



**SOAS**  
University of London



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## MA Anthropology of Travel, Tourism and Pilgrimage

The only Masters-level programme of its kind in the world, the SOAS MA Anthropology of Travel, Tourism and Pilgrimage enables students to pursue specialist interests in global voluntary mobility while gaining advanced training in social and cultural anthropology. Combining a rigorous set of core courses with options to suit each student's unique interests, the programme also hosts an evening seminar series with presentations by internationally leading scholars.

Students develop expertise in anthropological theory and practice; learn to undertake ethnographic research; and gain comprehensive grounding in the anthropological study of travel and tourism, including issues of development, cultural change, cross-cultural encounter, representation and meaning, space and place, heritage, commodification, and interconnections between diverse histories and cultures of travel worldwide.

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## **Programme structure:**

Designed for flexibility, the programme offers both (1) a broad-based MA for students with some background in travel/tourism who wish to deepen their knowledge through advanced study in anthropology, and (2) a special-interest MA for students trained in anthropology who wish to undertake in-depth study of travel/tourism-related issues in a particular region or from a specific theoretical perspective. Both emphases offer solid grounding for a future research degree.

The programme consists of compulsory and option courses, culminating in a 10,000-word dissertation. All students take the year-long Anthropology of Travel and Tourism seminar and audit a course in ethnographic methods; those without a prior degree in anthropology also take a required course in anthropological theory.

Further courses are selected from Anthropology and other available disciplines including Art and Archaeology, Development Studies, Language, History, Media, Music, and Politics. In addition, all students attend the programme's evening public seminar series.

## **Start of programme:**

September intake only.

## **Mode of attendance:**

Full time (1 year) or part time (2-3 years).

## **Course requirements:**

A first or upper second class honours degree from a UK university, or equivalent (e.g., minimum US GPA 3.3 to 3.5, depending on awarding university).

## **Anthropology at SOAS:**

The Department of Anthropology at SOAS has established a distinct identity among the world's leading anthropology departments. We teach with special reference to the countries, peoples, societies, and cultures of Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, as well as their diasporas.

Our core academic staff of 20 consistently attract the highest categories of recognition and approval by higher education and social science funding organizations, and are joined by a dynamic community of research and teaching fellows and approximately 150 postgraduate students from diverse cultural and national backgrounds.

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