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University

Inspiring the extraordinary

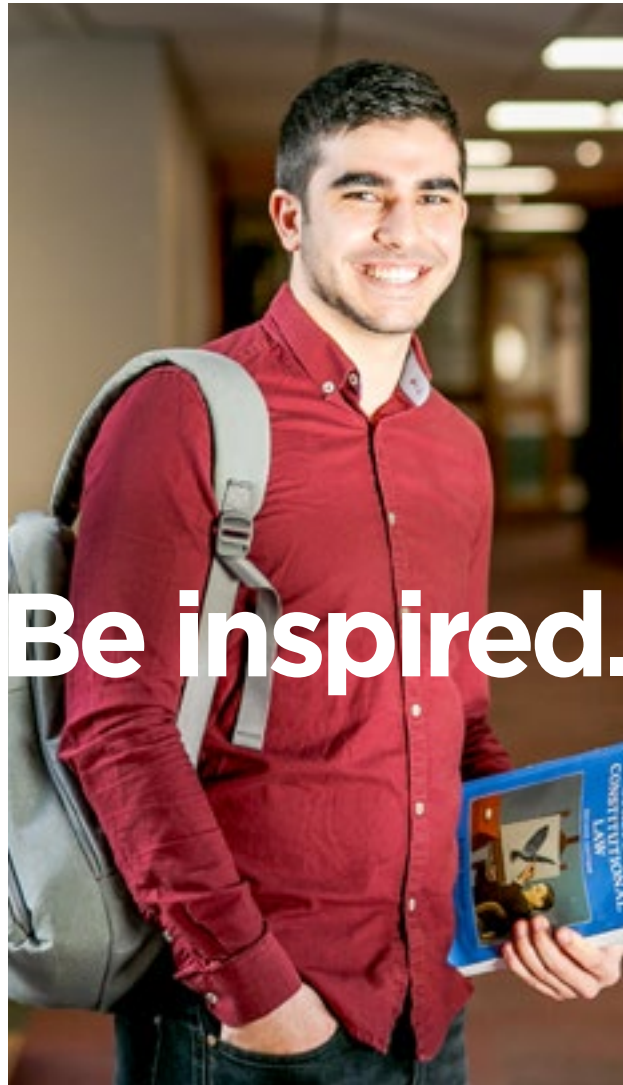


Be extraordinary.

Be you.

**Undergraduate
Prospectus 2024**





Be inspired. Be you.

Durham University Open Days

Friday 16 June 2023

Saturday 17 June 2023

Friday 15 September 2023

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Find out
more about
Open Days.

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50 Undergraduate courses. Choose from a huge range of subjects



Over 120
undergraduate
courses across
27 departments.

Be you.

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

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.



Top 10

UK university, ranked 6th in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*, *The Complete University Guide 2023* and *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.



World Top 100

ranked 92nd in the *QS World University Rankings 2023*.

Our 17 colleges

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



More than 120

countries are represented here, creating a diverse and welcoming community.



90%

of UK & EU undergraduate leavers were in work and/or further study 15 months after graduating. *Graduate Outcomes Data 2019-20*.



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 on our state-of-the-art campus.

Wide range of study options

Whatever your interests, whatever your passion, we've more than likely got a course for you. We currently have 27 departments and schools, offering over 120 undergraduate courses, not to mention postgraduate degrees, both taught and research. We think you'll be spoilt for choice.

Flexible degrees

You can focus on one subject with a Single Honours degree, or develop your interest in two areas with a Joint Honours degree. We also have a number of combined and flexible courses, where you can study subjects from a number of different academic departments, such as our Combined Honours degree in Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, or Natural Sciences.

Research-led learning

Whatever you choose to study, you'll actively benefit from the world-class research taking place right here in the University. Delivering cutting-edge, research-led education is at the very heart of everything we do.

You'll have the opportunity to develop:

- The ability to think and understand ideas and information beyond the classroom
- Enhanced skills for employment
- The ability to learn independently and problem-solve
- Creative and critical thinking skills
- The ability to become involved in research.

Our academic staff carry out ground-breaking research that shapes our departments, inspires our courses and directly informs our teaching.



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

James Hua
Classics



Get work experience with a Placement Year

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

Our placement students are always in high demand and have worked in a range of top companies, including Procter & Gamble, Jaguar Land Rover, J.P. Morgan and GlaxoSmithKline, Bloomsbury Publishing, Public Health 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 you're out on placement, to fitting back into university life when you return.

Study abroad and global opportunities

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.

We are part of strong international groups and networks, with approximately 300 exchange partnerships worldwide.

With our global outlook, we participate in the UK's Turing Scheme to support disadvantaged students to benefit from short-term summer internship and volunteering opportunities in places such as Fiji, New York and Seoul.



Be outstanding. Be you.

At Durham, academic success is only half the story. Our transformative wider student experience will also help you develop as a person.

86
Music societies – 28 Student Music societies, eight chapel choirs and 50 college societies.

Over 200
student societies to join.

Sports University of the Year 2023
The Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide.

Over 700
college sports teams across 18 sports.

2,500
active student volunteers.

£2.4m
investment in the historic Assembly Rooms Theatre.

85%
of our students are involved in sport, music, theatre, volunteering or student enterprise.

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 colleges are the cornerstone of our extraordinary wider student experience. In fact, we guarantee an offer of accommodation from the University to all first year undergraduates who meet the criteria to secure a room, because colleges are where Durham's outstanding student experience begins.

College life

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 lasting memories.

You will be a member of your college throughout the whole of your time in Durham, and beyond. Students choosing to live in private accommodation at any point during their studies are still involved in college life, enjoying societies and events, making use of facilities, and benefitting from the support and guidance of college staff.

Every college provides:

- A character and spirit all of its own
- Sports, clubs, societies and associations
- Gym
- Library or study space
- Events and activities
- Dedicated Student Common Rooms
- Dedicated staff and support close at hand if you need it
- Accommodation within Durham City, either catered or self-catered.



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.

The University's award-winning museums offer spectacular exhibitions, ranging from Ancient Egypt through medieval Durham to modern art; and its departments and research institutes host public lectures on cutting-edge research.

Student leadership

Every college has a representative body with membership open to all undergraduate students - this is usually called the Junior Common Room. As a member, you can take part in elected student leadership, organise student-led events and engage in local, regional and global issues.



An inspiring place to live and learn

In your college, you'll be surrounded by all sorts of different people, studying a wide range of subjects. So you'll meet people who share your interests, and others who'll inspire you to develop new ones.

Each college includes students at all stages, from newly arrived undergrads, to graduates and professors. They're strong, supportive, multi-generational communities.

There are 17 colleges in total, including Ustinov, our postgraduate only college. Each offers the full range of facilities you'd expect to find at a university and more. That means 17 times as many opportunities to develop your team-working, leadership and problem-solving skills. And 17

more chances to get involved in sports, societies, music, arts, associations, and committees.

No two colleges are the same - their architecture and settings are as distinct as their histories and traditions. One thing every college has in common, however, is its commitment to offering support, challenge, participation, teamwork, and leadership opportunities. All of our colleges embrace the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

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

A grant of £250 - funded jointly by the University and an alumni donation - is paid automatically to lower-income students from the North-East

Colleges are close-knit and supportive communities, with plenty of great events to attend and societies to be a part of!

Anitej Banerjee
Mathematics MMath

of England, and to lower-income students from the rest of the UK with disabilities or from Black or minority ethnic backgrounds, to support with the costs of the wider student experience.

A lifelong connection

College membership doesn't end at graduation. Our students often tell us that their college experience was one of the most important parts of their time at Durham. Friendships made at college often last a lifetime. Many of our alumni return to share their skills and experience long after they have left. Colleges frequently arrange for current students to benefit from the support of alumni through things like careers advice, scholarships, mentoring and internships.



Download our Colleges Guide to find out more.



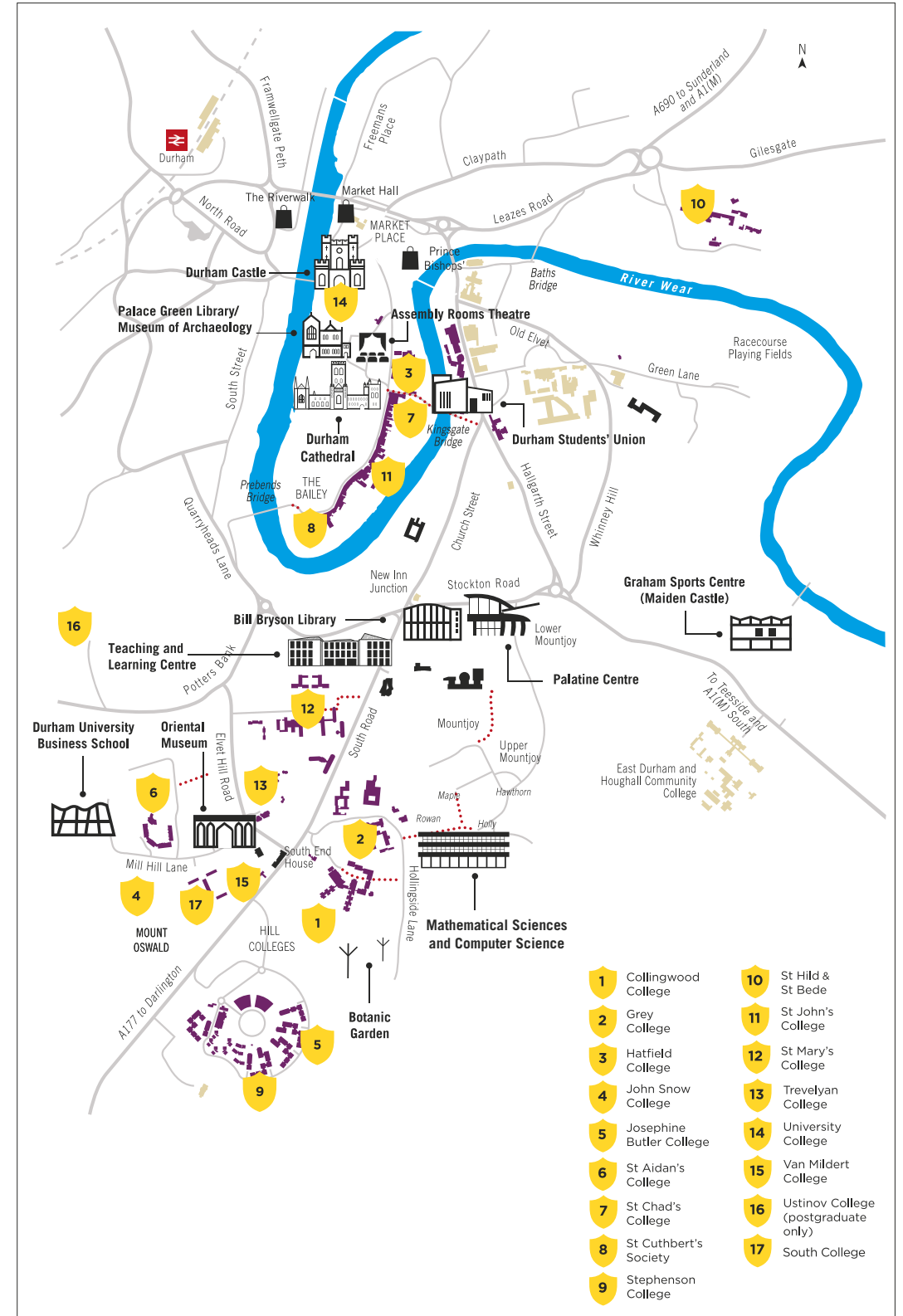
Undergraduate colleges	Catered (FC)/ Self-catered (SC)	No. of UG/PG students living in	Ensuite 1st year rooms*	No. of students in shared rooms*	Gowned colleges **	Chapel/ multi-faith room
Collingwood	FC	514	183	0	N	N
Grey	FC	463	70	13	Y	Y
Hatfield	FC	408	89	42	Y	Y
John Snow	SC	496	332	0	Y	Y
Josephine Butler	SC	546	385	0	Y	Y
South College	SC	496	271	0	Y	Y
St Aidan's	FC	384	44	41	N	Y
St Chad's	FC	249	58	45	Y	Y
St Cuthbert's	FC/SC	465	58	30	N	N
St Hild & St Bede	SC	336	188	0	N	Y
St John's	FC	251	25	26	Y	Y
St Mary's	FC	312	30	0	Y	Y
Stephenson	SC	433	184	0	N	N
Trevelyan	FC	319	10	19	Y	Y
University	FC/SC	503	29	29	Y	Y
Van Mildert	FC	524	9	0	N	N

Please note:

* These figures are from 2022 and 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.

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. There really is something for everyone to enjoy at Durham.

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 startup companies.

Intellectual Enquiry:

You'll have many opportunities for curiosity-led academic activity beyond your degree course - from engaging with guest lecturers in your academic 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 College 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.



The best aspect of being a student at Durham is the range of opportunities available to you. There's something for everyone to get involved in.

Aimee Parker
Archaeology



Scan the QR code to find out more.



Music

Durham – the perfect place to embrace your passion for music.

Whether you want to perform on an international stage, play for fun, or simply listen and enjoy, we've got a group for you. You don't have to be a music student to join one (or more!) of our 80+ music societies that are student led! From auditioned, classical to jazz, opera to barbershop, orchestral to a cappella, there's a group for everyone – and with support from the University's Student Music team, you could even start your own!

For instrumentalists, we have six University orchestras that cater for different abilities and rehearse weekly to put together exciting concert programmes each term.

We also have a non-auditioned concert band and brass band who represent the University each year at the National Concert Band Festival and Unibrass, respectfully. Our thriving jazz scene is spearheaded by our big band who get booked to play at the Pizza Express Jazz Club in Soho each year. If world music is your thing, you could try P'Ungmul, our Korean Drumming group, or Gamelan, which explores traditional Javanese music.

The choice of choirs is equally impressive. The Choral Society, Durham's largest musical group, performs great choral works in Durham Cathedral and regularly collaborates with the Chorus of the Royal Northern Sinfonia

whereas our chamber choir consists of a select group of 24 extraordinary singers. In recent years we have expanded our a cappella groups with the likes of Northern Lights, Durham Dynamics and Full Score, our barbershop choir. If Music production is your thing, there's a DJ society and a student run record label, DH1 records.

Individual colleges all have their own musical community, ranging from regular open mic evenings, college jazz bands, college chapel choirs and opportunities to perform at a range of college events throughout the year. Each college is also equipped with practice rooms featuring beautiful Steinway & Sons pianos.





Sport

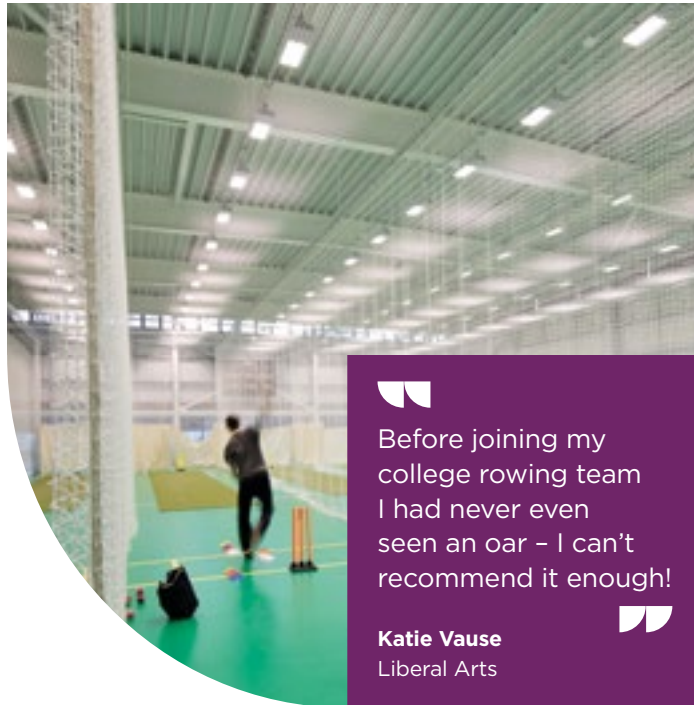
Find your place in the UK's largest university sports programme.

Sport is at the core of Durham student life. A huge range of sporting opportunities are 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 national 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 the 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 £35 million in our 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.



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

Katie Vause
Liberal Arts

College sport

Our college sport programme is the largest in the UK. Every week, whatever your level, you will have the opportunity to compete in 18 sports across more than 700 different teams. So you can keep fit and healthy, while making new friends and having 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 and 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.



Volunteering

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

Students have endless opportunities to get involved with volunteering activities either within the University wide, student-led, volunteering programme or through their college, academic department, student society or club. Last year more than 2,500 students volunteered within the community, supporting over 500 initiatives, across the themes of culture, education, sport and wellbeing, environment and social action. In addition, you will benefit from outstanding training opportunities and have the chance to earn nationally accredited qualifications.

The direction and focus of volunteering at Durham is driven by an elected student executive committee. DUSVO (Durham University Student Volunteering and Outreach) is the largest volunteering organisation at Durham with over 25 student-led, community focused projects and more than 50 student leadership opportunities.

Supporting over 100 local schools, charities and organisations, there are a wealth of opportunities available to students, but if you don't find what you are looking for, you can propose a new initiative, which you will be supported with!

Student volunteers

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





Song and dance
Durham Student Theatre performs *Guys and Dolls*.

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. Every year, students produce and perform an unparalleled range of eclectic and inspiring shows. Whether you want to be onstage or behind the scenes, producing an average of 100 shows a year, Durham Student Theatre (DST) has many opportunities in acting, writing, directing, producing, design... the list goes on!

Durham houses over 30 unique theatre companies, all of whom are working in a different niche, ranging from classical theatre to physical and devised theatre with some companies even dedicated to first-time creatives. Here at Durham we support all theatrical endeavours (and all experience levels) whether that is trying acting for the first time or looking at the industry more seriously as a career.

Highlights of our roster include performing to nearly 4,000 audience members each term, workshops with industry professionals, sending over 10 shows to The Edinburgh Fringe annually, our own festival dedicated to student writing, and performing shows in our very own, recently renovated Assembly Rooms Theatre.



Scan the QR code to find out more.

Media Durham

Student film and student radio continue to expand at Durham. 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 with free access to professional filming equipment. Training is also available for those who simply want to give filming a go and upskill using loan equipment or even their own smartphone!

In the summer of 2023 we will also be launching **Durham OnDemand**, the University's very own wider student experience online media platform. You will be able to post your own content, create new online activities or simply sit back and be entertained by livestream and pre-recorded student sport, performing arts and guest speakers.

Durham Students' Union

We're the champion of every Durham student. We care about the things that matter to you.

The Students' Union:

- We stand up for your rights
- We bring you together
- We're your Union

Our members:

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

We make the future better for students. We want to make sure that students have the power and the opportunity to transform their time at Durham. Our job is to turn that vision into a reality. And that's not all. We also have:

- Over 280 student groups and academic societies! Whether you're a fan of Crocs or have a flair for journalism, whatever your interest there's a society for you.
- You can enjoy hot or cold drinks and snacks with friends in Kingsgate Bar and Café which has its own sun terrace and one of the best views in the city. All profits go straight back into student societies, campaigns, and representation.
- Student-led Associations bring together underrepresented groups to provide safe spaces to meet, make friends, and make change to ensure everyone feels at home at Durham.
- Free, confidential and impartial Advice Service for when things don't quite go to plan.
- A dedicated Officer team who work closely with students, including Academic Reps, societies and representatives from across the Common Rooms to ensure that they represent your views to the University.



Student Media

Palatinate

Published every fortnight and available online, the student-run newspaper *Palatinate* 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.



Scan the QR code to find out 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 that the combination works because 85% of Durham students participate, compared to the national average of 55%. Together, these core features of life at Durham inspire our students to extraordinary achievements.

Durham Inspired Award: Your Graduate Skill Development Framework

At Durham we go further. Our new Durham Inspired Award is an optional co-curricular graduate skill development framework designed to support the personal growth of undergraduate students, to give them the edge when they graduate, to help them understand themselves more effectively through holistic learning and to enhance their readiness for their future career.

Students will access graduate skill workshops delivered by nationally recognised professionals and will be provided with regular structured opportunities to reflect upon how their experiences have helped them both better understand themselves and develop the skills and attributes they will need to be successful upon graduation.

Student Leadership Framework

At Durham we believe that, for many of our students, leadership is a very important graduate skill. And with over 3,500 formal student leadership roles, Durham's wider student experience provides outstanding opportunities for students to experience how to work together and lead their communities and peers through our colleges, the Students' Union and through our specialist enrichment pillars in Sport, the Performing Arts, Volunteering, Enterprise and Media. Designed to support the growth of 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.



The framework has been a significant part of my development. I would recommend it to any student who, like myself, has high hopes for the future!

Erin Waks



Scan the QR code
to find out more.



The Laidlaw Scholars Programme

The Laidlaw Scholars Programme is an exciting opportunity for undergraduates to engage in one six-week period of research, and one six-week leadership in action experience, both underpinned with bespoke leadership training, a masterclass in ethical leadership and global networking opportunities.

Interested students can apply to academic-proposed research projects, or apply to the programme with a self-defined research project but will need to find a supervisor to support them.

The second summer of the programme involves a Leadership in Action experience where scholars will be given the opportunity to put their leadership learning into practice for the benefit of others as well as developing their skills through action-based learning. Scholars can either apply their first-year research into the field, chose a leadership expedition/project with a Laidlaw foundation partner or work with a Durham sourced social enterprise, NGO or charity on 6-week 'experience' in challenging environments with clearly defined goals and deliverables.

Each scholar will receive a stipend payment of £6,000 (£3,000 per summer). Additional funds are also available to support the research work.

All undergraduate students in year one of a three-year degree programme, or year one or two of a four-year degree programme at the time of application are eligible to apply.

If you have any questions please contact the Laidlaw team at: **Laidlaw.scholarships@durham.ac.uk**

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 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 vital skills that will enable you to stand out in the jobs market and address the global challenges facing our world, including:

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

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



Game Changer

Selected by the UN for the 2022 'SDG Good Practices' publication, Game Changer is an innovation programme that encourages students to tackle the world's greatest challenges. You'll have the opportunity to work as part of a team to apply Design Thinking methodology to create solutions to a problem linked to at least one of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Your team will then pitch your innovative idea to win the share of a cash prize. Through participating in the programme, you'll develop a wide range of employability skills, including problem exploration, communication, team working and creative thinking.



56th
in the world for
employer reputation
in the *QS World
University
Rankings 2023.*



Jumpstart your career

The right support for pursuing your career and 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.

Professional careers advice

You might 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 skills and experience you need 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 we are here to help. We have a wide range of online resources available to support you with your careers research, including detailed career sector guides, help sheets on everything from preparing your CV, making job applications, and what to expect at assessment centres and interviews, as well as a comprehensive set of e-learning resources. We also have interactive tools available to help you practice your interview and assessment skills, and a CV review tool, which will give you instant feedback on your CV. All of these resources are available to you 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 attend one of the hundreds of employer events we offer each year? They are a great way to meet graduate recruiters to find out about their internships, placements and graduate roles.

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



Scan the QR code to find out more.



Enhance your CV with work experience

The graduate job market is competitive. Whereas once a good degree from a world-class university would be enough to secure you a job, it is now essential that you can demonstrate meaningful work experience to ensure that your CV stands out.

For all career paths, from graduate programmes and beyond, being able to demonstrate employability and personal skills gained in the workplace is key. The Careers & 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 internship programmes that meet the specific needs of individual students. Programmes change on an annual basis, to ensure we best meet the needs of our current student cohort. Recent programmes have enabled students to gain experience working with small and medium-sized businesses, social enterprises, charities, scientific organisations and 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.

Delivered from the Hazan Venture Lab, our new co-working space for aspiring entrepreneurs, we provide a comprehensive offer of startup support. This includes: one-to-one startup advice, grant funding, and workshops, as well as access to our network of established entrepreneurs and business support professionals.

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





Be an explorer. Be you.

Discover Durham

Durham is no ordinary county, and as we prepare for a year of cultural celebrations in 2025, the region is buzzing with creativity and inspiring places to visit.

From world-class museums and attractions, to beautiful coastline and countryside, there's never been a better time to explore, discover and learn in the stunning surroundings that wait for you here.



1. Durham Castle and Cathedral
2. Saddler Street in Durham
3. Durham Castle, home to University College
4. Botanic Garden, part of our sustainable campus protecting local biodiversity
5. Rowing boats on the River Wear
6. Coffee shops and restaurants offer high street names as well as local independents
7. Seaham coastline, County Durham

To find out more about life in Durham, see thisisdurham.com or read our student blogs at durham-student.org

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, as well as 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.



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

To find out more, see durham.ac.uk/visit-us

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*.

#2

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

#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.

#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 until you graduate if you are superstitious!).

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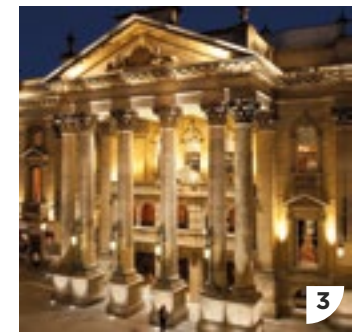
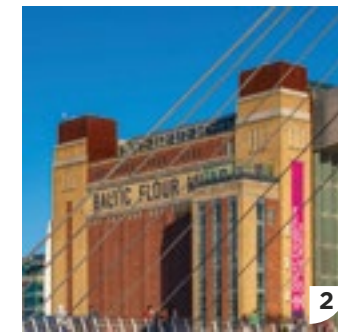
 Join Unibuddy to chat to some of our current students about being a student in Durham. durham.ac.uk/study/student-connect

Explore North East England

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

For more information on the North East region, see visitnortheastengland.com

1. Sage Gateshead
2. BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead
3. Theatre Royal, Newcastle
4. Metrocentre, Gateshead
5. Surfing at Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear
6. Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland
7. The Alnwick Garden, Alnwick





Be curious.

Be you.

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

Our libraries and collections give you over two million reasons to come to Durham, including 1.6 million books; 850,000 online resources; 100,000 photographs and 85,000 museum objects.



Be supported.

We have a range of Student Support Services across the University which work together to support you with everything from managing your finances to looking after your wellbeing.



Scan the QR code to find out more about the support we offer.

Be you.



Each college and department have their own pastoral support system, working together to keep students on top of their mental health both in colleges and lectures.



Ruby Tomlinson
English Literature



Supporting your studies

We have teams of dedicated support staff who will help you with your studies and with your personal wellbeing too.

At Durham, you'll have access to an extensive support network to help you get the most from your time with us; both academically and with your broader University experience.

College and Department Student Support Teams

Each College and Department have Student Support teams who will provide proactive and reactive support and can direct you to a range of professional services to ensure you get the help, support, or advice you need.

Counselling & Mental Health Support

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

It's important to let us know your requirements when you apply so we can start an early conversation about appropriate support when you start your course.

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 and offers advice on money management and physical health. The Office also oversees the University's Chaplaincy and Faith provision.

Disability Support

Whether you've got a physical disability, a medical or mental health condition, or experience neurodiversity, our specialist Disability Support Service will be on hand to offer advice and guidance. You'll receive a Disability Support Plan, outlining the support you'll need to ensure that you can fully engage with your studies.



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 Chaplains is committed to welcoming and supporting students of all faiths, beliefs and worldviews. 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.

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.



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Funding your studies

Empowering you to embrace every opportunity.

The cost of being a student

Tuition fees

The 'Home' fee for 2023 is £9,250 per annum. Fees for 2024 are awaiting approval. For information on tuition fees for international and EU students, see durham.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/tuition-fees

College costs

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

Loans

- Tuition Fee Loans are available to eligible students. You won't need to start paying your loan back until you're earning over £27,295 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 and on your 'household income' (the income of the adult(s) on whom you are financially dependent).
- 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

Durham University funding

We're committed to supporting students from lower-income backgrounds. A Durham Grant is available to full-time students who don't already have an undergraduate degree. Those with a household income of less than £30,000 will receive £2,500 and those with a household income of between £30,001 and £47,200 will receive between £2,495 and £780 (reducing as the household income increases).

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.

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.

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) is support to cover the study-related costs you have because of a mental health problem, long-term illness or any other disability.

This can be on its own or in addition to any student finance you get.

The type of support and how much you get depends on your individual needs – not your household income.



Scan the QR code to find out more about fees.

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 £5,370 to £9,741 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 up to £40 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 costs, such as entertainment, travel, stationery, clothes, etc.



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.

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.

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. Email: du.cares@durham.ac.uk

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.

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.

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 attend a non-fee paying school or college in the UK, and meet any programme specific eligibility and selection criteria as outlined online.

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



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

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.

To find out more, see durhamisc.com

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



Scan the QR code to find out more.

Apply

Are you ready to achieve something truly extraordinary?

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.

What qualifications do I need for my degree?

We consider a wide range of qualifications from around the world.

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. To find out more, see durham.ac.uk/englishlanguage

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.



The entry requirements listed in this prospectus are correct at the time of publication but they do occasionally change. So make sure you check the UCAS Course Search online or our website for up-to-date information before you apply.

Will I need to come for an interview?

For most of our degrees, you won't need to attend an interview. However, there are some exceptions. If you apply for the BA (Hons) Primary Education, you'll be asked to attend an interview before we can make a decision on your application. You'll also need to attend an assessment and interview event if you apply for a foundation programme.

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 your UCAS Hub. 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.

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.

If you receive an offer, 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 we'll choose one for you.

International students

If you do not meet the requirements for direct entry to an undergraduate degree at Durham University, you may be able to take a pathway programme at the Durham University International Study Centre.

To find out more, see durhamisc.com

Further information

To find out more about Durham University and our admissions process, see durham.ac.uk

Frequently Asked Questions durham.ac.uk/study/askus

Admissions Policy durham.ac.uk/study/admissions-policy

Complaints Policy durham.ac.uk/study/admissions-policy

Access Agreement durham.ac.uk/about/strategies/other/access



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Our Teaching and Learning Centre

has state-of-the-art lecture theatres, teaching rooms, an education laboratory, learning zones and a café.



Be pioneering.

Be you.

Find out more about the subjects you are interested in.

90%

of our subjects are ranked in the UK Top 10 in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Over 120

undergraduate courses across 27 departments.

Accounting and Finance



Top 100

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.

Why study here

- Study at a Business School that was ranked 6th for Accounting and Finance in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- Gain exemptions from professional examinations with an accredited programme of study (ACA, ACCA and CIMA).
- Average earnings of £29,500 for Durham University accounting graduates within 15 months of graduation (*HESA*).
- Take advantage of hands-on work placements and international study opportunities.
- Excellent employment prospects – 96% of graduates from the School are in paid employment or further study within 15 months.

Degrees in Accounting and in Finance can open the door to opportunities with leading employers in the accountancy and finance sectors and beyond. Valuable professional accreditation is also available, dependent on the degree and modules chosen.

The Departments of Accounting and Finance are two specialist departments within Durham University's Business School, one of the UK's longest established business schools. We offer an inspiring and stimulating learning environment, and consistently rank highly for the quality of our teaching, research and for graduate career prospects.

Our reputation is down to the expertise of our staff. Their global experience, outstanding research insight, professional experience and real business connections keep us at the leading edge. We offer a wide selection of courses in both accounting and finance, including specialist routes that are designed to provide maximum accreditation from professional accountancy qualifications.

Areas of study in accounting may include financial and management accounting, the legal, regulatory and social context within which accounting operates, the mechanisms by which individuals plan their tax affairs, the role of the accountant in achieving sustainable business practices and the influence of artificial intelligence (AI) and big data on the world of accounting. You won't just learn the technical side of accounting, but also have the opportunity to think critically about how accounting impacts on the global world of business.

If you are interested in finance, your studies may include areas such as corporate finance, investments, financial institutions and the vast array of sophisticated financial products traded in today's global financial markets.

Both our finance and our accounting courses offer a final year dissertation – an independent piece of research – which helps you build your research skills and allows those looking for further Masters study to demonstrate their research skills.

Highlights

Durham University Business School is an international, triple-accredited business school, one of an elite group of UK institutions to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS). We have deep connections with the corporate world, both in the UK and across the globe with over 380 partners across 68 industry sectors.

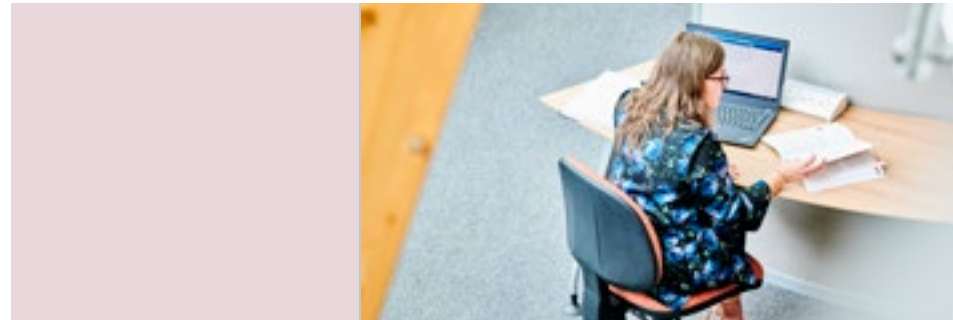
Our courses in accounting and in finance are carefully designed to build secure foundations for your successful future. If you choose the relevant modules, you will gain exemptions from professional accountancy exams (ACA, ACCA and CIMA), taking you a step closer to chartered or professional status after graduation.

Facilities and location

We are based within a state-of-the-art Business School, close to University services and resources and only a mile from the historic centre of Durham, a city with UNESCO World Heritage Status.

Our modern and spacious teaching and learning areas include lecture theatres, seminar rooms and study areas.

The Business School library is available as an additional study resource just for Business School students and offers access to over 10,000 journals online. Our resources also include up-to-date financial information and online databases. In addition, you'll have access to Durham University's prestigious libraries and archives.



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Top 10

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Employability

Our students graduate with specialist knowledge in areas of accounting and of finance, as well as the analytical, IT and problem-solving skills that are highly valued by employers in the UK and internationally. This combination of academic knowledge and transferable skills will open up a range of career opportunities in the financial world and beyond.

Our focus on employability extends beyond the classroom. You will benefit from employability-focused events that will give you a competitive edge in the job market. From interview advice and employer talks to subject-specific careers fairs, we work with you to achieve your goals.

Previous graduates have gone on to work within the accountancy profession and for businesses as accountants, specialising as auditors, financial accountants, tax specialists, management consultants, etc. Graduates have also specialise in areas of finance such as financial analysis, risk management and investment banking. For employers such as PWC, KPMG, Deloitte, EY, Grant Thornton, National Audit Office, Capita, Deutsche Bank and Sage Plc. Many have been offered places on graduate talent schemes across a range of sectors, while others have taken on roles in charitable organisations and in general management.



Accounting BSc (Hons)

Developed with strong links to the accounting profession and industry, when you graduate from this professionally accredited degree you'll be perfectly placed to embark on a career in the world of accounting.

Course overview

Accounting is the ideal choice if you have an analytical mind and like solving problems. Contrary to popular opinion, you don't have to be a maths expert to study accounting – communication in both written and verbal form is just as important as crunching numbers. Accountants are trusted business advisors and work in many areas of business. This single honours degree will immerse you in the study of accounting and business from day one.

Offering maximum professional accreditation from some ICAEW, ACCA and CIMA examinations, on successful completion you can graduate as a partly exam-qualified accountant, with only work experience and a few final exams to complete to be fully qualified (subject to optional module choices and to achieving specific grades in certain papers).

The degree has six subject pillars and one theme:

- Financial accounting
- Management accounting
- Technology
- Audit and assurance
- Taxation
- Research in accounting
- Employability theme.

Employability is woven into every aspect of the course, from modules developed in consultation with accounting bodies and leading employers to guest lectures and additional activities.

Learning

Small-group teaching in workshops is used to deliver subject-specific learning and opportunities for group discussion and debate.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
N408

Course length 3 years


Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA
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.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Placement year

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The BSc in Accounting combines academic excellence, insightful research and exceptional global business connections. On completion, you will be equipped with the skills to become an innovative business thinker in and beyond your career.

Learning

Small-group teaching in workshops is used to deliver subject-specific learning and opportunities for group discussion and debate.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
N409

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

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Accounting and Finance BA (Hons)

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Course overview

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Using examples from real businesses you'll learn how a business' finances impact on every aspect of an organisation. You'll gain the knowledge and skills to make finance, accounting and business decisions, relating to the legal, regulatory and social contexts within which accounting operates.

By carefully blending academic theory with real-world practice, the degree has been devised to give you the skills to succeed in the modern financial world. You will be introduced to the vast array of sophisticated financial products traded in today's global financial markets. You will cover a diverse range of subjects from essential skills in financial and management accounting to the influence of artificial intelligence (AI) and big data on the world of accounting.

What's more, several modules will give you exemption from some of the ACA, ACCA and CIMA professional examinations (exemptions are subject to module choice and, in some cases, the mark obtained on the module). These industry-recognised qualifications can help boost your employability and fast-track your career.

Learning

Lectures and small group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops which provide hands-on experience of accounting and finance related problems using up-to-date resources such as Dow Jones, Refinitiv, Tableau, FT.com and Bloomberg.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
NN43

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements



A level offer – AAB

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.

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

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Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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This four-year degree includes a placement year to give you a real-world taste of work. The placement is a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand industry experience and start building a network of business contacts in preparation for graduation.

As an alternative to the placement route, you have the option to complete the course in three years or spend a year abroad.

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Assessment

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Course fact file

UCAS codes
N302

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements


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This four-degree includes a year abroad. Spending a year in one of our partner universities will give you the opportunity to experience another culture and develop your language skills. In an increasingly globalised industry, international study will help you to stand out to employers.

As an alternative to the study abroad route you have the option to complete the course in three years or add a placement year. What's more, several modules will give you exemption from some of the ACA, ACCA and CIMA professional examinations (exemptions are subject to module choice and, in some cases, the mark obtained on the module).

Learning

Lectures and small group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops which provide hands-on experience of accounting and finance related problems using up-to-date resources such as Tableau, FT.com, Dow Jones, Refinitiv and Bloomberg.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
N304

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB

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.

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.

Additional opportunities



Placement year

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Accounting and Management BA (Hons)

From preparing and presenting financial information to interpreting data and business planning, this degree opens the door to opportunities both within the accountancy profession and in business management.

Course overview

Combining the study of accounting and the study of management in a business context, the BA in Accounting and Management is an ideal foundation for many careers, including careers in the accountancy profession or across the wider business sector. You will study modules in accounting, management and finance developing a strong understanding of core business principles and practice that will provide you with the skills, knowledge and experience to move into a number of exciting careers or for further study.

Using examples from real businesses you'll learn how a business' finances impact every aspect of the organisation. You'll gain the knowledge and skills to make business decisions relating to the legal, regulatory and social contexts within which accounting operates.

You have the option to complete the course in three years or add a placement year or spend a year abroad. What's more, several modules will give you exemption from some of the ACA, ACCA and CIMA professional examinations (exemptions are subject to module choice and, in some cases, the mark obtained on the module).

Learning

Most subjects are taught in small workshops, blending teaching activities with an opportunity to try out new skills and knowledge individually or in groups. Up-to-date resources such as Dow Jones, Refinitiv and Bloomberg are used in relevant modules.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
NN42

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB

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.

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.

Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

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Accounting and Management (with placement year) BSc (Hons)

From preparing and presenting financial information to interpreting data and business planning, this degree opens the door to opportunities both within the accountancy profession and in business management.

Course overview

This degree has been developed to give you a strong foundation in accounting and finance combined with the management skills you will need to examine and evaluate the vital role that accounting plays in economies, organisations and across modern financial markets.

Using examples from real businesses you'll learn how a company's finances impact every aspect of the organisation. You'll gain the knowledge and skills to make business decisions relating to the legal, regulatory and social contexts within which accounting operates.

This four-year degree includes a placement year to give you a real-world taste of work. The placement is a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand industry experience and start building a network of business contacts in preparation for graduation.

As an alternative to the placement route, you have the option to complete the degree in three years or spend a year abroad. What's more, several modules may give you exemption from some of the ACA, ACCA and CIMA examinations once you've completed your degree (exemptions are subject to module choice and, in some cases, the mark obtained on the module).

Learning

Lectures and small group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops which provide hands-on experience of accounting-related problems using up-to-date resources.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
N204

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB

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.

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.

Additional opportunities



Study abroad

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Accounting and Management (with study abroad) BA (Hons)

From preparing and presenting financial information to interpreting data and business planning, this degree opens the door to opportunities both within the accountancy profession and in business management.

Course overview

Combining the study of accounting and the study of management in a business context, this degree is an ideal foundation for many careers, including careers in the accountancy profession or across the wider business sector. You will study modules in accounting, management and finance developing a strong understanding of core business principles and practice that will provide you with the skills, knowledge and experience to move into a number of exciting careers or for further study.

Using examples from real businesses you'll learn how a company's finances impact every aspect of the organisation. You'll gain the knowledge and skills to make business decisions relating to the legal, regulatory and social contexts within which accounting operates.

This four-year degree includes a year abroad. Spending a year in one of our international partner universities will give you the opportunity to experience another culture and develop your language skills. In an increasingly globalised industry, international study will add an extra dimension to your employability and help you to stand out to employers.

As an alternative to the study abroad route, you have the option to complete the course in three years or add a placement year.

What's more, several modules will give you exemption from some of the ACA, ACCA and CIMA professional examinations (exemptions are subject to module choice and, in some cases, the mark obtained on the module).

Learning

Most subjects are taught in small workshops, blending teaching activities with an opportunity to try out new skills and knowledge individually or in groups. Up-to-date resources such as Dow Jones, Refinitiv and Bloomberg are used in relevant modules.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
N206

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB

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.

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.

Additional opportunities



Placement year

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Finance BSc (Hons)

Gain the knowledge you need to understand today's fast moving global financial markets. With the BSc in Finance you'll discover there's a lot more to finance than figures.

Course overview

As financial markets across the world grow more closely connected, this specialist degree develops the quantitative and analytical skills you'll need to pursue a career in the financial services industry.

Learning from expert lecturers and guest speakers, the degree will give you a taste of real-world finance. We combine academic excellence, insightful research and exceptional global business connections, equipping you with the tools to become an innovative business thinker in your career and beyond.

Our flexible study programme puts you in control. The curriculum links academic theory with practical experience through a combination of modules that offer plenty of opportunities to tailor your studies as your interests evolve. You have the option to complete the course in three years, alternatively, you can add a placement year or spend a year abroad.

In the first year, you study the key fundamentals to examine and evaluate modern financial markets.

The second year will give you the skills to examine financial issues and institutions, markets and securities across global markets. You'll also learn to interpret financial data and price financial securities.

The final year offers more flexibility. You can choose modules tailored to your interests and career aspirations. The dissertation, on a finance topic of your choice, makes up a third of your final year marks.

Learning

Lectures and small group seminars are supported by specialist workshops which provide hands-on experience of finance-related problems, using up-to-date resources such as Dow Jones, Refinitiv and Bloomberg.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
2C77

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements


A level offer – AAB


A strong 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.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

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Finance (with placement year) BSc (Hons)

Gain the knowledge you need to understand today's fast moving global financial markets while securing valuable experience in the workplace.

Course overview

As financial markets across the world grow more closely connected, this specialist degree develops the necessary quantitative and analytical skills you'll need to pursue a career in the financial services industry. The course combines academic excellence, insightful research and exceptional global business connections, equipping you with the tools to become an innovative business thinker in your career and beyond.

This four-year degree includes a placement year to give you a real-world taste of work. The placement is a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand industry experience and start building a network of business contacts in preparation for graduation.

As an alternative to the placement route, you have the option to complete the degree in three years or spend a year abroad.

In the first year, you study five compulsory modules that provide the key fundamentals to examine and evaluate modern financial markets.

The second year is made up of three finance modules which will give you the skills to examine financial issues and institutions, markets and securities across global markets. You'll also learn to interpret financial data and price financial securities.

The final year offers more flexibility. You can choose modules tailored to your interests and career aspirations. The dissertation, on a finance topic of your choice, makes up a third of your final year marks.

Learning

Lectures and small group seminars are supported by specialist workshops which provide hands-on experience of finance-related problems, using up-to-date resources such as Dow Jones, Refinitiv and Bloomberg.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, projects and presentations and a final year dissertation.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
2M83

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements


A level offer – AAB

A strong 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.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

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Finance (with study abroad) BSc (Hons)

Gain the knowledge you need to understand today's fast moving global financial markets and spend a year studying abroad.

Course overview

As financial markets across the world grow more closely connected, this specialist degree develops the necessary quantitative and analytical skills you'll need to pursue a career in the financial services industry.

The course combines academic excellence, insightful research and exceptional global business connections, equipping you with the tools to become an innovative business thinker in your career and beyond.

This four-year degree includes a year abroad. Spending a year in one of our international partner universities will give you the opportunity to experience another culture and develop your language skills. In an increasingly globalised industry, international study will add an extra dimension to your employability and help you to stand out to employers.

As an alternative to the study abroad route, you have the option to complete the course in three years or add a placement year.

In the first year, you study modules that provide the key fundamentals to examine and evaluate modern financial markets.

The second year is made up of finance modules which will give you the skills to examine financial issues and institutions, markets and securities across global markets. You'll also learn to interpret financial data and price financial securities.

The final year offers more flexibility. You can choose modules tailored to your interests and career aspirations. The dissertation, on a finance topic of your choice, makes up a third of your final year marks.

Learning

Lectures and small group seminars are supported by specialist workshops which provide hands-on experience of finance-related problems using up-to-date resources such as Dow Jones, Refinitiv and Bloomberg.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
8G15

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB


A strong 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.

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

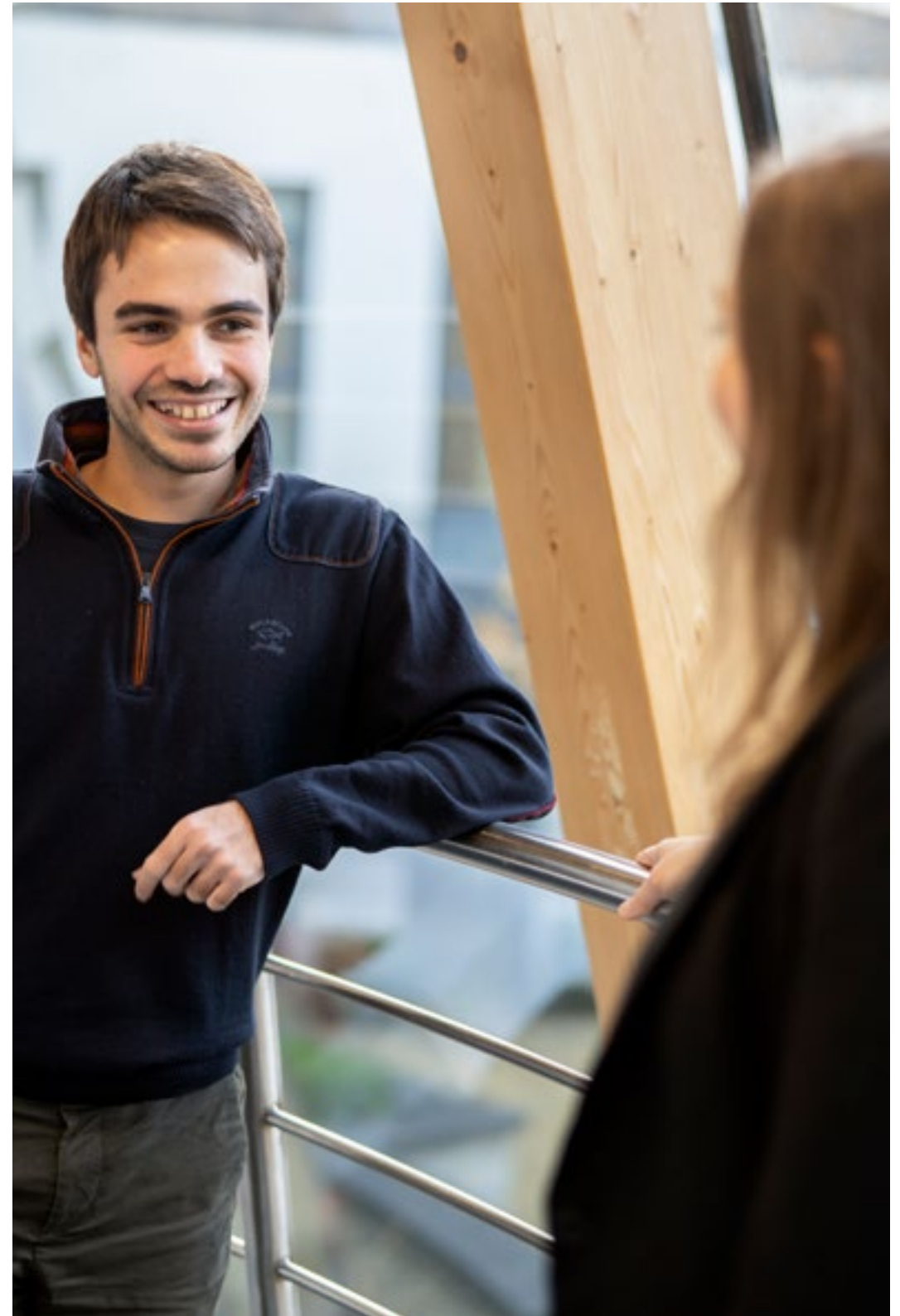
IB Diploma score – 36

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

Additional opportunities

 Placement year

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Anthropology



**Ranked 4th
in the UK**

*in The Complete
University Guide 2023.*

Why study here

- 95% of graduates are in paid employment or have gone onto further study 15 months after the course.
- Durham has one of the largest Anthropology departments in the UK and offers a funded residential field course to all our undergraduate students.
- Study at a department that was ranked in the UK top 10 in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- Opportunities to attend an extensive programme of research-focused departmental and research group seminars where academic staff, postgraduate students and visiting scholars present their cutting-edge research.
- Anthropology was ranked in the World Top 30 in *The QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.

Studying Anthropology at Durham allows you to gain a deep understanding of humanity in all its rich diversity and complexity, helping to navigate the biggest challenges our societies face today.

Join a diverse and welcoming Department that takes a distinctly broad-based approach to the study of humanity. Each year around 120 undergraduate students join one of our single or joint honours degree courses. We are among the largest Anthropology departments in the UK and one of the few to combine the study of the social, biological and medical aspects of anthropology. This gives you the chance to explore humanity from multiple perspectives, covering our species' evolution over millions of years up to the present day diversity of human societies.

The academic team are passionate about teaching the next generation, with many lecturers actively involved in research and teaching in numerous areas that overlap with other subjects, including culture, environmental issues, evolution, genetics, forensics, language, literature, health, music, politics, primate behaviour, religion, reproduction, skeletal anatomy and many others still. And with a research-led approach, our teaching is constantly evolving to incorporate the latest developments into the curriculum.

Our flexible courses offer the opportunity both to explore the breadth of Anthropology and to specialise in one of our sub-disciplinary areas. We offer a residential field course to all our undergraduate students, providing hands-on experience of varied anthropological methods in practice.

Highlights

The Department is home to world-leading expertise in areas such as energy use, the evolution of brain and cognition, aesthetics, primatology, global health and sleep, and our researchers work closely with professionals across a range of industries.

We take pride in the breadth of topics on offer at Durham. Our flexible courses offer an extensive range of modules allowing you to tailor your course to your interests and career aspirations.

Our Department is a friendly, welcoming and inclusive place to learn. We aim to create a supportive learning community in which students from all backgrounds can thrive.

Facilities and location

The Anthropology department is housed in the Dawson Building. It is conveniently located next to the main library, and close to lots of other departments and university services.

The Department's state-of-the-art research facilities include a skeletal collection, a fossil cast collection, a material culture collection and many other practical resources.

We also house a number of research centres and laboratories including an Infancy and Sleep Centre which investigates infant and child sleep; the Physical Activity Lab to monitor physical activity levels in our everyday lives and an Ecology and Endocrinology Laboratory which is equipped to analyse human samples.



My course gave me a full understanding of every aspect of Anthropology and how they all connect to each other.

Simon Piercy

45%

of our research was rated as world-leading (REF 21).

Ranked 7th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.

Employability

With a degree in Anthropology, you will be equipped with a diverse and practical knowledge base, including highly transferable skills in designing and carrying out research projects. Employers worldwide value this skill set, particularly where creativity, curiosity and the ability to understand human culture and society are at a premium.

Our graduates apply their knowledge directly in fields such as health, community work, conservation, education, international development, culture, and heritage. Many progress into careers that require a broad understanding of human society and behaviour as well as the interpersonal, organisational, problem solving and independent thinking skills that come with the discipline.

Such careers include advertising, publishing, journalism, teaching, human resource management, public relations, finance, law, consultancy and marketing.

A significant number of graduates progress onto higher level study with many pursuing anthropological research. Others take up professional postgraduate programmes in both related and non-related fields.



Anthropology BA (Hons)

Social anthropology is the study of the peoples of the world and how they live. Understanding our social and cultural diversity helps us think about major issues affecting our planet today.

Course overview

Our BA Anthropology degree is designed to give you a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of social anthropology situated in relation to wider disciplinary approaches, including biological anthropology as well as interdisciplinary perspectives on 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 social and biological anthropology as well as interdisciplinary perspectives on health.

In your second year, you will develop a deeper and more complex grasp of social anthropology and continue to gain 'hands-on' experience of conducting research through a series of local field trips and activities.

In your final year, you will design and carry out your own dissertation project and take part in our Field Course Module, an intensive 7-day experience at one of several European destinations, or online as part of our Virtual Field Course.

As you move through your degree, you will shift from being a consumer to a generator of knowledge, ready for professional or postgraduate life. You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

Your learning will be supported by formal teaching sessions, such as lectures and smaller-group teaching in seminars and practical classes.

Assessment

We use a wide range of assessments including essays, examinations, presentations, research projects, podcasts, museum displays and outreach activities.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

L602
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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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

Evie Tabor



Anthropology BSc (Hons)

Discover all aspects of humanity, from our evolutionary origins to our extraordinary social and cultural diversity. Anthropology will expand your world.

Course overview

Our BSc Anthropology degree is designed to give you a broad understanding of the scientific and social scientific study of humanity encompassing our evolutionary origins - from the Stone Age to the Digital Age - and our relationship to other primates, cultural diversity, as well as interdisciplinary perspectives on health, politics and the environment.

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 and biological anthropology as well as interdisciplinary perspectives on health.

In your second year, you will develop a deeper and more complex grasp of biological and evolutionary anthropology and continue to gain 'hands-on' experience of conducting research through a series of local field trips and activities.

In your final year, you will design and carry out your own dissertation project and the Field Course module - an intensive 7-day experience at one of several European destinations, or online as part of our Virtual Field Course.

As you move through your degree, you will shift from being a consumer to a generator of knowledge, ready for professional or postgraduate life. You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

Your learning will be supported by formal teaching sessions, such as lectures and smaller-group teaching in seminars and practical classes.

Assessment

We use a wide range of assessments including essays, examinations, presentations, research projects, podcasts, museum displays and outreach activities.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

L601
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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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

Guy Forsyth



Anthropology and Archaeology BA (Hons)

Expand your understanding of humanity both past and present. With the numerous overlapping areas between the subjects, Anthropology and Archaeology make the perfect Joint Honours degree.

Course overview

The extensive overlap between Anthropology and Archaeology makes them ideal subjects for a Joint Honours degree. The degree combines modules from the BA/BSc Anthropology degrees and BA Archaeology, providing a comprehensive understanding of humanity both past and present.

As a joint honours student you will receive a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of both anthropology and archaeology, as well as exploring the relationships between the disciplines.

In the second year, you will develop a deeper understanding of methods and theory in anthropology and archaeology, and pursue your growing interests through optional modules offered by both departments. You will also take an integrated module exploring the relationships between the two subjects. At this stage you can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

In the final year, you will design and carry out your own research for a dissertation. You may also choose to go on a residential field course in Anthropology.

As a student in the Anthropology and Archaeology departments, you will be welcomed into both academic communities and can attend an extensive programme of research seminars, which may provide inspiration for your dissertation topic and even future study or employment.

Learning

Your learning will be supported by formal teaching sessions, such as lectures, and smaller-group teaching in seminars and practical classes, as well as fieldwork and excavation opportunities.

Assessment

We use a wide range of assessments including essays, examinations, presentations, research projects, podcasts, museum displays and outreach activities.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Anthropology and Sociology BA (Hons)

Have you ever wondered how society shapes the way we live? With the Joint Honours degree in Anthropology and Sociology you'll develop an understanding of humans as social and cultural beings.

Course overview

Anthropology and sociology are naturally complementary fields of study due to their common emphasis on understanding humans as part of wider cultural and social groups.

This degree combines modules from the BA Anthropology and BA Sociology degrees providing a comprehensive understanding of humans as social and cultural beings.

Based around a central core of theory and methods, the degree is highly flexible, allowing you to choose subjects across both disciplines. 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.

In the first year of your degree, you will receive a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of Anthropology and Sociology in the broadest sense.

The second year will develop your understanding of key issues in anthropological and sociological theory and research. At this stage you can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

In your final year, you will design and carry out your own dissertation project in Anthropology or Sociology.

Learning

Your learning will be supported by formal teaching sessions, such as lectures and smaller-group teaching in seminars and practical classes. You will have the opportunity to study through applied research, as part of the residential Anthropology Field Course module and/or as part of the Research Methods in Action module. In Year 3, you will undertake a dissertation with one-to-one staff supervision to guide you through the process of creating and writing up a research project.

Assessment

Assessment varies by module, but may include essays, examinations, presentations, research projects, podcasts, museum displays and outreach activities.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Health and Human Sciences BSc (Hons)

Explore the social and biological underpinnings of health and disease, from cells to society to the planetary level.

Course overview

Studying the anthropology of health will expand your world, bringing together biological and evolutionary research into human genetics and physiology with comparative ethnographic approaches to the social, political, ideological and ecological contexts that shape health risks and treatments.

This degree will equip you with the skills to critically debate healthcare from an interdisciplinary anthropological perspective that draws together local, regional and international scales of analysis.

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, biological and health anthropology.

In your second year, you will begin to specialise increasingly in the anthropology of health while still being able to maintain a broader, more integrative approach if you wish.

In your final year, you will design and carry out your own dissertation project and take part in our Field Course Module. The Field Course offers an intensive 7-day experience at one of several European destinations, or online as part of our Virtual Field Course.

As you move through your degree, you will shift from being a consumer to a generator of knowledge, ready for professional or postgraduate life. You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

Your learning will be supported by formal teaching sessions, such as lectures and smaller-group teaching in seminars and practical classes.

Assessment

We use a wide range of assessments including essays, examinations, presentations, research projects, podcasts, museum displays and outreach activities.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

B991
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.

Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

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Psychology and Anthropology BSc (Hons)

Explore humanity from both psychological and anthropological perspectives to understand our species at an individual and social level.

Course overview

This British Psychological Society accredited degree explores what it means to be human, including our relationship to other species. You will be taught by staff who are leading researchers in their fields, including those with expertise in both subjects.

In psychology, you will study cognitive, biological, social and developmental perspectives. In anthropology, you will use primarily evolutionary and biological perspectives to inquire into the mind and behaviour of past and present human and primate populations. You will learn how anthropology and psychology provide both complementary and contrasting perspectives, plus the various quantitative and qualitative research methods used in both disciplines.

The interface of anthropology and psychology explicitly integrates intercultural, international and global issues. For example, both subjects address issues of cross-cultural diversity and representation in research.

In the first year, the core modules will give you a broad introduction to key methods, knowledge and theories in anthropology and psychology.

The second year continues to build on project design and research skills, broadens theory and topical knowledge (ensuring British Psychological Society accreditation), and explores the interface between psychology and anthropology.

The third year includes a dissertation that allows a deep exploration of a specific interdisciplinary research area, and the final psychology module required for BPS accreditation.

Learning

As a Psychology and Anthropology student, you will learn through a combination of formal teaching sessions, such as lectures and smaller-group teaching in seminars, workshops and practical classes. All teaching is supported by independent learning outside of classes.

Assessment

Assessment varies by module, but may include written essays, examinations, presentations, research projects, practical reports, scientific articles, podcasts, museum displays and outreach activities.

Course fact file

UCAS code

CL86

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA

(or equivalent)
Including Grade 5 (or Grade B) or above in Mathematics at GCSE (or equivalent).

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

IB Diploma score – 37
with 666 in higher level subjects.

Additional opportunities



Study abroad



Placement year

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Accreditation

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



Archaeology



Ranked 6th

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Join an inclusive and vibrant international community, in one of the largest archaeology departments in the world, one of the most comprehensively equipped departments in the UK, and a national leader for archaeological research.
- Study at a department that was ranked 6th in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- Study in a location surrounded by incredible examples of medieval architecture, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and some of the country's premier archaeological sites nearby, including Hadrian's Wall and the Saxon monastery at Jarrow.
- Choose to follow a pathway accredited by CifA (the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists), the first step towards professional status and a great foundation for a career in the UK commercial archaeology sector.
- We have been holders of an Athena Swan Bronze Award for gender equality since 2018.

Gain an understanding of the present by unlocking the past. Combine academic theory with lab and fieldwork and the examination of historic objects when you study in this world-leading Department at the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Archaeology at Durham is an exciting and diverse discipline that delves into the past to inform our understanding of the modern world. Covering a wide range of topics from early human development and ancient civilisations to colonialism and slavery in the early modern world, this broad-based discipline can take you into many different careers.

We are an inclusive and vibrant international teaching and research community that offers plenty of opportunities for you to get involved, from research seminars and reading groups to field-based projects. Our research-led approach to learning means you will be taught by subject specialists whose wide-ranging interests span World, European and British archaeology from the last ice age to the post-medieval period.

Combining practical work with traditional academic study, you will explore archaeological sites and historic buildings, study scientific methods, archaeological theories and computer techniques. Fieldwork takes you around the world, with previous projects ranging from Africa to the Lebanon. Closer to home you will learn about the rich and varied heritage of the UK. Our location in Durham is ideal for the study of archaeology with examples of medieval architecture, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and important historic sites, such as Hadrian's Wall and a Saxon monastery within easy reach.

We offer a range of single and joint honours BA and BSc degrees with flexible pathways to suit your interests and career goals, and most courses include the possibility of a work placement or year abroad.

Highlights

We are a national leader in archaeological research. We work with partners in the UK and internationally on projects that span five continents – from the Palaeolithic to the contemporary world. Our research-led approach to teaching ensures that undergraduate courses are informed by real-time developments and gives students access to academics at the forefront of their field.

Our single honours degrees are professionally accredited by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. They provide a high level of skills-based training relevant to employment in the heritage sector.

The student-run Durham Archaeological Society offer even more benefits, with trips to historical sites, museums and presentations by eminent archaeologists. The Society also provides up-to-date information on available work experience placements.

Facilities and location

We are based in the Dawson Building at the heart of the Durham city campus. We are one of the most comprehensively equipped archaeology departments in the UK with research laboratories in DNA, conservation, isotope analysis, environmental archaeology, luminescence dating, paleopathology and bone chemistry.

The Department is also home to a leading commercial archaeological fieldwork unit. This enables us to provide expert training in excavation and fieldwork techniques from working archaeologists. In addition, we have a number of dedicated library collections and a gallery which hosts our extensive collection of archaeological artefacts.



**Ranked
Top 10
in the world**

*QS World University
Rankings 2023.*

Ranked 7th

*in The Guardian
University Guide 2023.*

90%

of archaeology
graduates entering
employment or further
study 15 months after
graduation (*HESA*).

Field trips are an important part of the student experience at Durham. First year students undertake a two-week placement, with most working on our internationally significant excavations at Auckland Castle. Second- and third-year undergraduates join us on digs around the world to gain international experience, with recent projects in France, Spain, Kuwait, Nepal and Egypt.

Employability

Our close links with industry specialists coupled with in-house archaeological facilities give you a taste of the industry from the beginning of the course. This experience helps develop a broad range of subject-specific skills from

osteology, geochemistry and the conservation of archaeological objects, to survey and remote sensing techniques and applications for Geographic Information Systems.

Transferable skills include problem-solving, metadata analysis and information technology, as well as teamwork, presentation, project planning and management. These skills are valued across many industries.

Our graduates work for organisations all over the world, from national and international heritage organisations, museums, environmental agencies, and commercial archaeological services to law and publishing, forensic science, teaching, tourism, and local and national government.



Ancient History and Archaeology BA (Hons)

Immerse yourself in the ancient world and study all aspects of ancient history and archaeology. Gain a greater understanding by combining these interrelated areas, and then focus on what interests you the most.

Course overview

This Joint Honours degree enables you to combine Ancient History modules from the Department of Classics and Ancient History with those offered by the Department of Archaeology. The balance is broadly equal, but as you progress through your course you will have several opportunities to follow your particular interests in one or both areas. Your dissertation provides a further opportunity to concentrate your studies in an area that captures your imagination.

In Year 1 you will be introduced to the world of the ancient Greeks and early Imperial Rome, seen from a variety of perspectives (not just historical) and through different forms of evidence. This will prepare you for a wide range of more specifically historical modules about politics and society in the ancient world.

Studying on this course will give you a wider perspective on these related subject areas, allowing you to fully explore the connections between archaeological discovery and historical context.

The course offers an optional study abroad element, where you may spend the third year of a four-year course studying at a European university. You can also put your learning into practice by applying to add a placement year to your degree.

Learning

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes, fieldwork and excavation, with informal one-on-one support alongside self-directed research and reading. We also offer an extensive programme of research-focused seminars where staff and visiting scholars present their cutting-edge research.

Assessment

On this course you will be assessed through your coursework, traditional skills and presentations, as well as through hands-on practical exercises, including archaeological fieldwork. In the final year you will write a dissertation, led by independent research and supported by one-on-one supervision, and this makes up one-third of your final-year marks.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Archaeology BA (Hons)

Gain a thorough overview of world archaeology. Explore the Palaeolithic to the post-medieval, from Iceland to India and everywhere in between.

Course overview

This course offers an extensive overview of world archaeology, with teaching and training in a wide range of social and scientific methods. The diversity of modules on this course will allow you to build subject and geographic specialisms suited to your own interests and career plans. Depending on your module choices you may even be able to receive professional accreditation from the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

Modules in British, European and World archaeology provide you with the opportunity to develop in-depth knowledge of archaeology and heritage in different regions including Europe, the Near East, North Africa and South and East Asia.

Advanced skills training, practicals, lab- and field-based options, will help you develop the knowledge and expertise in a variety of areas, such as data analysis, remote sensing, GIS and survey, materials analysis, 3D modelling, museum and heritage skills and osteology.

In the first year you will gain a basic range of intellectual and practical archaeological skills. In Years 2 and 3 you will then move on to more in-depth study of particular topics and methods, working closely with staff to develop your own independent research project. You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

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 good understanding of archaeology across the world, from earliest prehistory to the modern day.

Learning

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes, fieldwork and excavation, with informal one-on-one support alongside self-directed research and reading. We also offer an extensive programme of research-focused seminars where staff and visiting scholars present their cutting-edge research.

Assessment

You will be assessed through your coursework, traditional skills and presentations, as well as through hands-on practical exercises, including archaeological fieldwork.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
F400
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


Additional opportunities


 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more




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


Carmen Parr

Archaeology BSc (Hons)

Combine study of the ancient world with modern scientific techniques.

Course overview

This dynamic course brings together the discipline of the scientific laboratory with the excitement of fieldwork. You will get an overview of the world of archaeology and a thorough grounding in the scientific techniques used to explore the past. Depending on your module choices you may receive professional accreditation from the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

With access to state-of-the-art laboratory facilities, and outstanding training from some of the world's leading archaeological scientists, you will have the opportunity to learn the cutting-edge techniques used in archaeology. These include: DNA and isotopic analysis, Geographical Information Systems, geoarchaeology, archaeobotany and the analysis of human and animal skeletal remains. By the end of your degree you will not only have a comprehensive set of research skills, but also a range of transferable skills relevant to many careers, including data management and analysis, critical thinking and writing, and written and oral presentation.

You will develop your knowledge through a series of Scientific Methods in Archaeology modules. Classroom teaching is supported by small-group tutorials and lab-based practicals. These will guide you in developing your expertise in ancient landscapes and environments, past climate change, diet, migrations, mobility, health, animal-human interactions, scientific dating, materials science, and conservation techniques relevant to archaeological objects.

All BSc Archaeology students can take part in archaeological fieldwork in the UK and abroad, engaging with departmental research projects and learning further archaeological and transferable skills.

Learning

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes, fieldwork and excavation, with informal one-on-one support alongside self-directed research and reading. We also offer an extensive programme of research-focused seminars where staff and visiting scholars present their cutting-edge research.

Assessment

On this course you will be assessed through your coursework, traditional skills and presentations, as well as through hands-on practical exercises, including archaeological fieldwork. In the final year you will write a dissertation.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

F402
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** - DDD

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

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Having the opportunity to excavate on the island of Lindisfarne as part of my second year fieldwork placement is definitely the highlight of my course.

Aimee Parker



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.

Course overview

Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in an ancient civilisation? Are you fascinated by what the civilisations of the past can teach us about the present?

This course gives you a good overview of the world of archaeology, but also allows you to focus in particular on the great ancient civilisations of Europe, the Near East and Asia, including Ancient Greece and Rome, Egypt, India, Sri Lanka and Nepal.

This degree offers great flexibility, with options to take modules from other departments, including Classics and Ancient History. Depending on your module choices you may even be able to receive professional accreditation from the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

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.

The course offers an optional study abroad element, where you may spend the third year of a four-year course studying at an overseas university. You can also put your learning into practice by applying to add a placement year to your degree.

Learning

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes, fieldwork and excavation, with informal one-on-one support alongside self-directed research and reading. We also offer an extensive programme of research-focused seminars where staff and visiting scholars present their cutting-edge research.

Assessment

On this course you will be assessed through your 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** - DDD

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

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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

Lucy Moore



Biosciences



Ranked 3rd

in *The Guardian*
University Guide 2023.

Why study here

- Study at a department that ranked 3rd in *The Guardian University Guide 2023* and 5th in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- Tailor your course around your interests and aspirations by following specialised routes through combinations of optional modules.
- Hone your research skills with hand-on experience in practical classes and workshops.
- Take advantage of work placements and international study opportunities.
- Excellent employment prospects – 86% of graduates from the Department are in paid employment or further study within 15 months of graduating (*HESA*).

The ever-changing discipline of Biosciences gives us valuable insight into life in its many different forms, from molecules to global populations. Biosciences explores many of the fundamentally important questions facing humankind – finding the answers will shape the future of life on Earth.

The discipline of Biosciences is wide ranging, with many different branches of study. Spanning topics from botany to food science, immunology to zoology, it has the potential to transform societies, economies and tackle global challenges. In a changing world, bioscience has never been more important.

We are a community that shares a passion for education and development. Our work addresses many of the important challenges facing humankind, including climate change and biodiversity conservation, developing new technologies for healthcare, and feeding an increasing human population.

Our research-led approach to teaching has been designed to immerse you in a mix of theoretical and practical learning from day one, equipping you with a wide range of analytical and practical skills that will prepare you to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

You can choose to follow a three-year BSc route, add a work placement year or a year abroad, or take a four-year MBiol route with a research focus. All students have the option to undertake a residential field course as part of the degree, with recent locations ranging from South Africa to Scotland, the Alps to the Arctic where students learnt how to use tools that can measure the carbon flux induced by climate change.

Highlights

We are an active research environment, covering the breadth of the biological sciences, from cell and molecular biology in animals, plants, and microbes to ecology, evolution and the environment.

Our staff play a vital role in projects which have recently included work in conservation management, vector-borne diseases and river engineering. Our work has shaped governmental and non-governmental policy at national and local levels and, as a research-led department, we ensure that this work feeds into the curriculum to keep undergraduate degrees relevant and up to date.

Our degrees are highly practical, which gives you the opportunity to apply academic theory in a laboratory setting, learning from biosciences researchers and subject specialists. In addition, every year we offer several paid undergraduate summer studentships where successful students spend six weeks gaining real-life research experience working with a supervisor

Facilities and location

We are located just a short walk from the historic centre of Durham, with other academic departments and university services nearby.

We are equipped with the latest state-of-the-art technology. Our equipment includes electron and confocal laser scanning microscopy, transgenic studies, genomics, DNA analysis and proteomics, bioinformatics, remote sensing, ecological field sampling and computer modelling. Teaching and research in the Department covers the breadth of the biological sciences, and we often collaborate on projects with other disciplines such as the physical sciences.



100%

internationally recognised research environment (REF 2021).

Ranked 8th

in *The Times and Sunday Times University Guide 2023*.

86%

of graduates are in paid employment or further study within 15 months of graduating (HESA).

Employability

Not only will you receive an outstanding education in biosciences, but you will also gain valuable transferable skills to prepare you for future challenges, enhance your personal development and improve your employment prospects. These skills can be applied to roles across a range of sectors as we prepare you to be active thinkers and future leaders.

Graduates have gone on to roles in teaching, the health sector, industrial R&D and biotechnology within the private sector, management, accountancy, conservation, ecological and environmental services, broadcast and print science journalism, environmental and biological patent law, the pharmaceutical industry, the civil service, and the armed services. Graduates of the Biomedical Sciences degree also enter the NHS as trainee clinical scientists. A number also progress to postgraduate study at universities across the UK and overseas.



Biochemistry BSc (Hons)

Develop a detailed understanding of the molecular basis for life. Combining elements of biology and chemistry, Biochemistry is an ideal route into a career in the health sciences, forensics, product development, food and nutrition, pharmaceuticals and more.

Course overview

Biochemistry plays a vital role in scientific and medical developments. It is the force behind many life-improving advances, from vaccines that protect against disease to the analysis of forensic samples used to help solve crimes.

Combining aspects of life sciences and chemical sciences, the BSc in Biochemistry explores processes that are key to our understanding of life at a molecular level. This wide-ranging degree will build your understanding of a diverse range of topics from genetics and biotechnology to physiology and metabolism. It develops the analytical and practical skills you will need to address the challenges of the modern world.

The first year covers fundamental aspects of the molecular basis of life including an introduction to core biochemical and biological concepts.

Second-year modules provide integrated skills training in oral and written presentation, science communication, data analysis and critical analysis skills through tutorials and workshops. Optional modules allow you to broaden your knowledge in areas such as cell biology, development, physiology, plant biology, and the biology of disease. At this stage you have the option to apply for a work placement or a year abroad, extending the course from three years to four.

The final year strengthens the link between learning and research. You also complete a research module, which can be either a five-week laboratory-based Research Project or Biological Enterprise, where you will develop the science and business case for a potential biotech-based product.

Biochemistry is a great choice if you are interested in both biology and chemistry. It leads to many careers including product development, health sciences, forensics, pharmaceuticals, food and nutrition. The transferable skills gained also prepare you for a career in sectors such as business, finance and education.

Learning

Lectures make up the greatest proportion of teaching hours. You will also spend a significant proportion of contact hours in practical classes.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations and coursework including essays, practical reports, analytical exercises, case studies and oral presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
C702

Course length 3 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA
including Chemistry
and Mathematics.

**BTEC Level 3 National
Extended Diploma/OCR
Cambridge Technical
Extended Diploma** – DDD
and A level requirements
as above.

IB Diploma score – 37
with 666 in higher level
subjects including Chemistry
and Mathematics.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Biological Sciences BSc (Hons)

Satisfy your curiosity about biology with a flexible degree in Biological Sciences that will enhance your understanding of the world around you, from the detailed structures of biomolecules to evolution at the level of global populations.

Course overview

With science and its challenges making today's global headlines, studying this research-led modular degree will help you develop the skills you'll need to pursue a career in the science sector and beyond. The course offers flexibility so that you can follow specialised routes within Biological Sciences by offering module combinations to address your specific areas of interest.

The curriculum links academic theory with practical experience, with themed routes covering Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Biomedical Science, Cell Biology, Plant Science, Genetics, and Ecology and Environmental Science.

The first year covers fundamental aspects of biology including evolution, biochemistry, molecular and cell biology, genetics, physiology, an overview of the diversity of organisms and the basics of scientific research.

Year 2 concentrates on providing the skills required for research-led learning.

The final year of the degree places the strongest emphasis on research, with taught content directly linked to research being carried out in the Department. Three core modules, a workshop/field course, a literature review and a research module, are combined with three modules linked to your interests and career aspirations.

As well as the three-year course, you can consider a work placement or a year abroad.

Learning

Lectures represent the largest proportion of teaching hours allowing the effective delivery of knowledge and forming the factual basis of this science subject. You will also benefit from practical classes which provide hands-on experience of experimental techniques.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations 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
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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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 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

Biosciences MBIol

Satisfy your curiosity about biology with an integrated Master's in Biosciences that will enhance your understanding of the world around you and prepare you for employment in the science sector and beyond.

Course overview

With science and its challenges making today's global headlines, studying this research-led modular degree will help you develop the necessary skills you'll need to pursue a career in the science sector and beyond. The MBIol course offers flexibility so that you can follow specialised routes within biological sciences by offering module combinations to address your specific areas of interest.

The curriculum links academic theory with practical experience through a combination of core and optional modules that offer plenty of opportunity to tailor your studies as your interests evolve. Themed 'routes' include Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Biomedical Science, Cell Biology, Genetics, and Ecology and Environmental Science.

In Year 1 you will study the fundamental aspects of biology and the basics of scientific research. Year 2 concentrates on providing the skills required for research-led learning. Year 3 places a strong emphasis on research, with taught content directly linked to research being carried out in the Department. Two core modules, a field course or laboratory-based workshop and a literature review, are combined with optional modules linked to your interests and career aspirations.

The final year prepares you for research at postgraduate level and includes an extended project in a biology related area. Running through most of the academic year, it allows you to gain hands-on experience working alongside academic staff doing world-leading research.

Learning

Lectures represent the largest proportion of teaching hours allowing the effective delivery of knowledge and forming the factual basis of this science subject. You will also benefit from practical classes which provide hands-on experience of experimental techniques.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations 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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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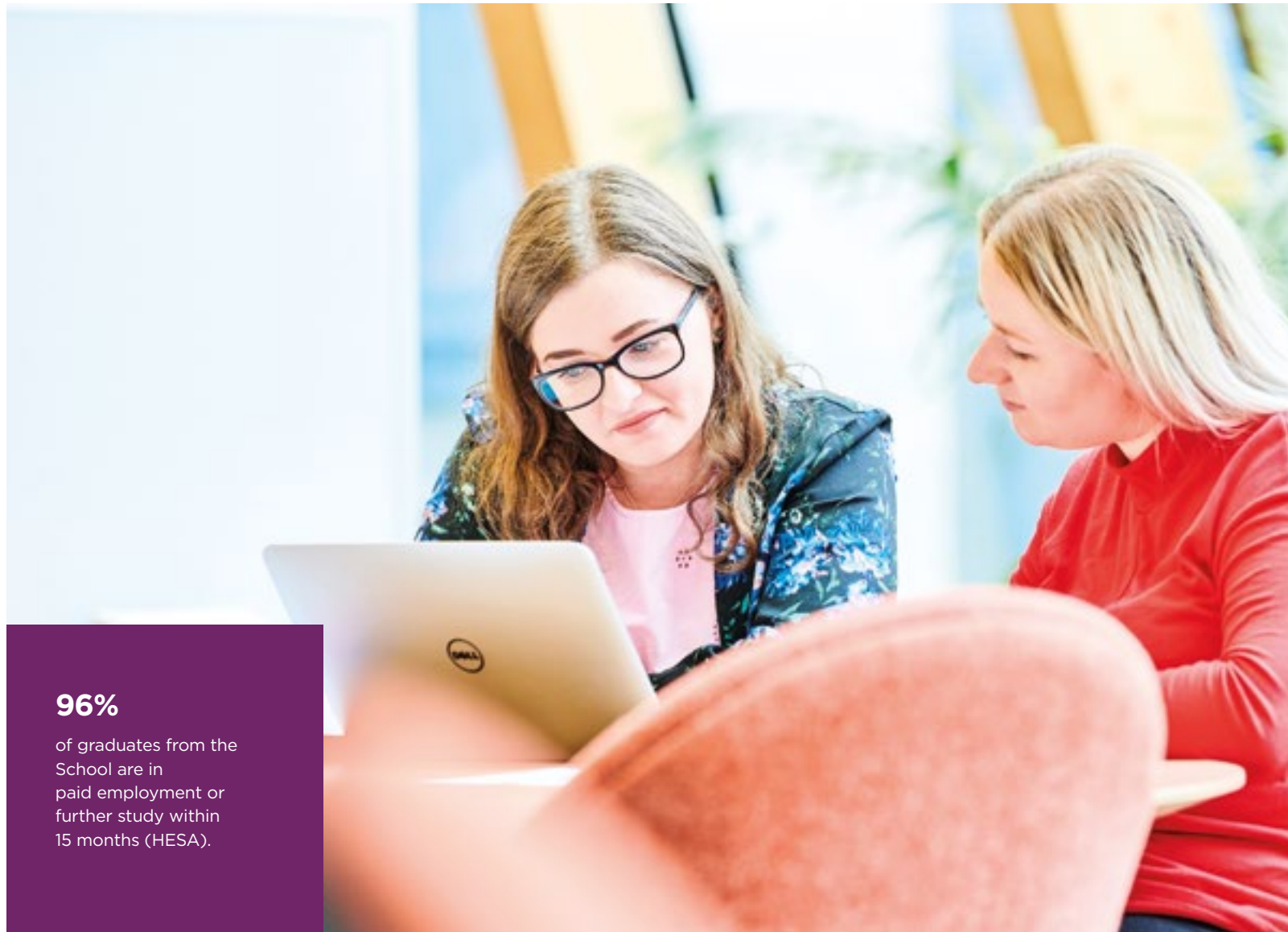


Working in the department neuroscience labs, I gained invaluable experience of cell culturing and microscopy techniques, working with one of the many fantastic researchers.

Elizabeth English



Business, Marketing and Management



96%

of graduates from the School are in paid employment or further study within 15 months (HESA).

Why study here

- Study at a triple accredited* business school. Durham University's Business School is one of an elite group of schools worldwide to carry the internationally recognised triple accreditation (*AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS).
- Build your course around your career aspirations with optional modules in a wide range of subjects.
- An extensive programme of research-focused seminars where staff and visiting scholars share their cutting-edge research.
- Take advantage of hands-on work placements or international study opportunities.
- Excellent employment prospects – 96% of graduates from the School are in paid employment or further study within 15 months (HESA).

Develop the skills and mindset of an effective future leader at one of the UK's leading business schools. Our undergraduate courses are informed by the latest research and our strong links with industry add real-world value from day one.

Built on a firm foundation and rooted in best practice, our business, management and marketing courses are designed to inspire and challenge you, while developing the qualities that are important in future leaders.

You will be based in Durham University's Business School, one of the UK's longest established business schools – an inspiring and stimulating learning environment.

When you join us, you will be welcomed into a diverse and engaged community. The academic team includes experienced business professionals and researchers whose work across a wide variety of disciplines informs and enriches the undergraduate curriculum, delivering practical insights and bringing you closer to the realities of the business world.

Our degree courses combine the fundamentals of global business with a range of optional modules allowing you to tailor your degree to your interests, whether that's exploring subject content in greater depth, developing your entrepreneurial skills or taking on a new language. You will benefit from lectures by guest speakers who give new perspectives on relevant topics, while project work gives you the opportunity to investigate contemporary business challenges. Our business, marketing and management courses also offer opportunities for hands-on work placements and international study.

Highlights

Durham is an international triple accredited business school, one of an elite group of UK institutions to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).

You will learn from academics from around the world who share a passion for exceptional teaching and research, and whose expertise includes entrepreneurship, leadership, sustainability, society and the economy. Our highly collaborative approach to working with the business world at local, national and international levels results in real-world experience for students, informing course content and providing project and placement opportunities.

This combination of global experience, outstanding research insight and business connections keep us at the leading edge of business and informs our teaching at every level.

Facilities and location

We are based within the state-of-the-art Business School, close to University services and resources and only a mile from the historic centre of Durham, a city with UNESCO World Heritage Status.

Our modern and spacious teaching and learning areas include lecture theatres, seminar rooms and study areas.

The Business School library houses extensive collections of marketing, management and finance books and offers access to over 10,000 journals online. In addition, you'll have access to Durham University's prestigious libraries and archives.



Accredited

by the AACSB,
the AMBA and EQUIS.



Employability

Our students graduate with a thorough understanding of management theories, marketing strategies and consumer behaviour, as well as the commercial awareness, IT and problem-solving skills that are highly valued by employers in the UK and internationally. This combination of academic knowledge and transferable skills will open up a range of career possibilities in the corporate world and beyond.

Our focus on employability extends beyond the classroom. You will benefit from employability-focused events that will give you a competitive edge in the job market. From interview advice and employer talks to business-tailored careers fairs, we work with you to achieve your goals.

Previous graduates have gone on to work as business managers, marketing specialists, civil servants, management consultants and business analysts working for companies such as Virgin Media, NHS England, Amazon, Barclaycard and PwC. Many have been offered places on graduate talent schemes across a range of sectors, while others have taken on roles in charitable organisations and in the finance sector.



Business and Management BA (Hons)

A flexible degree designed to develop the professional and people skills that will make you a valuable addition to the contemporary world of business.

Course overview

In a rapidly evolving business world, innovation and flexibility are more important than ever. If you have an interest in the way businesses operate and grow, if you're naturally inquisitive and have the desire to develop your knowledge through investigation and research, then this might be the course for you.

With the BA Business and Management you'll start to develop your business, investigative and practical skills from day one. From people management to technological advances, marketing to culture and ethics, you'll quickly build the knowledge to enter the global business sector.

The curriculum combines academic theory with knowledge of complex and modern business practice. You'll learn from expert guest speakers and complete a selection of business-related projects such as developing a business plan for a new start-up. You have the option to complete the course in three years, add a placement year or spend a year abroad.

The curriculum offers plenty of opportunities to tailor your studies as your interests evolve. The first year introduces the key areas of business and management. In subsequent years you will further develop your knowledge and skills in areas such as leadership, strategy, people management, marketing and human resource management.

Learning

Lectures and small group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops. Using up-to-date resources, the workshops provide hands-on experience of real-world business challenges. You'll also benefit from one-on-one support and self-directed learning to develop your critical thinking skills.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

N201
NN21 (with Foundation)

Course length 3–4 years

Typical entry requirements



A level offer – AAB

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.

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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Business and Management (with placement year) BA (Hons)

A flexible degree with a year working in industry, BA Business and Management is designed to develop the professional and people skills that will make you a valuable addition to the contemporary world of business.

Course overview

In a rapidly evolving business world, innovation and flexibility are more important than ever. This degree is ideal if you have an interest in the way businesses operate and grow, if you're naturally inquisitive and have the desire to develop your knowledge through investigation and research.

With the BA Business and Management you'll start to develop your business, investigative and practical skills from day one. From people management to technological advances, marketing to culture and ethics, you'll quickly build the knowledge to enter the global business sector.

The curriculum combines academic theory with knowledge of complex and modern business practice. You'll learn from expert guest speakers and complete a selection of business-related projects such as developing a business plan for a new start-up. You will spend your third year on placement, a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand industry experience and start building a network of business contacts in preparation for graduation.

As well as the placement route you also have the option to complete the degree in three years or spend a year abroad.

The curriculum offers plenty of opportunities to tailor your studies as your interests evolve. The first year introduces the key areas of business and management. In subsequent years you will further develop your knowledge and skills in areas such as leadership, strategy, people management, marketing and human resource management.

Learning

Lectures and small group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops. Using up-to-date resources, the workshops provide hands-on experience of real-world business challenges. You'll also benefit from one-on-one support and self-directed learning to develop your critical thinking skills.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code

N203

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements


A level offer – AAB

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.

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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad

Scan here to find out more



Business and Management (with study abroad) BA (Hons)

Develop the professional and people skills that will make you a valuable addition to the contemporary world of business with this flexible degree, and spend a year at an overseas university.

Course overview

In a rapidly evolving business world, innovation and flexibility are more important than ever. If you have an interest in the way businesses operate and grow, if you're naturally inquisitive and have the desire to develop your knowledge through investigation and research, then this might be the course for you.

The BA Business and Management links academic theory with real-world business experience so you'll start to develop your business, investigative and practical skills from day one. From people management to technological advances, marketing to culture and ethics, you'll quickly build the knowledge to enter the global business sector.

This four-degree includes a year abroad. Spending a year in one of our international partner universities will give you the opportunity to experience another culture and develop your language skills. In an increasingly globalised industry, international study will add an extra dimension to your employability and help you to stand out to employers.

Our flexible study programme puts you in control. As well as the study abroad route, we offer the option to complete the course in three years or add a placement year.

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Learning

Lectures and small group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops. Using up-to-date resources, the workshops provide hands-on experience of real-world business challenges. You'll also benefit from one-on-one support and self-directed learning to develop your critical thinking skills.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code
N207

Course length 4 years


Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAB
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.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Marketing and Management BA (Hons)

Study marketing alongside management and gain an insight into the way companies operate, the techniques used to understand consumer behaviour and how companies engage with customers in the fast-paced business world.

Course overview

Drawing from the fields of psychology, sociology, anthropology, philosophy and economics, this varied and dynamic course helps you understand how consumers behave and how businesses use this insight to market their products and services.

Combining contemporary marketing with business management you will develop an understanding of different markets, learn how to predict and interpret consumer behaviour, identify trends and communicate brand strategy. The management element of the course includes financial, entrepreneurial and strategic components. Studied together, these subjects unlock more career pathways whether you're looking for a specialist marketing role or interested in the wider field of business management.

This flexible curriculum links academic theory with real-world business experience including expert guest speakers and projects where you will take on business challenges. It offers plenty of opportunities to tailor your studies as your interests evolve. You have the option to complete the course in three years, add a placement year or spend a year abroad.

Year 1 provides a foundation of knowledge and skills in marketing and management with six compulsory modules. In subsequent years you will further develop your knowledge and skills in areas such as digital marketing, consumer behavioural science, branding, market research and communications. The wide range of optional modules give you the opportunity to focus your studies on areas of special interest such as retail marketing and social marketing.

The degree culminates in either a dissertation or project based on an area of marketing of your choice.

Learning

Lectures and small group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops. Using up-to-date resources, the workshops provide hands-on experience of real-world marketing challenges. You'll also benefit from one-on-one support and self-directed learning to develop your critical thinking skills.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
N509
N512 (with Foundation)

Course length 3–4 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA
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.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad
 Placement year

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 The highlight of my course has been the range of modules on offer and the ability to create work around things that interest me.

 Siobhan Gardiner

Marketing and Management (with placement year) BA (Hons)

Combine the study of marketing and management with a year in industry, and gain an insight into the way companies operate, the techniques used to understand consumer behaviour and how companies engage with customers in the fast-paced business world.

Course overview

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The degree culminates in either a dissertation or project based on an area of marketing of your choice.

Learning

Lectures and small group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops. Using up-to-date resources, the workshops provide hands-on experience of real-world marketing challenges.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code
N510

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA

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.

**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.

Additional opportunities



Study abroad

Scan here to find out more



Marketing and Management (with study abroad) BA (Hons)

Combine the study of marketing and management with a year abroad, and gain an insight into the way companies operate, the techniques used to understand consumer behaviour and how companies engage with customers in the fast-paced business world.

Course overview

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Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
N511

Course length 3–4 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – AAA

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.

**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.

Additional opportunities



Placement year

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Chemistry



Ranked 5th

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Courses accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry.
- The Department is home to multiple research institutes, with 96% of research outputs classed as world-leading or internationally excellent (*REF 2021*).
- Ranked 5th in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- Potentially benefit from hands-on work placements and international study opportunities.
- 96% of students agreed staff were good at explaining things (*NSS*).

Chemistry is often called ‘the central science’ as knowledge of atoms and molecules is instrumental to understanding and interacting with the world around us. Gain the theoretical knowledge you need while developing your practical skills at our thriving centre of teaching and world-leading research.

We are a dynamic and diverse international teaching and research community, equipped with modern laboratories and world-class facilities. You'll be taught by internationally renowned research-active academics with a wide range of expertise.

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. We have built a large network of national and international industrial partners involved in collaborative research through interactions at many levels with the Department and our BSc and MChem qualifications are accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

With flexible pathways to suit your interests and career goals, and the chance to apply for an additional year in industry or an overseas placement, a degree in Chemistry will equip you for a range of careers or further study.

Highlights

We have an outstanding reputation for excellence in teaching, research and the employability of our students. We are an active and vibrant Department with many internationally acclaimed researchers as teaching staff. Our interdisciplinary

research and collaborations with other departments, HEIs and industrial partners – such as DuPont Teijin Films, Lucite, AstraZeneca, Roche, GSK – are supported by state-of-the-art facilities.

Our undergraduate degrees are highly rated nationally and internationally. They are also well received by our students with exciting options available for industrial placements and study abroad.

The student-run Durham University Chemistry Society (DUCS) arranges social events, external visits and presentations by eminent visiting academics and researchers. The Society also puts on careers events and mentoring programmes for undergraduates.

Facilities and location

We are located on the Lower Mountjoy (science) site, near the Palatine Building and Calman Learning Centre, and just a short walk from the city centre or any of our colleges. Chemistry teaching is delivered in lecture theatres within our own building or those nearby. Our practical laboratories and research space are all together. Our research services interact with various UK and overseas companies and with other universities and research institutions.

Throughout your degree you will have access to Durham's virtual learning environment which contains lecture material, support materials and course administration information.



90%

of our students are in employment or postgraduate study within 15 months of graduation (*HESA*).

Ranked 7th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.

Top 10

in *The Times and Sunday Times University Guide 2023*.

Employability

A degree in Chemistry will prepare you for a career in science and technology either in industry, research or academia. Chemistry is also an excellent foundation for careers in areas such as business and finance, consultancy, journalism, information technology, teaching and more. A significant number of our students also progress to postgraduate study.

Transferable skills include communication and presentation skills, logical thinking, report writing, problem solving, time management, data handling and analysis, teamwork and leadership, creativity, and instrumental and experimental skills. We aim to develop your curiosity as a scientist. These skills are valued across many sectors.

Recent employers of our graduates include GSK, Infineum, Procter & Gamble, BP and Akzo Nobel.



Chemistry BSc

A highly valued degree that can be used as the first step towards further academic learning and research in chemical sciences or take you directly into a role across a wide variety of industries and commerce.

Course overview

When you choose the BSc in Chemistry you will join a dynamic and focused learning community that is home to multiple research institutes, a range of first-class facilities and experts with close links to industry. Current developments in both research and industry are used to bring theoretical learning to life.

Chemistry degrees at Durham offer a high level of flexibility. The BSc in Chemistry contains the same core curriculum in Years 1 and 2 as our other chemistry degrees, and you can switch to one of the other degrees up to the end of the second year.

You will build strong foundations in inorganic, organic and physical chemistry and learn practical skills in our modern teaching laboratories. In your final year, you will continue to learn the core aspects of modern chemistry and examine how it is applied to real-world issues. Your studies will culminate in a research-led dissertation.

You will learn how chemistry is the central science with learning interfaces with biosciences, earth sciences, engineering, physics and astronomy. You will be exposed to cutting-edge analytical techniques and learn how they can be used to assist research and tackle global issues. Graduates are ready to either move straight into employment in a wide range of industries or advance into further studies and scientific research.

Learning

The factual and theoretical content of the course is delivered mainly by lectures, supported by tutorials, workshops and private study.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations and coursework including laboratory reports, essays and project reports and presentations. In your final year, you will submit your research-led dissertation and an oral presentation.

Course fact file

UCAS code
F100

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.

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.

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Chemistry MChem

An integrated Master's degree, ideal for those planning to move into research either through further studies or within industry.

Course overview

When you choose to study for a MChem degree you will join a dynamic and focused learning community that is home to multiple research institutes, a range of first-class facilities and experts with close links to industry. Current developments in both research and industry are used to bring theoretical learning to life.

Chemistry degrees at Durham offer a high level of flexibility. The MChem contains the same core curriculum in Years 1 and 2 as our other chemistry degrees and you can switch to one of the other degrees up to the end of the second year.

You will build strong foundations in inorganic, organic and physical chemistry and learn practical skills in our modern teaching laboratories. In your third year, you will continue to learn the core aspects of modern chemistry, and start to focus on the concepts and skills required in research. Your final year is built around a research project embedded within a research group.

You will learn how chemistry is the central science with learning interfaces with biosciences, earth sciences, engineering, physics and astronomy. You will be exposed to cutting-edge analytical techniques and learn how they can be used to assist research and tackle global issues. Graduates are ready to either move straight into employment in a wide range of industries or advance into further studies and scientific research.

Learning

The factual and theoretical content of the course is delivered mainly by lectures, supported by tutorials, workshops and private study.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations and coursework including laboratory reports, and essays. In your final year, you will submit your research-led project report and deliver an oral presentation.

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.

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.

Scan here to find out more



Chemistry (with Industrial Project) MChem/Ind

An integrated Master's degree with placement. This course is ideal for those planning to move into industry as it provides an opportunity to gain highly valued real-world experience.

Course overview

When you choose to study for a four-year MChem degree you will join a dynamic and focused learning community that is home to multiple research institutes, a range of first-class facilities and experts with close links to industry. Current developments in both research and industry are used to bring theoretical learning to life.

Chemistry degrees at Durham offer a high level of flexibility. The MChem contains the same core curriculum in Years 1 and 2 as our other chemistry degrees and you can switch to one of the other degrees up to the end of the second year.

You will build strong foundations in inorganic, organic and physical chemistry and learn practical skills in our modern teaching laboratories. In your third year, you will continue to learn the core aspects of modern chemistry, and start to focus on the concepts and skills required in research. In your final year, you will complete a research project as an industrial placement within the chemical industry.

You will learn how chemistry is the central science with learning interfaces with biosciences, earth sciences, engineering, physics and astronomy. You will be exposed to cutting-edge analytical techniques and learn how they can be used to assist research and tackle global issues. Graduates are ready to either move straight into employment in a wide range of industries or advance into further studies and scientific research.

Learning

The factual and theoretical content of the course is delivered mainly by lectures, supported by tutorials, workshops and private study.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations and coursework including laboratory reports, and essays. In your final year, you will submit your research-led project report and deliver an oral presentation.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
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.

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.

Scan here to find out more



Chemistry (with Overseas Project) MChem/Int

An integrated Master's degree which contains a final-year placement in an overseas university. This course provides an opportunity to apply your knowledge and demonstrate independent skills with real-world experience.

Course overview

When you choose to study for a four-year MChem degree you will join a dynamic and focused learning community that is home to multiple research institutes, a range of first-class facilities and experts with close links to industry. Current developments in both research and industry are used to bring theoretical learning to life.

Chemistry degrees at Durham offer a high level of flexibility. The MChem contains the same core curriculum in Years 1 and 2 as our other chemistry degrees and you can switch to one of the other degrees up to the end of the second year.

You will build strong foundations in inorganic, organic and physical chemistry and learn practical skills in our modern teaching laboratories. In your third year, you will continue to learn the core aspects of modern chemistry, and start to focus on the concepts and skills required in research. In your final year, you will complete a research project at an overseas university with exchanges offered across Europe, Canada, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong among others. This degree offers a great opportunity to develop your language skills and your independent living skills.

You will learn how chemistry is the central science with learning interfaces with biosciences, earth sciences, engineering, physics and astronomy. You will be exposed to cutting-edge analytical techniques and learn how they can be used to assist research and tackle global issues. Graduates are ready to either move straight into employment in a wide range of industries or advance into further studies and scientific research.

Learning

The factual and theoretical content of the course is delivered mainly by lectures, supported by tutorials, workshops and private study.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations and coursework including laboratory reports, and essays. In your final year, you will submit your research-led project report and deliver an oral presentation.

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.

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 F111 (industrial project) and the three-year BSc (F100) courses until the start of the third year of study.

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Classics and Ancient History



Top 10

in *The QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.

Why study here

- Study in one of the top Classics departments in the UK.
- Engage in academic discussion with some of the most respected researchers in the field of Classics.
- Study a broad cross-section of ancient texts in the original language.
- Ranked 2nd in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023* and 3rd in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- Ranked 4th in the UK for overall research quality (REF 2021).
- Opportunity to undertake a work placement or study abroad for a year.

Explore the artistic, historical, literary, linguistic, cultural and philosophical aspects of the Greek and Roman world, studying in one of the largest and most vibrant departments in the UK, at the heart of a World Heritage Site.

When you study at the Department of Classics and Ancient History you will join a large, forward-looking department that is genuinely diverse in both make up and outlook. We offer an intellectually stimulating learning environment in a welcoming community, and consistently rank highly for teaching, graduate employability and research.

We offer a range of flexible and challenging degree courses designed with the twenty-first-century student in mind. Each with a different emphasis, depending on which area you prefer to put at the centre of your studies: ancient languages, ancient history or ancient culture. We also offer joint honours courses with the departments of Archaeology and History.

Our degrees offer both academic rigour and an outstanding student experience, taught by a team of academic staff who between them specialise in the languages, literature, history, culture and philosophy of the Greco-Roman world, as well as its impact on later centuries up to the present day. The breadth of knowledge in the Department allows us to offer a wide range of study areas including ancient Greek and Latin languages from beginner to advanced level, surveys of the main periods and themes of Greek and Roman history, and teaching in all aspects of classical culture, such as philosophy, art and literature in translation.

Highlights

Classics and Ancient History degrees at Durham perform consistently well in university league tables, both in the UK and internationally. We are also proud to have been awarded an Advance HE Athena Swan Bronze Award, marking our ongoing commitment to equality, diversity and inclusiveness.

Links with partner organisations strengthen our connections with the sector while generating new ideas, sharing knowledge and building engagement. A recent partnership with the charity Classics for All has enabled us to bring the subject into local schools and open up more opportunities to study the ancient world.

The Department is home to three research centres with specialisms in the ancient Mediterranean and the Near East, ancient and medieval philosophy, and classical reception, and we are part of an interdisciplinary centre in language and writing systems. In the latest UK-wide research assessment (REF 2021) we were ranked 4th for overall research quality. As a research-led university the work that takes place in research centres informs our undergraduate degrees, to keep courses highly relevant and up to date.



Ranked 2nd

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

Ranked 4th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.

90%

of those who graduated between 2018-2020 either in employment or further study (HESA).



Facilities and location

We are situated in the beautiful and historic centre of Durham next to the Cathedral and Castle and just two minutes' walk from the city centre. The friendly and welcoming Department is housed in eighteenth-century buildings which includes dedicated study space and a library with an extensive collection of ancient texts and reference works. Our location, at the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is highly conducive to study of the subject.

The student body is a large, close-knit and highly engaged community. Our student-led Classics Society organises regular social and academic events, often in conjunction with staff from the Department.

Employability

Our students acquire many skills which are readily transferable to a whole range of professions. You will have learned to think logically, to compile and evaluate evidence and to express yourself clearly and succinctly, both verbally and in writing.

Classics graduates have progressed to careers as diverse as computing, the Civil Service, gold dealing, teaching, journalism, law, accountancy, public relations and the theatre. A significant number of our students progress onto higher level study following their degree. Some remain within their academic field of interest and pursue a Master's degree, either at Durham elsewhere. Others choose professional postgraduate programmes in subjects such as law, finance and teaching.

Ancient History BA (Hons)

Unearth ancient history by immersing yourself in the political, social and cultural worlds of ancient Greece and early imperial Rome.

Course overview

If you are fascinated by the history of the Greeks and Romans, this is the course for you. We will introduce you to the world of the ancient Greeks and early imperial Rome, and their interactions with neighbouring societies.

In your first year you will focus on core topics in Greek and Roman history, as well as studying a module focusing on ancient historical writing. This will prepare you for a wide range of more specific historical modules about politics, culture and society in the ancient world in your second and third years. At least half of your course in your second and third years will concentrate on historical topics.

The course includes the option to start learning Greek or Latin, and if you have prior knowledge of these languages you can choose to study higher level modules. If you wish, you can broaden your degree by selecting modules about ancient art, literature or philosophy, or by choosing other topics that interest you from other departments.

Learning

A combination of lectures and seminars will help you become an independent learner and researcher. You will get research skills training and access to an academic mentor for consultation about module choices, in line with your interests and aims.

Assessment

We use various types of assessment, designed to test the different skills you have gained through your studies: essays, commentaries, translations and (in some modules) presentations or projects. In your final year, you will write a dissertation on a subject of your choice, giving you the opportunity to demonstrate your skills in independent learning and research and your ability to tie together your learning from across the entire course.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

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 The combination of breadth and detail, along with the lecturers' enthusiasm and expert knowledge in their specialisms, is what has made Classics at Durham unique and special for me.

 **Madeline Hourigan**

Ancient, Medieval and Modern History BA (Hons)

Delve into the past with Ancient, Medieval and Modern History. Explore the societies and cultures of the past, and consider how history is recorded and how we engage with and understand history today.

Course overview

This joint degree enables you to combine modules from our Ancient History course with modules in medieval and modern History offered by the Department of History. The balance between the two departments is broadly equal, but by the third year you can weight your choice of modules more to one side than the other, depending on your interests.

In your first year 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. This will prepare you for a wide range of more specific historical modules about politics and society in the ancient world in your second and third years. This can also be enriched by the study of ancient literature, language and philosophy.

In the Department of History, you will study modules in medieval, early modern and late modern history, with electives available in the study of cultures from around the globe.

You will bring all your knowledge and skills together in your dissertation. You will be able to concentrate your studies in an area that fascinates you, and really blossom as an independent learner. Through this you will engage, at an advanced level, with creative research at the forefront of these historical disciplines.

You will be encouraged to attend an extensive programme of research-related activities in both departments, including research seminars, public lectures from high-profile guest speakers, and events organised by the student-run History Society and Classics Society.

Learning

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. Lectures introduce broad historical questions and offer context 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 gained through your studies: essays, commentaries, translations and (in some modules) presentations or projects.

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.


Additional opportunities


 Study abroad

 Placement year

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 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.

Classical Civilisation BA (Hons)

Explore the world of classical civilisation as you immerse yourself in the culture and society of ancient Greece and Rome.

Course overview

Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in the ancient world? Are you fascinated by what the civilisations of the past can teach us about the present?

The BA in Classical Civilisation offers you a broad and varied exploration of the society and culture of ancient Greece and Rome, and their importance for us today. You can also tailor the course to focus on particular areas that interest you.

There is no requirement to study Greek or Latin, but if you are keen to do so or if you think you might like to try it out, the course includes that option.

You will explore the world of the ancient Greeks and Romans from a variety of perspectives. You will be introduced to some of the issues involved in translating ancient literature for our own times. You will also have a wide choice of other content to study embracing the literature, art, history, philosophy and archaeology of the Greeks and Romans.

Learning

A combination of lectures and seminars will help you become an independent learner and researcher. You will get research skills training and access to an academic mentor for consultation about module choices in line with your interests and aims.

Assessment

We use various types of assessment, designed to test the different skills you have gained through your studies: essays, commentaries, translations and (in some modules) presentations or projects.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Classics BA (Hons)

Explore all aspects of classical culture as you immerse yourself in the languages and society of ancient Greece and Rome.

Course overview

The core of the Classics course is language, although how much language is studied and at what level, depends on you. The course is equally suitable for students who have A levels (or equivalent) in Greek and/or Latin and for those who have never studied an ancient language before. As such, we offer modules in both Latin and Greek, in both prose and verse, at every level appropriate to your experience or your particular interests.

The course also put these languages into context by exploring the culture of these ancient civilisations. In your first year, you will gain a grounding in the central periods of Greek and Roman culture. In your second year you will then study how the genre of epic developed in Greek and Roman antiquity and beyond.

In your final year you will bring together your studies and write a dissertation in your chosen area of interest. This will be supported by continuing language study and a choice of further learning which you can tailor to your own studies.

Learning

A combination of lectures and seminars will help you become an independent learner and researcher. You will get research skills training and access to an academic mentor for consultation about module choices in line with your interests and aims.

Assessment

We use various types of assessment, designed to test the different skills you have gained through your studies: essays, commentaries, translations and (in some modules) presentations or projects.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
Q801



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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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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

Computer Science



**Joint Number 1
in the UK
for student
employability**

*in The Complete
University Guide 2023.*

Why study here

- Study in a brand-new purpose-built £40m building.
- 97% of research outputs are world-leading or internationally excellent (*REF 2021*).
- Ranked 6th for Computer Science in the *Guardian University Guide 2023* league table and *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- Employment-focused activities include an employer-led “Preparing for Technical Interviews” workshop and a multi-industry speaker panel where leaders from a wide range of industries talk about different career routes.
- Take advantage of hands-on work placements and international study opportunities.
- With a wide range of optional modules to choose from you can tailor the course around your career aspirations.

Computers, and the algorithms running on them, are an integral part of every aspect of society, industry and the economy. Our courses combine innovative technological applications and hone the critical, independent thinking skills that will help you be a part of future innovations.

The most significant developments in our society have come through amazing innovations in technology and the intelligent algorithms that drive those technologies. A degree in Computer Science from Durham will allow you to become one of the drivers of this change as we give you both a deep understanding of the fundamentals of computation and a knowledge of the latest emerging technologies.

You will be taught by passionate researchers with diverse areas of expertise, such as artificial intelligence, data science, bioinformatics, high-performance computing, graphics and fundamental algorithms.

Our close links with local high-technology industries along with national and international employers, keeps us at the forefront of developments across the sector and allows us to adapt the curriculum to reflect these developments.

We offer flexible pathways to suit your interests and career goals, with the chance to work in industry on placement or study abroad. Whether you choose to follow the BSc or MEng course, our qualifications balance fundamental knowledge, with emphasis on programming and mathematical skills from the start, and practical applications, providing you with both specialised and transferable skills that are greatly valued by employers.

Highlights

We are an international, diverse department equipped with state-of-the-art facilities.

Our research structure builds on our current strengths, including theoretical computer science, computer vision, AI, high-performance and scientific computing, digital humanities,

health and networks. Undergraduates benefit from our analytical and applied approach to teaching, studying cutting-edge concepts taught by leading experts in the field.

Our taught courses rank consistently highly in UK and international league tables and in the latest research assessment 97% of our research outputs were rated world-leading or internationally excellent (REF 2021).

We are proud of the emphasis we place on equality, diversity and inclusion and are working hard to make our Department the number one in the UK for women to study Computer Science.

Facilities and location

We have recently moved into a £40m, purpose-built building at Upper Mountjoy, in the picturesque and historic city of Durham. It is home to open-plan areas, breakout spaces to collaborate, labs, computer rooms and a café. An innovative feature of the building is the Hazan Venture Lab which is run by Careers and Enterprise and is dedicated to student enterprise and entrepreneurship. The building also houses colleagues from Mathematical Sciences, enhancing the opportunities to develop joint teaching and research strategies.

We have extensive hardware including several local and regional supercomputers for High-Performance Computing (HPC), a GPGPU-driven supercomputer, primarily used for data analysis and machine learning, and visualisation and robotics labs. We also host additional local kit which we use to give students and researchers a safe environment to prototype solutions, explore novel technologies before they hit the market, or to design new solutions.



Ranked 8th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

90%

of graduates entering employment or further study 15 months after graduation (HESA).

Employability

Studying at one of the top universities in the UK for employability, Durham graduates have excellent job prospects and are highly sought after. Our close links to the concentration of high-technology industries in the North East, and national and international employers, keep our courses at the forefront of new developments.

Computer Science graduates are valued in a wide range of FinTech and banking roles. They are equipped with transferable skills such as solving problems and analysing data that are important across many industries, from healthcare and management consulting to media and communications, among many others.

Many of our graduates have gone on to work as software engineers, analysts, consultants, programmers and developers. Some have founded their own start-ups, work in leading software companies, high-technology consultancies, the Civil Service, GCHQ, banking and finance, retail, engineering, the communications and IT industry. Examples of high-profile employers include BAE Systems, Google and BT.



Computer Science BSc (Hons)

From AI to VR, explore cutting-edge technological applications on this dynamic course that evolves in line with developments in research and industry.

Course overview

In a fast-moving world, computer science is the force behind the technological breakthroughs that have changed our lives for the better. The BSc in Computer Science has been designed to develop the fundamental knowledge and practical skills that are in demand across the sector.

You'll explore a wide range of innovative technological applications such as machine learning, deep learning, computer vision, virtual and augmented reality and cybersecurity among others. Our close links with local high-technology industries along with national and international employers keep us up to date with changing priorities in the sector. This insight allows us to introduce new topics into the curriculum to keep in step with developments.

The course emphasises programming and mathematical skills from the start. The first year provides an introduction into the fundamentals of computer science and gives you a glimpse into some of the research that has enabled major technological advances in society.

As well as equipping you with academic knowledge, the curriculum develops the skills you'll need to boost your career prospects. The Software Engineering module in Year 2 includes a team project in which you gain practical software development experience working with an external organisation.

You will be taught by passionate researchers with diverse areas of expertise such as artificial intelligence, data science, bioinformatics, high-performance computing, graphics and fundamental algorithms. The Year 3 Individual Project is an opportunity to fully engage with the cutting-edge research being carried out in the department.

Learning

Computer Science is housed in a purpose-built learning environment containing lecture and seminar rooms, open-plan workspace, breakout spaces to collaborate, labs and computer rooms.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of coursework and end-of-year examinations.

Course fact file

UCAS code
G400

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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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

 Leah Clark

Computer Science MEng (Hons)

From AI and cryptocurrencies to computer vision and machine learning, explore advances at the forefront of technology and take your skills in critical, independent and innovative thinking to a higher level.

Course overview

In a fast-moving world, computer science is the force behind the technological breakthroughs that have changed our lives for the better. The MEng in Computer Science develops the fundamental knowledge and practical skills that are in demand across the sector.

During the first two years you will follow a similar structure to the BSc. From the third year the MEng introduces a wider range of modules and an Advanced Project which explores the subject in a deeper level.

You'll explore a wide range of innovative technological applications such as cryptocurrencies, quantum computing, machine learning, deep learning, computer vision and cybersecurity among others. Our close links with high-technology industries keep us up to date with changing priorities in the sector. This insight allows us to introduce new topics into the curriculum to keep in step with developments.

The course emphasises programming and mathematical skills from the start. The first year provides an introduction into the fundamentals of computer science and gives you a glimpse into some of the research that has enabled major technological advances in society.

As well as equipping you with academic knowledge, the curriculum develops the skills you'll need to boost your career prospects. The Software Engineering module in Year 2 includes a team project in which you gain practical software development experience working with an external organisation.

You will be taught by passionate researchers with diverse areas of expertise such as artificial intelligence, data science, bioinformatics, high-performance computing, graphics and fundamental algorithms. The final-year Advanced Project is an opportunity to fully engage with the cutting-edge research being carried out in the department.

Learning

Computer Science is housed in a purpose-built learning environment containing lecture and seminar rooms, open-plan workspace, breakout spaces to collaborate, labs and computer rooms.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of coursework and end-of-year examinations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
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.


Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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 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



90%

of criminology students entered employment or further study 15 months after graduation (HESA).

Why study here

- Durham Criminology is ranked 2nd in both the *Guardian University Guide 2023* and *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.
- Learn from nationally and internationally recognised experts in topics such as gender-based violence, youth justice, drugs policy and policing.
- Study in conjunction with Durham's local prisons on our final-year Inside Out Prison exchange module, the first of its kind in the UK.
- Benefit from hands-on work placements, community-based modules and international study opportunities.

Explore some of society's big questions about the causes and consequences of crime in an active and diverse learning community.

Examine crime and deviance through a social lens studying this thought-provoking subject which challenges you to think deeply about the society in which we live. As a Criminology student at Durham you will learn to accept nothing at face value. Our courses are designed to shape students into critical, curious social scientists who seek out evidence as they get to grips with the complex causes of crime and the impact of crime on society.

Undergraduate study is shaped by real-world engagement and up-to-date research. You will learn from internationally recognised experts who are engaged in innovative, socially conscious research into some of the most challenging issues in modern society, including intimate partner violence, sexual harassment and abuse, and youth crime. Our academics also have close links with voluntary and community sector organisations nationally and globally, with many actively engaged in shaping criminal justice policy.

Criminological theory forms a key element of this discipline. You will develop the critical skills to understand the key issues around crime, deviance and criminal justice in relation to wider society. We place a strong focus on contemporary issues, such as youth justice and cybercrime, as well as on providing an understanding of the theories of crime and justice.

An essential element of Criminology at Durham is the opportunity to put theory into practice with work placements, community-based modules and international study to suit your interests and career goals.

Highlights

Our connections extend outside of the University with students benefiting from hands-on work placements, community-based modules and international study opportunities. This includes the Inside Out programme where final-year students can study in conjunction with local prisons. This programme is the first of its kind in the UK and continues Durham's long tradition of innovative, research-led criminological teaching.

Facilities and location

Criminology at Durham is located at Old Elvet, within easy walking distance of the Students' Union, the colleges and Durham's historic centre with its imposing Castle and Cathedral.

We also use the local area as a learning environment, examining the connection between power and justice and exploring the locations of ancient and modern prisons around the city.

Employability

As well as building detailed subject-specific knowledge of criminological issues, our courses are designed to develop transferable skills that are valuable for both personal and professional development including, how to assemble and evaluate evidence, how to turn evidence into an effective argument, how to design a research project and analyse data.

Our graduates work in a wide range of employment settings worldwide, including the criminal justice system, the Civil Service, local and national government, banking, academic research and law (through graduate conversion programmes).

Ranked 2nd

in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.

Ranked 2nd

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.



Criminology BA (Hons)

What is crime? Why does it occur?
And what are the best ways to address it? Study the answers to these kinds of questions through a degree in Criminology.

Course overview

Criminology at Durham aims to understand crime and deviance from a social perspective, exploring how crime and society are connected. We seek to answer questions like: why are some people more likely to commit crimes than others; why are some people more likely to be victimised; how can crime be effectively prevented or controlled; and so on.

From a more critical perspective we also consider why some activities are defined as 'criminal' in the first place and what this tells us about the workings of power and authority in society.

As a Criminology student, you will join a dynamic learning and research community, which includes internationally recognised experts actively engaged in shaping criminal justice policy. Our degree will challenge your opinions and develop your critical understanding, both about crime as well as the social and politics contexts within which it occurs. You will study theories of criminality and criminal justice, the roles and operation of criminal justice institutions, and explore specific topics such as gender-based violence, cybercrime and the sex work.

You will also learn how to design and carry out criminological research through research projects carried out in the second and final year of study. We offer the option to undertake a placement with a local community organisation to deploy your knowledge in an applied setting. We also offer the opportunity to study in conjunction with Durham's local prisons through our renowned Inside Out Prison exchange programme.

Learning

The BA Criminology degree is taught through a mix of lectures, small-group seminars, research-based workshops, individual supervision and guided independent work. We also run a regular programme of research-focused lectures and seminars that are additional opportunities to learn about Criminology beyond your taught modules.

Assessment

Assessment is largely coursework-based, with work such as essays, reports, portfolios, reflections and presentations accounting for approximately 80% of your final grade.

Course fact file

UCAS codes

L370

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

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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





Economics



Ranked 6th

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Durham University is ranked 7th in *The Guardian University Guide 2023* league table.
- Study at a triple accredited business school. Durham University's Business School is one of an elite group of schools worldwide to carry the internationally recognised triple accreditation (AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS).
- Take advantage of hands-on work placements and international study opportunities.
- Build your course around your career aspirations with optional modules in a wide range of subjects.
- An extensive programme of research-focused seminars where staff and visiting scholars share their cutting-edge research.
- Excellent employment prospects – 96% of graduates from the School are in paid employment or further study within 15 months (*HESA*).

Gain constructive insights from active practitioners and researchers. Our Economics degrees close the gap between the business world and the classroom, and prepare the next generation for success across a range of disciplines.

We are part of Durham University's Business School, one of the UK's longest established business schools. We offer an inspiring and stimulating learning environment, and consistently rank highly for the quality of our teaching, research and for graduate career prospects.

The rigorous curriculum combined with exceptional teaching prepare you to navigate the economic challenges faced by the modern world.

You will learn from leading academics across a range of economic disciplines. Many of the academic team are active practitioners and researchers who will share their skills and knowledge directly, delivering their insights to the classroom and bringing you closer to the realities of the business world. You will also benefit from lectures by guest speakers who give new perspectives on relevant topics, while case studies give you the opportunity to explore a range of contemporary economics issues. There are further opportunities for hands-on work placements and international study.

You will gain an understanding of the principles of Economics, including supply and demand, competition and growth theories while developing the skills to effectively analyse and interpret data. All our degrees can be tailored to your interests through a wide range of option modules, including the chance to study a language.

Economics degrees at Durham prepare students to become the innovative business thinkers of the future and our qualifications are highly successful in creating job opportunities.

Highlights

Durham is an international triple accredited business school, one of an elite group of UK institutions to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).

You will learn from a team of experts from around the world who share a passion for exceptional teaching and research, whose in-depth knowledge includes economic growth and policy, behavioural economics, environmental economics and econometrics. The School has deep connections with the corporate world, both in the UK and across the globe, with over 380 partners across 68 industry sectors.

This combination of global experience, outstanding research insight and business connections keep us at the leading edge of business developments and informs our teaching at every level.

Facilities and location

Based within the state-of-the-art Business School, we are close to University services and resources and only a mile from the historic centre of Durham, a city with UNESCO World Heritage Status.

Our modern and spacious teaching and learning areas include lecture theatres, seminar rooms and study areas.

The Business School library houses extensive collections of business, economics, finance and management books and offers access to over 10,000 journals online. You'll be able to access up-to-date financial and market research information from sources such as FAME, Mintel, IMID, European Business asap and Pro-Quest. There's also a wide range of information available via online databases, including Emerald, Mintel, Lexis-Nexis, Reuters Business Insight, IMF Statistical Service Online.



Ranked 7th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.



Top 10

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

96%

of graduates from the School are in paid employment or further study within 15 months (HESA).

Employability

Our students graduate with subject-specific knowledge such as economic theory and data analysis, as well as the commercial awareness, IT and problem-solving skills that are highly valued by employers across the world. This combination of academic knowledge and transferable skills will open up a range of career possibilities in the economics and finance sector and beyond.

Our focus on employability stretches beyond the classroom. You will benefit from events that will give you a competitive edge in the job market. From employer talks and interview advice to business-tailored careers fairs, we work with you to achieve your goals.

Previous Economics graduates have gone on to work for global innovators and leaders in their sector including Ernst and Young, Deloitte, Lloyds Banking Group, PwC, JP Morgan and for government departments such as the National Audit Office, HMRC and the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office.



John Lewis

amazon



Economics BA (Hons)

Learn how the principles of economic theory, applied economics and statistical techniques are applied by individuals, businesses and governments and how these decisions affect society.

Course overview

Have you ever wondered why some musicians earn so much money? Or the costs and benefits of a country hosting the Olympics? If you have a natural curiosity about the way the world works and you enjoy maths and problem-solving, BA Economics might be the course for you.

Economics is at the heart of decision-making across every aspect of society. From individuals and businesses to public bodies and multinational organisations, economists examine available resources and work out how they can be used efficiently and effectively.

BA Economics has been developed to meet the needs of the business world and equip you with the skills to succeed in a range of industries. As well as preparing you for a career in the financial services sector, the critical and analytical skills developed during the degree provide a springboard into the worlds of journalism, policy, education and international development.

Central to the course is the real-world application of economics. The curriculum includes lectures from expert speakers and projects where you will have a chance to investigate a range of contemporary economics issues. Learning from industry experts you'll develop a solid grounding in economic analysis, applied economics and statistical techniques.

Year 1 provides a foundation in domestic and international economics. In subsequent years you will develop your understanding of core areas such as macroeconomics, microeconomics and data analysis.

You have the option to complete the course in three years, add a placement year or spend a year abroad. It may also be possible to spend a term at the University of Pisa.

Learning

Lectures and small-group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations. The degree culminates in a final-year dissertation on an area of economics of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code
L100

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



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



Economics BA (Hons) (with placement year)

Learn about the principles of economic theory, applied economics and statistical techniques. The placement year adds a real-world element to your learning.

Course overview

Have you ever wondered why some musicians earn so much money? Or the costs and benefits of a country hosting the Olympics? If you have a natural curiosity about the way the world works and you enjoy maths and problem solving, BA Economics might be the course for you.

Economics is at the heart of decision-making across every aspect of society. From individuals and businesses to public bodies and multinational organisations, economists examine available resources to work out how they can be used efficiently and effectively.

The BA Economics (with placement year) has been developed to meet the needs of the business world and equip you with the skills to succeed in a range of industries. As well as preparing you for a career in the financial services sector, the critical and analytical skills developed during the degree provide a springboard into the worlds of journalism, policy, education and international development.

Central to the course is the real-world application of economics. Learning from industry experts you'll develop a solid grounding in economic analysis, applied economics and statistical techniques.

The work placement is a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand industry experience and start building a network of business contacts in preparation for graduation.

As well as the placement route you also have the option to complete the degree in three years or spend a year abroad. It may also be possible to spend a term at the University of Pisa.

The first year provides a foundation in domestic and international economics. In subsequent years you will further develop your understanding of macroeconomics, microeconomics and data analysis.

Learning

Lectures and small-group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations. The degree culminates in a final-year dissertation on an area of economics of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code
L106

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

Scan here to find out more



Economics BA (Hons) (with study abroad)

Learn about the principles of economic theory, applied economics and statistical techniques. The year abroad adds an international dimension to your learning.

Course overview

Have you ever wondered why some musicians earn so much money? Or the costs and benefits of a country hosting the Olympics? If you have a natural curiosity about the way the world works and you enjoy maths and problem-solving, BA Economics (with study abroad) might be the course for you.

Economics is at the heart of decision-making across every aspect of society. From individuals and businesses to public bodies and multinational organisations, economists examine available resources and work out how they can be used efficiently and effectively.

This degree has been developed to meet the needs of the business world and equip you with the skills to succeed in a range of industries. As well as preparing you for a career in the financial services sector, the critical and analytical skills developed during the degree provide a springboard into the worlds of journalism, policy, education and international development.

Central to the course is the real-world application of economics. Learning from industry experts you'll develop a solid grounding in economic analysis, applied economics and statistical techniques.

Spending a year abroad in one of our international partner universities will give you the opportunity to experience another culture and develop your language skills. In an increasingly globalised industry, international study will help you stand out to employers.

In addition to the study abroad route, you have the option to complete the course in three years or add a placement year. It may also be possible to spend a term at the University of Pisa.

The first year provides a foundation in domestic and international economics. In subsequent years you will develop your understanding of core areas such as macroeconomics, microeconomics and data analysis.

Learning

Lectures and small-group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations. The degree culminates in a final-year dissertation on an area of economics of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code
L109


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.

Additional opportunities

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Economics with French BA (Hons)

Combine the analytical rigour of economics with a year in France to gain an international perspective on world economics.

Course overview

With an estimated 250 million French speakers worldwide, the French language plays a significant role in international economic relations. As such, this course delivers a skill set that will appeal to employers around the world.

On this course you will explore the principles of economic theory, applied economics and statistical techniques while immersing yourself in French language and culture.

The economics element of the course has been developed to meet the needs of the business world, striking a balance between economic theory and real-world application. The curriculum includes input from industry experts and projects where you will have a chance to investigate a range of contemporary economics issues.

This in-depth knowledge, combined with an understanding of French language, society and politics prepares you for a career in the international finance services sector. In addition, the critical and analytical skills extend your options to include the worlds of journalism, public policy, education and international development.

Your studies will follow a similar pattern to BA Economics, with additional French language modules and a year spent studying economics at a university in France.

The first year provides a foundation in domestic and international economics, French language and culture. In subsequent years you will develop your understanding of macroeconomics, microeconomics and data analysis and French language and communication skills.

The third year at the University of Aix-Marseilles II is an opportunity to experience another culture, perfect your language skills and fully immerse yourself in French life.

Learning

Lectures and small-group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations. The degree culminates in a final-year dissertation on an area of economics of your choice.

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.

Scan here to find out more



Economics with Management BA (Hons)

Explore core economic theory, develop management knowledge and learn how different strategies are used to make key decisions within an organisation.

Course overview

Combine economics with management to develop an understanding of key business concepts. On this course you'll learn how organisations are managed, the strategies used to compete for customers and the importance of economics in achieving an organisation's objectives.

Alongside the fundamental theories and techniques of economics, you'll study complementary modules in finance, business, accounting and management. Tailoring your degree in this way helps build the knowledge and skills to support a career in your area of interest, whether that's in the field of economics, consultancy or a broader business management role.

Central to the course is the real-world application of economics and management. The curriculum includes lectures from expert speakers and case studies where you will have a chance to investigate a range of contemporary economics issues to develop your analytical, numerical and problem-solving skills.

The first year provides a foundation in economic principles and general management studies. In subsequent years you will further develop your understanding of core areas of economics and management such as macroeconomics, microeconomics, innovation, operations and data analysis.

You have the option to complete the course in three years, add a placement year or spend a year abroad. The flexible structure coupled with the varied selection of optional modules across all years allow you to tailor your studies to your interests and aspirations.

Learning

Lectures and small-group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations. The degree culminates in a final-year dissertation on an area of economics of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code
L103

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Economics with Management (with placement year) BA (Hons)

Explore core economic theory, develop management knowledge, then put your learning into action during the placement year.

Course overview

Combine economics with management to develop an understanding of key business concepts. On BA Economics with Management (with placement year) you'll learn how organisations are managed, the strategies used to compete for customers and the importance of economics in achieving an organisation's objectives.

Alongside the fundamental theories and techniques of economics, you'll study complementary modules in finance, business, accounting and management. Tailoring your degree in this way helps build the knowledge to support a career in your area of interest, whether that's in the field of economics, consultancy or a broader business management role.

Central to the course is the real-world application of economics and management. The curriculum includes lectures from expert speakers and case studies where you will have a chance to investigate a range of contemporary economics issues to develop your analytical, numerical and problem-solving skills.

The work placement is a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand industry experience and start building a network of business contacts in preparation for graduation.

As well as the placement route, you also have the option to complete the course in three years or spend a year abroad.

The first year provides a foundation in economic principles and general management studies. In subsequent years you will develop your understanding of core areas of economics and management such as macroeconomics, microeconomics, innovation, operations and data analysis.

Learning

Lectures and small-group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations. The degree culminates in a final-year dissertation on an area of economics of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code
L104

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

Scan here to find out more



Economics with Management (with study abroad) BA (Hons)

Explore core economic theory and develop management knowledge. The year abroad will help you see the subject from a new perspective.

Course overview

Combine economics with management to develop an understanding of key business concepts. On this course you'll learn how organisations are managed, the strategies used to compete for customers and the importance of economics in achieving an organisation's objectives.

Alongside the fundamental theories and techniques of economics, you'll study complementary modules in finance, business, accounting and management. Tailoring your degree in this way helps build the knowledge to support a career in your area of interest, whether that's in the field of economics, consultancy or a broader business management role.

Central to the course is the real-world application of economics and management. The curriculum includes lectures from expert speakers and case studies where you will have a chance to investigate a range of contemporary economics issues to develop your analytical, numerical and problem-solving skills.

Spending a year abroad in one of our international partner universities will give you the opportunity to experience another culture and develop your language skills. In an increasingly globalised industry, international study will help you stand out to employers.

In addition to the study abroad route you have the option to complete the course in three years or add a placement year.

The first year provides a foundation in economic principles and general management studies. In subsequent years you will develop your understanding of core areas of economics and management such as macroeconomics, microeconomics, innovation, operations and data analysis.

Learning

Lectures and small-group seminars are complemented by specialist workshops.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, investigative projects and presentations. The degree culminates in a final-year dissertation on an area of economics of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code
L105

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.

Additional opportunities

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Economics and Politics BA (Hons)

Combine the study of key principles in economics with modern political systems and learn how the two areas can work together to benefit society.

Course overview

Economic and political theory shapes the decisions made in our society at every level. From the economic effects of climate change to healthcare policy, or the distribution of social funding to the legitimacy of cryptocurrency, the fields of economics and politics have a significant impact.

BA Economics and Politics explores the connections between these two closely linked disciplines. You will develop your own views on a wide range of current issues and build a skill set that will help you make sense of some of society's biggest challenges.

And when you study at Durham, you'll develop these skills in a vibrant and intellectually challenging environment. You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

You'll divide your time equally between the two disciplines, studying a diverse range of topics such as world economy, macro and microeconomics, corporate finance, international relations and political systems. Years 2 and 3 offer a wide selection of option modules which allow you to adjust the balance of subjects to broaden your experience or focus on your major area of interest.

Learning from an academic team with expertise in contemporary economic and political issues, you'll be well prepared for a career in the finance services, economics or commerce. In addition, the critical and analytical skills gained on the course extend your options to include the fields of journalism, public policy, education, international development, the charity sector and beyond.

Learning

Most learning is by lectures and small-group seminars, complemented by specialist politics tutorials and economics workshops.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations, written assignments and reports, projects and presentations. The degree culminates in a final-year dissertation on an area of economics of your choice.

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.


Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



 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**

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

Explore the deep connections between political and economic theory, and gain insight into the philosophies that shape our society.

Course overview

Do you question what drives human actions and decisions? Are you curious about the ways in which government policies impact society? Or the ethics of global production and consumption?

Philosophy is the study of the important questions that arise in all areas of human life. By combining the study of philosophy, politics and economics you'll gain insight into the thinking behind some of the big ideas that shape contemporary society.

This prestigious degree offers you the opportunity to explore these three important disciplines – their connections, influences and impact. You'll gain an understanding of how and why they've been so inextricably linked historically, and the ways in which they've developed and diverged over the course of the last two centuries, both in content and in method.

Using a combination of academic theory and real-world practice, you'll examine issues such as global politics, ethics and economic growth, gaining the knowledge and skills to pursue different lines of inquiry and the confidence to question your own thinking.

The course offers the opportunity to add a placement year or spend a year abroad, increasing the degree from three years to four. This extra dimension, coupled with the variety of option modules gives the degree the flexibility and eclecticism that are its defining characteristics.

The rigorous academic framework opens the door to a wide range of career options including policy making, journalism, the financial sector, the legal profession, consultancy, education and the civil service.

Learning

Most learning takes the form of lectures and small-group seminars, complemented by subject-specific tutorials and dedicated economics workshops.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations and unseen essay questions, essays and group projects. The degree culminates in a final-year dissertation on an area of economics of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code
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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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

Jana Cattien





Education and Teaching



Ranked 2nd

in *The Complete
University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- The course is aligned with the research focus and outputs of department and staff, meaning content is relevant, up-to-date and delivered by experts.
- Joint 1st nationally for Research Impact, 1st nationally for outputs and 2nd overall for research (*REF 2021*).
- Top 10 in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.
- A top 100 *THE World* School of Education, ranking 77th in 2022.
- The School of Education is an Ofsted-rated Outstanding Provider of Initial Teacher Education (at last review in 2012/13).

Develop your expertise and deepen your knowledge at one of the UK's leading Schools of Education. Gain all the knowledge, skills and experience you'll need to become a first-rate primary teacher or choose a multidisciplinary course that takes a broader look at the role of education in society.

Embark on an Education degree at Durham and join us in a first-class experience which combines innovative teaching and exceptional support with a learning experience informed by the highest quality research. We offer courses for people who want to teach and for those who want to develop a broader background in education. Working together we can shape the education of the future.

Our BA in Primary Education has been previously rated Outstanding by Ofsted. The degree provides the tools and support you need to become an inspiring and outstanding teacher who will make a difference to the lives of pupils, both now and in the future.

We also offer a BA in Education Studies, which includes specialist pathway options in Geography, Psychology or Sociology. These broad, multidisciplinary degrees consider education, people and their function in the world. In addition to education-specific learning you have the option to choose modules from across the wider university to extend the breadth and depth of your experience.

Highlights

Durham is one of the leading education departments in the UK for both teaching and research. We were ranked joint first nationally for Research Impact and first nationally for Outputs in the latest research assessment (*REF 2021*) and we rank consistently highly in university league tables for the quality of our courses. We have been rated as an Ofsted Outstanding Provider of Initial Teacher Education in our last two inspections.

Our courses are designed to challenge and inspire you both inside and outside of the lecture halls, whether through immersing you in a teaching environment that develops your practical skills, incorporating overseas study with our year abroad option or drawing on the latest educational research as a basis for your learning.

Facilities and location

The School of Education is a diverse, inclusive and vibrant community of almost 100 staff and more than 900 students.

Central to our teaching qualifications is the partnership between the University and schools in the area. We work with a diverse network of schools covering a wide geographical area, and if you choose a teaching qualification you will spend some of your time based in a school developing your professional skills to inspire the next generation.



Top 100

in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.

Ranked 7th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

100%

of graduates are in paid employment or further study 15 months after graduation (*HESA*).

Employability

Our students graduate with a broad range of transferable skills which open the door to careers across a wide range of sectors in the education sector and beyond.

Our BA in Primary Education offers the opportunity to gain Qualified Teacher Status with most graduates progressing directly into teaching. Graduates of the BA in Education Studies degrees move into a diverse range of roles including educational research, publishing, education administration, policy making and management as well as roles in the commercial or public sector. Some students choose further study, progressing to doctoral programmes, while others choose a Masters degree or a PGCE in primary or secondary education.



Education Studies BA (Hons)

Education Studies is a broad multidisciplinary degree, designed for the intellectually and practically curious. If you are fascinated by the social, political, psychological and philosophical aspects of education, this is the course for you.

Course overview

Are you interested in why people learn in different ways? Do you want to find out more about barriers to learning and how learning supports childhood development? Maybe you'd like to know more about the ways in which politics can impact education and education in diverse cultures?

The BA Education Studies is an ideal qualification if you are fascinated by the learning process and education as a global phenomenon and you want to keep your career options open. Learning and education profoundly shape all our lives and we consider these in the broadest possible sense.

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 degree goes far beyond any classroom and considers education, people and their relationship to the ever-changing world.

The curriculum draws on research carried out in the School to keep the course content relevant and up to date. The breadth of modules allows you to create your own pathway through the course. You can choose to focus purely on educational studies, or incorporate a sociology, psychology or geography element to your studies.

This BA will prepare you for a career in many different areas, both in the education sector and beyond. It can provide the first step towards a career as a teacher or researcher, and supports roles in publishing, policy making, the voluntary and public sectors, as well as many more.

Learning

The course is 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.

Assessment

We promote diverse and creative forms of assessment so whilst many modules are assessed by essays, other modules may include portfolios, blogs, presentations or posters.

Course fact file

UCAS code
X305



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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

Scan here to find out more



 Discovering the Education department at Durham was my lightbulb moment. The Education Studies degree was something completely unique, and nothing like options I had seen at other universities. 
Tia Van-Loggerenberg

Education Studies – Geography BA (Hons)

Education Studies is a broad multidisciplinary degree, designed for the intellectually and practically curious. If you are fascinated by the geographical and economic aspects of education, this is the course for you.

Course overview

Are you interested in why people learn in different ways? Do you want to find out more about barriers to learning and how learning supports childhood development? Maybe you'd like to know more about the ways in which politics can impact education and education in diverse cultures? Or about the ways in which global events impact education.

The BA Education Studies – Geography combines study of the education process with current issues in geography, offering you the opportunity to explore topics as diverse as childhood development and global economic change.

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 degree goes far beyond any classroom and considers education, people and their relationship to the ever-changing world.

The curriculum draws on research carried out in the School to keep the course content relevant and up to date. The breadth of modules allows you to create your own pathway through the course. As well as the geography pathway, we offer pathways in sociology and psychology, or you can choose to focus purely on education studies.

This BA will prepare you for a career in many different areas, both in the education sector and further afield. It can provide the first step towards a career as a teacher or researcher, and supports roles in publishing, policy making, the voluntary and public sectors, as well as many more.

Learning

The course is 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.

Assessment

We promote diverse and creative forms of assessment so whilst many modules are assessed by essays, other modules may include portfolios, blogs, presentations or posters.

Course fact file

UCAS code
X1F8



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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Education Studies – Psychology BA (Hons)

Education Studies is a broad multidisciplinary degree, designed for the intellectually and practically curious. If you are particularly fascinated by the psychological aspects of education, this is the course for you.

Course overview

Are you interested in why people think and learn in different ways? Would you like to know more about the workings of the mind and how that may impact a person's potential to learn?

The BA Education Studies – Psychology is an ideal qualification if you are fascinated by the psychological aspects of the learning process and want to keep your career options open. You will also be eligible to receive professional accreditation from the British Psychological Society.

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 degree goes far beyond any classroom and considers education, people and their relationship to the ever-changing world.

The curriculum draws on research carried out in the School to keep the course content relevant and up to date. The breadth of modules allows you to create your own pathway through the course. As well as the psychology pathway, we offer pathways in sociology and geography, or you can choose to focus purely on education studies.

This BA will prepare you for a career in many different areas, both in the education sector and further afield. It can provide the first step towards a career as a teacher or researcher, and supports roles in publishing, policy making, the voluntary and public sectors, as well as many more.

Learning

The course is 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.

Assessment

We promote diverse and creative forms of assessment so whilst many modules are assessed by essays, other modules may include portfolios, blogs, presentations or posters.

Course fact file

UCAS code
X1C8


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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Education Studies – Sociology BA (Hons)

Education Studies is a broad multidisciplinary degree, designed for the intellectually and practically curious. If you are particularly fascinated by the social and sociological aspects of education, this is the course for you.

Course overview

Are you interested in why people learn in different ways? Do you want to find out more about barriers to learning and how learning supports childhood development? Maybe you'd like to know more about the impact of society and social policy on the education experience.

The BA Education Studies – Sociology is an ideal qualification if you are fascinated by the learning process from a sociological perspective and want to keep your career options open.

From the philosophical foundations of schooling to the political implications of policy, education is a vast field that has multiple avenues to approaching a seemingly straightforward subject. Our degree goes far beyond any classroom and considers education, people and their relationship to the ever-changing world.

The curriculum draws on research carried out in the School to keep the course content relevant and up to date. The breadth of modules allows you to create your own pathway through the course. As well as the sociology pathway, we offer pathways in psychology and geography, or you can choose to focus purely on education studies.

This BA will prepare you for a career in many different areas, both in the education sector and further afield. It can provide the first step towards a career as a teacher or researcher, and supports roles in publishing, policy making, the voluntary and public sectors, as well as many more.

Learning

The course is 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 also be an opportunity for study visits and/or fieldwork.

Assessment

We promote diverse and creative forms of assessment so whilst many modules are assessed by essays, other modules may include portfolios, blogs, presentations or posters.

Course fact file

UCAS code
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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

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Primary Education BA (Hons)

Gain all the knowledge, skills and experience you'll need to become a first-rate primary teacher. Explore all facets of education to hone your skills and develop your own educational philosophy to make a difference to your pupils' lives.

Course overview

At Durham University, we are passionate about developing high-quality teachers who aspire to make a difference to the lives of their pupils, both now and in the future. At the core of our vision is a more equitable world in which education plays an important role in enabling individuals, communities and societies to flourish.

The Primary Education degree is ideal if you are committed to a teaching career in a primary school. You will complete a minimum of 140 days school experience, including training about whole-school issues that affect children's learning environment. The degree programme offers the opportunity to gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and this is awarded through an accredited provider.

The degree develops the professional knowledge and understanding to provide a foundation for effective teaching in a primary school. This includes:

- An understanding of responsibilities and roles of the primary teacher
- An understanding of schools and National Curriculum as the framework for children's formal learning
- In-depth knowledge and understanding of core National Curriculum subjects
- Knowledge and understanding of other primary curriculum subjects to support effective teaching
- Classroom effectiveness, drawing upon expertise of practising teachers
- Personal educational philosophy
- A professional approach to your work.

The degree is aligned with the research focus of the School, offering up-to-date, relevant materials to support you as a developing teacher.

Learning

Lectures provide a supporting framework of key theories and concepts, with follow-up seminars for peer-assisted learning and discussion. The degree offers many opportunities for group work, allowing you and your cohort to develop as a close team.

Assessment

Most taught modules are assessed by assignments, presentations and portfolios.

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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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The highlights of my course are the placement days in a primary school every week. The placement days have been really beneficial because it has allowed me to put into practice all the theory.

Hannah Munns





Engineering



Ranked 5th

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- The MEng Engineering courses are 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.
- One of only a small number of General Engineering departments in the UK.
- One of the leading centres of research in Engineering in the world, with a long history and tradition of Engineering, which has been taught at Durham since 1838 – the first course of its kind in England.
- Dedicated teaching laboratories and advanced facilities, including the newly refurbished electrical laboratory, a wind tunnel, clean rooms, a geotechnical engineering laboratory and powerful computers for computationally demanding projects.
- Ranked 5th in *The Complete University Guide 2023* and 7th in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

Enter the exciting world of engineering and gain the skills you need to plan, design and analyse engineering projects aligned to the needs of local, national and global industry.

Engineering at Durham is designed to develop talented, modern engineers who are equipped with the skills to solve problems across traditional discipline boundaries – from offshore wind turbines to electro-mechanical devices manufactured on a microchip.

With an outstanding reputation for excellence in teaching, research and employability, we are one of only a small number of general engineering departments in the UK. We offer a range of BEng and MEng qualifications with flexible pathways to suit your interests and career goals, including the possibility of a work placement or year abroad.

We consider Engineering as an integrated subject so, whichever degree you choose, you will study common General Engineering for the first two years. After this time, you will have developed enough knowledge to make an informed decision about your future, both in terms of your discipline and the length of your degree, with transfer possible between the courses up to the end of the second year.

All courses are accredited by the relevant professional institution. Our MEng programmes fulfil the educational requirements for Chartered Engineer status.

From research-led study to project-based learning, our courses are designed to develop students who will take on the challenges of the twenty-first century.

Highlights

We are an inclusive and vibrant teaching and research community. We have close links with many industrial partners, and we offer plenty of opportunities for undergraduate students to get involved in seminars and talks from external companies in preparation for the world of work.

Durham University has a long-standing commitment to research-led teaching. All academic staff are research-active, so this is an amazing opportunity to witness or participate in boundary-breaking research that improves lives across the world.

The student-run Engineering Society offers further benefits, organising both social and career-focused events and opportunities for networking with representatives of engineering companies but also with peers from different colleges and year groups.

Facilities and location

We are located on the main campus at Lower Mountjoy. We are one of the most comprehensively equipped engineering departments in the UK with dedicated teaching laboratories and advanced facilities, including the newly refurbished electrical laboratory, wind tunnels, microelectronics clean rooms, a geotechnical engineering laboratory and powerful computers for demanding projects.

Our students benefit from the Engineering Open Access area, built to facilitate both group work and individual projects. For their dissertation projects, students can access our dedicated project room for independent work.



Ranked 7th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

Ranked 8th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.

82%

of students are in paid employment or further study 15 months after graduation (HESA).

Employability

We have an outstanding reputation for employability. Our students have a dedicated careers contact who is available to offer advice and carry out mock interviews. Our Industrial Partnership Committee of around 20 local, national and international companies will ensure you have access to the best employment opportunities.

With subject specific skills, industry knowledge and transferable skills, such as problem solving, information technology, teamwork, presentation, project planning and management, you will be attractive to employers across many sectors.

Our graduates are employed in many sectors across the world including 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 BP, Rolls-Royce, and BAE Systems.



General Engineering BEng (Hons)

Enter the exciting world of engineering, as you develop the skills to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in the field that fascinates you, and respond to new and changing technologies.

Course overview

This degree is designed to offer you the knowledge and skills necessary to join engineering teams on graduation. It is complementary to the four-year Durham MEng, and transfer is possible between the courses up to the end of the second year.

In the first two years, the BEng covers the same broad base of engineering education as the MEng degree. In the third year, you choose to specialise in Civil, Electrical, Electronic or Mechanical Engineering. The BEng prepares you for an exciting career in modern engineering, with the flexibility to respond to changing technologies.

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 is the Engineering Project in the final year where you will work one-to-one with an academic expert on a technical engineering challenge.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information on a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H103

Course length 3 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as an Incorporated Engineer and partially meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer, depending on the route chosen in Level 3.

Engineering (Civil) BEng (Hons)

Enter the exciting world of engineering and develop the skills to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in the field that fascinates you, and respond to new and changing technologies.

Course overview

The BEng Civil Engineering is a high-quality three-year degree designed to offer you the knowledge and skills necessary to join engineering teams on graduation. It is complementary to the four-year Durham MEng, and transfer is possible between the courses up to the end of the second year.

In the first two years, the BEng covers the same broad base of engineering education as the MEng degree. You then specialise in Civil Engineering in your third year. 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 your second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions. The BEng prepares you for an exciting career in modern engineering, with the flexibility to respond to changing technologies.

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 is the dissertation project in the final year where you will work one-to-one with an academic expert on a technical engineering challenge.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information in a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H214

Course length 3 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as an Incorporated Engineer and partially meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer.

Engineering (Electrical) BEng (Hons)

Enter the exciting world of engineering, as you develop the skills to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in the field that fascinates you, and respond to new and changing technologies.

Course overview

This degree is designed to offer you the knowledge and skills necessary to join engineering teams on graduation. It is complementary to the four-year Durham MEng, and transfer is possible between the courses up to the end of the second year.

In the first two years, the BEng covers the same broad base of engineering education as the MEng degree. You then specialise in Electrical Engineering in your third year. The course structure offers a huge amount of flexibility – you could join us on an mechanical engineering pathway but decide to pursue electrical engineering at the end of your second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions. The BEng prepares you for an exciting career in modern engineering, with the flexibility to respond to changing technologies.

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 is the Engineering Project in the final year where you will work one-to-one with an academic expert on a technical engineering challenge.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information on a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H514

Course length 3 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as an Incorporated Engineer and partially meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer.

Engineering (Electronic) BEng (Hons)

Enter the exciting world of engineering, as you develop the skills to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in the field that fascinates you, and respond to new and changing technologies.

Course overview

This degree is designed to offer you the knowledge and skills necessary to join engineering teams on graduation. It is complementary to the four-year Durham MEng, and transfer is possible between the courses up to the end of the second year.

In the first two years, the BEng covers the same broad base of engineering education as the MEng degree. You then specialise into Electronic Engineering in your third year. The course structure offers a huge amount of flexibility – you could join us on an mechanical engineering pathway but decide to pursue electronic engineering at the end of your second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions. The BEng prepares you for an exciting career in modern engineering, with the flexibility to respond to changing technologies.

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 is the Engineering Project in the final year where you will work one-to-one with an academic expert on a technical engineering challenge.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information on a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H714

Course length 3 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as an Incorporated Engineer and partially meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer.

Engineering (Mechanical) BEng (Hons)

Enter the exciting world of engineering, as you develop the skills to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in the field that fascinates you, and respond to new and changing technologies.

Course overview

This degree designed to offer you the knowledge and skills necessary to join engineering teams on graduation. It is complementary to the four-year Durham MEng, and transfer is possible between the courses up to the end of the second year.

In the first two years, the BEng covers the same broad base of engineering education as the MEng degree. You then specialise in Mechanical Engineering in your third year. The course structure offers a huge amount of flexibility – you could join us on an electronic engineering pathway but decide to pursue mechanical engineering at the end of your second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions. The BEng prepares you for an exciting career in modern engineering, with the flexibility to respond to changing technologies.

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 is the Engineering Project in the final year where you will work one-to-one with an academic expert on a technical engineering challenge.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information on a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H314

Course length 3 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as an Incorporated Engineer and partially meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer.

General Engineering MEng (Hons)

Master the skills you need to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in the field that fascinates you, responding to new and changing technologies.

Course overview

This degree 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 in General Engineering 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 your second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions that would best serve their future careers.

After your 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. In your final year, we offer two additional choices: Aeronautical Engineering and Renewable Energies, where you will learn 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.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information on a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H100

Course length 4 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities


-  Study abroad
-  Placement year


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Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer. Individual discipline pathways are accredited by the appropriate Professional Engineering Institution.

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


Emily Pearson

Engineering (Aeronautical) MEng (Hons)

Master the skills you need to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in aeronautical engineering, responding to new and changing technologies.

Course overview

This degree 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 in General Engineering 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 aeronautical engineering at the end of your second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions that would best serve their future careers.

After your 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. In your final year, we offer two additional choices: Aeronautical Engineering and Renewable Energies, where you will learn 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.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information on a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H411

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements



A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer.

Engineering (Civil) MEng (Hons)

Master the skills you need to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in civil engineering, responding to new and changing technologies.

Course overview

This degree 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 in General Engineering 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 an electronic engineering pathway but decide to pursue civil engineering at the end of your second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions that would best serve their future careers.

After your 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. In your final year, we offer two additional choices: Aeronautical Engineering and Renewable Energies, where you will learn 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.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information on a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H211

Course length 4 years

Typical entry requirements



A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer.

Engineering (Electrical) MEng (Hons)

Master the skills you need to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in electrical engineering, responding to new and changing technologies.

Course overview

This degree 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 in General Engineering 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 your second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions that would best serve their future careers.

After your 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. In your final year, we offer two additional choices: Aeronautical Engineering and Renewable Energies, where you will learn 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.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information on a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H511

Course length 4 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer.

Engineering (Electronic) MEng (Hons)

Master the skills you need to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in electronic engineering, responding to new and changing technologies.

Course overview

This four-year degree 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 in General Engineering 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 an electronic engineering pathway but decide to pursue civil engineering at the end of your second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions that would best serve their future careers.

After your 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. In your final year, we offer two additional choices: Aeronautical Engineering and Renewable Energies, where you will learn 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.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information on a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H711

Course length 4 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer.

Engineering (Mechanical) MEng (Hons)

Master the skills you need to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in mechanical engineering, responding to new and changing technologies.

Course overview

This degree 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 in General Engineering 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 mechanical engineering at the end of your second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions that would best serve their future careers.

After your 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. In your final year, we offer two additional choices: Aeronautical Engineering and Renewable Energies, where you will learn 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.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information on a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H311

Course length 4 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer.

Engineering (Renewable Energy) MEng (Hons)

Master the skills you need to plan, design and analyse engineering projects. Become a specialist in renewable energies, responding to new and changing technologies

Course overview

This is a four-year 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 in General Engineering 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 renewable engineering at the end of your second year. We believe in empowering our students to make informed decisions that would best serve their future careers.

After your 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. In your final year, we offer two additional choices: Aeronautical Engineering and Renewable Energies, where you will learn 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.

Learning

Lectures provide you with key information on a particular field of study and allow you to work through practical examples. Practical sessions give you direct experience of practical and interpretative skills through laboratory classes, design activities and a Professional Engineering Applications Course (PEAC).

Assessment

Most modules are assessed primarily by examinations. However, modules typically also include a coursework component, covering subjects such as CAD, programming and engineering design.

Course fact file

UCAS code
H811

Course length 4 years



Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and one subject that carries a practical endorsement (pending approval).

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 one STEM subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) (pending approval).

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

This programme is accredited on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer.

English Studies



Ranked 3rd

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Study at a department that was ranked 3rd in *The Guardian University Guide 2023* and *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- 93% of graduates are in paid employment or have gone onto further study 15 months after the course (*HESA*).
- Take advantage of the Department's extensive programme of research-related activities, including public lectures, special guest lectures, and lectures, readings and workshops by visiting UK and overseas academics and creative writers.
- The Department came 36th in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.
- 90% of research activity was judged to be 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' (*REF 2021*).
- Improve your career prospects by attending regular lectures and workshops on personal development and employment prospects.

Spanning texts from Chaucer to Shakespeare, from Jane Austen to Virginia Woolf, and American poetry to twenty-first century novels, English Studies at Durham will appeal to those with a sensitivity to language, a love of reading and a sense of intellectual adventure.

English Studies is a popular and highly regarded subject that will give you a broader and more balanced understanding of how the world works, politically, psychologically and sociologically. It also develops the highly transferable linguistic, critical and analytical skills that are sought after in the contemporary workplace.

An English degree at Durham provides a comprehensive grounding in literary theory. The wide range of modules allows you to explore a variety of literary forms and challenge the way you think about the role of literature in the world, from the classics to contemporary texts.

We are home to a vibrant and active research department and take a research-led approach to teaching and learning which informs all levels of academic enquiry, including undergraduate 'special topic' seminar modules developed around key research themes and areas of expertise.

You can choose to focus purely on English literature or combine the study of English with either Philosophy or History. We also offer English Studies named routes through a Combined Honours or Liberal Arts degree. You can further tailor your study with an optional year abroad or work placement in the third year.

Highlights

Ranked consistently highly in university league tables, Durham University is among the leading providers of English Studies in the UK. Our research has regional, national and international impact with 90% of our research activity judged to be 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' in the latest assessment (*REF 2021*). We regularly publish influential academic books and essays that can be accessed by our undergraduate students, as well as acclaimed work in fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Our Department regularly hosts international conferences, workshops and a public lecture series, and we have links with regional and national partner institutions such as the Durham Book Festival, collaborating on events including school-based poetry workshops. We also work with many other organisations including the Edinburgh International Book Festival and the Institute for Medical Humanities.



Top 10

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

93%

of our graduates are in paid employment or further study within 15 months of after graduation (*HESA*).

Facilities and location

We are a diverse community of around 700 undergraduates, 120 postgraduates and 70 staff from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures. We are located close to Durham city centre with most of the Department's teaching and research taking place in two buildings: the Georgian listed building, Hallgarth House and Elvet Riverside which stands beside the River Wear.

Students have access to extensive general collections in literary studies which are housed in the University library, and a number of specialist collections and archives in Palace Green, in the heart of Durham city.

Undergraduate students are also invited to attend the Department's extensive programme of research-related activities, including public lectures, special guest lectures, as well as lectures, readings and workshops by visiting UK and overseas academics and creative writers.

Employability

Academically, we inspire our students to develop as analytic, sensitive and creative readers and writers, yet an English Studies degree is worth so much more. We aim to transform students into independent thinkers with the ability to communicate their ideas clearly and effectively. It's this skill set, coupled with effective organisational and research skills, that makes them so highly valued across a range of work environments. Outside of the classroom, we offer regular lectures and workshops that focus on personal development and key employability skills.

Graduates progress into a diverse range of careers and sectors, including roles in arts and theatre management, broadcasting, publishing and journalism, technical writing, business, marketing and advertising, teaching, higher education, law, the third sector and government.

National
Theatre



Penguin
Random House
UK



Thames & Hudson



Care and support
through terminal illness

English Literature BA (Hons)

If you have a love of reading and a sense of intellectual adventure, English Literature could be the perfect degree for you.

Course overview

Not only does this English Literature degree provide a thorough grounding in the 'great tradition' of English literature – from Chaucer and Shakespeare through to plays, poems and novels written in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries – and in literary theory, but it also offers a wide range of imaginative and research-led modules.

The comprehensive syllabus 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. This will promote and develop the clarity and persuasiveness of your argument and expression, enabling you to develop, to a high degree of competence, a range of skills which are both subject-specific and transferable.

The first year will focus on advancing skills of critical analysis and argument you have already acquired at A level. This includes close reading and analysis of texts, such as the awareness of formal and aesthetic dimensions of literature and of the affective power of language, alongside the introduction of more advanced concepts and theories relating to literature.

In the second year, you will build on the knowledge and skills developed in your first year by broadening the range of literary texts and periods with which you will engage. You will study a substantial number of authors, topics and texts and gain awareness of the range and variety of approaches to literary study.

The final year includes a dissertation on a subject of your choice related to English literature. You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree; this would increase the course from three years to four.

Learning

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. 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.

Assessment

Most modules on the degree will be assessed by essays and end-of-year examinations.

Course fact file

UCAS code
Q300

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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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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

English Literature and History BA (Hons)

Delve into the excitement of the literary past and acquire a range of both literary-critical and historical knowledge.

Course overview

The Joint Honours in BA English Literature 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.

The English part of your degree not only provides a thorough grounding in the 'great tradition' of English literature – from Chaucer and Shakespeare through to plays, poems and novels written in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries – and in literary theory, but it also offers a wide range of imaginative and carefully designed modules.

The history element offers you one of the most varied, exciting and wide-ranging courses in the country. You will explore the full range of history from the end of the Roman Empire to the present day.

In the first year of your degree, you'll get an introduction into the disciplines of literature and advanced historical study. In the second year, you are required to engage with a range of periods and styles of literary and historical study. The third year will include a dissertation as well as optional modules for both subjects. You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree; this would increase the course from three years to four.

Learning

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. 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.

Assessment

Most modules on the degree will be assessed by essays and end-of-year examinations.

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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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The quality of teaching attracted me to Durham University: you know you're at the cutting edge of your field and that your lecturers are as passionate about your subject as you.

Ruby Tomlinson

English Literature and Philosophy BA (Hons)

Studying a range of literary and philosophical texts from medieval times to the twenty-first century, this degree explores the interconnected relationship between English literature and philosophy.

Course overview

If you're fascinated by literature from different cultures and times and have an interest in the big questions about how the world works and what makes us human, this course could be for you.

The Joint Honours in English Literature and Philosophy is a thought-provoking, cross-disciplinary degree that will challenge the way you think about the world. It develops your skills, knowledge and understanding across the two subjects through the study of a range of philosophical and literary texts, important concepts, questions, arguments and methods. The syllabus is equally weighted between the two subjects with modules such as Theory and Practice of Literary Criticism exploring the intellectual connections between the two areas.

You will be taught by subject experts with wide-ranging specialisms across both disciplines. Course content is informed by the research expertise of teaching staff which keeps the course relevant and up to date.

In the first year you will build a strong foundation in both disciplines. The course broadens out in the second year, offering a wide selection of optional modules that give you plenty of opportunities to tailor the course to your interests.

In the final year you will research and produce a dissertation on an area of your choice in either subject area. You also have the flexibility to choose optional modules from both subjects which allows you to follow your areas of specialisation in greater depth.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree; this would increase the course from three years to four.

Learning

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. The course requires a considerable amount of directed independent learning, consisting of reading primary and secondary sources, writing essays, and preparing tutorial and seminar assignments.

Assessment

Most modules on the degree will be assessed by essays and end-of-year examinations.

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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Geography



Ranked 3rd

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Study at a department that is ranked 3rd in *The Complete University Guide 2023* and 5th in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.
- Study at one of the global leading centres of geographical research, ranking Top 15 in the world in the *Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects* for five years and in the *QS World University Subject Rankings* for 11 consecutive years.
- Tailor your course around your interests and aspirations by following specialised routes through combinations of optional modules.
- Hone your research skills with hands-on fieldwork experience and take advantage of work placements and international study opportunities.
- Excellent employment prospects – 86% of students are in graduate-level employment, or further study at professional or HE level, within 15 months of graduation (*HESA*).

Gain an understanding of real-world problems and how to address them, explore today's global challenges and their relationship with society, and enhance your knowledge of the world around you when you study at this world-leading Department.

Geography at Durham is an exciting and diverse discipline that addresses some of the most significant challenges that confront the modern world – from climate change, natural hazards and sea-level change to urbanisation, geopolitics and culture. Our research-led approach to learning means you will be taught by human and physical geographers with specialisms that span a broad range of global social and environmental issues.

The Department is an inclusive world-leading centre that offers BA and BSc degrees with flexible pathways to suit your interests and career goals. Whether you lean more towards Physical Geography (BSc) or Human Geography (BA), you will receive expert teaching and guidance from internationally renowned academics through a variety of teaching and learning methods which include plenty of opportunities to get involved in workshops, presentations, fieldwork and project-based work. If your interests span both Human and Physical Geography, our courses include a range of integrated modules that incorporate both the environment and society.

Combining hands-on work with traditional academic teaching, you will have the opportunity to study human activity and the physical environment, as well as the interactions between them, in real-world contexts with a range of field trips. Putting theory into practice, you'll gain valuable practical experience around the world – from the Arctic to Cape Town, Nepal to Iceland – as well as closer to home to discover the rich and varied features of the UK.

Highlights

We are known for agenda-setting research across a range of specialisms, from Antarctica, Greenland and the Arctic to Bangladesh, China and the emergent economies, as well as local research which focuses on the North East. We are ranked joint first nationally for overall research quality, reflecting our consistently excellent performance (REF 2021).

The Department aims to provide an outstanding education experience, and our broad-ranging, flexible courses will stimulate and challenge you to achieve your best.

The student-run Geographical Society, one of the largest academic societies in Durham, offers further benefits with trips, seminars, social events and a mentoring programme.

Facilities and location

The Department of Geography is located on the main campus at Lower Mountjoy. Founded in 1928, the Department is one of the leading centres of geographical research and education in the world.

Over the past few years, we have invested £1.7m in new, cutting-edge equipment. Our laboratories contain an extensive suite of analytical and geotechnical instruments which are overseen and supported by a team of dedicated technical staff. Facilities also include a workshop, top-class IT facilities, a virtual library, one of the few dedicated cartographic units in the region and an extensive field equipment store.



**Ranked Joint
1st nationally**

(REF 2021)

Top 15

for over a decade
QS World University
Subject Rankings.

Ranked 5th

in *The Times and
Sunday Times Good
University Guide 2023.*

Employability

Our degree courses will stimulate and challenge you while providing first-class support for your academic and personal development. You will graduate with a unique understanding and experience gained during your degree and a set of transferable skills – problem-solving, teamwork, project planning and management – that are highly regarded by employers across a broad range of careers and sectors.

Many of our graduates have taken up roles that make a real difference to people and communities, such as environmental policy and climate science, urban planning, energy, tourism and local development. Examples of high-profile employers include Transport for London, the Met Office, Skanska, Ordnance Survey and KPMG.



SKANSKA



TeachFirst

Geography BA (Hons)

Explore the relationship between people and the planet. This flexible course will enhance your understanding of the challenges facing society and the world around you, while you acquire the knowledge and skills for a broad range of career options.

Course overview

Looking to tackle real-world challenges, from climate change to conflict and social inequalities? Studying this research-led degree in human geography will help you develop the necessary skills and experience you'll need for a broad range of employment opportunities.

Our flexible study programme at one of the world's leading centres for geographical research puts you in control.

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 increasing specialised content focused on the cutting edge of human geography research. There is also the opportunity to study integrated modules that span the human/physical geography interface.

In the final year, you will undertake your own geographical research project.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

There is no such thing as a typical Geography career but if you want to make sure that you are highly employable with a variety of transferable skills, that prepare you for the global challenges of the 21st century, then Geography is a great choice.

Learning

Lectures, seminars, workshops, practical classes, tutorials, fieldwork, projects and presentations are supported by increasing emphasis on self-directed learning – research, reading, and writing – as you move from first to final year.

Assessment

Along with a final-year dissertation, 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 code
L702


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.



Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



 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

Geography BSc (Hons)

Explore the challenges facing the world today, from climate change to geopolitical conflict. This flexible course will enhance your understanding of the planet, while furnishing you with the knowledge and skills for a broad range of career options.

Course overview

Geographical science is leading the way in tackling global challenges, from climate change to environmental risk mitigation. Studying this research-led modular degree in physical geography will help you develop the necessary skills and experience you'll need for a broad range of employment opportunities.

Our flexible study programme at one of the world's leading centres for geographical research puts you in control.

The BSc degree begins with a broad foundation, during which you are introduced to both human and physical geography. Year 1 commences with three compulsory modules and residential fieldwork overseas.

In the second and third years, our modules lead progressively to increasing specialised content focused on the cutting-edge of physical geography and environmental research. There is also the opportunity to study integrated modules that span the human/physical geography interface and optional overseas fieldwork.

In the final year, you will undertake your own research project.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

There is no such thing as a typical Geography career but if you want to make sure that you are highly employable with a variety of transferable skills, but also want to leave your options open, then Geography is a great choice.

Learning

Lectures, seminars, workshops, practical classes, tutorials, fieldwork, group projects, student presentations are supported by increasing emphasis on self-directed learning – research, reading, and writing – as you move from first to final year.

Assessment

Along with a final-year dissertation, 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 code
F800


Course length 3 years


Typical entry requirements
A level offer – AAA or A*AB
including 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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

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 The highlights of my course have been the research opportunities which have helped me develop valuable skills for my career in the future. 

Prerana Misra



Geology and Earth Sciences



Ranked 4th

in *The Guardian*
University Guide 2023.

Why study here

- Study at a university that was ranked 8th in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide* and World Top 50 in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.
- Build your course pathway around your career aspirations with optional modules in a wide range of subjects.
- Top 10 in the UK for research outputs (*REF 2021*).
- 95% of students agreed staff were good at explaining things (*NSS*).
- Excellent employment prospects – 81% of graduates from the department are in employment or further study after 15 months (*HESA*).
- This degree is accredited by the Geological Society of London (subject to compulsory modules being studied).

Our lives on Earth are at a turning point. Studying Earth Sciences provides knowledge and insight into the implications of this and explores society's options to secure a sustainable future for the Earth, its environment and its inhabitants.

Earth Sciences is the holistic study of the planet from the core to the surface, its water and the surrounding atmosphere.

Durham is one of the UK's leading providers of Earth Sciences education. We offer six undergraduate courses, four of which are accredited by The Geological Society of London. Our courses explore the full geological spectrum including climate change, oceans, mass extinctions, rocks and minerals, and the structure and chemistry of the Earth. Our multidisciplinary approach applies physics, chemistry, mathematics, biology and physical geography to real world scenarios to make sense of today's major geoscience concerns.

Course structures are flexible with a balance of formal teaching, fieldwork and active learning to put your theoretical knowledge into practice. You can tailor your degree to your interests through the wide range of optional modules and you may also be able to spend a year studying abroad, extending your degree by a year.

All our degree courses are informed by the latest pure and applied research, and you can be sure your education will be in sync with the latest thinking in the discipline and will help you on your journey to a profession in the Earth Sciences sector and beyond.

Highlights

We have an outstanding reputation for excellence in teaching, research, student satisfaction and employability. We rank consistently among the top performing universities for Geology and Earth Sciences provision, in the UK and internationally.

Our courses prioritise the skills required by employers in the sector. We routinely consult our advisory board to ensure that our academic courses are aligned with sector developments. The advisory board includes senior professionals from relevant organisations including, the Environment Agency, British Geological Survey, OGI Groundwater Specialists, Office for Nuclear Regulation, Shell, Cornish Lithium, and Aegis London.

You can further enhance your studies by getting involved in departmental talks, training and seminars, as well as joining student-run societies that organise social events and talks by guest speakers.

Facilities and location

We are located on the main science campus, and our teaching takes place in the modern, purpose-built Arthur Holmes Building equipped with brand new optical microscopes and a large teaching collection of rocks, fossils, geological maps, and thin sections.

We use industry-standard and research-level software (e.g. ESRI ArcGIS Pro and Matlab), and if your dissertation or research project involves laboratory study, you can access our world-class geochemistry and rock mechanics labs.

Throughout your course you will have the opportunity to develop observation and analytical skills on residential field trips to study mountains, deserts, caves, volcanoes, rift valleys, faults and fossils.



**World
Top 50**

*QS World University
Subject Rankings 2023.*

Ranked 6th

*in The Complete
University Guide 2023.*

81%

of graduates from
the department are
in employment or
further study after
15 months (*HESA*).

Employability

Our flexible courses have been developed to meet the needs of industry and provide you with the skills you need to succeed. You will graduate with the scientific foundations and transferable skills to move directly into the workplace or to progress to a more specialised postgraduate qualification.

Career prospects for Durham graduates are excellent. Geology and Earth Sciences graduates are highly valued by employers and go on to a wide range of highly successful careers in the sector and beyond, working in industry and research, including environmental management, water management, energy and engineering geology. Some of the high-profile employers our graduates have gone on to work for include ATKINS, ARUP, BP, Centrica and the Environment Agency.

ATKINS

ARUP



Climate Science BSc (Hons)

Gain the knowledge and skills you need to understand past, present and future challenges related to climate change. In BSc Climate Science you can explore ways in which society can mitigate this global crisis.

Course overview

Climate change and humanity's response to it will define life on the planet for billions of people but despite this there are few undergraduate degrees that focus on the broader climate problem.

This BSc in Climate Science uniquely offers a big-picture approach encompassing both recent and past climate change and its impact on Earth and human systems. It provides a holistic overview of climate science and equips you with the knowledge and skills to lead society towards the mitigation of this emergency.

Our flexible degree puts you in control. It gives you both the fundamentals and increased specialisation as you progress through the course, allowing you to choose a pathway of most interest to you. The degree acknowledges the breadth of the field of climate science and provides you with a solid background in diverse aspects of climate science that span geological time.

In the first year, you will learn about climate change and develop your understanding of Earth processes and resources.

In Year 2, you will learn about isotopes and can opt to study glaciers, the carbon cycle, how the Earth's climate has varied in the past and how scientists reconstruct past climate change.

In your final year, you will study Earth Systems and can choose to learn about how climate change impacts coastal and alpine environments, atmospheric circulation, 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.

Learning

The course is mainly delivered through a mixture of lectures, practical classes, tutorials and optional fieldwork. The balance of these activities changes over the degree, as you develop your knowledge and your ability as an independent learner in preparation for professional life or postgraduate study.

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 research dissertation in the final year. The dissertation is worth one-third of your final-year marks.

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 the list above.

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Earth Sciences MSci

This Masters degree is ideal if you have a strong interest in research in the Earth Sciences.

Course overview

This four-year Master's degree has been designed to provide a comprehensive and rigorous education in all aspects of Earth Sciences along with the opportunity to interact with staff at the cutting edge of scientific research.

It provides you with the opportunity to follow the Geology, Environmental Geosciences, Geophysics or Geoscience pathway for the first three years and undertake a detailed independent research project in the area of your choice in the fourth year.

Ideally suited to students with a strong interest in research, the course incorporates a substantial amount of independent (and group) project work which will involve you in high-level quantitative investigations, in addition to advanced key skills training.

If you have been accepted onto Geology, Geoscience, Environmental Geosciences, or Geophysics you may be able to transfer to the four-year MSci degree in Earth Sciences at the end of your second year. 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.

You will gain the knowledge you need, to be at the cutting edge of scientific research and will be in an excellent position to take up a variety of roles or further study at renowned international institutions. This course prepares you for both employment or PhD research. Graduates have secured positions with high-profile employers and PhD research positions at prestigious universities worldwide.

Learning

The course is mainly delivered through a mixture of lectures, practical classes, tutorials and optional fieldwork. The balance of these activities changes across the degree, as your ability for independent learning develops.

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 the list above.

IB Diploma score – 37
with 666 in higher level subjects, including two science subjects from the list above.

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The highlight of my course has been the field trips! I've been everywhere from the Lake District to Cyprus and Tenerife.



Erin Thompson

Environmental Geoscience BSc (Hons)

Gain the knowledge you need to understand how to manage the Earth, its resources and the environment, and develop the skills to embark on a career in the environmental sector.

Course overview

Environmental Geoscience is a topical and growing area of study as society increasingly acknowledges the risks of deteriorating environmental conditions to the planet and navigates solutions to protect its future. This BSc connects Earth's resources with humanity's response to some of today's global challenges such as climate change, sustainability and pollution.

Our flexible degree puts you in control, giving you both the fundamentals and increased specialisation as you progress through the degree, allowing you to choose a pathway of most interest to you.

Combining academic excellence, cutting-edge research and links to industry, the course will equip you with the tools needed for employment in a range of sectors, including environmental management, water management, energy, mining and geotechnics, or for further study or research. The course has a special emphasis on employability and benefits from consultations with experts from the industry, including Amec, Atkins, the Environment Agency, English Nature and Mott MacDonald.

In the first year, you will develop a fundamental understanding of Earth Sciences, mapping skills, remote sensing and data analysis. Year 2 specialises more in environmental aspects, during which you will develop your knowledge of laboratory techniques, sedimentology and climate. In Year 3, you will undertake a research dissertation and also experience working in small groups on an environmental management project of your choice.

You may be able to transfer to the four-year MSci degree in Earth Sciences at the end of your second year. 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.

Learning

The course is mainly delivered 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.

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 the list above.


Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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 This dynamic course is concerned with the interaction between the Earth Sciences and human activity.

 Sarah Clancy

Geology BSc (Hons)

Gain the knowledge you need to understand the materials, features and processes that shape the Earth's surface. With this BSc in Geology you will learn there is more to geology than studying rocks.

Course overview

Understanding the processes involved in shaping the Earth's surface through the study of minerals and rocks can inform us about the impact of past and present changes in environmental conditions. This knowledge will allow us to develop solutions to protect society and the planet from today's challenges, from climate change and natural disasters to resource shortages and sustainability.

The BSc Geology is accredited by the Geological Society of London.

Combining academic excellence and cutting-edge research, the course will equip you with the tools needed for employment in a range of sectors, including mineral exploration and petroleum geology, engineering geology, environmental and hydrogeology consultancies, GIS, geological surveys, or for further study or research. Numeracy, critical thinking and problem-solving skills developed on the course are highly valued in a wide range of non-geology careers, including teaching, business management, insurance and accounting, banking and finance.

In the first year, you will develop a fundamental understanding of Earth Sciences and build on the practical skills required to study rocks and fossils in the field, including a field trip to the Lake District. Year 2 specialises more in geological aspects, during which you will develop your knowledge of core geological disciplines associated with igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary and tectonic processes and includes three one-week field courses, to Assynt, Almeria and Arran. In Year 3, you will undertake a research geological mapping dissertation and develop advanced knowledge in specialist geological topics of your choice with multiple residential field work opportunities, including one week in Cyprus.

You may be able to transfer to the four-year MSci degree in Earth Sciences at the end of your second year.

Learning

The course is mainly delivered 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.

Course fact file

UCAS code
F600

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 the list above.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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 The course was flexible, which enabled me to focus on areas that interested me and develop independent study skills.

 Liz Atar

Geophysics BSc (Hons)*

Gain the knowledge you need to understand how the Earth works. With this BSc you will learn how Earth systems interact and how data analysis and modelling future behaviours can help solve Earth Science problems.

Course overview

Understanding the physical processes that control the materials, structure and dynamics of our planet is key to predicting the Earth's future behaviour and mitigating the global challenges faced by society. Geophysics is essential to creating a more sustainable future for humanity through monitoring natural hazard risks, detecting resources and computer modelling to predict future behaviour.

In the first year, you will gain a fundamental understanding of Earth Sciences, as well as developing university-level skills in Maths and Physics. Year 2 specialises in the 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 topics of your choice with multiple residential fieldwork opportunities.

Combining academic excellence and cutting-edge research, the course will equip you with the tools needed for employment in a range of sectors, including mineral exploration and extraction industries, in petroleum exploration companies, and with environmental and hydro-geological industries. The advanced quantitative skills developed during this course can provide a strong base for securing employment outside geoscience, for example, in finance, insurance and banking.

You may be able to transfer to the four-year MSci degree in Earth Sciences at the end of your second year.

Learning

The course is mainly delivered 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.

Course fact file

UCAS code
F665

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements



A level offer – AAB including Mathematics or Further Mathematics plus one other science from Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, Environmental Science, Economics, and Biology or Psychology.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical

Extended Diploma DDD plus two science A levels from the list above.

IB Diploma score – 36 with 665 in higher level subjects, including two science subjects from the list above.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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 There are only a handful of universities in the UK that offer a specific Geophysics course, which made it immediately stand out.

Nina Mitchell 

* Subject to approval

Geoscience BSc (Hons)

With this BSc in Geoscience you gain the knowledge you need to understand how the Earth works and learn how Earth systems interact. You will investigate solutions to society's most challenging problems.

Course overview

Understanding the processes involved in shaping the Earth's surface, our natural resources, natural hazards, water supplies and renewable energy can inform us about the impact of past and present changes in environmental conditions. This knowledge will allow us to predict behaviour and develop solutions to protect society and the planet's future from today's global challenges.

Combining academic excellence and cutting-edge research, the course will equip you with the tools needed for employment in a range of sectors, including mineral exploration and petroleum geology, engineering geology, environmental and hydrogeology consultancies, GIS, geological surveys, or for further study or research. Numeracy, critical thinking and problem-solving skills developed on the course are highly valued in a wide range of non-geology careers, including teaching, business management, insurance and accounting, banking and finance.

In the first year, you will develop a fundamental understanding of Earth Sciences. Year 2 specialises more in the geological aspects, during which you will develop your knowledge of core geological disciplines associated with igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary and tectonic processes. In Year 3, you will undertake a geological research dissertation and increase your understanding of specialist geological topics of your choice with optional residential fieldwork opportunities.

You may be able to transfer to the four-year MSci degree in Earth Sciences at the end of your second year.

Learning

The course is mainly delivered 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.

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 the list above.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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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



Ranked 3rd

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Study in a department that offers an unusually wide range of historical topics and emphasises research-led teaching.
- The Department is located in the heart of Durham - a beautiful place to live and study.
- The Department occupies space next to Durham Cathedral and Castle (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and includes a group of historic townhouses originally built as coffee houses and lawyers' offices in the 17th and 18th centuries.
- Ranked 38th in the world in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.
- Repeatedly ranked in the top 5 UK History degrees by *The Complete University Guide*, *The Times* and *Sunday Times Good University Guide* and *The Guardian University Guide*.

Immerse yourself in all aspects of history, from political and religious, economic and social to gender, culture and race. Learn from renowned academics in a historic setting at the heart of the Durham World Heritage Site.

The Department of History at Durham is one of the most highly regarded history departments in the UK. Staff and students contribute to a vibrant learning environment where you engage in the study of history from the fall of the Roman Empire through to the making of modern Africa. And all from the inspiring setting of Durham World Heritage Site.

The curriculum aims to develop your understanding of what is meant by the term 'history' and to challenge your assumptions about the past. You will develop an awareness of the complex relationship between the present and the past in a rich and varied learning environment that includes field trips and guided independent projects alongside traditional lectures and seminars.

Our degrees are built on flexibility and choice, with an extensive selection of modules that cover periods from the Middle Ages to the present from many different parts of the world. Chinese, Japanese, African, South Asian and US history are taught alongside the history of the British Isles and continental Europe. You can also apply to add a further dimension to your learning by spending a year studying abroad in a partner institution or undertaking a work placement.

Highlights

We have an outstanding reputation for excellence in teaching and research and consistently scores highly in university league tables. This reputation is the product of the quality and commitment of our staff and the breadth of our teaching, which reflects the interests of a department with an international outlook.

When you join us, you will be immersed in a lively and expanding community with a strong tradition of research and engagement, and you will be encouraged to adopt a research active approach to learning from the start. You may be learning from academics who have advisory roles for governments, NGOs and charities, or those who contribute to the creative arts sector. Our academics are involved in projects from Northumberland to South Africa and East Asia. Our strength in research and engagement can be seen in the results of the latest research assessment where we were ranked 7th in the Power Rank (REF 2021).

Facilities and location

The Department of History occupies a group of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century town houses in the heart of Durham. Our location is within easy reach of all University colleges, lecture halls and libraries.

Our work incorporates everything from manuscripts to photography, printed sources to museum collections. From the start of your degree, you will work with staff on a rich array of primary sources, which range from medieval manuscripts in the cathedral archive, through the ceramics, prints and textiles held by the Oriental Museum, to the wealth records of the Sudan Archive, and more. The University Library, with its Archives and Special Collections, and the Durham Cathedral Library and Archives hold historical resources of international significance.



Ranked 4th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

Ranked 4th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.

85%

of graduates are in paid employment or further study 15 months after graduation (HESA).

Employability

History graduates are proficient in research, critical reasoning and analytical thinking, and a history degree from Durham will equip you with these skills and more.

This rewarding subject also equips you to analyse, interpret and prioritise information which is essential to effective decision making and invaluable in a whole range of working environments.

Many of our graduates move into the arts and heritage sector including curatorial, archivist or education officer roles in museums, galleries and libraries, but there are many more career options open to you. The academic rigour and transferable skills demanded of a history degree opens career paths in teaching at schools and universities, in law, finance and accountancy, media, policy making, the Civil Service and the charity sector.



History BA (Hons)

Travel to the world of the past, studying an extensive range of historical periods around the world. From the Middle Ages to the present day, explore the changing world across Africa, Asia, Europe and America.

Course overview

Our History degree is one of the most varied and exciting in the country. You can explore history from the end of the Roman Empire to the present day. You may study periods and places you have encountered before, but in new ways and in more detail; you may also encounter entirely new ones. You can also explore diverse themes and approaches, such as environmental and scientific history, visual cultures, and gender and sexuality. The course will equip you with critical and presentational skills that are valuable in many careers.

Year 1 offers you an induction into advanced historical study, engaging with different periods and approaches to the study of the past, and experience how history encompasses the diversity of the human experience.

In Year 2 you will engage with a range of periods and styles of historical study, with modules introducing new problems in a more specific framework and developing your understanding of historiography and how to write extended historical arguments. You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

In Year 3 you will take further responsibility for your own learning. You will bring all your knowledge and skills together in your dissertation. You will be able to concentrate your studies in an area that fascinates you, and really blossom as an independent learner and researcher.

You will be encouraged to attend an extensive programme of activities, including research seminars and public lectures from high-profile guest speakers.

Learning

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

Assessment

Most modules are assessed by coursework essays or projects and by examinations in which you will write answers to essay-style questions. An oral presentation forms part of the assessment of the *Conversations with History* module.

Course fact file

UCAS code
V100

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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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I chose Durham because it's one of the best places in the country to study History... but also, it's just a really beautiful and historic place to live.



Artemis Irvine





Languages and Cultures



Ranked Top 5

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- The School of Modern Languages and Cultures is a leading centre of teaching and research in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hispanic, Italian, Japanese and Russian Studies.
- Language laboratories have excellent audio-visual facilities, with main lecture rooms and small group teaching rooms equipped for integration of film and other audio-visual material.
- The School's Open Access Centre is situated in the same building, offering further self-access resources.
- First-class library facilities, with the main University collections supplemented by those of college libraries.
- Ranked in the Top 5 in *The Complete University Guide 2023*, and 6th in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.
- Top 100 in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.

Spanning languages and society, the arts and cultural history – an in-depth understanding and appreciation of language and culture will give you a greater insight into communities and build deeper connections with people across the world.

In an era of increasing globalisation, a skill set that includes cultural understanding and proficiency in languages will help you view the world through a different lens while equipping you with the skills that global employers are looking for.

Our language-based courses offer the flexibility to 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 can study from beginners' level or opt for a more advanced route if you already have an A level or equivalent qualification.

All of our language degrees include a year abroad, a valuable experience that will broaden your horizons, boost your skills and give you the confidence to adapt to different environments. You will return to Durham for the final year with a deeper understanding of language and cultures, and be better equipped to make meaningful connections with people around the world.

The BA in Visual Arts and Film includes optional modules in languages and an opportunity to apply for a placement year or a year abroad. Course content is almost global in geographical reach covering art, film, and visual culture from the Western world, the Middle East, Eurasia and East Asia.

Highlights

Our courses are based in The School of Modern Languages, a leading centre for teaching and research. The quality of our teaching is recognised in national league tables where we are consistently rated among the top in the country. We also offer a wealth of opportunities to pursue your own interests outside of the classroom, with a dedicated Centre for Modern

Language Studies as well as guest lecturers and language cafés.

We are home to an active research community with particular strengths in:

- Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Digital, Environmental and Medical Humanities
- Translation
- Visual and Performance Studies.

You will be taught by research-active staff with a passion for their subject and a desire to share their knowledge. This means the topics you study are informed by a diversity of research projects, most of which were assessed as internationally excellent or world-leading in the most recent research assessment (*REF 2021*).

Facilities and location

Our highly skilled academics share their expertise in languages, as well as in literature, cultural history, cinema and visual culture, and translation. Many of our language academics are native speakers, while others have lived experience of the culture and language of the country.

Our location on Elvet Riverside is close to the ancient Elvet Bridge, and within easy walking distance of the colleges, Students' Union and the historic centre of Durham. Learning facilities include language laboratories, computer classrooms and a large study area. There are satellite and recording facilities for viewing programmes in all the major taught languages.

The University's fully equipped Centre for Foreign Language Study is housed in the same building, and Languages and Cultures students have access to its facilities.



Ranked 3rd

for Asian Studies in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Ranked 4th

for Italian in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

91%

of graduates were in paid employment or further study 15 months after graduation (*HESA*).

Employability

A degree in Languages and Cultures will provide you with an impressive portfolio of cultural knowledge, transferable skills and real-world experiences that is valued by employers worldwide. In particular, the year abroad which, as well as developing language abilities, can also greatly enhance your intercultural, problem-solving and communication skills.

With the UK as a whole producing fewer linguists, proficiency in languages coupled with the intellectual rigour and cultural understanding acquired during your degree will make you highly employable in a wide range of careers both in the UK and internationally. These include occupations such as interpreting, translation and teaching, media and the arts but also working across wider industry in research, administration, human resources, sales and business development, and the financial services.



Chinese Studies with Year Abroad BA (Hons)

Immerse yourself in Chinese language and culture. Develop your Chinese language skills and spend a year in China.

Course overview

This multidisciplinary degree will develop advanced knowledge and understanding of Chinese language and culture.

You will study a core language module in each of your three years spent in Durham. You don't need to have any previous knowledge of Chinese, but a pathway is available if you already have an A level or equivalent qualification in Chinese.

You will also have the chance to choose from a selection of other modules relevant to the study of China from other departments. This includes Anthropology, Education, Government and International Affairs, Economics, and Theology and Religious Studies. In addition, you may choose to take additional language modules, including European languages, Japanese and Korean.

You will spend your third year studying the Chinese language at a university in China. This is an amazing opportunity to experience Chinese culture first-hand and to put your language learning into practice and context.

In your final year, you will bring together all your learning and experience to write a dissertation on an aspect of Chinese studies.

Learning

Language modules cultivate speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. For cultural and historical modules, lectures will introduce themes, context and commentary. Seminars then provide an opportunity to develop your critical skills through discussion with other students and staff.

Assessment

Language modules are assessed by a mixture of oral, listening and written examinations. Optional modules are assessed by essays, commentaries, projects and examinations. You will also complete a 12,000-word dissertation in your final year.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
T102

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.

Additional opportunities

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Japanese Studies with Year Abroad BA (Hons)

Immerse yourself in Japanese language and culture. Develop your Japanese language skills and spend a year in Japan.

Course overview

This multidisciplinary degree will develop advanced knowledge and the understanding of Japanese language and culture.

You will study a core language module in each of your three years spent at Durham. You don't need to have any previous knowledge of Japanese, but a pathway is available if you already have an A level or equivalent qualification in Japanese.

You will also have the chance to choose from a selection of other modules relevant to the study of Japan from other departments. This includes Anthropology, Education, Government and International Affairs, Economics, and Theology and Religious Studies. In addition, you may choose to take additional language modules, including European languages, Chinese and Korean.

You will spend your third year studying the Japanese language at a university in Japan. This is an amazing opportunity to experience Japanese culture first-hand and to put your language skills into practice and context.

In your final year, you will bring together all your learning and experience to write a dissertation on an aspect of Japanese studies.

Learning

Language modules cultivate speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. For cultural and historical modules, lectures will introduce themes, context and commentary. Seminars then provide an opportunity to develop your critical skills through discussion with other students and staff.

Assessment

Language modules are assessed by a mixture of oral, listening and written examinations. Optional modules are assessed by essays, commentaries, projects and examinations. You will also complete a 12,000-word dissertation in your final year.

Course fact file

UCAS code
T202

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.

Additional opportunities

 Placement year

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Modern European Languages and History with Year Abroad BA (Hons)

Immerse yourself in the life, language and history of a chosen modern European culture. Develop advanced language skills and in-depth historical and cultural awareness.

Course overview

This Joint Honours degree will allow you to further your interest in the study of a modern European language and related cultural topics alongside exploring different periods and themes of history.

In Year 1 you will focus on the skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening in your chosen language. In addition, you will explore aspects of the literature, film, art, history and politics of the culture you are studying. You will also study a range of History subjects, including Medieval/Early Modern History and Modern History.

In Year 2 you will continue your language, culture and history studies, building on your skills and allowing you to begin to specialise in areas that interest you. Second-year History modules tend to focus more on particular periods and events, or historical debates and phenomena.

You will have the opportunity to spend Year 3 abroad, either as an English assistant in a school or university, as a student or on a work placement. This is a time of enormous linguistic and personal development, when you should gain 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.

In Year 4 you will develop your advanced language skills. You will also continue your culture and history studies, with History modules encouraging you to think about how historical knowledge is produced.

You will also choose your own dissertation topic, researching and writing about either a historical issue or an aspect of culture or cultural production.

Learning

Language modules cultivate speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Lectures will introduce themes, context and commentary, while seminars develop your critical skills through discussion with other students and staff.

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.

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.

IB Diploma score – 37
with 666 in higher level subjects. Please see above for required languages.

Additional opportunities

 Placement year

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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



Modern Languages and Cultures with Year Abroad BA (Hons)

Develop advanced language skills and in-depth cultural awareness as you delve into a range of modern languages. A degree in modern languages is your passport to exciting international career opportunities.

Course overview

This BA 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.

If you already have an A level (or equivalent) in French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish, we offer advanced courses in those languages. You will also have the choice to study beginner courses in the above languages or Arabic.

In Year 1 you can study up to three languages, focusing on the key skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. You will also explore aspects of the literature, film, art, history and politics of the cultures you are studying.

In Year 2 you will be able to study one or two languages, building on your skills and allowing you to begin to specialise in areas that interest you.

You will then spend Year 3 abroad, either as an English assistant in a school or university, as a student or on a work placement. You will divide your time between countries whose languages you will study in your final year. This is a time of enormous linguistic and personal development, when you should gain 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.

In Year 4 you will develop your advanced skills in one or two chosen languages. You will also complete a dissertation or extended dissertation in your final year.

Learning

Lectures will introduce themes, context and commentary, while seminars develop your critical skills through discussion with other students and staff.

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.

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.

IB Diploma score – 37
with 666 in higher level subjects. Please see above for required languages.

Additional opportunities

 Placement year

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This course provides an element of flexibility that is hard to find with other courses – I have been able to study a breadth of subjects and cultures, many of which I never would have considered studying before coming to Durham.

Eleanor Ivey



Visual Arts and Film BA (Hons)

Explore the world of the visual arts and film from a global and historical perspective. Combine high-level critical study of visual culture with a range of practical and professional skills.

Course overview

Combining still and moving images, advanced academic study and practical skills development, this BA is a degree like no other. It draws on staff research spanning historical periods from classical Rome to the present, and is almost global in its geographical reach. There is an emphasis not only on Western art, film and visual culture, but also those of the Middle East, Russophone Eurasia and East Asia.

The concepts of the 'visual' and the 'image' you will explore on this course are fundamentally shaped by this transnational perspective. With this scope in mind, the degree offers extensive language-learning opportunities, as part of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures. You will have the opportunity to draw on the outstanding collections of the University's internationally renowned Oriental Museum, its distinguished Western Art collections, and the curatorial expertise of its staff. No previous study of art is required, just a desire to explore the exciting world of visual art and film.

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. As such, alongside the language-learning opportunities, you can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

There is a practical and professional focus too. Depending on your own module choices, field trips, placement opportunities and skills-based modules will give you insights into how art is made, exhibited, bought and sold.

Learning

Seminars and presentations are the main form of delivery. Their small-group format is flexible, from formal presentations by our teaching team or yourself (individually or in groups), to informal group discussions.

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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Law

Durham Law School



Ranked 5th

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- With ten different law-related societies there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.
- Teaching informed by industry experts – the Law School is home to multiple specialist research centres and institutes.
- Law at Durham is ranked 5th in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- Ranked 6th in *The Guardian University Guide 2023* and 7th in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.
- Specialist facilities including a moot court and pro bono room to simulate a real-life legal environment.
- Take advantage of international study opportunities with the year abroad pathway.
- Top 50 in the *QS World University Rankings 2023*.

Develop an understanding of the law and how it is shaped, learning from a supportive and enthusiastic team who have real-world impact.

Durham Law School is a world leader in legal education and research. Home to a diverse community of students from across the world, it's a great place to become proficient in law. We take pride in our cutting-edge research-led education which is delivered by academic staff who work at the forefront of their field.

Law at Durham is diverse and forward-thinking in terms of both content and teaching methods. Much of the teaching takes place in small groups which increases the level of discussion and collaboration. By actively involving you in the teaching-learning process you will develop a deeper understanding of the subject and be equipped with the legal and practical skills that are highly valued by employers. Alongside your studies, you will have the opportunity to engage in a growing number of extra-curricular activities - including mooting and working on a range of pro bono activities which will give you first-hand experience of law in practice. You can also apply to add a year abroad to your degree, studying at one of our overseas partner universities.

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 or former members of the UK Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, MPs and political advisors.

Highlights

The Law School is highly regarded for the quality of both teaching and research, with many of our academic staff winning awards for teaching excellence. When you study at Durham you will gain insights into the law from national and international leaders who are at the forefront of the field.

Our intellectually stimulating legal education is informed by the School's cutting-edge research. We involve students in our research activities as much as possible, so as well as learning about the law, you'll learn how to shape it.

The Law School produces world-leading research with significant legal impact. Our academics advise parliamentarians and policy makers around the world, have been called to give evidence in Parliament, and have their work quoted by the courts and international bodies. The most recent research assessment rated 100% of our research impact and environment as world leading or internationally excellent (REF 2021).

Our Research Groups organise lectures and seminars which are open to all students, and which offer opportunities to hear from eminent scholars and practitioners. Previous speakers have included judges from the UK Supreme Court, from the European Court of Justice and leading officials from national and international institutions.

Facilities and location

The Law School is based in Durham University's flagship Palatine Centre. Part of a sustainable development, the purpose-built building provides a first-class learning environment in which diverse and innovative teaching methods can be put into practice. Students benefit from an interactive Harvard-style lecture theatre, moot court, pro bono room, workrooms and one-to-one support.

The Law School is situated close to several academic departments and services, within easy access of the historic centre of Durham.



Ranked 6th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.

Ranked 7th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

93%

of students who graduated between 2018 and 2020, were in paid employment or further study 15 months after graduation (HESA).

Employability

Preparing our students for life after university is a key priority for the Law School, so during your time with us you will have access to a wide range of resources to help you stand out in the employment market.

We offer the Durham Employability and Legal Skills Award (DELSA), an online award designed to test and hone your skills in readiness for a career in or out of the legal profession. We also provide detailed information about the steps involved in becoming a solicitor or barrister, and guidance on preparing for interviews and assessment days.

Leading law firms regularly visit Durham or offer online events to promote career opportunities and vacation opportunities.

Our graduates enjoy highly successful careers across a diverse range of sectors with many employed in the legal profession as solicitors, barristers, consultants and more. Current graduates work in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal and have taken up legal roles with leading national and international organisations. Others have pursued careers outside of the law profession including the UK Government, the Civil Service, charitable organisations and financial institutions.



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Law LLB (Hons)

Learn from award-winning academic staff who are leading figures in the field. A Durham law degree lays the foundations for a rewarding career in the legal sector and beyond.

Course overview

Durham Law School is a world leader in legal education and research. Our top-ranking LLB forms the first stage of the professional training you need to qualify as a solicitor or a barrister.

This cutting-edge, research-led degree provides an in-depth understanding of the law of England and Wales, as well as legal research and practice. It offers a variety of optional modules which allows individual specialisation across a range of pathways in public and private law, including international law.

The Law School is home to a number of leading research centres and groups, and all teaching staff are actively involved in research. This research feeds into the curriculum to create a dynamic and intellectually stimulating environment which is in step with developments in the real world.

Academic expertise is supported by a range of first-class learning facilities. The moot court, dedicated workrooms and pro bono room allow you to immerse yourself in a law-focused environment. And outside of structured learning there are ten different law-related student societies which offer plenty of opportunities to get involved in extracurricular activities.

You can also apply to add an international dimension to your LLB with a year abroad in one of our overseas partner institutions. Places on these pathways are in high demand and if you are chosen your studies will extend from three years to four.

The rigorous academic curriculum, first-class facilities and supportive learning environment provide the legal and academic skills you will need to progress to a career in the legal sector, as well as equipping you with the transferable skills that are in demand across a wider range of sectors including business, local and national government and academia.

Learning

Learning takes the form of lectures, tutorials and seminars. We place great emphasis on high-quality small-group teaching. The small-group teaching format and one-on-one attention from a personal academic advisor are embedded into the learning experience to help you get more out of your studies.

Assessment

We use an array of assessment methods including essays, oral presentations and written examinations completed throughout the year.

Course fact file

UCAS code
M101

Course length 3-4 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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

Scan here to find out more



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





Assessing citizenship cases under

Mathematical Sciences



Ranked 4th

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Take advantage of hands-on work placements, workplace-based modules and international study opportunities.
- 96% of our research outputs are world-leading or internationally excellent (*REF 2021*).
- Ranked 4th in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- The brand-new, £40 million building provides cutting-edge learning, teaching and study spaces for Mathematical Sciences students.
- Get involved with the undergraduate MathSoc where you can attend lectures presented by exciting external guest speakers.

Are you a natural problem-solver? If you relish the challenge of tackling complex problems, then Mathematical Sciences at Durham could be your perfect match.

Mathematical Sciences offers a high-quality education that is taught by subject specialists, informed by the latest research and delivered in a stimulating academic environment. Using distinctive and creative methods, we do all we can to incorporate relevant aspects of the Department's world-leading research into the undergraduate curriculum.

We offer a range of degrees which give you a choice from a wide spectrum of pure mathematics, applied mathematics (including mathematical physics) and statistics.

The overall aim is to develop you as a member of the community of professional mathematicians. Degrees combine theoretical learning with practicals and mini projects, enabling you to develop your capacity for critical thinking, problem-solving and independent learning, which will equip you with the skills to meet a variety of challenges in the workplace. We seek to develop both the generic and subject-specific skills you need to pursue a range of careers, and to further develop your skills we offer the opportunity to spend a year studying overseas or working in industry.

Highlights

In the most recent research assessment (*REF 2021*), 96% of the Department's research output was assessed as internationally excellent or world-leading.

We are also members of several scientific networks, working to address issues that range from the mathematics of climate change to geometric group theory, building constructive partnerships beyond the University.

Students at all levels are welcome to join with our guest speaker programme including the annual Collingwood Lecture which invites leading mathematicians such as Peter Higgs, after whom the Higgs boson is named, to share their thoughts. Every week there are numerous seminars in which our researchers present their research. You will also be encouraged to join the student-run MathSoc which attracts exciting external speakers to deliver talks to students.

Facilities and location

The Department lies in the heart of the University on the Upper Mountjoy campus near to the University library and the science and engineering departments. We share our purpose-built £40 million new building with Computer Sciences given the natural synergy between the subjects. It is also home to several supercomputers, keeping our education at the forefront of innovation.

The building provides cutting-edge learning, teaching and study areas, with plenty of space for group work to deepen the Durham experience and enhance the staff-student relationship.



96%

of our research outputs are world-leading or internationally excellent (*REF 2021*).

94%

of our graduates are in paid employment or further study 15 months after graduation (*HESA*).

Employability

As well as developing you academically, a Durham University degree will equip you with a range of practical skills including critical thinking, an analytical approach and ability to reason with information, alongside experience in building relationships and leading teams.

A significant number of our students progress to higher level study following their degree. Some remain within their academic field of interest and pursue higher

level research, notably at Durham but also other prestigious institutions. Others take a different route and pursue postgraduate programmes or employment in areas from statistics and financial management to conservation and teaching.

Some of the high-profile employers our graduates have gone on to work for include Royal London, Deloitte, CERN, Morgan Stanley and Ocado.



Morgan Stanley

amazon.com



Mathematics BSc (Hons)

This BSc offers the opportunity to study a broad range of topics in pure and applied mathematics and statistics, developing your analytic and problem-solving skills and preparing you for a career in a wide variety of sectors.

Course overview

Mathematics is all around us. From accounting to architecture, engineering to software development, mathematics plays a central role in our data-driven world. The study of maths develops the analytical, critical thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills that are valued by employers and form the basis for a wide range of careers.

When you choose maths you'll be taught by a team of mathematicians with a passion for sharing the beauty of mathematics and a wealth of experience in research across the spectrum of pure and applied mathematics and statistics. And with many of the teaching team actively involved at the forefront of research, the degree is designed to link learning to research in distinctive and creative ways.

The BSc Mathematics is housed in a brand-new facility, purpose-built to meet the learning, teaching and study needs of students from the Department.

The first year of the course begins with a broad-based introduction to pure and applied mathematics, statistics and probability and provides a sound foundation for in-depth study in subsequent years. As you move into the second year the structure offers more flexibility, enabling you to shape your degree around one specific area or continue developing your skills across a wide range of subjects.

During the final year the range of optional modules expands further with a choice of around 20 different areas. The degree culminates in a project that gives you the opportunity to investigate a mathematical topic of interest in depth.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

Methods of teaching and learning include lectures, tutorials, problem classes, computer practicals, homework problems, written and oral presentations, and individual projects.

Assessment

Most of your modules are assessed by end-of-year examinations.

Course fact file

UCAS code
G100

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 2 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.


Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



 I enjoy interacting with the lecturers and learning mathematics via solving problems with coursemates through tutorials or problems sessions.

Anitej Banerjee 

Mathematics MMath (Hons)

Take your mathematical knowledge to a higher level – the MMath is ideal preparation for a career involving research or high-level mathematical skills.

Course overview

This challenging four-year course takes your study to Master's level. This course is ideal if you are considering postgraduate study or a career involving high-level mathematical skills or research.

During the first two years you will follow a similar structure to the BSc. From the third year the MMath introduces a wider range of modules which explore more sophisticated methods of mathematical argument.

The MMath in Mathematics is housed in a brand-new facility, purpose-built to meet the learning, teaching and study needs of students from the Department. When you choose maths you'll be taught by a team of mathematicians with a passion for sharing the beauty of mathematics and a wealth of experience in research across the spectrum of pure and applied mathematics and statistics. And with many of the teaching team actively involved at the forefront of research, the degree is designed to link learning to research in distinctive and creative ways.

The first year of the course begins with a broad-based introduction to pure and applied mathematics, statistics and probability and provides a sound foundation for in-depth study in subsequent years. In the second and third years the structure offers more flexibility, enabling you to shape your degree around one specific area or continue developing your skills across a wide range of subjects.

During the final year the range of optional modules expands further, introducing more advanced concepts and theories. The degree culminates in a project that gives you the opportunity to investigate a mathematical topic of interest in depth.

Learning

Methods of teaching and learning include lectures, tutorials, problem classes, computer practicals, homework problems, written and oral presentations, and individual projects.

Assessment

Most of your modules are assessed by end-of-year examinations.

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 2 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.


Additional opportunities


 Study abroad

 Placement year

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 The teaching is a highlight. I find lectures to be informative and entertaining.

Jordan Moore 

Mathematics and Statistics BSc (Hons)

Combining the study of statistical principles with real-world application, this degree prepares you for a career in an increasingly data-driven world.

Course overview

Mathematics and Statistics is a fascinating mix of subjects that will suit those with enquiring minds, strong IT skills and an interest in identifying and analysing patterns in data. The BSc combines a strong mathematical grounding with the latest developments in statistics and machine learning to provide the foundation you'll need to step into a data-driven workplace.

When you choose maths you'll be taught by a team of mathematicians and statisticians with a wealth of experience in industry and research. The Department is home to a number of research groups with specialisms in both pure and applied mathematics. With many of the teaching team actively involved in research there are plenty of opportunities to link learning to the latest research in distinctive and creative ways.

You will be based in a brand-new facility, purpose-built to meet the learning, teaching and study needs of students from the Department. Year 1 begins with a broad-based introduction to pure and applied mathematics, statistics and probability and provides a sound foundation for in-depth study in subsequent years. As you move into the second year the focus on statistics increases.

During the final year you complete either the individual project in which you tackle a theoretical area or an applied problem in depth. Alternatively, the internship project is a statistics and machine learning piece of work based on a third-party problem. Both projects can be carried out in collaboration with external organisations to add valuable real-world context to your degree.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

Methods of teaching and learning include lectures, tutorials, problem classes, homework problems, written and oral presentations and individual projects. You will also take part in computer practicals, in which you learn how to implement computational methods and how to analyse real data.

Assessment

We use a combination of methods to assess the different modules, which 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 2 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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Mathematics and Statistics MMath (Hons)

Take your knowledge of mathematical techniques and statistical principles to a higher level.

Course overview

This challenging degree takes your study of Mathematics and Statistics to Master's level. It is the ideal choice if you are considering postgraduate study or a career that requires high-level numeracy skills or research.

The MMath combines a strong mathematical grounding with the latest developments in statistics and machine learning to provide the foundation you'll need to step into a data-driven workplace. The first two years follow a similar structure to the BSc. The wider range of modules introduced in Years 3 and 4 explore more sophisticated mathematical and statistical techniques in greater depth.

The course is based in a brand-new facility, purpose-built to meet the learning, teaching and study needs of students from the Department. You will be taught by a team of mathematicians and statisticians with a wealth of experience in industry and research. With many members of the teaching team actively involved in research there are plenty of opportunities to link learning to the latest research in distinctive and creative ways.

The first year begins with a broad-based introduction to pure and applied mathematics, statistics and probability and provides a sound foundation for in-depth study in subsequent years. As you move forward the focus on statistics increases.

During the final year you complete a project. This can be the individual project in which you tackle a theoretical area or an applied problem in depth. Alternatively, the internship project is a statistics and machine learning piece of work based on a third-party problem. Both projects can be carried out in collaboration with external organisations to add valuable real-world context to your degree.

Learning

Methods of teaching and learning include lectures, tutorials, problem classes, homework problems, written and oral presentations and individual projects. You will also take part in computer practicals, in which you learn how to implement computational methods and how to analyse real data.

Assessment

We use a combination of methods to assess the different modules, these 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 2 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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Music



Ranked 2nd

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- The Department was ranked 6th in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.
- Be inspired by studying a course within a department that is located at the heart of a beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site in Durham City.
- 85% of graduates are in paid employment or have gone onto further study 15 months after the course.
- Study at a university that offers an amazing variety of music including six orchestras, choral singing, theatrical productions, contemporary music and much more.

The Department of Music is a vibrant and welcoming community focused on hosting and supporting enriching musical experiences. Join us and develop your creative, practical and critical skills in one of the best music departments in the UK.

Durham is one of the leading university music departments in the UK, offering innovative courses that are informed by our internationally recognised research. When you study with us you will be encouraged to engage actively with music, both familiar and unfamiliar, as we challenge you to think about the subject in new ways.

Our curriculum strikes a distinctive balance between breadth and depth, covering perspectives from history, theory, ethnography, science as well as composition and performance.

The curriculum will challenge you intellectually, stimulate your curiosity and equip you with the skills to produce an independent project that engages with the latest research in your chosen area of study. In the first year, teaching will revolve around six foundational areas. As you progress through the course there will be increasing choice and flexibility, including study options from other departments. To further develop your skills, we offer the opportunity to spend a year studying at an overseas music department or on a work placement.

By the end of your studies, you will be equipped with the theoretical, practical and independent research skills necessary for further study or future employment.

Highlights

We have consistently high rankings in league tables. We have a global outlook and offer a diverse curriculum. We have strengths in several musical sub-disciplines as well as interdisciplinary research which provides a range of learning opportunities for our students.

Durham University is home to Musicon, a professional concert series which brings top-class musical performers from across the world to the city and is a unique cultural resource in the North East.

Outside of lectures you will have opportunities to pursue your interests in music through the many student-run music societies which include everything from a classical symphony orchestra and chapel choirs to big band, barbershop, a cappella groups, a gospel choir, an opera group and a musical theatre group.

Facilities and location

We are located at the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Durham City. Our students have access to a beautiful concert room. Four fully equipped practice rooms are available for individual practice and group rehearsals. We also have three studios with music production equipment that ranges from early analogue to current digital technology. Our recording studio comprises a control room and up to three recording rooms, with state-of-the-art equipment.

We also have an audio-visual documentation and analysis laboratory, a music and science lab and a fully equipped music technology workshop.



Ranked 6th

in the UK for
Research Output
Quality in Music
(REF 2021).

Ranked 6th

in *The Guardian
University Guide 2023*.

85%

of graduates are in
paid employment or
have gone onto further
study 15 months after
the course (HESA).

Employability

We are one of the very best music departments in the UK, with an outstanding reputation for excellence in teaching, research and employability of our students. Our students benefit from passionate guidance from our staff and alumni, as well as support from our Careers and Enterprise Centre.

Our students graduate with a range of skills which open up many opportunities for employment or further study. Graduates from the Department have gone on to work in diverse careers in the music industry and beyond, including education, music teaching, arts administration, broadcasting, music production, artist management and journalism.

Music BA (Hons)

Be inspired in a beautiful location to develop your creative, practical and critical skills in a top-class department. This degree will challenge you to think about music in new ways.

Course overview

BA Music combines the traditional and the modern in the study of music, exploring diverse genres from the past and present and developing exciting new approaches in musicology, composition (acoustic and electroacoustic), analysis, ethnomusicology, music and science, and performance.

The Department 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.

Our teaching is research-led and enhanced by distinctive staff specialisations that include nineteenth- and twentieth-century British music, Indian and Korean music, popular music, music technology, conducting, music psychology, opera, analysis, and contemporary composition.

We also have a variety of music-making taking place at Durham such as six orchestras, choral singing, theatrical productions, contemporary music and much more.

The first year of the course is designed to introduce a broad range of disciplines and approaches. In the second year, there is a much greater choice of modules to allow you to pursue your own interests.

The final year of this course is structured around an independent project, which can take the form of a musicological dissertation, a composition portfolio, a techniques portfolio (pastiche compositions) or a 40-minute solo recital.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

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 continuous assessment, examinations and recitals.

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.

IB Diploma score – 36 with 665 in higher level subjects, including Music. Please see above for requirements.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

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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



Music and Philosophy BA (Hons)

Be inspired in a beautiful location to develop your musical knowledge, while opening your mind to the fascinating world of philosophy.

Course overview

The BA Music and Philosophy enables you to pursue your interest in both disciplines and explore the fascinating intersection between them. You will be part of two particularly vibrant departments. Located at the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Durham offers the perfect juxtaposition of the ancient and the cutting-edge.

We pride ourselves on combining the traditional and the modern in the study of music, exploring diverse genres from the past and present and developing exciting new approaches in musicology, composition, music and science, 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.

In the first year you will take a variety of core and optional modules designed to give you a broad overview of the disciplines and approaches of each subject.

In the second year, there is an increased emphasis on the development of critical and analytical skills and the modules will specialise more strongly in particular areas.

The third year of this course is structured around an independent project, which can take the form of a composition portfolio, public performance recital or dissertation (in either music or philosophy).

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

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. The number and balance of these activities will change over the degree as you develop your knowledge and abilities as an independent learner.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a variety of means, including continuous assessment, examinations and recitals.

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.

IB Diploma score – 36 with 665 in higher level subjects, including Music. Please see above for requirements.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

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Philosophy



Top 10

in *The Guardian*
University Guide 2023.

Why study here

- Ranked Top 10 in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- 85–93% of graduates are in paid employment or have gone onto further study 15 months after the course.
- Benefit from access to a wide range of cutting-edge facilities and laboratories.
- Study subjects that were ranked World Top 50 in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.
- Learn from internationally renowned lecturers, guest speakers and visiting scholars.

Gain a deeper understanding of this complex world and change your outlook on life with this ancient and fascinating intellectual discipline. Philosophy at Durham covers many of the profound and important questions that arise in all areas of human life.

Philosophy is an ancient and diverse discipline that is fundamental to our understanding of what it is to be human. Amongst the most prestigious departments in the UK, at Durham we pride ourselves on our excellence in teaching and research and we are committed to the pursuit of philosophical knowledge and understanding. Our distinctive, research-led approach to learning means that our undergraduate courses are constantly shaped in line with research and to reflect contemporary study in the area.

We offer a range of single and joint honours degrees with flexible pathways to suit your interests and career aspirations. As well as covering more traditional areas of philosophy, such as ethics and values, philosophical traditions and moral theory, our curriculum also highlights the relevance of philosophy to current issues in the world. This includes modules relating to the ethics of science and medicine. You can further develop your skills and experience with the opportunity to spend a year studying overseas or on a work placement.

During your time with us you will learn as much about how to think about difficult questions, as you will learn about the answers that can be given to them. You will develop the ability to detect a bad argument, whether in politics, in the media, or with the people in your day-to-day life, and an ability to produce better arguments of your own. Whatever you end up doing with your career, philosophy will forever change your outlook on the world.

Highlights

The Department is consistently ranked among the UK's top philosophy departments in teaching, research and employability. Our particular areas of specialism include metaphysics, ethics, feminism and the history and philosophy of science and medicine. We are an inclusive and vibrant international teaching and research community committed to making a positive impact on global debates and policy through our research and strategic partnerships.

When you join us, you will be immersed in a lively and friendly community of students, staff and researchers with a genuine passion for the subject.

Facilities and location

The Department of Philosophy is located at Old Elvet in the picturesque city of Durham. We occupy a listed building in this ancient part of the city, near the medieval Elvet Bridge, and within easy walking distance of the Students' Union, the colleges and Durham's historic centre with its Castle and Cathedral.

Undergraduate students are invited to attend the Department's extensive programme of research-related activities, including weekly lectures and seminars, many of which are given by renowned UK and overseas philosophers. Recent visitors have included Amie Thomasson, Noam Chomsky and Peter Singer.



Top 20

in the UK for the quality of our research (REF 2021).

Top 10

in *The Times* and *Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

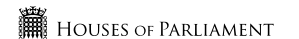
4th in the UK

for employability *The Times* and *Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

Employability

Philosophical training will equip you with a range of theoretical and transferable skills, including critical thinking, problem solving, communication, project management, presenting and researching, that will be of value to employers across a range of industries.

Our graduates work in a vast range of employment sectors worldwide, 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 recent employers include Penguin, Random House Publishing, Save the Children, Amnesty International and *The Guardian*.



Philosophy BA (Hons)

Gain a deeper understanding of this complex world.

Course overview

The study of philosophy confronts profound and important questions that arise in all areas of human life – questions such as ‘What does a flourishing human life look like?’ When you choose a philosophy degree, you are embarking on a course which will equip you with the skills needed to think carefully and deeply about what matters in a good life, and how individual happiness is related to friendships, relationships, family, society, the political system and culture.

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.

At Durham, you will follow one of the widest-ranging philosophy degrees in the country. Rather than studying one particular school, your degree will equip you with wide-ranging expertise in Anglo-American analytical philosophy and continental philosophy. Each of these has its own distinctive set of issues and approaches to resolving them. We have special expertise in the philosophy of science, and social science, and the history of science and medicine.

Philosophy is a new subject for many students, so in your first year you will follow a range of introductory modules, introducing the fundamental philosophical subject areas.

In your second year, you will further develop the critical skills required for independent learning, and modules also become more specifically focused.

In your third year, you will design and carry out your own dissertation which is the cornerstone of the degree.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

The degree will be delivered by internationally renowned philosophers using a combination of methods including lectures, seminars, tutorials and self-directed learning, such as research, reading and writing.

Assessment

Assessment varies by module, but may typically include essays, examinations and some will involve a combination of the two.

Course fact file

UCAS code
V500


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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



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

Philosophy and Politics BA (Hons)

Gain an understanding of the human mind, organisations and political power.

Course overview

Studying BA Philosophy and Politics will allow you to develop critical capacities and gain insight into how political theories, organisations and communities work. You will learn skills from both subjects that employers value, including how to analyse evidence, assess experts’ arguments, work collaboratively to solve difficult problems, and write with clarity and precision.

Rather than learning a body of work, the philosophical element of your degree will equip you with the reasoning skills needed to formulate, present, defend and criticise philosophical and political positions.

The political element is structured around three main streams: Political Thought, Political Institutions and International Relations. As well as developing your research skills, you have the opportunity to study the politics and international relations of specific regions. You will undertake theoretical examinations that help to understand how to make sense of a complex and interconnected world.

Philosophy is a new subject for many students, so in your first year you will follow a range of introductory courses, introducing the fundamental philosophical subject areas.

In your second year, you will further increase your knowledge by taking two core modules, Moral Theory and Political Philosophy, and you also have a wide selection of optional modules to choose from across both disciplines.

The third year includes a dissertation that allows a deep, independently driven, exploration of a topic of your choice.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

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

Assessment

Assessment varies by module but may include essays, end-of-year examinations or a combination of the two.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

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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

Philosophy and Psychology BA (Hons)

Gain an understanding of what it is to be human by studying profound questions concerning human psychology and the nature of the human mind.

Course overview

Studying BA Philosophy and Psychology allows you to confront and study profound questions concerning human psychology and the nature of the human mind. There are numerous areas of overlap making these subjects particularly suitable to study alongside each other.

Within the philosophy discipline you will confront questions such as 'What does a flourishing human life look like?' Embarking on this subject will equip you with the skills needed to think carefully and deeply about what matters in a good life, and how individual happiness is related to friendships, relationships, family, society, the political system and culture.

The psychology element is designed to give you an understanding of the mind and behaviour in humans and animals. You will get the chance to study people in terms of their internal mental processes, the biological mechanisms that underlie their behaviour, and the social and developmental context in which they act.

Philosophy is a new subject for many students, so in your first year you will follow a range of introductory courses, introducing the fundamental philosophical subject areas. You will also take a number of comparable introductory modules in psychology.

In your second year, you will further increase your knowledge by taking four compulsory modules in philosophy and psychology, and you also have a wide selection of optional modules to choose from for both subjects.

The third year includes a dissertation that allows a deep, independently driven, exploration of a topic of your choice.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

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

Assessment

Modules are assessed by essays, some by an end-of-year examination and some by a combination of the two.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



 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 

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

Explore the deep connections between political and economic theory, and gain insight into the philosophies that shape our society.

Course overview

Do you question what drives human actions and decisions? Are you curious about the ways in which government policies impact society? Or the ethics of global production and consumption?

Philosophy is the study of the important questions that arise in all areas of human life. By combining the study of philosophy, politics and economics you'll gain insight into the thinking behind some of the big ideas that shape contemporary society.

This prestigious degree offers you the opportunity to explore these three important disciplines – their connections, influences and impact. You'll gain an understanding of how and why they've been so inextricably linked historically, and the ways in which they've developed and diverged over the course of the last two centuries, both in content and in method.

Using a combination of academic theory and real-world practice, you'll examine issues such as global politics, ethics and economic growth, gaining the knowledge and skills to pursue different lines of inquiry and the confidence to question your own thinking.

The course offers the opportunity to add a placement year or spend a year abroad, increasing the degree from three years to four. This extra dimension, coupled with the variety of option modules gives the degree the flexibility and eclecticism that are its defining characteristics.

The rigorous academic framework opens the door to a wide range of career options including policy making, journalism, the financial sector, the legal profession, consultancy, education and the civil service.

Learning

Most learning takes the form of lectures and small-group seminars, complemented by subject-specific tutorials and dedicated economics workshops.

Assessment

Modules are assessed via a combination of examinations and unseen essay questions, essays and group projects. The degree culminates in a final-year dissertation on an area of economics of your choice.

Course fact file

UCAS code
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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

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

Jana Cattien 

Physics



Ranked 2nd

in *The Guardian*
University Guide 2023.

Why study here

- Accredited by the Institute of Physics.
- The Department is home to multiple research institutes, with 96% of research outputs classed as world-leading or internationally excellent (*REF 2021*).
- Ranked 2nd in *The Guardian University Guide 2023* and 6th in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- From SEM labs to telescopes and supercomputers, the Department of Physics is home to a range of world-class facilities.
- 100% of students agreed they were satisfied with the quality of the course (*National Student Survey 2022*).
- Active student-led Physics and Astronomy Societies with seminars and events held through the year.
- Top 100 in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.

With recent ground-breaking discoveries in astronomy, the Universe, subatomic particles and nuclear fusion there's never been a better time to study physics. Join one of the UK's leading teaching and research departments and become a part of this exciting discipline.

When you study physics at Durham you will work with experts across a range of specialisms to explore subjects such as the Big Bang, black holes, the Higgs boson, high-temperature superconductors, lasers, cold-atom Bose-Einstein condensates, biophysics and more.

Our undergraduate physics degrees offer outstanding teaching, learning and employability outcomes for students. We offer four Institute of Physics accredited BSc and MPhys qualifications which share a common first year. Course content ranges from fundamental topics, such as elementary particle physics and cosmology, to applied areas which include material physics and biophysics.

All courses allow you to select a number of modules tailored to your interests and career aspirations, and the course structures have been designed to provide flexibility in your final choice of degree. This means, depending on modules chosen, you need not make a firm decision about your course until the end of the second year. You also have the option to apply for a year-long work placement or study abroad opportunity with one of our partner organisations.

Highlights

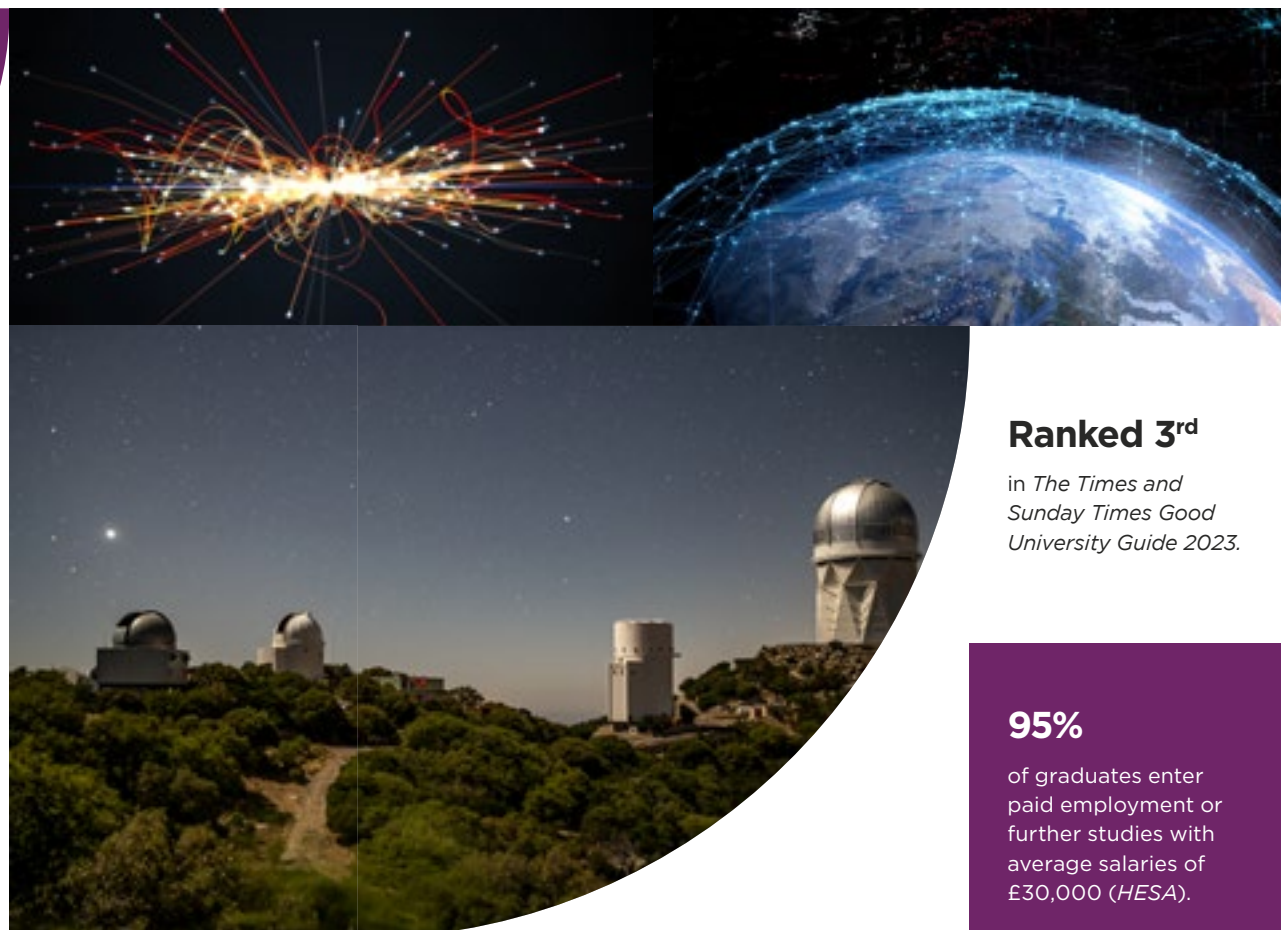
Physics provision at Durham ranks highly in university league tables for the quality of teaching, graduate employability and research. In the latest review, 96% of our research output was classed as world-leading or internationally excellent (REF 2021).

Our course structures have been designed to provide flexibility in your final choice of degree course. The four-year MPhys degrees will suit those looking for professional training, leading directly to a research role in physics or a related career, while the three-year BSc is aimed at those interested in physics but who may not necessarily want to work directly in the field.

The Department is a thriving centre for education, research and advanced technology. It contains four renowned research centres that collaborate and cooperate with other universities and research institutions such as CERN and the ITER Tokamak.

Facilities and location

Our Department lies in the heart of the University on the main campus among the science and engineering departments and the University library. The main Department building houses all the lectures and teaching laboratories as well as some of our world-class facilities such as our Cosma 7 supercomputer, which has the processing power and memory of about 28,000 home PCs. This enables scientists to simulate the evolution of the Universe from the Big Bang to the present day with unprecedented accuracy.



Ranked 3rd

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

95%

of graduates enter paid employment or further studies with average salaries of £30,000 (HESA).

We also have state-of-the-art scanning electron microscopes (SEM), transmission electron microscopes (TEM) and focused ion-beam microscopes (FIB) that are accessible to staff and students from physics, chemistry, earth sciences, engineering and biology areas. Students who undertake a project in observational astronomy will have access to the telescopes sited on the roof of the Physics building as well as our remotely operated telescope (pt5m) on La Palma.

The Department also includes the Ogden Centre for Fundamental Physics, which is home to the Institute for Particle Physics Phenomenology and the Institute for Computational Cosmology.

Employability

We seek to develop the practical and intellectual skills sought by employers and we are regularly ranked among the country's top performers for graduate employment. Our graduates have progressed to careers in business, industry, commerce, research, management and education, and typically more than fifth of our graduates go on to study for higher degrees.

The Department also has an impressive track record of spin-out technology companies that commercialise our knowledge in areas of semiconductors, composites and advanced instrumentation. Examples of high-profile employers include BT, Procter & Gamble, Rolls-Royce and BAE Systems.



Physics BSc (Hons)

An accredited degree that offers maximum flexibility. The BSc in Physics can be used as the first step towards a career as a physicist or take you directly into a role in industry.

Course overview

Durham is one of the leading physics and astronomy departments in the UK. When you choose the BSc in Physics, you'll be joining a dynamic and focused learning community that is home to multiple research institutes, world-class facilities, and experts with close links to industry. Current developments in both research and industry are used to bring theoretical learning to life, a factor which contributes to our consistently high ranking in university league tables.

Undergraduate physics degrees at Durham provide a high level of flexibility. We offer four Institute of Physics accredited courses – the BSc in Physics and MPhys qualifications in Physics, Physics and Astronomy, and Theoretical Physics – which follow the same core curriculum in Year 1.

Subject to the optional modules chosen, it is possible to switch to one of the other courses until the end of the second year.

The first year lays the foundation in physics theory, mathematical skills and laboratory skills that you will need to tackle more complex content later in the course. From Year 2 you'll have the opportunity to explore areas such as astrophysics, quantum theory and the relationship between physics and society in more detail.

In Year 3 you can apply your learning to a range of real-world issues with project work, student-led laboratory work and optional modules tailored to your interests and aspirations.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

The rigorous curriculum has been designed to develop skills in reasoning, problem-solving and data analysis as well as advancing your understanding of mathematics and IT. The BSc in Physics is the first step towards achieving Chartered Physicist status, however many graduates move straight into employment in a wide range of industries from energy and IT to engineering and scientific research.

Learning

Lectures are the starting point of the learning process. You will actively engage with the topics introduced in lectures through a combination of laboratory classes, problem exercises, tutorials and workshops.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations and by project reports and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code
F300

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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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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.

Physics MPhys

A higher-level accredited qualification which includes real-world projects in research and industry, this course is ideal for those planning to move into research or a career in physics and related fields.

Course overview

This integrated Master's degree is the first step towards Chartered Physicist status. It will suit those looking for an accredited course that leads to higher level education or a research role in physics, as well as providing a starting point for roles in science, finance, engineering and IT.

Undergraduate physics degrees at Durham provide a high level of flexibility. We offer four Institute of Physics accredited courses – MPhys qualifications in Physics, Physics and Astronomy, and Theoretical Physics and the three-year BSc in Physics – which follow the same core curriculum in Year 1.

Subject to the optional modules chosen, it is possible to switch to one of the other courses until the end of the second year.

The first year lays the foundation in physics theory, mathematical skills and laboratory skills that you will need to tackle more complex content later in the course. From Year 2 you'll have the opportunity to explore areas such as astrophysics, quantum theory or the relationship between physics and society in more detail.

As you progress to Year 3 learning is more closely aligned to real-world issues through project work and optional modules that are tailored to your interests and aspirations. Your knowledge is further extended in Year 4 with a project based on a live research topic, and higher-level modules which take your study of physics to a greater depth.

You can also apply for a one-year work placement or study abroad opportunity with one of our partner organisations, increasing the course from four years to five.

Learning

Lectures are the starting point of the learning process. You will actively engage with the topics introduced in lectures through a combination of laboratory classes, problem exercises, tutorials and workshops.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations 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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

Accredited by the
Institute of Physics.

Physics and Astronomy MPhys

Explore the key principles of physics and how they relate to the cosmos, space and time in a creative learning and research community.

Course overview

If you are fascinated by the relationship between mathematics, the cosmos and the scientific world this MPhys could be for you. This integrated Master's degree is the first step towards Chartered Physicist status. It will suit those looking for an accredited course that leads to higher level education or a research role in physics, while also providing the knowledge, analytical and problem-solving skills for a career in the sciences, engineering, finance or IT.

Physics degrees at Durham offer a high level of flexibility. We offer four Institute of Physics accredited courses – MPhys qualifications in Physics, Physics and Astronomy, and Theoretical Physics and the three-year BSc in Physics – which follow the same core curriculum in Year 1.

Subject to the optional modules chosen, it is possible to switch to one of the other courses until the end of the second year. You can also apply for a one-year work placement or study abroad opportunity with one of our partner organisations, increasing the course from four years to five or substituting the existing Year 3.

The first year lays the foundation in physics theory, mathematical skills and laboratory skills that you will need to tackle more complex content later in the course. From Year 2 the focus on astronomy and astrophysics increases.

As you progress through the course, learning is more closely aligned to real-world issues through project work and optional modules that are tailored to your interests and aspirations. Your knowledge is further extended with a project based on a live research topic, and higher-level modules which take your study of physics and astronomy to a greater depth.

Learning

Lectures are the starting point of the learning process. You will actively engage with the topics introduced in lectures through a combination of laboratory classes, problem exercises, tutorials and workshops.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations 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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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The highlight of my course was definitely working with the European Space Agency as part of their Spin Your Thesis! Programme.

Juan Barrios



Accreditation

Accredited by the
Institute of Physics.

Theoretical Physics MPhys (Hons)

Theoretical physics employs mathematical techniques and theories to gain a deeper understanding of the physical world. This course is ideal if you have a specific interest in the mathematical aspects of physics.

Course overview

This integrated Master's degree is the first step towards Chartered Physicist status. It will suit those looking for an accredited course that focuses on the mathematical and theoretical aspects of physics. Many graduates progress to higher level education followed by careers in research or teaching. For others, the course has opened the door to a range of professions where advanced analytic, numeric or computational skills are in demand.

Undergraduate physics degrees at Durham offer a high level of flexibility. We offer four Institute of Physics accredited courses – MPhys qualifications in Physics, Physics and Astronomy, and Theoretical Physics and the three-year BSc in Physics – which follow the same core curriculum in Year 1.

Subject to the optional modules chosen, it is possible to switch to one of the other courses until the end of the second year.

The first year lays the foundation in physics theory, mathematical skills and laboratory skills that you will need to tackle more complex content later in the course. As you progress through the course the level of theoretical content increases, extending your knowledge in areas such as electromagnetism, quantum mechanics, particle theory and advanced mathematical theory.

In Years 3 and 4 the curriculum is more closely aligned to real-world issues through a combination of theory and project work, including a final-year project on a topic at the forefront of developments in one of our research institutes.

You can also apply for a one-year work placement or study abroad opportunity with one of our partner organisations, increasing the course from four years to five or substituting the existing Year 3.

Learning

Lectures are the starting point of the learning process. You will actively engage with the topics introduced in lectures through a combination of laboratory classes, problem exercises, tutorials and workshops.

Assessment

Assessment is mainly by end-of-year examinations 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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

Accredited by the
Institute of Physics.

Politics and International Relations



Ranked Top 10

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Take advantage of hands-on work placements and international study opportunities.
- Benefit from regular Civil Service Fast Stream events, where former students give first-hand advice about how to stand out in the recruitment process.
- Join the Politics and International Relations Society – take part in debates and meet people who share your interests.
- Excellent employment prospects – 93% of graduates from the School are in paid employment or further study within 15 months (*HESA*).
- Politics ranked in the Top 10 in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- Teaching informed by industry experts – the School is home to multiple specialist research centres and institutes.

Our courses address some of the biggest global political issues from multiple perspectives. We aim to develop the knowledge and understanding that will help you impact the world in a positive way.

Based in the School of Government and International Affairs, we offer a range of courses that are flexible and interdisciplinary in nature. Alongside the study of political theory, comparative politics, and international relations you can choose from a wide selection of modules in areas that align with your interests. You can also apply to add a work placement or year abroad to your studies, adding an extra dimension to the learning experience.

As a research-intensive discipline we employ a range of techniques that integrate new and innovative research into the curriculum and introduce a variety of research-oriented skills and projects. You will be taught by academics with a genuine passion for their subject, whose areas of expertise include government, political theory, political economy and international relations.

Regional expertise covers areas such as Europe, East Asia, the Middle East and the wider Muslim world, Africa and America. As well as incorporating our own research into the undergraduate syllabus we also welcome visiting professors to work with students at all levels.

Our students graduate as self-aware, reflective and ambitious global citizens, equipped with the critical skills to succeed in the workplace, both inside and outside of the political arena.

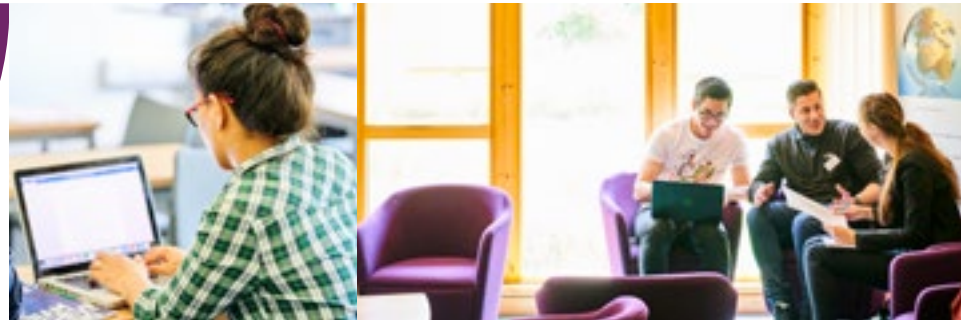
Highlights

At Durham we have a long tradition of expertise in Politics and International Relations, we rank highly in UK and international league tables and provide an outstanding learning environment for our students.

The School plays an active role in the politics and international relations community on a regional, national and international level. We host regular research-focused seminars where staff and visiting speakers present the latest research into the most critical issues facing society, while academics from Durham speak at national events and contribute to world-leading governance and global policy, including issues of human rights, immigration, women and politics, post-truth politics and climate change.

Facilities and location

Set in its own grounds 1.5 miles from Durham's historic city centre, the modern Al-Qasimi Building, lovingly referred to as "The Ski Lodge" by our students, is home to the School of Government and International Affairs. Providing a social centre to our students as well as an exceptional environment for learning, it is also a base for a number of research institutes including the Global Policy Institute, the Institute of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies and the Durham Global Security Institute, which host a number of academic events throughout the year open to all students.



Over 80%

of research outputs were rated 'Internationally Excellent' or 'World Leading' (REF 2021).

Top 100

Politics department
QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023.

93%

of graduates from the School are in paid employment or further study within 15 months (HESA).

Employability

Our courses are informed by both academic researchers and our links with industry. This specialist expertise develops the knowledge and skills that our students need to succeed in a competitive job market.

We offer a series of employment-related events which include talks from visiting speakers who explore the range of careers open to politics and international relations students, and offer advice about applying for jobs. We also host a regular Civil Service Fast Stream event in which Durham alumni give first-hand advice about how to excel in the recruitment process.

Graduates are equipped with an academic and practical skill set that will take them into a wide range of fields including local and national government, newspaper and broadcast journalism, the charity sector, business and finance, publishing, law, manufacturing, teaching and academia, and the armed forces. They have gone on to achieve great success in the political arena and beyond, with roles including Chief Operating Officer for the GB Equality and Human Rights Commission, Head of Defence Inquests and Disclosure in the Ministry of Defence and Political Officer in the British Embassy Mogadishu.



Deloitte

Morgan Stanley



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

International Relations BA (Hons)

Take a journey through different regions, political systems and contemporary world events to develop a deep understanding of the fast-changing global political landscape.

Course overview

Our BA in International Relations will give you a grounding in global politics and so much more. Taking a research-led approach you'll develop an understanding of many of the relationships that shape our complex and interconnected world. Issues that range from regional studies and global security to the balance of power and social norms.

Study is structured around three main themes: political thought, political institutions and international relations. Following an introduction to these themes, you'll begin to tailor the course to your interests and aspirations with a selection of optional modules. These include areas such as security, interdependence, liberty, comparative studies of political economies, democratic practice, and the role of global politics in the environment.

You can further tailor your course by applying to add a work placement, or an international dimension with an overseas study year in locations such as Boston College in the USA, the University of British Columbia in Canada, the University of Hong Kong or the National University of Singapore.

The School of Government and International Affairs is home to a number of research centres and institutes. This innovative work is fed into the BA, so you can be sure the curriculum is informed by contemporary political debate.

The critical analytical and research skills that underpin the course, coupled with an understanding of global current affairs and the connections between countries, governments, NGOs and the business sector, will put you in a strong position to pursue a career in areas including social policy, international finance, business, journalism and the charity sector.

Learning

Learning is made up of lectures and small-group seminars. The small-group format, supported by one-on-one guidance is embedded into the learning experience so you gain more from your studies.

Assessment

Assessment takes various forms including examinations and unseen essay questions, essays, group projects and the final-year dissertation.

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 science
or humanities subject.


Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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 The teaching is unparalleled. Every one of my lecturers has been eager to explore international relations further.

 **Sarah Ellington**

Politics BA (Hons)

Connecting academic theory to real-world developments, explore the structure and function of politics, the modern state and how contemporary policy is shaped by the past.

Course overview

Politics is a fascinating and rapidly evolving field. It touches every area of our lives, covering issues from national security and inequalities in society to the climate crisis. Taught by experts in the field, the BA in Politics will give you an insight into political systems and governance on a local and global scale. You'll be exposed to ideas and opinions that will challenge your perceptions and encourage you to think critically and analytically.

Studies are structured around three main themes: political thought, political institutions and international relations. Following a general introduction, you'll begin to tailor the course to your interests and aspirations with a selection of optional modules in areas such as sovereignty, identity, crises and conflict, comparative politics, democratic practice, and the impact of global politics on the environment.

You can further tailor your course by applying to add a year-long work placement, or you may be able to add an international dimension with an overseas study year. If you are selected this will increase the course from three years to four.

The School of Government and International Affairs is home to several research centres and institutes, and many lecturers are actively engaged in research. This innovative work is fed into the BA, so you can be sure the curriculum is informed by contemporary political debate.

The critical analytical and research skills that underpin the course, coupled with a deep understanding of global current affairs and the complex connections between nations and ruling parties, will put you in a strong position to pursue a career in social policy research, journalism, academia, the Civil Service, the Foreign Office and more.

Learning

Teaching is centred around the School of Government and International Affairs, a vibrant learning community which is home to multiple research centres and institutes. Innovative research is fed into the curriculum, challenging you intellectually and keeping your learning relevant to the world around you.

Assessment

Assessment takes various forms including examinations and unseen essay questions, essays, group projects and the final-year dissertation.

Course fact file

UCAS code
L200

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 science
or humanities subject.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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 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**

Politics and International Relations BA (Hons)

Immerse yourself in the study of key global issues. Explore the history and structure of the international political order, the modern state, and the nature and purpose of politics.

Course overview

The study of politics and international relations combines two fascinating and complementary disciplines. Politics is a rapidly evolving field. It touches every area of our lives, covering issues from national security and inequalities in society to the climate crisis.

With international relations you'll develop an understanding of many of the relationships that shape our complex and interconnected world. The degree will equip you with a systematic and rigorous understanding of the two disciplines while developing many transferable skills that are valued by employers.

Studies are structured around three main themes: political thought, political institutions and international relations. Following a general introduction, you'll begin to tailor the course to your interests and aspirations with optional modules in areas such as security, interdependence, crises and conflict, comparative politics, democratic practice and the impact of global politics on the environment.

You can further tailor your course by applying to add a year-long work placement, or an international dimension with an overseas study year.

The School of Government and International Affairs is home to several research centres and institutes, and many lecturers are actively engaged in research. This innovative work is fed into the BA, so you can be sure the curriculum is informed by contemporary political debate.

The critical analytical and research skills that underpin the course, coupled with a deep understanding of global current affairs and the connections between nations, ruling parties and the business sector, will put you in a strong position to pursue a career in social policy research, journalism, academia, the charity sector, the Civil Service, the Foreign Office and more.

Learning

Learning is made up of lectures and small-group seminars. Formal learning is supported by an extensive programme of School-based seminars where staff and guest speakers share their expertise.

Assessment

Assessment takes various forms including examinations and unseen essay questions, essays, group projects and the final-year dissertation.

Course fact file

UCAS code
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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Psychology



Ranked Top 10

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Psychology was ranked in the Top 10 in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- We are proud to hold an Athena SWAN silver award, underlining our commitment to equality and diversity.
- 94% of graduates are in paid employment or have gone on to further study 15 months after the course.
- Take advantage of our careers support including dedicated teaching sessions, employability events and optional careers modules, where we actively prepare you for working life.
- The course is accredited by the British Psychological Society and the degree confers eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC).
- Excellent research facilities, including a virtual reality suite, developmental testing facilities and EEG labs.

How do we develop empathy? How does culture affect our behaviour? Where does prejudice come from? Learn from leading researchers in their fields as you explore some of the most challenging questions in psychology today.

Psychology is concerned with understanding the mind and human behaviour. You will investigate the processes that underpin the thoughts, feelings and motivations behind our actions. Learning from academics with real enthusiasm for their subject, you will explore topics such as social behaviour, childhood development and cognitive neuroscience.

Our psychology degrees offer a genuinely research-led education. While learning the core principles of psychology, you will have the opportunity to work alongside academics who are leaders in their field. You will have access to cutting-edge technologies, including the Department's clinical and experimental facilities which include motion capture, eye tracking and biophysical recording laboratories.

Our innovative approach to learning takes us beyond the traditional student-lecturer dynamic. Through a combination of practical teaching sessions, an optional placement module, and even an employability retreat we actively prepare you for working life. The third year includes a research project, and you can gain additional lab-based experience with our popular Research Assistant Scheme. You can also apply for a placement year or year abroad.

Students who graduate with a 2.1 or higher are accredited by the BPS as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership – the first step towards a career as a psychologist.

Highlights

When you join us as an undergraduate you can take part in the Peer Assisted Study Scheme (PASS), a globally established academic assistance programme which is delivered to first year students by trained higher year students. Students get together in a positive, friendly and collaborative environment to discuss any concerns and to build on existing understanding. First year students attending PASS tutorials see an improvement in academic performance, develop more effective study skills and become accomplished independent learners, while higher year students see an improvement in their organisation, leadership and teamwork skills.

Facilities and location

Guided by experts in the field, you will have access to a range of world-leading clinical and experimental facilities. This hands-on experience brings theory to life and helps you gain a deeper understanding of the mind and behaviour. Facilities in the Department of Psychology include body scanners with integrated eye tracking, molecular psychology suites, VR suites with motion capture and mock environments for ecologically valid research.

You will be ideally located in a dedicated psychology learning space, adjacent to many university departments and services, and within walking distance of Durham's historic centre.



Top 100

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023.

Top 10

in Graduate Prospects in *The Times* and *Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

94%

of graduates are in paid employment or have gone on to further study 15 months after the course (HESA).

Employability

Your degree will equip you with the academic knowledge, analytical and problem-solving skills that are in demand across a wide range of professions.

We are committed to developing your skills and offer a range of support activities to help you find a career that's right for you. From Year 1 you will have an academic advisor, and you will be invited to graduate careers fairs where you can talk to recruiters. You can also attend the Psychology Employability Retreat.

Our undergraduate degrees are recognised by the British Psychological Society – the first step towards a career as a psychologist.

Our graduates also progress to postgraduate courses and have qualified in areas such as teaching, law, and speech and language therapy. Here are some examples of high-profile employers:



Psychological and Behavioural Science BSc (Hons)

Explore the full picture – from the internal mental processes to the behavioural outcomes. Harness insights gained from psychological science.

Course overview

The BSc Psychological and Behavioural Science degree combines a British Psychological Society (BPS) accredited 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 challenges faced by organisations in the public, private and third sector.

While psychology puts an emphasis on the mental processes that underlie behaviour, behavioural science emphasises behavioural outcomes, and the design and evaluation of interventions to encourage behaviour change.

You will be taught state-of-the-art research methods, along with classic and innovative theory and research in psychology, following the BPS guidelines. You will learn to apply this knowledge to provide transformative insights for business, management and public policy.

The emphasis in Year 1 is to provide you with fundamental knowledge and skills.

In Year 2, your knowledge and skills are further developed and fostered; moreover, all the subject areas essential for accreditation by the BPS and providing eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) are covered.

In the third year, you will carry out your own dissertation project. You will also select from a variety of specialist topic modules which are primarily provided by lecturers eminent in their field. You will have the opportunity to engage with and discuss the most recent theoretical and empirical issues.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

The degree is delivered by leading academics and guest practitioners via lectures, small group tutorials, workshops and practical classes. You will get additional individual feedback and support opportunities from staff and student peers.

Assessment

Assessment typically includes examinations, essays, reports and presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS code
C807

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



 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).

Psychology BSc (Hons)

What motivates people to act and think the way that they do? With this degree you can be part of the fascinating future of psychological science.

Course overview

Our BSc in Psychology is designed to give you an understanding of the mind and behaviour. As such it shares features with other disciplines, including biology, anthropology, philosophy and education. You will study people's internal mental processes, the biological mechanisms that underlie their behaviour, and the social and developmental context in which they act.

This degree follows the British Psychological Society (BPS) guidelines and offers an extensive range of options in the final year, drawing both from fundamental scientific research and applied psychology. These modules include topics in social psychology, developmental psychology, cognition and behavioural neuroscience, as well as neurorehabilitation, education and health.

The emphasis in Year 1 is to provide you with fundamental knowledge and skills. This will provide the bases underpinning second and third-year modules.

In Year 2, your knowledge and skills are further developed and fostered; moreover, all the subject areas essential for accreditation by the BPS and providing eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) are covered.

In the third year, you will carry out your own dissertation project. You will also select from a variety of specialist topic modules primarily provided by lecturers eminent in their field.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

Your teaching will be delivered predominantly by leading research academics via lectures, small group tutorials, workshops and practical classes.

Assessment

Throughout the course, various assessment methods are used, including essays, reports and examinations.

Course fact file

UCAS code
C800

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



 The psychology department has a research assistant scheme which allows you to take part in research within the department. I've gained a lot of insight into academia through this scheme.

Eunice Wu

Accreditation

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

Psychology and Anthropology BSc (Hons)

Explore humanity from both psychological and anthropological perspectives to understand our species at an individual and social level.

Course overview

This British Psychological Society accredited degree explores what it means to be human, including our relationship to other species. You will be taught by staff who are leading researchers in their fields, including those with expertise in both subjects.

In psychology, you will study cognitive, biological, social and developmental perspectives. In anthropology, you will use primarily evolutionary and biological perspectives to inquire into the mind and behaviour of past and present human and primate populations. You will learn how anthropology and psychology provide both complementary and contrasting perspectives, plus the various quantitative and qualitative research methods used in both disciplines.

The interface of anthropology and psychology explicitly integrates intercultural, international and global issues. For example, both subjects address issues of cross-cultural diversity and representation in research.

In the first year, the core modules will give you a broad introduction to key methods, knowledge and theories in anthropology and psychology.

The second year continues to build on project design and research skills, broadens theory and topical knowledge (ensuring British Psychological Society accreditation), and explores the interface between psychology and anthropology.

The third year includes a dissertation that allows a deep exploration of a specific interdisciplinary research area, and the final psychology module required for BPS accreditation.

Learning

As a Psychology and Anthropology student, you will learn through a combination of formal teaching sessions, such as lectures and smaller-group teaching in seminars, workshops and practical classes. All teaching is supported by independent learning outside of classes.

Assessment

Assessment varies by module, but may include written essays, examinations, presentations, research projects, practical reports, scientific articles, podcasts, museum displays and outreach activities.

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 Diploma** – DDD

IB Diploma score – 37
with 666 in higher level subjects.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Accreditation

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



Sociology



Ranked 3rd

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Durham Sociology is ranked 3rd in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*, 5th in the *Complete University Guide 2023* and 6th in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.
- Learn from nationally and internationally recognised experts in topics such as health and wellbeing, educational inequalities, social policy, race and racism, digital culture and more.
- Study in conjunction with Durham's local prisons on our final-year Inside Out Prison exchange module, the first of its kind in the UK.
- Benefit from hands-on work placements, community-based modules and international study opportunities.

From individual behaviour to large-scale social movements, gain an understanding of how society is structured, how it develops and the social problems that impact the world around us. In a rapidly changing global environment, there has never been a greater need for the skills and knowledge that make a positive social change.

The field of Sociology helps us to understand the ways in which human behaviour is shaped by the way we think, feel and respond to different social settings. Our courses apply sociological theory to the issues that affect our daily lives from education, work and families to crime, physical and mental health, and culture. Sociology at Durham will help you develop a deeper understanding of yourself, others and the world around you.

Learning takes place in the Department of Sociology, a dynamic learning and research community of students and staff. We take a research-led approach to learning which means that courses are informed by subject specialists who contribute to shaping society through their innovative, socially conscious research.

We offer a BA in Sociology or a joint honours degree in Anthropology and Sociology, and students on the BA Education Studies or the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences can choose sociology modules as part of a broader social sciences curriculum. You will also benefit from hands-on work placements, community-based modules and international study opportunities. Whichever route you travel, flexible pathways can be chosen to suit your interests and career goals.

Highlights

With more than 50 years of history at Durham University, the Department of Sociology continues to lead in key areas of contemporary significance, keeping our course content relevant and informed by current developments and giving our students access to academics at the forefront of their field. The calibre of our courses is also reflected in national league tables where our degrees consistently rank highly.

The Department has a strong commitment to partnership working with the local community, along with links with voluntary and community sector organisations globally. This creates a valuable two-way exchange of knowledge, skills and experience between Durham staff and partner organisations. It also introduces further opportunities for curriculum development which benefits students.

Our research community collaborates with flagship interdisciplinary research centres and institutes based in the University as well as with external groups and policy makers.

Facilities and location

The Department of Sociology is located at Old Elvet, near the medieval Elvet Bridge, and within easy walking distance of the Students' Union, University Colleges and Durham's historic centre with its Castle and Cathedral. Our buildings includes a student common space and networked computer access for our students to use.

Durham University library is well resourced with books, eBooks and journals supporting all of our areas of study. We make extensive use of Learn Ultra, the University's virtual learning environment, and teach in facilities across the whole Durham campus.



Ranked 4th

in the UK for research impact (REF 2021).

Ranked 5th

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*

90%

of graduates are in paid employment or further study 15 months after graduation across all our programmes (HESA).

Employability

The combination of sociological knowledge and transferable skills gained during your studies will prepare you for a career in many different sectors. From interpreting and evaluating information to analysing situations and constructing a persuasive argument, these skills are highly valued by employers and will give you a competitive edge.

Sociology graduates work in a wide range of settings all over the world, including health and welfare, local and central government and the Civil Service, education, the police, social research, the media and non-profit organisations. Many recent graduates from the Department have progressed to careers with high-profile employers including M&S, Mencap, Accenture and Unilever. Others have moved on to postgraduate study and academic research.



Anthropology and Sociology BA (Hons)

Have you ever wondered how society shapes the way we live? With the Joint Honours degree in Anthropology and Sociology you'll develop an understanding of humans as social and cultural beings.

Course overview

Anthropology and sociology are naturally complementary fields of study due to their common emphasis on understanding humans as part of wider cultural and social groups.

This degree combines modules from the BA Anthropology and BA Sociology degrees providing a comprehensive understanding of humans as social and cultural beings.

Based around a central core of theory and methods, the degree is highly flexible, allowing you to choose subjects across both disciplines. 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.

In the first year of your degree, you will receive a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of Anthropology and Sociology in the broadest sense.

The second year will develop your understanding of key issues in anthropological and sociological theory and research. At this stage you can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

In your final year, you will design and carry out your own dissertation project in Anthropology or Sociology.

Learning

Your learning will be supported by formal teaching sessions, such as lectures and smaller-group teaching in seminars and practical classes.

Assessment

Assessment varies by module, but may include essays, examinations, presentations, research projects, podcasts, museum displays and outreach activities.

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Sociology BA (Hons)

Whether you're interested in understanding individual behaviour or large-scale social change, as a student of Sociology you'll learn how society is structured and develops through critical engagement with the major social and political issues of our time.

Course overview

Sociology aims to understand the relationships between individual people and the wider cultural and institutional contexts within which they live. It is concerned with the nature of what we refer to as "society", how it shapes the way in which we live and, in turn, how it is shaped by our individual and collective action.

As a student of Sociology, you will join a dynamic learning and research community, which includes internationally recognised experts actively involved in collaborative projects focused on local, national and international issues. We are defined by our curiosity about the issues that impact the world around us and our drive to use our work to bring about positive social change.

Drawing on this expertise, this course explores key social issues that affect our everyday lives including education, employment, health, criminality, race and digital technologies. Alongside these kinds of topics, you will learn about historical and contemporary concepts that define sociological thought and place them within their social and political contexts.

You will also learn how to design and carry out sociological research through research projects carried out in the second and final year of study. We offer the option to undertake a placement with a local community organisation to deploy your knowledge in an applied setting. And we also offer the opportunity to study in conjunction with Durham's local prisons through our renowned Inside Out Prison exchange programme.

Learning

Our BA Sociology degree is taught through a mix of lectures, small-group seminars, research-based workshops, individual supervision and guided independent work.

Assessment

Assessment is largely coursework-based, with work such as essays, reports, portfolios, reflections and presentations accounting for approximately 80% of your final grade.

Course fact file

UCAS code

L300

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Definitely 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



**Sports
University
of the Year**

in *The Times* and *The
Sunday Times Good
University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Voted Sports University of the Year in *The Times* and *Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.
- 86% of graduates are in work or doing further study 15 months after the course (*HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey*).
- Durham University is ranked 6th in *Guardian University Guide 2023* league table.
- Ranked 2nd for Sport Science in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- Take advantage of hands-on work placements and international study opportunities.
- Top 100 in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.

Study on an outstanding sport and exercise degree in a highly regarded department that offers unbeatable opportunities for participation, and excellence in sport.

The Department of Sport and Exercise Sciences is a welcoming and vibrant community. We are passionate about the benefits of sport and physical activity for all, from recreational participation through to competitive performance.

Both the BA and BSc qualifications examine the connections between exercise and issues such as inequality, lifestyle and discrimination. These lines of study, which closely align with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, are woven through everything we do from undergraduate through to research level.

Our staff are known around the world for the work they pioneer, using findings from their research to inform the undergraduate curriculum and keep it relevant to the real world. This approach gives you a valuable insight into developments in the sector and the confidence to put your developing knowledge to use in analysing, engaging with and enhancing real-world practices across the sport and exercise industries.

Our courses also offer the flexibility to tailor your study to your interests and career goals. This includes offering a wide range of option modules and the chance to spend a year working in industry or studying abroad. You will also benefit from our commitment to small group learning which enables a more personalised approach and individualised support from staff.

Highlights

Durham is proud to have been named Sports University of the Year in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*, reaffirming the University's status as a centre for sporting excellence. Our taught courses are consistently ranked among the best sport-related degrees in the country and the Department also ranks highly in international league tables.

When it comes to sports participation, we have one of the highest rates of any UK universities, with more than 75% of our students taking part in some form of physical activity from recreational level to the highly competitive Team Durham. We were also ranked as 'the most prolific producer of professional athletes in the United Kingdom' in a 2022 survey.

When you study with us you can get involved with Team Durham's Community Sport Development volunteering programme which delivers coaching and outreach activities in schools and community groups. As well as making a difference to local communities, this experience can give you a head start in your career.

Teaching staff are actively involved in research within the Department, working on projects that make a positive impact on people's lives. One recent project aimed to challenge inequalities in childhood obesity. Our academics also contributed to the first UK Chief Medical Officers' physical activity guidelines for disabled adults, and the UK parliamentary inquiry into concussion in sport.

Facilities and location

The academic study of sport and exercise is closely linked to sport and exercise in practice. Facilities within the Department include the Human Performance Laboratory which houses a range of exercise and monitoring facilities that analyse our responses to exercise and nutrition.

These facilities, which support researchers, undergraduate students and athletes alike, were built as part of the University's £35m investment in the Sports and Wellbeing Park at Maiden Castle. Alongside these facilities are an indoor cricket hall, a 12-court multi-use sports hall, a fitness centre, a high-performance weights room and a range of outdoor sports pitches.



Ranked 2nd

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Ranked 7th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.

Ranked 8th

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

Employability

We have an excellent graduate employment record. The quality of our degree courses is reinforced by employers who have identified Durham as a World Top 100 source of the most competent, innovative, effective graduates.

Our students progress into a wide range of careers in the field of sport and health and beyond. They have taken up roles in elite sport, sport management and sport development, including management roles in the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Others lead development projects for local councils and major charities, and have taken up roles with sporting organisations like Sport England, English Cricket Board and Williams F1. We also have graduates working in media roles with organisations such as Sky Sports, BBC Sport

and British Eurosport, as well as in health promotion and clinical settings.

Some graduates have progressed to roles outside of the sporting world, and work in banking and finance, business, management, public relations, human resources and the armed forces.

Sport degrees also act as a springboard to postgraduate study, and a number of our graduates have continued to PGCE or Master's level study, leading to careers in fields including teaching and physiotherapy.



Sport, Exercise and Physical Activity BA (Hons)

Develop practical, intellectual and employability skills as you explore new perspectives on the social impact of sport and physical activity.

Course overview

Do you have a passion for sport and a concern for social issues within sport and exercise? Are you keen to play a part in reducing inequalities, promoting social justice, and improving health and wellbeing through sport, exercise and physical activity?

On the BA Sport, Exercise and Physical Activity course you will explore a wide range of topics from grassroots to elite level sport. You'll also investigate some of the connections between sport and issues such as discrimination and inequalities, the environment, sedentary lifestyles and obesity.

The core and optional modules, developed by an academic team involved in leading-edge research, centre on the key areas of sport sociology, sport policy and sports development. The curriculum also offers the flexibility to select modules from the wider sport and exercise sciences, including physiology, psychology, physical activity, nutrition and health. These modules have been carefully designed to enhance your research and academic study skills, and the final-year dissertation is an opportunity to engage in deeper investigation of a sport, exercise or physical activity topic that particularly interests you.

With a focus on employability, there will be opportunities for you to develop your skill set and take sport and exercise placement modules.

Our approach to learning, teaching and assessment emphasises the application of academic knowledge to real-life examples and practices in sport, exercise and physical activity. This enables you to develop your intellectual capacities and personal qualities, while acquiring a broad range of practical, professional and employability skills that can be applied to a range of careers in the sport and leisure sector and beyond.

Learning

Learning is made up of lectures, small-group seminars, practical workshops and laboratory work.

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.

Course fact file

UCAS code
C603


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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



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**

Sport and Exercise Sciences BSc (Hons)

Gain an understanding of the traditional and cross-disciplinary sport and exercise sciences. This degree will equip you with the knowledge and practical skills to step into a rewarding career in a fast-moving sector.

Course overview

Are you fascinated by the relationship between exercise, performance and health? Would you like to embark on a BSc that is aligned with industry developments and the latest research?

Here at Durham, our expertise across the Department prepares you to tackle traditional and emergent sport and exercise problems from a variety of academic disciplines and perspectives. With a curriculum developed and delivered by an academic team actively involved in research, you'll build a firm foundation of knowledge in traditional sport, exercise and health sciences (taking in physiology; psychology; physical activity, nutrition and health).

Our focus on employability provides opportunities for you to develop your skill set and take sport and exercise placement modules, as well as open modules from across the University.

The final-year dissertation is an opportunity to engage in deeper investigation of a sport or exercise topic that particularly interests you.

Our approach to learning, teaching and assessment links academic knowledge with real-world examples and practices in sport, exercise and physical activity. This is brought further to life in the Human Performance Laboratory which is equipped with the latest in performance technology.

Studying Sport and Exercise Sciences you will develop intellectual capacities and personal qualities, while acquiring a broad range of practical, professional and employability skills that can be applied to a range of careers in the sport and leisure sector and beyond.

Learning

Learning is made up of lectures, small-group seminars, workshops and laboratory work.

Assessment

Your degree will be assessed through a combination of coursework and practicals, which may include psychological profiling of sport performers, presentations, and reports on physiological testing undertaken in our Human Performance Laboratory.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
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.

Additional opportunities


 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



The wide range of topics covered means there'll always be something new that interests you each week.

 **Maddey Watson**



Theology and Religion



Ranked 3rd

in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.

Why study here

- Ranked 3rd in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- 85-90% of graduates are in paid employment or have gone onto further study 15 months after the course.
- Study subjects that were ranked in the World Top 10 in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2023*.
- Take advantage of the extensive programmes of research-related activities on offer from high-profile guest speakers and visiting scholars.
- Philosophy and Theology were ranked Top 10 in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.

Durham is a place of self-discovery where 'belief' and 'beliefs' are taken seriously. Join us to explore religious thought, practice and scripture in a world-leading Department of Theology and Religion.

Theology and Religion is an exciting and diverse discipline that explores humanity's views and fundamental beliefs about the way the Universe is, and their role in it. This is the part of the human condition that you will study at Durham from anthropological, textual, historical and ethical perspectives.

The Department of Theology and Religion is an inclusive and friendly international teaching and research community where 'belief' and 'beliefs' are studied in detail, whether those beliefs are atheistic, humanistic or religious.

With more than 30 academic staff, and an intake of about 70 undergraduates each year, the Department is one of the largest in the UK. Our research-led approach means you will be taught by subject specialists whose interests span many areas. 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.

Our undergraduate degrees offer flexible pathways to suit your interests and career goals, including the possibility of a work placement or year abroad.

We offer a range of activities outside timetabled sessions to complement academic learning: the Department has an extensive series of research-related activities which you are encouraged to attend. These include several research seminars and public lectures from high-profile guest speakers and visiting scholars.

Highlights

We are recognised as a leading UK provider of Theology and Religion education and we're proud of our high-quality teaching and research, and the people who make it happen. The quality of our teaching is reflected in recent ratings, with Theology and Religion ranking highly in national and international league tables. Our key areas of research inform teaching at all levels, including critical textual, historical, theological and social scientific methods, applied within the fields of biblical studies, Christian theology and the study of religion. Recent developments in teaching include religion in contemporary Britain, and theology and the environment.

The student-led Theology Society offers further benefits with workshops, films and presentations by eminent theologians as well as social events.

Facilities and location

The Department is based at Palace Green in the historic and picturesque city centre, and within easy walking distance of the Students' Union, colleges, Durham Castle and Cathedral.

Our library facilities are extensive, and the main University library, the Bill Bryson Library, is only the beginning. The Meissen Library is the largest collection of German-language theological materials in Britain. Some of the College libraries hold theological collections and the Department has some library resources of its own, including Hebrew and Jewish studies. Our neighbour, Durham Cathedral, houses The Sharp Library which focuses on modern and pastoral theology.

The historic library at Palace Green holds the University's Special Collections, including extensive collections of rare books and manuscripts of particular interest to theology and religion students.



Ranked 4th

in the UK for Research Power (REF 2021).

Ranked 3rd

in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.

Ranked 3rd

in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023*.

Employability

Our degrees are designed to give you a strong and broad foundation of subject-specific knowledge as well as transferable skills and personal qualities developed during your studies: thinking clearly, writing well, presenting arguments, analysing texts, assessing evidence, solving problems, pursuing and organising research. These skills are highly valued across many sectors.

Our graduates readily find employment in fields such as education, social work, politics, journalism, business management, banking, the clergy, the performing arts and the charity sector. A significant number also progress onto higher-level study, such as postgraduate study in Theology and Religion or professional qualifications in law and education. Examples of high-profile employers include:



Philosophy and Theology BA (Hons)

Gain an understanding of what it is to be human by exploring the big questions concerning human life, religion and the universe.

Course overview

Studying Philosophy and Theology allows you to confront and study the big questions concerning human life – questions such as ‘What does a flourishing human life look like?’ and ‘What do people believe about the world and their place in it?’ With numerous areas of overlap, these complementary disciplines are particularly suitable to study alongside each other.

The philosophy element of your degree will equip you with the skills needed to think carefully and deeply about what matters in a good life, and how individual happiness is related to friendships, relationships, family, society, the political system and culture. At Durham, you will also follow one of the widest-ranging philosophy degrees in the country equipping you with expertise in Anglo-American analytical philosophy and continental philosophy.

Within the theology modules, you will study how human beings have always had, and always will have worldviews and fundamental beliefs about the Universe, and their role in it. This part of the human condition will be studied from a range of methodological and disciplinary perspectives.

Philosophy is a new subject for many students, so in your first year you will follow a range of introductory courses, introducing the fundamental philosophical subject areas. You will also take a number of comparable introductory modules in theology.

In your second year, you will further increase your knowledge by taking two core modules in philosophy and theology. You will also have a wide selection of optional modules to choose from for both subjects.

The third year includes a dissertation that allows a deep, independently driven, exploration of a topic of your choice.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

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.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by essays, some by an end-of-year examination and some by a combination of the two.

Course fact file

UCAS code
VV56

Course length 3 years


Typical entry requirements


A level offer – AAA
Philosophy at AS or A level is not a requirement.

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

IB Diploma score – 37
with 666 in higher level subjects.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more



Religion, Society and Culture BA (Hons)

Come and join us on a journey of self-discovery and explore the very heart of society, belief, politics and the arts.

Course overview

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 applied to 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 course enables you to better understand the world we live in, and to explore the forces that shape our 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.

In the first year, modules are intended to provide the foundational understanding and skills necessary for work in theology and the study of religion.

In the second year, there is a much greater choice of modules to allow you to pursue your own interests within theology and religion by building on the understanding and abilities you have begun to develop in the first year.

The third year includes a dissertation that allows a deep, independently driven, exploration of a topic of your choice.

You can also apply to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

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

Modules are assessed by essays and end-of-year examinations, some by a combination of the two. 40% of your degree will be assessed by coursework.

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.


Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

Scan here to find out more




I found that a Theology and 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

Theology and Religion BA (Hons)

Come and join us on a journey of self-discovery and explore a multidisciplinary approach to religious thought, practice and scripture.

Course overview

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?

BA Theology and Religion will 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, theology, practice and texts, while offering strong provision in politics, ethics, non-Christian faith traditions, humanism and atheism.

In addition to academic learning, we have an extensive series of research-related activities which you are warmly encouraged to attend. These include several research seminars and public lectures from high-profile guest speakers and visiting scholars; the University also frequently hosts eminent and well-known visiting speakers.

In the first year, modules are intended to provide the foundational understanding and skills necessary for work in theology and the study of religion.

In the second year, there is a much greater choice of modules to allow you to pursue your own interests within theology and religion by building on the understanding and abilities you have begun to develop in the first year.

The third year includes a dissertation that allows a deep, independently driven, exploration of a topic of your choice.

You also have the choice of applying to add a placement year or a year abroad to your degree, increasing the course from three years to four.

Learning

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

Modules are assessed by essays and end-of-year examinations, some by a combination of the two. 40% of your degree will be assessed by coursework.

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
with 665 in higher level subjects.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

Scan here to find out more



 This degree gives a fascinating insight into what makes our society tick, and - importantly - why we are how we are.

Enzo Round 



Combined Honours



Arts and Humanities
ranked Top 100
in the *QS World University
Subject Rankings 2023*.

Why study here

- Gain a broader perspective as you construct your own study pathway across the social sciences, sciences, arts and the humanities.
- Professional accreditation – a number of pathways within this degree are accredited by professional bodies.
- 87% of students agreed staff were good at explaining things (*NSS*).
- 56th in the world for employer reputation in the *QS World University Rankings 2023*.
- 90% of courses are in the UK Top 10 in *The Complete University Guide 2023*.
- Benefit from hands-on work placements and international study opportunities.

Design your own bespoke qualification with this suite of highly adaptable degrees that allow you to combine subjects beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries.

Real-world challenges often require multidisciplinary solutions. Our Combined Honours degrees transcend traditional subject boundaries, bringing together a range of ideas and disciplinary perspectives. Focus on two subjects from the outset, or choose a broader range of modules across three or four subjects.

These highly flexible courses include the opportunity to undertake a year abroad or a placement year, to develop additional skills and enjoy new experiences.

Combined Honours in Social Sciences allows you to combine modules in a multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary way. You will focus primarily on the social sciences with the option to select modules from arts and humanities subjects.

Liberal Arts offers you the opportunity to construct a distinctive programme of study and make creative connections between your subjects. Focus on the arts and humanities, with the option to select modules from social sciences.

Natural Sciences is a challenging and rewarding choice for science students who wish to study more than one subject. You can study for a BSc or MSci. Both qualifications allow you to design your own degree, majoring in at least one science, and choosing from a wide range of science, social sciences and philosophy subjects.

(Choices are subject to eligibility and timetable compatibility).

Highlights

Our Combined Honours degrees include an extensive selection of subjects from across the University. You might create a conventional combination like History and Politics, or Biology and Earth Sciences, or your own bespoke combination such as Geography, Anthropology and Music.

All courses have been designed for maximum flexibility. They offer breadth, through the study of multiple subjects, and depth, through increasing specialisation year on year. You can choose to develop existing subject knowledge or try something completely new.

At Durham we have subject specialists in all areas as well as strong links with industry across many disciplines. Drawing on this knowledge, several subjects offer the opportunity to get involved in real-world projects in the final year.

Facilities and location

Durham University's departments and services are spread across the historic city. As a Combined Honours student, you will have access to a wide range of facilities across multiple departments. While these will vary according to your choice of subjects, all of our departments are equipped with high-quality teaching and research equipment.

You will also benefit from excellent IT facilities including Learn Ultra, Durham's virtual learning environment. You will have access to up to 1.6 million printed books, 25,000 eJournals and over 850,000 eBooks in the main library as well as specialist collections and archives that support teaching across the departments.



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of our subjects ranked in the world Top 50 in the *QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023*.

Ranked 6th

in *The Guardian University Guide 2023*.

90%

of UK & EU undergraduate leavers were in work and/or further study 15 months after graduating (*Graduate Outcomes Data 2019-20*).

Employability

Combined Honours graduates acquire a range of subject-specific skills coupled with adaptability and the capacity to make creative connections. They are highly employable in a diverse range of careers and sectors.

Combined Honours in Social Sciences graduates have the skills and mindset to progress to roles including banking, management consultancy, marketing, teaching, local government and the charity sector.

Liberal Arts graduates undertake roles including marketing and communications, business development, the Civil Service, and the charity sector.

Natural Sciences graduates have the academic knowledge, flexibility and technical skills to take on roles including international development, UK Government, R&D or accounting and investment.

Many Combined Honours students undertake postgraduate degrees or professional training while others begin graduate careers.

Combined Honours in Social Sciences BA (Hons)

Choose from more than 20 subject areas, build a bespoke degree that will broaden your interests and develop your strengths across multiple areas.

Course overview

If you are curious about the big issues that shape our society, this course may be for you. Taking a research-led approach, Combined Honours in Social Sciences explores systems, institutions, cultures and behaviours that shape the lives of people across the world.

A multidisciplinary qualification that sits outside of traditional boundaries, this bespoke, academically ambitious course offers exceptional flexibility.

You can choose to focus on two subjects or spread your learning across three or four to suit your individual interests, strengths and career plans.

In the Social Sciences you can choose from:

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

In the Arts and Humanities (subject to timetable compatibility and entry requirements) you can choose from: • Classics and Ancient History • English Literature • History • Music • Philosophy • Theology and Religious Studies • Visual Arts • Languages, currently Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish.

The degree culminates in a dissertation on a relevant topic which draws together the skills developed throughout the course.

Learning from academics working at the forefront of their specialisms, our students graduate feeling well prepared for employment or further study. As a graduate you will be well placed to take up a career in fields as diverse as teaching, journalism, social work, in financial services or the charity sector.

Learning

Methods of learning will vary but are likely to include lectures and small-group seminars, tutorials, workshops, fieldwork and practical classes.

Assessment

Your choice of subjects/modules will determine the assessment types you encounter, but these are likely to include essays, examinations, presentations, case studies and reflections.

Course fact file

UCAS code
LMV0

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.

Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

 Placement year

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Liberal Arts BA

Follow your intellectual interests, learn about the world around you and unlock opportunities across a range of sectors.

Course overview

If you're creative and curious with an interest in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the BA in Liberal Arts could be what you're looking for. A highly regarded degree subject with a long-standing tradition, Liberal Arts gives you the freedom to craft a programme of study that is tailored around your interests and career aspirations.

This course appeals to highly qualified, self-motivated and independent-minded students who are seeking to make creative connections between their subjects. A multidisciplinary qualification that sits outside of traditional boundaries, the course offers exceptional flexibility and the opportunity to learn in some of the UK's most prestigious Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences departments.

You can choose to focus on two subjects at a deeper level or spread your learning across a wider range of subjects.

In the Arts and Humanities you can choose from:

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

In the Social Sciences (subject to timetable compatibility and entry requirements) you can choose from: • Anthropology • Archaeology • Business • Economics • Education • Geography • International Relations • Politics • Sociology and Criminology.

You will explore a diverse selection of contemporary worldwide issues which will develop your intellectual and critical skills. As such, you will be well placed to take up careers in fields as diverse as law, teaching, publishing and the financial services.

Learning

Methods of learning will vary according to subject choice but are likely to include lectures and small-group seminars, tutorials, language classes, workshops and practical classes.

Assessment

Your choice of subjects and modules will determine the ways in which your work is assessed, and are likely to include essays, examinations and seminar presentations.

Course fact file

UCAS codes
LA01

Course length 3 years

Typical entry requirements

A level offer – A*AA

To study English Literature, History or Music, an 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.


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

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Additional opportunities

 Study abroad

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Natural Sciences BSc (Hons)

The BSc Natural Sciences degree is a cross-disciplinary degree that puts you in control. By combining sciences with subjects from across the wider university you can tailor your qualification to your specific interests and career goals.

Course overview

The BSc in Natural Sciences is one of our most flexible courses. This well-established, challenging and rewarding degree is ideal if your interests span a range of subjects including at least one science. It offers the opportunity to build on your existing interests and explore new subjects.

Studying across disciplines, you'll build a breadth and depth of knowledge and skills that you can put to use in a wide range of industries, in the sciences and across a wider range of professions. It also provides a springboard into postgraduate study.

There are two routes within this degree, the BSc (Honours) Natural Sciences and the BSc Joint Honours.

BSc Joint Honours

BSc Joint Honours degrees are available in the following 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.

BSc (Honours) Natural Sciences

The BSc (Honours) Natural Sciences route offers more flexibility. You can combine 'unapproved' pairs of subjects, three subjects or begin a new subject in the second year. With this route, you graduate with a BSc (Honours) degree in Natural Sciences with the main subjects listed on the degree certificate.

Learning

Methods of learning will vary according to subject choice but are likely to include lectures and small-group seminars alongside tutorials, workshops and practical classes.

Assessment

All subjects are assessed by examinations, but there may be some element of continuous assessment in modules.

Course fact file

UCAS code
CFG0

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.

Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Accreditation

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

Natural Sciences MSci

The four-year MSci is a cross-disciplinary research-focused degree that takes your study to a higher level. By combining sciences with subjects from across the wider university you can tailor your qualification to your specific interests and career goals.

Course overview

The MSci in Natural Sciences is one of our most flexible science courses. This challenging and rewarding four-year degree is ideal if your interests span multiple areas including at least one science. It offers the opportunity to build on your existing interests, explore new subjects and add a research element to your studies.

Studying across disciplines, you'll build knowledge and skills that you can put to use in a wide range of industries, both in the sciences and across a wider range of professions. The MSci provides a natural springboard to a career in academia or research.

MSci Joint Honours degrees

The MSci Joint Honours degrees are available in the following combinations:

- Biology and Chemistry
- Biology and Physics
- Chemistry and Mathematics
- Chemistry and Physics
- Computer Science and Mathematics
- Mathematics and Physics.

MSci (Honours) in Natural Sciences

MSci (Honours) in Natural Sciences allows you to self-build a degree from a range of subjects.

Learning

Methods of learning will vary according to subject choice but are likely to include a blend of lectures, tutorials, workshops and practical classes.

Assessment

All subjects are assessed by examinations, but there may be some element of continuous assessment in modules.

Course fact file

UCAS code
FGC0

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.

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Additional opportunities

-  Study abroad
-  Placement year

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Student Pledge

Be part of our inclusive, diverse community.

When you join Durham University, you become part of our community and of the wider community in which we are proud to be located.

As part of joining the community, we ask our students to agree to be good citizens by signing up to the pledge below, which forms part of the University's regulations.



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.

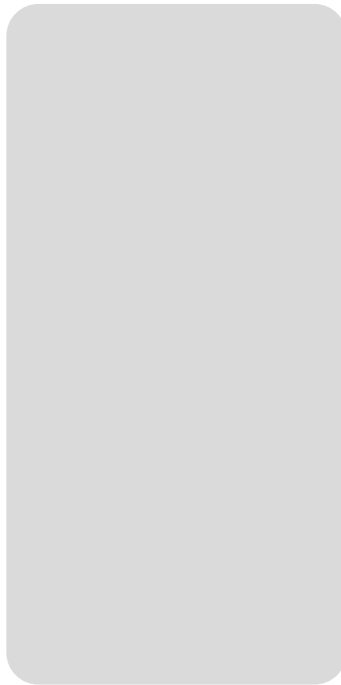
My pledge to others I undertake to:

- 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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