



SOAS International Summer Programme 2023

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 (10th – 28th July)

Block 2 (31st July – 18th August)

Block 3 (21st August – 8th September)

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.

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.

International Summer Programme Courses

Block 1: 10th – 28th July 2023 (application deadline 19th June 2023)

English Language Skills – 3 weeks

Advance Reading and Writing (online) – 3 weeks

Art of the World in London – 3 weeks

Global Business Strategy – 3 weeks

Block 2: 31st July – 18th August 2023 (application deadline 11th July 2023)

English Language Skills – 3 weeks

Intensive Academic English – 6 weeks – ends 8th September

World Literature in London – 3 weeks
Development, Environment and Changing World Views – 3 weeks

Block 3: 21st August – 8th September 2023 (application deadline 31st July 2023)

English Language Skills – 3 weeks
Introduction to the Media – 3 weeks
International Relations – 3 weeks
Global Development Studies – 3 weeks

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)*
Advanced Reading and Writing – *upper intermediate (IELTS 6.5. TOEFL 95)*
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.

Tuition Fees (excl accommodation fees):

3 weeks (1 block) - £1900
6 weeks (2 blocks) - £3500
9 weeks (3 blocks) - £5100

A 5% discount is available for students from partner universities and group bookings of up to 7 students.

A 10% discount is available for group bookings of 8 students and over.

Applications can be made [here](#)

Accommodation:

Accommodation is provided in halls of residence located in King's Cross, about 20 minutes' walk from the SOAS Russell Square campus. It is self-catering with ensuite bathrooms and a shared kitchen and living area. Bedding is provided and laundered twice a week. Fees assume that students arrive the day before the start of the course and leave the day after.

3 weeks (1 block) - £940
6 weeks (2 blocks) - £1927
9 weeks (3 blocks) - £2914

These rates are available provided that students submit their summer course application by the application deadline. We cannot guarantee that accommodation in these halls of residence will be available after the stated deadlines but we will be more than happy to assist in helping to find alternative accommodation.

Students requiring halls of residence accommodation will receive a code that they can use when booking in order to obtain a discounted rate.

Academic Subject Courses

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 lecturer 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.

ART OF THE WORLD IN LONDON - 3 weeks (Block 1)

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 (Block 3)

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 (Block 2)

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 (Block 2)

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 (Block 3)

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 (Block 3)

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.

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES - 3 weeks (Block 3)

The Global Development Studies course offers student an introduction to key issues affecting the world at present. It looks at the relationships between so-called developed and developing countries and related organisations. Some of the important debates facing the world today like democracy, migration, foreign aid and the environment, are presented and discussed. The course is composed of a mix of formal lectures, discussion and seminars and weekly case studies. Students will have the opportunity to carry out their own independent research and present it to their student colleagues at the end of the course.

Academic English Courses

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS – 3 weeks (Blocks 1,2 and 3)

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.

ADVANCED READING AND WRITING (online) – 3 weeks (Block 1)

This is a 3-week academic English course for students at undergraduate or postgraduate level who already have at least an upper intermediate level of English (IELTS 6.5 in Writing or

equivalent). It focusses on developing and reinforcing the key literacy skills needed for successful degree study at British universities. Students will strengthen their essay-writing, reading and critical thinking skills. Individual tutorial sessions are included in the writing classes to discuss feedback and address particular problem areas.

INTENSIVE ACADEMIC ENGLISH – 6 weeks - (Block 2 and 3)

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.

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

International Summer School Sample Timetable

(This is a sample and schedules may vary from course to course)



Academic Courses

Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 10:00	9:00 - 10:00	9:00 - 10:00	9:00 - 10:00	9:00 - 10:00
10:00 – 11:00	10:00 - 11:00	10:00 - 11:00	10:00 - 11:00	10:00 - 11:00
Lecture Preview ET	Seminar SL	Lecture Preview ET	Lecture Review ET	Subject-Specific English ET
11:00 - 12:00	11:00 - 12:00	11:00 - 12:00	11:00 - 12:00	11:00 - 12:00
LECTURE SL	Seminar SL	LECTURE SL	Lecture Review ET	Subject-Specific English ET
12:00 – 13:00	12:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 13:00
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
13:00 – 14:00	13:00 - 14:00	13:00 - 14:00	13:00 - 14:00	13:00 - 14:00
Lecture Review ET	Project Preparation	<u>Study Trip</u>	Seminar SL	Case Study SL
14:00 - 15:00	14:00 - 15:00	14:00 - 15:00	14:00 - 15:00	14:00 - 15:00
Lecture Review ET	Project Preparation	<u>Study Trip</u>	Seminar SL	Case Study SL
15:00 - 16:00	15:00 - 16:00	15:00 - 16:00	15:00 - 16:00	15:00 - 16:00
16:00 - 17:00	16:00 - 17:00	16:00 - 17:00	16:00 - 17:00	16:00 - 17:00

SL = Subject Lecturer, ET= English Teacher

	Students attend two lectures per week with the lecturer
	Students will have classes to support the students' understanding of the lecture with the English teacher
	Students will have seminars and case study lessons for further discussion with the lecturer
	Student will have subject-specific English classes with the English teacher
	Students will have a study-related excursion
	Students work on an individual project

Key Points:

- Each course is led by a lecturer and supported by an English teacher
- Students have around 18 hours of class time per week.
- Studies are based around a lecture series (two per week)
- Students are supported through the lectures with preview and review classes delivered by the English teacher.
- Students have the opportunity to discuss the topics further with the lecturer covered in the seminars and case study classes
- Students also have subject-specific English classes based around reading texts and vocabulary
- Students work towards an individual project of their choice which they present in an informal setting at the end of the course.
- Students will have the opportunity to go on a study trip to a site in London which is relevant to the subject being studied.

English Language Skills

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 – 12:00	10:00 – 12:00	10:00 – 12:00	10:00 – 12:00	10:00 – 12:00
Reading and Writing	Reading and Writing	Reading and Writing	Reading and Writing	Reading and Writing
12.00 - 13.00	12.00 - 13.00	12.00 - 13.00	12.00 - 13.00	12.00 - 13.00
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13.00 – 15.00	13.00 – 15.00	13.00 – 15.00	13.00 – 15.00	13.00 – 15.00
Listening and Speaking	Listening and Speaking	Excursion	Listening and Speaking	Listening and Speaking
15.00 – 17.00	15.00 – 17.00	15.00 – 17.00	15.00 – 17.00	15.00 – 17.00
		Excursion		

Key Points:

- Students have around 18 hours of class time per week.
- Students have a literacy teacher in the mornings and an oracy teacher in the afternoons
- Classes focus on developing all four language skills
- English language skills are combined with academic study skills development in an academic context e.g. developing research reading skills, participating in discussions, listening to lectures, taking notes, writing essays
- Classes also encourage students to reflect on improving their self-study skills