

# L7K409: Risk



Postgraduate Taught MSc 2019

## Essentials

<b>UCAS code</b>	L7K409
<b>Degree</b>	MSc
<b>Mode of study</b>	Part Time + Full Time
<b>Duration</b>	1 year (full-time), 2 years (part-time)
<b>Start Date</b>	01/10/2019
<b>Location</b>	Durham City ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city">www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city</a> )
<b>More information</b>	Still have questions? ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/">www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/</a> )
<b>Department(s) Website</b>	<a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/geography/">www.durham.ac.uk/geography/</a>

## Course Summary

### Description

Despite the phenomenal technological progress of the 20th century, most people still live with the acute and chronic consequences of age-old hazards such as floods and earthquakes. This MSc is aimed at those interested in engaging with the natural and social dimensions of environmental hazards, including disasters and climate related risk. You will receive specialised scientific training in the physical hazards that pose large risks to communities living throughout the world, from climate change and meteorological risks to flooding, earthquakes and landslides. On this course you will receive theoretical and practical training for understanding and quantifying risks and hazards. You will also learn about how hazards persist over long periods of time instead of merely as single events, but are composed of many smaller sub-events or how their effects are widespread.

### Course Structure

You will take the following core modules, and a selection of elective modules, which, when combined, add up to 180 credits:

#### Core Modules

- Understanding Risk (30 credits)
- Risk Frontiers (15 credits)
- Risk, Science and Communication (15 credits)
- Dissertation by Research (or) Vocational Dissertation (60 credits).

#### Elective Modules available in previous years include

- Hydrological Hazards (30 credits)
- Spatial and Temporal Dimensions of Hazard (30 credits)
- Social Dimensions of Risk and Resilience (30 credits)
- International Relations and Security in the Middle East (15 credits)
- Strategic Asia: Policy and Analysis (15 credits)
- European Security (15 credits)
- Social Policy and Society (30 credits).

## 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/l7k409.pdf](http://www.durham.ac.uk/resources/faculty.handbook/degrees/frameworks/l7k409.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**

Normally at least an upper second class degree (2:1).

### **English Language requirements**

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

### **How to apply**

[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply)

## Fees and Funding

### Full Time Fees

<b>EU Student</b>	£9,530.00 per year
<b>Home Student</b>	£9,530.00 per year
<b>Island Student</b>	£9,530.00 per year
<b>International non-EU Student</b>	£19,000.00 per year

### Part Time Fees

<b>EU Student</b>	£5,300.00 per year
<b>Home Student</b>	£5,300.00 per year
<b>International non-EU Student</b>	£10,100.00 per year

Note: Fees are subject to review and change in-line with inflation.

Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation ([www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/)).

### Scholarships and funding

[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance)

## **Career Opportunities**

### **Department of Geography**

For further information please visit:

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/geography/postgraduate/employability/>

## **Open days and visits**

### **Pre-application open day**

[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit)

### **Overseas Visit Schedule**

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus)

### **Postgraduate Visits**

PGVI or

[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit/)

## Department Information

### Department of Geography

#### Overview

Founded in 1928, the Department of Geography at Durham is one of the leading centres of geographical research and education in the world. The 2014 Research Excellence Framework found that we produced the most world-leading research publications and were top for overall research power in the discipline nationally. Staff are international leaders in their field, and in recent years have received awards from the Royal Geographical Society, the Institute of British Geographers, the American Association of Geographers, the Academy of Social Sciences, the British Society for Geomorphology, the Geological Society of London, the American Geophysical Union, the Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society and Her Majesty the Queen. The Department is notable for its balance of coverage across both human and physical geography, and for its emphasis on interdisciplinary working. Research activity is organised by seven clusters: Politics-State-Space; Culture-Economy-Life; Urban Worlds; Geographies of Life; Ice Sheets and Sea-level; Catchments and Rivers; and Hazards and Surface Change. Cross-cutting research over a number of these themes feeds into our Masters programmes in Risk.

#### Website

[www.durham.ac.uk/geography/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/geography/)

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