MA AREA STUDIES PROGRAMMES
Structure

All the programmes below are based on 4 elements:
- three taught courses (or equivalent when half courses)
- one 10,000 word dissertation

For all programmes only one language course may be taken

- MA African Studies
- MA Chinese Studies
- MA Japanese Studies
- MA Japanese Studies and Intensive Language (Japanese) 2 Year Programme
- MA Near and Middle Eastern Studies
- MA South Asian Area Studies
- MA South East Asian Studies
- MA Islamic Studies
- MA Islamic Societies and Cultures

1 Major, 2 Minors, 1 Dissertation linked to the Major and supervised by the teacher of the Major subject. The minors must be from a different discipline to that of the Major subject. Both minors can be in the same discipline.

- MA Pacific Asian Studies
1 Major, 2 Minors, 1 Dissertation linked to the Major and supervised by the teacher of the Major subject. The courses must cover at least three regions from China, Korea, Japan, or two regions plus an interregional course. At least one minor subject must be from a different discipline to the Major.

MAJOR COURSE SELECTION:

Some disciplines, such as Economics, or Politics, require an appropriate qualification (such as part of a first degree) if any of the courses are to be taken as the major subject. Students interested in such courses are advised to refer to the relevant webpage for details and, if necessary, to contact the convenor. Please note that convenors have discretion in deciding if an applicant's background is sufficient for the course concerned.

Students applying to an MA programme in Area Studies cannot take Anthropology courses as Majors and will only be able to take minor courses offered by the Anthropology Department. Students who wish to write their dissertation in Anthropology should apply to an MA in Anthropology.

MAJORING in LAW RELATED COURSES

Students wishing to major in Law might be required to take the Preliminary law, legal reasoning and legal methods course. Kindly note the course starts on 7 September 2015 and there is a fee attached payable in addition to the Masters programme tuition fees.

COURSE OPTIONS

Please note that courses options are subject to change and are finalised in July /August prior to the start of the academic year. To confirm availability of course or further information on the programmes, please refer to the faculty website at http://www.soas.ac.uk/languagecultures/. You can also email the office at: languagesandcultures@soas.ac.uk.