



Durham University Key Data Sheet 2018/19

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Website	https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/

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Exchanges webpages	<p>https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • application materials • academic information • College information • financial information • pre-departure materials

University Information	
General Information	<p>Durham is consistently ranked as one of the world’s leading universities as shown by its World Top 100 position in two influential global league tables.</p> <p>In the QS World University Rankings 2017-18, the University is 78th. In the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2016-17, Durham is ranked 96th.</p> <p>In national league tables, including the Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide, Durham University is consistently recognised as one of the top universities in the UK.</p> <p>In world subject rankings, Durham also demonstrates its strength in teaching and research.</p> <p>In the 2017 QS World University Subject Rankings Durham University has eight subjects in the top 50 and 14 in the top 100. Theology & Religion is ranked third in the world, Archaeology is fourth and Geography is seventh. Within the top 50 rankings English, History and Law have all increased their position whilst Anthropology and Earth Sciences have maintained their rankings.</p> <p>The 2016-17 Times Higher Education Subject Rankings placed Arts and Humanities in 29th place in the world and Physical Sciences climbed 23 places to 60th.</p> <p>Founded in 1832, the University is the third oldest in England. Durham is a collegiate institution, with 16 Colleges which provide a social, domestic and pastoral focus for students, as well as University accommodation, if eligible. Ustinov College performs this role exclusively for postgraduate students. The University has long since grown beyond the historic centre of Durham to include a modern science site, student accommodation, libraries, and sports and social facilities. The University buildings are spread across the City on several sites within easy walking distance of each other. Teaching and Research are organised by the Academic Departments which are quite separate from the Colleges.</p> <p>The University has a total student population of about 16,000, nearly a quarter of those on postgraduate courses. The work of the University covers traditional areas of study/education, including key branches of science and technology. Durham graduates are in great demand among employers and the University helps to attract investment into the region. It provides training, short courses and expertise for industry, and through its cultural events, conferences and tourist business and as a major employer, the University contributes in a wide social and economic sense to the local community.</p> <p>Please see https://www.dur.ac.uk/about/ for further information about Durham University.</p>
Campuses	<p>Durham has two main campuses, Durham City and Queen’s Campus Stockton.</p>

City and Regional Information	
Where is Durham?	Durham University is a busy research and teaching community located in the historic cathedral city of Durham in the North-East of England, an area famed for its attractive countryside, coastline and cultural heritage. As well as its magnificent Cathedral and Castle, both World Heritage Sites, the city has other buildings of distinction and fine river banks which can be seen on foot in a few hours. Durham is three hours by train from London and Manchester, two hours from Edinburgh, and less than one hour from two regional airports, Newcastle International and Durham Tees Valley.

Academic Calendar and Important Dates	
Academic Calendar 2018/19 (including exams)	<p>Induction Week: 1st – 7th October 2018 Term 1 Michaelmas: 8th October – 14th December 2018 Christmas Vacation: 15th December 2018 – 20th January 2019</p> <p>Term 2 Epiphany: 21st January 2019 – 22nd March 2019 Easter Vacation: 23rd March – 28th April 2019</p> <p>Term 3 Easter: 29th April – 28th June 2019</p> <p>For Postgraduate Business students ONLY, exams will take place in January of each year so students would be required to stay until after the exam period has ended. Dates will be provided once confirmed.</p> <p>For other years please refer to www.dur.ac.uk/dates</p> <p>Please note: Durham University currently operates a term system which includes three terms per academic year (see above). Modules (courses) are structured to run for the entire year (i.e. each module runs from October – June).</p> <p>For students to coming to Durham for less than the full academic year, we are currently unable to provide an official transcript until after end of year Board of Examiners have concluded which would usually be in June of each year. For 2nd cycle students, this could be in October/November.</p>

Application Information and Deadlines	
Application Deadlines	<p>Erasmus Exchanges starting Michaelmas Term: Nominations: 27th April 2018 Application: 31st May 2018</p> <p>Erasmus Exchanges starting Epiphany Term: Nominations: 27th April 2018 Application: 31st October 2018</p> <p>Overseas Exchanges: Nomination deadline: 28th February 2018 Application deadline: 31st March 2018</p>

	<p>NB- All nominations should be sent directly to the International Office. We will provide a template to use. The contact for nominations would be incoming.exchange@durham.ac.uk</p>
<p>Application Materials Erasmus Exchanges</p>	<p>https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/erasmus/incoming/ho/wtoapply/</p> <p>ECTS guide available: https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/erasmus/incoming/ho/wtoapply/#choosingmodules</p>
<p>Application Materials Overseas Exchanges</p>	<p>https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/exchange/incoming/ho/wtoapply/</p>
<p>Supporting Documentation required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed application form • Certified copy of English language test (if relevant) • Official academic transcript • Copy of personal details page of passport • Personal Statement
<p>Entry Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 US scale) or equivalent • For students who are not English native speakers English language requirements apply. Please contact the Exchanges & Study Abroad Team for advice.
<p>Nominations</p>	<p>Nominations should be made by email using the Nomination Form provided to incoming.exchange@durham.ac.uk before the nomination deadline.</p>

Academic Information	
<p>Course Choice</p> <p>IMPORTANT Students should be aware that classes within the English department are very limited. We cannot guarantee acceptance into the English department.</p> <p>We would advise students to choose modules in other subject areas unless there is a specific Erasmus agreement with English.</p>	<p>For Erasmus students: Students should use the ECTS handbook for the corresponding department and choose modules from that subject area:</p> <p>https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/erasmus/incoming/ho/wtoapply/#choosingmodules</p> <p>Students may be able to take modules in other departments, but please <i>be aware that certain restrictions and prerequisites may apply and that you might not be able to take courses in all departments.</i></p> <p>Short Term Erasmus students:</p> <p>For students coming to Durham for less than the full academic year, we are unable to provide full credit recognition. Students will receive an official transcript listing the modules taken and an appendix with confirmed grades by department.</p> <p>For Overseas students: <i>University-wide agreements:</i></p>

	<p>Students can choose courses/ modules from up to three departments across the University. Certain restrictions might apply either in oversubscribed departments or with view to pre-requisites and co-requisites.</p> <p>[For pre-requisites and co-requisites please refer to the module description in the Faculty Handbook (see <i>Course Catalogue</i>)] Available at: www.dur.ac.uk/faculty.handbook</p> <p><i>Faculty-wide agreements or Interdepartmental agreements:</i> Please contact Inez Summers, Exchanges & Study Abroad Manager for advice.</p> <p>N.B. The department/subject area a student chooses determines the campus that student will be based at. Please be aware that we do not recommend that students choose modules from both campus locations! The listings in the Faculty Handbook will indicate which courses/ subjects are taught at Durham / Queen's Campus. Do not hesitate to contact the Exchanges & Study Abroad Team for advice.</p>
Credits and Course Load	<p>The normal workload for a full-time student is 120 Durham credits per academic year. This normally equates to 6 modules per academic year at 20 credits each.</p> <p>Durham University has not adopted ECTS as the credits system, however, Durham credits can be translated into ECTS as follows: Durham credits x 0.5 = ECTS. E.g. 20 Durham credits x 0.5 = 10 ECTS. While the Module handbooks will list ECTS credits, all other University publications will list Durham credits.</p>
Language of Instruction	English
Important Information	<p>Examinations: The academic year at Durham University follows a term system with 3 terms per year. Examinations are mostly held at the end of each academic year only. Special/ alternative assessment arrangements for Erasmus students coming for less than a year can usually be made with the individual departments.</p> <p>Durham University does presently not allocate ECTS credits to the individual academic terms as individual modules are designed to run over the full academic year (see Examinations). It is important for partner universities to define an appropriate credit load for their students for the duration they will spend in Durham. Partners will be provided with all the details relating to the academic work completed by a student for the duration of their studies at Durham University in the Academic Transcript towards the end of each term and the official Transcript of Records will be sent to the partner universities in the Summer.</p>

Immigration Information	
Tier 4 student visa	<p>In April 2015, the UK Government introduced changes to the tier 4 visa process and also amended the guidance in relation to Student visitor visas including the Immigration Health Surcharge. Our Student Immigration Office offers further advice on the website: https://www.dur.ac.uk/immigration/</p>

	<p>To find out if a student visa is required, please check with the nearest UK embassy or visit https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</p> <p>Incoming students at partner universities will normally be supplied with additional advice at the appropriate time of the year.</p>
Short Term Study Visa	<p>Students coming to the UK for 6 months or less may be able to enter the UK on a short term study visa. To check eligibility please use the UKBA website: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</p>
Further Information	<p>To check eligibility to work in the UK whilst studying please check: https://www.dur.ac.uk/immigration/workinginuk/</p>

Accommodation	
On Campus Accommodation	<p>Durham University is a 'collegiate' university, i.e. the colleges provide the social context for students.</p> <p>Erasmus students only: University managed accommodation will not be available. Students must source their own private accommodation.</p> <p>Overseas Exchange students only: All overseas exchange students are guaranteed a place in one of the residential colleges of the University if they apply for the programme by the deadline. Students opt for college accommodation on the application form. Students will be notified of their college via e-mail. The college will then contact the student with further details prior to arrival.</p>
Off Campus Accommodation	<p>If looking for off campus private accommodation, students may contact the Accommodation Office on accommodation.office@durham.ac.uk</p>
Accommodation over Vacations – Overseas Exchange students only	<p>Accommodation in most Colleges is limited to term time. However, accommodation options are available during semester breaks (Christmas and Easter only) at an additional cost. Students should contact their college for advice.</p>
Costs and Facilities	<p>For a full list of prices and the different options please refer to www.dur.ac.uk/colleges/undergraduate/costs</p> <p>College prices include food (fully catered / part catered options only) and utility costs.</p>

Arrival and Enrolment	
Nearest Airport	<p>Newcastle International is the largest airport closest to Durham University. Students can connect to Newcastle via London Heathrow and flights are frequent.</p>
Arrival and Transport	<p>A meet and greet service is available for international students on some days during the week prior to Induction Week. The service usually covers Newcastle International Airport and Durham Train Station and will provide transport for students to Queen's Campus, Stockton if required. Details will be made available online over the summer.</p>
Induction Week/Orientation Session	<p>Attending the Induction Week and Orientation Session is strongly advised since it includes student registration information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Orientation Session is held on the Monday morning of Induction Week

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will join their College's Freshers' activities together with the degree students during induction week <p><i>Details for all activities will be confirmed when available.</i></p>
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Exchange Related Information	
Number of Exchange students per academic year	Please contact: Inez Janna Summers (until December 2017) Emma Pearce (From January 2018)
Duration of Exchange	<p>Due to the structure of our modules, which are designed to run over a full academic year (October-June) per module, we strongly advise students to come for a full academic year (October - June) and follow normal assessment structures as set for modules and earn full credit points.</p> <p>Part year Erasmus study periods are possible only with the consent of the receiving department and provided that placements start in October (Michaelmas term). Starting an Erasmus study period in January (term 2) is only possible with special consent and should normally be confined to students undertaking project or research work in one of the departments.</p> <p><i>Please consult the Module handbook for the relevant department for part-year study opportunities. Some restrict admission to students coming for the full academic year only.</i></p> <p>Please note that it is <u>not</u> possible to start in the Easter term (April - June), except by special arrangement for project /research work.</p>
Services Available to Exchange students	International Office/ Exchanges & Study Abroad Team – assists students in matter of registration and other academic matters Immigration Office – assists with immigration related issues Durham Colleges – provide a wide range of social and welfare services including a personal College Tutor responsible for pastoral support Departments – provide academic advice and support DUSSD (Durham University Service for Students with Disabilities) Counselling Service University Medical Centre Language Centre IT Services