

LMV0: Combined Honours in Social Sciences



Undergraduate BA 2019

Essentials

UCAS code	LMV0
Degree	BA
Mode of study	Full Time
Duration	3 or 4 years
Location	Durham City (www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city)
A-Level	A*AA
BTEC	D*DD
International Baccalaureate	38
Alternative qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other UK qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf) • EU qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EUequivalencies2017-18.pdf) • International qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/)
Contextual Offers	You may be eligible for an offer which is one or two grades lower than our standard entry requirements. Find out more (www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/).
More information	Still have questions? (www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/)
Department(s) Website	www.durham.ac.uk/chss/

Course Summary

Description

Design your own bespoke degree in our flexible programme.

Combined Honours in Social Sciences provides fantastic flexibility and choice across Durham University's breadth of world-renowned research-led education, allowing you to create a bespoke, academically ambitious degree programme suited to your individual interests, strengths and career plans. Our Combined Honours programme enables you to choose modules from two, three or even four subjects, enabling you to develop your expertise or to explore new interests. The programme provides a flexible, multidisciplinary framework with the opportunity to spend a year abroad, preparing you for your career ambitions.

As a Combined Social Sciences student, you will be focusing on subjects in the Social Sciences, but you can take up to half of your modules in subjects in the Arts and Humanities.

In the Social Sciences, the subjects currently available to you are:

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Business
- Economics
- Education
- Geography
- International Relations
- Politics
- Sociology and Criminology
- Sport.

Please note it is not possible to study Business and Economics alone or Politics and International Relations alone – for these combinations you would need to look at courses offered by the Business School or School of Government and International Affairs, respectively.

In the Arts and Humanities, the subjects currently available to you are:

- Classics and Ancient History
- English Literature
- History
- Music
- Philosophy
- Theology and Religious Studies
- History of Art
- Arabic
- Chinese
- French

- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Russian
- Spanish

Year 1

In your first year, you will choose six modules from two, three or four subjects.

Year 2

In your second year, you will choose six modules from two, three or four subjects.

Year 3 (Year 4 if undertaking a Year Abroad)

In your final year, you will undertake a major Research Project, and choose four modules from two or three subjects.

Social Sciences subjects

Department of Anthropology

Anthropology offers pathways in cultural anthropology and physical anthropology, and a range of modules concerned with material culture, the physical and social evolution of humans, and topics such as medical anthropology and development anthropology.

Department of Archaeology

Archaeology provides the opportunity to focus on particular periods and places, through prehistoric archaeology, Roman archaeology, medieval and post-medieval archaeology, and the archaeology of Britain, Europe, Egypt, India, and the Near East, and also to study the employment of scientific methods in archaeology.

Business School

Business offers a series of modules focusing on entrepreneurship, management, and governance.

Economics offers the opportunity to study microeconomics and macroeconomics, and topics such as the history of economic thought, environmental economics, development economics, monetary economics, and the economics of social policy.

School of Education

Education offers the opportunity to study central issues in school and higher education, involving the study of the historical, philosophical, psychological, sociological, and political dimensions of educational theory and practice, and the development of the social sciences in the modern and postmodern periods.

Department of Geography

Geography offers a pathway in human geography, and a range of modules concerned with geographical theory and methods and special topics such as urban transformation, environmental change, development, and hazard and risk.

School of Government and International Affairs

Politics and International Relations offers the opportunity to study politics, in Europe, the USA, the Middle East, and the Far East, the history of political thought, comparative government, international relations, with a special emphasis on the Middle East and the Far East, and Middle Eastern and Islamic studies.

Department of Sociology

Sociology offers the opportunity to study modules in sociology, including theories and methods, social structures, social policy, social exclusion, and the sociology of health, the city, and popular music, and in criminology, including theories and methods, crime and deviance, policing, sociology of punishment, and the criminal justice system.

Sport offers a series of modules on the sociology of sport and on sport and social policy.

Arts and Humanities subjects

Department of Classics and Ancient History

Classics and Ancient History offers the opportunity to study, in translation, the history, philosophy, literature and culture of the ancient world, and to study Greek and Latin at several different levels, opening up the literature of the Greek and Roman worlds in their original languages.

Department of English Studies

English Literature offers the opportunity to study specific literary genres, including poetry, drama, and the novel, and the literatures of specific periods, including Medieval, Renaissance, Romantic, Victorian, and Modern Literature, as well as studies in the theory and practice of literary criticism.

Department of History

History offers the opportunity to study medieval, early modern, and late modern history, through a range of modules in economic, social, religious, cultural, political, and diplomatic history, focusing on Britain, continental Europe, Africa, China, and the USA.

School of Modern Languages and Cultures

The principal languages are Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish, and each offers core language modules and 'culture' modules which cover a broad range of themes in history, politics, literature, film, the media, linguistics, translation, and interpreting.

Students who are not specialising in one or more modern languages can study a number of languages, currently including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish, at various levels, from beginners' to advanced level, in the School's Centre for Foreign Language Study (CFLS).

Department of Music

Music offers the opportunity to study musicology, including the history of music, music theory and analysis, and ethnomusicology, and, where these are studied alongside musicology, performance, composition, and other practice-based disciplines.

Department of Philosophy

Philosophy offers the opportunity to study many of the principal philosophical disciplines, including metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and aesthetics, and also the history and philosophy of science and medicine.

Department of Theology and Religion

Theology and Religious Studies offers the opportunity to take modules in biblical studies, Christian theology, including the history of theology, contemporary theology, the philosophy of religion, and ethics, and religious studies, including the sociology and anthropology of religion.

History of Art

The School of Education provides a series of modules in the History of Art, with a particular focus on European art in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Your choice of modules is subject to availability, timetable constraints, and the approval of the Director of Combined Honours in Social Sciences. You will also need to meet subject-specific requirements.

We review course structures and core content (in light of e.g. external and student feedback) every year, and will publish finalised core requirements for 2019 entry from September 2018.

Study Abroad

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The Year Abroad (Modern Languages)

If, in the first year, you are taking Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, or Spanish, and you intend to continue studying one or more of these languages throughout your degree, you will insert a 'Year Abroad' into your programme of study between your second year and your final year. The Year Abroad offers you an opportunity to study at a university, or to teach English in a secondary school, or to undertake an internship, in a wide variety of locations in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, or Latin America. You will be transferred from the three-year to the four-year version of your degree course at the end of your first year, giving you over a year in which to plan the Year Abroad, in consultation with your advisers in the School of Modern Languages and Cultures. If, however, you later decide to stop studying a language, at the end of your second year, you will transfer back to the three-year version of the course.

Alternatively, you can study a language through the School's Centre for Foreign Language Study (CFLS). The Centre teaches a number of European and Asian languages at beginners', intermediate, and advanced levels but these do not lead to a Year Abroad.

Other opportunities for Study Abroad

The University has established exchanges with many of its international partner universities, and opportunities for students to spend a year studying abroad are now multiplying as more and more of these exchanges are created. Combined Social Sciences students are in a particularly good position to take advantage of these opportunities, since they are studying several subjects, and would therefore be 'at home' studying in universities throughout much of the English-speaking world. Students must compete for Study Abroad places, and so it is not possible to guarantee that every student who wishes to study in the USA, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, or Australia, for example, will be able to do so as part of their course. If, early in the second year, you are offered a Study Abroad place, you will be transferred from the three-year to the four-year version of your degree course, and spend your third year studying abroad before returning to Durham for your fourth and final year.

Placement Year

You may be able to take a work placement. Find out more (www.durham.ac.uk/placements/).

Course Detail

To find out more about the modules available to students studying at Durham University please click here (www.durham.ac.uk/resources/faculty.handbook/degrees/frameworks/lmv0.pdf).

Please note: Current modules are indicative. Information for future academic years may change, for example, due to developments in the relevant academic field, or in light of student feedback.

Admissions Process

Subject requirements, level and grade

Please ensure you specify the subjects you wish to study in the Further Details section of your UCAS application. Please see www.durham.ac.uk/chss/how/ for further details.

In addition to satisfying the University's general entry requirements, please note:

- We welcome applications from those with other qualifications equivalent to our standard entry requirements and from mature students with non-standard qualifications or who may have had a break in their study
- To study Economics a grade A at A level or equivalent in Mathematics is required. For students taking the IB we are happy to accept either Higher Level grade 6 or Standard Level grade 7 in Mathematics. Mathematical Studies is not acceptable
- To study English, History or Music a grade A at A level or equivalent is required in the subject
- To study French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish at an advanced level a grade A at A level or equivalent in the language is required
- To study Arabic, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish ab initio a grade A at A level or equivalent in any modern foreign language is required
- To study Chinese or Japanese a grade A at A level or equivalent in a modern foreign language is desirable but not essential
- For applicants taking the IB, unless otherwise noted, a grade A requirement at A Level equates to a Higher Level grade 6 in the IB. Typical IB score 38 to include 666 in Higher Level subjects
- We do not include General Studies or Critical Thinking as part of our offer
- We are happy to consider applications for deferred entry
- If you are an international student who does not meet the requirements for direct entry to this degree, you may be eligible to take an International Foundation Year pathway programme at the Durham University International Study Centre

(www.durhamisc.com/?ch=uniweb&cc=signposting&cid=uniweb&utm_source=signposting&utm_medium=signposting&utm_campaign=uniweb)

Science A levels

Applicants taking Science A levels that include a practical component will be required to take and pass this as a condition of entry. This applies only to applicants sitting A levels with an English examination board.

English Language requirements

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study (www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/)

How to apply

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply

Information relevant to your country

www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/

Fees and Funding

Full Time Fees

EU Student	£9,250.00 per year
Home Student	£9,250.00 per year
Island Student	£9,250.00 per year
International non-EU Student	£19,250.00 per year

The tuition fees shown for **home and EU** students are for one complete academic year of full time study and are set according to the academic year of entry. Fees for subsequent years of your course may rise in line with an inflationary uplift as determined by the government.

The tuition fees shown for **overseas** students are for one complete academic year of full time study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (**unless otherwise stated**).

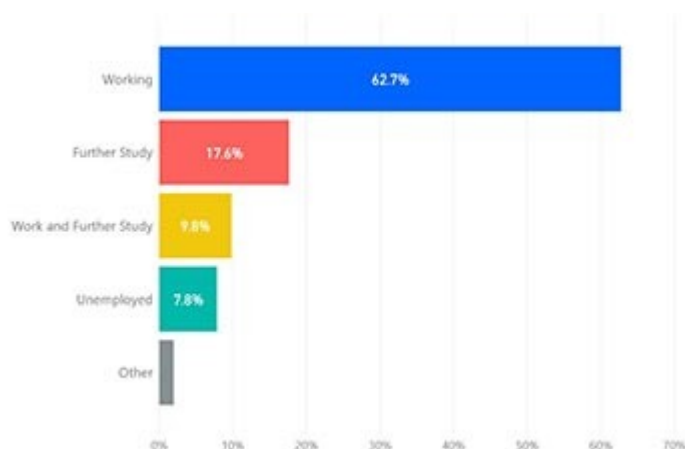
Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation (www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/).

Scholarships and funding

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance

Career Opportunities

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Of those students that left in 2017

- 90% secured employment and/or have gone on to further study within six months of graduating

Of those in employment:

- 100% are in graduate level employment
- Median salary £27,200

(Source: Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey of 2016/17 graduates. The DLHE survey asks leavers from higher education what they are doing six months after graduation. Full definitions for the DLHE Record can be found here: www.hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/destinations)

Where do our graduates go?

Recent graduates have gone into a diverse range of employment, including merchant and investment banking, management consultancy, local government, marketing and advertising, the Civil Service, the media, public relations and international charities, teaching English abroad. Some undertake further training, to qualify as teachers, solicitors and barristers, accountants and specialists in Human Resource Management, marketing, advertising etc. Some continue in academia, pursuing Higher Degrees in their chosen subjects or in interdisciplinary fields. Recent graduates have taken or are currently taking MA or MSc degrees in a wide variety of fields, including:

- International Relations
- Development Studies
- Creative Writing

- Forensic and Biological Anthropology
- Management
- Conflict and Security
- Politics
- Gender Studies
- Philosophy
- Real Estate Management

Open days and visits

Pre-application open day

Pre-application open days are the best way to discover all you need to know about Durham University. With representatives from all relevant academic and support service departments, and opportunities to explore college options, the open days provide our prospective undergraduates with the full experience of Durham University.

Please see the following page for further details and information on how to book a place:
www.durham.ac.uk/opendays

Discover Durham Tours

Discover Durham tours offer a brief introduction to the University. The tour begins at one of our undergraduate colleges, where you will receive an introductory talk from a member of college staff, followed by a tour of the college by current students.

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham

Overseas Visit Schedule

www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus

Department Information

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Rankings

- 90% of courses are in the UK Top 10 in *The Complete University Guide 2019*.
- Top 40 globally for employer reputation in the *QS World University, Rankings 2019*.
- Top 100 in the *QS World University Rankings 2019*.

Staff

For a current list of staff, please see the course web pages (www.dur.ac.uk/chss/staff/).

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/chss/

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