

The background is a vibrant blue-tinted photograph of a London street scene. On the left, a large, ornate building with a prominent dome is visible. In the foreground, a classic black taxi with a 'TAXI' sign on its roof is driving towards the viewer. To the right, a red double-decker bus is partially visible. The scene is decorated with several large, semi-transparent circular and triangular shapes in shades of red and white, some of which contain the letters 'S', 'A', and 'S' in a stylized font. The overall aesthetic is modern and international.

SOAS

University of London

The World's University
Study Abroad &
Exchange Programme

SOAS University of London is the leading Higher Education institution in Europe specialising in the study of Asia, Africa and the Near and Middle East.

With our vast repository of knowledge and expertise on our specialist regions, SOAS is uniquely placed to inform and shape current thinking about the economic, political, cultural, security and religious challenges of our world. Our courses combine regional focus with global relevance, championing intercultural and interdisciplinary teaching that aims at decolonising education and knowledge production.

An exceptionally diverse institution, boasting small group teaching and an unparalleled range of non-European languages, you will get the chance to study traditional disciplines with a special focus on geographical and geopolitical issues beyond the western world.

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Subject Areas

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

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 term.

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Welcome
to **SOAS**

the world's
university



2nd in the UK for
International Faculty*



Located at the heart
of London**



100+ societies from
sports, politics and
clubs



135+ countries
represented



1 of 18 University
of London member
institutions



55% international
students

* QS 2025
** Ranked 'Best City in the World' for students (QS 2024)

At SOAS, you will be part of a diverse community of students making a positive impact on a fast-changing world.

Our Students' Union (SU) is known as one of the most active in the UK: whether you are interested in music, film & culture clubs, sports or leading campaigns for social change, you will be able to join a society of like-minded students and participate in countless events organised by the University and the SU.

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

The Study Abroad team organises monthly events, such as scavenger hunts, karaoke & bowling nights, museum visits and runs a Buddy Programme which matches incoming students with SOAS students returning from their Year Abroad.

We also assist students with finding accommodation, with most of our Study Abroad students living in Dinwiddy House, a 20 minute walk from campus.

Study Abroad and Exchange students at SOAS are welcome to use all our services and facilities, including Student Advice and Wellbeing and the Careers Service. We have specialist support for international students including free Academic English classes, and have a dedicated Disability Office to make sure our students' different needs are met.

Autumn Start (Semester 1)

Nomination deadline for Exchange partners	1 June 2025
Application deadline for students	30 June 2025
Welcome Week	22 – 26 September 2025
Semester 1	22 September 2025 – 17 January 2026
Revision and assessment	5 – 16 January 2026

Spring Start (Semester 2)

Nomination deadline for Exchange partners	1 October 2025
Application deadline for students	15 October 2025
Welcome Week	12 – 16 January 2026
Semester 2	19 January 2026 – 22 May 2026
Revision and assessment	27 April – 22 May 2026

We will consider late applications on a case by case basis. Students should be aware that applying late will lower their chances of getting accommodation.

Academic Requirements

USA GPA of 3.3 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
IELTS	6.0	5.5 in all subscores

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: <http://www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/presessional/>



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