

Masters in Economics

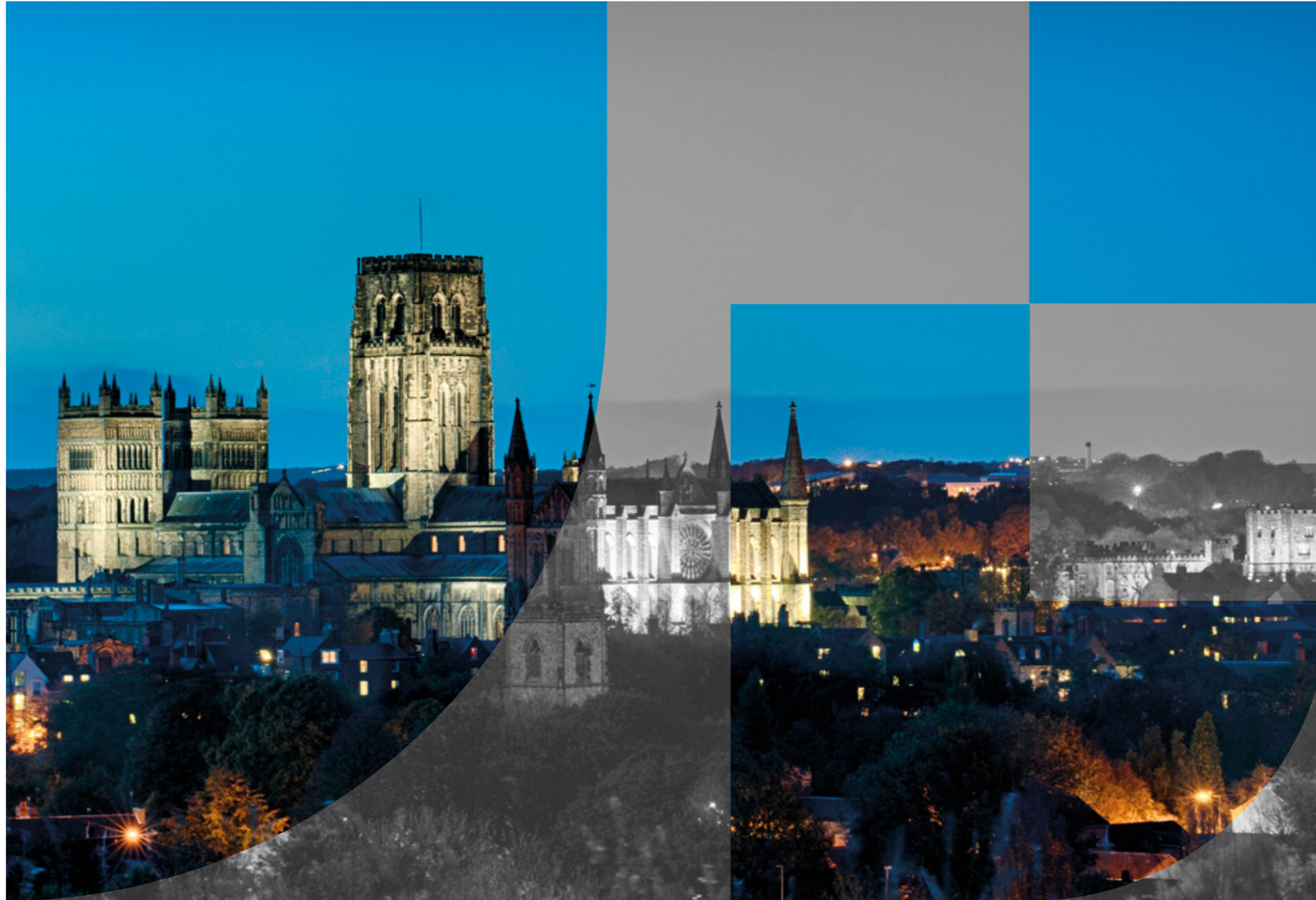
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“Our MSc Economics programmes offer rigorous training at the frontier of research to meet the most advanced requirements of employers in the global job market. Whether you are considering a career in industry, policy making institutions or academia, the analytical and quantitative skills gained here at Durham would be an invaluable asset”.

Dr Vsevolod Ostapenko
Programme Director (Interim)



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**Durham Masters
in Economics**

Find your
focus

Why Durham University Business School?

Founded in 1965, Durham University Business School is one of the longest established business schools in the UK.

We connect students and alumni with global companies. And we link business with incisive and innovative thinking.

We are proud to be integral to Durham University, a globally outstanding centre of teaching and research excellence, a collegiate community of extraordinary people, a unique and historic setting – Durham is a university like no other.



A World Top 100 University

as ranked in the *QS World University Rankings 2024*

A triple accredited business school

and one of an elite group worldwide



90%

of Durham University's research is classed as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' REF 2021

A global alumni network of 36,000+ Business School graduates

spanning 140+ countries

A global community of 128,000+ alumni across the University

Top 5 in the UK

for Economics as ranked in *The Guardian University Guide 2024*

100+ countries

are represented across our staff and student body

Durham University was founded in 1832 making it over 190 years old

Masters in Economics

Refine your skill set. Master your profession.

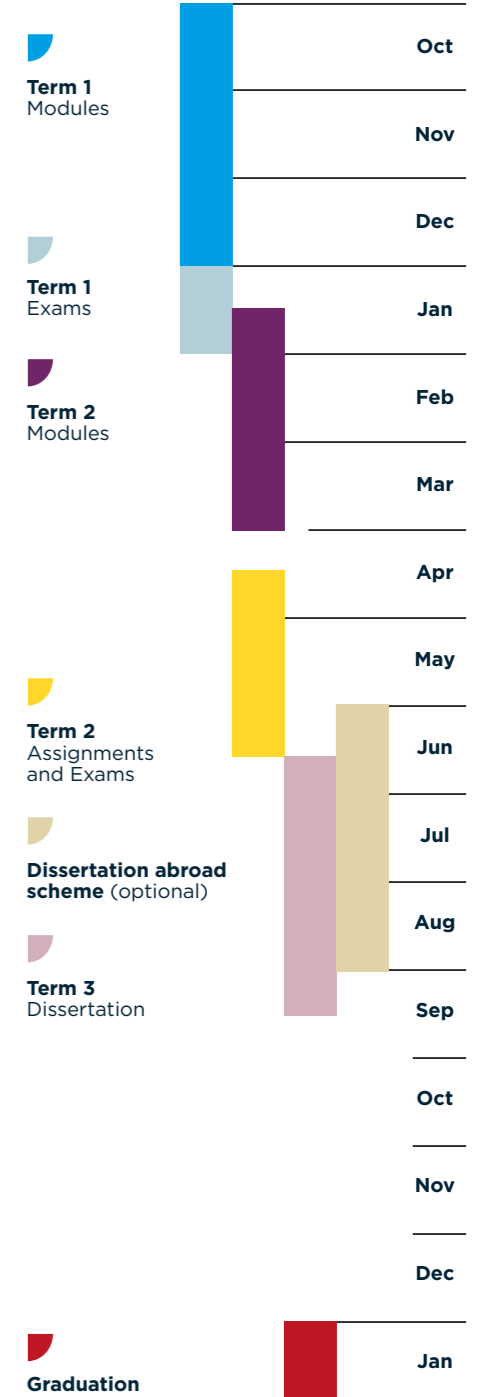
About the programmes

Our intensive one year full-time MSc Economics programmes are designed to provide you with the necessary skills and knowledge to pursue a career in economics and related disciplines.

By choosing one of our programmes, you will be joining a business school with an internationally diverse faculty and student body, enabling you to expand your global network. Opportunities such as international exchanges, networking events and access to the latest software and database facilities add further value to the programme to enhance your career.

Our portfolio includes the following degree routes:

- MSc Economics
- MSc Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- MSc Behavioural Economics



Choose your degree

Focus your studies through tailored routes

To help you stand out in a crowded global job market, you can choose from a wide range of modules to customise your degree to your chosen career path or a specific area of interest.

Each programme consists of eight taught modules (a combination of core and elective/optional modules). The programme culminates in a dissertation or business project. The table opposite summarises which modules are core or elective for each degree route.

To remain at the forefront of the latest thinking, we constantly develop our curriculum and learning methods by drawing on innovative research and practice. Therefore, not all optional modules may run every year.

For more information and a full list of modules visit durham.ac.uk/business/masters-economics

Key

■ **Core module**

■ **Elective module**
(Modules shown are those typically offered in previous years).

Masters in Economics programmes

	MSc Economics	MSc Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	MSc Behavioural Economics
Advanced Macroeconomics	■	■	■
Advanced Microeconomics	■	■	■
Econometric Analysis	■	■	■
Behavioural Economics	■	■	■
Development Economics	■	■	■
Environmental and Climate Economics	■	■	■
Experimental Economics	■	■	■
Game Theory	■	■	■
Industrial Organisation	■	■	■
International Trade and Finance	■	■	■
Microeconometrics	■	■	■
Money and Banking	■	■	■
Natural Resource Economics	■	■	■
Time-Series Analysis	■	■	
A credit-bearing language module	■	■	■
Dissertation	■	■	■



Dissertation

In the third term, you will carry out an original research project. This may be an independent piece of work or, alternatively, you may decide to develop a more applied project with an appropriate organisation.

Supervised by a faculty member with relevant experience, you'll investigate in greater detail a subject that you've already studied as part of your programme. This is an opportunity for you to develop your business insight and present your analysis and ideas in a scholarly and professional manner.

Meet our academics

When you join Durham University Business School you will have access to world-leading academics. Their global experience, outstanding research insight and real business connections keep us at the leading edge.

Find out more about us by visiting durham.ac.uk/business/our-people



"I have especially enjoyed the opportunities offered by the business school to develop skills and knowledge beyond the immediate scope of my course - for example through the MSc investment club, guest lecture series, or optional econometrics courses."

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Adding to your experience

Enriching your study

International opportunities

We're proud of our strong international connections. Helping you get an inside perspective is a key part of the programme.

That's why we offer a range of opportunities to help immerse you in a country's business and academic environment, make new contacts and stand out in a competitive job market. These include:

Summer School

During the summer you will have the opportunity to participate in a Summer School at one of our global network of university and business partners. These partially self-funded competitive activities, normally take place after exams in either June, July or August, for up to three weeks. They cover a wide range of topics and aim to complement the knowledge you gain during your time in Durham, whilst contextualising it in an international business setting.

Please note, in order to be considered for a place on one of our Summer Schools, all students must apply as places are limited.

Dissertation Abroad

All students on MSc programmes at Durham University Business School are offered the opportunity to apply to write their dissertation (research project) at one of our prestigious European partner institutions during the summer (June to September). This exciting programme provides an opportunity to gain experience living abroad and to build your network, as well as understanding how campus life works in another destination. Participating in the programme not only develops your personal skills, but improves employability by demonstrating adaptability, resilience, communication skills and a global mindset. This partially self-funded programme is very popular with students across all programmes and the international team in the Business School will support your journey from application to departure.

Practitioner insights - Guest Speaker Programme

An integral part of the programme is the engagement with the world of practice. Our Guest Speaker Programme provides the opportunity to enjoy presentations by leading international academics and practitioners within your chosen area of interest. Past speakers have included representatives of major global multinationals and leading scholars, combining critical and progressive thinking with practical insights.

Additional resources

The School has made a significant investment in database resources to give you access to both live and historical data from providers which include Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg, Datastream and Orbis. These state-of-the-art databases give you the opportunity to interrogate the financial records of millions of companies worldwide and add valuable insight to your research.

Investment Club

Each year ten students are selected to manage a genuine fund and meet on a monthly basis to evaluate their research and place their trades. At the end of the year, the monetary fund and a report on its performance are passed to next year's club. This exciting initiative gives you the chance to put your financial skills to the test and enhance your CV.

Your career

Enhance your prospects...

...begin your career with us

Our graduates enjoy an excellent employment record.

Whether you want to work for an organisation, for yourself, or go on to further study, our career development support and guidance offers you the opportunity to build your employability skills.



98%

of Masters in Economics students accepted a job offer within 3 months of completing the programme

Graduate Destination Survey (3 year average 2021-2023)

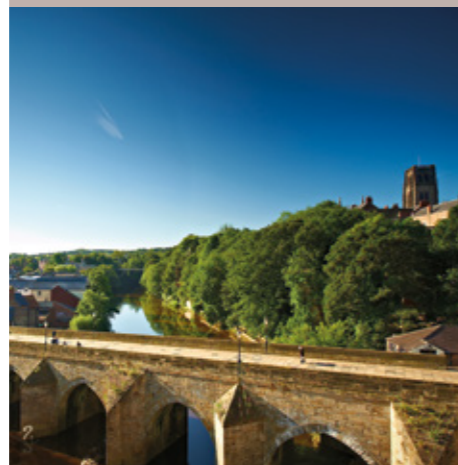
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Our Masters programmes connect you with leading companies from across the globe



AlphaSights

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TUSPARK UK**

LinkedIn



"The Masters course takes everything to the next level with more attention given to analytical theory and developing econometric skills. You also get greater access to individual support and opportunities within the Business School such as postgrad events, career workshops and even the Dissertation Abroad scheme."

Jeremy Worlock

MSc Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
2022/2023

International, Engagement & Careers

Our International, Engagement & Careers Team offer a wide range of opportunities to help you develop the skills necessary to build a successful future career.

With its own dedicated postgraduate careers team we offer a full range of careers services, which are internationally-focused and reflective of the global locations in which our students want to work. Created to complement the events, workshops and fairs organised by the University's Careers and Enterprise Centre, our International, Engagement & Careers team will support you through your programme and beyond.

You will be given information about the International, Engagement & Careers programme during your first few weeks at Durham, including access to the Business School's online Career Development Portal. Our service is designed to give you the opportunity to:

- Develop the essential skills demanded by international recruiters through interactive workshops.
- Network with businesses and engage with international recruiters in a range of activities, presentations and events.
- Access a huge range of resources, international jobs board, video library and career webinar series.

A flavour of what to expect...

Individual career opportunities

Appointments with our Career Consultants give you the opportunity to develop your CV, improve your job search strategy and prepare for interviews. The team also offer practice interviews and assessment exercises to help you with your preparation.

Connecting with business

There are many opportunities throughout the year. From engaging with organisations and alumni to further enhance your knowledge and skills, to meeting with a range of recruiters via workshops, presentations and fairs. Working in partnership with the University's Careers and Enterprise Centre, you can engage with some of the UK's leading employers as well as international employers using video conferencing technology in the Business School.

Supporting your studies

Resourcing your time at Durham

From accommodation for today, to global networks for tomorrow

At Durham you will benefit from all the resources you'd expect from a leading business school.

From the latest IT and library services to a virtual learning environment, you'll have everything to hand to make the most of your learning.



Our colleges

All full-time postgraduate students become a member of one of our colleges. As well as offering a wide range of societies, social and cultural activities, your college will provide support and a sense of belonging during your time in Durham, adding to your overall experience and helping you graduate with much more than just a degree.

For more information, visit durham.ac.uk/colleges



"I believe the collegiate system at Durham University has been instrumental in creating a great student experience. Imagine seventeen colleges healthily competing to provide the best student-led and student-run activities - be it sports, social events or conferences, there's something for everyone!"

Christina Alles

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Accommodation

We offer good quality, reasonably priced accommodation at Durham University. If this is not for you, we can help you find local private accommodation to suit your needs. We will provide you with more specific details upon application.

In the meantime, visit durham.ac.uk/colleges

Sports facilities

Sport is an important part of Durham life and our facilities are second to none. From our British Rowing Performance Centre to the British Fencing Centre, and boasting teams which compete in the England Hockey National leagues and the FA Women's Super League, we can offer something for everyone.

For more information, visit durham.ac.uk/teamdurham

Global alumni network

When you join us, you become a member of the Business School's alumni network. With over 36,000 members in over 140 countries, it facilitates friendships and business connections, and sits at the heart of the Durham experience.

Our alumni community enjoy online career resources and global career and network-building events.

You can find out more at dunelm.org.uk/dubs/home

Durham City

A great place to live

In Durham City you're among some of the world's finest architecture where the famous Castle and Cathedral - together designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site - dominate the skyline.

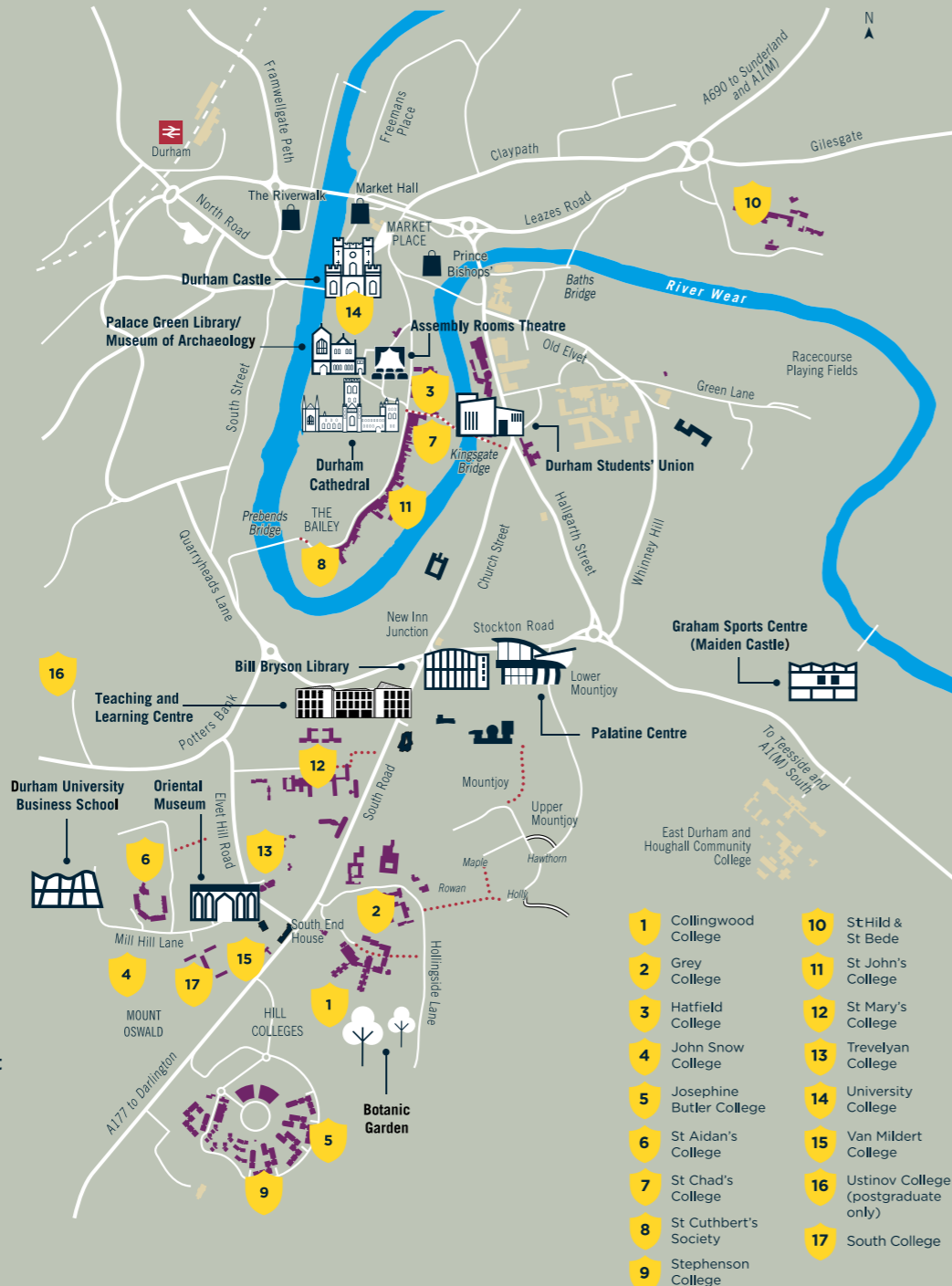
Durham has a compact, friendly feel, while providing the facilities you would expect of a thriving city including: excellent boutiques, cafés, bars and restaurants. You will enjoy a fantastic student lifestyle, in lively surroundings with a superb choice of events and entertainment.

Further afield you can explore the breath-taking scenery of our countryside and coastline, or visit a wide range of local attractions, festivals and events which cater for every taste.

Explore

We appreciate not everyone can visit us physically prior to applying or joining, so we encourage you to view our virtual tours:

- Business School durham.ac.uk/business/about
- Durham University durham.ac.uk/visit-us/open-days/self-guided-tours



Your next steps

Learn more, or make an application

Meet us

There are several opportunities to meet us. You can chat with us at one of the international recruitment fairs we attend throughout the year, or sign up to an online information session, both are great ways to find out more about studying in Durham.

For more information on upcoming events visit durham.ac.uk/business/meet-us

Entry requirements

For Masters programmes in Economics you will need the equivalent of a UK upper second-class single or joint honours degree in Economics, Finance, Mathematics, Statistics, Physics, Computer Science or Engineering. Applicants with degrees in other subjects are encouraged to apply as long as they have achieved good grades in two Mathematics/Statistics/Econometrics modules covering calculus, probability theory/econometrics and ideally linear algebra. Always refer to the website for the latest, most up to date entry requirements.

Pre-sessional programmes

We encourage you to attend our free pre-sessional programmes which provide an opportunity to brush up on your knowledge.

• Introduction to Economics

Prior to commencing your Masters programme, we offer a pre-sessional course for students with a non-economic background, normally starting in September. This is a 12-hour online pre-recorded course that covers the basics in microeconomics (6 hours) and macroeconomics (6 hours), with opportunities for self-assessment and online drop-in sessions.

The course is entirely optional, but we strongly recommend prospective students with a first degree not in Economics to fully engage with the course to make the transition as smooth as possible. The course can also serve as a refresher for economists who have graduated some time ago.

Language requirements

If your first language is not English, you will need evidence of competence in written and spoken English (IELTS overall score of 6.5 with no element under 6.0 or TOEFL IBT 92 with no element under 23; Pearson PTE Academic Test, total score 62 with no less than 59 in each communicative skill).

For all English language test requirements, visit durham.ac.uk/study/international/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements.

If your scores fall slightly short, or if you would like to advance your English skills, you may be able to attend a pre-sessional English language course. To learn more, visit durham.ac.uk/dcad/study/preessional

How to apply

We strongly advise you to apply as soon as possible, particularly if you need university accommodation. Learn more about our application process and apply online at: durham.ac.uk/business/masters-economics

Fees

For current fees, please visit durham.ac.uk/business/masters-economics

Scholarships

Scholarship funding may be available. For more information, visit durham.ac.uk/business/masters/scholarships



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