

CAS INFORMATION

To be assigned a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) you need to have:

- An unconditional offer
- Accepted the offer
- Paid the deposit or provided official evidence that you have been awarded a scholarship or are being sponsored by a recognised sponsor (e.g. Home government, International Organisation or International Company)
- Completed a [CAS request Form](#)
- Emailed your request to pgtcasrequest@soas.ac.uk together with
 - a scanned copy of the photo page of the passport you will be using with your visa application
 - any current or previous UK tier-4 visas that have been issued

Before assigning the CAS we will ensure that you satisfy the immigration rules and verify some of the following;

- Level of any previous study in the UK
- Number of years of any previous study in the UK (5 years cap)
- Current Passport and any current tier 4 visa
- **Academic progression:**
 - Applying to study for second MA in the UK
 - Evidence of completion of 1st MA or letter from University confirming you are highly likely to successfully complete your current MA
- Check immigration history and reason for previous visa refusal (if applicable)

CAS validity

- A CAS number is **valid for 6 months** from the date of issue.
- You can only **apply up to three months** before the start date of the programme.
- You can only use the CAS number **once**. If your visa application is refused and you want to reapply you will need a new CAS. The School reserves the rights to reissue a second CAS.
- Email mastersadmissions@soas.ac.uk to request a new CAS **along with a copy of the refusal letter**. There may be an administration charge.

Part-time Study under Tier 4

Tier-4 students are allowed to study on a part-time basis subject to the following:

- Students will not have the right to work
- Students won't be allowed to bring dependants
- Students will not be able to apply for further leave from inside the UK
- Students who want to switch mode of study part-way through a course will have to apply from their home country
- Part-time studies will count toward the 5 year cap

CAS with a pre-session English course without academic condition

We can assign a **joint CAS** to cover a 4 week or 8 week pre-session English course and the main programme of study if the academic entry requirement has been met fully.

Before a joint CAS can be issued you must:

- Apply for the pre-session English course run by [IFCELS](#)- If you need more information please email: presessional@soas.ac.uk
- Receive an unconditional offer from IFCELS
- Pay the pre-session tuition fees
- Pay the £1,000 deposit towards the Master's tuition fees.

We cannot assign a joint CAS if your offer is conditional on attending a 12 week pre-session English course even if the academic condition has been met.

In this case you will need two CASs; one to cover the pre-session English course and one to cover the main programme of study.

NOTE: If you do not successfully complete the pre-session English course you will not be allowed to progress onto the main programme of study and we may have to withdraw our sponsorship.

CAS with a Pre-session English course and with Academic Condition

We cannot assign a joint CAS if your offer is conditional on attending a pre-session English course **and** you also have to meet an academic condition.

We strongly recommend you either wait until your academic results are available or be certain that you will satisfy the academic condition before applying for the pre-session course.

You can register to attend the pre-session course but you will be doing so at your own risk.

Attending the pre-session does not guarantee admission on the Master's programme.

You will also require two CASs .

- The first CAS will be issued by IFCELS to cover the English pre-session .
- The second CAS will be issued by Admissions upon successful completion of the pre-session and if the academic requirement has been met.

If you want to attend the pre-session as a stand-alone course, you will require a **UKVI approved IELTS certificate**

If SOAS has issued a CAS to sponsor you as a Tier 4 Adult/General student, the School has a duty to report to the UK Home Office if you do not attend classes regularly, if you withdraw from your course or interrupt your studies.

For more information about Tier-4 you can refer to [Tier 4 policy guidance](#) .

For an overview of the Tier 4 requirements and application process watch [our webinar](#) .