



# South East Asia

**Studying South East Asia means learning about one of the most diverse regions on earth. It involves working with linguistic, cultural and religious diversity and examining the trajectories of some of the most traditional and also some of the most modern societies in the world. You will study rich literary and cinematic traditions, and complex and dynamic societies.**

SOAS is the only university in the UK to offer a comprehensive degree in South East Asian studies. We believe that studying a language of the region is essential to understanding the cultures and nations of South East Asia. We offer a full range of modules in Burmese, Indonesian, Thai and Vietnamese. We have excellent relationships with universities in the region and, for many students, the opportunity to immerse themselves fully in the language and culture of Burma, Indonesia, Thailand or Vietnam during a year abroad is an unforgettable experience. It also opens up a huge range of further possibilities for work, volunteering or study as a result of networks developed during the year abroad.

## Structure and assessment

Students take taught modules to the value of 120 credits per year – unless stated otherwise.

## Minimum entry requirements

A-Levels: ABB (from three A-levels excluding General Studies).

IB: 33 points with 5/5/5 at Higher level.

See p160 for more on entry requirements, application assessment, Widening Participation and joint degrees.

## English language requirement

Overall IELTS grade of 6.5 with 6.5 in writing and speaking and 6.0 in reading and listening. Visit [www.soas.ac.uk/english-requirements](http://www.soas.ac.uk/english-requirements) for alternative acceptable qualifications.

## Duration

Three years, or four years with year abroad.

## Skills gained

A degree in South East Asian Studies prepares you for a wide range of careers in a variety of sectors including marketing and publishing, non-governmental agencies, international political organisations, diplomacy, business, cultural organisations, embassies, public service, teaching, interpreting and translation.

Employers will be looking for highly skilled recruits. A language study programme does not just teach you a body of facts, but also a range of skills, for example:

- the practical skills of careful listening and acquiring languages
- the intellectual skills of examining and evaluating cultures and theories
- various transferable skills such as research, analytical, communication, teamwork, problem solving, time management and organisation skills

## What do South East Asia graduates do?

Company Director  
 Consultant  
 Diplomat  
 English Language Assistant  
 International Marketing Executive  
 Policy Advisor  
 Lecturer  
 Learning and Development Officer  
 Professor of History  
 Senior Heritage Consultant

## Employers include

British Council  
 Burmese Refugee Project  
 Child in Need Institute  
 Dept. for Environment, Food and Rural affairs  
 Foreign & Commonwealth Office  
 International Red Cross  
 JP Morgan  
 Medical Defence Union  
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands  
 Suzhou Education Bureau



#### Taught Programmes

- BA South East Asian Studies
- BA South East Asian Studies (including year abroad)
- BA South East Asian Studies and...
- BA South East Asian Studies and... (including year abroad)
- BA International Management and South East Asian Studies



#### More Information

[www.soas.ac.uk/sea](http://www.soas.ac.uk/sea)



## BA South East Asian Studies

### UCAS code: T302

This three-year programme strikes an exciting balance between the study of a South East Asian language (Burmese, Indonesian, Thai or Vietnamese) and the cultures of the region. Competence in a South East Asian language is developed as a tool for exploring the culture for which a spoken language is a vehicle.

The syllabus introduces its subject through the broad media of language, culture, literature and cinema with options also to gain knowledge of South East Asian history, politics, economics, linguistics, religious studies, music, art and archaeology, anthropology and others.

This degree is ideal for students who do not seek the intensive engagement with language demanded by the four-year degrees, but who desire a working knowledge of the language to enhance their engagement with the diversity of South East Asian culture.

### Structure

#### (Typical course content)

#### Core modules

##### Year 1

- Burmese/ Indonesian/ Thai/ Vietnamese module (30 credits)
- Introduction to South and South East Asia (15 credits)
- Decolonising Otherness (15 credits)
- Understanding Texts (15 credits)
- Languages of the World (15 credits)
- Further optional module (30 credits)

##### Year 2

- Cultural Studies of Mainland South East Asia (15 credits)
- Cultural Studies of Island South East Asia (15 credits)
- Introduction to Research (15 credits)
- A module on the cinema or literature of South East Asia (15 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 1 (30 credits) OR a further module related to South East Asia (30 credits)
- Further optional module (30 credits)

##### Year 3

- Independent Study Project in South East Asian Studies (30 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 2 (30 credits) OR a further module related to South East Asia (30 credits)
- Further optional modules (60 credits)

### Optional modules

- Queer Cinema in Asia (15 credits)
- Vietnam on Screen (15 credits)
- Thailand on Screen (post '97) (15 credits)
- Indonesia on Screen (15 credits)
- War, Revolution and Independence in South East Asian Literatures in Translation (15 credits)
- The City and the Countryside in South East Asian Literatures (15 credits)
- Jawi and the Manuscript Tradition (15 credits)
- English Literatures of South East Asia (15 credits)
- Under Western Eyes: European Writings on South East Asia (15 credits)

In addition to the language and literature options listed above, the full range of optional modules currently available is detailed online: [www.soas.ac.uk/sea/programmes/baseastud](http://www.soas.ac.uk/sea/programmes/baseastud)

## BA South East Asian Studies and...

### May be combined with

#### African Studies

#### Arabic

#### Chinese

#### Development Studies

TLJ9

#### English

#### Hebrew

#### History

VTCJ

#### History of Art/ Archaeology

VTJ3

#### International Relations

LTF4

#### Japanese

#### Japanese Studies

#### Korean

#### Korean Studies

#### Linguistics

TQJD

#### Middle Eastern Studies

#### Music

WTHH

#### Persian

#### Politics

TLH2

#### Social Anthropology

TLHP

#### Religions

VTPJ

#### South Asian Studies (3 years)

#### South Asian Studies (Year Abroad)

#### Tibetan

#### Turkish

#### World Philosophies

T434

## Structure

### (Typical course content)

#### Year 1

- Burmese/ Indonesian/ Thai/ Vietnamese module (30 credits)
- Introduction to South and South East Asia (15 credits)
- Decolonising Otherness (15 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

#### Year 2

- Cultural Studies of Mainland South East Asia (15 credits)
- Cultural Studies of Island South East Asia (15 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 1 (30 credits) OR a further module related to South East Asia (30 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

#### Year 3

- Further module related to South East Asia (30 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 2 (30 credits) OR a further module related to South East Asia (30 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

#### Optional modules

- Queer Cinema in Asia (15 credits)
- Vietnam on Screen (15 credits)
- Thailand on Screen (post '97) (15 credits)
- Indonesia on Screen (15 credits)
- War, Revolution and Independence in South East Asian Literatures in Translation (15 credits)
- The City and the Countryside in South East Asian Literatures (15 credits)
- Jawi and the Manuscript Tradition (15 credits)
- English Literatures of South East Asia (15 credits)
- Under Western Eyes: European Writings on South East Asia (15 credits)

In addition to the language and literature options listed above, the full range of optional modules currently available is detailed online:

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## BA South East Asian Studies (including year abroad)

### UCAS code: T301

This four-year programme strikes an exciting balance between the study of a South East Asian language (Burmese, Indonesian, Thai or Vietnamese) and the cultures of the region. Competence in a South East Asian language is developed as a tool for exploring the culture for which a spoken language is a vehicle.

The syllabus introduces its subject through the broad media of language, culture, literature and cinema with options also to gain knowledge of South East Asian history, politics, economics, linguistics, religious studies, music, art and archaeology, anthropology and others.

Students spend their third year in Burma, Indonesia, Thailand or Vietnam where they immerse themselves in the cultures of the region and develop their fluency in their chosen language.

## Structure

### (Typical course content)

#### Year 1

- Burmese/ Indonesian/ Thai/ Vietnamese module (30 credits)
- Introduction to South and South East Asia (15 credits)
- Decolonising Otherness (15 credits)
- Understanding Texts (15 credits)
- Languages of the World (15 credits)
- Further optional module (30 credits)

#### Year 2

- Cultural Studies of Mainland South East Asia (15 credits)
- Cultural Studies of Island South East Asia (15 credits)
- Introduction to Research (15 credits)
- A module on the cinema or literature of South East Asia (15 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 1 (30 credits)
- Further optional module (30 credits)

#### Year 3

- A year abroad in Burma, Indonesia, Thailand or Vietnam

#### Year 4

- Independent Study Project in South East Asian Studies (30 credits)
- A progression from the language of the year abroad (30 credits)
- Further optional modules (60 credits)



### Optional modules

- Queer Cinema in Asia (15 credits)
- Vietnam on Screen (15 credits)
- Thailand on Screen (post '97) (15 credits)
- Indonesia on Screen (15 credits)
- War, Revolution and Independence in South East Asian Literatures in Translation (15 credits)
- The City and the Countryside in South East Asian Literatures (15 credits)
- Jawi and the Manuscript Tradition (15 credits)
- English Literatures of South East Asia (15 credits)
- Under Western Eyes: European Writings on South East Asia (15 credits)

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## BA South East Asian Studies and... (With a Year Abroad)

### May be combined with

Development Studies	TLJ9
Economics	TLJC
English	
Hebrew	
History	VTCJ
History of Art/ Archaeology	VTJ3
International Relations	LTF4
Japanese Studies	
Korean Studies	
Linguistics	TQJD
Middle Eastern Studies	
Music	WTHH
Persian	
Politics	TLH2
Social Anthropology	TLHP
South Asian Studies (3 years)	
South Asian Studies (Year Abroad)	
Religions	VTPJ
Turkish	
World Philosophies	T434

### Structure

(Typical course content)

#### Year 1

- Burmese/ Indonesian/Thai/ Vietnamese module (30 credits)
- Introduction to South and South East Asia (15 credits)
- Decolonising Otherness (15 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

#### Year 2

- Cultural Studies of Mainland South East Asia (15 credits)
- Cultural Studies of Island South East Asia (15 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 1 (30 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

#### Year 3

- A year abroad in Burma, Indonesia, Thailand or Vietnam

#### Year 4

- Further module related to South East Asia (30 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 2 (30 credits) OR a further module related to South East Asia (30 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

### Optional modules

- Queer Cinema in Asia (15 credits)
- Vietnam on Screen (15 credits)
- Thailand on Screen (post '97) (15 credits)
- Indonesia on Screen (15 credits)
- War, Revolution and Independence in South East Asian Literatures in Translation (15 credits)
- The City and the Countryside in South East Asian Literatures (15 credits)
- Jawi and the Manuscript Tradition (15 credits)
- English Literatures of South East Asia (15 credits)
- Under Western Eyes: European Writings on East Asia (15 credits)

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## BA International Management and South East Asian Studies

UCAS code: TN3C

This unique degree offers students the possibility to combine a strong grounding in international management with study of the languages and cultures of South East Asia, a region offering tremendous potential for those wishing to pursue careers in business and management.

### Structure (Typical course content)

#### Year 1

- Burmese/ Indonesian/Thai/ Vietnamese module (30 credits)
- Introduction to South and South East Asia OR Introduction to South East Asia (15 credits)

- Decolonising Otherness OR South East Asia on Film (15 credits)
- Management in China: Domestic and International Developments OR Management in Japan and Korea: Domestic and International Developments OR Principles of Management (30 credits)
- 30 first year credits in International Management

### Year 2

- Cultural Studies of Mainland South East Asia (15 credits)
- Cultural Studies of Island South East Asia (15 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 1 (30 credits) OR a further module related to South East Asia (30 credits)
- 60 second year credits in International Management

### Year 3

- Further module related to South East Asia (30 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 2 (30 credits) OR a further module related to South East Asia (30 credits)
- Independent Study Project in International Management (30 credits)
- 30 third year credits in International Management

### Optional modules

#### South East Asian modules

- Queer Cinema in Asia (15 credits)
- Vietnam on Screen (15 credits)
- Thailand on Screen (post '97) (15 credits)
- Indonesia on Screen (15 credits)
- War, Revolution and Independence in South East Asian Literatures in Translation (15 credits)
- The City and the Countryside in South East Asian Literatures (15 credits)
- Jawi and the Manuscript Tradition (15 credits) English Literatures of South East Asia (15 credits)
- Under Western Eyes: European Writings on South East Asia (15 credits)

#### International Management (Year 1 modules)

- Introduction to Accounting
- Principles and Management of Marketing
- Understanding Company Accounts and Reports
- Quantitative and Analytical Techniques for Managers

#### International Management (Year 2 modules)

- Corporate Finance and Financial Accounting
- Managerial Accounting
- International Business Strategy
- Managerial Economics
- Qualitative and Case Study Research
- International Marketing I
- Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility

#### International Management (Year 3 modules)

- Financial Strategy
- Finance in China
- Finance in Japan and Korea
- Contemporary Issues in the Chinese Economy
- Contemporary Issues in the Japanese and Korean Economics
- International Marketing 2
- International Human Resource Management
- Corporate Governance