

Q820: Classical Civilisation



Undergraduate BA 2019

Essentials

UCAS code	Q820
Degree	BA
Mode of study	Full Time
Duration	3 years
Location	Durham City (www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city)
A-Level	AAA
BTEC	DDD
International Baccalaureate	37
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/classics

Course Summary

Description

Year 1

In the first year, all students take two interdisciplinary modules that serve to give everyone grounding in the central periods of Greek and Roman culture:

- Remembering Athens
- Monuments and Memory in the Age of Augustus

Students on the Classical Civilisation programme also take one module that introduces them to ancient philosophy. In previous years, these modules have been offered:

- Socrates and the Socratics
- Early Greek Philosophy

Students also take a module that introduces them to the cultural, anthropological and literary implications of translation:

- Language, Translation and Interpretation

Other first-year optional modules have previously included:

- Beginners' Latin and Greek
- Intermediate Latin and Greek for those with an A Level or equivalent
- Greek Art and Architecture
- The Craft of the Ancient Historian

Year 2

Students on the Classical Civilisation programme take a module on which they study representative examples of Greek and Roman epic, are introduced to a wide range of approaches to the study of epic including its role as a device for memorialisation, and explore the ways in which the genre developed in Greek and Roman antiquity, and beyond:

- Traditions of Epic.

Many of the other modules in the second year are broad surveys, for example of a historical period or a literary genre.

Historical offerings have previously included:

- Archaic Greece
- Athens, Sparta and the Greek World
- The Hellenistic World
- Crisis of The Roman Republic
- Emperors and Dynasties.

Cultural surveys have previously included:

- The Ancient Novel
- Traditions of Epic
- Greek Literature and The Near East
- Interpreting Greek Tragedy Today
- Creation and Cosmology
- Being Human: Classical Perspectives
- The Literary and Political Culture of The Roman Republic.

Year 3 (Year 4 if undertaking a Year Abroad)

All students write a Dissertation in the third year. You choose a topic at the end of your second year in consultation with an adviser, with whom you will meet regularly for guidance throughout year three. Most modules in the third year cover specific topics that arise out of the research interests of the members of staff.

Historical modules have previously included:

- Law and Society in Classical Athens
- Roman Syria
- Writing Alexander
- The Later Roman Empire.

Cultural topics have previously included:

- The Gods in Greek Literature
- Ancient Literary Criticism
- Love and Sex in Ancient Poetry
- Knowledge and Doubt in Hellenistic Philosophy.

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

Single Honours courses include an optional European Studies element as part of the ERASMUS scheme, whereby students may spend the third year of a four-year course studying at a European university. We currently have ERASMUS exchange links with universities in Belgium (Liege), France (Bordeaux), Germany (Tubingen, Munich), Greece (Athens), Italy (Bologna, Rome, Milan, Vercelli), the Netherlands (Free University,

Amsterdam, Groningen), Spain (Seville) and Switzerland (Fribourg), with further to come. Students interested in studying abroad should apply to transfer to the European Studies course after their first year of study.

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/q820.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

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. For more information contact our Admissions Tutor
- Classical subjects are not essential for any of our courses
- We do not include General Studies or Critical Thinking as part of our offer
- Typical IB score 37 to include 666 in higher level subjects
- We are pleased to consider applications for deferred entry.

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/)

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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

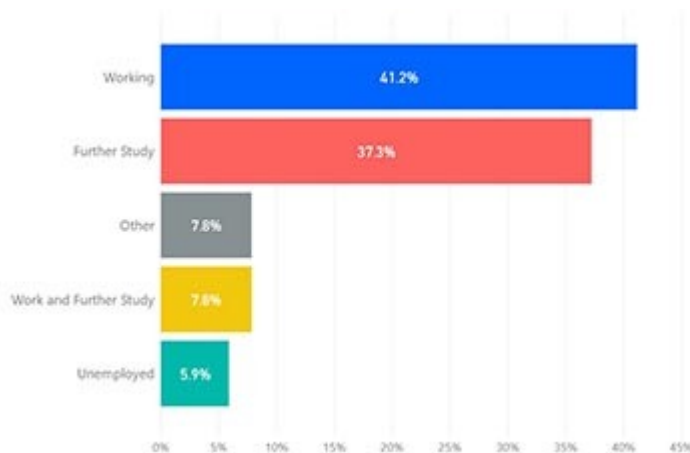
www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance

Career Opportunities

Classics and Ancient History

Classics students from universities such as Durham are highly valued by employers, who realise that, in studying for your degree, you have not only mastered the intricacies of Latin grammar, Augustan foreign policy or Aristotelian metaphysics, but have also acquired skills which are readily transferable in the jobs market. You have learned, for example, to think logically, to compile and evaluate evidence and to express yourself clearly and succinctly both orally and in writing. The aptitude of classicists for careers in computing is well-known, but our graduates have also found their way into careers as diverse as the civil service, gold dealing, insurance, journalism, law, accountancy, public relations and the theatre.

Among our many distinguished alumni: Robert Swan (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Swan) was the first man to walk to both poles, and a leading environmentalist. He studied Ancient History in Durham, from 1976-1979. Jenny Willott (www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/female-lib-dem-minister-makes-cabinet-history-9292698.html), who studied Classics at Durham, was MP for Cardiff Central between 2005 and 2015. (She made headlines when she resigned as Chris Huhne's Parliamentary Aide over the issue of University tuition fees.) And Matt Barber, who read Classical Studies and Philosophy at Durham between 2002-2005, can be seen as Atticus Aldridge on 'Downton Abbey' (www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/downton-abbey/11218750/The-real-love-story-behind-Downton-Abbeys-Atticus-Aldridge.html).



Of those students that left in 2017:

- 86% are in paid employment or further study

Of those students in employment:

- 76% are in graduate level employment
- Median salary £24,000

(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)

A significant number of students progress onto higher level study following their degree in Classics and Ancient History. Some remain within their academic field of interest and pursue a Masters, notably at Durham but also other prestigious institutions. Others take a different route and pursue professional postgraduate programmes in law, finance and teaching to name but a few.

Employment development opportunities

The Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre works closely with the department in facilitating student access to job and work experience opportunities, careers and employability events, employer workshops and presentations, skills programmes and tailored individual careers guidance. The department delivers a number of events in partnership with the Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre including 'Beyond the BA' and 'Beyond the MA'.

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

Classics and Ancient History

Overview

Our academic staff work in a truly interdisciplinary way. We are consistently ranked among the top Classics departments in the UK. We offer a wide variety of modules: ancient Greek and Latin for every level of ability, surveys of the main periods and themes of Greek and Roman history, and teaching in all aspects of Classical culture, including philosophy, art, and literature in translation.

We offer three Single Honours courses, with a common first year intended to emphasise the unity of the subject. Each of these degrees has a different emphasis, depending on which area you prefer to put at the centre of your degree: ancient languages, ancient history, or ancient culture. We also offer Joint Honours courses with the departments of Archaeology and History. You can choose a route that suits your own interests and career aspirations.

Rankings

- World Top 50 in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2019*.
- 2nd In *The Times and Sunday Times University Guide 2019*
- 3rd In *The Guardian University Guide 2019*.

Staff

For a current list of staff, please see the Classics and Ancient History Department web pages (www.dur.ac.uk/classics/staff/).

Facilities

There is a well-stocked departmental library with a reading room and study space, plus a computer room. In addition, extracurricular activities are provided by the lively and friendly Students' Classical Society, which often puts on a Greek or Roman play in English translation.

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/classics

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