in analysing and formulating policies that are impacting the private sector and business environment in Tanzania."



Layla Bashar Al-Kloub

Senior Online Journalist at BBC News Arabic
Study UK Alumni Award winner
MSc Politics of the Middle East

"My one year at SOAS was a life-changing experience. SOAS gave me a different perspective on politics in the Middle East. In the classroom, my reaction was often, 'I knew that, but wow, I didn't think about it like that!'"



Zaahida Nabagereka

Senior Social Impact Manager (Lit in Colour) at Penguin Random House UK
BA African Studies and Politics
MA African Studies
PhD in African Languages and Cultures

"If it was not for my time at SOAS, I would not be in the role that I am now. The literature courses that I took at SOAS were transformative for me as they radically changed the way I think about literature."



Max Schmidt

Researcher and Consultant, Perspectives Climate Group
MSc Research for International Development

"SOAS helped develop my worldview towards life and people. I can draw a direct line from my studies at SOAS to my current job."



"The mentors, peers and enduring friendships I formed at SOAS taught me to lead with curiosity and connection - lessons that remain central to my global journey."

Preet Sheth

Director, Real Estate Investment Banking
BSc Economics

Discover more inspiring career journeys from our alumni:



Global partnerships

Forging equitable collaborations for a unique learning experience.

We're building equitable partnerships with universities across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East to create joint programmes that offer you a truly global learning experience.

These programmes are co-developed, co-delivered and co-awarded with our international partners, allowing you to study in multiple countries, learn from diverse academic traditions, and engage with real-world issues from both global and local perspectives. You'll graduate with a degree that is uniquely tailored to prepare you for a global career.

Study across continents

- **Joint LLM/MA in Environmental Justice in South Asia**
In partnership with National Law University Delhi, India
- **Joint MPhil/PhD in Applied Development Economics**
In partnership with the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
- **Joint MPhil/PhD in the Political Economy of Development**
In partnership with Brac University, Bangladesh

We also partner to run dual programmes with leading universities in China, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Norway, South Korea, Thailand, the USA, and Japan.



Find a full list of joint and dual programmes on our website:



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

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 and Zulu.

Engage with the region's various distinctive cultures and forms of artistic expression imbued with political, philosophical and religious significance.

We 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 and International Relations (Politics of Africa pathway)
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in African Studies

Example modules:

- Approaches to African Studies: Concepts, Methods and Theories
- Migration, Borders and Space: Decolonial Approaches
- Art and Politics in Africa

Anthropology and Sociology

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:

- 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
- Shiv Nadar IoE-SOAS Joint MA Global Urban Sociology

Example modules:

- Anthropology of Sustainability: Global Challenges and Alternative Futures
- Medical Anthropology: Global Perspectives
- Anthropology of 'Race', Gender and Sexuality

Arts

Specialise in the arts, music, curation and digital cultures of Asia, Africa and the Middle East, and their global diasporas.

At SOAS, you'll develop a critical non-Western perspective, theoretical knowledge, and the 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.

Courses:

- MA Creative and Cultural Industries
- MA Curating Cultures
- MA History of Art and Archaeology
Opportunity to specialise in East Asia or with Intensive Language options.
- MA History of Art and Architecture of Islamic Middle East
- MA History of Art and Architecture of Islamic Middle East and Intensive Language
- MA Music
- SOAS-Alphawood Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Art
- SOAS-Effat-IAU University Postgraduate Diploma in Museum Studies: Sponsored by the Saudi Museums Commission
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Creative Arts and Cultural Industries, Film Studies, Music, History of Art and/or Archaeology

Example modules:

- Asia and Africa on Display
- Loot, Collecting and Restitution
- Sound Recording and Production

China and Inner Asia

Study Chinese languages and cultures in one of the most comprehensive and immersive programmes available 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 teaching goes beyond language, offering deep insights into Chinese society through literature, film, media, theatre, and popular culture. You'll explore topics like religion, philosophy, family, and politics – from classical texts to contemporary cultural issues. Our programmes provide a rich, rigorous academic journey into the Chinese-speaking world and its regional ties.

Courses:

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

Example modules:

- Connections and Intersections: Core Aspects of East Asian Studies
- Culture and Society of Taiwan
- Contemporary Chinese Society

Cultural, Literary and Postcolonial 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 Comparative Literature and Intensive Language
- MA Cultural Studies
- MA Cultural Studies and Intensive Language
- MA Postcolonial Studies
- MA Postcolonial Studies and Intensive Language
- MA Race and Empire (coming soon)
- MA Translation and Intercultural Studies
- Research Degrees (MPhil/ PhD) in Cultural, Literary and Postcolonial Studies

Example modules:

- Language, Identity and Society in Africa
- Modern Palestinian Literature
- Postcolonial Critical Thought

Development, Environment and Policy

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 Climate Change and Development ➤
- MSc Global Energy and Climate Policy ➤
- MSc Sustainable Development ➤
- MSc/PGDip/PGCert Climate Change and Development ➤
- MSc/PGDip/PGCert Sustainable Development ➤

Example modules:

- Food Security and Social Protection
- Biodiversity, Conservation and Development
- Law, Environment and Social Justice

➤ Online Learning degree

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

Example modules:

- Policy and Practice of Development
- Queer Politics and Asia, Africa and the Middle East

📖 Option of Work Placement Year
📖 Online Learning degree

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, we ground economics in its historical and political context, with a focus on developing and emerging economies. Our programmes offer a pluralist, applied approach and cover an unmatched range of countries and regions. You'll explore the economic forces behind today's global challenges - and gain the tools to help solve them.

Courses:

- MSc Data Science (coming soon)
- MSc Development Economics 📖
- MSc Economic Policy 📖
- MSc Economics
- MSc Global Political Economy
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Economics, Development Economics or International Development
- SOAS-Wits Joint MPhil/PhD in Applied Development Economies

Example modules::

- Advanced Econometrics with R coding
- Global Economic Policy Analysis
- Green Finance

📖 Option of Work Placement Year
📖 Online Learning degree

Finance and Management

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

Specialise in financial and management principles, learn from real-world case studies and attain knowledge of the emerging markets of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. From finance, fintech, management and marketing to corporate governance and public policy management, you'll gain an international perspective, regional expertise and highly employable skills for your career in the global marketplace.

Courses:

- MSc Finance 🏢
- MSc Finance 🖱️
- MSc Global Corporations and Policy 🖱️
- MSc Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Strategy 🏢
- MSc International Business 🏢
- MSc International Business Administration 🖱️
- MSc International Marketing 🏢
- MSc Public Policy and Management 🏢🖱️
- MBA 30
- PGDip/PGCert in Policy Studies 🖱️
- Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas available 🖱️
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Finance and Management

Example modules:

- Emerging Market Finance
- Digital Government and Regulation
- Practical Industry Project

🏢 Option of Work Placement Year
🖱️ Online Learning degree

Gender Studies

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 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 gender, sexuality and women's 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.

🖱️ Online Learning degree

Courses:

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

Example modules:

- Gender Theory and the Study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East
- Gender, Protest and Revolution in the Middle East
- Transnationalising Queer, Trans and Disability Studies

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
- MA Race and Empire (coming soon)
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in History

Example modules:

- Debating Pasts, Crafting Histories
- Violence, Justice and the Politics of Memory
- Africa in World History

History of Art and Archaeology

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:

- 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

Example modules:

- Islam and the West: Artistic and Cultural Contacts
- Chinese Porcelain: Trade, Transfer and Reception
- Theory and Method in Art History

Japan and Korea

Develop a deep understanding of Japan and Korea - and their place in the modern world.

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 (Dual Degree Programme)
- 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

Example modules:

- Connections and Intersections: Core Aspects of East Asian Studies
- Identity and Social Relations in Japanese
- The Making of Modern Korea

Law

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

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)**
Option to choose your specialist pathway: Environmental Law and Sustainable Development; Human Rights, Conflict and Justice; International Commercial and Economic Law; International Law; Islamic Law; Law and Gender.
- **MRes Law**
- **PG Certificate in Law**
- **NLUD-SOAS Joint LLM/MA in Environmental Justice in South Asia**
- **Research Degree (MPhil/PhD) in Law**

Example modules:

- International Human Rights Clinic
- Law, Rights and Social Change
- Law and Society in The Middle East and North Africa

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 and Intercultural Studies
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Linguistics
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Translation Studies

Example modules:

- Language Support and Revitalisation
- Introduction to the Study of Language in Use
- Translating Cultures

Media and Communications

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

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 – from misinformation, populism, and digital surveillance to gender inequality, minority representation, and the role of diasporic and transnational communities.

Drawing on real-world case studies and comparative perspectives, you'll examine media systems and communication practices in the Global South, and gain the analytical tools to challenge dominant narratives in media theory and practice.

Courses:

- MA Documentary and Global Justice
- MA Documentary and Global Justice ▶
- MA Global Journalism
- MA Global Journalism ▶
- MA Global Media and Digital Communications
- MA Global Media and Digital Cultures ▶
- MA Investigative and Human Rights Journalism
- MA Investigative and Human Rights Journalism ▶
- MA Media in Development
- MA Photojournalism and Global Justice
- MA Photojournalism and Global Justice ▶
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Film Studies
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in Media Studies

Example modules:

- International Journalisms in the Digital Context: Theory and Practice
- Conflict and Human Rights Reporting

▶ Online Learning degree

Music

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, the MA Music offers a theoretical and practical grounding in ethnomusicology while developing your performance skills and a practical understanding of music in social development. The MA Creative and Cultural Industries focuses on global creative economies, offering critical insight into music, media, and cultural policy. Join a music department with a thriving culture of performance, research and active engagement with music around the globe.

Courses:

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

Example modules:

- Music in Global Perspective
- The Music Business
- Sound Recording and Production

Near and Middle East

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

Study 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 Language
- MA Islamic Studies
- MA Middle Eastern Studies
- MA Middle Eastern Studies and Intensive Language
- MSc Politics and International Relations (Middle East)
- 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

Example modules:

- Thinking the Political in the Middle East
- Iran, History and Politics
- Qur'an and Hadith Studies

Politics, Diplomacy and International Studies

Governments, international organisations, NGOs and global media turn to SOAS for our expertise, our resources – and our graduates.

At SOAS, we foster a deep, critical understanding of the political realities shaping lives across Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Our Politics and International Studies programmes combine academic rigour with real-world relevance.

Our Diplomacy programmes explore global power through non-Western perspectives, including Islamic, Chinese and African traditions. You'll engage with pressing global challenges – from conflict and negotiation to climate diplomacy – guided by regional experts and thought leaders in the field.

Courses:

- MA Global Diplomacy 
Option to choose your specialist pathway: East Asia, MENA, South Asia
- MSc Global Political Economy
- MSc Global Public Policy 
- MA Global Security and Strategy
- MA International Studies and Diplomacy
- MA Religion, Politics and Society
- MA Religion, Politics and Society and Intensive Language
- MSc Environment, Politics and Development
- MSc Politics and International Relations
Option to choose your specialist pathway: see website for details
- MPhil/ PhD in Global Studies
- MPhil/ PhD Politics and International Studies

Example modules:

- The Art of Negotiation
- Global International Organisation: United Nations in the World
- Political Economy of Violence, Conflict and Development

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 in all societies, at all times. They encapsulate its people's values, ideas 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 inter-cultural approach to systems of belief and thought.

Courses:

- MA Buddhist Studies
- MA Buddhist Studies and Intensive Language
- MA Global Philosophy
- MA Global Philosophy and Intensive Language
- MA Islamic Humanities
- MA Islamic Humanities and Intensive Language
- MA Islamic Studies
- MA Muslim Minorities in a Global Context
- MA Religion, Politics and Society
- MA Yoga Studies
- MPhil/PhD in Philosophy
- MPhil/PhD in Religions

Example modules:

- Critical Themes in the Study of Islam and the Islamic World
- Religion and Global Politics: Theories and Genealogies
- Philosophy in Global Perspective

 Online Learning degree

South Asia

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. 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
- MSc Politics and International Relations (South Asia)
- Research Degrees (MPhil/PhD) in South Asian Studies

Example modules:

- Law, Religion, and the State in South Asia
- Politics of Culture in Contemporary South Asia
- Decolonial Practices

South East Asia

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 transferable 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. This degree also equips you with strong analytical and transferable skills, preparing you for careers in government, NGOs, international development, business, media, and academia.

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

Example modules:

- War, Revolution and Independence in South East Asia Literatures in Translation
- Genders and Sexualities in South East Asian Film
- Language, Society and Communication

Online Learning

Study at your own pace,
wherever you are.

Our Online Learning degrees bring the expertise of SOAS University of London to you, wherever you live or work. With flexible start dates and pay-as-you-learn options, you can pursue a postgraduate diploma, certificate, or Masters part-time. You will be able to utilise the resources and content on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and receive support from specialist tutors tailored to meet your career goals.



Courses:

Arts

- Online Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Art
- SOAS-Alphawood Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Art

Development Studies and Climate Change

- MSc Climate Change and Development
- MSc Sustainable Development
- MSc Global Energy and Climate Policy
- MSc International Development
- MSc Humanitarian Action

Politics, Diplomacy and International Studies

- MA Global Diplomacy
(Opportunity to specialise in East Asia, MENA and South Asia)
- MA Global Security and Strategy
- MSc Global Public Policy
- PGDip/PGCert in Policy Studies

Finance and Management

- MSc Finance – Opportunity to specialise in Banking, Economic Policy, Financial Sector Management or Quantitative Finance
- MSc International Business Administration
- Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas available
- MSc Public Policy and Management

Media and Communications

- MA Documentary and Global Justice
- MA Global Data Journalism
- MA Global Media and Digital Cultures
- MA Investigative and Human Rights Journalism
- MA Photojournalism and Global Justice

Gender

- MA Gender, Sexuality in Global Politics

Postgraduate research degrees

The Doctoral School supports you at every step of your PhD journey.

As a doctoral researcher at SOAS, you will join an international community and be supported with training, guidance and excellent facilities, including space for writing, co-working and socialising.

How we'll support you:

- Training programmes for skills development, careers advice, collaboration and discussion.
- Doctoral School grants for language training, conference attendance, student-led initiatives and fieldwork.
- Research Students' Association (RSA) represents all Doctoral Researchers at SOAS and ensures the students voices are heard.
- Postgraduate Research Mentoring for new students to help offer support and advice while settling in.

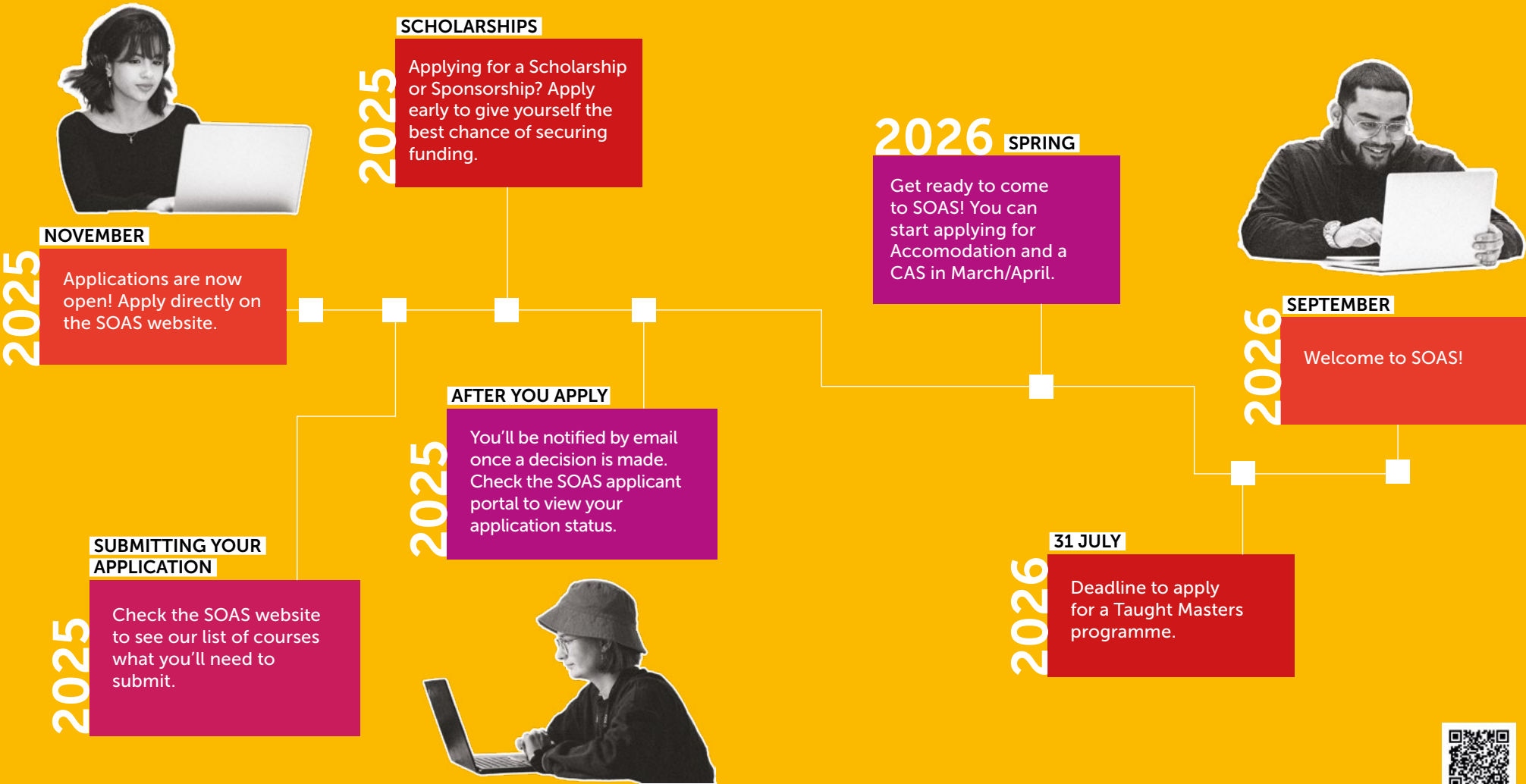
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What you need to know

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 website and online postgraduate application system.

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

Entry requirements

We will consider all applications with a 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.



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 partner institutions, there are further steps to complete as part of the application process. Check the programme webpage for more specific details.

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 University may need to make.

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.



Student visas

If you need a student visa, you will need to request a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). The latest you can request a CAS is three weeks before your course start date. We recommend reviewing the immigration and visa guidance on the SOAS website early to ensure you understand all necessary steps and timelines.

Fees and funding

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

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