

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.



RANKED

64th

IN THE WORLD
FOR EMPLOYER
REPUTATION

QS World University Rankings 2026

RANKED

3rd

IN THE UK

Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2026

A WORLD

top 100

UNIVERSITY

Ranked 94th in the QS World
University Rankings 2026

21 SUBJECTS
IN THE WORLD

top 100

QS World Rankings by Subject 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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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 £2.70 a day, you can enjoy unlimited bus travel between Middlesbrough, Durham and Newcastle.

If cities are not your scene, the English countryside around Stockton-on-Tees offers riverside walks, green spaces and the historic Preston Park. Nearby Yarm is a picturesque village with a charming high street, cafés and riverside views, perfect for when you want a break from city life.

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 Court, 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.

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



RIALTO COURT

RIALTO COURT BEDROOM



SHARED KITCHEN AT RIALTO COURT



FACILITIES AT RIALTO COURT



ENDEAVOUR COURT COMMON ROOM



ENDEAVOUR COURT BEDROOM



KITCHEN AT ENDEAVOUR COURT



Scan here to watch our accommodation tours

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 8-13.

• Accelerated International Foundation Year

An intensive 2 term foundation programme which leads to the first year of an undergraduate degree. See pages 14-16.

• Pre-Masters

Your pathway to a postgraduate degree. See pages 18-23.

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.

Find out more: durham.ac.uk/isc

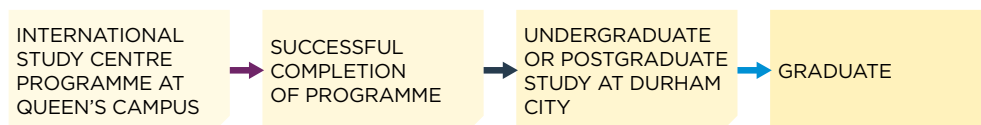


ON-CAMPUS CAFE



91%
OF DURHAM UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONAL STUDY
CENTRE STUDENTS
WHO COMPLETED
THEIR PATHWAY
PROGRAMME IN 2024
WERE OFFERED A PLACE
AT DURHAM UNIVERSITY.

Take the first step towards a degree from Durham University:



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 (minimum of 5.0 in all other skills)
Students looking to progress to LLB Law need to have 5.5 in reading or writing, 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, July, September, October

16 weeks: 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 (minimum of 5.0 in all other skills)	3	September																	Start your undergraduate degree at Durham University
5.5 (minimum of 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

PROGRESSION DEGREES	ROUTE
Accounting and Finance BSc (Hons)	Business, Accounting and Finance
Accounting and Finance with Placement Year BSc (Hons)	Business, Accounting and Finance
Accounting and Finance with Study Abroad BSc (Hons)	Business, Accounting and Finance
Accounting BSc (Hons)	Business, Accounting and Finance
Accounting with Placement Year BSc (Hons)	Business, Accounting and Finance
Business and Management BA (Hons)	Business, Accounting and Finance
Business and Management with Placement Year BA (Hons)	Business, Accounting and Finance
Business and Management with Study Abroad BA (Hons)	Business, Accounting and Finance
Economics BSc (Hons)	Economics
Economics with Management BSc (Hons)	Economics
Economics with Placement Year BSc (Hons)	Economics
Economics with Study Abroad BSc (Hons)	Economics
Finance BSc (Hons)	Business, Accounting and Finance
Finance with Placement Year BSc (Hons)	Business, Accounting and Finance

Routes, modules and progression degrees

You will study the most relevant modules according to your subject area.

Business, Accounting and Finance

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Foundation of Business
- Foundation of Mathematics
- Foundation of Statistics

Economics

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Core and pure Mathematics
- Economics
- Strategic Maths
- Foundation of Statistics

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

Durham University subject rankings

RANKED UK
top 10
FOR ACCOUNTING
AND FINANCE

Times and The Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2026

RANKED
6th
IN THE UK
FOR ECONOMICS

Times and The Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2026

Durham University Business School has triple-accreditation:



Humanities, Law and Social Science

Routes, modules and progression degrees

You will study the most relevant modules according to your subject area.

Archaeology

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Introduction to Liberal Arts
- Introduction to Ancient History
- Geography
- Introduction to Modern History

Arts and Humanities

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Introduction to Liberal Arts
- Introduction to Ancient History
- English Literature
- Introduction to Modern History

Combined Social Sciences

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Introduction to Liberal Arts
- Sociology
- Politics
- Introduction to Modern History

Criminology/Sociology

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- The English Legal System
- Sociology
- English Literature
- Politics

Education

- Academic English Skills
- Introduction to Liberal Arts
- Sociology
- Foundation of Statistics
- Foundations of Psychology

Geography/Anthropology

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Sociology
- Foundation Biology
- Foundation of Statistics
- Geography

Law

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- The English Legal System
- Sociology
- Law of Tort and Contract
- English Literature
- LNAT

Music

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Introduction to Liberal Arts
- Introduction to Ancient History
- English Literature
- Foundations of Music

Politics and International Relations

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- The English Legal System
- Sociology
- Politics
- Introduction to Modern History

PPE

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Core and Pure Mathematics
- Strategic Maths
- Economics
- Politics

Sport

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Sociology
- Foundation Biology
- Foundation of Statistics
- Foundations of Psychology

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

PROGRESSION DEGREES	ROUTE
Ancient History and Archaeology BA (Hons)	Archaeology
Ancient History BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Ancient, Medieval and Modern History BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Anthropology BA (Hons)	Geography/Anthropology
Archaeology BA (Hons)	Archaeology
Chinese Studies With Year Abroad BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Classical Civilisation BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Classics BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Combined Honours in Social Sciences BA (Hons)	Combined Social Sciences
Criminology BA (Hons)	Criminology/Sociology
Education Studies - Geography BA (Hons)	Education
Education Studies - Psychology BA (Hons)	Education
Education Studies - Sociology BA (Hons)	Education
Education Studies BA (Hons)	Education
English Literature and History BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
English Literature and Philosophy BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
English Literature BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Geography BA (Hons)	Geography/Anthropology
Geography BSc (Hons)	Geography/Anthropology
Health and Human Sciences BSc (Hons)	Geography/Anthropology
History BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
International Relations BA (Hons)	Politics and International Relations
Japanese Studies With Year Abroad BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Law LLB (Hons)	Law
Liberal Arts BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Modern European Languages and History (With Year Abroad) BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Modern Languages and Cultures (With Year Abroad) BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Music and Philosophy BA (Hons)	Music
Music BA (Hons)	Music
Philosophy and Theology BA	Arts & Humanities
Philosophy BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Philosophy, Politics and Economics BA (Hons)	PPE
Politics and International Relations BA (Hons)	Politics and International Relations
Politics BA (Hons)	Politics and International Relations
Religion, Society and Culture BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Sociology BA (Hons)	Criminology/Sociology
Sport and Exercise Sciences BSc (Hons)	Sport
Sport, Exercise and Physical Activity BA (Hons)	Sport
Theology and Religion BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities
Visual Arts and Film BA (Hons)	Arts & Humanities

Durham University subject rankings

RANKED
3rd
IN THE UK FOR
ANTHROPOLOGY

RANKED
2nd
IN THE UK FOR
ARCHAEOLOGY
AND FORENSIC
SCIENCE

RANKED
5th
IN THE UK FOR
CRIMINOLOGY

RANKED
1st
IN THE UK FOR
GEOGRAPHY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCES

RANKED
4th
IN THE UK
FOR HISTORY

RANKED
4th
IN THE UK
FOR LAW

Times and The Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2026

Science and Engineering

Route modules and progression degrees

You will study the most relevant modules according to your subject area.

Biological Sciences

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Lab Skills
- Foundation Biology
- Foundation Chemistry
- Advanced Biology
- Advanced Chemistry

Chemistry

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Lab Skills
- Foundation Chemistry
- Core and Pure Mathematics
- Advanced Chemistry
- Mechanics

Computer Science

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Core and Pure Mathematics
- Programming
- Computer Science
- Decision Maths

Earth Sciences

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Core and Pure Mathematics
- Foundation Chemistry
- Geography
- Mechanics

Engineering

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Core and Pure Mathematics
- Foundation Physics
- Advanced Physics
- Mechanics

Mathematics

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Core Pure Mathematics
- Further Pure Mathematics and Statistics
- Mechanics

Psychology

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project
- Foundation Biology
- Methods in Psychology
- Foundations of Statistics
- Foundations of Psychology

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

Durham University subject rankings

<div>RANKED</div> <div>5th</div> <div>IN THE UK FOR PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY</div>	<div>RANKED</div> <div>9th</div> <div>IN THE UK FOR BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES</div>	<div>RANKED</div> <div>10th</div> <div>IN THE UK FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE</div>	<div>RANKED</div> <div>1st</div> <div>IN THE UK FOR GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE</div>	<div>RANKED</div> <div>11th</div> <div>IN THE UK FOR MATHEMATICS</div>
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DEGREE	ROUTE
Biochemistry BSc (Hons)	Chemistry
Biological Sciences BSc (Hons)	Biological Sciences
Biology and Chemistry BSc (Hons)	Chemistry
Biology and Chemistry MSci	Chemistry
Chemistry (Industrial Route) MChem	Chemistry
Chemistry BSc (Hons)	Chemistry
Chemistry MChem	Chemistry
Climate Science BSc (Hons)	Earth Sciences
Computer Science and Mathematics BSc (Hons)	Mathematics
Computer Science and Mathematics MSci (Hons)	Mathematics
Computer Science BSc (Hons)	Computer Science
Computer Science MEng (Hons)	Computer Science
Earth Sciences MSci	Earth Sciences
Economics and Mathematics BSc (Hons)	Mathematics
Engineering (Aeronautical) MEng (Hons)	Engineering
Engineering (Bioengineering) MEng (Hons)	Engineering
Engineering (Civil) BEng (Hons)	Engineering
Engineering (Civil) MEng (Hons)	Engineering
Engineering (Electrical) BEng (Hons)	Engineering
Engineering (Electrical) MEng (Hons)	Engineering
Engineering (Electronic) BEng (Hons)	Engineering
Engineering (Electronic) MEng (Hons)	Engineering
Engineering (Mechanical) BEng (Hons)	Engineering
Engineering (Mechanical) MEng (Hons)	Engineering
Engineering (Renewable Energy) MEng (Hons)	Engineering
Environmental Geoscience BSc (Hons)	Earth Sciences
General Engineering BEng (Hons)	Engineering
General Engineering MEng	Engineering
Geology BSc (Hons)	Earth Sciences
Geophysics BSc (Hons)	Earth Sciences
Geoscience BSc (Hons)	Earth Sciences
Master of Chemistry (International Route) MChem	Chemistry
Master of Mathematics MMath	Mathematics
Mathematics and Philosophy BSc (Hons)	Mathematics
Mathematics and Statistics BSc (Hons)	Mathematics
Mathematics and Statistics MMath (Hons)	Mathematics
Mathematics BSc (Hons)	Mathematics
Natural Sciences (Anthropology and Biology) BSc (Hons)	Biological Sciences
Natural Sciences (Biology and Earth Sciences) BSc (Hons)	Biological Sciences
Natural Sciences (Biology and Geography) BSc (Hons)	Biological Sciences
Natural Sciences (Biology and Psychology) BSc (Hons)	Biological Sciences
Natural Sciences (Business and Computer Science) BSc (Hons)	Computer Science
Natural Sciences (Chemistry and Earth Sciences) BSc (Hons)	Chemistry
Natural Sciences (Computer Science and Physics) BSc (Hons)	Engineering
Natural Sciences (Earth Sciences and Geography) BSc (Hons)	Earth Sciences
Natural Sciences (Economics and Psychology) (BSc Hons)	Economics
Natural Sciences (Mathematics and Psychology) BSc (Hons)	Mathematics
Philosophy and Physics BSc (Hons)	Engineering
Physics and Astronomy MPhys (Hons)	Engineering
Physics BSc (Hons)	Engineering
Physics MPhys (Hons)	Engineering
Psychological and Behaviour Science BSc	Psychology
Psychology BSc (Hons)	Psychology
Theoretical Physics MPhys (Hons)	Engineering

Durham University subject rankings

RANKED
5th
IN THE UK
FOR CHEMISTRY

RANKED
5th
IN THE UK
FOR GENERAL
ENGINEERING

Complete University Guide,
Subject League Table 2026

Accelerated International Foundation Year

Your fast-track route to an undergraduate degree

The Accelerated International Foundation Year is an intensive, 2 term programme to Durham University. Once you successfully complete your programme at Queen's Campus you can progress to the first year of your chosen degree at Durham University.

Pathways

You can choose from two pathways:

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

Whichever route you choose, your programme will comprise of modules designed to equip you for success at Durham. Academic English Skills is taught across both subject routes, with the remainder of your programme being subject-specific modules, so you can progress to the University with confidence.

Key facts

Course length: 2 terms

Start dates: March

Entry requirements

Academic:

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

English language:

IELTS Academic for UKVI 6.0 (minimum of 5.5 in all other skills)

Age: 17+

Study plan

START	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
March							Progress to Durham

International Foundation Year

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Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

Core modules

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project

Route modules

Business, Accounting and Finance

- Foundations of Business
- Foundation of Statistics
- Foundation Maths

Economics

- Foundation of Statistics
- Economics
- Pure and Strategic Mathematics

Progression Degrees

BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance[†]

BSc (Hons) Accounting[†]

BA (Hons) Business and Management[†]

BSc (Hons) Economics and Mathematics

BSc (Hons) Economics[†]

BSc (Hons) Finance[†]

BA (Hons) Marketing and Management[†]

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

Durham University subject rankings

WORLD

top 100

FOR ACCOUNTING

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

RANKED

5th

FOR MARKETING

Complete University Guide 2026



Humanities and Social Science

Core Modules

- Academic English Skills
- Extended Project

Route Modules

Archaeology

- Geography
- Introduction to Modern History
- Introduction to Ancient History
- Introduction to Liberal Arts

Classics / Chinese Studies / English Literature / History / Japanese Studies / Liberal Arts / Philosophy / Religion / Society and Culture / Theology and Religion / Visual Arts and Film

- English Literature
- Introduction to Modern History
- Introduction to Ancient History
- Introduction to Liberal Arts

Combined Social Sciences

- Politics
- Introduction to Modern History
- Sociology
- Introduction to Liberal Arts

Criminology/Sociology

- Politics
- English Literature
- Sociology
- Introduction to Liberal Arts

Education

- Foundation of Statistics
- Foundations of Psychology
- Sociology
- Introduction to Liberal Arts

Geography/Anthropology

- Foundation of Statistics
- Geography
- Sociology
- Foundation Biology

PPE

- Core Foundation Mathematics
- Politics
- Economics
- Pure and Strategic Maths

Politics and International Relations

- Politics
- Introduction to Modern History
- Sociology
- Introduction to Liberal Arts

Sport

- Foundation of Psychology
- Foundation of Statistics
- Sociology
- Foundation Biology

Progression Degrees

BA (Hons) Ancient History and Archaeology

BA (Hons) Ancient History

BA (Hons) Ancient, Medieval and Modern History

BA (Hons) Anthropology

BA (Hons) Archaeology

BA (Hons) Chinese Studies with Year Abroad

BA (Hons) Classical Civilisation

BA (Hons) Classics

BA (Hons) Combined Honours in Social Sciences

BA (Hons) Criminology

BA (Hons) Education Studies – Geography

BA (Hons) Education Studies – Psychology

BA (Hons) Education Studies – Sociology

BA (Hons) Education Studies

BA (Hons) English Literature and History

BA (Hons) English Literature

BA (Hons) Geography

BSc (Hons) Geography

BSc (Hons) Health and Human Sciences

BA (Hons) History

BA (Hons) International Relations

BA (Hons) Japanese Studies with Year Abroad

BA (Hons) Liberal Arts

BA (Hons) Modern European Languages and History with Year Abroad

BA (Hons) Modern Languages and Cultures with Year Abroad

BA (Hons) Music and Philosophy

BA (Hons) Music

BA (Hons) Philosophy

BA (Hons) Philosophy and Theology

BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics

BA (Hons) Politics

BA (Hons) Religion, Society and Culture

BA (Hons) Sociology

BA (Hons) Theology and Religion

BA (Hons) Visual Arts and Film



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 Master’s 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, November* or January

Two terms: November*, January or March

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, July, September, October
10 weeks: August
16 weeks: 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+

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

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

Study plan

ACADEMIC IELTS FOR UKVI*	TERMS	START	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT
5.5 (minimum of 5.5 in all skills)	3	September																
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 durham.ac.uk/isc. 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

Routes, modules and progression degrees

You will study the most relevant modules according to your subject area.

Accounting

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Advanced Research Methods in Business
- Quantitative Methods
- Accounting
- Extended Research
- Management

Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Quantitative Skills
- Advanced Research Methods in Business
- Maths for Economics
- Extended Research
- Management

Economics

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Advanced Research Methods in Business
- Quantitative Methods
- Maths for Economics
- Extended Research
- Economics

Finance

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Quantitative Skills
- Advanced Research Methods in Business
- Maths for Economics
- Extended Research
- Management

Management

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Advanced Research Methods in Business
- Quantitative Skills
- Management
- Marketing
- Extended Research

Marketing

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Advanced Research Methods in Business
- Quantitative Skills
- Management
- Marketing
- Extended Research

Upon completion of the programme and satisfying the progression criteria, you may proceed to your undergraduate degree at Durham University. Places may be limited so you are advised to apply and confirm as soon as possible.

DEGREE	ROUTE
Accounting MSc	Accounting
Behavioural Economics MSc	Economics
Business Analytics MSc	Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance
Economics MSc	Economics
Environmental & Natural Resource Economics MSc	Economics
Finance (Accounting & Finance) MSc	Finance^
Finance (Corporate and International Finance) MSc	Finance^
Finance (Economics & Finance) MSc	Finance^
Finance (Finance & Investment) MSc	Finance^
Finance (Financial Technology and Banking) MSc	Finance^
Finance MSc	Finance^
Human Resource Management MSc	Management^
International Business MSc	Management^
Islamic Finance MSc	Finance^
Management & Finance MSc	Management^
Management (Entrepreneurship) MSc	Management^
Management MSc	Management^
Marketing MSc	Marketing
Master of Data Science MSc	Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance
Supply Chain and Logistics Management MSc	Management^

^Three term programme only.

RANKED
35th
IN THE WORLD
FOR A MASTER'S
IN MARKETING

QS Business Master's Rankings 2026

DURHAM UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS SCHOOL IS
Triple
accredited

Humanities, Law and Social Science

Routes, modules and progression degrees

You will study the most relevant modules according to your subject area.

Anthropology, Arts & Humanities

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Research Methods in Social Sciences
- Studying Society with Ethics
- Globalisation
- Human Culture & Diversity
- Extended Research

Archaeology

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Research Methods in Social Sciences
- Introduction to Archaeological, Museum & Heritage Practice
- Globalisation
- Fundamentals of Archaeology
- Extended Research

Geography

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Research Methods in Social Sciences
- Studying Society with Ethics
- Globalisation
- Contemporary Issues in Politics/ International Relations
- Extended Research

Law

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing and Critical Reading
- Contemporary Issues in Law
- Legal Skills and Method
- Fundamentals of Contract Law
- Contemporary Issues in Politics/ International Relations
- Extended Research

Law and Social Sciences

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Research Methods in Social Sciences
- Studying Society with Ethics
- Extended Research
- Human Culture and Diversity
- Maths for Economics

Politics

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Research Methods for Social Science
- Contemporary Issues in Law
- Globalisation
- Contemporary Issues in Politics/ International Relations
- Extended Research

TESOL route

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Research Methods in Social Sciences
- Studying Society with Ethics
- Globalisation
- Approached and Methodologies in English Language Teaching
- Extended Research

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

Durham University subject rankings

RANKED
57th
FOR LAW AND
LEGAL STUDIES

QS World University Rankings
by Subject 2025

RANKED UK
top 5
FOR LAW

Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2026

PROGRESSION DEGREES	ROUTE
Classics MA	PMP Archaeology
Climate, Risk & Society MA	PMP Geography
Climate, Risk & Society MSc	PMP Geography
Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding MSc	PMP Politics
Corporate Law LLM	PMP Law
Criminology and Criminal Justice MSc	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
Defence, Development and Diplomacy MSc	PMP Politics
Environmental Hazards & Risk MSc	PMP Geography
Environmental Humanities MA	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
European Trade and Commercial Law LLM	PMP Law
Global and Planetary Health MSc	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
History MA	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
Intellectual Property Law LLM	PMP Law
International Dispute Resolution LLM	PMP Law
International Environmental Law LLM	PMP Law
International Law and Governance LLM	PMP Law
International Relations MA	PMP Politics
International Trade and Commercial Law LLM	PMP Law
Languages, Literatures and Cultures MA	PMP TESOL
Master of Data Science (Digital Humanities) MDS	PMP LSS MDS
Master of Data Science (Health) MDS	PMP LSS MDS
Master of Data Science (Heritage) MDS	PMP LSS MDS
Master of Data Science (Social Analytics) MDS	PMP LSS MDS
Master of Data Science MDS	PMP LSS MDS
Master of Laws LLM	PMP Law
Medical Anthropology MSc	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
Medical Humanities MA	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
Medical Law and Ethics LLM	PMP Law
Medieval and Early Modern Studies MA	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
Museum and Artefact Studies MA	PMP Archaeology
Philosophy MA	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
Politics and International Relations (Political Theory) MA	PMP Politics
Politics and International Relations of the Middle East MA	PMP Politics
Politics and International Relations of East Asia MA	PMP Politics
Risk, Security & Politics MA	PMP Geography
Social and Economics History (Research Methods) MA	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
Social Research Methods MA	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
Socio-Cultural Anthropology MA	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
Sociology MSc	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
Sustainability, Energy and Development MSc	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
TESOL with Applied Linguistics MA	PMP TESOL
Theology and Religion MA	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities
Translation Studies MA	PMP TESOL
Visual Culture MA	PMP Anthropology, Arts & Humanities

Science and Engineering

Routes, modules and progression degrees

You will study the most relevant modules according to your subject area.

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

Route modules

You will study the most relevant modules according to your subject area.

Engineering

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Quantitative Skills
- Introduction to Scientific Computing
- Extended Research
- Advanced Applied Mathematics
- Advanced Engineering Principles

Psychology

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Research Methods for Social Science
- Quantitative Skills
- Human Culture and Diversity
- Core Concepts in Psychological Science
- Extended Research

Science and Engineering

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Quantitative Skills
- Introduction to Scientific Computing
- Extended Research
- Maths for Economics
- Management

Sciences

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Quantitative Skills
- Introduction to Scientific Computing
- Extended Research
- Advanced Applied Mathematics

Marketing

- Academic English Skills
- Advanced Academic Writing & Critical Reading
- Advanced Research Methods in Business
- Quantitative Skills
- Management
- Marketing
- Extended Research

Durham University subject rankings

RANKED
5th
IN THE UK FOR
GENERAL ENGINEERING

Complete University Guide
Subject League Table 2026

WORLD TOP
100
IN THE UK FOR
PSYCHOLOGY

QS World Subject Rankings 2025

PROGRESSION DEGREES	ROUTE
Advanced Computer Science MSc	Sciences
Advanced Mechanical Engineering MSc	Engineering
Behavioural Science MSc	Psychology
Biomedical Engineering MSc	Engineering
Biotechnology MSc	Marketing
Civil Engineering MSc	Engineering
Cognitive Neuroscience MSc	Psychology
Electrical Engineering MSc	Engineering
Electronic Engineering MSc	Engineering
Environmental Sustainability MSc	SCEN MDS
Master of Data Science (Bioinformatics and Biological Modelling) MDS	SCEN MDS
Master of Data Science (Digital Humanities) MDS	SCEN MDS
Master of Data Science (Environmental Data Science) MDS	SCEN MDS
Master of Data Science (Health) MDS	SCEN MDS
Master of Data Science (Heritage) MDS	SCEN MDS
Master of Data Science (Social Analytics) MDS	SCEN MDS
Master of Data Science MDS	SCEN MDS
Master of Data Science with AI Applications	PP SCEN MDS
Mathematical Sciences MSc	Sciences
Neurodiversity and Development MSc	Psychology
Plant Biotechnology and Enterprise MSc	Marketing
Psychology MSc	Psychology
Renewable and Sustainable Energy MSc	Engineering
Scientific Computing and Data Analysis (Artificial Intelligence for Engineering) MSc	Sciences
Scientific Computing and Data Analysis (Astrophysics) MSc	Sciences
Scientific Computing and Data Analysis (Computer Vision and Robotics) MSc	Sciences
Scientific Computing and Data Analysis (Environmental and Geographic Information Systems) MSc	Sciences
Scientific Computing and Data Analysis (Financial Technology) MSc	Sciences



92%

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

Graduate Outcomes Data 2020-21



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BUSINESS SCHOOL



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

Taught by academics with a reputation for groundbreaking research, you will develop your ability to problem-solve and work independently. This atmosphere of innovation and discovery places you at the forefront of developments in your field, challenging your mind and enhancing your career skills.

Learning facilities

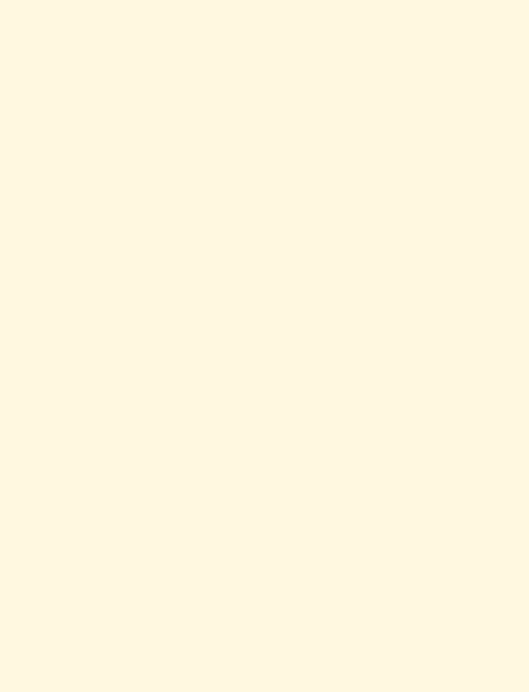
As a student at Durham, you can use the University libraries, which are home to 1.6 million books and 300,000 online e-books and journals. The Bill Bryson Library is the largest and holds four major research collections. Palace Green Library houses an Archives and Special Collections section that attracts 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 usually 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.

Durham 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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a Student Ambassador

Apply

If you would like to apply to study at Durham University International Study Centre, you will need to complete an application form and submit the relevant documentation.

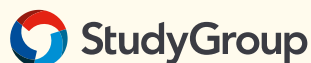
You can either apply through your local education agent or directly via our website. Visit: durham.ac.uk/isc

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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