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SOAS
University of London

The World's University
Study Abroad &
Exchange Programme

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 wide range of modules 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.

Find out more:



SOAS modules contain elements of interdisciplinarity and interculturality and aim to present perspectives from the Global South and beyond, thus challenging students to decolonise their academic standpoint. You will be able to design your own unique programme of study, with the freedom to focus on a particular region or concentrate on a specific discipline. You are also able to choose modules from any of our academic departments, for a total of 4 modules per semester.

Find out more on what modules you can take:

Subject Areas

- Africa
- Anthropology and Sociology
- Arts
- Media Studies
- Music
- China and Inner Asia
- Development Studies
- Economics
- Finance and Management
- Gender Studies
- History
- Japan
- Korea
- Law
- Languages and Linguistics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Near and Middle East
- Politics & International Relations
- Religions and Philosophies
- South Asia
- South East Asia

Living in London

London is officially the best student city in the world – and SOAS's campus in Central London is right in 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, Regents's Park and the West End all within walking distance.

SOAS houses a National Research Library, a world-renowned resource containing over 1.5 million items in more than 400 languages. As a SOAS student, you will also have access to University of London libraries (LSE, UCL, Senate House).

The SOAS Gallery runs exhibitions and events throughout the year.

On campus, you will find facilities for your need: whether it is learning lounge and study spaces, café and cafeteria for food, multi-faith chaplaincy and prayer room, or the newly refurbished Students' Union common room and bar, and most important of all: The warm atmosphere our students tell us makes SOAS feel like a home away from home.



At SOAS, you will be part of a diverse, engaging community in a welcoming and supportive environment to make your SOAS experience fulfilling.

Our Students' Union (SU) champions your interest 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 all Study Abroad and Exchange students are automatically a member.

The Study Abroad team organises regular events and runs a Buddy Programme which matches incoming students with SOAS students returning from their Year Abroad. We offer guidance for you throughout your journey at SOAS, from your application to issuing your transcript.

SOAS's Accommodation Office assists you in finding accommodation with our network of accommodation providers. You are welcome to use all our services and facilities. Our Student Advice and Wellbeing Team can provide you with:

- Immigration advice
- Mental health and wellbeing services
- Disabilities and neurodiversity support.

The Careers Team has a range of services to help students explore career opportunities within the global economy and a multicultural world. You can also use our free English as Second Language tutorials, academic skills workshop and online resources to improve your core skills needed for effective university study.

Academic Requirements

USA GPA of 3.3 out of 4.0 or equivalent. We can consider applications with a 3.0 GPA on a case-by-case basis, provided that a strong academic reference letter is included.

English Language Requirements

English test	Overall score	Subscores
Duolingo English Test	110	100 in all subscores
IELTS Academic/for UKVI/ Online	6.0	5.5 in all subscores
TOEFL iBT ('My Best Scores' not accepted)	4.5 / 92	4.0 / 20 in writing and speaking, 4.0 / 18 in reading and listening
Students with lower language scores may be offered a conditional offer at SOAS with the opportunity to take a pre-session English course to increase their language ability to the required grade. This course is outside of the exchange agreement and requires a fee to participate: https://www.soas.ac.uk/study/find-course/pre-sessional-courses		

Accepted alternative English language qualifications:
<https://www.soas.ac.uk/alternative-qualifications>

Application

Students will need to submit the following documents as part of their Study Abroad application:

- Passport
- Transcript
- Proof of English language proficiency (if applicable)
- Academic reference
- Signed home institution approval form

Apply via our online application form:



	Autumn Start (Semester 1 & full year)	Spring Start (Semester 2)
Nomination Deadline	1 June 2026	1 October 2026
Application Deadline	30 June 2026	30 October 2026
Module Selection	August 2026	November 2026
Online Student Registration	September 2026	December 2026
Welcome Week Orientation Week	21–25 September 2026	11–15 January 2027
Semester Dates	28 September – 11 December 2026	18 January – 23 April 2027
Reading Week	2–8 November 2026	22–28 February 2027
Revision and Assessment	4–15 January 2027	26 April – 28 May 2027



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