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A closer look at some of our sessions and Professional Support Services.

The Durham Difference 50

Introducing you to the University, this session will explain the 'Durham Difference', providing an overview of the University, its values, vision and goals. It will introduce you to our collegiate system and explain what it means for our students to become a member of one of our college communities. The presentation will take place in the Teaching and Learning Centre.

Study Abroad 18 50

Durham University has over 300 student exchange agreements in Europe and around the world. Our partner institutions are spread across the globe from Austria to New Zealand! Almost 300 Durham students every year take the opportunity to study abroad and we welcome over 370 students to Durham from our partner institutions each year. It really is the opportunity of a lifetime and will add something unique to your CV.

Drop into the Information Hub in the Teaching and Learning Centre to speak to a student who has studied abroad to find out more, or alternatively attend the presentation in the Palatine Centre.

Placement Years 14 50

A Placement Year offers you the opportunity to spend a year gaining valuable work experience during your time at Durham University. It is a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself fully within an organisation, applying the knowledge from your studies in a practical setting. You can choose to do a placement anywhere in the world so long as it is located in a country that is safe to travel to. The majority of departments offer you the option to incorporate a Placement Year into your degree. You do not have to make that decision until you come to Durham, however some departments (Business and Science) offer UCAS code programmes with Placement Years embedded. The Placement Year will occur in the penultimate year, extending your degree to either 4 or 5 years.

Find out more by coming to the presentation on Placement Years, or dropping into the Information Hub to speak to one of our Faculty Placement Managers.

Careers & Enterprise 18

Careers & Enterprise at university is about having the time of your life whilst studying a subject you enjoy. It's also about gaining a qualification and developing skills and experience that can lead to a fulfilling and rewarding career. Find out how we support students, how we work with employers and the types of opportunities available to students during and after their studies by attending the presentation.

A Guide to Student finance 13

Find out about fees, and government loans. This session will provide basic factual student finance information, signposting to region-specific information and the application process.

Disability Support 18

Disability Support aims to support students in achieving their academic potential by offering advice and guidance and arranging appropriate provision. They offer support to those who may have a disability, specific learning difference or ongoing medical condition. They offer targeted support to those identifying with an autism spectrum condition. If you feel you may benefit from their advice or support why not pop along to the department based on the ground floor of the Palatine Centre.

Counselling & Mental Health Services 18

The Counselling & Mental Health Service offers specialist support at any time during your studies if you are struggling with academic or personal challenges. It operates as an addition to the support offered in colleges and academic departments. Our teams of professional, accredited counsellors, Psychological Wellbeing Practitioners and Mental Health Advisors help students to manage any difficulties impacting study or wider university life. The service offers individual sessions, groups and workshops, and are based on the ground floor of the Palatine Centre.

Durham Students' Union 35

Durham SU was created by students in 1899 to bring students from across the university together. The aim of the Union was to allow students to work collectively, regardless of their college, on issues affecting Durham students. The ethos of bringing students from across the university together continues today and can be seen in the 250+ societies run by students with the support of the Students' Union, elected Student Officers in representing students' views at all levels of the university, campaigning on topics like getting more space in the Billy B (Bill Bryson Library), and Associations for particular groups of students like trans students and mature students.

If you need a helping hand while at Durham, the Union's Advice Service is there for you, offering independent support and resources across a variety of issues. There are also relaxing and spacious social and study areas within the Union building, affording beautiful views from the balcony terrace of the Cathedral and river. Why not pop into Kingsgate Bar and Café and enjoy a Starbucks coffee (reportedly the cheapest in Durham!) or have a spot of lunch? A member of the team will be available to chat about the Union and to answer questions, throughout the day in Dunelm House, the Students' Union building.

Scholarships and Bursaries 50

At Durham University we are committed to supporting all students irrespective of financial circumstances. We have a range of scholarships and bursaries available to offer everyone the support they need to fully engage in the Durham experience. Our scholarships and bursaries are either funded by the University, through partnerships with external organisations or through generous donations from our alumni and friends, to enable students to benefit from the full breadth of experience and education Durham has to offer. Drop into the hub and chat with a member of our team to find out more about the funding opportunities available.

Focus on...

Student Enrichment

DU Student Volunteering and Outreach **50**

Students at Durham University have endless opportunities to volunteer with the wider community whether it be through a DUSVO (Durham University Student Volunteering and Outreach) student led project, department activities, college volunteering or through one of our societies' outreach programmes. Last year students were offered over 400 opportunities to volunteer across the themes of Environment, Culture, Social Action, Education and Sport and Wellbeing.

We have projects to suit all interests, from tutoring local school children, running tea parties for elderly residents, conducting cultural workshops in schools or supporting adults with learning disabilities through conservation work. We have plenty of leadership opportunities available and every year we support students in developing new initiatives and partnerships.

Our students support the work of both local and regional charities, parish councils and schools. To round up each year of success, we hold an annual celebration for all of our volunteers at the Durham University Volunteer Awards evening, where we recognise all of our volunteers' achievements and the positive contribution they have had on the local community!



Performance and Participation Sport (Team Durham) **50** **19** **19**

Sport and physical activity at Durham focuses on the core strands of performance, leadership, participation and community outreach. More than 75% of our students take part in sport or physical activity on a regular basis. Our philosophy is to provide opportunities in sport and physical activity to enable exceptional people to do exceptional things.

There are three options to find out more on the open day:


- Visit the new £32 million Sport and Wellbeing Park
- Drop in to the Information Hub to speak to a staff member
- Attend a Sports presentation at the Sports and Wellbeing Park.

Give us a call... If you are a high-performance athlete, aspiring to play in University first teams or perhaps considering applying for a Vice-Chancellor's Sports Scholarship, then please contact Albert Potts at 0191 334 2178 (a.d.potts@durham.ac.uk) for further information. Find out more at [Team Durham - Durham University](#).

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Music  **50**   **45**

Durham's musical life is so active and diverse that it is hard to escape it. From orchestras, bands, and opera, to gospel choirs, gamelan ensembles, African drumming, and chamber choirs, there is something to cater for every musical taste. Music Durham is the umbrella organisation which oversees Durham University's music societies and chapel choirs. Each college also enjoys its own diverse musical scene, completely run by its own students. If you have any interest in being involved in music at Durham, Music Durham is the perfect place to start.

To find out more about music you can drop in to the Information Hub or attend the presentation which includes a backstage tour of the Assembly Rooms Theatre.



Durham Student Theatre **50** **45**

Encompassing over 30 different theatre groups at university and college level, Durham Student Theatre showcases over 100 productions each year to 15,000 audience members. Durham Student Theatre is brimming with creative, like-minded individuals who come together to perform a diverse range of shows. So whether you want to be on stage, backstage, produce, direct, or even run your own theatre company, Durham Student Theatre aims to provide opportunities and to support its members in what they love doing and ultimately make high-quality theatre. Find out more by visiting durhamstudenttheatre.org.

To find out more about theatre you can drop in to the Information Hub or attend the presentation which includes a backstage tour of the Assembly Rooms Theatre.

“The day was brilliantly run and there was always someone there to answer questions or show you around.”

Focus on...

Our Libraries, Study Facilities and our City

Libraries and Study Facilities

Bill Bryson Library 17

The largest of the University's libraries is named after the author Bill Bryson (Chancellor of Durham University 2005-2011) and provides access to print resources for all subjects. It has 1800 study spaces including bookable individual and group study rooms, collaborative and quiet study areas as well as a café. Additional study spaces are also available in the Teaching and Learning Centre, Business School Library and the Barker Research Library. Across all our collections, we provide access to 1.6 million printed books, 25,000 eJournals and over 850,000 eBooks and other digital items. Why not come and explore the library facilities? Pop in to take a self-guided tour of the Bill Bryson Library and talk to our friendly and helpful staff who will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

In addition to our modern collections, we have two further locations to add to your itinerary- Palace Green Library and the Oriental Museum, where you can explore Durham University's world-class collections of art, archaeology, archives, rare books and manuscripts, as well as browse their shops!

Palace Green Library 37

(open Monday-Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm)
 Located between the Castle and Cathedral, this was once the main University Library. It incorporates buildings dating back to the 15th century and now houses the University's extensive archives and special collections comprising 70,000 pre-1850 books, 100 medieval manuscripts and large collections of maps, prints and photographs. These can be accessed in the Barker Research Library, which also provides 60 quiet student study spaces. Palace Green Library is home to our Museum of Archaeology, World Heritage Site Visitor Centre and the historic library of Bishop Cosin. (Bishop of Durham 1660-1672)

The Oriental Museum 69

(open 10:00am-5:00pm Tuesday-Friday and 12:00pm-5:00pm weekends)

Found just off Mill Hill Lane opposite Van Mildert College. Our museums are home to over 82,000 objects and artworks from 59 countries, including two collections that are recognised as being of national and international importance.



All the items in Palace Green Library and the Oriental Museum support university research and teaching across the faculties, from foundation studies to doctoral level. They can also be used for private or personal research, even if that is completely unrelated to the course you are studying. Both Palace Green Library and the Oriental Museum have display galleries that house regular exhibitions, both permanent and changing, so there is always something new to see and do. Entry is free, so you can just come and relax or visit with friends and family. They also host events for families and school groups throughout the year and offer volunteering opportunities for students to get involved, as well as placements as part of career development.

Academic Skills Centre and Foundation Programme 50

Offering a range of educational services for Durham students, of particular interest to attendees will be our offer of academic development support: a suite of courses, classes and consultations in academic study skills (e.g. academic writing; time management; strategies for being productive; etc). Come and chat with us at the Information Hub (located in the Teaching and Learning Centre, top floor) for more details. We can also let you know about the Foundation programme offered at Durham.

Explore The Area Tours

When visiting Durham City there are unique opportunities to explore and find out more. Visit our [self-guided tours](#) page for more information and to download the Durham University Tours App.

Still time to spare? Why not visit some of the city centre visitor attractions. Find out more before you visit Durham at thisisdurham.com

- [Museum of Archaeology](#) • [Durham Cathedral](#)
- [North Walk](#) • [Durham Riverside Walk](#).

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