

Dear student,

We are delighted to accept your college membership application and on behalf of all 'Ustinovians', I welcome you to the Ustinov College community.

Ustinov College is Durham University's sole postgraduate-only College. We are a welcoming, international, scholarly community supporting academic excellence. Whether you choose to live in college accommodation or not, college is at the heart of the student experience at Durham University: a place where you can develop personally through intellectual, cultural, and social engagement.

Ustinov College opened the doors to Sheraton Park in September 2017, and it is located to the west of the city centre. It comprises of two buildings: Neville House and Sheraton House. Neville House is an iconic Edwardian building; Sheraton House is a new building of contemporary design. Linking the two buildings, and shared with the local community, is a sculpture garden and poetry wall. These explore ideas of educational pilgrimage and welcome you on your arrival at college. In addition to modern, comfortable student accommodation, the buildings host a large social space, which also includes our college bar, a student gym, project room, IT room and seminar room as well as laundry facilities. Ustinov is an active part of our local community, and we share a Community Room space in Neville House, which is in regular use throughout the year by both student and community groups. In addition, we have family accommodation at Dryburn Court, situated to the north of the city centre.

STUDENT LIFE AT USTINOV COLLEGE

There are many opportunities to get involved in student life at Ustinov, either through the Graduate Common Room, a registered charity representing the student body, or the student-led Global Citizenship Programme.

The [Graduate Common Room \(GCR\)](#) comprises of an elected committee, and fee-paying members, who arrange formal dinners, excursions, parties, karaoke, sport, movie nights, and more.

[The Global Citizenship Programme \(GCP\)](#) offers specific project/leadership roles for Ustinov students, as well as the opportunity to develop and lead new initiatives, from seminars, workshops, lectures, and publications, to outreach projects, cultural events, and community engagement activities. In 2024/25 these activities will be running both physically on-site as well as virtually, providing an interesting and varied approach to college engagement. Whether you are interested in sports, music, art or academic discussions, there is always something happening in college.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

You can find out more about the College on our website, including some Frequently Asked Questions about allocation here [Welcome to New Students - Durham University](#)

Follow Ustinov College on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), or [Twitter](#).

Please let us know if you change your contact email address and do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions! We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Durham, at the start of your course.

Yours sincerely

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Ustinov College: local community, global citizens.