



Your Journey Starts Here - Durham Ready

Discover our Student Transition Programme

#MyDurhamFuture



Welcome to our session



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AGENDA

Jillian	Durham Ready	Durham Graduate Attributes	Competitive Degree Choices
Linda	Skills for Academic and Career Success	Academic Progress and Support	Alternative Degree Choices
Lottie	Looking After Yourself	Wellbeing Support on Campus	Students Under the Age of 18
Jillian	Progression and Transition to Durham	Durham Trips and Visits	Preparing for Progression to Durham University
Natascha	Student Ambassadors	Prepare for Success	Live Stream Event Details

Why do we have the Durham Ready Programme?

Success at Durham goes beyond the classroom. During your time at the International Study Centre, we will look at developing you towards being '**Durham Ready**'!

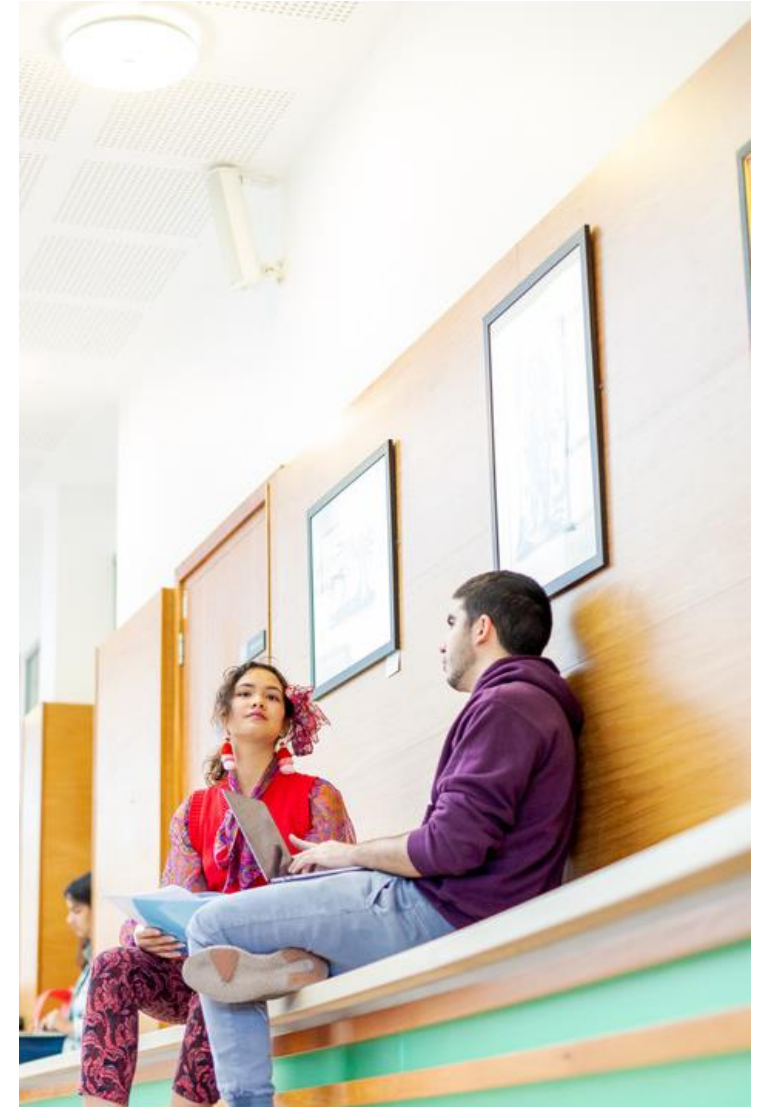
- **Get Durham Ready**

Progression & Transition activities will take place across the academic year during your time with us. This will support you in developing the skills and experience you need to progress to Durham University – and achieve success.

This will be a 'transition' journey you will undertake. It starts from when you arrive at the International Study Centre, all the way to registration at the University.

- **Durham Ready**

You will progress to Durham University (when you achieve the required grades) and 'matriculate' at Durham University to become a Durham student!



Durham Graduate Attributes

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- Are open minded, embrace diversity and listen to differing viewpoints.
- Act ethically and with integrity.
- Lead, follow and collaborate well, respecting, and empowering others.
- Are intellectually rigorous and courageous.
- Are curious and creative.
- Learn and grow from their experiences.
- Are resourceful and have the ability to apply their knowledge and skills in a rapidly changing world.



How are you going to gain the skills needed to achieve progression?

- Students start to gain the skills for academic and career success with a variety of learning opportunities to develop their skills, including a skills self-assessment, research, individual and group work. Through these activities students will also develop their teamwork, time management, problem solving and communication skills.
- During your academic studies at the ISC, attending lessons, completing homework and assessments, acting on feedback and reflecting on your learning needs.
- Taking part in Enrichment activities such as sports, volunteering, clubs & societies, and leadership programme
- When you progress to Durham - Career Development and employability at Durham University
 - Applying for jobs, exclusive opportunities, internships & attending events and careers fairs
- Graduate Careers Support is Lifelong



Academic Personal Tutor & Student Outcomes

Academic progress monitoring and support:

Every student is allocated an Academic Personal Tutor and will have individual tutorials every two weeks, which are linked to assessments and the Student Outcomes tracker:

- Provide students with guidance and support
- Refer them to appropriate support and intervention where improvements needed are identified
- Ensure that students think about and record their own progress by completing a Personal Development Plan,
- Help students to plan how to improve their academic study skills and employability skills
- Progress Review Reports – termly following assessments
- Prepare for Success – 3 week course, introduction to your ISC, the local area, practical information and culture



Wellbeing Support

Life in the UK, independent living, pressures of studying – take care of yourself!

- Recognising when you need support and knowing how to access it
- Dedicated Wellbeing and Safeguarding Teams to support your physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing

Looking out for yourselves and others:

- Self-care and ongoing support
- 121 support Sessions, Check-ins, and Counselling
- External support services – NHS, GP, Health organisations
- Reporting concerns



Wellbeing Support

Student Development

- Education and information around staying safe and well
- Living with others, respect, tolerance, and care of others.

Diversity and Inclusivity:

- Cultural Awareness, Individuality
- Neurodiversity, Disability
- Assessment of Needs and Exam Access Arrangements



Students Under the Age of 18

Regular check-ins

Safeguarding and Welfare Support tailored to under 18s

- Policies and Processes
- UK Laws

Parental Engagement

Increased Monitoring – attendance, progression scores, engagement etc.

Accommodation Support



Progression Support

- Durham Ready
- Degree aim – changes and choices
- Link to Durham University
- Progression support – drop in sessions, Q&A
- Activities such as Q&A with former students



Trips and Visits

- Regular trips to Durham to view colleges and buildings.
- Chance to speak to University staff
- Explore Durham City
- Induction Visit
- Trips to college formals
- Durham open days
- Durham global events



How do we prepare you for success at Durham?

Enrichment

- Sport Wednesdays
- College Sport Leagues
- ISC and DU Clubs and Societies
- Arts and Cultural Activities
- Wellbeing Events and Activities
- Ad Hoc Events and Activities – i.e., Global Week

Community and Leadership

- Student Leadership Programme – Student Representatives, Student Mentors, Student Peer Tutors, Student Digital Leaders, Student Ambassadors
- Student involvement in Centre Governance
- ISC and DU Clubs and Societies
- Charity, volunteering and engagement with the local community

Transition

- College Allocation
- ISC student involvement in College activities
- Engagement with Faculty and Departmental Link Tutors
- Open Days and visits to Durham University
- Summer Transition Programme (Are You Durham Ready?)
- ISC and DU Clubs and Societies - engagement with DUSU

Competitive degree choices – looking at second degree choices

- The progression to the following degrees is competitive and you will be asked to choose a second degree choice upon arrival at the ISC:
- LLB Law – requires LNAT for progression
 - Popular alternative BA International Relations
- MSc Finance (Accounting and Finance, Economics and Finance, Finance and Investment, Financial Technology and Banking)- only top 5 students will progress (September start only)
 - Alternative MSc Accounting
- MSc Management (Human Resource Management, Entrepreneurship, Finance, International Business, Supply Chain Logistics) - only top 5 students will progress (September start only)
 - Alternative MSc Marketing

Ex-Durham ISC Student Testimonial

"I really love everything about this college, especially the facilities. There are a lot of facilities for sport, there is a gym, a bar, a library.

I went to Freshers Phase, which is where all societies have their own stands and present their own society. There are plenty for lawyers...not only that, they have sports societies. Any kind of society, they fit everyone's interests."

Ali from Azerbaijan
Studied International Foundation Year in Humanities, Law and Social Science
Now studying LLB (Hons) Law



Chat with a Student Ambassador



Adeline
Hong Kong

BA Marketing and Management with Placement Year

Hi there 🙋 It's Adeline from Hong Kong and currently living in the UK! I completed the foundation year and am now a Marketing Student at Durham University 🏫. Choosing to study at Durham ISC is the best decision I ever made. Not only did I meet like-minded people all around the world 🌍 whilst receiving an excellent education, but the experience has also made me a stronger person 🤝. Feel free to ask me anything - life in Durham/UK, why Durham etc ❤️

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Museums and art galleries 🖼️ · Painting 🎨 · Listening to music 🎧 · Photography 📷



Anuvith
Colombo

MSc Psychology (Neuroscience)

I'm a Sri Lankan who grew up in Kuwait and completed my undergrad in Malaysia. I am now pursuing Masters in Cognitive Neuroscience at Durham University after completing my Pre-Masters at the ISC. Being someone who has always been in a country that was not my own, I am able to relate to the anxiety and pressure moving to a new country entails. Despite this, Durham has been the best choice I made and I want that for you. So, I'm here to help and guide you throughout your Durham journey!

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Writing · Gym · Hiking



Rebecca
Penang

BSc Psychology

Hello there, Rebecca here :) I'm a Malaysian, born & raised on a beautiful island, Penang 🌴 I completed the IFY in 2022 and I'm now a 2nd year Psychology student. As an international student, my journey with ISC was a really memorable one because of the experiences I had & the friendships I made. So, feel free to message me if you want to hear more about my experience or want to chat about Durham's food/dessert options, cafe hopping or good coffee. You know where to find me!

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

cooking · running · music · all things FOOD!!

New Student Ambassador



Chat with our brilliant Student Ambassadors and staff here.

Prepare for Success

- For a smooth transition to Durham University and starting your degree of on the right foot, use the ISC's 'Prepare for Success' **free** online course in September or October 2025.
- It covers a wide range of skills critical for university such as:
 1. Improving English language written and verbal
 2. Communication with other students and tutors
 3. University research techniques
 4. What it takes to be a successful learner
 5. Cooking

93% of Students felt better prepared for their destination after undertaking the course. (Prepare for Success, 2023)

How to access Prepare for Success

1. Confirm your place at Durham and start paying tuition fees – £1000 security deposit and £260 non-refundable administration fee.
2. Make your advanced tuition fees payment and get your CAS.
3. Start Studying – After your confirmation of a place and the payment of your advanced tuition fees, you will receive further instructions about how to access the course from our Central Student Support Team.

September & October 2024 Intakes

Start date	Monday 19 th August 2024
Length of course	3 weeks
Deadline to confirm and pay advanced tuition fees	Wednesday 14 th August or latest CAS deadline for your programme.
Course delivery	Delivered online via StudySmart + Live classes

Talk to our Student Ambassadors today!

- Join our Q&A Live Stream this morning at 10:30 am and talk to three of our student ambassadors.
- Register on our platform and join the live stream!

Ambassador
Live Q&A

10:30 am BST

Wednesday,
29th May 2024



Peshall
from India



Adeline
from Hong Kong



Anuvith
from Sri Lanka



Any Questions?



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