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SOAS International Summer Programme 2025

The SOAS University of London International Summer Programme offers international students the opportunity to take classes on a top British university on its campus in the centre of London. Each summer we welcome students from around the world who want to develop their academic knowledge, English and study skills, and experience UK university life.

The programme runs over nine weeks, divided into three blocks:

Block 1 (7th – 25th July 2025

Block 2 (28thJuly – 15th August 2025)

Block 3 (18th August – 5th September 2025)

Students can join for three, six or nine weeks. In each block there is a choice of English and academic subject courses and students choose one course from each block. Students study for 18 hours each week in class, but also take study-related trips to places of interest around London. They also engage in independent research, using the facilities on the SOAS campus, like its world famous library. Students can stay in halls of residence accommodation located near to the campus.

Student Focus

"This summer school was very useful and inspiring not only thanks to the great content but also because you can feel very welcome and important as a student."



SOAS stands for the School of Oriental and African Studies and was established in 1916. It is part of the University of London and is well known for Politics, Development Studies, Economics, and Law, as well as the cultures and languages of different regions. We have the 6th highest proportion of international students in the world. The IFCELS department specialises in English language and academic subject courses for international students.

The campus is located in central London near to the British Museum, the British Library and Oxford Street. The main SOAS accommodation is around 20 minutes' walk away.

Here's[1] a video about the international summer programme:

Block 1: 7th – 25th July 2025



***English Language Skills* – 3 weeks**

***Art of the World in London* – 3 weeks**

***Global Business Strategy* – 3 weeks**

[1] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOz2WV8fxUk&t=35s

Block 2: 28th July – 15th August 2025



English Language Skills **– 3 weeks**

Intensive Academic English **– 6 weeks – ends 6th September**

World Literature in London **– 3 weeks**

Development, Environment and Changing World Views **– 3 weeks**

Block 3: 18th August – 5th September 2025



***English Language Skills* – 3 weeks**

***Introduction to the Media* – 3 weeks**

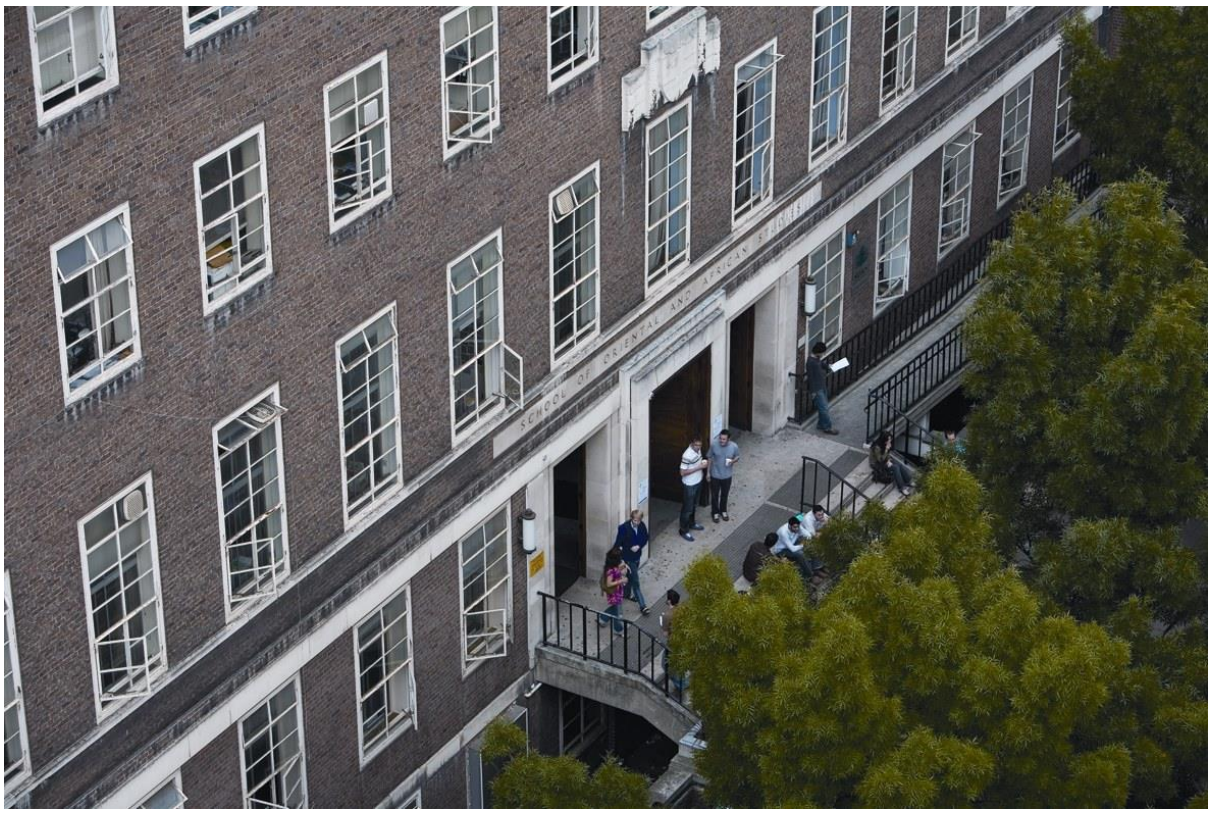
***International Relations* – 3 weeks**

***Intensive Academic English* – 6 weeks (continued)**

Student Focus

"By the end of the course I felt that expressing myself in classes was enjoyable and valuable."

English Proficiency



Recommended English Levels:

English Language Skills **– pre-intermediate (IELTS 4.5 / TOEFL 60)**

Intensive Academic English **– intermediate (IELTS 5.0 in each skill / TOEFL 68)**

Academic Subject Courses **– intermediate (IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL 76)**

These are not requirements but indicate what we feel is a suitable minimum level of English for a student to benefit fully from the courses.

Student Focus

"We had so many opportunities to discuss with others."

Tuition Fees



Tuition Fees (excl accommodation fees):

3 weeks (1 block) - £2200

6 weeks (2 blocks) - £3960

9 weeks (3 blocks) - £5940

A 10% discount is available for partner universities

Accommodation



Our halls are located within 20-30 minutes of our campus, close to public transport and amenities. All rooms are for single occupancy and have their own private shower and toilet. Many of the beds are larger double beds and bedding is provided for our Summer school students. You will have access to a kitchen which you will share with your flatmates. The halls offer communal areas where you will have the opportunity to mix with students from other London Universities. The amenities vary across the halls but one even has a karaoke room for you to enjoy! Accommodation fees range from £700 - £1120 for 20 nights, which is needed for a three-week course.

To book your International Summer School housing, or if you are an agent requiring a group booking, please email applyaccommodation@soas.ac.uk [2]stating the dates you require housing, and we will let you know the options available. Early booking is strongly advised.

Student Focus

"I liked the study trips the most because I could deepen my understanding of what I learned in class."

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All of the courses are taught by a subject specialist lecturer and an English language specialist. The number of hours taught is 18 per week, with further time needed for independent study. The lecture and subject-specific English teacher work together to integrate language support classes around the lectures and seminars in order to help make the academic syllabus as clear and engaging as possible for the students and to develop their academic English and study skills, such as participating in seminar discussions, taking more effective lecture notes and giving formal presentations.

Student Focus

"The structure of the course, including enough time to review and deepen my understanding after the lectures was very helpful for me."

Academic Subject Courses



Art of the World in London - 3 weeks

This course provides students provides a thematic approach to art history, and encourages them to investigate, speculate, question and revise historical cause, effect and influence, challenging established views. London's major museums are used in twice-weekly visits to explore art history from at a global level. The course balances gallery visits with lectures, seminars and workshops to provide students with the vocabulary, study and discussion skills needed to get the most out of the materials and experiences. Students will also carry out their own research and present it to their student colleagues at the end of the course. It is open to all students, regardless of their level of knowledge of art.

Global Business Strategy- 3 weeks

This course aims to introduce students to global, political and environmental changes which all impact business strategy and practice. Understanding the management, marketing, financial, and operational challenges associated with global business activity, and developing skills in these areas, have become essential requirements for success. Students are encouraged to extend their knowledge and understanding of current business issues through case studies which focus on some well-known global businesses. Students also have the chance to carry out their own research in order to develop their own perspectives.

World Literature in London – 3 weeks

This course will introduce you to a selection of literature from around the world, in order to think about literature within its social and cultural context. It is delivered through a series of lectures, seminars, case studies, and discussion classes. There will be opportunities to visit sites in London that will enhance what is taught in the classroom. Students will have the chance to research an aspect of literature that is of particular interest to them, and they will present it to their student colleagues at the end of the course. It is important to emphasise that students are not required to read entire books, but rather the focus is on much shorter extracts. This course is not more difficult, nor does it require more reading, than any of the other courses.

Environment, Development and Changing World Views - 3 weeks

The Environment, Development and Changing World Views course is for students who are interested in some of the major issues and concerns in development theory and policy in relation to the environment, like sustainability, advances in technology, the effects of globalisation, and differences in scientific and religious perspectives. It also asks students to question whether there is the need to re-evaluate current world views and ideologies. Students will have the opportunity to carry out their own research which they will present to student colleagues at the end of the course.

International Relations - 3 weeks

The International Relations summer course offers students an introduction to some of the most important issues in world politics today. The course is composed of a mix of formal

lectures, discussion seminars and weekly case studies plus regular visits to interesting sites around London. The aim of these courses is to give students a chance to think about the relevance of contemporary international issues to their own lives. Students will also work on an individual project which they will present to their student colleagues at the end of the course.

Introduction to the Media- 3 weeks

The course focuses on helping students to understand the role of media shaping how we see the world. They will learn to be critical about the power of the media and its influence on how we see the world. Students will also learn about how media can empower us to inform, educate and entertain each other. As well as following the course through interactive classes students work in groups on developing a piece of media and through this project they will enhance their team-building, interviewing and negotiating skills.

Academic English Courses



English Language Skills

This is a 3-week academic English course for students from pre-intermediate level and upwards. It focusses on strengthening the main English language skills (reading, writing,

speaking and listening) within a university context. Students will also expand both general and academic vocabulary, as well as developing greater confidence in communicating effectively in English in the classroom.

Intensive Academic English

This is a full-time 6-week academic language skills course to help students at an intermediate level prepare for further academic studies or just to improve academic English skills.

The course develops reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, as well as strengthening grammar, academic vocabulary and independent study skills. It would be particularly beneficial for students who are preparing for study at university in the UK.

Student Focus

"I'd love to do it again!"

Please see our programme website and brochure for more detailed information about course content: *https://soas.ac.uk/ifcels/summer/*
