

5TH ZOROASTRIANISM SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

Zoroastrians in the Global World

Venue: SOAS University of London, London, U.K.

Programme dates: 30 June to 4 July 2025

Mode of Attendance: Full-time

Entry requirements

An undergraduate or postgraduate student, or a graduate, at the time of attending the Summer School, and 18+ years of age. We will prioritise students who are currently enrolled in a degree programme. Professional experience can be acknowledged as equivalent to a university qualification.

A minimum English language requirement if English is not your first language:

- IELTS, 6.5 overall or higher, with at least 6 in all sub scores.
- TOEFL Paper based test we require a minimum of 583 with minimum 53 in all skills and for TOEFL Internet Based Test we require a minimum of 93 with minimum 20 in all skills.
- Pearson Test of English a score of 59-64
- Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) Grade B
- If you have studied in an English-speaking institution, or have courses taught at your university in English (excluding English language courses) you may meet our requirements without having to supply a certificate. Evidence of this will either need to be included on a transcript or letter from your university.
- Applicants with an alternative qualification should contact sspizs@soas.ac.uk for advice.

Enrolment of Summer School applicants who do not meet the entry requirements is at the discretion of SOAS – please get in touch to speak to us in detail about your application.

Programme Description

This summer school, jointly arranged by the University of California, Irvine and SOAS, University of London, provides participants with an in-depth insight into global Zoroastrian communities. This intensive learning experience is taught by senior academics from the UK and the US. The course comprises a combination of lectures, seminars and interactive workshops.

Learning Outcomes

- 1) Assess the way Zoroastrians make sense of their religion in modern times.
- 2) Critically analyse the Zoroastrian global communities across a range of historical and cultural contexts.
- 3) Acquire public engagement and research skills.

Teaching & Learning

Teaching consists of 30 contact hours comprising 10 hours of lectures, 12 hours of seminars and 8 hours of practical classes.

Reading List

Undergraduate students will be required to complete the online course *Zoroastrianism: History, Religion, and Belief*, consisting of 12 hours of study, prior to attending the Summer School. Postgraduate students will be required to complete the online course and essential readings (details of which will be provided to successful applicants). For more information and to sign up please visit the FutureLearn [website](#).

Convenor and Tutor Information

Dr Mariano Errichiello (SOAS) and Prof Carlo Cereti (University of California, Irvine) will be the course convenors and share the teaching together with Dr Sarah Stewart (SOAS) and Dr Jenny Rose (Claremont University).

Credits

If you intend to claim credits from your home institution, please check the requirements with them before you enrol. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can, however please be aware that the decision to award credits rests with your home institution.

Forms of assessment

- Assignment 1 (AS1): Classroom presentation based on an interview with a member of the Zoroastrian community in London.
- Assignment 2 (AS2): 2,000-word (undergraduate) or 2,500-word (master's / postgraduate) essay in English on a topic related to the interview. The paper will be submitted 4 weeks after the end of the course.

Application Procedure

Complete the application form and complete [THIS MICROSOFT FORM](#). Successful applicants will be required to pay an £80 registration fee.

Application deadline: **4 March 2025**

Accommodation

Participants will be responsible for organising and funding their own accommodation. Advice will be provided closer to the time.

Bursaries

The SSPIZS is pleased to offer bursaries of up to £800 towards the cost of travel and accommodation to partially refund students for their expenses. Please note, students currently enrolled in a programme at SOAS or the University of California, Irvine, and residents in the U.K are not eligible to apply for a bursary. In order to apply for a bursary, please complete the relevant section of the application form.