

V501:Philosophy with Foundation



UndergraduateBA2022

Essentials

Please note: 2022-23 courses may be affected by Covid-19 and are therefore subject to change due to the ongoing impact of Covid-19. Applicants will be informed of any changes which we are required to make to course entries as a result of Covid-19.

UCAS code	V501
Degree	BA
Mode of study	Full Time
Duration	4 years full-time
Location	Durham City (www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city)
Alternative qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other UK qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/study/UK.pdf) • EU qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/study/EU.pdf) • International qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/)
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Course Summary

Description

Foundation Programme (Year 0)

The first year of this course is spent with the Foundation Programme developing the skills and subject knowledge required for successful study at degree level. This course is directed at those from non-traditional backgrounds including mature students who may not have A levels. The Foundation Year contains a number of compulsory and discipline-specific modules.

Compulsory modules are designed to develop higher level learning skills and familiarise you with studying and assessment at degree level. Discipline-specific modules help lay a foundation of knowledge that you will build upon as you progress to your chosen degree. On successful completion of the Foundation Year, you will progress to the first year of your degree, once you have achieved the grade required for progression.

Foundation modules:

- Foundation Skills
- English Literature 1
- Ancient History
- Concepts, Methods and Theories in Social Science 1
- Concepts, Methods and Theories in Arts and Humanities 1
- Academic Practice 1
- Academic Practice 2
- Concepts, Methods and Theories in Social Science 2
- Concepts, Methods and Theories in Arts and Humanities 2
- English Literature 2
- Modern History

Years 1, 2 and 3

As per years 1, 2 and 3 of V500 BA Philosophy.

(www.dur.ac.uk/courses/info/?id=26276&title=Philosophy&code=V500&type=BA&year=2021)

Course Learning and Teaching

This course is focused on non-traditional students and the modes of teaching and learning are designed to provide and facilitate high-quality teaching and learning in a supportive and productive environment which encourages self-awareness, reflective practice and cross-cultural awareness.

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, tutorials/workshops and practical classes. Typically, lectures provide key information on a particular area and this is consolidated through tutorials and/or workshops and practical classes where appropriate, particularly for laboratory and IT skills. The course provides up to 18 contact hours per week, but further consolidation takes place through independent study and/or voluntary workshops provided outside the course's formal contact hours. Emphasis is placed on developing confidence and classes are generally small, normally with 25 to 35 students to ensure individual needs can be met.

Students who require additional language and academic support are normally provided with an additional 4 hours of seminar/ tutorial contact time and opportunities to take part in additional small group and individual tutorials as appropriate beyond the formal contact hours.

Towards the end of the year, greater emphasis is placed on independent study, not just in preparation for classes and reading around the subjects, but also with students completing an individual project related to their future progression route.

Throughout the course, all students also have access to an academic adviser who will provide them with academic support and guidance. Students will meet formally with their adviser two to three times a year. However, in addition, academic advisors and teaching staff are normally available to meet with students at certain times each week on a 'drop-in' basis.

After the initial year, you should refer to the teaching and learning information for V500 BA Philosophy.
(www.dur.ac.uk/courses/info/?id=26276&title=Philosophy&code=V500&type=BA&year=2021)

Admissions Process

Subject requirements, level and grade

The Foundation Programme is designed to support UK and EU students from under-represented groups in Higher Education to access and succeed in studying an undergraduate degree at Durham University.

Only applicants from under-represented groups in Higher Education are eligible to study with the Foundation Programme.

In order to help us identify eligible applicants we use the Office for Students (OfS) definition of under-represented groups:

“Groups of students who share... particular characteristics where data shows gaps in equality of opportunity in relation to access, success or progression”*

Priority is given to applicants from areas of low participation in higher education (LPN), low household income or low socioeconomic status (based on Acorn and Polar data). Applications from other under-represented groups within higher education and from mature students (over 21 years of age at the start of the course) are also welcomed.

ACORN and POLAR DATA

We will consider Acorn categories 4 or 5 and Polar categories 1 or 2 applicants. This classification is based on the home postcode provided in your application. Please see the following webpage to see the Polar category of a postcode officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/young-participation-by-area/young-participation-by-postcode (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/young-participation-by-area/young-participation-by-postcode/). Further information about ACORN categorisation can be found at acorn.caci.co.uk (acorn.caci.co.uk/)

Eligible under-represented groups in HE include:

- **applicants from areas of low participation in higher education** (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/promoting-equal-opportunities/access-and-participation-glossary/)(LPN), **low household income or low socioeconomic status (based on Acorn and Polar data)**
- **some black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) students** (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/promoting-equal-opportunities/evaluation-and-effective-practice/ethnicity/)
- **mature students** (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/promoting-equal-opportunities/access-and-participation-glossary/)(**over 21 years of age at the start of course**)
- **disabled students** (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/promoting-equal-opportunities/access-and-participation-glossary/)
- **care leavers** (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/promoting-equal-opportunities/access-and-participation-glossary/)
- **carers** (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/promoting-equal-opportunities/access-and-participation-glossary/)
- **people estranged from their families** (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/promoting-equal-opportunities/access-and-participation-glossary/)
- **people from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities**
- **refugees**
- **children from military families.**

If you come from one or more of these groups we will be happy to consider your application. Please be aware that Foundation Programme places are in high demand and all eligible applications will be considered in open competition to identify those judged to have the greatest potential to give and receive benefit from a Durham University degree course. Applicants may be required to provide evidence in support of their applications and to attend a mandatory pre-offer assessment day as part of the application process; these usually take place in February and March.

For further details, please see the Foundation Programme Admissions Policy 2019 (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/dcad/FCAAdmissionsPolicy2019v2.docx)

*www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/promoting-equal-opportunities/access-and-participation-glossary (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/promoting-equal-opportunities/access-and-participation-glossary/)

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

The tuition fees for 2022/23 academic year have not yet been finalised, they will be displayed here once approved.

The tuition fees shown for **home** 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 and EU** 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

Foundation Programme

Students successfully completing a Foundation Year course will progress directly to their chosen degree programme at Durham University. Our graduates enter a wide range of occupational areas both in the public and private sector, including science, teaching, business and finance. Durham has an excellent graduate employment record, and the skills acquired during study serve as a valuable preparation for life after university.

We have been expanding the range of progression routes to other Durham degrees for Foundation Year students and provide routes into all Durham University departments.

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

Foundation Programme

Overview

We are committed to making our degrees accessible and inclusive. Our Foundation Programme, run by the Durham Centre for Academic Development, is designed for talented individuals from underrepresented groups or nontraditional backgrounds who are not eligible for direct entry to an undergraduate course.

Whether you missed out on higher education the first time around, or are returning to education, if your qualifications don't meet our standard entry requirements, you may be eligible to apply for a place on one of our foundation courses.

Rankings

- Top 100 in *The QS World University Rankings 2021* for employer reputation.
- 4th in *The Guardian, University Guide 2021*.
- 7th in *The Complete University Guide 2021*.

Staff

For a current list of staff, please see the Centre web pages. (www.dur.ac.uk/foundation.programme/aboutus/)

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/foundation.programme

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