

# LL36: Anthropology and Sociology



Undergraduate BA 2020

## Essentials

<b>UCAS code</b>	LL36
<b>Degree</b>	BA
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full Time
<b>Duration</b>	3 years
<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>A-Level</b>	AAB
<b>BTEC</b>	DDD
<b>International Baccalaureate</b>	36
<b>Alternative qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other UK qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf">www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• EU qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EUequivalencies2017-18.pdf">www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EUequivalencies2017-18.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• International qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/">www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>Contextual Offers</b>	You may be eligible for an offer which is one or two grades lower than our standard entry requirements. Find out more ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/">www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/</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/anthropology">www.durham.ac.uk/anthropology</a> <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/sociology">www.durham.ac.uk/sociology</a>

## Course Summary

### Description

There are several areas of overlap between Anthropology and Sociology, making them particularly suitable for combination in a joint honours degree. The BA Anthropology and Sociology course combines modules from the BA Anthropology and BA Sociology providing a comprehensive understanding of humans as social and cultural beings.

### Year 1

In the first year, you take a selection of modules from across the two Departments (i.e. Anthropology and Sociology):

#### Compulsory theory modules:

- People and Cultures

*and/or*

- Classical Sociological Theory

#### Compulsory research modules:

- Doing Anthropological Research

*or*

- Social Research Methods

#### Optional modules:

- Being Human
- Critical Scholarship in the Social Sciences
- Health, Illness and Society
- Human Evolution and Diversity
- Introduction to Criminological Theory
- Societies in Transition (double module)

### Year 2

Students currently select a mixture of modules from both Anthropology and Sociology, either split evenly or weighted towards one or the other disciplines, including compulsory research training in either Anthropology or Sociology as preparation for the final year dissertation module.

#### Compulsory research modules:

- Research Methods in Action (double module)

or

- Anthropological Field Course
- Interrogating Anthropology

**Optional modules currently available in Sociology:**

- Communities and Social Justice
- Contemporary Criminological Theory
- Modern and Contemporary Sociological Theory
- Police and Policing
- Self, Identity and Society
- Sociology of Education
- Sociological Approaches to Violence and Abuse

**Optional modules currently available in Anthropology:**

- Evolutionary Variation and Adaptation
- Global Health and Disease
- Kinship and Religion
- Our Place in Nature
- Politics and Economics
- Sex, Reproduction and Love

## Year 3

You take a 40-credit Dissertation in Anthropology or a 40-credit Dissertation in Sociology in view of previous training in social research. Additionally, students currently take up to 60 credits of modules in each Department.

**Optional modules in Anthropology:**

- Specialised Aspects in Evolutionary Anthropology (20 or 40 credits)
- Specialised Aspects in Health and Medical Anthropology (20 or 40 credits)
- Specialised Aspects in Social Anthropology (20 or 40 credits)

**Example modules in Sociology:**

- Community Placement
- Cybercrime: Crime in the Information Age
- Drugs, Crime and Society
- Issues in Criminal Justice
- Social Policy
- Sociology of Forensic Science and Criminal Investigation
- Sociology of Health and Medicine
- Sociology of Work and Professions
- Young People, Crime and Justice

## **Study Abroad**

### **Anthropology**

Study abroad or placement activities undertaken as part of a degree are not only enjoyable but can give a significant edge when it comes to employability. ERASMUS exchanges are possible on our degrees, and we currently have links with the University of West Bohemia (Czech Republic), the University of Iceland, the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) and the University of Malta, with new opportunities being added every year. We also run a third-year Field Course module, involving fieldwork at our South African field site.

### **Sociology and Criminology**

We are part of the ERASMUS programme which encourages students to study for part of their course in a university of another EU country.

We currently have links with the universities of Helsinki in Finland and Duisburg-Essen in Germany. Students can also apply to the university-wide international exchange programme with universities in North America, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

### **Placement Year**

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

## Admissions Process

### Subject requirements, level and grade

**A level offer – AAB**

**BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD**

**IB Diploma score – 36** with 665 in higher level subjects

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.
- If you do not satisfy our general entry requirements, the Foundation Programme ([www.dur.ac.uk/foundation.programme/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/foundation.programme/)) offers multidisciplinary degrees to prepare you for a range of specified degree courses.
- 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/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/))

### How to apply

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

### Information relevant to your country

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/)

## Fees and Funding

### Full Time Fees

<b>EU Student</b>	£9,250.00 per year
<b>Home Student</b>	£9,250.00 per year
<b>Island Student</b>	£9,250.00 per year
<b>International non-EU Student</b>	£20,500.00 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/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/)).

### Scholarships and funding

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

## Career Opportunities

### Anthropology

**Durham Anthropology graduates have excellent employment prospects in a wide range of possible careers**

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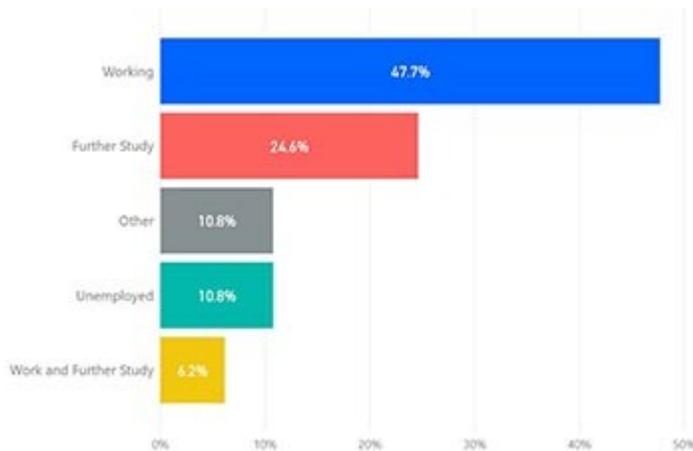
## Career Opportunities and Employability



With an anthropology degree our students acquire a knowledge base which is both fascinating and useful as well as having an unusual mix of intellectual and practical skills. This combination is much sought after by employers worldwide and particularly so where creativity, curiosity and the ability to understand human culture and society are at a premium - which, in practice, is in most situations.

Our graduates use their anthropology directly in fields such as health, community work, conservation, education, international development, culture and heritage. A significant number progress into careers which at first sight have no direct link to Anthropology but which nonetheless utilise the broad understanding of human society and behaviour and the many important transferable skills that come with the study of Anthropology. Employment fields falling into this category include advertising, publishing, journalism, human resource management, public relations, finance, law, consultancy and marketing.

The quality of teaching on our programmes is further underpinned by a wide range of opportunities for work placements, research internships, study abroad ([www.dur.ac.uk/anthropology/undergraduatestudy/opportunitiesabroad/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/anthropology/undergraduatestudy/opportunitiesabroad/)) and fieldwork both the UK and abroad.



### Of those students who graduated in 2017:

- **78%** are in paid employment or further study 6 months after graduation across all our programmes

### Of those in employment:

- **85%** are in a professional or managerial job
- Average salary of £21,000 (compared to average UK salary for similar courses of £19,000)

(Source: <https://unistats.ac.uk>)

A large proportion of our students progress onto higher level study following their degree in Anthropology. Many remain within their academic field of interest and pursue higher level anthropological research, notably at Durham but also other prestigious institutions including Imperial, University College London, London School of Economics, Manchester and York. Others take a different route and pursue professional postgraduate programmes in both related (development studies, international relations, public health, nursing, medicine, youth work, social work, human resource management, education, social policy, museum studies) and non-related fields (law, finance, marketing, management, journalism and publishing).

“ The Anthropology degree gives you a thorough grounding in anthropology: offering interesting optional modules enabling you to explore people's customs, health care systems and cultures all over the world both past and present. I feel lucky to have found a degree that grabbed my interest from the onset. Since graduating, I've qualified as a teacher and as a Careers Advisor working in graduate positions. ”

## Employment Development Opportunities

The Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre ([www.durham.ac.uk/careers/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/careers/)) 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. A dedicated Careers Adviser is available to support Anthropology students individually and collectively.

“ We're interested in talented students applying to us with strong academics, but just as important are your employability skills – including impact, drive, flexibility, curiosity, integrity and commercial awareness. The skills students develop throughout university shape their employability and our aim is to help students to understand how they can transfer these skills in to the workplace. Applicants who stand out are those who've done research and are well prepared. As a leading employer of graduates, we recognise the important role played by the Careers and Employability Centre at the University of Durham by encouraging students to meet local and national employers and producing high-calibre, motivated individuals who are ready to enter the world of professional services. We recruit a number of students every year onto our Insight and graduate programmes from Durham University. ”

Durham University Anthropology graduates progress into an incredibly diverse range of careers and employment sectors. Some graduates apply their academic study directly within a number of relevant sectors including health, community, conservation, education, international development, culture and heritage. A significant number progress into careers with no direct link to Anthropology but which utilise the transferable skills developed including advertising, publishing, journalism, human resource management, public relations, finance, law, consultancy and marketing. Examples of high profile recent employers of Anthropology graduates include Shell, NHS, Office for National Statistics, CST Advertising as well as internationally recognised organisations such as Save the Children, Survival and Amnesty International.

## Work Experience & Study Abroad

Via the Erasmus programme we have agreements with universities in Czech Republic, Iceland, France, Spain, Germany, Slovenia and Malta.

Students are encouraged to undertake fieldwork or appropriate laboratory work as part of research methods and dissertation modules on their degree courses. These activities give them valuable 'real world' experience. We also encourage our students to take advantage of volunteering and other opportunities whenever they can.

Read more about Study Abroad options for our undergraduate students  
([www.dur.ac.uk/anthropology/undergraduatestudy/opportunitiesabroad/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/anthropology/undergraduatestudy/opportunitiesabroad/)).

“ As well as medical students on their community placements, Thrive Thornaby has benefited from the involvement of an Anthropology student working with Student Community Action. The arrangement has been beneficial to both parties. For Thrive, we have benefited from highly capable volunteers, 'self-starters' - capable of sourcing, developing and maintaining relationships with households on low-income who were deemed by other agencies as 'hard-to-reach'. From the students' point of view, the work offered them the opportunity to engage with people in poverty on terms they hadn't done so far and might not do in their future careers. They learned first-hand about the complex nature of debt, health and how people get by. This experience will stand them in good stead, whatever they go on to do, I'm sure. ”

## **Sociology and Criminology**

Further details on career opportunities can be found here: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/employability>

## **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](http://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](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham)

### **Overseas Visit Schedule**

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

## Department Information

### Anthropology

#### Overview

Have you ever really thought about what it means to be human? If you have and you want to learn more, then anthropology could be for you.

Anthropology is the study of all aspects of humanity, from our evolutionary origins to our extraordinary social and cultural diversity. At Durham, we pride ourselves on the breadth of our research, learning and teaching, encompassing all aspects of anthropology, and influencing the wider world through research that has global significance.

#### Rankings

- Top 50 in the QS World University Subject Rankings 2019.

#### Staff

For a current list of staff, please see the Anthropology Department web pages ([www.dur.ac.uk/anthropology/staff/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/anthropology/staff/)).

#### Facilities

The Department offers excellent facilities including superb collections of primate/human skeletal material and fossil hominid casts, an impressive collection of ethnographic art and material culture items, and an expanding collection of online films and video content. You will benefit from modern, purpose-built facilities, including comprehensively equipped teaching laboratories and use of lecture theatres and classrooms with excellent audio-visual equipment. We have a range of research labs (Sleep Lab, Hormone Lab, Physical Activity Lab, Bioinformatics Lab, Paleoanthropology Lab) and other facilities such as the Material Culture Collection that can be used by students for undergraduate and MAnth Dissertation research and training.

#### Website

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

### Sociology and Criminology

#### Overview

### Criminology

Explore crime, deviance and criminal justice as social issues.

Criminology is concerned with understanding crime, deviance and criminal justice. Criminologists ask, for example, why it is that some people are more likely to be victims or perpetrators of crime than others; how crime can be effectively controlled and prevented; and even how we come to define particular activities as “criminal” or

not in the first place.

## **Sociology**

Develop a sophisticated understanding of societies and social issues. In broad terms, sociology seeks to understand the relationship between individual people and the wider cultural and institutional contexts within which they live. In doing so, it strives not only to make sense of social and cultural systems but also bring about transformative social change, drawing upon the systematic study of social issues to challenge inequalities and to inform the development of effective, evidence-based policy and practice.

- World Top 100 in the *QS World University Subject Rankings for Social Policy and Administration 2019*.

## **Staff**

For a current list of staff, please see the Department of Sociology web pages.

## **Facilities**

The library's resources for the study of criminology are among the best in northern Britain, and college libraries also hold copies of some of the main textbooks. We make extensive use of duo (Durham's online teaching resource), and undergraduates can enjoy the use of the resources room within the Department, which has additional published material and networked computer access.

## **Website**

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

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