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Undergraduate Prospectus 2022



Visit Durham University

Don't just take our word on how amazing Durham is – experience it for yourself.

Our pre-application Open Days, whether virtual or on campus, are the best way for you to get a feel for the University, explore our colleges and departments and picture yourself experiencing life in the city. You'll have the chance to chat to our academics about your course, see what our current students really think about the University, and find out more about our state-of-the-art modern facilities. You'll get a real feel for what life could be like for you at Durham.

Join unibuddy to chat to some of our current students about being a student in Durham.
durham.ac.uk/study/ug/visit/unibuddy

"I think the live webinars/ chats were so helpful and the friendly staff member who took the personal statement talk was extremely helpful in giving tips and ideas!"

Comment from a virtual event attendee

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

Full details of the opportunities to explore Durham can be found by visiting durham.ac.uk/opendays which also includes details of our virtual events, run throughout the year, and an opportunity to register your interest to receive notification of when the booking systems open.

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Extraordinary Opportunities

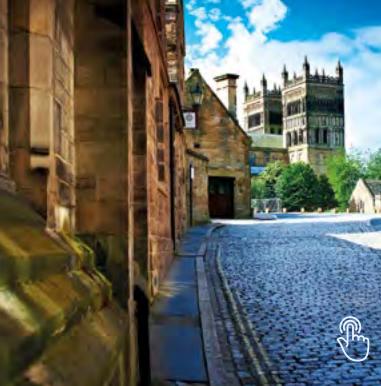
Choose from a huge range of fascinating courses and enjoy our world-class facilities. Join our supportive college community and benefit from our outstanding wider student experience.

**Durham Cathedral
and the River Wear**
Durham University
is situated in the
beautiful and historic
city of Durham.

Durham
A globally outstanding centre of teaching and research excellence, a collegiate community of extraordinary people, a unique and historic setting – a university like no other.



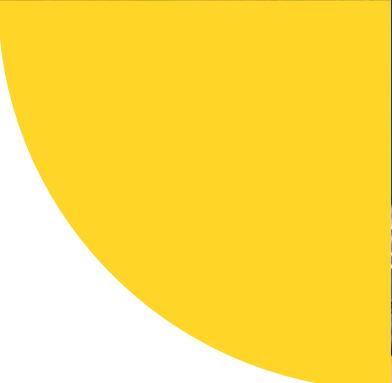
**Our
17**
colleges provide a sense of community and belonging. All of our colleges embrace the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Awarded TEF Gold for the quality of our teaching.



**More than
150**
countries are represented here, creating a diverse and welcoming community.



Extraordinary Learning

Go beyond classroom learning through our global research, blended learning, industry placements and study abroad opportunities.

Bill Bryson Library
has extensive opening times, with many resources available 24/7 so you can study at times that suit you.



Study with us

Prepare to be inspired. Prepare to achieve something extraordinary.

Choose from a wide range of fascinating courses, taught by world-leading experts either on our state-of-the-art campus or by learning online. You could also do a bit of both with our blended learning opportunities.

Wide range of study options

Whatever your interests, whatever your passion, whether you are physically on campus or online, we've more than likely got a course for you. We currently have 27 departments and schools, offering over 200 undergraduate courses, not to mention postgraduate degrees, both taught and research. We think you'll be spoilt for choice.

You can focus on one subject with a Single Honours degree, develop your interest in two areas with a Joint Honours degree, or take a broader approach with a Combined Honours degree in Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, or Natural Sciences.

Learn more →

Learning your way

Great staff make great modules. Every module you study at Durham has an online presence too. Each has its own dedicated space on our new state-of-the-art learning system: Learn Ultra. Durham staff use a wide range of online materials to introduce new concepts, challenge your thinking and expand your understanding. In one class you might be joining a virtual fieldtrip, in another you might be leading an online debate, coding an amazing app or manipulating 3D models of animal skeletons.

Learn Ultra enables you to:

- Convert your learning materials into formats that suit you best whether that's Word format, audio or even printed in Braille?
- Access lots of supporting materials such as lecture notes and lecture recordings.
- Enjoy one-click access to a dedicated online reading list, designed for you by your lecturers.
- Access the University's large collection of online journals, newspapers and e-books as well as the Library's physical collections.



93%
of our graduates
achieved a 2.1
or above.
HESA 2018/19.

Online learning

We firmly believe that online learning should never be a passive or lonely experience. That's why our online modules are designed with plenty of ways for you to interact with staff and students. On some modules you'll be part of class and group sessions that use meeting tools such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams. You might be interviewing one of our contacts in industry during a webinar, or using a learning journal to reflect privately on your work before getting feedback from your tutor. You could find yourself working together with other students in Durham and around the globe creating shared documents. Perhaps you'll lead part of an online session, developing your presentation skills. It doesn't stop there. Our virtual learning environment also allows you to comment on any piece of content, so whatever you are doing, if something puzzles you, or sparks an idea, you can share it with fellow-students and your lecturers.



What I would say is so special about Durham is the opportunities it gives its students.



James Hua
Classics

Read James' blog at durham.ac.uk/studentblog





Great Wall of China
Taken by Study
Abroad student
Meg Mitcheson

Added extras!

Whatever you study, you'll also have the chance to develop key personal and professional skills, through extracurricular activities, a placement year and studying abroad.

Study abroad

Most of our degrees currently offer the chance to spend a year abroad, discovering new cultures, learning in new surroundings, and experiencing a new way of life. A year abroad will not only enhance your student experience, but it also looks great on your CV.

We are part of strong international groups, networks and exchange partnerships. With our global outlook, we will seek to fully participate in the UK's Turing Scheme to allow a range of international student mobility opportunities for our students.

[Learn more](#)



Placement Year

The majority of our degrees offer you the opportunity to undertake a Placement Year as part of your course. Placements can be in the UK or internationally and on some courses you have the choice to undertake multiple placements within the year. By undertaking a Placement Year you will be able to gain a substantial amount of work experience which will support future graduate job applications.

We have dedicated Faculty Placement Managers whose focus is on supporting students to secure and successfully complete their placement.

[Learn more](#)



Sustainable Development Goals

In 2018, Durham signed the UN's Sustainable Development Goal Accord. We work closely with students to add value to our research, teaching and wider student experience through delivery of the 17 global challenges.

[Learn more](#)

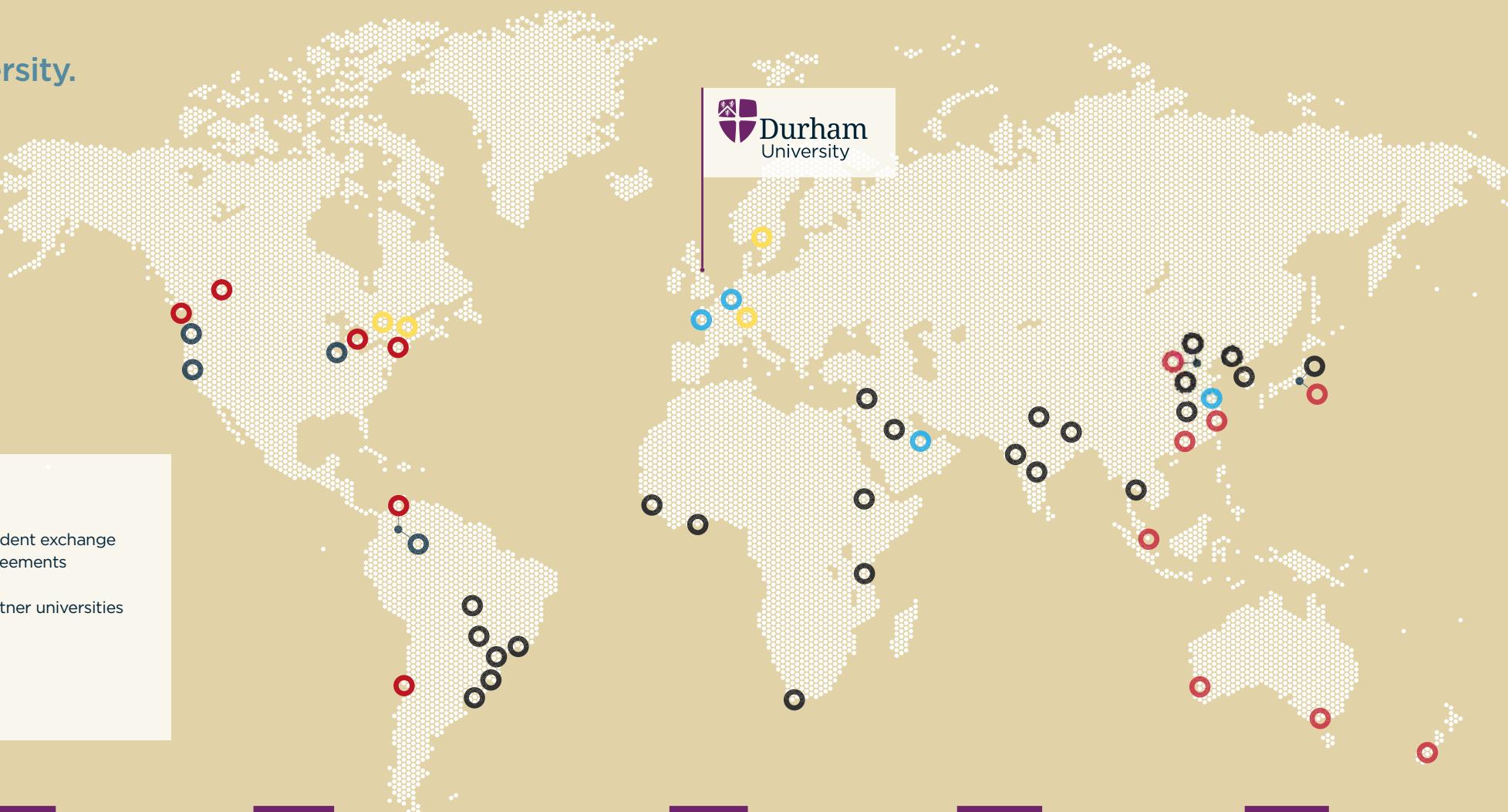
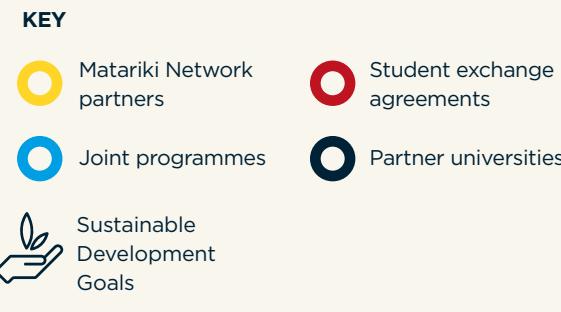


Global impact

Join a truly international University.

Here are just a few examples of the huge range of research activities that we are involved in and the positive effect that they are having on the world around us.

Learn more →



Covid-19

How dogs could join the fight against Covid-19
A specialist team of researchers is finding out if specially-trained bio-detection dogs could be used as a new rapid testing measure for Covid-19.



Watch the film →

Energy and Clean Growth

Shaping the future of energy
Our researchers are helping to address the world's energy challenges as we switch from fossil fuels to clean energy sources.



Watch the film →

Process Industries and Surface Science

Developing a simple mesh to clean up oil spills
Our surface scientists have developed a coated mesh, which could be a faster and more eco-friendly way to clean up oil.



Watch the film →

Heritage and Culture

Exploring the Forbidden City
A new collaboration with China's Palace Museum means that our archaeologists are the first UK university team to work inside the walls of the Forbidden City.



Watch the film →

Hazard and Risk

Giving women a voice in disaster risk reduction
Women in Nepal are having a say in how to reduce the risk of disasters such as fires and landslides, thanks to Durham research.



Watch the film →

Cosmology and Astronomy

Increasing our knowledge of the universe
Our astrophysicists, cosmologists and space scientists are searching for answers to some of the biggest questions in physics today.



Watch the film →

Wider Student Experience

Live and learn with people from a diverse range of nationalities and backgrounds.

85%

of our students are involved in sport, music, theatre, volunteering or student enterprise.

Over 200

student societies to join.

3,000

active student volunteers.

Over 700

college sports teams across 18 sports.

£2.4m

investment in the historic Assembly Rooms Theatre.



Extraordinary colleges

Durham's student experience in our colleges and beyond.

Our collegiate system makes Durham exceptional. Here, every student is a proud member of a college, and every college has its own character and traditions. Each is an inspiring and supportive community.

The cornerstone of our extraordinary wider student experience is the colleges. In fact, we guarantee college accommodation to all first year undergraduates because colleges are where Durham's outstanding student experience begins.

College life

Our colleges are full of friends who've got your back. You will feel at home from the moment you step through the door. Colleges are like extended families: safe, supportive, and inclusive.

It can be easy to feel overwhelmed in a large university. But in your college, you'll be surrounded by friendly faces and you'll have the chance to get to know all sorts of extraordinary people.

The college experience

In your college, you can take part in sport, music, theatre or volunteering. You can join clubs and societies, enjoy parties and dinners, and make friends for life. Your college will be your home from home, the centre of your life at Durham and a constant source of opportunities, challenges and the making of memories.

Every college provides:

- A character and spirit all of its own
- Sports, clubs, societies and associations
- Events and activities
- Dedicated Student Common Rooms
- Dedicated staff and support close at hand if you need it
- Accommodation at the heart of the University, either catering or self-catering.

Discover new ideas

A Durham education doesn't stop with your degree subject. There are opportunities across the University to engage with ideas and learn from others. For example, in your college you might discuss the most pressing global issues with inspiring visiting speakers; you might go along to a dissertation 'open mic' night where your fellow students share their research; or you might edit a student scholarly journal



Learn more →

the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Your college will also have its own Student Support Office, acting as a point of contact for any welfare and pastoral support you might need during your time here.

All that's left is to decide which college you prefer...



Undergraduate colleges	Catered (FC) /Self-catered (SC)	No. of UG/PG students living in	Ensuite 1st year rooms*	No. of students in shared rooms*	Gowned colleges**	Chapel/ multi-faith room	UCAS code***
Collingwood	FC	555	187	0	N	N	1
Grey	FC	463	87	34	Y	Y	G
Hatfield	FC	409	79	102	Y	Y	2
John Snow	SC	492	332	72	Y	N	7
Josephine Butler	SC	546	420	0	Y	Y	9
South College	SC	492	300	0	Y	Y	K
St Aidan's	FC	386	43	102	N	Y	A
St Chad's	FC	254	54	90	Y	Y	3
St Cuthbert's	FC/SC	468	93	64	N	N	4
St Hild & St Bede	FC	361	0	0	N	Y	5
St John's	FC	240	17	28	Y	Y	J
St Mary's	FC	312	29	0	Y	Y	M
Stephenson	SC	433	196	0	N	N	8
Trevelyan	FC	320	0	40	Y	Y	T
University	FC/SC	538	97	60	Y	Y	U
Van Mildert	FC	524	22	0	N	N	V

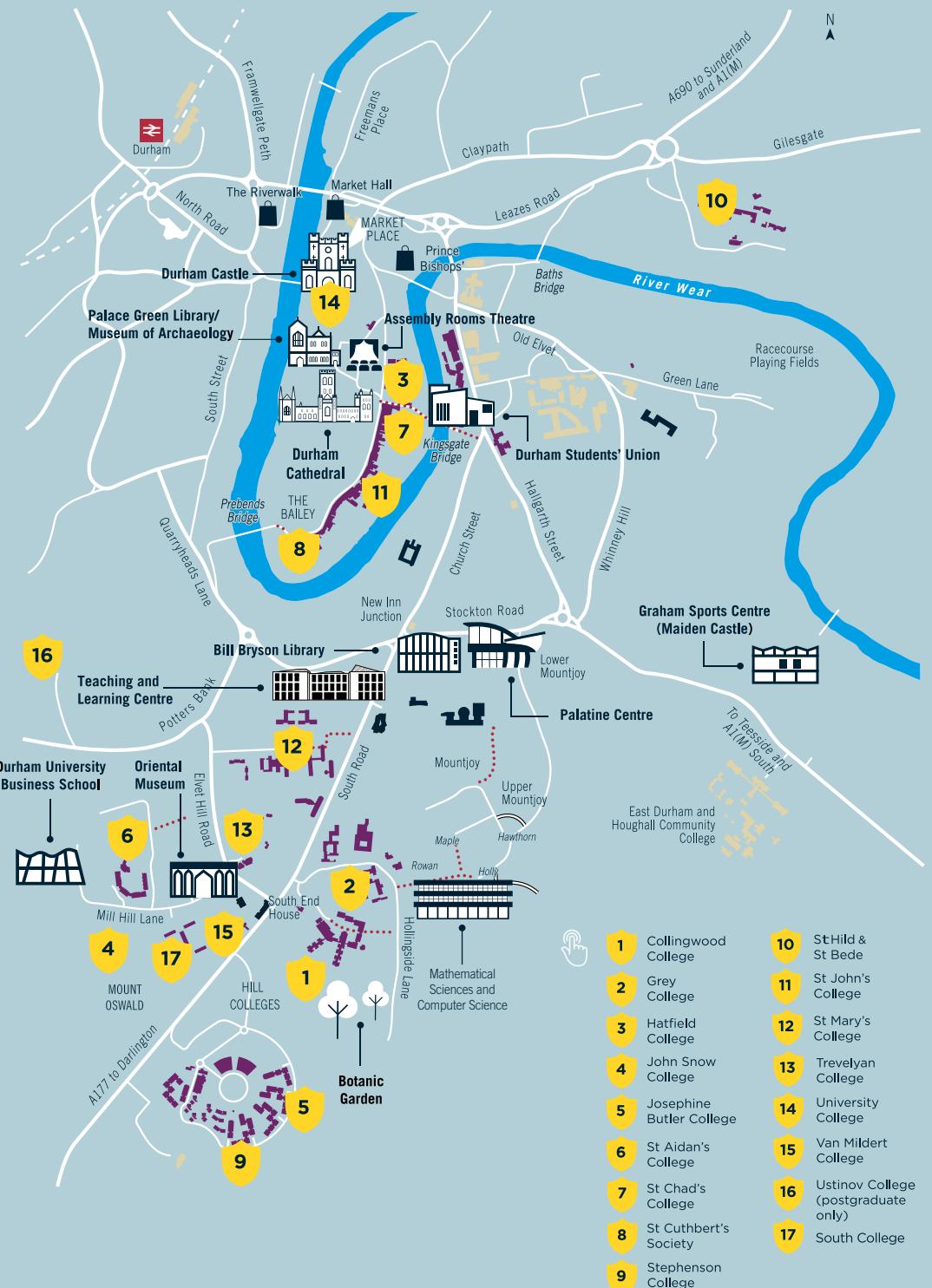
Please note:

* These figures are subject to annual change. A higher proportion of single, ensuite bedrooms are reserved for returning third- or fourth-year students who wish to live in college. Please contact your preferred college for details.

**All colleges have special dinner events throughout the year called 'Formals'. Some colleges practice the long-established tradition of wearing gowns at these events. Others are less formal and do not wear gowns to dine in.

***You do not have to specify a college preference on your UCAS form, if you prefer not to. Instead, you can make an 'open' application.

FC: Fully catered; SC: Self-catered.



Enrichment activities

Whatever you love doing, whatever you might like to try, you will find support and inspiration here.

At Durham we split our student enrichment activity into seven themes. We call them Domains of Participation, and they help to demonstrate the breadth of opportunity available across the University:

Arts and Culture: You can showcase your talents, do something entirely different or enjoy the entertainment and appreciate the work of others. Our performing arts, our visual arts, our museums, our art collections and our student media are thriving at Durham and there really is something for everyone to enjoy.

Enterprise and Employment: Your career can get started long before you graduate, from organising student-led events to participating in work-study opportunities and developing start-up companies.

Intellectual Enquiry: You'll have many opportunities for curiosity-led academic activity beyond your degree course - from engaging with guest lecturers in your Department, to taking part in dissertation "open mic" nights in your College.

Building Communities: Some would say this is the foundation of the Durham experience! Dining as a community, helping to run your Common Room, taking part in celebration events, faith societies or peer mentoring - and much more.

Sport and Wellbeing: Physical activity is a cornerstone of the student experience at Durham. From international representation and University and College Sport, right through to personal training, fitness and wellbeing classes, there is so much for you to enjoy and participate in.

Wider Community Engagement: Volunteering, supporting environmental projects and pro-bono work are some of the most meaningful memories many students build of their time at Durham.

Active Citizenship: Our students don't hesitate to stand up and work for positive change. The University and the Students' Union are home to a host of issues-based and political groups and campaigns on key student issues.



From auditioned to unauditioned, classical to opera to barbershop, orchestral to a cappella, there's something for everyone!

Here's a little bit more information about some of the opportunities available...

Music

The perfect place to embrace your passion for music

Whether you want to compete on an international stage, play for fun, or simply listen and enjoy, we have got a group for you. From chapel choirs to bands, and chamber groups to orchestras, our thriving music scene embraces every style. Here you will find a cappella groups and world music ensembles, chamber quartets and rock operas.

As well as local, national, and international performances, you'll also have the opportunity to take part in masterclasses and outreach work, or join Music Durham's student committee to learn new skills in leadership, event planning, and arts management.

Each college is home to a host of ensembles and performance opportunities, while the Students' Union runs music societies ranging from rock to folk music.

If music production is more your thing, there's even a DJ Society and a student-run record label, DH1 records.



I expected I'd get up to many things upon starting my studies here. A tenor in a Barbershop choir was not on that list.



Adam Smith
Theoretical Physics MSc

Sport

Find your place in the UK's largest university sports programme.

Sport is at the core of Durham student life. A huge range of sporting opportunities is available. Whether you are looking to keep fit or be part of a team, you will have the chance to join in and give it a go.

From joining college teams to competing at University level and beyond, there is a place for you. Whether you are already experienced or a complete beginner, the University offers exceptional opportunities to get involved. You might even discover a sporting talent you never knew you had.

At Durham, we are committed to your wellbeing too. We offer students every chance to participate in a variety of wellness activities, ranging from fitness classes to outward-bound clubs, and from pilates to movement psychotherapy.

Our sporting provision is second to none, we have recently invested £32 million in a Sports and Wellbeing Park, to make sure that our world-class facilities enable us to remain one of the UK's foremost universities for sport.

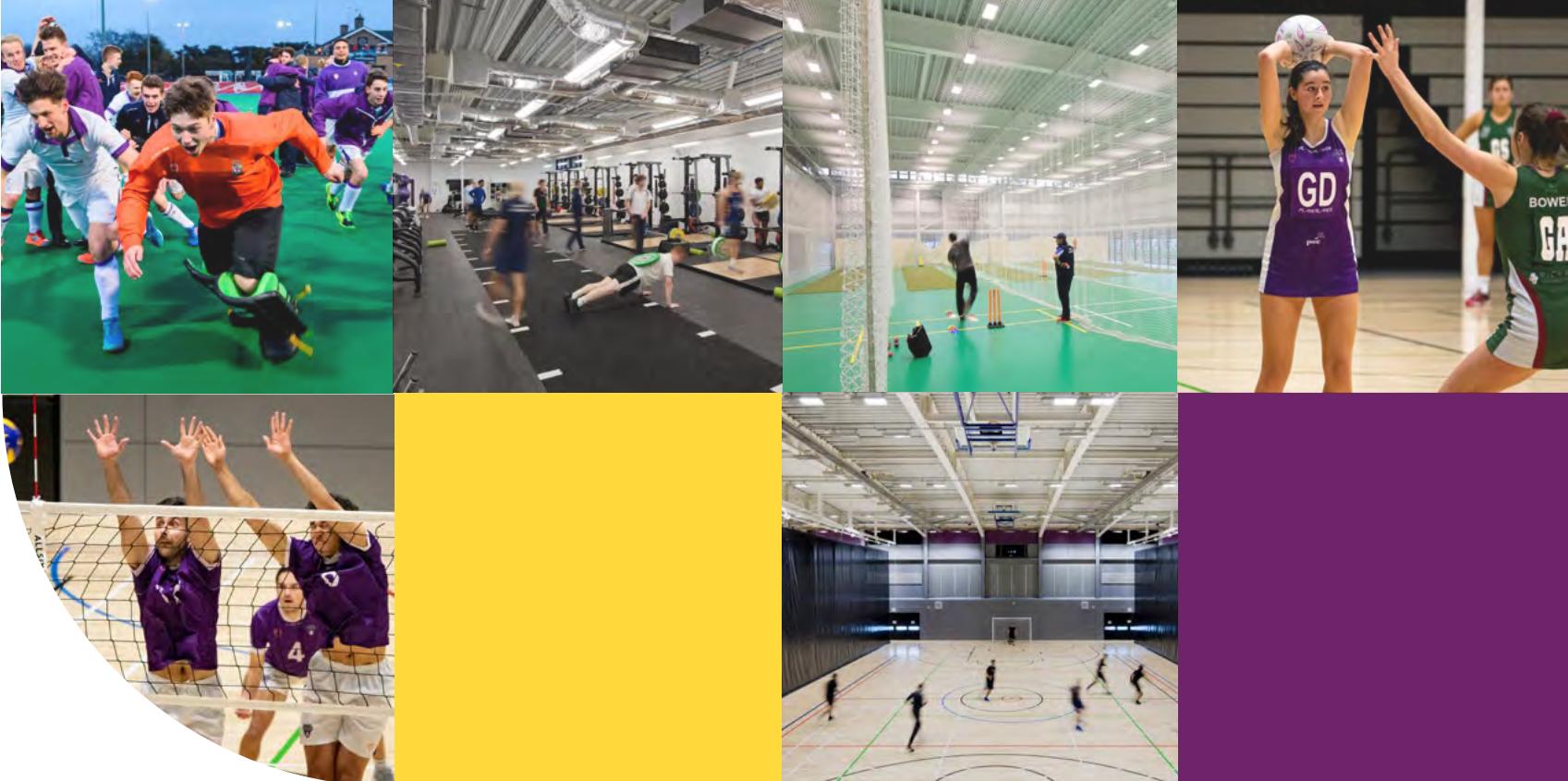
College sport

Our college sport programme is the largest in the UK. Every week and whatever your level, you will have the opportunity to compete in 18 sports across more than 700 different teams. This helps you to keep fit and healthy. It is also a great way to make new friends and have fun.

University sport

Durham has 57 University Sports Clubs, with a collective student membership of over 2,500. Most of our clubs compete in British University Sport competitions. We also have a growing National League programme. This allows many of our most talented students and clubs to compete at the highest level of sport in the UK.

If you're a high-performing athlete, our Athlete Support Programme will help you reach the next level. Support is available through strength and conditioning, performance analysis and injury rehabilitation. Sports psychology and a personal mentoring scheme will help you achieve your optimum performance and we currently support over 50 internationally capped athletes annually. All this while studying for one of the best academic degrees in the country. It really is the best of both worlds.



Before joining my college rowing team I had never even seen an oar – I can't recommend it enough!

Katie Vause
Liberal Arts



Volunteering

Try something new and make a positive impact in your local community

We encourage our students to volunteer during their time at Durham. Through our student-led, volunteering and outreach programmes, you'll be able to take part in over 80 projects. These cover social inclusion, education, sport, the environment, and global citizenship. Students collectively volunteer up to 40,000 hours per year.

As well as making new friends and enjoying new experiences, you will help to strengthen your local community. You will benefit from outstanding training opportunities and have the chance to earn nationally accredited qualifications.

Outreach

Each individual college also has its own outreach programmes. So you'll be able to get involved in a wide range of volunteering opportunities wherever you feel most comfortable.



Student volunteers

You will have the opportunity to support local, national and international charities.



Song and dance

Durham University Light Opera Group (DULOG) performs *Singing in the Rain*, at the Gala Theatre, Durham.



Theatre

Play a part in one of the largest and most successful student theatre scenes in the country

If you love theatre, Durham is simply outstanding. Here, students produce and perform an unparalleled range of eclectic and inspiring shows every year. You will be welcome whether you have a lot of experience or none at all.

You might like to tread the boards, or you might prefer to help backstage, produce or direct a show. You could even start your own theatre company. Durham Student Theatre (DST) will support you to do what you love doing or want to learn to do.

With 30 theatre companies and its own dedicated 175-seat theatre, DST is always keen to recruit new members with a passion for performance and produces more than 100 shows every year.

Durham Drama Festival

Showcasing the very best that DST has to offer, Durham Drama Festival is an entirely student-run, annual festival, celebrating new student writing and student-created shows.

National Student Drama Festival

Year after year, DST is one of the most successful student theatre scenes of any university at the festival. In fact, for five consecutive years, Durham students have had multiple shows selected for the National Student Drama Festival. This is unprecedented and we are incredibly proud of this achievement. You can be part of it.

Student enrichment online

Students at Durham are increasingly using online technology to showcase their talents, build their communities, foster debate and develop new projects together.

Through the University's **On-Demand platform**, the opportunity to take part in Wider Student Experience activity online - no matter whether you are living in Durham or elsewhere in the world - is continuing to expand, including:

- watching live and pre-recorded student music and theatre productions - or sharing your own work through online shows and festivals
- entering arts competitions or exploring University gallery collections
- engaging in talks, presentations and debates with guest speakers from across the globe
- developing student enterprise projects and new start-up company ideas
- participating in fitness and wellbeing classes, competing for your College in Strava Challenges or watching the big University and College Sport fixtures live and from the past
- taking part in a range of E-sport competitions between Colleges, or against other institutions
- enjoying College and University-wide community building and celebration events - from dinners where you can cook your own food following the guidance of the University's Executive Chef to quizzes and talent shows
- making a difference to our wider community by participating in any of the 30 plus online volunteering projects from mentoring young people to chatting to the elderly in care homes.

Media Durham

Student film and student radio, in particular, continues to expand. You can get involved through an increasing number of student organisations and societies, including the award winning Purple Radio, or by pursuing personal projects, all of which are supported by University staff and access to loan equipment. Training is also available for those that simply want to give filming a go, be that on their smartphone or by using loan equipment.

Learn more →



Art and culture is thriving. We get a great student experience through various online initiatives.



Hana Fujii Bennet



The Kingsgate

The Kingsgate Bar and Café, Durham Students' Union, is a popular meeting place.

Durham Students' Union

We're the champion of every Durham student. We care about the things that matter to you. We stand up for your rights. We bring you together. We're your Union.

Our members:

- Run and participate in over 250 student groups, doing everything from stand-up comedy to Quidditch
- Campaign, lobby and advocate for student issues and student rights
- Actively shape your education, by making sure the University hears students' voices.

Durham Students' Union also has a dedicated advice service offering free, confidential and impartial guidance, because life as a student isn't always straightforward. We make the future better for students. We want to make sure that students have the power and opportunity to transform their time at Durham. Our job is to turn that vision into reality.

Student Fundraising

DUCK (Durham University Charities Kommittee)

DUCK is our very own version of what other students' unions call their 'Raise and Give' societies. Our job is to help students and staff fundraise hundreds of thousands of pounds for local, national and international charities. There's something for everyone, from events like the Santa Fun Run and the Cathedral Sleepout, to expeditions to Cambodia or Nepal, and not forgetting running the London Marathon. It's a great way to get involved and raise money for incredible causes!

[Learn more](#)

Student Media

*Palatinat*e

Published every fortnight and available online, the student-run newspaper *Palatinat*e offers students from all degrees the chance to learn about journalism and try their hands at writing, researching, editing, print and web-publishing.

Purple Radio

Our student-run radio station offers plenty of opportunities to try presenting, production, journalism, technical marketing and more.

[Learn more](#)

Durham Inspired Award

Durham University inspires the extraordinary.

Our outstanding wider student experience is the perfect partner for Durham's world-class degrees. We know the combination works because 85% of Durham students participate, compared with a national average of 55%.

Together, these core features of life at Durham University inspire our students to extraordinary achievements. They give our graduates the edge they need to succeed, that special character and commitment that makes them really stand out. And we go further. Our new Durham Inspired programme instils the skills and experience you need to make your way in the world, and it offers a formal qualification to prove it.

This optional, credit-based programme has three parts:

Think

Durham students want to be able to argue well, making a convincing, coherent and constructive case from the outset of their University career, and we want to prepare you to succeed.

We encourage you to participate in the Argument Clinic, which consists of watching ten short animated films available online. The focus is less on Big Ideas and more about Arguing Badly and Well. Completing the Argument Clinic is just the start. You will be able to put what you have learned into action by participation in college lectures, society debates and co-curricular activities run by academic departments.

Act

Our students are famous for their participation. They are active in their colleges and departments, and in music, sport, theatre, fundraising and volunteering.

If you choose to take the Durham Inspired programme, you'll be rewarded for these activities because you make a difference to others, innovate new solutions, learn important skills and have invaluable experiences along the way.

Grow

Durham students want to learn more about themselves and the expectations of those around them.

You will have opportunities to access development coaching through your college, the Students' Union, or Experience Durham, complete an online strengths profile and have the chance to reflect on your activities and service to others through an interactive platform. We want you to be the best you can be. We are here to support you to become that person.

This is for you. Get involved.



Learn more →



We give our graduates the edge they need to succeed, that special character and commitment that makes them really stand out.



Student Leadership Framework

With over 3,500 formal student leadership roles, Durham provides outstanding opportunities for students to work together and lead their communities through our colleges, the Students' Union and Experience Durham.

Designed to support student leaders while at Durham and beyond, the framework provides access to a toolkit, a speaker series, workshops, personal and group mentoring, and immersive training programmes. You don't need to be in a formal student leadership position, many components are designed for those with an interest in leadership theory or who are considering a leadership role at Durham in the future.



Enhance your employability

Inspiring you to achieve something truly outstanding.

When you study at Durham, you'll graduate with so much more than a degree. You'll have the chance to develop your skills, explore your career options, and ensure you've got the best possible start to your future.

How do we know? Our graduate success rates speak for themselves! Our graduates have found work in a range of roles in national and international companies, including finance, technology, media, health, government, social enterprises, and charities. Where will your degree take you?

Develop vital skills

When you're applying for future jobs, employers are looking not just for a degree, but for that little bit extra, something that proves you've got core skills and are ready to hit the ground running. We'll help you build on the key skills that will enable you to stand out in the jobs market and provide you with the opportunity to get the skillsets needed to address the global challenges facing our world. For example:

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Business skills
- Problem-solving
- Leadership
- Project management
- Time management
- Initiative
- Adaptability
- Innovation.

Our graduates work in a variety of organisations, which include IBM, the United Nations, Saatchi & Saatchi, Deloitte, the NHS, EDF Energy, the BBC, *The Times* and the Civil Service, to name but a few.



World TOP 100

in the *QS World University Rankings 2021* for graduate employability.

89%

of 2017-18 UK & EU undergraduate leavers were in work and/or further study 15 months after graduating.*

Our graduates continually demonstrate that, throughout their time at Durham University, they build the skills that are highly valued by a range of employers.

*Graduate Outcomes Data 2017-18.



The best thing about my placement was the opportunity to delve into an industry that is very different from my degree.



Shoaib Ahmed
Geography



Our inspirational graduates

If you decide to join Durham University, you'll be in good company. Many of our graduates have gone on to achieve incredible things in law, science, academia, business, the arts, government, journalism, and athletics.

You might have heard of George Alagiah, Kate Silverton, Gabby Logan, Jeremy Vine, Nish Kumar, Charlotte Riley, Andrew Strauss, Nasser Hussain, Jonathan Edwards and Sophie Hosking as well as Henry Bird from 'Great British Bake Off'. They're all former Durham students.

Get work experience with a Placement Year

Work experience will help to ensure that your CV is distinctive, showing employers that you've not only got a wide range of skills, but you can put them into practice.

A Placement Year is a great chance to spend time working in an organisation, developing real-world experience. You might even be offered a job at the end of it.

Our placement students are always in high demand and have worked in a range of top companies, including Proctor & Gamble, Jaguar Land Rover, J.P. Morgan and GlaxoSmithKline, Bloomsbury Publishing, Health Education England and the Office for National Statistics.

We will assist you throughout the placement process, from finding the best placement opportunities and supporting you whilst out on placement to fitting back into University life when you return.

Learn more





University College (Castle)

One of Durham University's
17 colleges.

Extraordinary Place

Enjoy life in one of the UK's most beautiful and historic cities, in the heart of the vibrant North East region.

Our location

World-class education and living in a magnificent city.

The historic city of Durham is compact, yet varied. Easy to get around, it offers a wide range of cultural and sporting pursuits, and also a huge number of places to eat, drink and meet friends. So whatever your interests, you are certain to find your place here.

Durham City

Durham is a friendly and welcoming city, with the famous Cathedral and Castle at its very heart.

In the ancient, cobbled streets, you'll find shops and boutiques, cafés, bars and restaurants, and plenty of culture. From walks and boat trips along the River Wear, to street markets and museum visits, there's no shortage of things to do!

No matter where you are in the City, you'll never be far from one of our colleges, academic departments, or facilities. The historic city also offers a huge range of attractions, places to visit and activities, including:

- Sports and Wellbeing Park
- Botanic Garden
- Oriental Museum
- Palace Green Library and Gallery
- Assembly Rooms Theatre
- Gala Theatre and Cinema
- The Riverwalk leisure complex.

Just 17 miles from Newcastle upon Tyne in North East England, it's also easy to hop on a train to London, Edinburgh, or Manchester. Newcastle International Airport is also close by if you want to explore the rest of the UK and beyond.



Rollover numbers to find out more



Durham University

1. Sports and Wellbeing Park
2. Upper Mountjoy Campus
3. Lower Mountjoy Campus
4. Dunelm House - Durham Students' Union
5. Hill Colleges
6. Bailey Colleges

Durham City

7. Durham Cathedral
8. Durham Castle
9. Main shopping area
10. Market Place
11. Gala Theatre and Cinema, bars and restaurants
12. Bus station
13. Railway station
14. Riverwalk leisure complex

Approximate travel times by train

Durham to Newcastle - 12 minutes
Durham to London - 3 hours
Durham to Edinburgh - 1 hour 45 minutes
Durham to Manchester - 2 hours 10 minutes

Learn more →

Want to find out more?

View our online 360s to see what Durham University and Durham City have to offer and to give you a real feel for student life at Durham.

View our amazing 360 images →

Discover Durham City

Durham might be small in size,
but it's big on things to do!

1



1. Durham Castle and Cathedral

2



4



3



5



7



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Life in Durham →

Student blogs →

Student guide to Durham

Read our students Sunita and Carina's top tips on what to do in Durham!

#1 

Visit the Cathedral and see if you can spot movie scenes from the Harry Potter films and *Avengers: Endgame*.

#3

Shop local – browse the indoor market for everything from regionally sourced food to home essentials.

#4

Get your coffee fix at one of the many independent cafés in Durham.

#2

Have a tour around the Castle (guided by your fellow students).

#5 

Find peace in the Botanic Garden and visit the bluebells in the woods nearby – the perfect location for an insta snap.

#6

Tick off a visit to every college – from the Hill to the Bailey.

#7

Take a day trip – it's only 12 minutes on the train to Newcastle.

#8

Attend a formal dinner in college.

#9 

Hire a rowing boat.

#10

Climb the Cathedral tower (wait till you graduate if you are superstitious!).



Join unibuddy to chat to some of our current students about being a student in Durham.

Explore North East England

A vibrant region full of exciting things
to do and beautiful places to discover.



1. Sage Gateshead

Learn more →

Extraordinary Campus

To achieve the extraordinary, you'll need access to exceptional facilities.

Sports and Wellbeing Park
We have recently invested £32 million in our sports provision, to make sure that our world-class facilities enable us to remain one of the UK's foremost universities for sport.



A sustainable campus for the future

World-class students. World-class facilities.

At Durham, you'll find purpose-built lecture theatres and seminar rooms, as well as state-of-the-art labs and well-stocked libraries.

IT facilities

Technology evolves at an incredible rate and we ensure you've got access to the very latest in digital technology.

Our IT facilities include:

- Durham University Online (duo) – this is where you'll find those all-important course, college, and department materials
- Encore – replay lectures so you can learn at your own pace
- A free Microsoft Office 365 account – giving you access to your University email, Microsoft Office, and 1TB of cloud storage with OneDrive
- Wireless coverage across campus.

[Learn more](#) →

Teaching and Learning Centre

We're committed to the continual development of our state-of-the-art campus. Our Teaching and Learning Centre is home to cutting-edge facilities, the latest digital technologies, and a range of new learning environments, including lecture theatres, education laboratories and classrooms designed for real-time, international collaboration.



We are investing
£350m
in over 20
estate projects
between 2017
and 2027.



University Library and Collections

Our libraries and collections give you over two million reasons to come to Durham, including 1.6 million books; 400,000 online resources; 100,000 photographs and 82,000 museum objects. Our facilities are available to all Durham students, so discover for yourself how our libraries, museums and special collections can contribute to your studies and empower you to achieve the best that you can.

Anytime, anywhere: Our extensive online offer enables you to access resources, collections, exhibitions, digitised materials, open access research and support. We also provide a gateway to collections held outside the University.

Step Inside: We have flexible study spaces to meet your needs, from research-based viewing rooms to individual and group study spaces. Our libraries and venues are designed around you, making them accessible and welcoming.

Be Inspired: The many inspirational items we hold in our world-class museums, galleries and archives contribute to teaching and learning across the institution, helping to inspire creative and dynamic projects from students across all subjects. Our cultural engagement is an ever-growing entity, with religious festivals, art exhibitions and international projects enhancing your studies and your student experience.

Always here: We're here to help you with your queries and to navigate our spaces and services, both online and in person, 24/7. You will find us approachable and supportive. Our knowledgeable and passionate staff will enable you to develop your information skills to use our collections, resources, access other international research material and apply them to your learning.

[Learn more](#) →

Bill Bryson Library is our main University Library where you will find a fantastic range of resources to support your studies.

Our University, our planet

At Durham University we're developing new ways of thinking, shaping a better future for people and planet...

Our staff and students are working together to make our campus, communities and our planet a better, greener, more sustainable and healthier place to be.

Sustainable Development Goals

We're proud to have been named as one of the world's top universities for our contribution to a number of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A new set of rankings places us in the top 50 in four SDGs: Sustainable Cities and Communities; Responsible Consumption and Production; Life on Land; and Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. We also appear in the world top 100 in a further seven SDGs: Reduced Inequalities, No Poverty, Life Below Water, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Climate Action, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure and Zero Hunger.

World-leading environmental research

We aim to lead society in becoming more environmentally sustainable, through our world-leading research. Experts from the Durham Energy Institute are looking at ways to heat homes and workplaces by harnessing the warm water in abandoned coal mines, our physicists are working on ways to make solar power cheaper and more efficient and our surface scientists developed a coated mesh to help clean up oil spills.

And that's just for starters...

There are so many ways in which you can make a difference at Durham University.

See [@DUGreenspace](http://durham.ac.uk/greenspace)

Find out how our students are making an impact at durham_student.org



#1

Eco campus

We're proud to have been awarded 'Platinum' for EcoCampus, a scheme that helps UK colleges and universities manage their environmental impact.



#2

Our Students' Union has seven societies focused on environmental issues: Beekeeping, Embrace the Waste, Sustainable Fashion, and Finance, Students for Sustainable Living and the Vegetarian and Vegan Society.



#3

Our staff and students take part in a range of environmental volunteering, including working with wildlife trusts, in local conservation areas and organising beach cleans and litter picks.



#4

We've recently launched our Integrated Sustainable Travel Plan, to enable staff and students to choose active transport.

#5

We're constantly reducing our impact on the environment by cutting out single use plastics.



#6

We inspire our students to be responsible citizens. For example: at the end of each academic year, rather than throw away belongings they no longer want, students can donate them to charity through our Green Move Out project.



#7

We have renewable technologies including ground source heat pumps and solar panels on campus so we can generate our own electricity and we don't invest in companies in fossil fuel extraction!



#8

We shop local, our food suppliers use local growers and local produce as much as possible.



Extraordinary Support

Enjoy a supportive environment, and help with everything from your wellbeing to your career.



Every member of staff I've come across has been so lovely and always willing to help!

Rebecca Cabrera
Modern Languages



Supporting your studies

We don't just provide academic support. We care about your personal wellbeing too.

At Durham, you'll have access to an extensive, helpful support network. Your first point of contact will be your College Student Support Officer, who can direct you to a range of professional services and experts to ensure you get the help, support, or advice you need.

Counselling

Throughout your time with us, you'll have access to our Counselling Service. Whatever you might be going through, our team of trained and experienced counsellors, psychological wellbeing practitioners and mental health advisors will be on hand to offer you support and share their expertise.

Learn more →

Disability Support

Whether you've got a disability, a medical or mental health condition, or a specific learning difficulty, our specialist Disability Support Service will be on hand to offer advice and guidance. You'll receive a Disability Support Notification, outlining the support you'll need to ensure that you can fully engage with your studies and live at the University. It's important to let us know your requirements when you apply so we can make sure we've got the appropriate support in place before you start your course.

To find out more, contact +44 (0)191 334 8115 (voice and minicom), email disability.support@durham.ac.uk or see durham.ac.uk/dussd

Health and Wellbeing

A healthy lifestyle and overall sense of wellbeing will help ensure that your time here is the best it can be. Our Student Wellbeing Office runs a proactive student wellbeing programme of activities, events and campaigns. The Office also oversees the University's Chaplaincy and Faith provision.



Supportive environment

Our Student Support services are located at the Palatine Centre.

Chaplaincy and Faith Provision

We're proud to be a multi-cultural, multi-faith community. We celebrate our differences and firmly believe they make us stronger. Our Network of University Chaplains is committed to welcoming and supporting students of all faiths, and those of none. We provide dedicated facilities for our main religious communities, including prayer rooms, events and societies, single-sex accommodation, and kosher and halal dining. If you have any special requirements related to your faith, please let us know.

Learn more →

Childcare

Balancing childcare and study can be challenging. Our day nursery provides high-quality childcare for children aged between 0 and 5. So you can rest assured that your little ones are being cared for in a safe, secure, and stimulating environment, while you focus on your studies.

Places are limited, so contact us as early as possible on +44 (0)191 334 8153 or see durham.ac.uk/university.nursery for more information.

Careers and Enterprise Centre

We will support you in pursuing your career or ambitions.

Whether you're a budding entrepreneur with a ground-breaking business idea, or you want to take the first step towards your dream career, we'll support you all the way.

Expert careers advice

It could be that you know exactly where you want to be when you finish University, or maybe you don't even know where to start. Either way, our careers advisors can help. From career planning, through to applying for internships, placements, and graduate jobs, we'll support you from day one. Wherever you've come from and wherever you want to go, we'll help you develop the necessary skills and experience to succeed.

Explore a world of opportunities

There are countless careers, roles, and employers out there, which can sometimes feel a little bit daunting. But help is at hand.

In the Information Room, you'll find a friendly, professional team ready and waiting to support you with your careers research. You'll also be able to explore a wide range of detailed career sector guides and there are help sheets on everything from preparing your CV and making job applications, right through to what to expect at assessment centres and interviews.

The majority of our resources are also available online, so you'll be able to access them wherever, and whenever, you need them.

Build your network

Employers around the world are always impressed by just how employable our graduates are.

We've got links with many leading graduate recruiters and you'll have access to thousands of work experience and graduate opportunities. Why not visit one of our career fairs or one of the hundreds of employer events we host each year? They are a great way to meet potential employers and graduate recruiters.

So make the most of our connections and give yourself a competitive advantage in the recruitment process.



Enhance your CV with work experience

The graduate job market is increasingly competitive. Whereas once a good degree from a world-class university would be enough to secure you a job, today that's not always enough. You need to ensure that your CV stands out.

For many graduate programmes, work experience is now crucial. Our Careers and Enterprise Centre will help you secure work experience, whether it's a summer internship, a placement year, or part-time work experience during term time.

As well as internship schemes for large graduate recruiters, we also create bespoke work experience programmes that meet the specific needs of individual students. Through 'Explore Work Experience' internships, students have gained experience in the public sector, third sector, arts, media, and heritage sectors, working with small and medium-sized businesses.

[Learn more](#) →



Turn a bright idea into a great new business

More of our students and graduates are starting their own businesses than ever before. Whether you have dreams of starting a freelance career, or a great idea for a new product or service, Careers & Enterprise provides the support you need to achieve your goals.

From one-to-one business advice, grant funding, and workshops, through to our network of established entrepreneurs and business support professionals, we ensure that you have every possible chance of success for your idea or business.

The University's annual Blueprint Startup Challenge also provides the opportunity to win up to £10,000 to take your new venture to the next level!

Funding your studies

Empowering you to embrace every opportunity.

We are committed to making the university experience accessible to everyone.

The cost of being a student

Tuition fees

The 'Home' fee for 2021 is £9,250 per annum. Fees for 2022 are awaiting approval. For information on tuition fees for international and EU students, see durham.ac.uk/courses

College costs

College charges vary depending on the accommodation you choose and the duration of the letting.

[Learn more](#) →

Loans

There are a number of maintenance options available to support your study.

- Tuition Fee Loans are available to eligible students. You won't need to start paying your loan back until you're earning over £26,000 per year.
- Maintenance Loans to cover your living costs are also available to UK students. Your eligibility and the amount you

will receive depends on whether you live in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland

- If you've got a disability or dependents, you might be entitled to additional funding. Find out more at gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help

[Learn more](#) →

Durham University funding

We're committed to supporting students from lower-income backgrounds. A Durham Grant of £2,000 is available to eligible full-time students with a household income of less than £25,000 per annum (as assessed by Student Finance England or equivalent), who don't already have an undergraduate degree. Eligible full-time students with a household income of £25,000–£42,875 are eligible for support at tapered rates, reducing down from £2,000 by £1 for every £10 increase in household income.

[Learn more](#) →

Scholarships

We also offer a number of scholarships to support our students, including:

- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships for Sport, Music and the Arts
- The Robert Young Scholarship
- Durham Inspired North East Scholarships
- Weldon-le Huray Scholarship – Music, Sport, and Arts and Humanities.

The availability of these scholarships varies from year to year.

[Learn more](#) →

Financial support network

When you join a college, you'll become part of a supportive and caring community. So, if money worries are having an impact on your wellbeing or your studies, you'll always have someone to talk to. Your college's Student Support Officer will be your first point of contact if you have any concerns.



Managing your money

Before you head off to university, it's important that you have a good idea of the costs involved.

Generally speaking, the cost of living in Durham is cheaper than in some other cities, especially London. However, you still need to prepare a thorough budget.

Things to think about

If you want to stay on top of your money while you're at university, it's important to take into account all of the costs you'll incur. As well as tuition fees, there are lots of other expenses to think about. These will include:

Accommodation

Whether you choose to live in college, live at home or rent from a private landlord, you'll need to cover the cost of your accommodation as well as any bills and other fees.

College fees

College fees usually range from £5,385 to £8,385, depending on whether you choose catered or self-catered accommodation, a single or shared room, and whether you opt for an ensuite or shared bathroom facilities. All bills are included in your college fees.

Remember – if you're living in a self-catered college, you'll need to budget for the cost of your meals. As a rough guide, our current students spend around £50 a week on food.

Rented accommodation

Of course, not all students live in college. If you choose to live in rented accommodation instead, you'll need to factor in rent, utility bills and food costs.

Living at home

Even if you're living at home, you'll need to budget for transport to University and other expenses such as eating out, entertainment, books and stationery.

Living expenses

Once you've budgeted for your accommodation, it's time to work out how much you're likely to spend on living. On the next page you will find the key factors to think about – remember there are ways of cutting costs if you're savvy!



Saddler Street

With a wide range of shops, cafés and restaurants.

Top budgeting tips

Here is what you are likely to spend money on – and how to reduce those costs!

University isn't all about studying. You'll also have plenty of time for socialising and exploring the city with your new friends.

Entertainment

Here are some typical costs of activities in the city:

- Cinema tickets – approximately £5
- Durham Student Theatre – tickets for students approximately £5
- Meals out – students can dine for as little as £5–£10 with student discounts in local restaurants and bars.

Gym

Many of our colleges have their own gyms or you can enjoy our recently modernised Maiden Castle gym for £140 a year.

Travel

Durham is small so you can walk everywhere but if you use the train fairly regularly over the year, it's worth buying a 16–25 Railcard to save a third on rail fares when you're travelling home or visiting friends.

Clothing and toiletries

Remember to budget for clothes and toiletries, especially as the weather will change with the seasons!

Mobile

A mobile phone contract typically costs between £10 and £50 a month depending on what type of phone you opt for and how many minutes and texts you need.

Books and stationery

You'll need to factor in costs for books, printing and stationery.

Boosting your income

As well as loans, you can apply for one of the scholarships or bursaries offered by the University. Many of our students also rely on their parents' help financially. However, if you're looking for part-time work, there are lots of opportunities in Durham.

Across the University, there may be opportunities for working in college bars and cafés, as events assistants and ambassadors, marketing or communications assistants (for example, bloggers, vloggers), library assistants and telephone callers. In Durham itself, there could also be jobs in cafés, bars, restaurants and shops.



#1

Use your own cup and save 20p on coffee – it's better for the environment and your bank balance. Or, fill a flask and take your own.



#5

Check what books on your reading lists are available in the library before buying your own copies.



#3

Lots of the city's attractions are free for students – look out for special deals at Durham Castle, Cathedral, the Botanic Garden, and Oriental Museum.



#2

Save your mobile data by using the free WiFi that's available across campus and in the colleges.



#4

Make the most of student discounts! Always ask at the checkout when you are shopping whether they offer student discounts and look out for discounts online too.



Considering a part-time job?

Taking on a part-time job doesn't only enable you to earn extra money, it offers a whole host of other benefits:

- It's a great way of making new friends.
- It allows you to develop key employability skills, including teamwork, communication, punctuality and the ability

to handle stress in a real work environment.

- Stepping out of your comfort zone and working in your local community can really help to build confidence, develop your social skills and teach you how to adapt to new situations.
- Working as a student is an easy way of building networks

and collecting references, especially if your job will be relevant to your career.

- It demonstrates self-motivation, commitment and reliability, all of which will serve to make sure your graduate applications stand out from the crowd in an increasingly competitive market.

Pathways to Durham University

Join our open, inclusive community.

There's more than one route to university. Whatever your age, background, and qualifications, we'll be happy to support your application. We want to ensure that you have the opportunity to reach your full potential, as part of our open and inclusive community.

Contextual offers

Do you know if you're eligible for a contextual offer from Durham? It's definitely worth checking! If you meet our criteria, we'll consider making you an offer that is one or two grades lower than our standard entry requirements.

[Learn more](#) →

To find out more, see durham.ac.uk/care.leavers and durham.ac.uk/estranged.students

STEP

STEP (Space to Explore Potential) offers a dedicated space for young black students, who are typically underrepresented at Durham University, to explore not only their own potential, but all that Durham has to offer as a potential university destination.

[Learn more](#) →

Care leavers and care-experienced students

Whether you've just left care or you've experienced care at some point in the past, we'll provide dedicated support both before you join us, and during your studies. Get in touch with us to discuss the support available to you.

[Learn more](#) →

DU Cares team

Our DU Cares team supports students who have experience of care and/or family estrangement. We will help provide dedicated support both before you join us, and during your studies. Get in touch with us to discuss the support available to you.

Supported Progression

Our Supported Progression programme offers a range of support and opportunities for you to find out more about the University, to help you apply to Durham and allow you to sample academic taster sessions. We host events throughout Year 12, ending the academic year with a summer school.

[Learn more](#) →



Sutton Trust Summer School

Our Sutton Trust Summer School gives you the opportunity to experience student life here at Durham, including social activities and academic sessions, whilst receiving key admissions information. You will also have access to the Sutton Trust Online platform and alumni community.

[Learn more](#) →

To apply to STEP, Supported Progression or the Sutton Trust Summer School, you'll need to be studying in Year 12 in England or Wales, Year 13 in Northern Ireland, or S5 in Scotland. You must also have attended a non-fee paying school or college in the UK.

Those who successfully complete the Supported Progression programme or Sutton Trust Summer School, including a project, at the end of Year 12, will then receive a guaranteed, conditional offer for that particular course should they apply to Durham University during Year 13. Offer conditions usually stipulate the grades that must be achieved, including any subject-specific requirements.

Mature students

Are you 21 or over? Worried you don't have the necessary qualifications to apply? Think again! We'll take your experience, skills, and other qualities into account, so there's no need to worry about a lack of formal qualifications. And, if you don't get accepted for an

undergraduate degree straight away, you can also consider a Foundation Programme.

[Learn more](#) →

Foundation Programme

We are committed to making our degrees accessible and inclusive. Our Foundation Programme, run by the Durham Centre for Academic Development, is designed for talented individuals from under-represented groups or non-traditional backgrounds who are not eligible for direct entry to an undergraduate course.

Whether you missed out on higher education the first-time round, or are returning to education, if your qualifications

With Durham, the emphasis was on potential. Rather than seeing me as a finished product I was able to make mistakes, and learn in the process.

Emily Smith
English Literature



don't meet our standard entry requirements, you may be eligible to apply for a place on one of our foundation courses.

[Learn more](#) →

International Study Centre

Based at our Queen's Campus in Stockton-on-Tees, our International Study Centre provides a range of International Foundation Year and Pre-Masters study opportunities for international students.

The International Foundation Year offers a choice of pathways that will prepare you to join one of our undergraduate degrees.

[Learn more](#) →

Apply

Are you ready to achieve something truly outstanding?

Durham University is a community of extraordinary people from a huge range of different backgrounds. We believe that diversity is strength and our differences only make us stronger. Our admissions processes actively support diversity and equality. We can't wait to meet you.

How do I apply?

You'll need to apply through UCAS. Visit [ucas.com](#) to find out more and start your application.

What happens once I've submitted my application?

Once you've submitted your application, it will be assessed by one of our trained admissions selectors. They'll look at your achievements to date, as well as your potential, motivation, enthusiasm, and commitment to getting the most out of your studies.

They'll consider your academic profile, the subjects you're studying, and the grades you've achieved so far. But it's not all about grades. We'll also take into account who you are, what you're passionate about, and your goals. That includes any transferable skills you've gained from work experience and your interests outside of education.

How important is my personal statement?

Your personal statement tells us a little bit more about you, what you hope to gain from your degree and, ultimately, why we should choose you. So make sure you tell us why you want to study the course you've applied for and what makes you a good student for that subject. You should also focus on the skills you've learned from employment and work experience, and we'd love to hear about your hobbies, interests, and social activities.

[Learn more](#) →

What qualifications do I need for my degree?

We consider a wide range of qualifications from around the world. To find out more, see [durham.ac.uk/courses](#)

If you're not sure if your qualifications will be considered, simply complete our enquiry form at [durham.ac.uk/study/askus](#) and we'll get back to you.

If your first language isn't English, you'll need to meet a certain level of English language.

[Learn more](#) →

We're always looking for enthusiastic students with relevant experience. So we'll be happy to consider your application if you don't meet the standard qualifications but you can demonstrate the motivation and ability to work at degree level. Make sure you use your personal statement to tell us as much as possible about yourself! We also offer a number of programmes for UK students at foundation level.

How will I know if my application is successful?
You'll be able to track the progress of your application and see our decision on UCAS.



If we make you an offer, we'll also write to you with further information and let you know which college you've been allocated to.

write to you. In your first year, you'll be guaranteed a room.

[Learn more](#) →

How do I tell you my college preference?

During your time at Durham, you'll be part of a college community. You'll be encouraged to live in your college, but even if you choose to live elsewhere, you'll benefit from everything else your college has to offer.

When you submit your application, you'll be sent a link where you can rank your preferred colleges in order. We can't guarantee you'll be given your first choice, but we'll try our best. You can also state 'no preference' and then we'll choose one for you. We usually start allocating colleges in February. Once the process is complete, your college will

Further information

To find out more about Durham University and our admissions process, see [durham.ac.uk](#)

[Frequently asked questions](#) →

[Admissions Policy](#) →

[Complaints Policy](#) →

[Access Agreement](#) →



200

undergraduate
courses across
27 departments.

93%

of our students
achieve a 2.1 or above.
HESA 2018/19.

Extraordinary Courses

Find out more about the
subjects you are interested in.

Our new Teaching and Learning Centre has state-of-the-art lecture theatres, teaching rooms, an education laboratory, learning zones and café.

90%

of our subjects
are ranked in the
UK Top 10 in *The
Complete University
Guide 2021*.

Accounting and Finance

Durham University Business School

Our degrees in Accounting and Finance will provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to build secure foundations for successful future careers or further study.

Ranking

Top 10

in The Complete University Guide 2021.

90%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

Accredited by:



Areas of study in accounting may include financial and management accounting, the legal, regulatory and social context within which accounting operates, and the influence of artificial intelligence (AI) and big data on the world of accounting.

Areas of study in finance may include corporate finance, investments, financial institutions and the vast array of sophisticated financial products traded in today's global financial markets.

What's more, if you choose the relevant modules, you will gain exemption from some of the ACA, ACCA and CIMA examinations once you've completed your degree. Just another small step that will help make your way up the career ladder a little easier.

Learn from expert staff

Terry Harris (pictured bottom left) is an Assistant Professor in Accounting at Durham University. He has completed a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Accounting with the University of the West Indies, a Master's degree in Computer Science, a professional designation with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), and a PhD in Finance with Durham University Business School. Over his career, Terry has engaged in theoretical/applied research and has published in internationally leading academic journals. Our other staff are also experts in their fields.

Employment

Previous undergraduates have progressed to work for global innovators and leaders in their sector, such as:

From financial and management accounting to financial markets – our flexible degrees enable you to focus on subjects that matter to you.



Course information

Accounting BSc (Hons)

Graduate from a professionally accredited accounting degree, ready to start your career.

This degree is designed to provide maximum professional accreditation, allowing you to graduate as partly exam-qualified accountants. The programme embeds a strong employability theme and demonstrates clear pathways, allowing you to specialise in your final year and also complete an independent piece of research in an area related to your work-experience or an area of special interest. Previous placement students have worked with professional accountancy firms, banks and major corporations. Our Placement Team can provide support, advice and encouragement to help you find your ideal placement.

Typical course content

- Financial Accounting and Reporting
- Management Accounting
- Business Skills and Data Analysis
- Skills for the Professional Accountant
- Information Technology
- Audit and Assurance
- Taxation
- Research Methods
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo). You can also attend an extensive programme of research-focused seminars, where staff and visiting scholars present their cutting-edge research.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including examinations, assignments/projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

N408 BSc (Hons)
N409 (with placement year)

Course length 3–4 years

Typical entry requirements

A proficiency in Mathematics is required. If Mathematics is not taken as an A level subject, a grade 7 (or grade A) in Mathematics at GCSE is required. We also accept the Core Mathematics Qualification at a grade B in lieu of our GCSE Mathematics requirement.

A level offer – AAA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 37

With 666 in higher level subjects. If Mathematics is not taken at higher level, then it is required at standard level 6.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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Additional opportunities



Placement year

Course information

Accounting and Finance BA (Hons)

Gain an understanding of advanced and essential concepts in accounting and finance.

You will study a wide range of accounting and finance subjects. If you opt to study abroad in one of our partner universities in your third year, you will experience another culture and develop language skills, as well as adding an international dimension to your employability. If you opt for a business placement, you will spend your third year gaining practical experience. Previous placement students have worked with professional accountancy firms, banks and major corporations. Our Placement Team can provide support, advice and encouragement to help you find your ideal placement.

Typical course content

- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Foundations of Finance
- Economics for Business
- Quantitative Methods
- Auditing and Assurance
- Corporate Financial Reporting
- Corporate Finance
- Research Methods
- Dissertation
- Contemporary Issues
- Academic and Professional Skills.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo). You will also have the opportunity to attend events hosted by the Department of Accounting.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including examinations, assignments/projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

NN43 BA (Hons)
N304 (study abroad)
N302 (with placement year)
NN4H (with Foundation)

Course length 3–4 years

Typical entry requirements

A proficiency in Mathematics is required. If not taken as an A level, a grade 7 (or grade A) in Mathematics at GCSE is required. We also accept the Core Mathematics Qualification at a grade B in lieu of our GCSE Mathematics requirement.

A level offer – AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects. If Mathematics is not taken at higher level, then it is required at standard level 5.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“Thanks to my degree I was accepted onto an internship at the United Nations.”

GuanYu Yue

Course information

Accounting and Management BA (Hons)

Gain an understanding of advanced and essential concepts in accounting and management.

This degree is designed to give you the same strong foundation of knowledge as our other finance and accounting courses, while also offering you the opportunity to develop a particular strand of interest in management.

If you opt to study abroad in one of our partner universities in your third year, you will experience another culture and develop language skills, as well as adding an international dimension to your employability. If you opt for a business placement, you will spend your third year gaining practical experience. Previous placement students have worked with professional accountancy firms, banks and major corporations. Our Placement Team can provide support, advice and encouragement to help you find your ideal placement.

Typical course content

- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Foundations of Finance
- Economics for Business
- Quantitative Methods
- Contemporary Issues in Management
- Academic and Professional Skills
- Business Environment and Functions
- Auditing and Assurance
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Financial Reporting
- Research Methods
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo). You will also have the opportunity to attend events hosted by the Department of Accounting.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including examinations, assignments/projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

NN42 BA (Hons)
N206 (study abroad)
N204 (with placement year)
N209 (with Foundation)

Course length

3–4 years

Typical entry requirements

A proficiency in Mathematics is required. If not taken as an A level, a grade 7 (or grade A) in Mathematics at GCSE is required. We also accept the Core Mathematics Qualification at a grade B in lieu of our GCSE Mathematics requirement.

A level offer – AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects. If Mathematics is not taken at higher level, then it is required at standard level 5.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Finance BSc (Hons)

Gain the knowledge you need to understand today's global financial markets.

You will acquire a critical understanding of theories, empirical evidence and practical application, while gaining a rigorous academic underpinning. Furthermore, you will develop the quantitative techniques needed to analyse, in depth, financial data and financial securities.

If you opt to study abroad in one of our partner universities in your third year, you will experience another culture and develop language skills, as well as adding an international dimension to your employability. If you opt for a business placement, you will spend your third year gaining practical experience.

Typical course content

- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Foundations of Finance
- Economics
- Quantitative Methods
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Markets and Institutions
- Financial Econometrics
- Security Investment Analysis
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo). You can also attend an extensive programme of research-focused seminars, where staff and visiting scholars present their cutting-edge research.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including examinations, assignments/projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

2C77 BA (Hons)
8G15 (study abroad)
2M83 (with placement year)
N308 (with Foundation)

Course length

3–4 years

Typical entry requirements

A strong proficiency in Mathematics is required. If not taken as an A level, a grade 7 (or grade A) in Mathematics at GCSE is required. We also accept the Core Mathematics Qualification at a grade B in lieu of our GCSE Mathematics requirement.

A level offer – AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects. If Mathematics is not taken at higher level, then it is required at standard level 5.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Anthropology and Human Sciences

Have you ever really thought about what it means to be human? If you have and you want to learn more, then anthropology could be for you.

Rankings

Joint 1st

in the UK for internationally excellent and world-leading research impact (REF 2014).

8th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

World Top 50

in *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.



Anthropology is the study of all aspects of humanity, from our evolutionary origins to our extraordinary social and cultural diversity. At Durham, we pride ourselves on the breadth of our research, learning and teaching, encompassing all aspects of anthropology, and influencing the wider world through research that has global significance.

Expanding your world

Studying anthropology will expand your world: not only in the academic topics that you study – from the Stone Age to the Digital Age – but also in the skills you acquire and your personal development. Our degrees combine the skills and approaches from the arts, humanities, and the social and natural sciences. You will not only learn many quantitative and qualitative research methods that will stand you in good stead for the rest of your life (and make you very attractive to employers), you will also learn how to think about these research methods critically and how to apply them on our hugely popular residential field schools and in your own final-year original research project.

Our three-year Single Honours degrees (BA Anthropology, BSc Anthropology and BSc Health and Human Sciences) cover the full breadth of the discipline, while allowing you to specialise in social, biological or medical/health anthropology. We also offer Joint Honours degrees that allow anthropology to be combined with archaeology, or sociology.

Employment

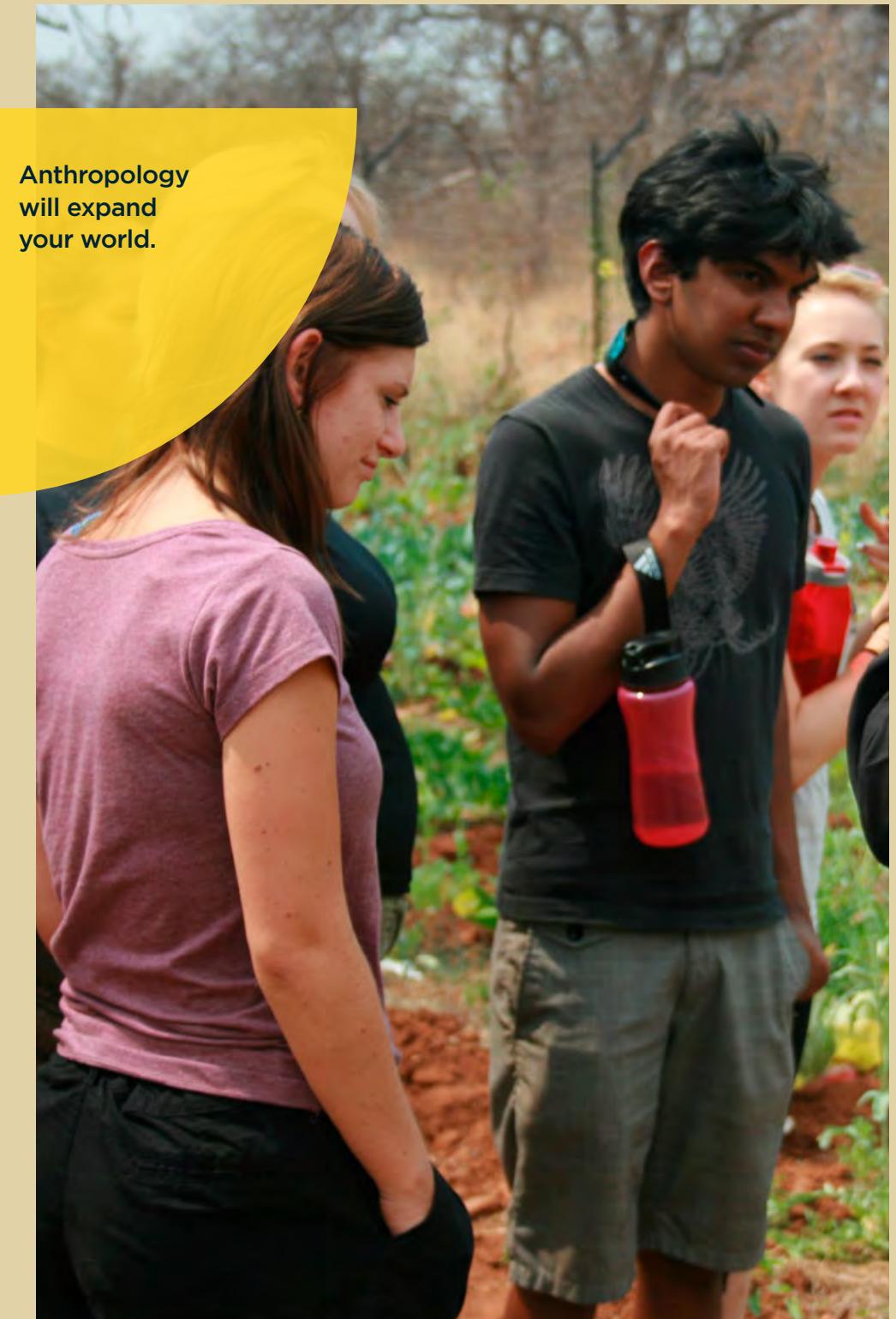
Our graduates progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors, including research and development, advertising, management consultancy education, and the civil and diplomatic services.

Examples of high-profile employers include:



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Course information

Anthropology BA (Hons)

Develop a complex understanding of social anthropology.

In the first year, you will receive a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of anthropology in the broadest sense, addressing the core disciplines of social, evolutionary and health anthropology.

From the second year onwards, you will begin to specialise in social anthropology through core modules in Kinship and Religion, and Political and Economic Anthropology, while still being able to maintain a broader, more integrative approach if you wish. In the third year, you will choose from a wide range of specialist modules led by academic researchers working at the cutting edge of the discipline. You will also undertake a dissertation on a topic of your choice within social anthropology.

Typical course content

- Peoples and Cultures
- Anthropological Theories and Methods
- Health, Illness and Society
- Political and Economic Anthropology
- Kinship and Religion
- Field Course
- Violence and Memory
- Capitalism in Ruins
- Anthropological Skills for Climate Change and Survival
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through formal teaching sessions, such as lectures and smaller-group teaching in seminars and practical classes. During your degree, you will have the opportunity to take part in our Field Course module, which includes a two-week stay at one of the Anthropology Department's residential field sites. Potential locations include South Africa, Sri Lanka, Greece and the Hebrides. In Year 3, you will undertake a dissertation on a social anthropological topic of your choice. You will have dedicated one-to-one supervision from a member of staff to guide you through the process of creating and writing up your research project into a dissertation.

Assessment

Assessment varies by module, but may include written examinations, coursework in the form of essays or research projects, and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

L602 BA (Hons)
L608 (with Foundation)

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD

IB Diploma score - 36

With 665 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year



"Anthropology allowed me to pursue my interest in biological and social anthropology, without having to choose one over the other."

Evie Tabor

Course information

Anthropology BSc (Hons)

Discover human origins and diversity.

In the first year, you will receive a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of anthropology in the broadest sense, addressing the core disciplines of evolutionary, social and health anthropology.

From the second year onwards, you begin to specialise increasingly in evolutionary anthropology through core modules in Evolution, Variation and Adaptation, and Our Place in Nature, while still being able to maintain a broader, more integrative approach if you wish. In the third year, you will choose from a wide range of specialist modules led by academic researchers working at the cutting edge of the discipline. You will also undertake a dissertation on a topic of your choice within evolutionary anthropology.

Typical course content

- Human Evolution and Diversity
- Sex, Reproduction and Love
- Health, Illness and Society
- Field Course
- Our Place in Nature
- Forensic Anthropology
- Evolution of Co-operation
- Primates in Peril
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through formal teaching sessions, such as lectures and smaller-group teaching in seminars and practical classes. During your degree, you will have the opportunity to take part in our Field Course module, which includes a two-week stay at one of the Anthropology Department's residential field sites. Potential locations include South Africa, Sri Lanka, Greece and the Hebrides. In Year 3, you will undertake a dissertation on an evolutionary anthropological topic of your choice. You will have dedicated one-to-one supervision from a member of staff to guide you through the process of creating and writing up your research project into a dissertation.

Assessment

Assessment varies by module, but may include written examinations, coursework in the form of essays or research projects, and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

L601 BSc (Hons)
L603 (with Foundation)

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD

IB Diploma score - 36

With 665 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year



"I travelled to rural northern South Africa. It was a collection of brilliant experiences."

Guy Forsyth

Course information

Anthropology and Archaeology BA (Hons)

Gain an understanding of humanity both past and present.

There are several areas of overlap between anthropology and archaeology, making them particularly suitable for combination in a Joint Honours degree. The BA Anthropology and Archaeology course combines modules from the BA/BSc Anthropology degrees and the BA Archaeology degree, providing a comprehensive understanding of humanity both past and present.

Crucially, we also have a 'link' course, taught by staff who have been trained in both disciplines, which compares and contrasts anthropology and archaeology.

Typical course content

- Peoples and Cultures
- Human Evolution and Diversity
- Archaeology in Action
- Discovering World Prehistory
- Debating Anthropology and Archaeology
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through formal teaching sessions, such as lectures and smaller-group teaching in seminars and practical classes, as well as fieldwork and excavation opportunities.

The Anthropology Department and the Archaeology Department have a large range of resources, to supplement your learning.

Assessment

Assessment varies by module, but may include written examinations, coursework in the form of essays or research projects, and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code LF64
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 36
With 665 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Anthropology and Sociology BA (Hons)

Develop an understanding of humans as social and cultural beings.

With their common emphasis on understanding human beings and societies, anthropology and sociology are naturally complementary fields of study.

Based around a central core of theory and methods, the BA is highly flexible, allowing you to pick subjects across both disciplines. While many students study both subjects with equal emphasis, there is the opportunity to focus more on one or the other in view of your specific interests. The course emphasises the application of theory and concepts to real-world cases. You will carry out a supervised research project and you can choose to take a placement with a local community organisation and make use of your knowledge in an applied setting.

Typical course content

- Anthropological and Sociological Theory
- Research Design and Practice
- Substantive Issues in Sociology such as: Education and Social Inequalities; Health and Healthcare; Violence and Abuse; etc.
- Substantive Issues in Anthropology such as: Kinship and Religion; Human Evolution and Diversity; Sex, Reproduction and Love; etc.
- A Research Dissertation of Your Own Design.

Teaching

You will learn through formal teaching sessions, such as lectures, seminars and practical workshops. You will have the opportunity to study through applied research, as part of the Field Course module, or as part of the Research Methods in Action module. In Year 3, you will undertake a dissertation with dedicated one-to-one staff supervision to guide you through the process of creating and writing up a research project.

Assessment

Assessment varies between different modules. Some modules are assessed via exam but the degree emphasises coursework in the form of essays, research reports, reflections, academic posters and so on.

Course fact file

UCAS code LL36
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements
A level offer – AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 36
With 665 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Health and Human Sciences BSc (Hons)

Explore the intersections between culture, biology, society and health.

In the first year, you will receive a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of anthropology in the broadest sense, addressing the core disciplines of medical/health, social and evolutionary anthropology.

From the second year onwards, you begin to specialise increasingly in the anthropology of health through core modules in Global Health and Disease, and Sex, Reproduction and Love, while still being able to maintain a broader, more integrative approach if you wish.

In the third year, you will choose from a wide range of specialist modules led by academic researchers working at the cutting edge of the discipline. You will also undertake a dissertation on a topic of your choice within the anthropology of health.

Typical course content

- Health, Illness and Society
- Peoples and Cultures
- Field Course
- Sex, Reproduction and Love
- Global Health and Disease
- Anthropology of Poison, Pollution and the Chemical Anthropocene
- Anthropology of Care
- Anthropology of Physical Activity
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through lectures and smaller-group teaching in seminars and practical classes. During your degree, you will have the opportunity to take part in our residential fieldwork module, and will learn how to put interdisciplinary approaches into practice. Potential locations include Sri Lanka, Greece, South Africa and the Hebrides. In Year 3, you will undertake a dissertation on a topic of your choice within the anthropology of health.

Assessment

Assessment varies by module, but may include written examinations, coursework in the form of essays or research projects, and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

B991 BSc (Hons)
L691 (with Foundation)

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD

IB Diploma score - 36

With 665 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Psychology and Anthropology BSc (Hons)

Explore psychological and anthropological perspectives on being human.

The joint honours degree is designed to enable you to understand what it means to be human in our rapidly changing world, including why we, and other animals, behave as we do and our interactions with each other and other animals. In Psychology, you will study people in terms of internal mental processes, biological mechanisms underlying behaviour, and the social and developmental context in which they act. In anthropology, you will use perspectives from human biology, cultural evolution, animal behaviour, and human evolution to inquire into the mind and behaviour of past and present human and primate populations. You will learn how anthropology and psychology provide complementary and contrasting perspectives, plus various quantitative and qualitative ways of addressing major questions.

Typical course content

- Doing Anthropological Research
- Human Evolution and Diversity
- Introduction to Psychological Research
- Conceptual Issues in Anthropology and Psychology
- Research Project Design
- Statistics and Project Design
- Cognitive Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Dissertation.

Teaching

Your learning will be supported by seminars, workshops and practicals which guide your learning of lecture material and that gleaned through independent study. The course promotes discussion and critical appraisal, confidence in collecting and analysing data and presenting information both orally and in different written formats. We place a strong emphasis on inquiry-based learning, with a particular focus on learning how to carry out your own research using the diverse research facilities on offer across both Departments.

Assessment

Assessment varies by module, but may include written examinations, coursework in the form of essays, practical reports or research projects, and presentations, posters or articles aimed at the general public.

Course fact file

UCAS code

CL86

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

Grade 5 (or Grade B) or above in Mathematics at GCSE (or equivalent) is required

A level offer - AAA (or equivalent)

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended - DDD

IB Diploma score - 37
With 666 in higher level subjects.

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Study abroad



Placement year

Accreditation

The course is accredited by the British Psychological Society and the degree confers eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC).

Archaeology

Archaeology helps us to address some of the most fundamental questions about who we are.

Rankings

3rd

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

3rd

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

4th

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.

From the Palaeolithic to the post-medieval, from Iceland to India, from architecture to ancient DNA – broad and dynamic, archaeology changes constantly with new discoveries and innovative research.

Combine hands-on work with traditional academic study. Learn from expert staff; take part in fieldwork, real excavations and finds; study historic buildings, scientific methods, archaeological theory and computer techniques; and learn how they all help us to understand the past.

Underpinned by world-class research

Research has always underpinned the teaching of archaeology at Durham University through excavation and fieldwork. You may have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of research-led education projects. For example, at the University's Botanic Gardens, experimental archaeobotany includes crop-growing and wood-burning for comparative purposes, coppicing and other environmental experiments that feature in undergraduate practical work and dissertations.

Employment

Our graduates progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors, including as archaeologists, surveyors and teachers, going on to postgraduate research positions or working in academia.

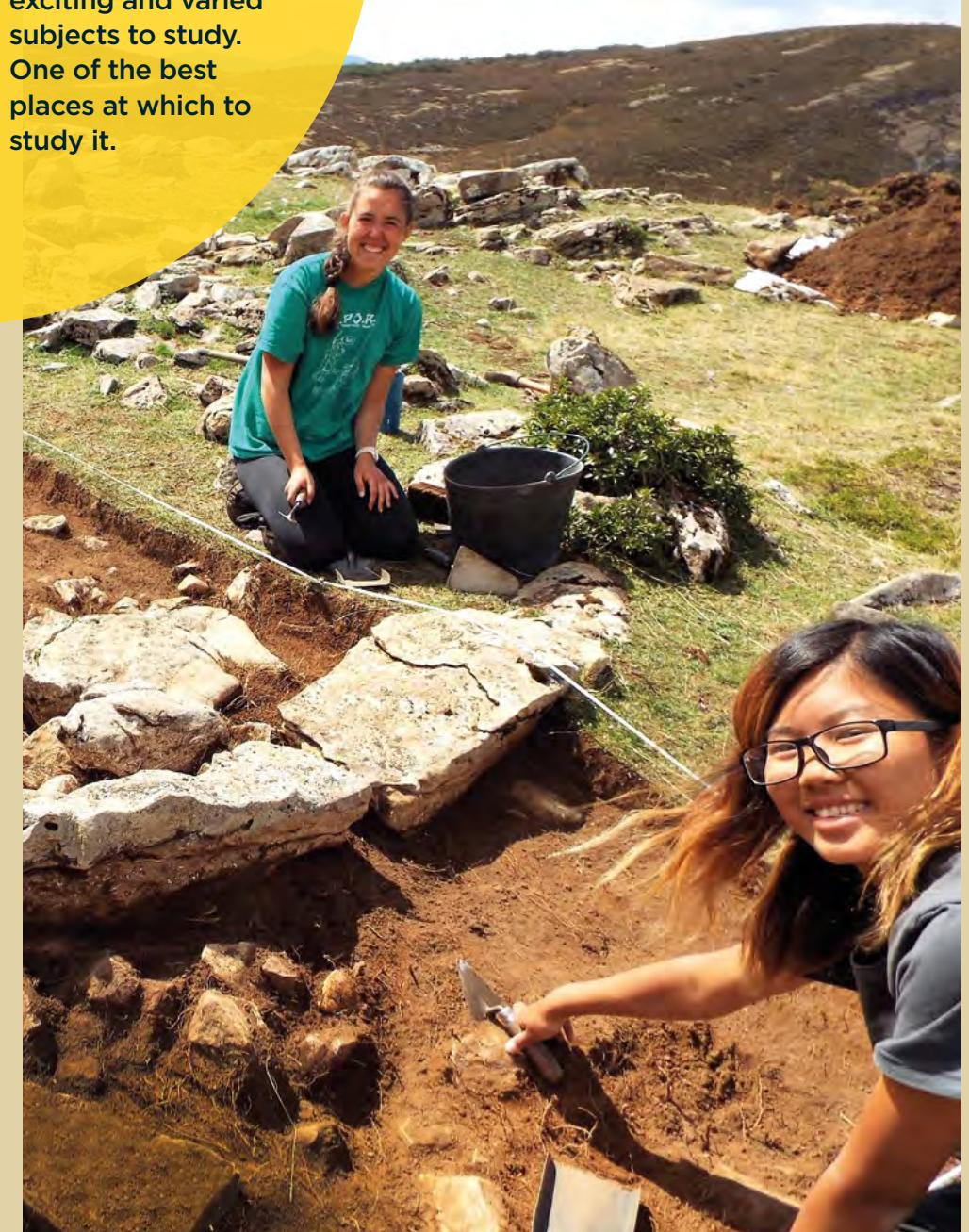
Examples of high-profile employers include:



Historic England



One of the most exciting and varied subjects to study.
One of the best places at which to study it.



Course information

Ancient History and Archaeology BA (Hons)

Study all aspects of ancient history and archaeology.

This Joint Honours degree enables you to combine modules on Ancient History from the Department of Classics and Ancient History with those offered by the Department of Archaeology. The balance is broadly equal, but by Year 3 you can, if you wish, weight your choice of modules more to one side than the other. The dissertation provides a further opportunity to concentrate your studies in an area that particularly interests you.

In Year 1 you will take the two core modules, Introduction to the Greek World, and Monuments and Memory in the Age of Augustus, which will introduce you to the world of the ancient Greeks and early Imperial Rome, seen from a variety of perspectives (not just historical) and different forms of evidence. These will prepare you for a wide range of more specifically historical modules about politics and society in the ancient world, available in Years 2 and 3.

Typical course content

- Introduction to the Greek World
- Monuments and Memory in the Age of Augustus
- Cities in Antiquity
- Ancient History
- Range of Archaeology modules
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes, fieldwork, excavation, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. Practicals also allow hands-on experience of the work that professional archaeologists perform.

Assessment

This course is assessed through coursework and presentations, as well as through hands-on practical exercises.

Course fact file

UCAS code VF14
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 36
With 665 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Archaeology BA (Hons)

Explore the Palaeolithic to the post-medieval, from Iceland to India and everywhere in between.

Drawing on the latest research, and with an exciting combination of field trips, practical work including excavation, as well as great teaching, this course offers you the chance to gain a better understanding of archaeology across the world, from earliest prehistory to the modern day.

Typical course content

- Archaeology Practicals
- Applied Archaeological Methods
- Professional Training
- Archaeological Method and Theory
- Archaeology in Britain
- Advanced Professional Training
- Current Issues in Archaeology
- Interpreting Heritage
- Advanced Skills in Archaeology
- Museum Representation
- Fieldwork
- Developing Archaeological Research Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes, fieldwork, excavation, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing.

Practicals allow hands-on experience of the work that professional archaeologists perform. The same is true of fieldwork, which at Durham is fully funded, and consists of engaging in archaeological work in the field with members of academic staff.

Assessment

This course is assessed through coursework, traditional skills and presentations, as well as through hands-on practical exercises including archaeological fieldwork.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
F400 BA (Hons)
V400 (with Foundation)
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements
A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 36
With 665 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"I have relished the myriad of travel opportunities the course has provided; from Hadrian's Wall to ancient Rome."

Carmen Parr

Course information

Archaeology BSc (Hons)

Combine study of the ancient world with modern scientific techniques.

This dynamic course brings together the rigour of the scientific laboratory and the excitement of fieldwork. It will help you to understand archaeology across the world, drawing on the latest scientific techniques, such as DNA analysis, bone chemistry and the study of archaeological bone and plant remains.

Typical course content

- Archaeology in Britain
- Archaeology Practicals
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology
- Professional Training
- Archaeological Method and Theory
- Developing Archaeological Research
- Interpreting Heritage
- Advanced Skills in Archaeology
- Fieldwork
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes, fieldwork, excavation, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing.

Practicals allow hands-on experience of the work that professional archaeologists perform. The same is true of fieldwork, which at Durham is fully funded, and consists of engaging in archaeological work in the field with members of academic staff.

Assessment

This course is assessed through coursework, laboratory skills and presentations, as well as through hands-on practical exercises including archaeological fieldwork.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

F402 BSc (Hons)
F403 (with Foundation)
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

IB Diploma score - 36

With 665 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations BA (Hons)

Explore the archaeology, art and culture of ancient civilisations – from the Classical World to the Near East and beyond.

Using archaeological techniques and approaches, this course puts the heritage of Greece and Rome under the lens. Drawing on the latest research, it also provides a chance to explore Egypt and North Africa, as well as the lesser-known civilisations of the Near East and South Asia. The course provides an exciting mix of traditional scholarship and field-based skills.

Typical course content

- Archaeology Practicals
- Applied Archaeological Methods
- Ancient Civilisations of the East
- Professional Training
- Archaeological Method and Theory
- Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations: East and West
- Developing Archaeological Research
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes, fieldwork, excavation, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. Practicals also allow hands-on experience of the work that professional archaeologists perform.

Assessment

This course is assessed through coursework, traditional skills and presentations, as well as through hands-on practical exercises including archaeological fieldwork.

Course fact file

UCAS code VQ48

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements
A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

IB Diploma score - 36
With 665 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year



"The many field trips and lab sessions offered create a fantastic learning experience beyond the lecture hall."

Lucy Moore

Course information

Archaeology of the Historic World BA (Hons)

Study the material remains of the ancient, medieval and modern worlds, with an emphasis on the last 600 years.

This is a wide-ranging archaeology course that harnesses your passion for history through researching historic sites, material culture and museums. The course emphasises interdisciplinary learning and skills. You will be able to take modules in History, Classics, Ancient History and other related subjects in departments across Durham University. Key themes include the archaeology of industrialisation, conflict archaeology, colonialisation, transatlantic connections and South-East Asian trade.

Typical course content

- Archaeology of the Medieval to Modern World
- Archaeology Practicals
- Historical Archaeology: Methods and Sources
- Professional Training
- Developing Archaeological Research
- Debates in Historical Archaeology
- Specialised Aspects in Archaeology
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes, fieldwork, excavation, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading, and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

The course is assessed through coursework, traditional skills and presentations, as well as through hands-on practical exercises including archaeological fieldwork.

Course fact file

UCAS code F406
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 36
With 665 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



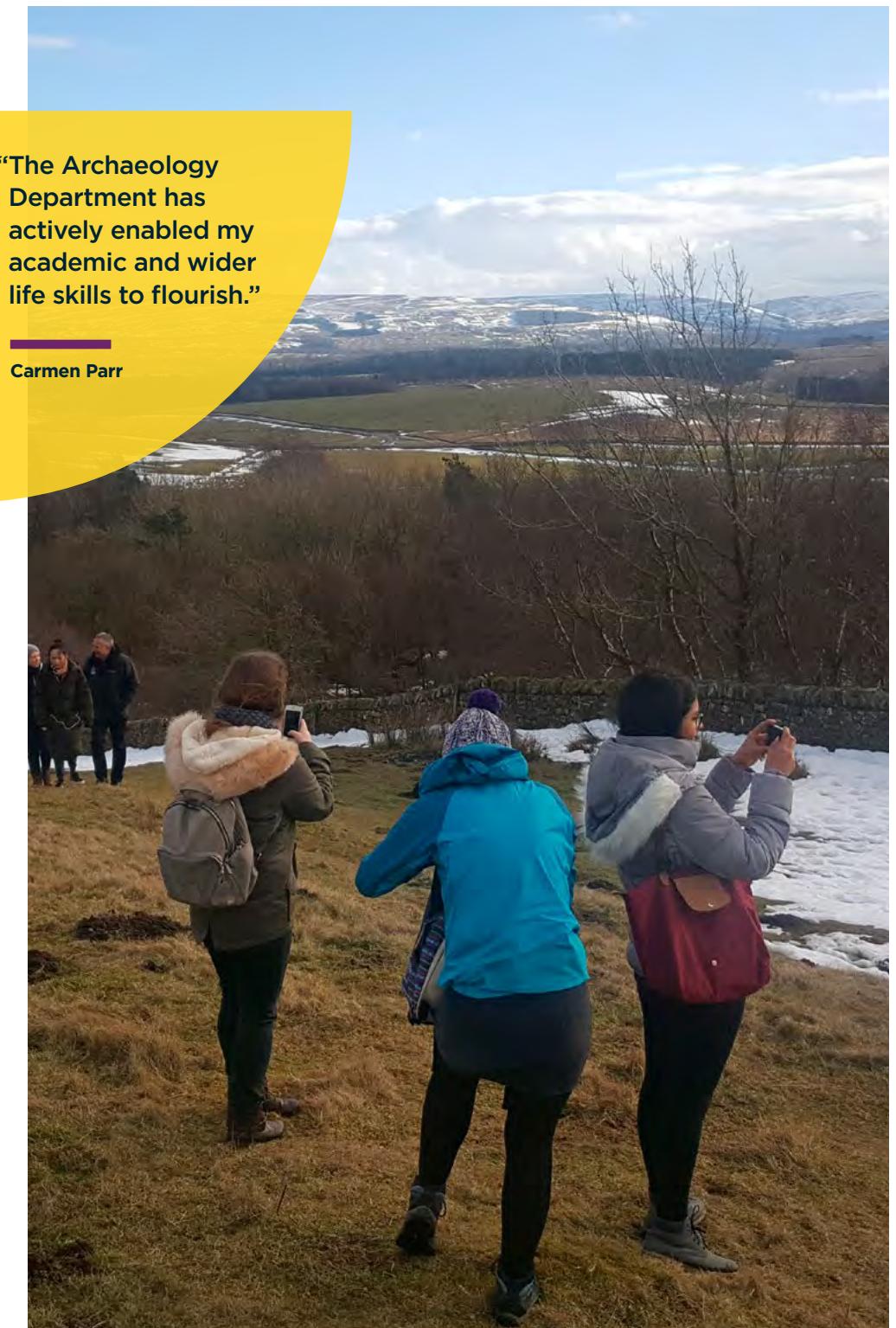
Study abroad



Placement year

"The Archaeology Department has actively enabled my academic and wider life skills to flourish."

Carmen Parr



Biosciences

The science of the 21st century.

Rankings

8th

in the UK for world-leading research impact (REF 2014).

8th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

8th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

86%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).



Bioscience is the fundamental science of life, and recent key developments make the 21st century a most exciting era in which important biological challenges will be met and resolved.

Our bioscientists are tackling challenges that include climate change and biodiversity conservation, developing new technologies for human healthcare, and feeding an increasing human population.

As a Durham student, you will have access to state-of-the-art technology for a range of techniques, including imaging using electron and confocal laser scanning microscopy, transgenic studies, genomics, DNA analysis and proteomics, bioinformatics, remote sensing, ecological field sampling and computer modelling.

Global experience

Our students have travelled on field trips around the world, including to Africa and the Alps, as well as the Arctic, where they have learnt how to use tools that can measure the carbon flux induced by climate change.

Employment

Our graduates progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors. Many of our graduates go on to postgraduate study at universities across the UK and overseas or take up graduate entry to Medicine courses, while others work in the biosciences sector, the NHS or the pharmaceutical industry.

Examples of high-profile employers include:



Our bioscientists are tackling some of the biggest challenges that face our species.



Course information

Biological Sciences BSc (Hons)

Learn to solve key biological challenges.

A research-led degree that explores the fundamental aspects of biology, from detailed structures of biomolecules to evolution at the level of global populations. It covers the entire range of living organisms – from microbes to humans.

Typical Year 1 course content

- Genetics
- Cell Biology
- Diversity of Life
- Biochemistry
- Physiology
- Chemistry and Maths for Biosciences.
- Chemistry and Maths for Biosciences.

Further options for subject areas in Years 2 and 3

Evolution; Ecology; Animal Behaviour; Plant and Algal Physiology; Animal and Human Physiology; Crop Science; Developmental Biology; Ageing; Disease; Immune Systems; Stem Cells; Cell Signalling; Stress Responses; Genomics; Molecular Biology; Microbiology; Biotechnology.

Teaching

You will learn through lectures, supplemented by practical classes and workshops. Practical classes are a major component of contact hours, and are an essential part of training in an experimental science such as biology. Projects and literature reviews in the final year provide an opportunity for further developing your interests and research skills.

Assessment

Your assessment will include unseen examination questions, as well as coursework including essays, laboratory reports, case studies, oral presentations and posters. Literature reviews (dissertation), project reports and laboratory workshop/fieldwork reports are an important part of this degree.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

C103 BSc (Hons)
C104 (with Foundation)
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA
Including Biology or Chemistry or Human Biology plus another science subject.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD and A level Biology, Chemistry or Human Biology at grade A.

IB Diploma score – 37

With 666 in higher level subjects including Biology or Chemistry plus another higher level science subject.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad Placement year

“The highlight has been all the practicals. You get hands-on experience in understanding the course material and what it would be like being a researcher.”

Isabella Rutigliano

Course information

Biosciences MBiol (Hons)

Train for further research in biological or biomedical sciences.

The four-year integrated Master's MBiol course is for you if you wish to progress into a career in research in the biosciences. Years 1 to 3 of the MBiol are identical to the BSc Biological Sciences, developing fundamental skills and knowledge, except that in place of a research module for the BSc, there is an additional taught module. The MBiol is distinguished by the final year, which prepares you for research at postgraduate level; you will carry out an extended project, which runs through most of the academic year, in a subject area of your choice. You will gain hands-on experience of biosciences by working alongside academic members of staff who do world-leading lab research.

Typical Year 1 course content

- Genetics
- Cell Biology
- Diversity of Life
- Biochemistry
- Physiology
- Chemistry and Maths for Biosciences.

Further options for subject areas in Years 2 and 3

Evolution; Ecology; Animal Behaviour; Plant and Algal Physiology; Animal and Human Physiology; Crop Science; Developmental Biology; Ageing; Disease; Immune Systems; Stem Cells; Cell Signalling; Stress Responses; Genomics; Molecular Biology; Microbiology; Biotechnology.

Teaching

You will learn through lectures, supplemented by practical classes and workshops. Practical classes are an essential part of training in an experimental science such as biology. Level 4 of the course will consist of an extended research project with additional research skills training.

Assessment

Your assessment will include examination questions, as well as coursework including essays, laboratory reports, case studies, oral presentations and posters. Literature reviews (dissertation), project reports and laboratory workshop/fieldwork reports are an important part of this degree. The final-year research project is assessed through a full Master's-level thesis.

Course fact file

UCAS code C107

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA
Including Biology or Chemistry or Human Biology plus another science subject.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD and A level Biology, Chemistry or Human Biology at grade A.

IB Diploma score – 37

With 666 in higher level subjects including Biology or Chemistry plus another higher level science subject.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad Placement year

“Working in the department neuroscience labs, I gained invaluable experience of cell culturing and microscopy techniques, working with one of the many fantastic researchers.”

Elizabeth English

Business, Marketing and Management

Durham University Business School

Our degrees provide learning that is inspiring and challenging.

Rankings

2nd

in *The Complete University Guide 2021* for Marketing.

93%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

Accredited by:



Our degrees are designed to help you understand essential and advanced concepts of business, marketing and management. We are a research-led business school and one of the longest established in the UK.

With our rigorous curriculum and exceptional teaching, you will build world-class foundations for graduate employment or further study. You will also get a taste of real business – learning from expert faculty members and guest speakers, as well as through hands-on work placements and international study opportunities.

Durham University Business School is one of an elite group of institutions in the UK to be accredited by all three major professional bodies – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).

Learn business from the best

Dr Mariann Hardey (pictured below) is Associate Professor of Digital Information Systems at Durham University Business School. She is also part of Durham University's directorate for Advanced Research Computing. Mariann has expertise in undertaking multi-stream funded and interdisciplinary projects. In her research, Mariann examines the rise of entrepreneurial work and leadership, the contemporary urban setting of global tech work and specifically women's place in tech clusters. Her work engages with attempts by women to establish and sustain their professional status and long-term careers, despite predatory social media trolling and inappropriate sexualised behaviour. Mariann is seeking change in the tech industry to expose the lack of diversity. She regularly contributes to policy implementation in the UK based on creativity in learning and government attention to support creative skills for students.

Employment

Previous undergraduates have progressed to work for global innovators and leaders in their sector, such as:



The best start to a career in business begins with learning from the best in the business.



Course information

Business and Management BA (Hons)

Develop key business and management skills.

For the graduates of today and tomorrow, being competitive and employable depends on demonstrating innovation, flexibility and commitment to continued learning. We are looking for students who are inquisitive and who wish to learn more by investigating and researching. Here you will develop a range of key business and management skills.

If you opt to study abroad in one of our partner universities in your third year, you will experience another culture and develop language skills, as well as add an international dimension to your employability. If you opt for a business placement, you will spend your third year gaining practical experience.

Typical course content

- People, Management and Organisations
- Marketing Principles
- The Changing World of Business
- Financial Information for Managers
- Research Methods and Statistics
- Managing in a Global Environment
- Information Systems
- Human Resource Management
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including examinations, assignments/projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

N201 BA (Hons)
N207 (study abroad)
N203 (with placement year)
NN21 (with Foundation)

Course length 3-4 years

Typical entry requirements

A proficiency in Mathematics is required. If not taken as an A level, a grade 7 (or grade A) in Mathematics at GCSE is required. We also accept the Core Mathematics Qualification at grade B in lieu of our GCSE Mathematics requirement.

A level offer – AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects. If Mathematics is not taken at higher level, then it is required at standard level 5.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Marketing and Management BA (Hons)

Develop marketing specialisms tailored to your career goals.

Studying marketing at Durham is varied and dynamic. In addition to understanding functional aspects of the subject – which include areas such as strategy, consumer behaviour, branding, market research and communications – you will have the opportunity to develop specialisms in areas that interest you.

If you opt to study abroad in one of our partner universities in your third year, you will experience another culture and develop language skills, as well as add an international dimension to your employability. If you opt for a business placement, you will spend your third year gaining practical experience.

Typical course content

- Research Methods and Statistics
- The Changing World of Business
- People, Management and Organisations
- Marketing Principles
- Financial Information for Managers
- Strategic Brand Management
- Integrated Marketing Communications
- Consumer Psychology
- Strategic Management
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including examinations, assignments/projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

N509 BA (Hons)
N511 (study abroad)
N510 (with placement year)
N512 (with Foundation)

Course length 3-4 years

Typical entry requirements

A proficiency in Mathematics is required. If not taken as an A level, a grade 7 (or grade A) in Mathematics at GCSE is required. We also accept the Core Mathematics Qualification at grade B in lieu of our GCSE Mathematics requirement.

A level offer – AAA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 37

With 666 in higher level subjects. If Mathematics is not taken at higher level, then it is required at standard level 5.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Chemistry

Synthesise your future with an introduction to the key elements of this dynamic and fundamental science.

Rankings

1st

in the UK for world-leading research impact (REF 2014).

2nd

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

4th

in *The Complete University Guide 2020* and 4th in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

94%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

World Top 100

in the QS World University Subject Rankings 2020.



Chemistry is a linear, quantitative subject, containing a significant volume of factual material. It is an experimental science, where development of practical skills is important. From a coherent and integrated core of theoretical and practical knowledge, you will progress to more specialised material.

Our academic staff include internationally renowned academics with a wide range of expertise. In addition to developing your practical skills, they will help you to establish problem-solving, team-working, communication and leadership abilities, while you take responsibility for your own learning.

First- and second-year course content

The content of all our degrees is the same in the first two years of the degree, before you specialise in your third and fourth years. It includes:

- Core Chemistry modules
- Practical Chemistry modules
- Mathematical and Experimental Tools required in Chemistry
- First-year elective modules in Mathematics, Chemistry and Languages
- Chemistry of the Elements
- Structure and Reactivity in Organic Chemistry
- Properties of Molecules
- Biological Chemistry or Computational Chemistry.

Interdisciplinary research

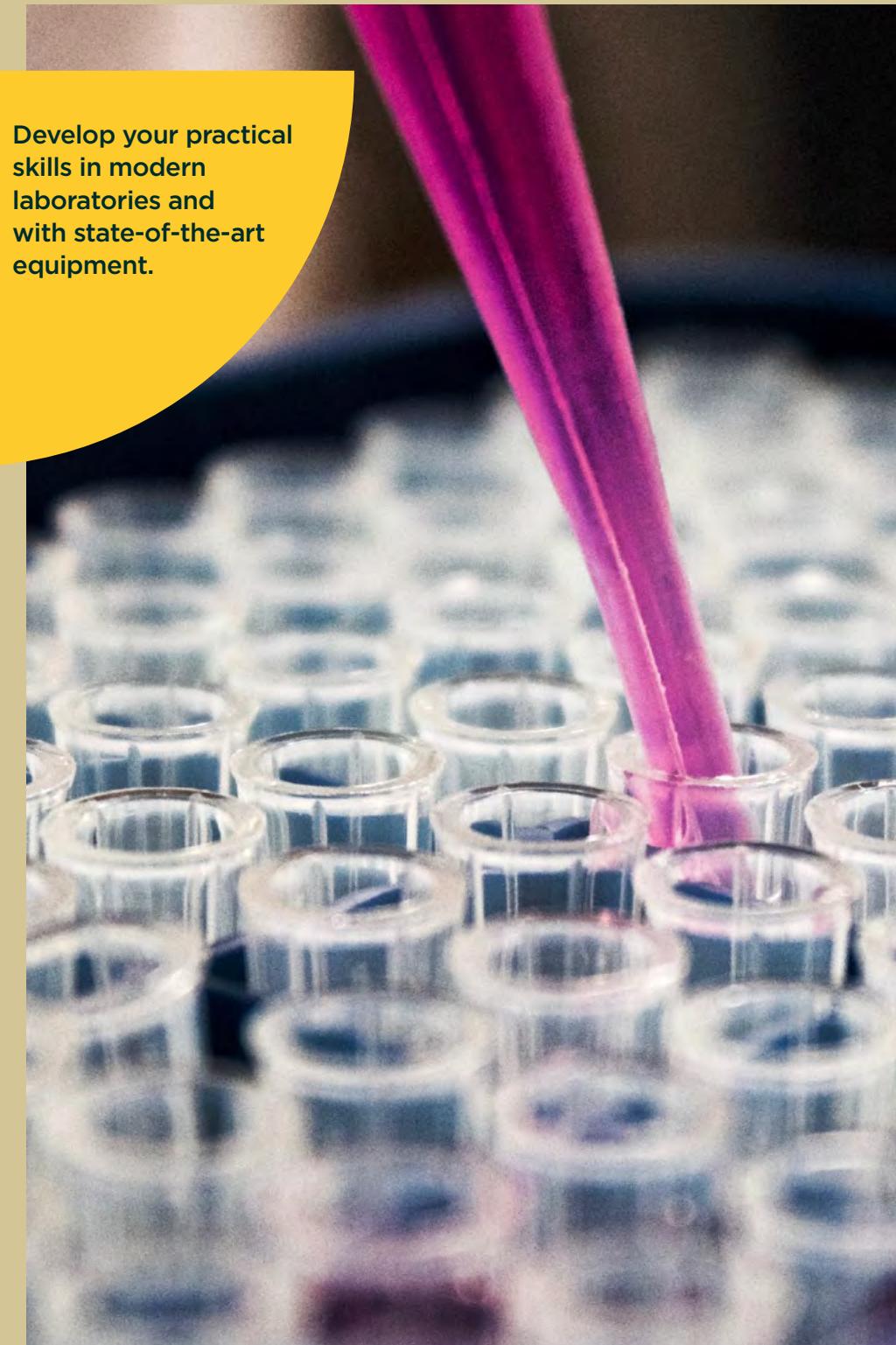
We have a long tradition of interdisciplinary research, from the development of chemical tests for cancer to the theory and computational study of molecular interactions. You will study the design, synthesis and characterisation of societally and technologically important substances, and will benefit from exposure to innovative research programmes and ideas.

Employment

Our graduates follow careers in academic and industrial R&D, chemical process development and production management, commerce, administration and teaching, including many companies in *The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers*. Examples of high-profile employers include:



Develop your practical skills in modern laboratories and with state-of-the-art equipment.



Course information

Chemistry BSc (Hons)

Develop your theoretical and practical knowledge in chemistry.

This degree contains the same first- and second-year content as our four-year MChem degrees, but concludes with a final-year research-led, literature-based dissertation, in which you explore and critically analyse an area of chemistry literature, demonstrating the research skills you have learnt, including presenting the outcomes. Practical work is more open-ended and includes some project work.

The BSc course is an ideal preparation for those who want to demonstrate their degree-level literacy, numeracy and independent study skills prior to a career in, for example, finance or management.

Third-year course content includes

- Core Chemistry 3
 - Chemistry and Society
 - Inorganic Concepts and Applications
 - Advanced Organic Chemistry
 - Molecules and their Interactions
 - Practical Chemistry 3 – Inorganic, Organic and Physical
 - Materials Chemistry, Advanced Biological Chemistry or Advanced Computational Chemistry
 - Dissertation.
- In addition to core modules, you can select other modules to reflect your strengths and interests.

Teaching

This three-year course is delivered through a mixture of core modules and add-on modules, using lectures, tutorials, problem classes and laboratory practical work.

Assessment

Your assessment will include unseen examination questions designed to test recall, understanding and problem-solving, as well as coursework including essays and laboratory reports, a research-led, literature-based dissertation and an oral presentation.

Course fact file

UCAS code

F100 BSc (Hons)

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including Chemistry and Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD

And A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including Chemistry and Mathematics.

For other qualifications see

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Transfer opportunities

This three-year course does not offer a study abroad or placement opportunity. Subject to meeting marks criteria, and the availability of placements, you can transfer between this course and the F102 (overseas project), the F111 (industrial project) or the four-year MChem F105 (Durham-based project) courses until the start of the third year of study.

Accreditation

This degree is accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry as partially satisfying the requirements for the award of CChem for holders of first class and second class degrees; a subsequent period of continuing professional development is required to achieve full CChem status.

Course information

Chemistry MChem (Hons)

Apply your knowledge and skills to a new chemistry problem, contribute to an established research project or break ground in an area of research.

This degree culminates in a research project where you will be embedded within one of our research groups. Our chemistry research is interdisciplinary, and your research project may be in pure chemistry or at the interface of chemistry with physics, biosciences or engineering. You may find that you need to learn new skills in programming or new knowledge in other sciences as part of your research project. You will develop your understanding, problem-solving and practical skills.

Third- and fourth-year course content includes

- Core Chemistry 3
 - Inorganic Concepts and Applications
 - Advanced Organic Chemistry
 - Molecules and their Interactions
 - Practical Chemistry 3 – Inorganic, Organic and Physical
 - Materials Chemistry, Advanced Biological Chemistry or Advanced Computational Chemistry
 - Core Chemistry 4
 - Advanced Research Concepts in Chemistry
 - Chemistry Research Project.
- The content of our final-year taught modules may vary, but normally includes nanotechnology, supramolecular chemistry, catalysis, reaction dynamics and spectroscopy, polymer synthesis and characterisation, drug design and development, and other areas of current chemistry research.

Teaching

This four-year course is delivered through a mixture of core modules and add-on modules, using lectures, tutorials, problem classes and laboratory practical work, culminating in a major research project in the fourth year.

Assessment

Your assessment will include unseen examination questions designed to test recall, understanding and problem-solving, as well as coursework including essays, laboratory reports and the final-year project report, oral presentation and poster.

Course fact file

UCAS code F105

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA
Including Chemistry and Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR

Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD
And A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including Chemistry and Mathematics.

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Transfer opportunities

This four-year course does not offer a study abroad or placement opportunity. Subject to meeting marks criteria, and the availability of placements, you can transfer between this course and the F102 (overseas project), the F111 (industrial project) and the three-year BSc (F100) courses until the start of the third year of study.

Accreditation

This degree is accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry as partially satisfying the requirements for the award of CChem for holders of first class and second class degrees; a subsequent period of continuing professional development is required to achieve full CChem status.

Course information

Chemistry (with Industrial Project) MChem/Ind (Hons)

Develop your theoretical and practical knowledge and undertake an industrial placement.

This chemistry degree contains a final-year research placement in industry. A number of companies offer projects each year, and you are encouraged to look widely for specific companies offering placement schemes that interest you. Projects are typically in the areas of synthetic drug design, computational drug discovery, catalysis, polymer synthesis and characterisation, and materials and composites chemistry. The project is an opportunity to apply your knowledge and skills to a chemistry problem of real industrial interest and to gain experience, knowledge and skills from the business world.

Third- and fourth-year course content includes

- Core Chemistry 3
 - Inorganic Concepts and Applications
 - Advanced Organic Chemistry
 - Molecules and their Interactions
 - Practical Chemistry 3 – Inorganic, Organic and Physical
 - Core Chemistry 4D
 - Materials Chemistry, Advanced Biological Chemistry or Advanced Computational Chemistry
 - External Research Project.
- The final-year research project is complemented by a module of distance learning covering contemporary topics in chemistry, delivered by research experts in those areas.

Teaching

This course is delivered through a mixture of core and add-on modules, using lectures, tutorials, problem classes and laboratory practical work, culminating in an industry-based research project in the fourth year. While away from Durham, you will study advanced chemistry topics through a range of distance learning materials.

Assessment

Assessment will include unseen examination questions as well as coursework including essays and laboratory reports, and the final-year project report, oral presentation and poster.

Course fact file

UCAS code F111

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including Chemistry and Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD

And A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including Chemistry and Mathematics.

For other qualifications see

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Transfer opportunities

This four-year course offers a final-year project in industry. Subject to meeting marks criteria, and the availability of placements, you can transfer between this course and the F105 (Durham-based project), the F102 (overseas project) and the three-year BSc (F100) courses until the start of the third year of study.

Accreditation

This degree is accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry as partially satisfying the requirements for the award of CChem for holders of first class and second class degrees; a subsequent period of continuing professional development is required to achieve full CChem status.

Course information

Chemistry (with Overseas Project) MChem/Int (Hons)

Carry out chemistry research on a global scale with an overseas project.

This degree contains a final-year research placement within a research group at a university in Europe or at one of Durham's global partners. This degree offers a great opportunity to develop your language skills and your independent living skills. The project may be contributing to an established research project or you may be breaking ground in a new area of research. You will develop your understanding and problem-solving skills, as well as learn new knowledge and refine your practical skills. In 2019–20, we have students in Tübingen (Germany), Boston College (USA), Berlin, Eindhoven and Madrid; placements in English-speaking countries are usually available, although limited.

Third- and fourth-year course content includes

- Core Chemistry 3
 - Inorganic Concepts and Applications
 - Advanced Organic Chemistry
 - Molecules and their Interactions
 - Practical Chemistry 3 – Inorganic, Organic and Physical
 - Materials Chemistry, Advanced Biological Chemistry or Advanced Computational Chemistry
 - Core Chemistry 4D
 - External Research Project.
- You are required to follow an appropriate language module as one of your elective modules in your first year.

Teaching

This four-year course is delivered through a mixture of core and add-on modules, using lectures, tutorials, problem classes and laboratory practical work, culminating in an overseas research project in the fourth year.

Assessment

Assessment will include unseen examination questions as well as coursework including essays and laboratory reports and the final-year project report, oral presentation and poster.

Course fact file

UCAS code F102

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including Chemistry and Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR

Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD

And A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including Chemistry and Mathematics.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see

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Transfer opportunities

This four-year course offers a final-year project at an overseas university. Subject to meeting marks criteria, and the availability of placements, you can transfer between this course and the F105 (Durham-based project), the F102 (overseas project) and the three-year BSc (F100) courses until the start of the third year of study.

Accreditation

This degree is accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry as partially satisfying the requirements for the award of CChem for holders of first class and second class degrees; a subsequent period of continuing professional development is required to achieve full CChem status.

Classics and Ancient History

Specialise in a wide range of artistic, historical, literary, linguistic, cultural and philosophical aspects of the Graeco-Roman world.

Rankings

2nd

in the UK for internationally excellent and world-leading research impact (REF 2014).

2nd

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

4th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

12th

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.

90%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

We are consistently ranked among the top Classics departments in the UK. Our academic staff have extensive, interdisciplinary expertise, and this is reflected in our teaching. We offer a wide variety of modules: ancient Greek and Latin for every level of ability, surveys of the main periods and themes of Greek and Roman history, and teaching in all aspects of classical culture, including philosophy, art and literature in translation.

We offer three Single Honours courses, with common elements in the first year intended to emphasise the unity of the subject. Each of these degrees has a different emphasis, depending on which area you prefer to put at the centre of your degree: ancient languages, ancient history or ancient culture. We also offer Joint Honours courses with the departments of Archaeology and History. You can choose a route that suits your own interests and career aspirations.

Learn ancient languages

A central feature of our courses is the opportunity to study the Greek and Latin languages, either to embark on them as a beginner or to continue on from what you have already learnt.

Employment

Our graduates progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors, including in IT, insurance, journalism, law, accounting, public relations, the theatre and the Civil Service. Examples of high-profile employers include:



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Study the Greek and Roman world in one of the largest and most vibrant Classics departments in the UK.



Course information

Ancient History BA (Hons)

Unearth ancient history.

If you are primarily interested in the history of the Greeks and Romans, this is the course to choose. We will introduce you to the world of the ancient Greeks and early imperial Rome. This will prepare you for a wide range of more specific historical modules about politics and society in the ancient world, available in your second and third years. At least half of your course in your second and third years will concentrate on historical topics.

If you wish, you can broaden your degree by selecting modules concerned with ancient art, literature or philosophy, or by choosing topics that interest you from other departments. It is also possible to begin or continue to study the Greek and/or Latin language.

Typical course content

- Introduction to the Greek World
- Monuments and Memory in the Age of Augustus
- Latin or Greek
- Greek Art and Architecture
- Early Greek Philosophy
- The Craft of the Ancient Historian
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through weekly lectures and classes delivered by experts who are active in research in the relevant fields. There are also smaller-group seminars or tutorials for all modules.

You will be assigned an academic mentor for consultation about any particular issues you may have during your studies.

Assessment

We use various types of assessment, designed to test the different skills you have acquired: essays, commentaries and (in some modules) presentations or projects. In your final year, you write a dissertation on a subject of your choice. This gives you a rich opportunity to exercise your skills in independent learning and research.

Course fact file

UCAS code V110
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 37

With 666 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Ancient, Medieval and Modern History BA (Hons)

Delve into the past with ancient, medieval and modern history.

This joint degree enables you to combine modules from our Ancient History course with those offered by the Department of History. The balance is broadly equal, but by the third year you can, if you wish, weight your choice of modules more to one side than the other.

We will introduce you to the world of the ancient Greeks and early imperial Rome, seen from a variety of perspectives (not just historical), and to different forms of evidence. We will also prepare you for a wide range of more specific historical modules about politics and society in the ancient world, which are available in your second and third years. The dissertation enables you to concentrate your studies in an area that interests you.

Typical course content

- Medieval History
- Early Modern History
- Modern History
- Ancient History
- Introduction to the Greek World
- Monuments and Memory in the Age of Augustus
- Classical Culture and Civilisation
- Conversations with History
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. Lectures introduce broad historical questions and offer contextualisation and critical commentary; seminars provide an opportunity for you to develop your critical skills through discussion.

Assessment

We use various types of assessment, designed to test the different skills you have acquired: essays, commentaries and (in some modules) presentations or projects. In your final year, you write a dissertation on a subject of your choice. This gives you a rich opportunity to exercise your skills in independent learning and research.

Course fact file

UCAS code V101
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA including History, Ancient History cannot be accepted instead of History.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD and grade A History A level.

IB Diploma score – 38 With 666 in higher level subjects, including History. Ancient History is only acceptable in conjunction with History.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“The culture of seminars was particularly good for fostering the ability to present arguments and facts coherently.”

Daniel Morgan-Thomas

Programme Assistant,
National Association of
Special Educational Needs.

Course information

Classical Civilisation BA (Hons)

Explore the world of classical civilisation.

If you want a broad and varied exploration of the society and culture of Greece and Rome, and their importance for us today, as well as an opportunity to focus on particular areas that might interest you, this course is ideal.

You will be introduced to some of the issues involved in translating ancient literature to our own times. You will explore the world of the ancient Greeks and early imperial Rome, from a variety of perspectives. You can broaden your degree by selecting other modules concerned with ancient philosophy or art and archaeology. If you choose to, you can begin or continue to study Greek and/or Latin language. You will also have a wide choice of modules embracing the literature, history and philosophy of the Greeks and Romans.

Typical course content

- Introduction to the Greek World
- Monuments and Memory in the Age of Augustus
- Language, Translation, Interpretation
- Greek or Latin
- Historical Periods
- Literary Genre
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures and seminars, with the aim of becoming an independent learner and researcher. You will attend seminars with a special emphasis on research skills.

You will be assigned an academic mentor for consultation about any particular issues you may have during your studies.

Assessment

We use various types of assessment, designed to test the different skills you have acquired: essays, commentaries, translations, and (in some modules) presentations or projects. In your final year, you write a dissertation on a subject of your choice. This gives you a rich opportunity to exercise your skills in independent learning and research.

Course fact file

UCAS code Q820
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - AAA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD

IB Diploma score - 37
With 666 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Classics BA (Hons)

Immerse yourself in all aspects of classical culture.

The core of the Classics course is language, although how much language is studied and at what level depends on you. We offer modules in both Latin and Greek, in both prose and verse, at every level. The course is perfect for those who have never studied an ancient language before and also for those entering with A levels in Greek and/or Latin.

Typical course content

- Introduction to the Greek World
- Monuments and Memory in the Age of Augustus
- Greek or Latin
- Historical Periods
- Literary Genre
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures and seminars, with the aim of becoming an independent learner and researcher. You will attend seminars with a special emphasis on research skills.

You will be assigned an academic mentor for consultation about any particular issues you may encounter during your studies.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
Q801 BA (Hons)
Q805 (with Foundation)
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

Classical subjects are not essential, but selectors look for evidence of linguistic ability.

A level offer - AAA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD

IB Diploma score - 37
With 666 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year



"I never thought that I would be able to write long articles or engage in discussions with some of the best classical researchers."

James Hua

Combined Honours

Design your own degree with our flexible courses.

Rankings

90%

of courses are in the UK Top 10 in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

Top 100

globally for employer reputation in the *QS World University Rankings 2021*.

Top 100

in the *QS World University Rankings 2021*.



Studying a Combined Honours degree at Durham can provide considerable flexibility and choice across Durham University's breadth of world-renowned, research-led education. It allows you to create an academically ambitious degree, suited to your individual interests, strengths and career plans. We offer Combined Honours degrees across the arts and humanities, social sciences and sciences, with our Liberal Arts, Combined Honours in Social Sciences and Natural Sciences courses. These courses provide a flexible, multidisciplinary framework, and include the opportunity to undertake a year abroad or a placement year, preparing you for your career ambitions.

Liberal Arts

Liberal Arts is a flexible, multidisciplinary degree for those who want to specialise in two or more principal subjects. It offers you the opportunity to construct a distinctive programme of study shaped by your particular interests and aspirations, and enables you to make creative connections between your subjects. On the Liberal Arts course, you can take modules in almost any subject in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Combined Honours in Social Sciences

Our Combined Honours in Social Sciences degree enables you to choose modules from two, three or even four subjects across the social sciences, arts and humanities, enabling you to develop your expertise or to explore new interests.

Natural Sciences

This is a long-standing, challenging and rewarding degree course for science students who wish to study more than one subject. We offer the option of 20 BSc and 6 MSci Joint Honours degrees provided by 12 departments. This gives you the opportunity to design your own BSc or MSci degree, majoring in at least one science, with a wide choice of subjects in science, social sciences and philosophy.

Our Combined Honours graduates have gone on to work for organisations such as:



Deloitte **amazon**



Follow your own path with these highly adaptable degrees.



Course information

Combined Honours in Social Sciences BA (Hons)

Follow your individual interests with our flexible course.

As a Combined Social Sciences student, you will focus on subjects in the social sciences, but you can take up to half of your modules in subjects in the arts and humanities if you wish (subject to eligibility and timetable compatibility).

Flexible study options

In the social sciences, the subjects currently available to you are:

- Anthropology • Archaeology • Business • Economics
- Education • Geography • International Relations • Politics
- Sociology and Criminology • Sport.

In the arts and humanities, the subjects currently available to you are:

- Classics and Ancient History • English Literature • History
- Music • Philosophy • Theology and Religious Studies
- Visual Arts • Arabic • Chinese • French • German
- Italian • Japanese • Russian • Spanish.

Teaching

You design your own course, so depending on your choices, you will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes, fieldwork, excavation, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

Assessment methods vary and depend on your module and subject choices, but typically include examinations, essays, presentations and research projects.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

LMVO BA (Hons)
LVOO (with Foundation)

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

To study Economics, a grade A at A Level (or equivalent) in Mathematics is required.

To study English Literature, History or Music, a grade A at A Level (or equivalent) is required in the subject.

To study Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Italian, Russian or Spanish at an advanced level, a grade A at A Level (or equivalent) in the language is required.

To study Arabic, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish ab initio, a grade A at A level (or equivalent) in any modern foreign language is required.

To study Chinese or Japanese ab initio, a grade A at A Level (or equivalent) in a modern foreign language is desirable but not essential.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD
And subject-specific A levels (or equivalent) as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects. There are also higher level subject requirements.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Liberal Arts BA (Hons)

Follow your intellectual interests, wherever these might take you.

As a Liberal Arts student, you will focus on subjects in the arts and humanities, but you can take up to half of your modules in subjects in the social sciences (subject to eligibility and timetable compatibility).

Flexible study options

In the arts and humanities, the subjects currently available to you are:

- Classics and Ancient History • English Literature • History
- Music • Philosophy • Theology and Religious Studies
- Visual Arts • Arabic • Chinese • French • German • Italian
- Japanese • Russian • Spanish.

In the social sciences, the subjects currently available to you are:

- Anthropology • Archaeology • Business • Economics
- Education • Geography • International Relations • Politics
- Sociology and Criminology.

Teaching

The ways in which you will learn will be determined by your choice of subjects and modules, but might typically include a combination of lectures, seminars, practicals, tutorials, research supervision and self-directed study.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Natural Sciences BSc (Hons)

Take a flexible degree and choose your own subject combinations.

The key characteristics of the Natural Sciences degrees at Durham are choice, flexibility and depth. The Natural Sciences course has a wide choice of subjects not limited to the natural sciences, and within most subjects there is a choice of which pathway to follow. This is a very flexible degree, and you can even delay choosing your subjects until you get to Durham.

As part of the BSc Natural Sciences, you may follow one of the following patterns of study:

- The BSc Joint Honours degrees are available in the following approved combinations: **Biology** and one of Anthropology, Chemistry, Geography, Earth Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, or Psychology. **Chemistry** and one of Biology, Earth Sciences, Mathematics, or Physics. **Computer Science** and one of Business, Mathematics, or Physics. **Earth Sciences** and one of Biology, Chemistry, or Geography. **Mathematics** and one of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Philosophy, Physics, or Psychology. **Physics** and one of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, or Philosophy. **Psychology** and one of Biology, Economics, or Mathematics.
- The BSc Honours Natural Sciences degrees, which offer more flexibility than the Joint Honours degrees, involve students combining 'unapproved' pairs of subjects, three subjects or beginning a new subject in the second year.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

All subjects are assessed by examinations, but there may be some element of continuous assessment in modules where there is a practical element. In your final year, you will be required to study modules where the content is student driven and involves independent thought and personal management of the work's direction.

Course fact file

UCAS code CFGO
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including at least one Science (Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics). You will need specific A level subjects to study:

- Biology: Biology or Chemistry
- Chemistry: Chemistry and Mathematics
- Computer Science: Mathematics
- Economics: Mathematics
- Mathematics: either Maths and Further Maths at A level; or A* in Maths plus A in AS Further Maths for students unable to take A2 Further Maths
- Physics: Maths and Physics
- Psychology: grade B or 5 in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD

And subject-specific A levels (or equivalent) as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 766 or 666 in higher level subjects. There are also higher level subject requirements as above.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Accreditation

Certain subject pathways through the Natural Sciences degree are accredited by the relevant subject professional body.

Course information

Natural Sciences MSci (Hons)

Take a flexible degree and choose your own subject combinations.

The key characteristics of the Natural Sciences degrees at Durham are choice, flexibility and depth. The Natural Sciences MSci programme has a wide choice of subjects not limited to the natural sciences, and within most subjects there is a choice of which pathway to follow. This is a very flexible degree, and you can even delay choosing your subjects until you get to Durham.

As part of the MSci Natural Sciences, you may follow one of the following patterns of study:

- The MSci Joint Honours degrees are available in the following approved combinations: Biology and Chemistry; Biology and Physics; Chemistry and Mathematics; Chemistry and Physics; Computer Science and Mathematics; and Mathematics and Physics. This involves following a defined pathway.
- The MSci Natural Sciences offers more flexibility than the Joint Honours degrees. You may combine subjects, study three subjects, or even start a new subject in the second year. In your fourth year, the following subjects may be combined or studied alone: Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Mathematics and Physics.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

All subjects are assessed by examinations, but there may be some element of continuous assessment in modules where there is a practical element. In your final year, you will be required to complete a project where the content is student driven and involves independent thought and personal management of the work's direction.

Course fact file

UCAS code FGCO
Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including at least one Science (Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics). You will need specific A level subjects to study:

- Biology: Biology or Chemistry
- Chemistry: Chemistry and Mathematics
- Computer Science: Mathematics
- Economics: Mathematics
- Mathematics: either Maths and Further Maths at A level; or A* in Maths plus A in AS Further Maths for students unable to take A2 Further Maths
- Physics: Maths and Physics
- Psychology: grade B or 5 in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD

And subject-specific A levels (or equivalent) as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 766 or 666 in higher level subjects. There are also higher level subject requirements as above.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Accreditation

Certain subject pathways through the Natural Sciences degree are accredited by the relevant subject professional body.

Computer Science

The most significant developments in our society have come through amazing innovations in technology and the intelligent algorithms that drive those technologies.

Rankings

95%

of our graduates leave with excellent career prospects
(The Complete University Guide Graduate Prospect Score 2021).

5th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021.*



Our Computer Science degrees balance fundamental knowledge and practical application in order to provide you with both specialised and transferable skills that are greatly valued in the marketplace. The courses emphasise, from the start, both programming and mathematical skills that in the later years allow engagement through the Individual Project module with the cutting-edge research being done here.

Global experience

We have internationally recognised research groups in computer science, ranging from the mathematical analysis of algorithms to the cutting edge of application. The Innovative Computing Group, for example, explores computer vision, robotics, machine learning, bioinformatics and high-performance computing.

All this research gives our undergraduates a much sought-after, rigorous, analytical and applied approach, with the opportunity to study cutting-edge concepts taught by leading experts in the field.

Employment

Recent graduates have gone on to work as software engineers, analysts, consultants, programmers and developers. They have become entrepreneurs, founding their own start-ups, or work in leading software companies, high-technology consultancies, the Civil Service, GCHQ, banking and finance, retail, engineering, the communications and IT industry, and postgraduate research.

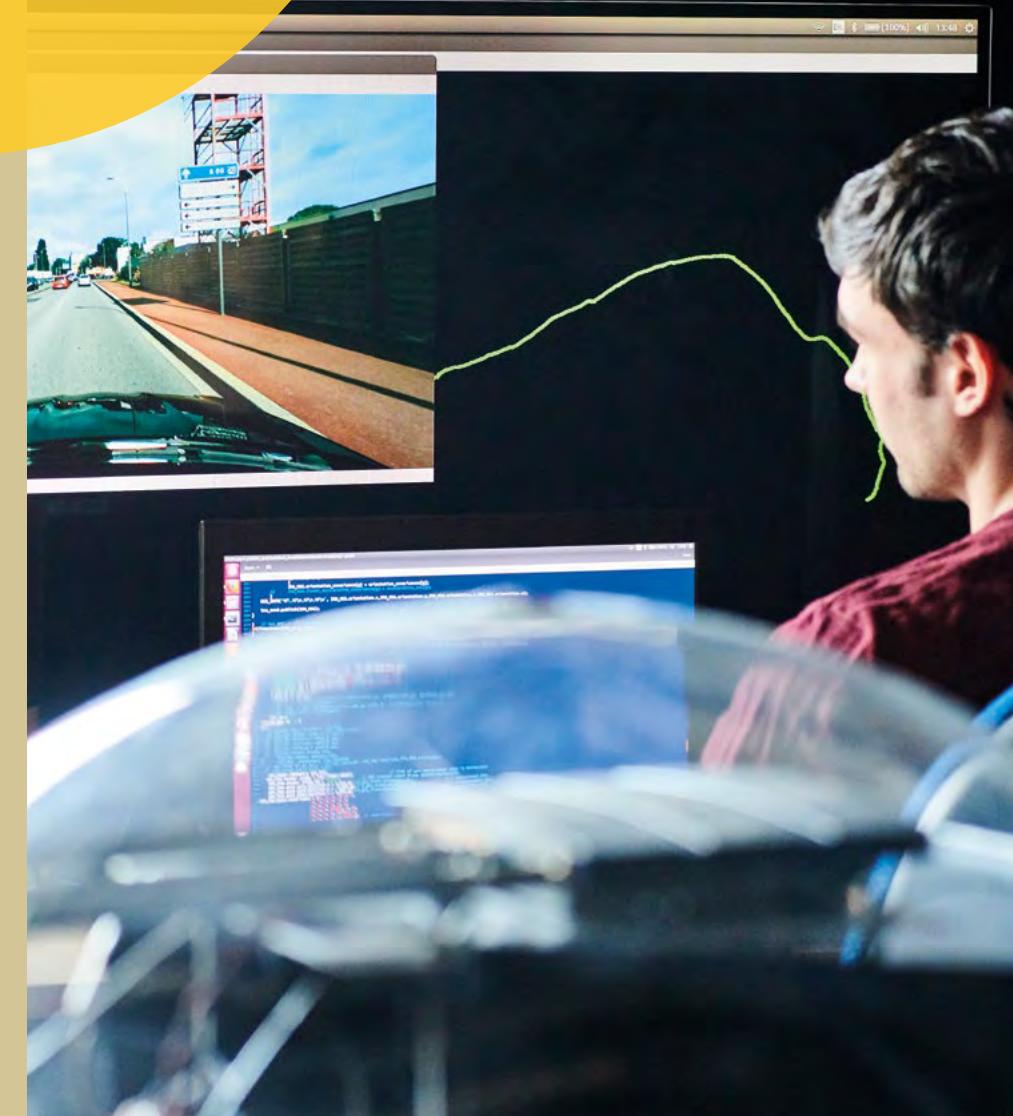
Examples of high-profile employers include:

BAE SYSTEMS

Google

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We offer courses that are exciting, challenging and technologically leading.



Course information

Computer Science BSc (Hons)

Explore cutting-edge technological applications.

This course will teach you core computer science subjects, such as parallel and distributed computing, concurrency, data compression, databases, cyber-security, systems programming, human-computer interaction, aspects of artificial intelligence, and computer graphics. You will explore cutting-edge technological applications, which currently include cryptocurrencies, quantum computing, machine learning, deep learning, GPU computing, core and cluster computing, computer vision, scientific computing, distributed simulation systems, plus much more. As research moves at a fast pace, new topics will be introduced.

Typical course content

- Programming
- Computational Thinking
- Algorithms and Data Structures
- Computer Systems
- Mathematics for Computer Science
- Networks and Systems
- Programming Paradigms
- Software Engineering
- Theory of Computation
- Artificial Intelligence
- Data Science
- Final Year Individual Project.

Teaching

You will learn through a mixture of lectures, practical and problem-solving classes. Typically, lectures provide key information and identify the main areas for discussion and debate among computer scientists. The practical sessions will put into practice what you learn in the lectures. Lectures and problem classes in Year 3 are typically small in size, as students are specialising in areas of their choice.

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework and end-of-year examinations. Module weightings are usually 66% examination and 34% coursework, though some modules are 100% exam and others 100% coursework. This not only supports students' various learning styles, but is more appropriate for the type of work you are expected to undertake, for example writing software code or working on mathematical 'pen and paper' type exercises.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

G400 BSc (Hons)
G402 (with Foundation)

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

D*DD
And Mathematics A level at grade A (or equivalent).

IB Diploma score – 38

With 766 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics.

For other qualifications see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"I successfully interned at BlackBerry, Google and American Express during summer breaks, ultimately leading to a full-time role."

Leah Clark

Course information

Computer Science MEng (Hons)

Hone your critical, independent and innovative thinking.

This course builds on the BSc Computer Science course, so that in your fourth year you can focus even more on the subjects that are of interest to you, via modules that are more advanced versions of, or complementary to, earlier modules. What is more, you will undertake a 60-credit advanced research project, potentially on a topic of your choice, during which you will work on a one-to-one basis with a member of staff. Learning at this level is geared towards critical, independent and innovative thinking.

Typical course content

- Programming
- Computational Thinking
- Algorithms and Data Structures
- Computer Systems
- Mathematics for Computer Science
- Networks and Systems
- Programming Paradigms
- Software Engineering
- Theory of Computation
- Artificial Intelligence
- Data Science
- Advanced Individual Project.

Teaching

You will learn through a mixture of lectures, practical and problem-solving classes. Typically, lectures provide key information and identify the main areas for discussion and debate among computer scientists. The practical sessions will put into practice what you learn in the lectures. Lectures and problem-solving classes, particularly in the third and fourth years, are typically small in size, as students are specialising in areas of their choice.

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework and end-of-year examinations. Module weightings are usually 66% examination and 34% coursework, though some modules are 100% exam and others 100% coursework. This variation in weightings not only supports the students' different learning styles, but is more appropriate for the type of work you are expected to undertake, for example writing software code or working on mathematical 'pen and paper' type exercises.

Course fact file

UCAS code G406

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

D*DD
And Mathematics A level at grade A (or equivalent).

IB Diploma score – 38

With 766 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"I completed a technology week with Citi and JP Morgan allowing me to test-out my technical skills with a real employer, whilst networking and making valuable contacts for the future. An internship with Deutsche Bank led to me being offered a full-time role."

Soumya Singh

Technology Analyst,
Deutsche Bank.

Criminology

What is crime? Why does it occur? Who does it affect? And how should we respond to it? Learn about these issues and more through a degree in Criminology.

Rankings

2nd

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

8th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.



Criminology is concerned with understanding crime, deviance and institutions of criminal justice. Criminologists seek to answer questions like: why are some people more likely to commit or be victims of crime than others; how can crime be effectively prevented or controlled; and from a more critical perspective, how do particular activities become defined as "criminal" in the first place and what does this tell us about the nature of power and authority in society?

In learning about these issues, you will have the chance to work with recognised national and international experts within specialist fields of criminology such as: intimate partner violence; sexual harassment and abuse; and youth crime. These experts are actively engaged in shaping criminal justice policy, as well as the practice of criminal justice agencies and volunteer organisations.

In addition to learning about criminological issues, you will also develop a wide range of transferable skills valued by graduate employers, including how to assemble and evaluate different kinds of evidence, how to turn evidence into an effective argument and how to design a research project and analyse different kinds of data.

Innovative teaching and learning

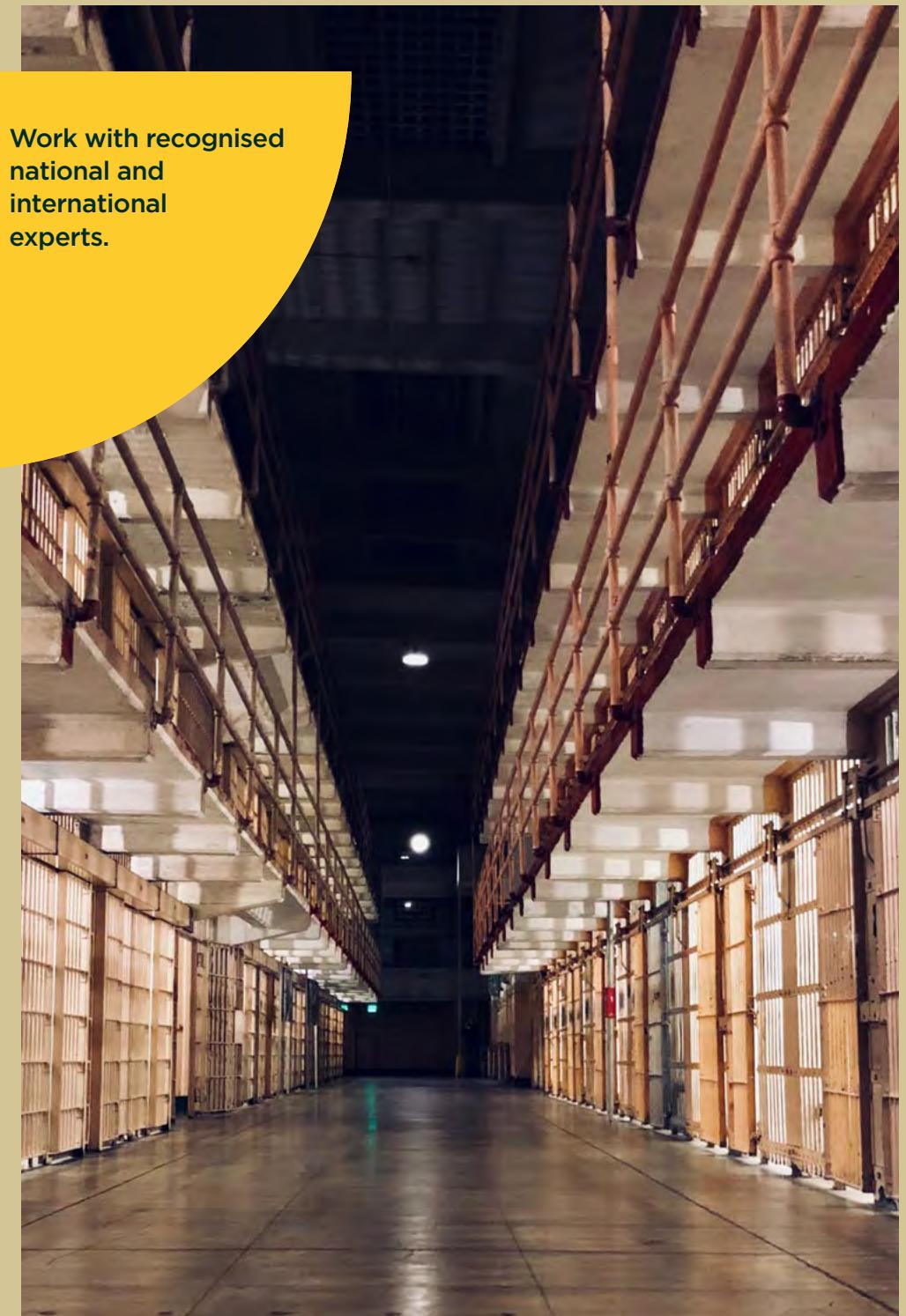
In 2014, we launched the *Inside Out* programme where final-year students can study in conjunction with Durham (pictured left), Low Newton and Frankland Prisons. Based on a model operating in the USA, this programme is the first of its kind in the UK and continues Durham's long tradition of innovative, research-led criminological teaching.

Employment

Our degrees are an excellent foundation for careers in a wide range of sectors, including the criminal justice system, the Civil Service, local government, banking, academic research and law (through graduate conversion programmes). We support students in gaining excellent employability skills. As well as pursuing further study, recent graduates have proceeded to careers with a range of high profile employers, including:



Work with recognised national and international experts.



Criminology BA (Hons)

Develop a critical understanding of crime and criminal justice in a social context.

You will study criminological theories about the nature of crime and criminal justice, learn about different criminal justice institutions and explore specialist criminological topics such as domestic and gender-based violence, cybercrime and the sex industry. You will also learn how to design and carry out criminological research, with an emphasis on developing applied understanding and experience. There is also the option to study social issues and problems beyond criminology from modules which comprise our BA Sociology degree.

The course emphasises the application of theory and concepts to real-world cases. You will also carry out a supervised research study on an elected topic, and you can choose to take a placement with a local community organisation and make use of your sociological knowledge in an applied setting.

Typical course content

- Classical and Contemporary Criminological Theory
- Institutions of the Criminal Justice System
- Research Design and Practice
- Substantive topics such as Police and Policing, Cybercrime, Violence and Abuse, etc.
- A Research Dissertation of your own Design.

Teaching

You will learn through a mixture of lectures, seminars, research-based workshops and personal supervision of research projects, in addition to independent study guided through Durham University Online (duo). In addition, the Department of Sociology is linked to a number of research groups, which run seminars on various research topics.

Assessment

Assessment is largely coursework-based, with essays, reports, portfolios and so on accounting for roughly 4/5 of your final grade. A key part of your assessment will be your final-year dissertation study, which you will complete on a criminological topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

L370 BA (Hons)

L372 (with Foundation)

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD

IB Diploma score - 36

With 665 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"We have studied parts of history that are still impacting us today and examined them through a criminological lens; modules of feminism and race and racism have opened my eyes to today's society and given me a great insight to what lecturers referred to as 'sociological thinking'"

Natasha Skaife

"Criminology asks some fascinating questions, challenging us all to think about the society we live in, in a profound way."

Alice Timbrell



Economics

Durham University Business School

Economics is a diverse subject – let Durham University guide you to the top.

Rankings

7th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

Top 10

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

94%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

Accredited by:



Our Economics degrees help you prepare for employment, and our qualifications are highly successful in creating job opportunities.

You will be taught at Durham University Business School, one of the longest established business schools in the UK, in state-of-the-art facilities. The School is also one of an elite group of institutions in the UK to be accredited by all three major business accreditation bodies – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS). This achievement is a testament to the quality of the School and provides the extra assurance that Durham University Business School and its courses have been rigorously tested and proven to be of the high quality demanded by today's professionals.

Renowned academics

Professor John Addison (pictured bottom left) is the author of a number of labour economics texts and has been published widely in major economics journals such as *The Economic Journal* and *The American Economic Review*. His research interests include minimum wages and the erosion of collective bargaining in Germany, both of which feature extensively in his teaching of labour economics to undergraduate students.

Employment

Our graduates progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors. Previous graduates have gone on to work as chartered and certified accountants, financial risk analysts, civil servants, management consultants and economic analysts and in retail and general management. Examples of high-profile employers include:



John Lewis



amazon HSBC

Learn about
economic theory,
applied economics
and statistical
techniques.



Course information

Economics BA (Hons)

Gain a solid grasp of economic theory, applied economics and statistical techniques.

Our BA Economics degree concentrates on the fundamental theories and techniques needed to help you build a successful career in this competitive field. Taking in historical and current domestic and international perspectives, you will develop an in-depth understanding of the subject at all levels.

If you opt to study abroad in one of our partner universities in your third year, you will experience another culture and develop language skills, as well as add an international dimension to your employability. If you opt for a business placement, you will spend your third year gaining practical experience.

Typical course content

- Introductory Economics
- Mathematical Methods for Economists
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Econometrics
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including examinations, assignments/projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

- L100 BA (Hons)
- L109 (with study abroad)
- L106 (with placement year)
- L101 (with Foundation)

Course length

3–4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer

– A*AA

Including Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

– D*DD
And Mathematics A level at grade A (or equivalent) is required.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics.

For other qualifications see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“The highlight of Economics has been the opportunity to engage with diverse ideas which have challenged me to think more about the world.”

Jenny Teoh

Course information

Economics with French BA (Hons)

Add an international outlook to your study of economics.

Our BA Economics with French degree focuses on providing multiple perspectives and a truly international experience. Your studies will follow a similar pattern to the BA Economics course, except that you take compulsory modules in French in your first, second and fourth years.

In your third year, subject to a scheme being put in place by the UK Government by 2022 you will have the option to study at a university in France while continuing to study economics.

Typical course content

- Introductory Economics
- Mathematical Methods for Economists
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Econometrics
- French Language
- The Invention of France
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-to-one support, and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including examinations, assignments/projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code L1R1

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer

– A*AA

Including Mathematics and French.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

– D*DD
And Mathematics and French A level at grade A (or equivalent) are required.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics and French.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Economics with Management BA (Hons)

Explore core economic theory, while developing your knowledge of management.

Our BA Economics with Management degree expands on the core BA Economics course. Alongside the fundamental theories and techniques of economics, you will study selected modules in business and management. Tailoring your degree in this way will help to give you the knowledge and skills to support a career in your particular area of interest.

If you opt to study abroad in one of our partner universities in your third year, you will experience another culture and develop language skills, as well as add an international dimension to your employability. If you opt for a business placement, you will spend your third year gaining practical experience.

Typical course content

- Introductory Economics
- Mathematical Methods for Economists
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Econometrics
- People, Management and Organisations
- Managing in a Global Environment
- Entrepreneurship
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including examinations, assignments/projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

- L103 BA (Hons)
- L105 (with study abroad)
- L104 (with placement year)

Course length

3–4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

D*DD
And Mathematics A level at grade A (or equivalent) is required.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics.

For other qualifications see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Economics and Politics BA (Hons)

Study key topics in economics and understand their connection to politics.

Economics and politics are closely linked throughout society. Our BA Economics and Politics degree reflects this connection, exploring multiple perspectives, while also helping you to develop your own viewpoint. You will have the opportunity to cover diverse topics such as world economy, macro and microeconomics, corporate finance, international relations and development economics.

In Years 2 and 3, you can adjust the balance of subjects to broaden your experience or focus on your major area of interest.

Typical course content

- Introductory Economics
- Mathematical Methods for Economists
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Econometrics
- Ideas and Ideologies
- Democratic Political Systems
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including examinations, assignments/projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code LL12

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including Mathematics and a social sciences or humanities subject.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

D*DD
And A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics and a social science or humanities subject.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“I considered Economics and Politics a good combination because the subjects are interrelated in that economic decisions are often driven by political processes.”

Judite Petrovica

Course information

Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) BA (Hons)

Explore philosophy, politics and economics in all their connections and depth.

PPE is a flexible Joint Honours degree, offering you the opportunity to explore philosophy, politics and economics – their connections, influences and impact. You will gain an understanding of how and why they have been so inextricably linked historically, and the ways in which they have developed and diverged over the course of the last two centuries, both in content and in method.

If you opt to study abroad in one of our international partner universities in your third year, you will experience another culture and develop language skills, as well as add an international dimension to your employability. If you opt for a business placement, you will spend your third year gaining practical experience.

Typical course content

- Ethics and Values
- Knowledge and Reality
- Political Theory
- Introductory Economics
- Mathematical and Statistical Methods for Economics
- Dissertation.

Teaching

We place great importance on research-led teaching, which integrates new and cutting-edge research into the curriculum and will introduce you to a variety of research-oriented skills and research-based projects. Teaching takes the form of lectures and small-group seminars, with an emphasis on encouraging you to become an independent thinker, able to locate, analyse and question subject material with the skills learned in the course of your studies.

Assessment

Assessment methods include but are not limited to examinations and unseen essay questions, essays and group projects. In your final year, you will submit a dissertation, which allows you to explore in depth a topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS codes VL52

Course length 3-4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including an arts/humanities subject and Mathematics.

If you are taking Mathematics and Further Mathematics, a further two subjects must be taken at A2 level.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD

And A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including an arts/humanities subject and Mathematics.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"PPE is a highly prestigious degree that attracts passionate and driven students from all around the globe!"

Jana Cattien

"The highlight of Economics has been the opportunity to engage with diverse ideas which have challenged me to think more about the world."

Jenny Teoh



Education and Teaching

Have you ever wondered how education shapes society, and how society shapes education?

Rankings

Joint 1st

in the UK for world-leading research impact (REF 2014).

Outstanding

The School of Education at Durham University is an Ofsted-rated Outstanding Provider of Initial Teacher Education (rated in 2010/11 and again in 2012/13).

8th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

88%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

World Top 100

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.

Are you interested in teaching and inspiring future generations?

At Durham, we offer Primary Education with QTS and also BA (Hons) Education Studies. Our Primary Education course has been developed so that you are taught by primary education experts, using innovative and research-informed methods to develop your knowledge and skills. Outstanding teachers require excellent subject and pedagogical knowledge, and our course offers academic and practical opportunities to develop both.

The core of our degree is the partnership between the University and schools, so you will spend time in school. Our network of primary schools covers a wide geographical area and a diverse range of schools.

Alternatively, our Education Studies courses are broad, multidisciplinary degrees where you can choose from a range of modules.

Employment

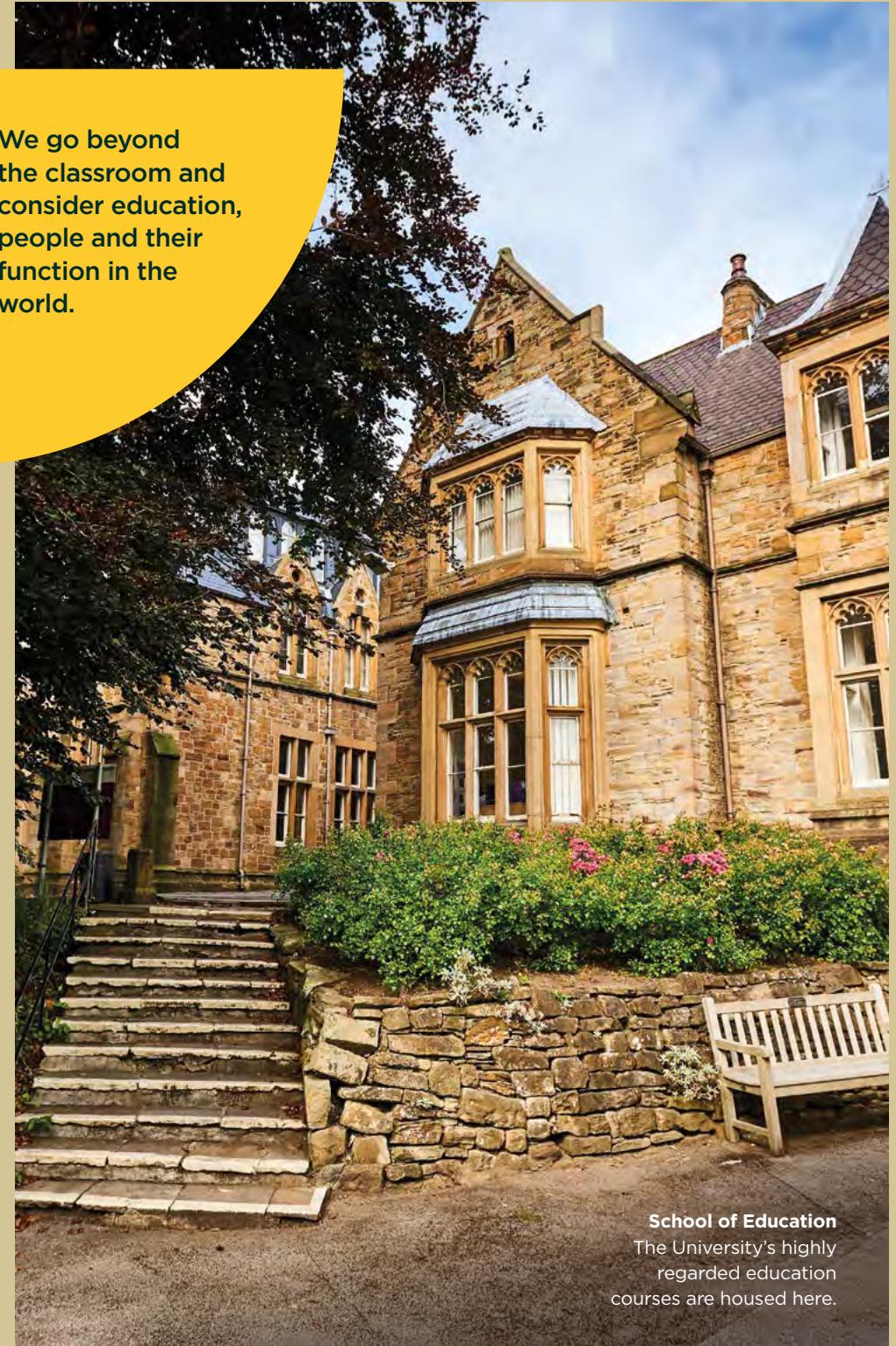
Our graduates go into teaching or progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors. Examples of high-profile employers include: the Department for Education, London Borough of Brent Council, Practical Action Publishing, Seghero and the charitable sector.

A number of students go on to further study, some directly onto funded doctoral programmes, as well as Masters and PGCE Primary or Secondary.



Department
for Education

We go beyond the classroom and consider education, people and their function in the world.



School of Education

The University's highly regarded education courses are housed here.

Course information

Education Studies

Education Studies – Geography

Education Studies – Psychology

Education Studies – Sociology

BA (Hons)

Education Studies is a broad multidisciplinary degree, designed for the intellectually and practically curious.

From the philosophical foundations of schooling to the political implications of policy, education is a vast field that has multiple avenues to approach a seemingly straightforward subject. Our degrees go far beyond any classroom and consider education, people and their relationship to the ever-changing world. The breadth of our modules allows for the creation of pathways through the degrees. This may be linked to one of the degrees' four strands of educational expertise: pragmatic; sociological-philosophical; psychological; and international-intercultural education.

Typical course content

Depending upon route chosen:

- Historical and Philosophical Ideas of Education
- Contemporary Issues and Evidence in Education
- Introduction to Intercultural and International Education
- Educational Research Methods
- Dissertation
- Range of Geography, Psychology or Sociology modules.

Teaching

The degrees are mainly delivered through lectures and seminars. Lectures often present, explain and critically analyse theories and relevant issues, whereas smaller group seminars normally focus upon peer-assisted interaction for debate and discussion. There may be some opportunity for study visits and/or fieldwork within specific modules. A large amount of time is spent on independent study and reading around topics, developing students' capacity for critical analysis, reflection and evaluation.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly through essays. Some modules may include examinations, portfolios, podcasts, presentations or posters.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

- Education Studies
- X305
Education Studies – Geography
- X1F8
Education Studies – Psychology
- X1C8
Education Studies – Sociology
- XL33

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Course information

Primary Education BA (Hons)

Hone the skills to develop and support your pupils' learning.

The Primary Education degree offers Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and is ideal for a teaching career in a primary school. In addition to preparing you to teach the whole curriculum, the course enables you to become a specialist in a particular curriculum area: English, Mathematics or Science. The course aims to help you develop a repertoire of professional knowledge to provide a foundation for effective teaching; personal skills which would enable you to contribute to a school; knowledge and understanding of the other subjects in the curriculum; understanding of schools and the National Curriculum; classroom effectiveness; a personal educational philosophy and a professional approach to your work; and an understanding of the responsibilities and roles of the primary teacher.

You will do a minimum of 120 days' school experience and a course addressing whole-school issues that affect the learning environment of the child. We have a very strong partnership arrangement for this course, based on school training centres.

Typical course content

- The Evidence-Informed Primary Teacher: Developing the Practice
- Shifting the Focus: From the "Three Rs" to the "Three Cs"
- The Evidence-Informed Primary Teacher: Enhancing Expertise
- The Three Cs: Criticality, Concepts and Curriculum
- Educational Research Methods
- Future Leaders: Subject Co-ordination and Leadership
- Beyond the Three Cs: An Adventure in Primary Pedagogy
- Double Dissertation: Disciplinary Contexts of Education.

Teaching

You will be assigned to one of our Partnership School Training Centres, where you will have the opportunity to develop your skills in a teaching background supported by the school, your School Training Centre Co-ordinator and a University Tutor.

Assessment

Most modules are assessed by examinations, assignments and a portfolio.

Course fact file

UCAS code X101

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – ABB or above (or equivalent)

GCSE English, Mathematics and Science at Grade 4 (or C) or above (or equivalent)

If your equivalent qualifications are from an overseas institution, you must apply for a Statement of Comparability from NARIC.

A demonstrable interest and involvement in the lives and development of young people.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDM

IB Diploma score – 34
With 665 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Engineering

Our modern engineers are capable of solving the global challenges of the twenty-first century, bridging the traditional engineering disciplines – from offshore wind turbines to electro-mechanical devices manufactured on a microchip.

Rankings

95%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021* – third in the UK).

5th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

6th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

8th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.



Our Engineering degrees are accredited by the relevant engineering institutions, for example the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Institution of Engineering and Technology, the Joint Board of Moderators (including the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Institution of Structural Engineers, among others) and the Royal Aeronautical Society. You will be taught by expert staff, who are all actively engaged in research at the frontiers of sustainable engineering analysis, design and practice.

You will undertake a common first two years, which will allow you to make an informed choice of specialism in your third and fourth years, depending on your course. You can also change between the MEng and BEng courses during the first two years.

You can study at an overseas institution, or spend time in industry as an additional year. Currently, we have links with universities in Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, Denmark, Germany and France.

Cutting-edge facilities

Undergraduate students gain access to our extensive and diverse research facilities and expertise during their final-year projects. For example, airflow sensors, made using cutting-edge microfabrication techniques in the 200m² class 1000 cleanroom, have been tested and characterised in our wind tunnel facilities.

Employment

Our graduates progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors. Previous graduates have gone on to work in graduate engineering roles in civil, mechanical, electronic, electrical, manufacturing, design, aeronautics and systems engineering, and as consultants, technology analysts and software developers. Examples of high-profile employers include:



Rolls-Royce

BAE SYSTEMS

Marshall

We produce world-class engineers who are continually in demand.



Course information

Engineering BEng (Hons)

(civil engineering; electrical engineering; electronic engineering; mechanical engineering)

Develop the skills to respond to changing technologies.

This three-year General Engineering degree has been designed to offer you the knowledge and skills necessary to join engineering teams across the world. It is complementary to the four-year Durham MEng in General Engineering, and transfer is possible after the first or second year. You will undertake a common first two years, which allows you to make an informed choice of specialism in your final year. There may be the opportunity to study at an overseas institution, or spend time in industry as an additional year between Years 2 and 3. A course highlight for many students is their dissertation project in their final year where they will work one-to-one with an academic on a technical engineering challenge.

This course prepares you for an exciting career in modern engineering, with the flexibility to respond to changing technologies.

Typical course content

- Applied Mechanics
- Electronic Measurement
- Electromagnetism
- Mathematics for Engineers
- Thermodynamics and Fluid Mechanics
- Individual Technical Project
- Group Design Projects.

Teaching

You will learn through a mixture of lectures and practical activities. You will gain direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications course.

Assessment

In the first two years, most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design. The final year has more of a focus on assessment via coursework, including a technical dissertation project.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

H103, H214, H314, H514, H714

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including Mathematics and Physics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD

And Mathematics at grade A at A level (or equivalent) is required.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics and Physics.

For other qualifications see

durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“I feel that my Durham University degree has massively helped me to achieve my career goals.”

Samantha Brizuela

Vehicle Integration Engineer at Jaguar Land Rover

Accreditation

Accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council.

Course information

Engineering MEng (Hons)

(aeronautics; civil engineering; electrical engineering; electronic engineering; mechanical engineering; renewable engineering)

Master the skills you need to succeed in the world of engineering.

The Master of Engineering degree is a four-year first degree that delivers the breadth and depth that you will need to succeed in the world of engineering. It is designed to produce graduates who will go on to lead engineering teams.

A common first two years provides you with the broad knowledge required to effectively work on multi-disciplinary engineering problems. The course structure offers a huge amount of flexibility - you could join us on a civil engineering pathway but decide to pursue electronic engineering at the end of the second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions.

After the first two years you will start to specialise in Civil, Electrical, Electronic or Mechanical Engineering and supplement this discipline specific knowledge with Engineering Design activities and focused practical skills. You can further specialise in your final year, learning advanced topics at the forefront of engineering knowledge whilst working with a world-leading academic on a research and development dissertation project, the highlight of many of our students degrees.

Typical course content

- Applied Mechanics
- Mathematics for Engineers
- Electromagnetism
- Group Design Projects
- Thermodynamics and Fluid Mechanics
- Individual Research and Development Project.
- Electronic Measurement

Teaching

You will learn through a mixture of lectures, problem classes and practicals. You will gain direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications course.

Assessment

In the first three years, most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design. The balance of examination/coursework changes towards the end of the degree – half of the final-year mark is based on a dissertation research project working one-to-one with an academic or industry partner.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

H100, H211, H311, H411, H511, H711, H811

Course length

4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including Mathematics and Physics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD

And Mathematics at grade A at A level (or equivalent) is required.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects including Mathematics and Physics.

For other qualifications see
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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“The projects are great for developing teamwork and adding a practical aspect to the course.”

Emily Pearson

Accreditation

Fully accredited by: the Joint Board of Moderators (including the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Institution of Structural Engineers); the Institution of Engineering and Technology; the Institution of Mechanical Engineers; and the Royal Aeronautical Society.

English Studies

English Studies will appeal to people with a sensitivity to language, a love of reading and a sense of intellectual adventure.

Ranking

Joint 3rd

in the UK for internationally excellent and world-leading research (REF 2014).

2nd

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

3rd

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

3rd

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

Top 50

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.

87%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*.)

Not only does English Studies provide a thorough grounding in literary theory and the 'great tradition' of English literature – from Chaucer and Shakespeare through to plays, poems and novels written in the 20th and 21st centuries – but it also offers a wide range of imaginative and carefully designed modules.

You will have the opportunity to study English-language literature in a variety of British and non-British contexts, including American and African and Caribbean literature; and you will be able to study the literature and languages of medieval England, of Shakespeare, and of modern times.

English is a very popular and highly regarded subject, and the linguistic, critical and analytical skills that it teaches are highly transferable.

Employment

Our graduates are highly valued by employers. They progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors, including arts and theatre management, broadcasting, publishing and journalism, business, accounting, marketing and advertising, teaching, higher education, law, third sector and government positions. Examples of high-profile employers include:



Penguin
Random House
UK



Thames & Hudson



From the Vikings to Shakespeare's kings; from Beowulf to Virginia Woolf. You can read it all at Durham University.



Course information

English Literature BA (Hons)

Gain a thorough grounding in literature and criticism.

English Literature offers a comprehensive syllabus, which combines traditional areas of literary study with new and developing areas of the discipline. It aims to develop your conceptual abilities and analytical skills by exposing you to a variety of literary-critical approaches, to promote and develop clarity and persuasiveness in argument and expression, and to enable you to develop, to a high degree of competence, a range of skills which are both subject-specific and transferable.

Typical course content

Year 1: Introduction to Drama, the Novel, Poetry. Optional modules, e.g. Romance and Chivalry, Epic and the Literature of Legend.

Year 2: Shakespeare, Literary Theory. Optional modules, e.g. American Poetry, Chaucer, Renaissance Literature, Victorian Literature, Postcolonial and World Literature, and a range of seminar modules, e.g. Jane Austen.

Year 3: Dissertation. Optional modules, e.g. American Fiction, Post-War Literature, Romantic Literature, and a range of special topics, e.g. South Asian Postcolonial.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. In addition, the course requires a considerable amount of directed independent learning, consisting of reading primary and secondary sources, writing formative and assessed essays, and preparing tutorial and seminar assignments. Teaching is research-led from the outset, with a gradually increasing focus on the development of research skills as you progress through your degree.

Assessment

Most modules are assessed by essays and end-of-year examinations. You will also write a dissertation in your final year.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

Q300 BA (Hons)
Q301 (with Foundation)

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA
Including English Literature
(or the combined English Literature and Language A level).

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD

And A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including English Literature or English Literature/Language.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“Studying English Literature was pivotal to me securing my role, as the research and writing skills I developed have helped me enormously with the PR work I’m doing now.”

Sunita Ramani

Trainee at Greenhouse PR, an environmental communications/PR agency



Course information

English Literature and History BA (Hons)

Acquire a range of both literary-critical and historical knowledge.

Joint Honours in English and History is a cross-disciplinary course, which develops and assesses skills that are common to both disciplines alongside others that are specific to each. The course offers you the opportunity to acquire a range of both literary-critical and historical knowledge, develops your ability to deploy and contextualise a number of subject-specific skills in each discipline, and locates these skills and forms of knowledge in relation to one another.

Typical course content

Year 1: Introduction to Drama, the Novel, Poetry, The Birth of Western Society, Reformation Europe, Tensions of Empire.

Year 2: Shakespeare and/or Literary Theory. Optional modules, e.g. American Poetry, Chaucer, Old English, Modern China, Renaissance Literature, The Ottoman World, Victorian Literature, and a range of seminar modules.

Year 3: Dissertation. Optional modules, e.g. American Fiction, From War to Cold War, Post-war Literature, Radicalism in the English Revolution, Romantic Literature, and a range of special topics.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials, with strong emphasis on small-group work and individual feedback sessions. In addition, the course requires a considerable amount of directed independent learning, reading primary and secondary sources, writing essays, and preparing tutorial and seminar assignments. Teaching is research-led from the outset, with an increasing focus on the development of research skills as you progress through your degree.

Assessment

Most modules are assessed by essays and end-of-year examinations. You will also write a dissertation in your final year.

Course fact file

UCAS code QV21

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including History and English Literature (or the combined English Literature and Language A level).

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD

And A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including History and English Literature or English Literature/Language.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Find out more at

durham.ac.uk/courses

Course information

English Literature and Philosophy BA (Hons)

Understand the relationship between English and philosophy.

The Joint Honours in English Literature and Philosophy is a cross-disciplinary course, which develops and assesses skills, knowledge and understanding across English and philosophy, typically including a range of major philosophical and literary texts, important concepts, questions, arguments and methods. The course also fosters your understanding of the relationships between English and philosophy, and develops your detailed knowledge in either English or philosophy through the preparation of a dissertation on a chosen topic.

Typical course content

Year 1: Introduction to Drama, the Novel, Poetry, Ethics and Values, Knowledge and Reality, Reading Philosophy.

Year 2: Literary Theory, Moral Theory. Optional modules, e.g. American Poetry, Chaucer, Old English, Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Renaissance Literature, Victorian Literature, and a range of seminar modules.

Year 3: Dissertation. Optional modules, e.g. Aesthetics, American Fiction, Formal and Philosophical Logic, Metaphysics, Post-war Literature, Romantic Literature, and a range of special topics.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. In addition, the course requires a considerable amount of reading primary and secondary sources, writing assessed essays, and preparing tutorial and seminar assignments. Teaching is research-led from the outset, with a gradually increasing focus on the development of research skills as you progress through your degree.

Assessment

Most modules are assessed by essays and end-of-year examinations. You will also write a 12,000-word dissertation in your final year.

Course fact file

UCAS code QV35
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA
English Literature (or the combined English Literature and Language A level or equivalent) is required.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD
And English Literature/Language (or equivalent).

IB Diploma score – 38
With 666 in higher level subjects, including English Literature or English Literature/Language.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

[Learn more](#) →

Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“The tutors are always happy to answer questions and elaborate on topics that they weren’t able to fully cover during contact hours.”

Jasmine Cash



Geography

Study some of the world's major challenges in an internationally recognised department.

Rankings

World Top 10

for eight consecutive years in the *QS World University Subject Rankings*.

2nd

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

4th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

6th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

86%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).



One of the leading centres of geographical scholarship in the world.



Climate change, environmental governance, landslides, natural hazards, geopolitical conflict and territorial dispute, migration, sea level rise, energy poverty, flooding, debt, austerity and urbanisation: these are just a few of the significant challenges that are confronting us today.

Drawing on a breadth of internationally recognised expertise, we deliver courses that enable you to study human activity and the physical environment as well as the interactions between them. We teach and research across the discipline; from algorithms to Antarctica, from spatial theory to flood modelling and from GIS to sustainable development. We endeavour to enthuse and stimulate you from the seminar room to the field site, to develop your skills and increase your employability, and to stretch you to realise your intellectual potential.

Our aim is to sustain a world-class research, teaching and learning environment with high-quality laboratories and IT facilities in a supportive and collegiate atmosphere. As a result, our graduates are eminently employable.

Putting theory into practice

We provide the opportunity for you to gain valuable practical experience and put the theory you have learnt into practice on geography field trips. Previously, our students have visited Iceland, the USA, Switzerland, Norway, Nepal, Germany, South Africa and the Middle East. There is also the option to apply your geographical skills during a placement year with an external organisation.

Employment

Our graduates are highly valued by employers and progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors. Examples of high-profile employers include:



SKANSKA



TeachFirst

Course information

Geography BA (Hons)

Study at one of the leading centres of geographical research in the world.

The Geography BA course begins with a broad foundation, during which you are introduced to both human and physical geography. In the second and third years, our modules lead progressively to material that is specialist and at the cutting edge of human geography research.

There is also the opportunity to study integrated modules that span the human/physical geography interface. In addition, in the second and third years, you may take one module from the Geography BSc list (subject to timetable compatibility). In the third year, you will undertake your own research project (a double module dissertation), supervised by a member of staff.

Typical course content

- Geographies of Crisis
- Planet Under Pressure
- Theory and Concepts in Contemporary Human Geography
- Economic Geography
- Geographies of Development
- Political Geography
- Social and Cultural Geography
- Introduction to Climate Change
- Urban Geography
- Climate Change: Geographical Perspectives
- Contested Environments
- Natural Hazards, Risk and Resilience
- Dissertation
- UK and Overseas Field Trips.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, practical classes, tutorials, fieldwork, group projects, student presentations and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a diverse range of coursework, including essays, fieldwork reports, practicals, presentations and posters, and some may also have an examination.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

L702 BA (Hons)
L700 (with Foundation)
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - A*AA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - D*DD

IB Diploma score - 38

With 666 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

[Learn more](#)

Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“What I love about studying geography at Durham is the opportunities you have. Whether that is being taught by world-leading academics who are some of the most influential people in the subject, or the field trips to fascinating areas of the world.”

Sarah Jordan

Course information

Geography BSc (Hons)

Study some of the world's major challenges.

Geography BSc begins with a broad foundation, during which you are introduced to both physical and human geography. In the second and third years, our modules lead progressively to material that is specialist and at the cutting-edge of physical geography research.

There is also the opportunity to study integrated modules that span the physical/human geography interface. In addition, in the second and third years, you may take one module from the Geography BA list (subject to timetable compatibility). In the third year, you will undertake your own research project (a double module dissertation), supervised by a member of staff.

Typical course content

- Understanding Earth's Principles
- Planet Under Pressure
- Handling Geographic Information
- Catchment and Fluvial Systems
- Mountain Landscapes
- Carbon and Biogeochemical Cycles
- Glaciers and Glaciation
- Reconstructing Environmental Change
- Climate Change: Geographical Perspectives
- Contested Environments
- Natural Hazards, Risk and Resilience
- Dissertation
- UK and Overseas Field Trips.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, practical classes, tutorials, fieldwork, group projects, student presentations and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a diverse range of coursework, including essays, fieldwork reports, practicals, presentations and posters, and some may also have an examination.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

F800 BSc (Hons)
F801 (with Foundation)
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - AAA or A*AB
To include Geography or a science subject.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD
To include a science subject.

IB Diploma score - 37
With 666 in higher level subjects, including Geography or one science subject.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

[Learn more](#)

Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“The field trips are absolutely the highlight of my course and are a unique part of physical geography.”

Antonia Macdonald

Geology and Earth Sciences

Earth science is a quantitative, multidisciplinary subject, which examines our planet from the surface to the core.

Rankings

Joint 7th

in the UK for world-leading research impact (REF 2014).

4th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

4th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

8th

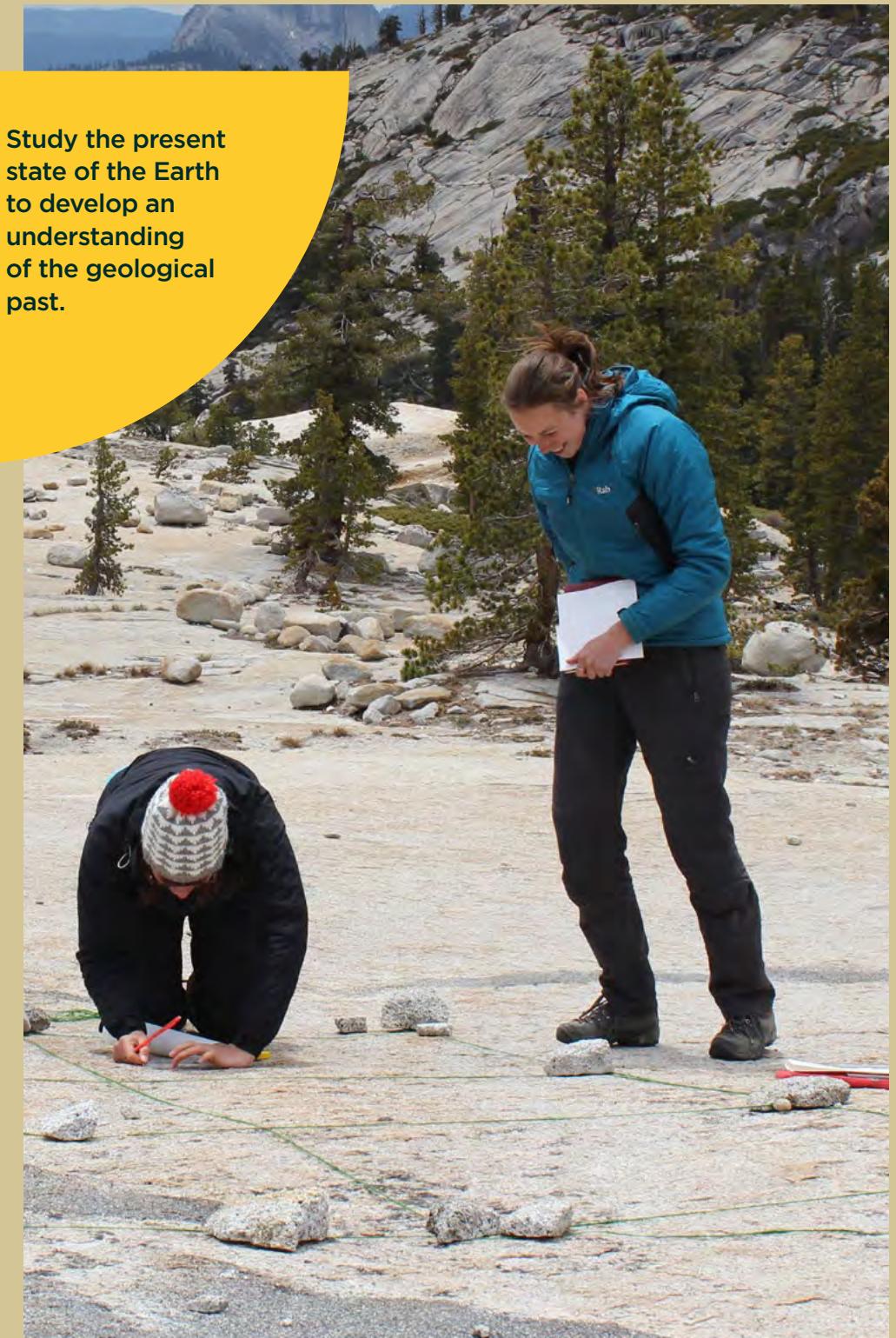
in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

World Top 50

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.

90%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).



Study the present state of the Earth to develop an understanding of the geological past.

Earth science draws upon elements of physics, chemistry, mathematics, biology and physical geography. You will look at climate change, the formation of the oceans, mass extinctions, the nature of rocks and minerals, and the structure and chemistry of the Earth. Earth science embraces the entire planet from the surface to the core, and also contributes to our understanding of other planets in our solar system and beyond.

The Department of Earth Sciences is very proud of its high-quality teaching, underpinned by internationally renowned research. We are based in a purpose-built, modern building with state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research. We welcome hard-working, motivated applicants and take pride in our graduates, who go on to a wide range of highly successful careers in the Earth sciences, both in industry and research.

Links to industry

We routinely consult our industrial advisory board, to ensure that we are always providing students with the up-to-date and relevant skills required by employers in the Earth sciences sector. Our advisory board includes senior professionals from a range of relevant organisations, including Shell, Statoil, the Environment Agency, the British Geological Survey, OGI and FWS Consultants Ltd.

Employment

Many of our graduates go on to study for MSc and PhD degrees, at Durham or at other prestigious institutions in the UK and abroad. Our graduates are highly valued by employers and progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors, including environmental management, water management, energy and engineering geology. Examples of high-profile employers include:

ATKINS

ARUP

 Environment Agency

Course information

Climate Science BSc (Hons)

Learn about climate change now and throughout geologic time in world-leading departments.

This course explores the science of how and why the Earth's climate changes, why it is changing now, and how it will change in the future.

In Year 1 you will learn about climate change and develop your understanding of Earth processes and resources. In Year 2 you will learn about glaciers, the carbon cycle, how the Earth's climate has varied in the past and how scientists reconstruct past climate change. In Year 3 you will learn about atmospheric circulation, and can choose to learn about how climate change impacts coastal and alpine environments, how it affected ancient civilisations, or explore the geochemistry of the environment. You will also undertake a dissertation and conduct fundamental research into an advanced topic of your choice related to climate science.

Typical course content

- Climate Change
- Environment and Resources
- Mathematics for Earth Scientists
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- The Carbon Cycle
- Glaciers and Glaciations
- Environmental Change
- Paleoclimate Reconstruction
- Paleoenvironments
- Chemistry of the Environment
- Environmental Management
- Atmospheric Circulation
- Oceans and Sea Level
- Archaeology and Climate.

Teaching

You will learn through a mixture of lectures, practical classes, tutorials and optional fieldwork.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework, class tests and end-of-year examinations. A significant proportion of your final assessment will be through your climate science research dissertation in Year 3.

Course fact file

UCAS code F645
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB

Two science A levels from Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, Economics, and Biology or Psychology are required.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects, including two science subjects from list above.

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

[Learn more](#) →

Additional opportunities



Study abroad

Find out more at durham.ac.uk/courses

Course information

Earth Sciences MSci (Hons)

Prepare for a career in industry or research in the Earth sciences.

This four-year course prepares you for employment or PhD research in the Earth sciences. For the first three years, you will study according to a BSc course of your choice from the Department of Earth Sciences. The name of the degree awarded is in accordance with your chosen course. The fourth year combines a bespoke research project in your specialism, with advanced modules designed to integrate your Earth science knowledge for vocational and/or research applications.

Typical course content

- Earth Materials
- Fieldwork
- Understanding Earth Sciences
- Structural Geology and Tectonics
- Sedimentary Environments
- Igneous and Metamorphic Geochemistry and Petrology
- Geophysical Methods
- Geoinformatics
- Volcanology
- Palaeobiology
- Hazardous Geophysical Flows
- Earth System and Climate
- Environmental Management
- Earth Sciences into Industry.

Teaching

During the first three years, you will learn through a mixture of lectures, practical classes, tutorials and fieldwork. The fourth year emphasises independent, research-led learning supported by workshops and one-to-one/small-group tutorials.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework, class tests and end-of-year examinations. A significant proportion of your final assessment will be through your dissertation in Year 3 and your research project in Year 4.

Course fact file

UCAS code F644
Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA

Including two sciences from Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, Economics, Biology or Psychology.

For the Geophysics route, Mathematics or Further Mathematics is required.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

And grades AA at A level in two sciences from list above.

IB Diploma score – 37

With 666 in higher level subjects, including two science subjects from list above.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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[Learn more](#) →

Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"The highlight of my course has been the field trips! I've been everywhere from the Lake District to Cyprus and Tenerife."

Erin Thompson

Course information

Environmental Geoscience BSc (Hons)

Learn about sustainable management of the Earth's resources and understand the Earth's climate.

This course seeks to develop specialist geoscience students for careers in the environmental sector, further study or research. In Year 1, you will develop a fundamental understanding of Earth sciences. Year 2 specialises more in environmental aspects, during which you will develop skills in chemistry laboratory techniques, GIS, hydrology and paleoclimatology. In Year 3, you will undertake a research dissertation and also experience working in small groups on an environmental management project of your choice.

Typical course content

- Earth Materials
- Fieldwork
- Understanding Earth Sciences
- Environment and Resources
- Sedimentary Environments
- Water and Climate
- Geoinformatics
- Paleoecology
- Earth System and Climate
- Environmental Geochemistry
- Environmental Management.

Teaching

You will learn through a mixture of lectures, practical classes, tutorials and fieldwork.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework, class tests and end-of-year examinations. A significant proportion of your final assessment will be through your environmental geoscience research dissertation in Year 3.

Course fact file

UCAS code F630
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB
Including two sciences from Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, Economics, Biology or Psychology.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD
And A levels as above.

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects, including two science subjects from list above.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad

"This dynamic course is concerned with the interaction between the Earth sciences and human activity."

Sarah Clancy

Course information

Geology BSc (Hons)

Integrate field and laboratory studies to understand how the Earth works.

This course seeks to develop Geology students for careers in the geoscience sector, further study or research. In Year 1, you will develop a fundamental understanding of Earth sciences. Year 2 specialises more in the core geological disciplines associated with igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary and tectonic processes, with a strong emphasis on fieldwork. In Year 3, you will undertake a geological mapping dissertation, and develop advanced knowledge in specialist geological topics of your choice, with multiple residential fieldwork opportunities.

Typical course content

- Earth Materials
- Fieldwork
- Understanding Earth Sciences
- Structural Geology and Tectonics
- Sedimentary Environments
- Geophysical Methods
- Igneous and Metamorphic Geochemistry and Petrology
- Geoinformatics
- Hazardous Geophysical Flows
- Volcanology
- Palaeobiology
- Earth System and Climate.

Teaching

You will learn through a mixture of lectures, practical classes, tutorials and fieldwork.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework, class tests and end-of-year examinations. A significant proportion of your final assessment will be through your geological mapping dissertation in Year 3.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
F600 BSc (Hons)
F602 (with Foundation)
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB
Including two sciences from Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, Economics, Biology or Psychology.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD
And two science A levels from list above.

IB Diploma score – 36
With 665 in higher level subjects, including two science subjects from list above.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad

"The course was flexible, which enabled me to focus on areas that interested me and develop independent study skills."

Liz Atar

Course information

Geophysics with Geology BSc (Hons)

Apply physics and maths to understand fundamental Earth science problems.

This course seeks to develop Geophysics with Geology students for careers in the geophysics sector, further study or research. In Year 1, you will develop university-level skills in mathematics and physics combined with a fundamental understanding of Earth sciences. Year 2 specialises more in the core geophysical methods associated with geophysical surveying, data analysis and mathematical modelling of Earth science processes. In Year 3, you will undertake a geophysical research dissertation, and develop advanced knowledge in specialist geophysical and geological topics of your choice.

Typical course content

- Earth Materials
- Geophysical and Geological Fieldwork
- Understanding Earth Sciences
- Further Mathematics for Geoscientists
- Physics for Geoscientists
- Structural Geology and Tectonics
- Geophysical Data Applications
- Geophysical Methods
- Modelling Earth Processes
- Hazardous Geophysical Flows
- Earth Structure and Dynamics.

Teaching

You will learn through a mixture of lectures, practical classes, tutorials and fieldwork.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework, class tests and end-of-year examinations. A significant proportion of your final assessment will be through your geophysical research dissertation in Year 3.

Course fact file

UCAS code F662
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB

To include Mathematics or Further Mathematics and one subject from the following: Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, Economics, and Biology or Psychology.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

And two science A levels from list above.

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects, including two science subjects from list above.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad

"There are only a handful of universities in the UK that offer a specific Geophysics course, which made it immediately stand out."

Nina Mitchell

Course information

Geoscience BSc (Hons)

Understand how the Earth works and combine your Earth science studies with modules from other departments.

This course seeks to develop geoscience students for careers in the geoscience sector, further study or research. In Year 1, you will develop a fundamental understanding of Earth sciences. Year 2 specialises more in the core geological disciplines associated with igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary and tectonic processes, with an option to study up to two modules from another department. In Year 3, you will undertake a geological research dissertation, and develop advanced knowledge in specialist geological topics of your choice, with optional residential fieldwork opportunities and up to one module from another department.

Typical course content

- Earth Materials
- Fieldwork
- Understanding Earth Sciences
- Structural Geology and Tectonics
- Sedimentary Environments
- Geophysical Methods
- Igneous and Metamorphic Geochemistry and Petrology
- Geoinformatics
- Hazardous Geophysical Flows
- Volcanology
- Palaeobiology
- Earth System and Climate.

Teaching

You will learn through a mixture of lectures, practical classes, tutorials and fieldwork.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework, class tests and end-of-year examinations. A significant proportion of your final assessment will be through your geological research dissertation in Year 3.

Course fact file

UCAS codes F643
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB

Including two sciences from Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, Economics, Biology or Psychology.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

And two science A levels from list above.

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects, including two science subjects from list above.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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"The variety of modules on offer have allowed me to explore the different areas of geoscience and the flexibility of the course has enabled me to tailor my education to the topics which interest me the most."

Charlotte Withers

History

Durham – highly ranked in a unique historical location.

Rankings

86%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

3rd

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

4th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

5th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

World Top 50

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.

Durham University has one of the most highly regarded history departments in the UK and our students love being here. This reputation is the product of the quality and commitment of our staff, and the breadth of our teaching, which reflects the research interests of a department with an international outlook.

We offer modules covering periods from the Middle Ages to the present and many different parts of the world: Chinese, Japanese, African, South Asian and US history are all taught at Durham University, alongside British and other European history. Our degree programmes reflect the rich variety of historiographical writing, including cultural, media and gender history as well as political, religious, social, economic, international and environmental history. We are proud to attract so many bright and articulate students, who achieve excellent results and proceed to successful careers in both the private and public sectors

A culture of research

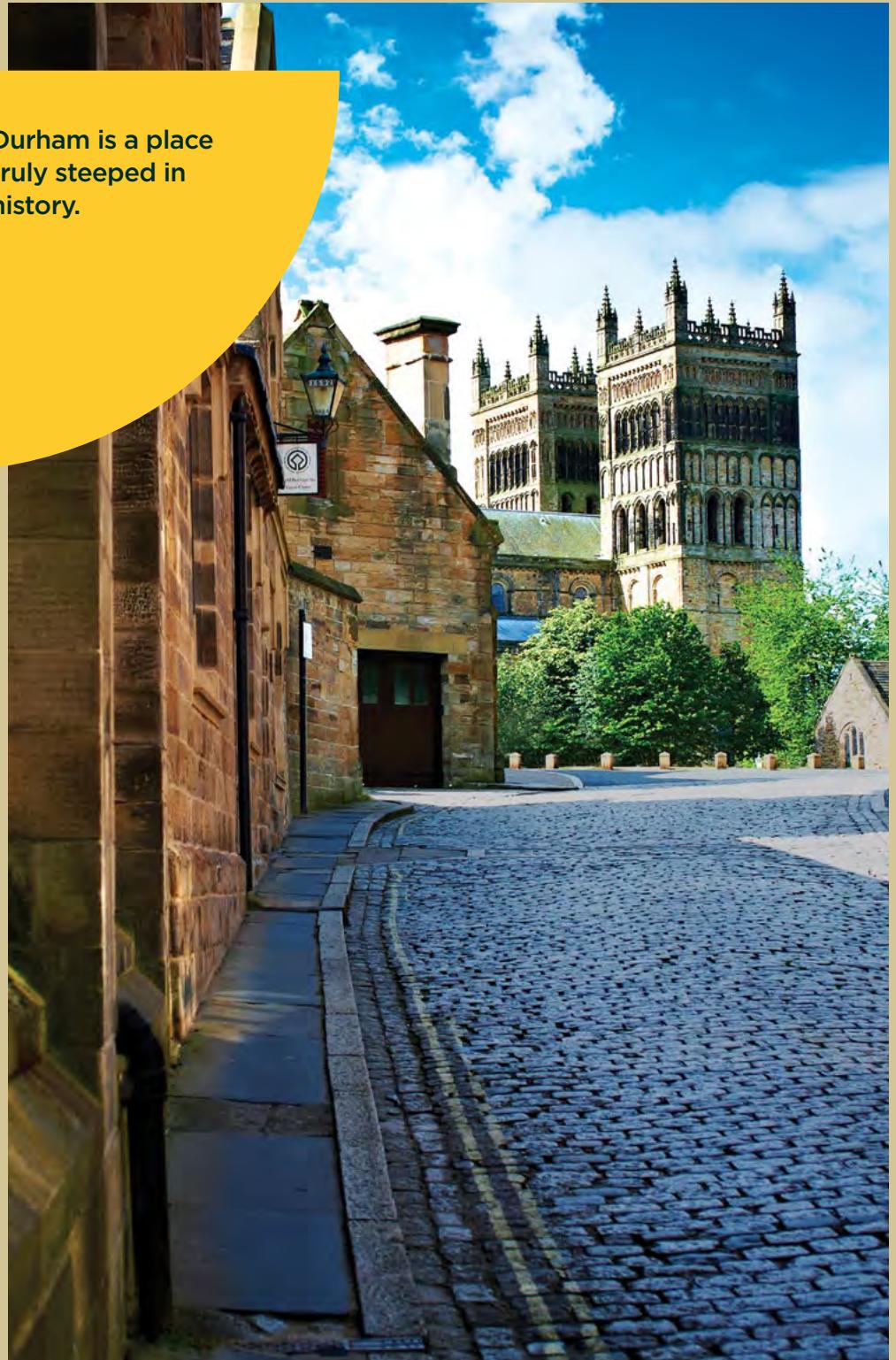
We believe that students should be part of our research culture through research-led education. From the start, you are introduced to and will work with staff on a rich array of primary sources, often taking advantage of Durham's unique archive and museum collections. These range from beautiful illuminated medieval manuscripts in the cathedral archive, through the ceramics, prints, textiles and more held by the Oriental Museum, to the wealth of administrative and personal records of the Sudan Archive, and much more. We encourage you to develop an understanding of what is meant by 'history', its complexities, strengths and limitations, and to challenge assumptions about and misuses of the past.

Employment

Our graduates are highly valued by employers and progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors. Graduates have gone on to work in teaching at school and university level, in museums and galleries, in law, finance, banking and accountancy, the Civil Service and the charity sector. Examples of high-profile employers include:



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT



History BA (Hons)

Study an extensive range of historical periods, from the Middle Ages to the present day and across the world.

Our History degree offers you the opportunity to study a wide range of periods and approaches to history. Some modules will cover large topics or long periods – these will introduce you to subjects that may be unfamiliar and will pose new questions and new problems. Others focus on a specific theme in some depth, giving you the chance to develop rigorous historical understanding. Our teaching is research-led: it reflects the research interests of staff, is at the cutting edge of the discipline and, most importantly, encourages students to be historians, by posing questions and solving problems.

Typical course content

- Medieval History
- Early Modern History
- Late Modern History
- Social History
- Cultural History
- Political History
- Economic History
- Gender History
- Religious History
- European History
- US History
- African History
- East Asian History
- South Asian History
- International History
- Environmental History
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through weekly lectures and small-group seminars. For the seminars, you will be given reading to do in advance and, on the basis of this, you and the other students in your group will discuss particular issues. Students are expected to lead the discussion in seminars.

Assessment

Most modules are assessed by coursework essays or projects and by examinations in which you write answers to essay-style questions. An oral presentation forms part of the assessment of the 'Conversations with History' module.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

V100 BA (Hons)

V102 (with Foundation)

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

Including History. Ancient History

A level cannot be accepted instead of History.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical

Extended Diploma – D*DD

and History A level at grade A (or equivalent) is required.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects, including History. Ancient History cannot be accepted instead of History.

For other qualifications see

durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent

on context – see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"I have enjoyed studying societies from all round the world and across human history."

Luke Elton



Languages and Cultures

In a world of increasing cultural and economic globalisation, the study of modern languages provides many opportunities.

Rankings

90%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

2nd

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

4th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

**World
Top 100**

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.

Employers of all kinds are looking for 'global graduates': people with excellent communication skills, the ability to mediate sensitively between cultures and the confidence to adapt to different environments.

At Durham University, you can specialise in one or two languages and the cultural worlds associated with them – choose from Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hispanic Studies, Italian, Japanese and Russian. You will develop high-level language skills and in-depth intercultural awareness. The year abroad will give those capabilities a crucial boost, as well as provide valuable experience.

World-renowned academics

Santiago Fouz Hernández is Professor of Hispanic Studies specialising in Spanish cinema. He regularly collaborates with contemporary film directors and has recently organised an international series of tributes to director Bigas Luna in 15 global cities across three continents. These projects feed into specialist classes on contemporary Spanish cinema and culture.

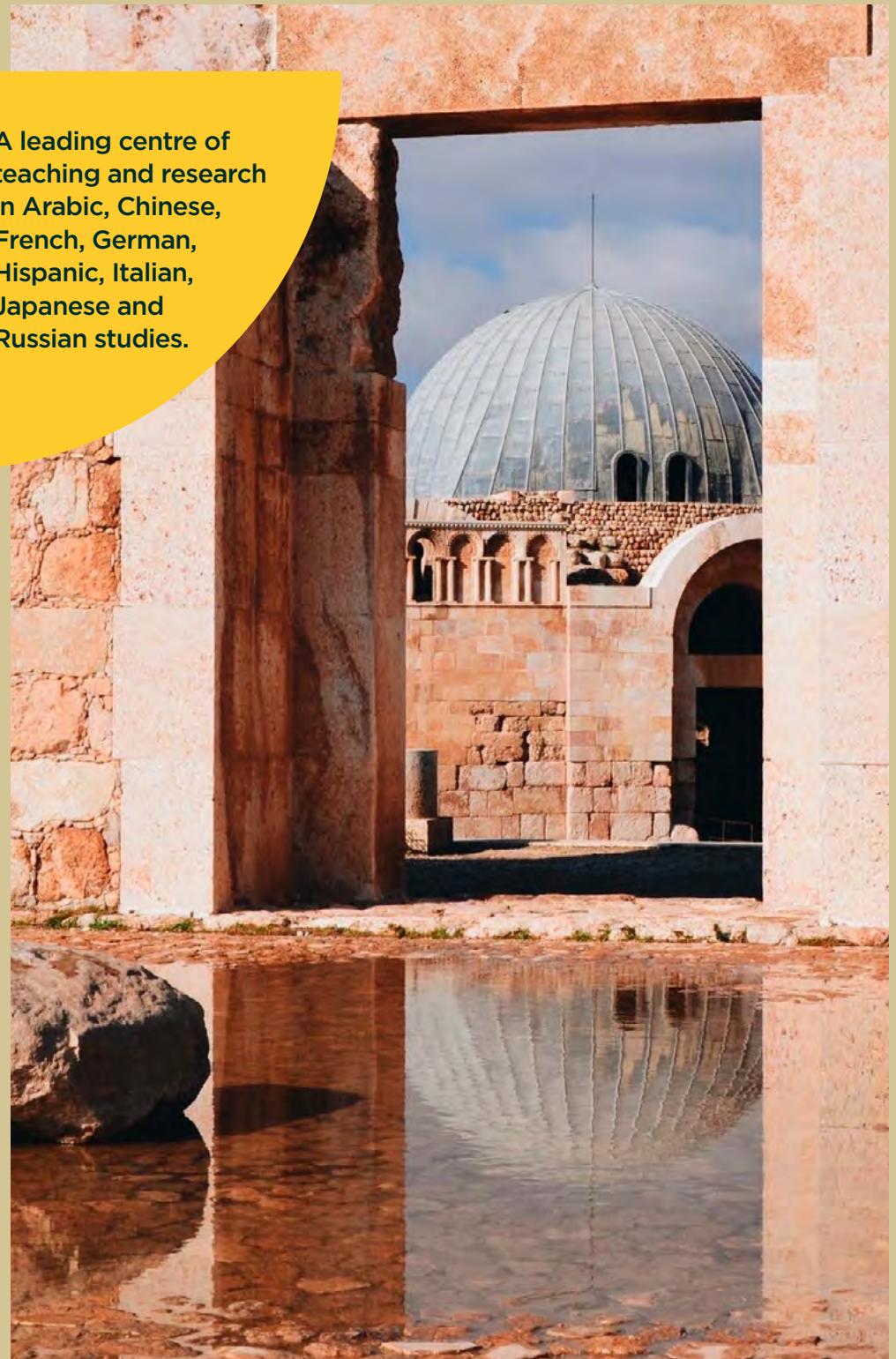
Dr Abir Hamdar is Associate Professor of Arabic. Her research on Middle Eastern literature, films and cultures focuses on questions of health, illness and disability. As a playwright whose work has been performed widely in the Middle East, she has transformed the way in which we think and talk about illness. This research feeds into specialist modules on contemporary Arabic literature and film.

Employment

Our graduates are highly valued by employers and progress into a range of careers and sectors, including: in media and the arts (broadcast content editors, translation, and arts management); in education (teaching English overseas, and secondary and primary teaching); and as business professionals (research, administration, human resources, sales and business development, and financial services). Examples of high-profile employers include:



A leading centre of teaching and research in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hispanic, Italian, Japanese and Russian studies.



Course information

Chinese Studies with Year Abroad BA (Hons)

Develop your Chinese language skills and spend a year in China.

This is a four-year multidisciplinary degree, during which you will develop advanced knowledge and understanding of Chinese language and culture. You will take a core language module in each of the three years spent in Durham, as well as choosing optional modules from a range of courses offered in the School of Modern Languages and Cultures and in other related departments, including Anthropology, Economics, Education, History, Government and International Affairs, and Theology and Religion. The available optional modules include European languages and Japanese. You will spend your third year studying the Chinese language at a university in China. In your final year, you will write a dissertation on an aspect of Chinese studies.

Typical course content

- Chinese Language
- Chinese Culture
- Chinese History
- Chinese Cinema
- Exchanges, Ideology and Practice in Late Imperial China
- Chinese Historical and Literary Texts
- Dissertation.

Teaching

In cultural and historical modules, lectures introduce broad themes and offer contextualisation and critical commentary; seminars provide an opportunity to develop your critical skills through discussion with other students as well as with teaching staff. Language classes cultivate speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. The dissertation gives you the opportunity to work closely with an individual supervisor.

Assessment

Optional modules are assessed by essays, commentaries, projects and examinations, while language modules are assessed by a mixture of oral, listening and written examinations. All students complete a dissertation in their final year and a project during the year abroad.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

T102 BA (Hons)
T103 (with Foundation)

Course length

4 years

Typical entry requirements

You are not expected to have any previous knowledge of Chinese, but if you do have an A level (or equivalent) in Chinese, then you can enter the Advanced stream from Year 1.

A level offer – AAB

Grade A in History is required, if taking the History option.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

Grade A in History is required, if taking the History option.

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects. Please see above for subject requirements.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

Learn more



Assessment

Optional modules are assessed by essays, commentaries, projects and examinations, while language modules are assessed by a mixture of oral, listening and written examinations. All students complete a dissertation in their final year and a project during the year abroad.

Course information

Japanese Studies with Year Abroad BA (Hons)

Develop your Japanese language skills and spend a year in Japan.

This is a four-year multidisciplinary degree, during which you will develop advanced knowledge and understanding of Japanese language and culture. All students take a core language module, as well as choosing optional modules from courses offered in the School of Modern Languages and Cultures and by other related departments, including Anthropology, Economics, Education, History, Government and International Affairs, and Theology and Religion. The available optional modules include European languages and Chinese. You will spend your third year studying Japanese language at a university in Japan. All final-year students write a dissertation on an aspect of Japanese studies.

Typical course content

- Japanese Language
- Japanese Culture
- Japanese History
- The Body and the Extremity of the Senses
- Japanese Literature
- Dissertation.

Teaching

In cultural and historical modules, lectures introduce broad themes and offer contextualisation and critical commentary; seminars provide an opportunity to develop your critical skills through discussion with other students as well as with teaching staff. Language classes cultivate speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. The dissertation gives you the opportunity to work closely with an individual supervisor.

Assessment

Optional modules are assessed by essays, commentaries, projects and examinations, while language modules are assessed by a mixture of oral, listening and written examinations. All students write a dissertation in their final year and complete a project during the year abroad.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

T202 BA (Hons)
T203 (with Foundation)

Course length

4 years

Typical entry requirements

You are not expected to have any previous knowledge of Japanese, but if you do have an A level (or equivalent) in Japanese, then you can enter the Advanced stream from Year 1.

A level offer – AAB

Grade A in History is required, if taking the History option.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

Grade A in History is required, if taking the History option.

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects. Please see above for subject requirements.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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Course information

Modern European Languages and History with Year Abroad BA (Hons)

Develop high-level language skills and in-depth historical awareness.

This four-year Joint Honours Modern European Languages and History course offers you the ability to further your interest in the study of a modern language, while exploring different periods and themes of history.

You will have the opportunity to spend your third year abroad, as an English assistant in a school or university, as a student in an overseas university or on a work placement. This is a time of enormous linguistic and personal development, from which you should gain a high level of fluency in your language and enjoy a unique opportunity to make new friends, appreciate other cultures and learn to work and study in new ways.

Typical course content

- A language module in each year, developing reading, writing, speaking and listening skills as well as grammatical knowledge
- A variety of history modules including Medieval/Early Modern History and Modern History
- Modules exploring the literature, film, art, history and politics of the countries in which your chosen language is spoken
- Dissertation.

Teaching

Teaching will include a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials and language classes. Lectures introduce broad historical questions and offer contextualisation and critical commentary; seminars provide an opportunity for you to develop your critical skills through discussion. Language classes include grammar, oral and audio-visual components and a variety of techniques to develop your language skills.

Assessment

Cultural and historical modules are assessed by essays, commentaries, projects and examinations, while language modules are assessed by a mixture of oral, listening and written examinations. All students write a dissertation in their final year, enabling them to pursue advanced study in line with their individual interests.

Course fact file

UCAS code RV92
Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA
Including at least one language from French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish, and History.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

Including A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 37

With 666 in higher level subjects.
Please see above for required languages.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Learn more →

“Studying languages opened a lot of doors for me and I’m pretty sure it’s the reason I have a job that I love in broadcast journalism.”

Claire Read

Modern Languages graduate,
journalist/producer, BBC News

Course information

Modern Languages and Cultures with Year Abroad BA (Hons)

A degree in modern languages is your passport to international career opportunities.

The BA in Modern Languages and Cultures offers you the opportunity to combine the development of high-level language skills with in-depth critical engagement with other cultures through studying literature, art, film, history and politics.

You will also have the opportunity to spend your third year abroad, as an English assistant in a school or university, as a student in an overseas university or on a work placement. This is a time of enormous linguistic and personal development, from which you will gain a high level of fluency in your language(s) and the ability to adapt to and thrive in other cultures.

Typical course content

- Advanced reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in your target language(s), together with in-depth grammatical knowledge and advanced translation skills
- A diverse range of cultural modules focusing on literature, cinema, visual arts, history and politics
- Dissertation.

Teaching

In cultural modules, lectures introduce broad themes and offer contextualisation and critical commentary; seminars provide an opportunity to develop your critical skills through discussion with other students as well as with teaching staff. Language classes cultivate speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. The dissertation gives you the opportunity to work closely with an individual supervisor.

Assessment

Cultural modules are assessed by essays, commentaries, projects and examinations, while language modules are assessed by a mixture of oral, listening and written examinations. All students write a dissertation in their final year, enabling them to pursue advanced study in line with their individual interests.

Course fact file

UCAS code R002
Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA
Including at least one language from Arabic, French, German, Italian, Russian, or Spanish.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

Including A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 37

With 666 in higher level subjects.
Please see above for required languages.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Learn more →

“The course is so diverse and offers modules of an unparalleled breadth. The teaching is excellent and every lecturer has such a passion for their specialist area of research.”

Johnny Stocks

Course information

Visual Arts and Film BA (Hons)

Combine high-level critical and historical study of visual arts and film with a range of practical skills.

Combining still and moving images, advanced academic study and practical skills development, this BA is a course like no other. It spans historical periods from classical Rome to the present and is almost global in its geographical reach.

You will have the opportunity to study the art, film and visual culture of Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, East Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. With this transnational scope in mind, the course offers extensive language-learning opportunities and the possibility of spending a year abroad.

Your studies will be supported by Durham University's internationally renowned Oriental Museum and Western Art collections, as well as our expert curatorial staff. Depending on your module choices, field trips, placement opportunities and skills-based modules will give you insights into how art is made, exhibited, bought and sold. No previous study of art is required, just a desire to explore the exciting world of visual art and film.

Typical course content

- An introduction to visual arts and culture
- Modules in the art of the moving image
- A variety of skills-based modules in art writing, exhibitions and curating, digital research skills and filmmaking
- A wide selection of modules in art history, photography, visual culture and film studies
- A wide range of language-learning opportunities.

Teaching

Teaching includes a combination of lectures, seminars, field trips, practice-based workshops and tutorials. Field trips allow you to engage first-hand with cultures of display, while workshops develop a variety of practice-based skills. The dissertation gives you the opportunity to work closely with an individual supervisor.

Assessment

Modules are varied in their assessment methods and include essays, commentaries, portfolios, fieldwork reviews, projects, film production, examinations and a dissertation.

Course fact file

UCAS code VA01
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD

IB Diploma score - 36
With 665 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"We are offered so many opportunities to follow up our interests, from hearing guest lecturers to secondary reading to language cafes."

Rebecca Cabrera



Durham Law School

"Durham Law School students have more than a deep understanding of law – they know how to challenge and shape it."

(Prof. Thom Brooks, Dean)

Rankings

93%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

6th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021* and *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

Top 10

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

World Top 50

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.



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Durham Law School is a world leader in legal education and research. Our award-winning academic staff produce groundbreaking research with impact and we are active in public engagement both nationally and internationally.

We are proud to deliver some of the best results for student satisfaction and employability – and our graduates include some of law's leading figures, such as current members of the UK Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, Members of Parliament and others in government.

Our globally top-ranked law courses are very competitive, with an excellent and diverse student population from across the world, delivering a cutting-edge, research-led curriculum with a commitment to small-group teaching through seminars and tutorials much prized by employers.

An award-winning legal education for life

Our academic staff are internationally recognised leading figures in their fields, drawn from across the world. We proudly deliver an intellectually stimulating legal education in a diverse and supportive environment. Teaching is informed by our latest cutting-edge research that does more than explain the law – we help you understand how to shape it. We inspire you to succeed wherever your future careers might take you.

Our alumni are at the top of their professions. They regularly meet with our current students and support employability. Law students are heavily active in extracurricular activities, including ten different law-related student societies.

Employment

Our graduates enjoy highly successful careers across a diverse range of sectors and are employed as solicitors, barristers, consultants and more. Current graduates are in the Supreme Court, in government, the Court of Appeal and Parliament. Employers include:

World-class legal education with real-world impact.



LLB (Hons)

Receive an award-winning legal education.

Durham Law School is a world leader in legal education and research. Our LLB degree is a flexible, full-time course delivered over three years – and fully approved as a Qualifying Law Degree for a career as a barrister or solicitor.

The LLB provides you with an excellent understanding of the law of England and Wales as well as legal research and practice. You will have opportunities to specialise across a range of pathways in public and private law, including international law. Our academic staff have won numerous awards for teaching excellence and regularly shape legal developments in the UK and abroad.

Typical course content

- Contract Law
- Tort Law
- UK Constitutional Law
- The Individual and the State
- Commercial Law
- Criminal Law
- Public International Law
- Media Law
- Law of Family Relationships
- Law and Medicine
- EU Constitutional Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Chinese Legal System
- Trusts Law
- Land Law
- Employment Law
- Advanced Issues in Public Law
- Jurisprudence
- Dissertation.

Teaching

Our cutting-edge undergraduate modules are taught through a combination of lectures, small-group tutorials of six to eight students and seminar groups by many of the leaders in the field. Students benefit from an interactive Harvard-style lecture theatre, moot court, pro bono room, workrooms and one-to-one support as well as a virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

We use a wide array of assessments including assessed essays, oral presentations and examinations completed throughout the year. All are tailored to meet specified learning outcomes in each module.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

M101 LLB (Hons)
M102 (with Foundation)

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

Completion of the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT) is required.

A level offer – A*AA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD

IB Diploma score – 38

With 666 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad

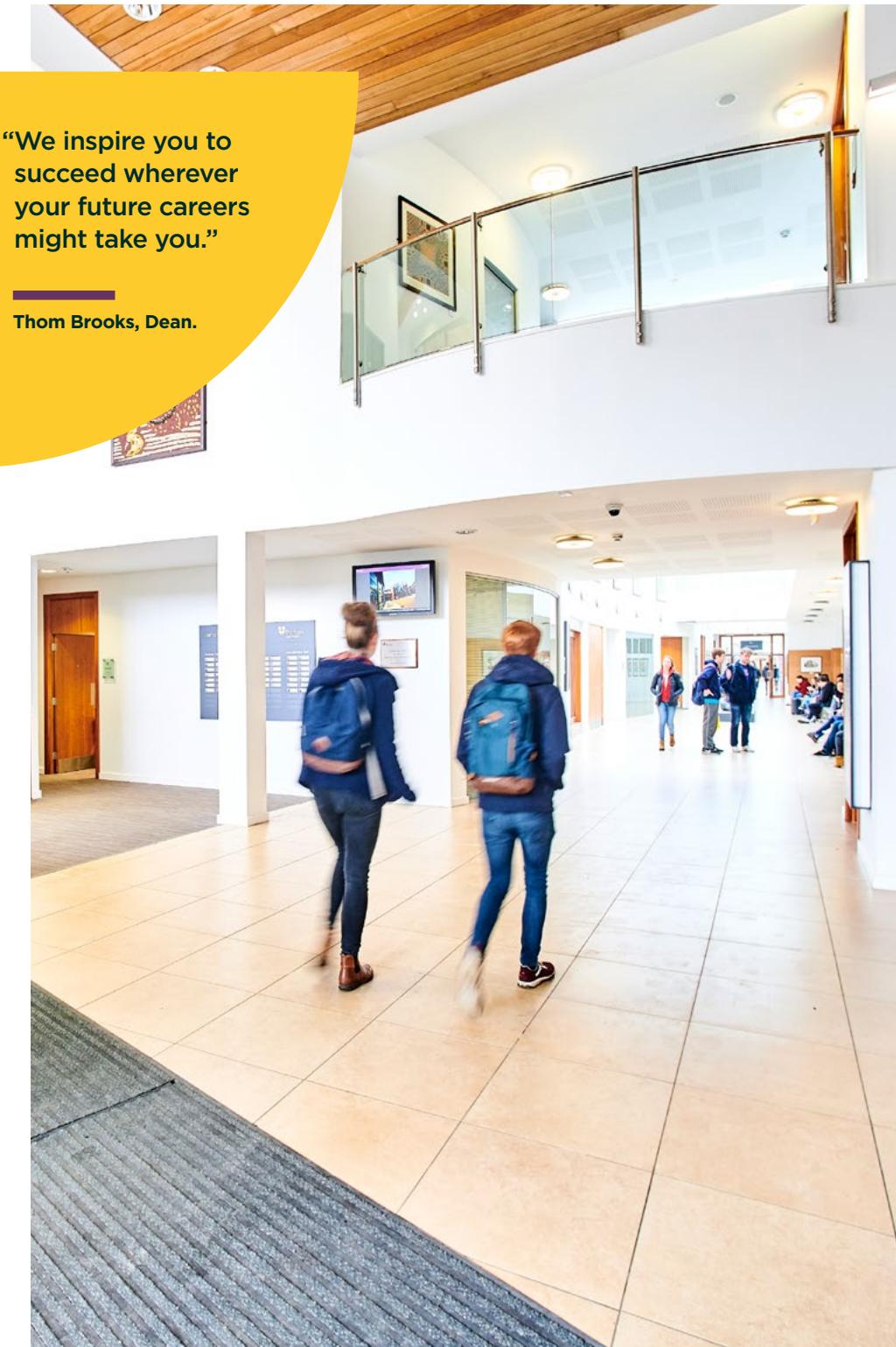
“Studying Law has provided me with the opportunity to network with professionals, learning about the future opportunities available and getting to know what practising law is like.”

Astrud Turner

Civil Service HR Fast Stream

“We inspire you to succeed wherever your future careers might take you.”

Thom Brooks, Dean.



Mathematical Sciences

We offer stimulating, flexible and intellectually satisfying degrees.

Rankings

Joint 1st

in the UK for internationally excellent and world-leading research impact (REF 2014).

92%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

4th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

6th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

7th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.



Whether you are looking for a Single Honours degree, or wish to combine Mathematics with other subjects, Durham University offers a distinct blend of high-quality teaching and research along with excellent facilities and a stimulating environment for your studies. Whichever degree you choose, you will benefit from research-led education by experts in a wide variety of fields across pure mathematics, applied mathematics, statistics and probability.

With a modern curriculum you will learn from the most cutting-edge and relevant teaching, enabling you to develop the mathematical knowledge and skills needed for further study or to gain employment in a wide range of sectors.

New state-of-the-art building for Mathematical Sciences and Computer Science

This brand-new, £40 million building will provide cutting-edge learning, teaching and study spaces for Mathematical Sciences and Computer Science staff and students – ensuring they're always at the forefront of innovation.

World-renowned guest lecturers

We are proud to host the Collingwood Lecture, in memory of Sir Edward Collingwood, a respected research mathematician and scientist, after whom Collingwood College is named. These annual lectures are given by mathematicians of international renown. Recent distinguished lecturers have included Fields Medalists and Nobel Prize winners such as Professor Peter Higgs, who is a Durham University honorary graduate and after whom the Higgs boson is named.

Employment

Graduates have progressed to work as research scientists, teachers, statisticians, operational researchers, investment analysts, actuaries, insurance analysts and accountants, for numerous academic institutions and leaders in their sectors such as:



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Choose from a wide spectrum of pure mathematics, applied mathematics and statistics.



Course information

Mathematics BSc (Hons)

Develop the mathematical knowledge needed for further study or employment.

The three-year BSc Mathematics course gives you the opportunity to study a wide range of mathematics topics. Our degree covers pure mathematics, applied mathematics, statistics and probability. You will study the background to all areas in the first year, while in the second year you can begin to specialise, allowing you to choose to fully concentrate on one area, or to opt for a broader range of modules. In your final year, you will develop your research and communication skills in the module Project III.

Core content

- Calculus
- Probability and Statistics
- Linear Algebra
- Analysis
- Programming and Dynamics
- Complex Analysis
- Analysis in Many Variables
- Project III.

Later modules include:

- Topology
- Cryptography and Codes
- Number Theory
- Quantum Information
- Mathematical Biology
- Decision Theory
- Operations Research.

Teaching

Methods of teaching and learning used in the course include a mix of lectures, tutorials, problem classes, computer practicals, homework problems (including electronic assessment), written and oral presentations, and individual projects.

Assessment

Most of our modules are assessed by end-of-year examinations. For final-year projects, you will write a dissertation, as well as making a poster and giving a short presentation on your chosen topic, all of which are marked by a member of staff.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

G100 BSc (Hons)

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*A*A or A*AA

Suitable performance in the University Admission Tests TMUA or MAT or 1 in any STEP will lead to the lower A*AA offer (A*A in Mathematics and Further Mathematics, either way round, plus A in any other A level or equivalent). Otherwise the standard offer is A*A*A (A*A* in Mathematics and Further Mathematics plus A in any other A level or equivalent).

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*D*D – D*DD

IB Diploma score – 38

With 776 or 766 in higher level subjects including Mathematics at grade 7.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“The course gives you enough freedom to allow you to go down whichever mathematical branch you wish to.”

Henna Bains

Course information

Mathematics MMath (Hons)

Develop the mathematical knowledge for a wide range of employment.

The MMath is a four-year degree in mathematics. It offers a good basis for a wide range of employment, including a career as a professional mathematician or statistician in industry or is suitable if you wish to go on to do research in the higher-education sector. You will spend one third of your final year on project work, and consequently will be able to study in depth a topic in which you are particularly interested.

Core content

- Calculus
- Probability and Statistics
- Linear Algebra
- Analysis
- Programming and Dynamics
- Complex Analysis
- Analysis in Many Variables
- Project IV.

Later modules include:

- Topology
- Cryptography and Codes
- Number Theory
- Quantum Information
- Mathematical Biology
- Decision Theory
- Operations Research.

Teaching

Methods of teaching and learning used in the course include a mix of lectures, tutorials, problem classes, computer practicals, homework problems (including electronic assessment), written and oral presentations, and individual projects.

Course fact file

UCAS code G103

Course length

4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*A*A or A*AA

Suitable performance in the University Admission Tests TMUA or MAT or 1 in any STEP will lead to the lower A*AA offer (A*A in Mathematics and Further Mathematics, either way round, plus A in any other A level or equivalent). Otherwise the standard offer is A*A*A (A*A* in Mathematics and Further Mathematics plus A in any other A level or equivalent).

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*D*D – D*DD

IB Diploma score – 38

With 776 or 766 in higher level subjects including Mathematics at grade 7.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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“The teaching is a highlight. I find lectures to be informative and entertaining.”

Jordan Moore

Course information

Mathematics and Statistics BSc (Hons)

Prepare for our data-driven future.

The Mathematics and Statistics BSc course combines a strong foundation in core mathematics and statistics with exciting recent developments in statistics and machine learning, providing a unique preparation for our data-driven future. A rigorous grounding in essential mathematical techniques and fundamental statistical principles and methods leads to the exploration of a wide range of topics central to modern statistics and machine learning, together with a year-long individual project module tackling a theoretical area or an applied problem in particular depth, possibly in collaboration with a company or other organisation.

Typical course content

- Analysis
- Calculus
- Linear Algebra
- Dynamics
- Probability
- Programming
- Statistics
- Analysis in Many Variables
- Statistical Inference
- Data Science and Statistical Computing
- Statistical Modelling
- Capstone Project.

Teaching

Methods of teaching and learning used in the course include a mix of lectures, tutorials, problem classes, computer practicals, homework problems (including electronic assessment), written and oral presentations, and individual projects.

Assessment

A variety of modes of assessment will be used and are likely to include written examinations, computer-based examinations, project reports and presentations of project work.

Course fact file

UCAS code G111

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*A*A or A*AA

Suitable performance in the University Admission Tests TMUA or MAT or 1 in any STEP will lead to the lower A*AA offer (A*A in Mathematics and Further Mathematics, either way round plus A in any other A level or equivalent). Otherwise the standard offer is A*A*A (A*A* in Mathematics and Further Mathematics plus A in any other A level or equivalent).

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*D*D – D*DD

IB Diploma score – 38

With 776 or 766 in higher level subjects including Mathematics at grade 7.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Course information

Mathematics and Statistics MMath (Hons)

Gain a rigorous grounding in essential mathematical techniques and fundamental statistical principles.

The MMath Mathematics and Statistics course combines a strong foundation in core mathematics and statistics with exciting recent developments in statistics and machine learning, providing a unique preparation for our data-driven future. A rigorous grounding in essential mathematical techniques and fundamental statistical principles and methods leads to the exploration of a wide range of topics central to modern statistics and machine learning, culminating in modules focusing on topics of current research interest and a year-long individual project module tackling a theoretical area or an applied problem in particular depth, possibly in collaboration with a company or other organisation.

Typical course content

- Analysis
- Calculus
- Linear Algebra
- Dynamics
- Probability
- Programming
- Statistics
- Analysis in Many Variables
- Statistical Inference
- Data Science and Statistical Computing
- Statistical Modelling
- Capstone Project.

Teaching

Methods of teaching and learning used in the course include a mix of lectures, tutorials, problem classes, computer practicals, homework problems (including electronic assessment), written and oral presentations, and individual projects.

Assessment

A variety of modes of assessment will be used and are likely to include written examinations, computer-based examinations, project reports and presentations of project work.

Course fact file

UCAS code G114

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*A*A or A*AA

Suitable performance in the University Admission Tests TMUA or MAT or 1 in any STEP will lead to the lower A*AA offer (A*A in Mathematics and Further Mathematics, either way round, plus A in any other A level or equivalent). Otherwise the standard offer is A*A*A (A*A* in Mathematics and Further Mathematics plus A in any other A level or equivalent).

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*D*D – D*DD

IB Diploma score – 38

With 776 or 766 in higher level subjects including Mathematics at grade 7.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Music

Join one of the best music departments in the UK and develop your creative, practical and critical skills in a unique and beautiful location.

Rankings

Joint 1st

in the UK for internationally excellent and world-leading research impact (REF 2014).

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in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

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in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

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in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

87%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).



Our courses are well balanced, covering everything from the music of the great composers to contemporary music and Indian ragas, studied from the perspectives of history, theory, aesthetics and ethnography as well as through composition and performance.

The Department (pictured left) is located at the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Durham City – an extraordinarily beautiful place. But it is the juxtaposition of ancient and cutting-edge that makes Durham so unusual and inspiring; within the old buildings we strive to forge fresh interpretations and create exciting new music, using state-of-the-art technology.

At the same time, there's an amazing variety of music-making going on at Durham: six orchestras, an unrivalled range of choral singing opportunities and theatrical productions, contemporary music ensembles, gamelan, jazz bands, rock bands and much more.

Develop leadership skills

At Durham, there are 22 music societies, all run by our students, who gain valuable experience and leadership skills. These include everything from a classical symphony orchestra and college chapel choirs to big band, barbershop, popular a cappella groups, a gospel choir, an opera group and a musical theatre group.

Employment

The Durham experience leads to employability – with strong guidance from staff and the Careers and Enterprise Centre, but crucially also from alumni who return to share their wisdom. Some graduates proceed to further study. Others embark on careers, particularly in education, music teaching, arts administration, broadcasting, production, management, journalism and accountancy.



Course information

Music BA (Hons)

Develop your creative, practical and critical skills in a top-class department.

We pride ourselves on combining the traditional and the modern in the study of music, from harmony, counterpoint and aural skills to the most up-to-date thinking in musicology, critical theory, composition (acoustic and electroacoustic), analysis, ethnomusicology and performance.

Our teaching is research-led and enhanced by distinctive staff specialisations that include nineteenth- and twentieth-century British music, music of the Soviet Union, Korean and Indian music, popular music, music technology, conducting, music psychology, early music and contemporary composition.

As part of an extensive curriculum review, we have created lots of exciting new opportunities for a year's study abroad for those on the BA Music course. Exchanges take place between the second and third year of study, with our partner institutions, which include the University of Oslo, the Sorbonne in Paris, La Sapienza in Rome, McGill in Canada and Boston University in the USA, alongside many others.

Typical first-year course content

- Historical Studies
- Musical Techniques
- Performance: Practice Through History (with Recital)
- Composition: Twentieth-Century Innovations
- Introduction to Ethnomusicology
- Performance: Practice Through History (with Essay)
- Analysis: Elements of Tonal Theory and Practice.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials (including one-to-one supervision), as well as instrumental or vocal tuition and performance and composition workshops.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including examinations, assignments/projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code W300
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB
Including Music. ABRSM Grade VII
Theory is acceptable in lieu of A level Music.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD plus Music as above.

IB Diploma score – 36

With 665 in higher level subjects, including Music. Please see above for requirements.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"The teaching itself is varied. We have guest lectures with speakers from across the world. The musical opportunities available are second to none."

Edward Walters

Course information

Music and Philosophy BA (Hons)

Develop your musical knowledge, while opening your mind through the study of philosophy.

We pride ourselves on combining the traditional and the modern in the study of music, from harmony, counterpoint and aural skills to the most up-to-date thinking in musicology, critical theory, composition (acoustic and electroacoustic), analysis, ethnomusicology and performance.

As part of the Philosophy element of the course, you will examine the broad divisions of philosophy, delving into metaphysics and theory of knowledge on the one hand, and moral philosophy on the other. You will also have the opportunity, if you choose, to examine classic works by writers such as Plato, Hume and Sartre.

Typical first-year course content

- Historical Studies
- Musical Techniques
- Performance: Practice Through History (with Recital)
- Composition: Twentieth-Century Innovations
- Introduction to Ethics and Values
- Knowledge and Reality
- Aesthetics
- Analysis: Elements of Tonal Theory and Practice.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials (including one-to-one supervision), as well as instrumental or vocal tuition and performance and composition workshops.

Assessment

Your work is assessed through examinations, coursework, recitals and a major project in the third year (dissertation, composition portfolio and a 40-minute solo recital).

Course fact file

UCAS code WV53
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB
Including Music. ABRSM Grade VII
Theory is acceptable in lieu of A level Music.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD plus Music as above.

IB Diploma score – 36
With 665 in higher level subjects, including Music. Please see above for requirements.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Philosophy

Philosophy studies profound and important questions that arise in all areas of human life.

Rankings

88%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

4th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

7th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

7th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

**World
Top 100**

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.

At Durham University, we offer a distinctive, research-led Philosophy curriculum, incorporating considerable levels of variety and choice. Whatever you choose, you will be taught by internationally renowned experts in the field.

We are one of the UK's top philosophy departments. The exceptionally high-quality education you receive here will equip you with critical abilities that can be put to use in all sorts of ways and which are prized by employers.

Learn from internationally renowned philosophers

The Department hosts lectures and seminars by renowned UK and overseas philosophers on a weekly basis. Recent visitors have included Amie Thomasson, Noam Chomsky and Peter Singer. The student Philosophy Society has also previously attracted visits from well-known philosophers, such as Simon Blackburn and Mary Midgley.

Employment

Our graduates proceed to higher-degree study and an academic career; or enter a wide range of professions, including law, the Civil Service and politics, management, public relations, teaching, journalism, media and publishing, marketing, retail and business, IT and financial services. Examples of high-profile employers include:



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Save the Children



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

The most ancient and fascinating of intellectual disciplines, fundamental to our understanding of what it is to be human.



Course information

Philosophy BA (Hons)

Gain an understanding of this deeply puzzling world.

Philosophy asks questions that other disciplines don't, won't or can't, so it provides the foundations for these disciplines as well as tools for challenging and developing them.

We pride ourselves on excellent research and teaching. Our community is lively, friendly and committed to gaining philosophical knowledge and understanding. You will learn skills that employers value, including how to analyse evidence, assess experts' arguments, work collaboratively to solve difficult problems and write with clarity and precision.

Typical course content

- Ethics and Values
- Knowledge and Reality
- Reading Philosophy
- A wide choice of optional modules, including European Philosophy, Logic and Aesthetics
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

Some modules are assessed by essays, some by an end-of-year examination and some by a combination of the two. In your final year, you will submit a dissertation, which allows you to explore in depth a topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

V500 BA (Hons)
V105 (with Foundation)

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer

- AAA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

- DDD

IB Diploma score

- 37
With 666 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"The course has a good balance of analytical and continental philosophy as well as teaching from some world leaders in areas like the philosophy of science."

Charles Smith

Course information

Philosophy and Politics BA (Hons)

Gain an understanding of the human mind, organisations and political power.

Studying Philosophy and Politics at Durham will allow you to develop critical capacities and gain insight into how political theories, organisations and communities work. You will learn skills that employers value, including how to analyse evidence, assess experts' arguments, work collaboratively to solve difficult problems and write with clarity and precision. You are especially encouraged to direct these skills towards issues in contemporary politics, informed by studying modules such as Democratic Political Systems, Moral Theory, Philosophy of Economics and Political Philosophy.

Typical course content

- Ethics and Values
- Knowledge and Reality
- Reading Philosophy
- Moral Theory
- Political Philosophy
- A wide choice of Politics modules
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, informal but scheduled one-to-one support and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

Some modules are assessed by essays, some by an end-of-year examination, and some by a combination of the two. In your final year, you will submit a dissertation, which allows you to explore in depth a topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code

LV25

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer

- AAA

Including at least one social science or humanities subject.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

- DDD

plus A levels as above.

IB Diploma score

- 37
With 666 in higher level subjects.
There are also higher level subject requirements.

For other qualifications see
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Our offers are dependent on context - see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"The highlight of my course has been getting to learn from world-leading academics in lectures and getting to freely discuss my ideas in tutorials."

Babak Sharples

Course information

Philosophy and Psychology BA (Hons)

Study profound questions concerning human psychology and the nature of the human mind.

At Durham, you will follow one of the most expansive philosophy degrees in the country. We are unique in the UK in our wide-ranging expertise in Anglo-American analytical philosophy and continental philosophy. We also have special expertise in the philosophy of science and social sciences, and the history of science and medicine. Our Philosophy and Psychology degree offers a broad choice of modules within Psychology.

Typical course content

- Ethics and Values
- Knowledge and Reality
- Reading Philosophy
- Moral Theory
- Philosophy of Mind
- A wide choice of Psychology modules
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, informal but scheduled one-to-one support, and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

Some modules are assessed by essays, some by an end-of-year examination and some by a combination of the two. In your final year, you will submit a dissertation, which allows you to explore in depth a topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code CV85
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

Grade 5 (or grade B) in Mathematics GCSE is required.

A level offer – AAA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 37

With 666 in higher level subjects, including standard level Mathematics.

For other qualifications see

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Our offers are dependent on context – see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad Placement year

"I was given the opportunity to work as a research assistant at the Psychology Department. I think the experience gave me a much better idea of what a life doing research could look like and helped me decide to go on to do a PhD."

Josefin Rosman

Course information

Philosophy and Theology BA (Hons)

Explore the bigger questions about human life, religion and the universe.

At Durham, you will follow one of the most expansive philosophy degrees in the country. Here you can study Philosophy with Theology and there is a broad choice of modules within Theology.

You will also have the opportunity to participate in exchange schemes, where you can spend a year of your studies abroad, either with universities in Europe or at the University of California (subject to availability).

Typical course content

- Ethics and Values
- Knowledge and Reality
- Reading Philosophy
- Moral Theory
- The New Testament
- Christian Theology
- A wide choice of other Theology modules
- Dissertation.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, informal but scheduled one-to-one support, and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing. All of these are supported by our virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (duo).

Assessment

Some modules are assessed by essays, some by an end-of-year examination and some by a combination of the two. In your final year, you will submit a dissertation, which allows you to explore in depth a topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code VV56
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 37
With 666 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent on context – see durham.ac.uk/contextualoffers

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad Placement year

Course information

Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) BA (Hons)

Explore philosophy, politics and economics in all their connections and depth.

PPE is a flexible Joint Honours degree, offering you the opportunity to explore philosophy, politics and economics – their connections, influences and impact. You will gain an understanding of how and why they have been so inextricably linked historically, and the ways in which they have developed and diverged over the course of the last two centuries, both in content and in method.

If you opt to study abroad in one of our international partner universities in your third year, you will experience another culture and develop language skills, as well as add an international dimension to your employability. If you opt for a business placement, you will spend your third year gaining practical experience.

Typical course content

- Ethics and Values
- Knowledge and Reality
- Political Theory
- Introductory Economics
- Mathematical and Statistical Methods for Economics
- Dissertation.

Teaching

We place great importance on research-led teaching, which integrates new and cutting-edge research into the curriculum and will introduce you to a variety of research-oriented skills and research-based projects. Teaching takes the form of lectures and small-group seminars, with an emphasis on encouraging you to become an independent thinker, able to locate, analyse and question subject material with the skills learned in the course of your studies.

Assessment

Assessment methods include but are not limited to examinations and unseen essay questions, essays and group projects. In your final year, you will submit a dissertation, which allows you to explore in depth a topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS codes VL52
Course length 3-4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA
Including an arts/humanities subject and Mathematics.
If you are taking Mathematics and Further Mathematics, a further two subjects must be taken at A2 level.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD
And A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 38
With 666 in higher level subjects, including an arts/humanities subject and Mathematics.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Study abroad



Placement year

“PPE is a highly prestigious degree that attracts passionate and driven students from all around the globe!”

Jana Cattien

“I have found philosophy to be a truly interesting subject, examining fascinating questions that mankind has pondered for years...”

Charles Smith



Physics

Physics is central to our understanding of natural phenomena, from the smallest-length scales probed in elementary particle accelerators to the grandest structures of the universe.

Rankings

Joint 1st

in the UK for internationally excellent and world-leading research impact (REF 2014).

94%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

4th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

4th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

World Top 100

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.



Physics has enhanced our lives, by underpinning inventions such as mobile communications, the Internet, solar cells and medical scanners. At Durham University, you can learn about the Big Bang, black holes, the Higgs boson, high-temperature superconductors, lasers, cold-atom Bose-Einstein condensates, biophysics and much more, from leading researchers in the field.

You will have excellent opportunities to study abroad or to undertake an industrial placement and you will develop a wide range of skills of lasting value in whatever career you choose.

A leading physics and astronomy department

Each year we admit about 170 students to study for degrees in Physics, Physics and Astronomy, and Theoretical Physics. The subjects taught range from fundamental topics, such as elementary particle physics and cosmology, to applied areas, such as material physics and biophysics.

The department incorporates the Ogden Centre for Fundamental Physics, which is home to the Institute for Particle Physics Phenomenology and the Institute for Computational Cosmology. The Ogden Centre is also the base for our innovative outreach programme for schoolchildren and their teachers.

Employment

Our graduates are highly valued by employers and progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors, including research scientists, graduate engineers, graduate trainee auditors and trainee clinical scientists. Examples of high-profile employers include:



BAE SYSTEMS



Rolls-Royce

Durham has one of the leading physics and astronomy departments in the UK.



Course information

Physics BSc (Hons)

Study for a flexible degree that will give you a wide range of options for your future career.

Our three-year BSc degree in Physics is accredited by the Institute of Physics. The BSc degree is aimed at those mainly interested in a degree in physics as a preparation for a career not necessarily in the physics area. The course structure has been designed to provide flexibility in your final choice of degree course. The first year of the BSc and MPhys degree courses in Physics, Physics and Astronomy, and Theoretical Physics is identical, and it is possible to select modules in your second year such that you need not make a firm choice of course until the end of the second year.

You will have the opportunity to apply for a year-long placement with one of the Physics department's or the University's international partners.

Typical course content

- Foundations of Physics
- Mathematical Methods in Physics
- Laboratory Skills, Electronics and Programming
- Physics Problem-solving.

Additional topics may include: Introduction to Astronomy, Theoretical Physics, Stars and Galaxies, Physics in Society, Planets and Cosmology, Maths Workshop, and Physics into Schools.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, laboratory sessions, tutorials and workshops. You will benefit from the creative environment of a large research department and will join a dynamic and focused intellectual community.

Our research ranges from fundamental elementary particle physics and cosmology to more applied topics, in which we collaborate closely with industry.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations and by project reports and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

F300 BSc (Hons)

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer

- A*A*A
Including Physics and Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

- D*D*D
And A levels as above.

IB Diploma score - 38

With 776 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics and Physics.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

Our offers are dependent

on context - see

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"The Physics department has a great reputation and excellent links with industry."

Owen Jones

Graduate, Physicist at Tracerco

Accreditation

Accredited by the Institute of Physics.

Course information

Physics MPhys (Hons)

Providing a strong foundation for those planning a career in physics and related fields.

Our Physics MPhys is a four-year integrated Master's degree in Physics, which is accredited by the Institute of Physics. An MPhys degree will suit those looking for professional training leading to research in physics or a physics-related career.

The course structure has been designed to provide flexibility in your final choice of degree. The first year of the BSc and MPhys degrees in Physics, Physics and Astronomy, and Theoretical Physics is identical, and it is possible to select modules in your second year such that you need not make a firm choice of course until the end of the second year. You will have the opportunity to apply for a year-long placement with one of the Physics Department's or the University's international partners.

Typical course content

- Foundations of Physics
- Mathematical Methods in Physics
- Laboratory Skills, Electronics and Programming
- Physics Problem-solving
- Research-based Project.

Additional topics may include: Introduction to Astronomy, Theoretical Physics, Stars and Galaxies, Physics in Society, Planets and Cosmology, Maths Workshop, and Physics into Schools.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, laboratory sessions, tutorials and workshops. You will benefit from the creative environment of a large research department and will join a dynamic and focused intellectual community.

Our research ranges from fundamental elementary particle physics and cosmology to more applied topics, in which we collaborate closely with industry.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations in Years 2, 3 and 4 and by project reports and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code

F301

Course length

4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer

- A*A*A

Including Physics and Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

- D*D*D
And A levels as above.

IB Diploma score - 38

With 776 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics and Physics.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Accreditation

Accredited by the Institute of Physics.

Course information

Physics and Astronomy MPhys (Hons)

Study in a creative environment and become part of our focused intellectual community.

Our Physics and Astronomy MPhys is a four-year integrated Master's degree in Physics and Astronomy, which is accredited by the Institute of Physics. An MPhys degree will suit those looking for professional training leading to research in physics or a physics-related career.

The course structure has been designed to provide flexibility in your final choice of degree. The first year of the BSc and MPhys degrees in Physics, Physics and Astronomy, and Theoretical Physics is identical, and it is possible to select modules in your second year such that you need not make a firm choice of course until the end of the second year. You will have the opportunity to apply for a year-long placement with one of the Physics Department's or the University's international partners.

Typical course content

- Foundations of Physics
- Mathematical Methods in Physics
- Laboratory Skills, Electronics and Programming
- Physics Problem-solving
- Research-based Project.

Additional topics may include: Introduction to Astronomy, Theoretical Physics, Stars and Galaxies, Physics in Society, Planets and Cosmology, Maths Workshop and Physics into Schools.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, laboratory sessions, tutorials and workshops. You will benefit from the creative environment of a large research department and will join a dynamic and focused intellectual community.

Our research ranges from fundamental elementary particle physics and cosmology to more applied topics, in which we collaborate closely with industry.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations in Years 2, 3 and 4 and by project reports and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code FF3N
Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*A*A
Including Physics and Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*D*D
And A levels as above.

IB Diploma score – 38

With 776 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics and Physics.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"You are taught by real experts in their field, who are constantly innovating and publishing in the area that they are teaching in."

Josh Borrow

Accreditation

Accredited by the Institute of Physics.

Course information

Theoretical Physics MPhys (Hons)

Gain a deep understanding of theoretical physics.

Our Theoretical Physics MPhys is a four-year integrated Master's degree in Theoretical Physics, which is accredited by the Institute of Physics. An MPhys degree will suit those looking for professional training leading to research in physics or a physics-related career.

The course structure has been designed to provide flexibility in your final choice of degree. The first year of the BSc and MPhys degrees in Physics, Physics and Astronomy, and Theoretical Physics is identical, and it is possible to select modules in your second year such that you need not make a firm choice of course until the end of the second year. You will have the opportunity to apply for a year-long placement with one of the Physics Department's or the University's international partners.

Typical course content

- Foundations of Physics
- Mathematical Methods in Physics
- Laboratory Skills, Electronics and Programming
- Physics Problem-solving
- Research-based Project.

Additional topics may include: Introduction to Astronomy, Theoretical Physics, Stars and Galaxies, Physics in Society, Planets and Cosmology, Maths Workshop and Physics into Schools.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, laboratory sessions, tutorials and workshops. You will benefit from the creative environment of a large research department and will join a dynamic and focused intellectual community.

Our research ranges from fundamental elementary particle physics and cosmology to more applied topics, in which we collaborate closely with industry.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations in Years 2, 3 and 4 and by project reports and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code F344
Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*A*A
Including Physics and Mathematics.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*D*D
And A levels as above

IB Diploma score – 38

With 776 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics and Physics.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Politics and International Relations

From soapboxes to statecraft, you will learn how and why nations are run the way they are.

Rankings

93%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

8th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

Top 10

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

World Top 100

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.



Ministry
of Justice

Deloitte.



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Morgan Stanley



We offer an education that goes beyond the job market; our education is about being better human beings and good citizens.

Course information

International Relations BA (Hons)

Examine the development of different regions and their political systems.

Taught by expert staff, undergraduate education is structured around the study of International Relations, including International Organisations, International Security and International Theory. In addition to learning research skills, the degree includes the opportunity to study the politics and international relations of specific regions, as well as theoretical examinations that help us to understand how we make sense of a complex and inter-connected world. You will move from general study in these areas to more specialised options in Years 2 and 3.

Modules reflect the research expertise of the School's academic staff. Such areas include, but are not limited to: European Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Thought and Political Theory, Theory, Middle East Politics, the Politics of East Asia, International Relations and International Political Theory. You will also have the opportunity to apply for a one-year study placement in one of the following institutions: the University of California and Boston College in the USA; the University of British Columbia in Canada; the University of Hong Kong; and the National University of Singapore.

Typical course content

- Introduction to International Relations
- International Security, Interdependence and Organisation
- Global Regions in International Relations
- Research Project
- Political Theory
- International Organisations OR International Theory
- Year Abroad (if appropriate)
- Dissertation.

Teaching

Teaching takes the form of lectures and small-group seminars, with an emphasis on encouraging students to be independent thinkers who are able to locate, analyse and question subject material with the skills learned in the course of their studies.

Assessment

Assessment methods include examinations and unseen essay questions, essays and group projects. You will also submit a dissertation, which allows you to explore a topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code L250
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - AAA
Including a social science or humanities subject.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD
And A levels as above.

IB Diploma score - 37
With 666 in higher level subjects, including a social sciences or humanities subject.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"The teaching is unparalleled. Every one of my lecturers has been eager to explore international relations further."

Sarah Ellington

Course information

Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) BA (Hons)

Explore philosophy, politics and economics in all their connections and depth.

PPE is a flexible Joint Honours degree, offering you the opportunity to explore philosophy, politics and economics – their connections, influences and impact. You will gain an understanding of how and why they have been so inextricably linked historically, and the ways in which they have developed and diverged over the course of the last two centuries, both in content and in method.

If you opt to study abroad in one of our international partner universities in your third year, you will experience another culture and develop language skills, as well as add an international dimension to your employability. If you opt for a business placement, you will spend your third year gaining practical experience.

Typical course content

- Ethics and Values
- Knowledge and Reality
- Political Theory
- Introductory Economics
- Mathematical and Statistical Methods for Economics
- Dissertation.

Teaching

We place great importance on research-led teaching, which integrates new and cutting-edge research into the curriculum and will introduce you to a variety of research-oriented skills and research-based projects. Teaching takes the form of lectures and small-group seminars, with an emphasis on encouraging you to become an independent thinker able to locate, analyse and question subject material with the skills learned in the course of your studies.

Assessment

Assessment methods include examinations and unseen essay questions, essays and group projects. You will also submit a dissertation, which allows you to explore a topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS codes VL52
Course length 3-4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - A*AA
Including an arts/humanities subject and Mathematics.
If you are taking Mathematics and Further Mathematics, a further two subjects must be taken at A2 level.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - D*DD
And A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score - 38
With 666 in higher level subjects, including an arts/humanities subject and Mathematics.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

"PPE is a highly prestigious degree that attracts passionate and driven students from all around the globe!"

Jana Cattien

Course information

Politics BA (Hons)

Explore the structure and functions of the modern state and the history of ideas about the nature and purpose of politics.

Taught by expert staff, undergraduate education is structured around three main streams: Political Thought, Political Institutions, and International Relations. In addition to learning research skills, the degree includes the opportunity to study the politics and international relations of specific regions, as well as theoretical examinations that help us to understand how we make sense of a complex and inter-connected world. You will move from general study in these areas to more specialised options in Years 2 and 3.

Modules reflect the research expertise of the School's academic staff. Such areas include, but are not limited to: European Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Thought and Political Theory, Middle East Politics, the Politics of East Asia, International Relations, and International Political Theory.

Typical course content

- Political Theory
- International Relations
- Comparative Politics
- Democratic Political Systems
- Research Project
- British Politics
- Foundations of Western Political Thought or Analytical Politics
- Dissertation.

Teaching

Teaching takes the form of lectures and small-group seminars, with an emphasis on encouraging our students to become independent thinkers who are able to locate, analyse and question subject material with the skills learned in the course of their studies.

Assessment

Assessment methods include examinations and unseen essay questions, essays and group projects. You will also submit a dissertation, which allows you to explore a topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

L200 BA (Hons)
L291 (with Foundation)

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer

- AAA
Including a social science or humanities subject.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD
And A levels as above.

IB Diploma score - 37
With 666 in higher level subjects, including a social sciences or humanities subject.

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Additional opportunities



Placement year

"A major highlight for me has been the opportunity to listen to world-renowned speakers on the key political issues of the day."

Simon Povey

Course information

Politics and International Relations BA (Hons)

Explore the history and structure of the modern international political order, the modern state, and political ideas about the nature and purpose of politics.

The course aims to give you a systematic and rigorous understanding of the disciplines of Politics and International Relations. Teaching is structured around three main streams: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. Students move from introductions to these areas in their early years to more specialised options by their third year, enabling students to focus on a specific sub-field or topic, analyse the politics and international relations of specific regions and countries, and engage in theoretical examinations that help us make sense of a complex, inter-connected, and rapidly changing world.

Modules reflect the research expertise of the School's academic staff. Such areas include, but are not limited to: International Relations, Political Thought and Political Theory, Comparative Politics, International Political Theory, Middle East Politics, European Politics, and the Politics of East Asia.

Typical course content

- Political Theory
- Introduction to International Relations
- Global Regions
- International Theory
- International Organisation
- Analytical Politics
- Comparative Politics
- Global Political Economy
- Research Project
- Dissertation.

Teaching

We place great importance on research-led teaching, which integrates new and cutting-edge research into the curriculum and will introduce you to a variety of research-oriented skills and research-based projects. Teaching takes the form of lectures and small-group seminars, with an emphasis on encouraging you to become an independent thinker able to locate, analyse and question subject material with the skills learned in the course of your studies.

Assessment

Teaching takes the form of lectures and small group seminars, with an emphasis on encouraging students to be independent thinkers who are able to locate, analyse and question subject material with the skills learned in the course of their studies.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

L253
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements
A level offer - AAA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD

IB Diploma score - 37
With 666 in higher level subjects, including an arts/humanities subject and Mathematics.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

Psychology

Psychology aims to understand and improve how people perceive, think, act, react and interact.



Rankings

We are proud to hold an Athena SWAN silver award, underlining our commitment to equality and diversity.

World Top 100

in the QS World University Subject Rankings 2020.

80%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).



In a Psychology degree at Durham, you will examine all aspects of behaviour by investigating the processes underpinning the thoughts, feelings and motivations behind our actions.

You will receive a genuinely research-led education. As well as learning the core principles of psychology, you will be actively encouraged to engage in research throughout practicals and seminars, for instance. You will also have access to our world-leading experimental facilities, including motion capture, eye tracking, and biophysical recording laboratories..

We focus on you

We are energised teachers who love our subject and want to share that passion with you. You will conduct a research project as part of your third-year dissertation, and have the opportunity to gain additional experience via our popular Research Assistant Scheme. At Durham, we don't just teach you – we encourage you to work with us on new ideas, so that together we make new discoveries about human behaviour.

Employment

Through dedicated teaching sessions, employability events, and optional careers modules, we actively prepare you for working life.

Career destinations for graduates include not only chartered psychology professions such as forensic, occupational, and sports psychology, but also human resources professional, business analyst, market researcher, public relations professional, marketeer, civil servant, and teacher. However, the broad nature of the curriculum ensures that graduates also qualify for career destinations in clinical and healthcare settings. In addition, the academic rigour of the courses ensures that graduates are well equipped to pursue postgraduate study (MSc/MA and PhD).

Examples of high-profile employers include:

accenture **Deloitte.** **pwc**
High performance. Delivered.

Together we can make new discoveries about human behaviour.



Course information

Behavioural Science BSc (Hons)

Harness insights gained from psychological science.

The BSc in Behavioural Science combines a broad-based education in psychology with a specialisation in cutting-edge behavioural science. Behavioural science is a relatively new discipline that focuses on the application of psychological principles to behaviour change challenges commonly faced within the public, private and third sectors. The degree incorporates a range of modules that will allow you to graduate with a deep and comprehensive understanding of the field of psychology, while building your knowledge and skills in the application of behavioural insights.

Typical course content

In the first and second years, many core modules are shared with our Psychology BSc degree, ensuring that you receive a broad-based education across the whole of psychology. In the final year, you take behavioural science modules focusing on topics such as behaviour change, business and economic psychology, leadership and evidence-based professional practice. Research methods and data science are important components of your degree as you progress towards your dissertation.

Teaching

You will be taught by leading academics and guest practitioners. You will participate in lectures, small-group tutorials and hands-on practical classes, with modes of delivery that are carefully matched to the teaching content, to maximise learning. At Durham University, you will join a community of staff and students who together create an outstanding learning environment and who are committed to the pursuit of new knowledge and solutions to important challenges faced by organisations and governments.

Assessment

Assessment methods vary but typically include examinations, essays, reports and presentations. In your final year, you will carry out a research project.

Course fact file

UCAS code C803
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

Grade 5 (or grade B) or above in Mathematics at GCSE (or equivalent) is required.

A level offer – AAA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 37
With 666 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“The study of human behaviour has come a long way and provides a breadth of opportunities to put science into practice.”

Dr Mario Weick

Course Director

Accreditation

The course is accredited by the British Psychological Society and the degree confers eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC).

Course information

Psychology BSc (Hons)

Be part of the future of psychological science.

Psychology is concerned with understanding human nature and investigating the processes underpinning the thoughts, feelings and motivations behind our actions. You will explore topics such as social behaviour, childhood development and cognitive neuroscience. We particularly encourage you to run and participate in the Department's cutting-edge experiments.

Typical course content

First- and second-year core content includes topics in:

- Abnormal Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Individual Differences
- Social Psychology.

You will also receive training in Research Methods and Statistics. In your final year, you may choose freely from a wide range of specialist options. These vary year on year but include topics such as Reward and Addiction, Neuroscience and Social Psychology.

Teaching

You will be taught by academics who are leaders in their field of research. We enjoy engaging with you through lectures, small-group tutorials and hands-on practical classes. We offer in-depth, individual feedback and provide support from staff and student peers.

Assessment

In your final year, you will submit a project that details your own original work. This is a great way to explore a topic that you are passionate about, and to showcase the many skills that you have gained during your Durham Psychology degree. Throughout the degree, various assessment methods are used, including essays, reports and examinations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes C800 BSc (Hons)
C819 (with Foundation)
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

Grade 5 (or grade B) or above in Mathematics at GCSE (or equivalent) is required.

A level offer – AAA

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD

IB Diploma score – 37
With 666 in higher level subjects.

For other qualifications see durham.ac.uk/entry

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

“The course content is fascinating, providing a holistic understanding of the mechanisms underlying human and animal behaviour.”

Liam Myles

Accreditation

The course is accredited by the British Psychological Society and the degree confers eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC).

Course information

Psychology and Anthropology BSc (Hons)

Explore psychological and anthropological perspectives on being human.

The joint honours degree is designed to enable you to understand what it means to be human in our rapidly changing world, including why we, and other animals, behave as we do and our interactions with each other and other animals. In Psychology, you will study people in terms of internal mental processes, biological mechanisms underlying behaviour, and the social and developmental context in which they act. In anthropology, you will use perspectives from human biology, cultural evolution, animal behaviour, and human evolution to inquire into the mind and behaviour of past and present human and primate populations. You will learn how anthropology and psychology provide complementary and contrasting perspectives, plus various quantitative and qualitative ways of addressing major questions.

Typical course content

- Doing Anthropological Research
- Human Evolution and Diversity
- Introduction to Psychological Research
- Conceptual Issues in Anthropology & Psychology
- Research Project Design
- Statistics and Project Design
- Cognitive Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Dissertation.

Teaching

Your learning will be supported by seminars, workshops and practicals which guide your learning of lecture material and that gleaned through independent study. The course promotes discussion and critical appraisal, confidence in collecting and analysing data and presenting information both orally and in different written formats. We place a strong emphasis on inquiry-based learning, with a particular focus on learning how to carry out your own research using the diverse research facilities on offer across both Departments.

Assessment

Assessment varies by module, but may include written examinations, coursework in the form of essays, practical reports or research projects, and presentations, posters or articles aimed at the general public.

Course fact file

UCAS code CL86
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

Grade 5 (or Grade B) or above in Mathematics at GCSE (or equivalent) is required

A level offer – AAA (or equivalent)

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended - DDD

IB Diploma score – 37
With 666 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



Study abroad

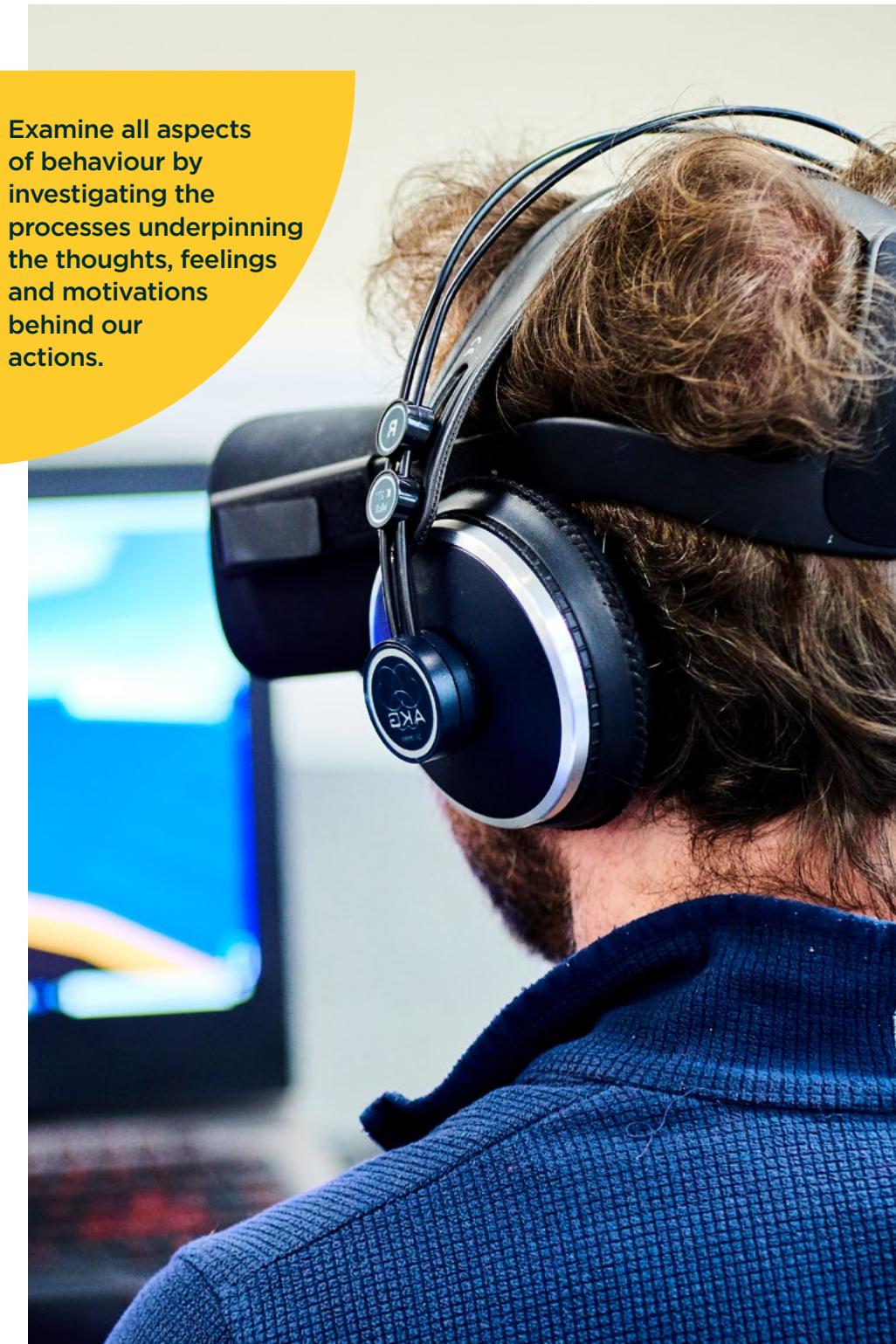


Placement year

Accreditation

The course is accredited by the British Psychological Society and the degree confers eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC).

Examine all aspects of behaviour by investigating the processes underpinning the thoughts, feelings and motivations behind our actions.



Sociology

What is society? How does it shape the way in which we live? And, in turn, how is it shaped by us through our individual lives? Learn about these issues and more through a degree in Sociology.

In broad terms, sociology seeks to understand the relationship between individual people and the wider cultural and institutional contexts within which they live. In doing so, it strives not only to make sense of social and cultural systems but also to bring about transformative social change, drawing upon the systematic study of social issues to challenge inequalities and to inform the development of effective, evidence-based policy and practice.

The curriculum at Durham is informed by our core research themes, including: education and inequality; health and medicine; violence and abuse; and social justice. Alongside these and other substantive topics, you will study sociological theory and its development through to the present day, as well as learn the craft of sociological research and analysis.

In addition to gaining detailed knowledge of sociological issues, you will also develop a wide range of transferable skills valued by graduate employers, including how to assemble and evaluate different kinds of evidence, how to turn evidence into an effective argument and how to design social research and analyse different kinds of data.

Leaders in sociological research

Sociology and social policy have been taught at Durham University for over 50 years, with the faculty having included influential sociologists such as Philip Abrams, Ruth First and Stan Cohen. Durham University continues to lead in key areas of contemporary significance, such as inequality of access to higher education led by Professor Vikki Boliver and domestic and gender-based violence and abuse led by Professor Nicole Westmarland.

Employment

Our degrees are an excellent foundation for careers in a wide range of sectors, including health and welfare, the Civil Service, local government, banking and academia. We support students in gaining excellent employability skills. As well as pursuing further study, recent graduates have proceeded to careers with a range of high-profile employers, including:



Look at the world through a sociological lens.



Course information

Anthropology and Sociology BA (Hons)

Develop an understanding of humans as social and cultural beings.

With their common emphasis on understanding human beings and societies, anthropology and sociology are naturally complementary fields of study.

Based around a central core of theory and methods, the BA is highly flexible, allowing you to pick subjects across both disciplines. While many students study both subjects with equal emphasis, there is the opportunity to focus more on one or the other in view of your specific interests. The course emphasises the application of theory and concepts to real-world cases. You will carry out a supervised research project and you can choose to take a placement with a local community organisation and make use of your knowledge in an applied setting.

Typical course content

- Anthropological and Sociological Theory
- Research Design and Practice
- Substantive Issues in Sociology such as: Education and Social Inequalities; Health and Healthcare; Violence and Abuse; etc.
- Substantive Issues in Anthropology such as: Kinship and Religion; Human Evolution and Diversity; Sex, Reproduction and Love; etc.
- A Research Dissertation of Your Own Design.

Teaching

You will learn through formal teaching sessions, such as lectures, seminars and practical workshops. You will have the opportunity to study through applied research, as part of the Field Course module, or as part of the Research Methods in Action module. In Year 3, you will undertake a dissertation with dedicated one-to-one staff supervision to guide you through the process of creating and writing up a research project.

Assessment

Assessment varies between different modules. Some modules are assessed via exam but the degree emphasises coursework in the form of essays, research reports, reflections, academic posters and so on.

Course fact file

UCAS code LL36
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD

IB Diploma score – 36
With 665 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



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Placement year

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Course information

Sociology BA (Hons)

Develop a critical understanding of the social problems and issues of our time.

At its core, Durham Sociology is concerned with understanding and deconstructing social inequality and injustice. You will learn about foundational sociological theories and issues as well as interrogate the social institutions that affect our lives in areas like: education; employment; health; community; and intimate relationships.

You will also learn how to design and carry out sociological research, with an emphasis on developing applied understanding and experience. There is also the opportunity to study topics related to crime, deviance and criminal justice institutions, which comprise our adjacent BA Criminology degree.

The course places heavy emphasis on the application of theory and concepts to real-world cases. You will have the opportunity to carry out a supervised research study on an elected topic, while in the final year you can choose to take a placement with a local community organisation and make use of your sociological knowledge in an applied setting.

Typical course content

- Classical and Contemporary Sociological Theory
- Social Change and Transformations
- Sociological Research Design and Practice
- Specific topics such as education and inequality, health and illness, violence and abuse, etc
- A Research Dissertation of your own Design.

Teaching

You will learn through a mixture of lectures, seminars, research-based workshops and personal supervision of research projects, in addition to independent study guided through Durham University Online (duo). You will also have the opportunity to attend seminars and lectures run by the Department's research groups beyond those which comprise the formal degree course.

Assessment

Assessment is largely coursework-based, with essays, reports, portfolios and so on accounting for roughly 4/5 of your final grade. A key part of your assessment will be your final-year dissertation study, which you will complete on a sociological topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
L300 BA (Hons)
L301 (with Foundation)
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements
A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD

IB Diploma score – 36
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Placement year

“Definitively the highlight of my course has been the members of staff. I've developed strong relationships with many of the academic staff. Everyone is so passionate and excited about their subject which makes for an incredibly engaging learning environment!”

Olivia Parsons

Sport and Exercise Sciences



At Durham, you can combine studying outstanding sport and exercise degrees with unbeatable opportunities for participation and excellence in sport.

Rankings

80%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

5th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

5th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

7th

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

Top 100

in the *QS World University Rankings 2021*.

Studying in the sport and exercise sciences will allow you to examine a broad range of topics across the spectrum from grassroots to performance sport, and also across the varied connections between sport and issues such as obesity, inequality and social justice.

Our undergraduate degree courses are distinctive and highly ranked by students and employers for the following reasons:

- You are given the flexibility to choose from a range of optional modules throughout your degree, allowing you to tailor your studies according to your own interests and career aspirations.
- Our learning, teaching and assessment approaches constantly encourage you to put your developing academic knowledge to use in analysing, engaging with and enhancing real-world practices across the sport and exercise industries.
- The size of our student cohort is smaller than on many other courses, which enables a personalised teaching approach and ongoing opportunities for all students to gain highly valued, individualised support from staff.

Employment

We have an excellent record for graduate employment and our past graduates are employed in a wide range of careers, reflecting the flexibility and range of options on our degree courses.

Potential careers include those in: high-performance sport, teaching and education, exercise and health, sport, media and marketing, and sport management and development.

Examples of high-profile employers include:



Apply academic concepts and research to real-world practice and issues in sport, exercise and physical activity.

Course information

Sport, Exercise and Physical Activity BA (Hons)

Develop new perspectives on a range of contemporary issues across sport and physical activity.

Our BA degree enables you to engage in broad-ranging study of real-life issues across sport, exercise and physical activity. Your studies will encompass a variety of modules in the social science disciplines of sport sociology, sport policy and sports development. Our flexible course also allows you to expand your knowledge and skill set through selecting specific modules in areas of sport and exercise physiology and psychology...

Typical course content

- Sports Development and Sport Policy
- Sociology of Sport
- Sport and Exercise in the Community Placement.

Opportunities are also available to broaden your studies to include modules in:

- Sport for Nutrition and Health
- Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Sport and Exercise Physiology
- Sport, Health and the Environment.

Teaching

You will develop academic knowledge and professional skills through a variety of lectures, seminars, workshops and practicals. Teaching is led by academics who are both leaders in their field of research and committed to providing you with individualised support that will help you fulfil your potential.

Assessment

Your degree will mostly be assessed through a range of coursework assignments, which may include analysing real-life sports development programmes and creating infographics and podcasts. A final-year dissertation project enables you to undertake in-depth exploration of a specific topic that you are passionate about.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

C603 BA (Hons)
C604 (with Foundation)

Course length

3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer

- AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma

- DDD

IB Diploma score

- 36
With 665 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



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Placement year

"I have had the most incredible three years studying on what I truly believe to be the best sport degree in the country."

Katie Falkingham

Course information

Sport and Exercise Sciences BSc (Hons)

Study a unique blend of traditional and cross-disciplinary sport and exercise sciences.

In joining our BSc degree, you will study traditional sport, exercise and health science disciplines, while having access to our flexible module suite, allowing you to develop a broader knowledge base and skillset across the wider study of sport, exercise and physical activity.

Typical course content

- Sport and Exercise Physiology
- Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Nutrition for Sport and Health
- Sport and Exercise in the Community Placement

Opportunities are also available to broaden your studies to include modules in:

- Sport Development and Policy
- Sociology of Sport
- Sport, Health and the Environment.

Teaching

You will develop academic knowledge and professional skills through a variety of lectures, seminars, practical laboratories and workshops. Teaching is led by academics who are both leaders in their field of research and committed to providing you with individualised support that will help you fulfil your potential.

Assessment

Your degree will mostly be assessed through a range of coursework assignments, which may include psychological profiling of sport performers and reports on physiological testing undertaken in our human performance laboratory.

A final-year dissertation project enables you to undertake in-depth exploration of a specific topic that you are passionate about.

Course fact file

UCAS code

C606
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements
A level offer - AAB

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma - DDD

IB Diploma score - 36
With 665 in higher level subjects.

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Additional opportunities



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Placement year

"The wide range of topics covered means there'll always be something new that interests you each week."

Maddey Watson

Theology and Religion

Durham is a place of self-discovery, where 'belief' and 'beliefs' are taken seriously.

Rankings

86%

of students in graduate-level employment within 15 months of graduation (*The Guardian University Guide 2021*).

2nd

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021*.

3rd

in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

4th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2021*.

Top 10

in the *QS University World Subject Rankings 2020*.

1st

in the UK for Internationally excellent and world-leading research (REF 2014).

Human beings always have had, and always will have, world views and fundamental beliefs about the way the universe is, and their role in it. This is the part of the human condition that is studied in Theology and Religion at Durham, from a range of methodological and disciplinary perspectives: social scientific/anthropological; textual; historical; and philosophical/ethical.

The Department of Theology and Religion is where 'belief' and 'beliefs' are taken seriously, respected and studied, whether those beliefs are atheistic, humanistic or religious. So if you are interested in world views – including, for example, atheism, Christianity or humanism – then theology and religion is the subject for you.

Asking the big questions about the future

Should we fear artificial intelligence (AI) or embrace it? Will robots take all our jobs? What does the rise of increasingly intelligent machines mean for our understanding of what it is to be human? Do we need to become post-human to be a match for these new technologies? What about the singularity? Questions like these raise important issues for our understanding of human identity and the human future that have inescapable religious and theological dimensions. Research in the Department of Theology and Religion is probing the crucial topics of life in a digital age, the post-human condition and the challenges of AI and robotics.

Employment

Graduates enter a wide range of career areas, including law, government, marketing, business and finance, industry, charity work, teaching, media, the clergy and journalism. Employers include: Linklaters, Kirkland and Ellis, Coltraco Ultrasonics, the Home Office, Durham Police, Jaguar Land Rover and:



A recognised global leader in the exploration of theology and religion.

Kaiser Wilhelm Church, Berlin



Course information

Religion, Society and Culture BA (Hons)

Join us on a journey to the heart of society, belief, politics and the arts.

This degree will equip you with the skills to understand religion and its power to shape the human condition. You will engage with the role of religion in a wide range of contexts, including politics, literature, bioethics and war. Theoretical perspectives are brought to bear on a variety of specialist topics – from fundamentalism in the USA to sacred landscapes in northern India; the role of Islam in modern Britain; Pentecostalism in sub-Saharan Africa; and death rites across the globe. Urgent current ethical questions are studied, and you will be encouraged to arrive at well-informed and reflective positions on topics such as the environmental crisis, end-of-life issues, poverty and warfare. The degree enables you to better understand the world we live in, and to explore the forces that shape your own attitudes, hopes and fears. In turn, it will empower you to go out into the world to make a difference for the common good.

Typical course content

- Worldview, Faith and Identity
- Faith, Identity and Power in Latin America
- Sacred India: Land, Politics and Identity
- Islam in Contemporary Britain
- Philosophy of Religion and Ethics
- Christian Theology and the Arts
- Science and Theology
- Religion and Film
- The Sociology of Conservative Protestantism
- Theology, Nature and Environment
- Religion in Africa
- South Asian Religions
- Religion and War
- Atheism, Belief and the Edge of Reason.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials and study skills classes, developing your knowledge and your ability to undertake your own independent and scholarly engagement with texts and issues.

Assessment

Forty per cent of your degree will be assessed by coursework. In your final year, you will submit a double dissertation, which allows you to explore in depth a topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code V617
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB
Including a social science or humanities subject.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD
And A levels as above.

IB Diploma score – 36
With 665 in higher level subjects.

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“I found that a Theology & Religion degree helps one develop a firm foundation of ethics and principles, based on a perspective-stretching millennia.”

Clare Hunter

Head of Marketing & Communications,
Coltraco Ultrasonics

Course information

Theology and Religion BA (Hons)

Discover a multidisciplinary approach to religious thought, practice and scripture.

What do people believe about the world and their place in it? How do those beliefs shape society and culture? Can those beliefs be critically examined, scrutinised and tested? In the Department of Theology and Religion, we teach you how to use the tools of philosophy, social science, history, literature and language to understand human beliefs and world views, past and present. We do this both from within, seeking to test our own beliefs, and from without, as critical observers. We have a historic strength in the study of Christian thought, history, practice and texts, while offering strong provision in politics, ethics, non-Christian faith traditions, humanism and atheism.

Typical course content

- Worldview, Faith and Identity
- Philosophy of Religion and Ethics
- Biblical Studies
- New Testament Theology: Exploring Paul and John
- Atheism, Belief and the Edge of Reason
- The Reformation and its Legacy
- Catholic Theology in the Modern World
- Competing Gospels: Jesus Inside and Outside the Canon
- Sacred India: Land, Politics and Identity
- Christian Doctrine
- Christian Theology and the Arts
- Science and Theology
- Religion in Contemporary Britain
- Religion and Film
- The Sociology of Conservative Protestantism
- Theology, Nature and Environment
- Religion in Africa
- South Asian Religions
- Religion and War.

Teaching

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials and study skills classes, developing your knowledge and your ability to undertake your own independent and scholarly engagement with texts and issues.

Assessment

Forty per cent of your degree will be assessed by coursework. In your final year, you will submit a double dissertation, which allows you to explore in depth a topic of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code V614
Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB
Including a social science or humanities subject.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD
And A levels as above.

IB Diploma score – 36
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“This degree gives a fascinating insight into what makes our society tick, and – importantly – why we are how we are.”

Enzo Round

Student Pledge

Be part of our inclusive, diverse community.

Durham University asks all its student members for their personal commitment to a set of values that underpin life and study here. The commitment is set out in the Student Pledge. The Pledge is not part of the University's formal rules, but we see it as vital to supporting a climate of fairness, cooperation and respectful behaviour, within the University, colleges and wider community.

My pledge to myself

I undertake to:

- Hold myself to the highest possible standards
- Conduct myself with integrity and dignity in all matters
- Demonstrate high standards of personal conduct in my interactions with the University and the wider Durham community.

My pledge to others

I undertake to:

- Respect diversity and the promotion of equal opportunity for all
- Treat other students, staff and members of the wider community with respect and tolerance, irrespective of their race, colour, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, nationality or disability
- Promote a culture in which incidents of sexual violence and misconduct are not tolerated
- Be a good and considerate neighbour while living in College or within the wider Durham community.

My pledge to my educational experience

I undertake to:

- Engage with my academic studies to the very best of my abilities both as an independent learner and as part of the community of practice within my academic department(s)
- Conduct myself with honesty and integrity in pursuit of my education, respecting the University's rules on plagiarism, research misconduct, and the use of the IT and Library facilities
- Respect freedom of expression.





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a Durham
undergraduate
is the first step
on your
journey to
achieving the
extraordinary.



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A medieval bridge
across the River Wear.

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