



YOUR PATHWAY TO DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Your pathway to a world top 100 university

Durham University International Study Centre is based at Queen's Campus in Stockton-on-Tees. As part of an international community, you will prepare for your degree here, before moving to Durham City for your undergraduate or postgraduate study.

The Durham University International Study Centre at Queen's Campus gives you an excellent opportunity to prepare for undergraduate or postgraduate study in the UK. Each year, international students from around the world take this pathway and, on achieving the required grades, can progress to study at Durham University. A world top 100 university with a global reputation for teaching and research, you'll benefit from cutting-edge facilities and the chance to learn from lecturers who are world-leaders in their fields.



Karen O'Brien,
*Vice-Chancellor and Warden,
Durham University*

RANKED
50th
IN THE WORLD
FOR EMPLOYER
REPUTATION

QS World University Rankings 2024

RANKED
5th
IN THE UK

Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2025

A WORLD
top 100
UNIVERSITY

Ranked 89th in the QS World
University Rankings 2025



Why choose Durham University?

A globally outstanding centre of teaching and research excellence, a collegiate community of extraordinary people, a unique and historic setting – Durham is a university like no other.

Research-led education

As part of a diverse group of exceptional students and staff, you will be challenged and inspired in equal measure to push boundaries and look for new ways to answer the big questions.

Excellent study facilities

Continual investment means that you have access to world-class facilities, including high-quality lecture theatres, seminar rooms and subject-specific facilities such as science laboratories and libraries.

Inspiring you to achieve

When you study at Durham, you will graduate with so much more than a degree. You will have the chance to develop your skills, explore your career options, and ensure you have the best possible start to your future.

Unrivalled student experience

You will be warmly welcomed into our vibrant community. Whatever your interests, you can get involved in a huge range of activities, clubs, associations and volunteering.

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10 SUBJECTS
IN THE WORLD
top 50

QS World Rankings by Subject 2024

Your journey starts at Queen's Campus

Durham University International Study Centre is located at Queen's Campus, Stockton-on-Tees. Modern and purpose-built, Queen's Campus offers high-quality facilities and study resources with riverside views.

International environment

Queen's Campus is home to international students preparing for study at Durham University. Welcoming students from all around the world, the campus provides a friendly and supportive environment for you to adjust to life in the UK.

Stockton and beyond

There are many places where you can relax, including the theatre, cinema and dance studio at the local arts centre. The Teesside shopping and leisure complex is a great place to meet friends for a game of bowling or pizza.

Popular with students, Middlesbrough is a larger town just 10 minutes away by train. Close to Durham is the city of Newcastle, offering great opportunities for shopping as well as a lively music and social scene.

Discounted bus travel makes it easy to explore the local area. From just £2.50 a day, you can enjoy unlimited bus travel between Middlesbrough, Durham and Newcastle.

Preparing you to progress

Durham Ready is about making your transition from the International Study Centre to Durham University as smooth as possible and ensuring you are ready to succeed. You will have talks from Durham University academics during your time at the International Study Centre, visits to the academic departments, as well as to the university as part of offer-holder visit days. All of this helps to ensure you will have the confidence to progress to Durham.

Enrichment opportunities during your pathway programme

Student life at Durham is about more than just your learning in the classroom. At the International Study Centre, you have a unique opportunity to develop and improve yourself.

Arts and Culture - Alongside the music room on Queen's Campus, which is ideal for practising your favourite instrument, we also work with the local community to create opportunities for you to play music in front of an audience.

Community and Leadership - Build up your network and key employability skills with volunteering opportunities, created in collaboration with Durham University. You can also take part in the Student Leadership Programme.

Sports and Wellbeing - Make use of Durham's award-winning sports provision and facilities. There is a sports centre on campus with a state-of-the-art fitness suite and courts. There are competitive sports teams you can join including football, table tennis and basketball. We also have a dedicated Wellbeing Week to ensure you feel supported. Once you progress to Durham University, you will have full access to all the sporting offerings at both university and college level.



Visit our Instagram (@durhamisc)

to watch our student Q&As and discover more about the enrichment opportunities available at the International Study Centre.





GRADUATE SUCCESS STORY

Name:

Dana

From:

United Arab Emirates

Studied:

International Foundation Year
in Science and Engineering

Graduated with:

BSc (Hons) Psychology

“The International Study Centre essentially helps you prepare for the course that you’re entering at Durham University. It taught me all of the basics, all of the foundations that I needed to know for my specific course in psychology. And that includes everything from writing skills, essays, speaking skills, presentation skills, all of the psychology foundation skills that I need. And it essentially turns you into a Durham student before you enter Durham University.”



Scan here to hear
more from Dana

GRADUATE SUCCESS STORY

Name:
Rumaysa

From:
Pakistan

Studied:
International Foundation
Year in Business, Economics,
Accounting and Finance

Graduated with:
BA (Hons) Business
Management



Scan here to hear
more from Rumaysa

What they said then:

"When I arrived, the teachers and students were so welcoming and they helped me with anything I needed. If you need help, you can go to them and they'll sit down with you and they'll help you out.

The International Study Centre is open to opportunities, there are so many subjects you can choose from and fields you can major in. If you don't know what to do, they'll guide you to where you want to go. Since I've come here I've gone to London and Manchester and I'm going to Newcastle this weekend. I like travelling, but I think Stockton is a really good town to study in."

What they say now:

"I think my favourite memory is just being on campus. The teachers were always there, they were just talking to us - it was really nice. My second favourite memory would be roaming around Stockton because it was a very small town but there's just so many places you can go to and explore: like going out with my friends, cycling to McDonald's or going to Teesside retail park and catching a movie or taking the bus to Middlesbrough.

I made an insane amount of friends, I'm still friends with my friends from foundation. In every class I had so many friends with me and in my accommodation as well because everyone was mostly international so we all got along really well."

Settle into student accommodation

A place you can call home while you are studying at the International Study Centre on Queen's Campus. Wherever you live, we will be here to help you settle in, make friends and find your way around.

Endeavour Central, Infinity House and Rialto Court offer safe and modern accommodation, conveniently located in Stockton-on-Tees and a short walk from Queen's Campus, the location of the International Study Centre.

Alternatively, you can arrange private accommodation independently (over 18s only).

We recommend all students studying at the International Study Centre to arrange accommodation in Stockton-on-Tees. You should arrange to move to Durham once you progress from your pathway programme and may decide to live in your allocated college.

Under 18s

If you are younger than 18 at the start of your programme, you will automatically be allocated a room in Rialto Court.

Everything you need

Facilities include:

- Fully-furnished bedroom, including desk & wardrobe
- En-suite bathroom
- Shared modern kitchen/communal area
- On-site launderette
- 24-hour on-site security
- High-speed broadband and Wi-Fi
- All bills are included

Accommodation may be subject to change. For the latest information, including costs and how to book your room, visit durham.ac.uk/isc/accommodation



INFINITY HOUSE



INFINITY HOUSE BEDROOM



KITCHEN AT INFINITY HOUSE



Scan here to watch our accommodation tours



RIALTO COURT



RIALTO COURT BEDROOM



SHARED KITCHEN AT RIALTO COURT



FACILITIES AT RIALTO COURT

GRADUATE SUCCESS STORY

Name:

Nutta-uea

From:

Thailand

Studied:

International Foundation Year
in Science and Engineering

Graduated with:

BSc (Hons) Chemistry

What they said then:

"The International Study Centre helps you a lot because you can have a set of friends that come to university with you. The transition is going to be much easier than if you are from overseas and then just come straight to university.

After you adapt, you have your advisor, you have your mentor. They are always there to help you."

What they say now:

"[The International Study Centre] prepares you for all your academic writing. At the end of the year, you do a small project where you write an essay, you do research based on what you are studying. It's quite good in a sense that it helps you with all your lab reports later on, also the lab work, helps you prepare yourself for your first year labs.

Who wouldn't be proud when you come out with a bachelor's degree, especially from Durham University? It's quite difficult to get a degree from Durham, just to come out as a graduate, it's quite an awesome thing."



Scan here to hear
more from Nutta-uea

Prepare for a world-class degree

The International Study Centre offers specialist pathway programmes that provide international students with the academic and English language skills required to study at Durham University.

Why study with us?

We want to ensure that you have the required skills and commitment to succeed when you start your degree at Durham University. We do this by giving you an opportunity to improve your English language skills and to **learn more about the academic subjects relevant to your university degree**. We will also introduce you to the style of teaching and independent learning you will experience when you start your undergraduate or postgraduate studies.

Our pathway programmes

- **International Foundation Year**
Your pathway to the first year of an undergraduate degree. See pages 10-15.
- **Pre-Masters**
Your pathway to a postgraduate degree. See pages 16-19.

A stepping-stone to Durham University

Completing your pathway programme at the International Study Centre and **achieving the required grades means that you can progress to your degree at Durham University**. Our tutors work with you throughout your studies to ensure you progress academically and develop the focus you need to succeed. You will be well prepared for the challenges of studying at a world-class university.

Supportive environment

You will be supported throughout your studies at the International Study Centre so that you can make the most of the learning and social opportunities. Our class sizes are small with no more than 25 students per class so that you can **receive individual attention from our experienced and highly qualified tutors**. You will also have individual support from an academic personal tutor who will track your progress and tailor your study plan to your needs.

Modern facilities

The broad range of services at Queen's Campus ensure you can make the most of your studies. These include a library, free Wi-Fi, health and welfare services, and a multi-faith prayer and contemplation room.

Supporting your career ambitions

At the International Study Centre we offer a range of activities related to employability to help you build the skills for career success. Activities include identifying personal strengths and developing key skills such as problem solving and communication.

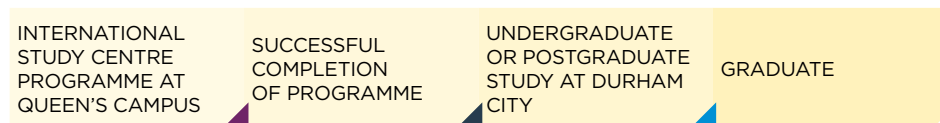
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ON-CAMPUS CAFE



Take the first step towards a degree from Durham University:



90%
OF DURHAM UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONAL STUDY
CENTRE STUDENTS
WHO COMPLETED
THEIR PATHWAY
PROGRAMME IN 2023
WERE OFFERED A PLACE
AT DURHAM UNIVERSITY.



Alison Coutts
Our Centre Director

"We have a fantastic team here at Durham University International Study Centre and our students get the opportunity to learn from some of the best. Meet some of the team and get to know them here as they share a bit about their academic backgrounds and roles. My colleagues and I can't wait to meet you at Queen's Campus."



Barbara Gill
Head of Business

"The early part of my career was spent working in Marketing and Market Research in the UK and the USA. Since 2003, I have taught a wide range of Business topics at every level from GCSE to post-graduate, working in schools, colleges and universities, including Durham University where I was a Research Associate. Over the course of my teaching career, I have had the privilege of teaching students from every continent."



Graeme Jorgenson
Head of Science

"I loved chemistry from when I did it as an A Level, and I loved it all the way through my degree. It's not a quantitative subject; there is a lot of qualitative reasoning and logical reasoning and problem solving. That's why I like it."

I enjoy teaching, because I like being able to support someone when there's a subject that is challenging for them. I find it really motivating to help them understand that subject. The teaching style here is definitely hands on; we make sure that there's active learning going on in the classroom. I like to set interesting challenges for the students, that they have to think about and have to consider. Hopefully I give enough support that they're able to meet that challenge and hopefully my enthusiasm comes through."



Eleni Janko
Head of Academic English Skills

"I am passionate about helping students succeed in their academic journey.

With a PhD in Linguistics, I've spent years teaching and supervising students at all levels, from foundation to undergraduate and postgraduate.

I lead on the English Language modules within the centre and I am here to help students achieve their goals and make their academic experience rewarding and enjoyable."



Lindsay Jones
Head of Law and Social Sciences

"I studied History at the University of York, my passion for the subject led me to a career in teaching.

I taught A Levels at a local sixth form college for 16 years before starting at the International Study Centre in 2019.

As Head of the Law and Social Sciences department, it's my job to ensure the modules taught at the International Study Centre are engaging and students develop the necessary skills needed to be successful."



Jillian McGuren
Head of Progression and Enrichment

"I have worked in higher education for over 15 years, including seven years at Durham University.

In my role as Head of Progression Support, I am involved in supporting students to meet their progression requirements and advising how best to do this. The Progression Support team and I ensure students are 'Durham Ready' through a range of activities, both academic and enrichment."



Daniel Goodfellow
Deputy Centre Director
Quality, Enhancement and Progression

"Before the International Study Centre, I taught History and Politics to UK students. In 2017 I joined the International Study Centre as a tutor before progressing to my current role. My experience has helped me have a great understanding as to what skills students need to develop to be successful at university in the UK.

My role is to assure the experience students receive is excellent, and to constantly work with all teams to keep improving. This also involves working with our Student Representatives to make sure we listen to the Student Voice."



Lottie Coley
Head of Student Support

"In my career I have worked in Business Management, Community Police, and Youth Work (abroad and in UK). More recently, I completed my undergraduate degree. This has given me the ability to understand young adults and have a robust understanding of safeguarding and support needs.

My role is all about safeguarding our students and supporting students' welfare and pastoral needs. What motivates me? The reward of seeing students progress to Durham and watching them grow into well-adjusted adults with the tools they need to go on to become successful. It's inspiring!"



Linda Brown
Head of Student Outcomes

"I have worked in education and training for over 30 years. My first role with international students was at the London Business School working with MBA and PhD students, which gave me lots of experience of supporting international students with their studies.

I am Head of Student Outcomes and the Academic Personal Tutorial programme. I monitor students' performance and ensure they receive the support they need to succeed."

Your pathway to an undergraduate degree

The International Foundation Year provides you with a pathway to undergraduate degree study at Durham University. Once you complete your programme at Queen’s Campus and achieve the required grades, you can start the first year of your degree in Durham City.

Pathways

You can choose from three pathways:

- Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance
- Humanities, Law and Social Science
- Science and Engineering

Facts

Course length: Three terms

Start dates: September, November* or January

Entry requirements

Academic:

Good high school graduation grades or equivalent, with relevant subjects**

English language:

Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (5.5 in reading and writing, 5.0 in all other skills) , or equivalent

Age: 17+

PRE-COURSES

Online English Language Preparation

Need to improve your IELTS level?

Our online English course is designed to raise your IELTS to the required level to begin the International Foundation Year. After successful completion of the course, you can join the International Foundation Year.

Facts

6 weeks: June, October

16 weeks: April, July

Entry requirements

English language:

6 weeks: Academic IELTS 5.0 overall (5.0 in reading and writing, minimum 4.5 in all other skills), or equivalent

16 weeks: Academic IELTS 4.5 overall (4.5 in reading and writing, minimum 4.0 in all other skills), or equivalent

Age: 17+

Prepare for Success

Join our online preparation course designed to give you a head start before joining your academic programme in September. The course covers three essential areas of life, language and learning through a mixture of self-study content and live sessions.

Enhanced Induction

If you want to settle into your new environment and become familiar with the International Study Centre prior to starting your academic programme in January, the Enhanced Induction starts in November and consists of three additional weeks of life, learning and language skills, at no additional tuition fee.

For further information, including grades required for progression, tuition fees, country-specific entry requirements and term dates, visit: durham.ac.uk/isc

Study plan

ACADEMIC IELTS FOR UKVI†	TERMS	START	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT
5.5 (5.5 in reading and writing, 5.0 in all other skills)	3	September																	Start your undergraduate degree at Durham University
5.5 (5.5 in reading and writing, 5.0 in all other skills)	3	January																	

■ International Foundation Year

*Our November start includes a 3-week Enhanced Induction before you start your academic pathway programme in January.

**For Music, students must have either A Level Music or Grade 6 theory; in the absence of this, a music video of student playing 3 pieces, 102 mins duration for each piece, in standard electronic form can be submitted. For Philosophy, Politics and Economics BA (Hons), students will need to have studied Maths in their most recent year of study.

†If you do not need a Student visa, or are exempted in another way, we can accept equivalent proof of English. You are not required to retake an IELTS test at the end of the Online English Language Preparation course or International Foundation Year but will need to meet the English language progression grade as published on the website.

Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

Modules and progression degrees

Core modules common to all routes

- Academic English Skills
- Core Foundation Mathematics
- Extended Project
- Foundations of Statistics

Designated modules relevant to progression degree

You will study the most relevant modules to your subject area. Upon completion of the programme and satisfying the progression criteria, you may proceed to your chosen undergraduate degree at Durham University.

Accounting BSc (Hons)[†]

Accounting and Finance BSc (Hons)[†]/

Accounting and Management

BA (Hons)[†]/

Business and Management BA (Hons)[†]/

Finance BSc (Hons)[†]/

Marketing and Management BA (Hons)[†]

- Foundations of Business

Economics BA (Hons)[†]

- Pure Mathematics and Strategic
- Economics

[†]A business placement or study abroad option is also available.

Durham University subject rankings

RANKED

12th

IN THE UK FOR
ACCOUNTING
AND FINANCE

Complete University Guide,
Subject League Table 2025

RANKED

8th

IN THE UK
FOR ECONOMICS

Times and The Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2025

Durham University Business School has triple-accreditation:



Humanities, Law and Social Science

Modules and progression degrees

Alongside core modules you will study designated modules that relate to your progression degree route. Upon completion of your programme and on achieving the required grades, you can begin your undergraduate degree at Durham University.

Core modules common to all routes

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project

Designated modules relevant to degrees on Humanities route

- Chinese Studies BA (Hons)***,
Classics BA (Hons)*, **History BA (Hons)***,
English Literature BA (Hons)*,
Japanese Studies BA (Hons)*,
Liberal Arts BA (Hons)*,
Philosophy BA (Hons)*,
Theology and Religion BA (Hons)*,
Visual Arts and Film BA (Hons)*,
BA (Hons) Ancient History
BA (Hons) Classical Civilisation
BA (Hons) Religion, Society and Culture
- Introduction to Liberal Arts
 - Introduction to Ancient History
 - English Literature
 - Introduction to Modern History
- Music BA (Hons)***
- Introduction to Liberal Arts
 - Introduction to Ancient History
 - English Literature
 - Foundations of Music

Designated modules relevant to degrees on Social Science and Law route

- Ancient History and Archaeology BA (Hons)* or Archaeology BA (Hons)***
- Introduction to Ancient History
 - Geography
 - Introduction to Liberal Arts
 - Introduction to Modern History
 - BA (Hons) Ancient History & Archaeology

- Combined Honours in Social Sciences BA (Hons)***
- Introduction to Liberal Arts
 - Sociology
 - Politics
 - Introduction to Modern History

- Education Studies BA (Hons)****
- Foundations of Statistics
 - Sociology
 - Introduction to Liberal Arts
 - Foundations of Psychology

- Geography BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons)***
- Sociology
 - Foundations of Statistics
 - Foundation Biology
 - Geography

- Health and Human Sciences BSc (Hons)***
- Foundation Biology
 - Sociology
 - Geography
 - Foundation of Statistics

- Law LLB (Hons)**^**
- Law 1
 - Law 2
 - English Literature
 - LNAT Preparation^
 - Sociology

- Politics BA (Hons)* or International Relations BA (Hons)***
- Law 1
 - Sociology
 - Politics
 - Introduction to Modern History

- Philosophy, Politics and Economics BA (Hons)***
- Core Foundation Mathematics
 - Economics
 - Pure Mathematics and Strategic
 - Politics

- Criminology and Sociology (Hons)***
- Law 1
 - Sociology
 - English Literature
 - Politics

- Sports and Exercise Sciences BA (Hons) or Sport, Exercise and Physical Activity (BA) Hons**
- Foundations of Psychology
 - Foundations of Statistics
 - Foundation Biology
 - Sociology

*A study abroad option may be available
 ^A work placement option may be available.
 ^In addition to achieving the International Study Centre progression requirements, all students wishing to progress to LLB (Hons) Law must sit the Law National Aptitude test (LNAT).

Durham University subject rankings

<div>RANKED</div> <div>3rd</div> <div>IN THE UK FOR ANTHROPOLOGY</div>	<div>RANKED</div> <div>3rd</div> <div>IN THE UK FOR ARCHAEOLOGY</div>	<div>RANKED</div> <div>4th</div> <div>IN THE UK FOR CRIMINOLOGY</div>	<div>RANKED</div> <div>1st</div> <div>IN THE UK FOR GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES</div>	<div>RANKED</div> <div>6th</div> <div>IN THE UK FOR HISTORY</div>	<div>RANKED</div> <div>5th</div> <div>IN THE UK FOR LAW</div>
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Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Name:

Patrick

From:

Singapore

Studied:

International Foundation Year
in Humanities, Law and
Social Sciences

Progressed to:

LLB (Hons) Law

"The teachers I have for my classes are fantastic. They always support and care for their students, not just in the academic field, and they always look out for us. They always have different skill levels catered to different students. What I like about here is that they always cater to the student's ability and they always strive to challenge and motivate you to learn more and do more."



Scan here to hear
more from Patrick

Science and Engineering

Modules and progression degrees

Alongside core modules, you will study designated modules that relate to your progression degree route. Upon completion of your programme and on achieving the required grades, you can begin your undergraduate degree at Durham University.

Core modules common to all routes

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project

Designated modules relevant to progression degree

Biological Sciences BSc (Hons)*†

- Foundation Biology
- Foundation Chemistry
- Advanced Biology
- Advanced Chemistry
- Lab Skills

Chemistry BSc (Hons)

- Foundation Chemistry
- Core Foundation Mathematics
- Pure Mathematics and Mechanics
- Advanced Chemistry
- Lab Skills

Computer Science BSc (Hons)*

- Core Foundation Mathematics
- Proof and Logic
- Pure Mathematics and Decision
- Computer Science

Engineering BEng (Hons)

- Core Foundation Mathematics
- Foundation Physics
- Pure Mathematics and Mechanics
- Advanced Physics
- Lab Skills

Earth Sciences MSci, Environmental GeoSciences BSc (Hons), Geology BSc (Hons), Geophysics BSc (Hons) or Geoscience BSc (Hons)

- Core Foundation Mathematics
- Foundation Chemistry
- Pure Mathematics and Mechanics
- Geography

Mathematics BSc (Hons)*

- Core Foundation Mathematics
- Proof and Logic
- Pure Mathematics and Mechanics
- Further Pure Mathematics and Statistics

Physics BSc (Hons)

- Core Foundation Mathematics
- Foundation Physics
- Pure Mathematics and Mechanics
- Advanced Physics
- Lab Skills

Psychology BSc (Hons)

- Foundation Biology
- Core Foundation Mathematics
- Foundations of Psychology
- Foundations of Statistics

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†A work placement option may be available.

Durham University subject rankings

RANKED 7th IN THE UK FOR PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY	RANKED 6th IN THE UK FOR BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	RANKED 17th IN THE UK FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE	RANKED 1st IN THE UK FOR GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	RANKED 13th IN THE UK FOR MATHEMATICS	RANKED 4th IN THE UK FOR CHEMISTRY	RANKED 4th IN THE UK FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING
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Complete University Guide, Subject League Table 2025



GRADUATE SUCCESS STORY

Name:

Arshjit

From:

India

Studied:

International Foundation Year
in Science and Engineering

Graduated with:

BSc Computer Science

"I chose Durham because of its reputation, and I've heard about the amazing faculty that you have and how they actually help you proceed to get a job in your specific career path. To be honest, it's very hard to get a job these days. So, with their amazing faculty and their recommendations and their help, it'll help me get a job easily, help me stand out in the crowd."

Your pathway to a postgraduate degree

The Pre-Masters programme provides you with a pathway to postgraduate degree study at Durham University. Once you complete your programme at Queen’s Campus and achieve the required grades, you can start your chosen Masters degree at Durham City campus.

Pathways

You can choose from three pathways:

- Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance
- Law and Social Science
- Science and Engineering

Facts

Course length: Two or three terms

Start dates:

Three terms: September – June
or January – August

Two terms: January – June

Entry requirements

Academic:

Good first degree (some subjects may require a relevant degree)

English language:

Three terms: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (minimum of 5.5 in all skills), or equivalent*

Two terms: Academic IELTS for UKVI 6.0 (minimum of 5.5 in all skills), or equivalent*

Age: 18+

PRE-COURSES

Online English Preparation

If you do not have the required level of English language to start the Pre-Masters, you can take an **online English** course before you start your academic programme.

Facts

Course length: 6 weeks: June, October, January

10 weeks: May, September, October

16 weeks: April, July

Entry requirements

English language:

6 weeks: Equivalent to Academic IELTS 5.0 overall (5.0 in all other skills)*

10 weeks: Equivalent to Academic IELTS 5.0 overall (4.5 in all other skills)*

16 weeks: Equivalent to Academic IELTS 4.5 overall (4.5 in all other skills)*

Age: 18+

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5.5 (minimum of 5.5 in all skills)	3	January^																
6.0 (minimum of 5.5 in all skills)	2	January^ **																

■ Pre-Masters

*Start date is not available for students aiming to study a Finance or Management degree.
*You do not need a UKVI-approved Secure English Language Test to start this programme. For alternative tests, please visit durhamisc.com. Students are not required to retake an IELTS to progress from the Pre-Masters to their postgraduate degree but must achieve the English language progression grade as published on durham.ac.uk/isc
**The two-semester January option is not available as follows:
- on the Law and Social Science pathway
- on the Science and Engineering pathway except for students aiming to progress to MSc Cognitive Neuroscience, MSc Developmental Psychopathology and MSc Behavioural Science, or
- on the Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance pathway for progression to MSc Finance, MSc Finance (Accounting and Finance), MSc Finance (Economics and Finance), MSc Finance (Finance and Investment), MSc Finance (Financial Technology and Banking), MSc Master of Data Science, MSc Management, MSc Management (Entrepreneurship), MSc Management (Finance), MSc Management (International Business), MSc Management (Supply Chain Logistics).

Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

PROGRESSION DEGREES	ROUTE
MSc Accounting	Accounting
MSc Behavioural Economics	Economics
MSc Economics	Economics
MSc Environmental & Natural Resource Economics	Economics
MSc Finance	Finance^
MSc Finance (Accounting & Finance)	Finance^
MSc Finance (Economics & Finance)	Finance^
MSc Finance (Finance & Investment)	Finance^
MSc Finance (Financial Technology & Banking)	Finance^
MSc Human Resource Management	Management^
MSc Management	Management^
MSc Management (Entrepreneurship)	Management^
MSc Management (Finance)	Management^
MSc Management (International Business)	Management^
MSc Management (Supply Chain Logistics)	Management^
MSc Marketing	Marketing
MDS Master of Data Science	Data Science^
MSc Plant Biotechnology and Enterprise	Marketing

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QS World University Rankings: Masters in
Marketing (2023)

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^Three term programme only

*Places are limited on Finance and Management route to the top five students for each subject area. For the Finance route this includes MSc Finance programme MSc Finance, MSc Finance (Accounting and Finance), MSc Finance (Economics and Finance), MSc Finance (Finance and Investment), MSc Finance (Financial Technology and Banking).

For the Management route this includes MSc Human Resource Management, MSc Management, MSc Management (Entrepreneurship), MSc Management (Finance), MSc Management (International Business) and MSc Management (Supply Chain Logistics). When you apply to the International Study Centre you will be required to select an alternative degree option as your second choice. If your degree aim is MSc Finance, you can choose from either Economics, Marketing or Accounting. If your degree aim is MSc Management, you can choose from either Marketing or Accounting. To progress to a Finance or Management degree you will need to successfully complete the programme, achieve the required grades and be **one of the five students** with the highest grades. If you do not achieve a place on your first choice of degree course you will be able to progress to your second choice, at the discretion of the University, as long as you have achieved the required grades. Should there be more than five students achieving the highest grades, other factors will be taken into account, specifically consideration of the final Programme Assessment Board results in terms of academic achievement across core modules, attendance records and academic improvement.

Finance and Management progression degrees are only available from the September start Pre-Masters programme. The courses and modules listed above are indicative. For full information, visit: durham.ac.uk/isc

Places may also be limited for other degree aims so you are advised to apply and accept your place as soon as possible.

Routes, modules and progression degrees

The Pre-Masters in Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance prepares you for a choice of progression degrees at Durham University.

Core modules

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing and Critical Reading
- Quantitative Skills for Business
- Advanced Research Methods in Business

Route modules

There is a choice of five routes; you will study designated modules that relate to your chosen route:

Accounting route

- Accounting
- Management

Data Science^

- Management
- Mathematics for Economics

Economics route

- Economics
- Mathematics for Economics

Finance route^

- Finance
- Mathematics for Economics

Management route^

- Management
- Marketing

Marketing route

- Marketing
- Management

Progression to your degree

Upon completion of the programme and satisfying the progression criteria, you may proceed to your chosen postgraduate degree at Durham University.*

For more information on the designated modules and grades required for progression, visit:

durham.ac.uk/isc/pre-masters

Law and Social Science

PROGRESSION DEGREES	ROUTE**
MSc Medical Anthropology	Anthropology
MA Socio-Cultural Anthropology	Anthropology
MSc Global and Planetary Health	Anthropology
MA Museum and Artefact Studies	Archaeology
MA Geography (Research Methods)	Geography
MA Climate, Risk and Society	Geography
MSc Climate, Risk and Society	Geography
MA Environmental Hazards and Risk	Geography
MSc Environmental Hazards and Risk	Geography
MA Risk, Security and Politics	Geography
LLM Corporate Law	Law
LLM European Trade and Commercial Law	Law
LLM International Law and Governance	Law
LLM International Trade and Commercial Law	Law
LLM Master of Laws	Law
MA Social Research Methods	Sociology
MSc Sociology	Sociology
MSc Sustainability, Energy and Development	Anthropology
MSc Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding	International Relations
MDS Master of Data Science	Data Science
MSc Defence, Development and Diplomacy	International Relations
MSc Global Politics	International Relations
MA International Relations	International Relations
MA International Relations (East Asia)	International Relations
MA International Relations (European)	International Relations
MA International Relations (Middle East)	International Relations
MA Politics and International Relations (Political Theory)	International Relations
MA Research Methods (Politics, International Relations, Security)	International Relations
MA Medical Humanities	Anthropology
MA TESOL with Applied Linguistics	TESOL

Durham University subject rankings

RANKED
48th
FOR LAW AND
LEGAL STUDIES

QS World University Rankings
by Subject 2024

RANKED UK
top 5
FOR LAW

Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2025

[^]Only available as a three-term option

^{*}Please note that this module is not part of the Law route. The courses and modules listed above are indicative. For further information, visit: durham.ac.uk/isc

^{**}All routes are available from the three-term programme only

Routes, modules and progression degrees

The Pre-Masters in Law and Social Science prepares you for a choice of progression degrees at Durham University.

Core modules

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing and Critical Reading
- Extended Research Project
- Globalisation^{*}
- Research Methods for Social Science^{*}

Route modules

There is a choice of seven routes; you will study designated modules that relate to your chosen route:

Anthropology route

- Studying Society with Anthropology
- Human Culture and Diversity

Archaeology route

- Introduction to Archaeological, Museum and Heritage Practice
- Fundamentals of Archaeology

Data Science route

- Mathematics for Economics
- Studying Society with Anthropology
- Human Culture and Diversity

Geography route

- Studying Society with Anthropology
- Contemporary Issues in Politics/ International Relations

Law route[^]

- Contemporary Issues in Law
- Legal Skills and Methods
- Fundamentals of Contract Law
- Contemporary Issues in Politics/ International Relations

Politics/International Relations route

- Contemporary Issues in Politics/ International Relations
- Contemporary Issues in Law

Sociology route:

- Studying Society with Anthropology
- Human Culture and Diversity or Contemporary Issues in Politics/ International Relations

TESOL route

- Approaches and Methodologies in English Language Teaching
- Studying Society with Anthropology

Progression to your degree

Upon completion of the programme and satisfying the progression criteria, you may proceed to your chosen postgraduate degree at Durham University.

For more information on the designated modules and grades required for progression, visit:

durham.ac.uk/isc/pre-masters

Science and Engineering

PROGRESSION DEGREES	ROUTE
MDS Master of Data Science	Data Science^
MDS Master of Data Science (Bioinformatics and Biological Modelling)	Data Science^
MDS Master of Data Science (Digital Humanities)	Data Science^
MDS Master of Data Science (Earth and Environment)	Data Science^
MDS Master of Data Science (Health)	Data Science^
MDS Master of Data Science (Social Analytics)	Data Science^
MSc Behavioural Science	Psychology
MSc Cognitive Neuroscience	Psychology
MSc Developmental Psychopathology	Psychology
MSc Electronic Engineering	Engineering
MSc Energy Engineering Management	Energy Engineering Management
MSc Electrical Engineering	Engineering
MSc Renewable and Sustainable Energy	Engineering
MSc Advanced Mechanical Engineering	Engineering
MSc Civil Engineering	Engineering
MSc Mathematical Sciences	Scientific Computing and Data Analysis^
MSc Scientific Computing and Data Analysis (Astrophysics)	
MSc Scientific Computing and Data Analysis (Earth and Environmental Sciences)	
MSc Scientific Computing and Data Analysis (Financial Technology)	
MSc Scientific Computing and Data Analysis (Computer Vision and Robotics)	

Durham University subject rankings

RANKED
4th
IN THE UK FOR
GENERAL ENGINEERING

Complete University Guide
Subject League Table 2025

WORLD TOP
100
IN THE UK FOR
PSYCHOLOGY

QS World Subject Rankings 2024

Routes, modules and progression degrees

The Pre-Masters in Science and Engineering prepares you for a choice of progression degrees at Durham University.

Core modules

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing and Critical Reading
- Quantitative Skills*
- Extended Research

*Not studied by all Master of Data Science students, dependent on progression degree

Route modules

There is a choice of four routes; you will study designated modules that relate to your chosen route:

Data Science:

- Human Culture and Diversity**
- Introduction to Scientific Computing
- Management**
- Mathematics for Economics
- Research Methods for Social Science**

**Dependent on chosen Master of Data Science progression degree

Energy Engineering Management

- Advanced Research Methods in Business
- Advanced Applied Mathematics
- Management

Engineering route

- Advanced Applied Mathematics
- Advanced Engineering Principles
- Introduction to Scientific Computing

Psychology route

- Research Methods for Social Science
- Core Concepts in Psychological Science
- Human Culture and Diversity

Maths/Scientific Computing and Data Analysis/Engineering^

- Advanced Applied Mathematics
- Introduction to Scientific Computing

Progression to your degree

Upon completion of the programme and satisfying the progression criteria, you may proceed to your chosen postgraduate degree at Durham University.

For more information on the designated modules and grades required for progression, visit:

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^These routes are available from the three-term programme only

The courses and modules listed above are indicative. For further information, visit: durham.ac.uk/isc



92%

OF INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES WERE IN WORK AND/OR FURTHER STUDY 15 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATING.

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Your degree at Durham University

You will study your degree in the City of Durham. World-leading academics, extensive learning facilities and a research-led education will support you to achieve a top degree ready for a bright future.

World-leading academics

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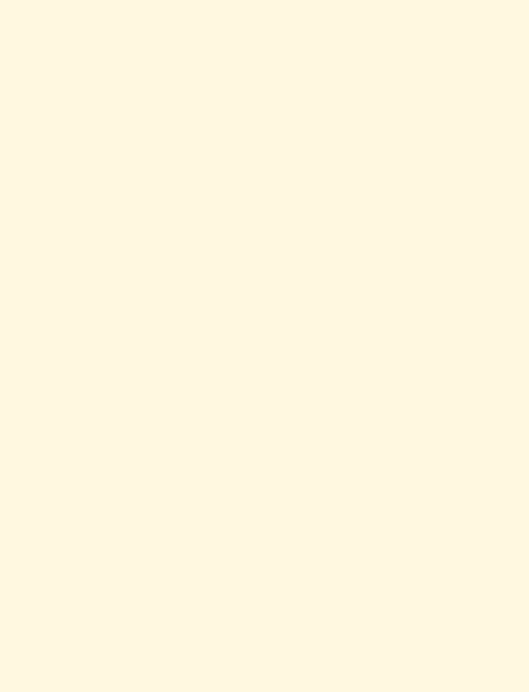
As a student at Durham, you can use the University libraries, which are home to 1.6 million books and 300,000 online e-books and journals. The Bill Bryson Library is the largest and holds four major research collections. Palace Green Library houses an Archives and Special Collections section that attracts scholars from around the world, as well as the Museum of Archaeology which houses archaeological collections from the city dating back 10,000 years.

Develop Your Skills

Developing your academic and employability skills is key to being prepared for your study and work during and after your time at university. The **Careers & Enterprise Centre** can help you identify opportunities to help you understand and develop the skills you will need.

You will have the opportunity to attend sessions that provide practical advice about skills such as, performing well at assessment centres, handling video interviews, developing digital skills, writing applications. These sessions will enable you to improve your understanding of the graduate workplace and provide you with the opportunity to learn and develop these skills while at university.

You can also develop your employability skills using a wide range of resources, including a work readiness assessment, and the Durham Online Career Planning Programme, which includes pathways on Knowing Yourself and Employers' Expectations, Exploring Options, Goal Setting and Career Action Planning, and Successful Applications and Assessments. Current Durham students and graduates can access these resources in the Quick Links sections on the Current Students and Staff and After Graduation web pages.



Build Your Work Experience

A good degree, even from a world-class institution, is not enough to secure a job when you graduate - experience counts!

In addition to your academic achievements, graduate employers want to see evidence that you are commercially aware and have the practical skills needed to excel in the workplace. Work experience is an excellent way to develop these abilities and has the added advantage of allowing you to 'test out' the types of job you might want to do after graduation. Although this may be a long way off for some, gaining work experience during your time at University offers that vital opportunity.

The **Careers & Enterprise Centre** can help. A wide variety of work experience opportunities are advertised, including placement years, internships, local part-time jobs and voluntary work.

A dedicated **Work Experience Development** team create and run a number of work experience and internship programmes, specifically for Durham students. Taking into account the needs and interests of the student cohort, these programmes are intended to support students in gaining valuable work experience in highly sought after career areas. Current focus areas include social enterprises and SMEs.

The Work Experience Development team also run an innovative and successful widening participation and careers programme called Enabling Opportunities. The focus of this programme is to provide careers support to a small group of students from under-represented backgrounds who are seeking work experience. Encompassing a series of workshops, tailored one-to-one support and engagement with employers, the programme provides expert guidance and advice that aims to strengthen applications to work experience opportunities. The programme culminates in a period of work experience.

The **Student Employment Service** can help you to find and apply for part-time work both on-campus and in the local area.

Many employers value a broad range of skills that can be developed through part-time employment. On this service, you can find advertisements of a variety of part-time term-time and vacation opportunities, with high-quality employers, designed to offer you an important insight into your career area, whilst helping to develop your employability skills.

A number of events are hosted throughout the year, which are useful when searching for part-time jobs and work experience opportunities.



Complete a Placement Year

A Placement Year is an opportunity for you to gain valuable work experience during your time at University.

By undertaking a work placement you will be able to apply yourself fully within an organisation and trial a particular career or working environment that interests you. Extensive training is usually provided and the experience often mirrors the first year working in a graduate role. Placement Years typically occur in between the penultimate and final year of your degree and last between 9 to 12 months.

A Placement Year can help you:

- Gain sector-specific/industry experience
- Enhance your CV
- Understand the culture of an organisation
- Utilise your degree in the workplace
- Discover a new city or country

In an increasingly competitive graduate job market, employers want to see that you have developed a wide range of skills throughout your time at university, which will be beneficial in the workplace.

We are proud to be within the most targeted universities by top employers who provide a variety of placement roles that may align with your degree or to your broader careers aspirations.



STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Name:

William

From:

Ghana

Studied:

International Foundation Year
in Science and Engineering

Progressed to:

BSc (Hons) Computer Science

"I did a one-year work placement in a company called Finbond. It's a FinTech company that seeks to reduce the cost of investments by providing a portfolio management system to different asset managers, hedge funds and different firms. It has helped me a lot because I was working as a software engineer intern there and it just exposed me to the different possibilities and opportunities available in the FinTech industry as well as introducing me to standard ways of coding. It has set a pathway for me that I intend to pursue the FinTech industry."

Make your student experience count

As a Durham student, you will be part of a college with its own facilities, sports, societies and community. You will also enjoy access to the shared University facilities and all the shops, amenities and historic attractions of Durham City.

Collegiate university

Durham University's historic collegiate system is a unique aspect of student life at Durham. Each of Durham's 17 colleges have their own distinct character and traditions, with a range of opportunities for participation and leadership. Upon progression to your Durham degree, you will join one of these colleges.

Colleges differ in terms of their architecture, history and traditions and provide different accommodation and catering options. **Our experienced staff will support you in choosing your college preference** while you are studying at the International Study Centre.

Find out more:

durham.ac.uk/isc/colleges

A historic city

Durham is a stunning city located beside the River Wear in North East England. It has beautiful architecture, cobbled streets and a variety of shops. A popular tourist destination, the city has a UNESCO-listed Castle and Cathedral, excellent museums, restaurants offering international cuisine and festivals that include the Durham Book Festival and the Lumiere Light Festival. For those wanting a larger city experience, Newcastle is just 15 minutes away from Durham by train.

Sports, clubs and societies

As a Durham University student, you can get involved with a wide range of activities to create your own unique student experience. There are endless opportunities to join in with sport, music, theatre and volunteering projects, as well as over 200 clubs and societies to choose from.

With Durham being Sports University of the Year (The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023), it has one of Britain's largest student participation programmes in sport. 75% of Durham students take part in some physical activity. Whatever your sporting interests, you will be sure to make new friends to enjoy them with, all while being encouraged to achieve your best at an award-winning university.

GET INVOLVED:



The University has **700 different college sports teams**, playing 18 different sports, including football, volleyball, rugby, rowing and tennis.



Join one of **80+ music societies** including orchestras, choirs and bands.



Durham Student Theatre. Durham's 27 theatre companies produce 90 shows every year.



Student Community Action. Volunteer with one of the 80 outreach projects.



Durham Students' Union. **Find 200 clubs and societies** at Durham SU.



Palatinate. The University's student-run newspaper is published every fortnight.



Purple Radio. The University's student-run radio station broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week during term.



Durham Union Society. The debating society is the University's oldest society.



Scan here to hear from staff and students about the college experience at Durham University.





Student **success stories**

**Name:**

Jad

From:

Lebanon

Studied:

International Foundation
Year in Business, Economics,
Accounting and Finance

Graduated in:

BA (Hons) Business
and Management

"Students who are applying to the International Study Centre are going to have a great experience. Studying here is going to have a huge impact on their future careers and their future in general."

**Name:**

Peshall

From:

India

Studied:

Pre-Masters in Humanities,
Law and Social Sciences

Progressed to:

LLM Master of Laws

"There are a lot of opportunities when you come here, if you participate in them, you are bound to meet people from different study programmes. I've met people who are studying business and people who are studying engineering, computer science, and they're some of my closest friends. So I can say that it's a diverse amount of people and from different backgrounds so that if you make use of the opportunities given to you, you can actually interact with them and become good friends with people."

Name:

Bella

From:

China

Studied:International Foundation
Year in Humanities, Law
and Social Sciences**Graduated in:**BA (Hons) International
Relations

"The tutors and also the staff at the ISC were helpful to both my academic study and also my personal life. At that time, I was just 18 years old and I came to the UK and my English was not very good and it was my first time writing essays. But my English teacher was really patient and she taught me a lot. She provided a lot of good ideas to improve my academic skills. All the tutors and staff were really friendly to me and I think the academic skills were really helpful to help me enter the University."

**Name:**

Jia Lin

From:

Malaysia

Studied:International Foundation Year
in Science and Engineering**Graduated in:**

BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences

"Durham is a collegiate system. A college means that all students unite together. Because we stay really close to each other, it's like a closed community. I see my College friends every day and we go to the dining hall. That's a place where we always get together for breakfast, lunch or dinner. It's fully catered so you don't have to worry about cooking and washing. We also have a gym, a common area and a library in each college."



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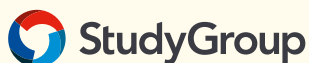
You can either apply through your local education agent or directly via our website. Visit: durham.ac.uk/isc

If you are applying directly and have a question, then a Student Enrolment Adviser will be happy to help. They speak a variety of languages and understand several more.

You can make an enquiry through the website. Visit: durham.ac.uk/isc

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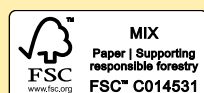
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