# XL33: Education Studies - Sociology

## Undergraduate BA 2020

### Essentials

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#### Alternative qualifications
- Other UK qualifications [www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf](www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf)
- International qualifications [www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/](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/](www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/).

#### More information
Still have questions? [www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/](www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/)

#### Department(s) Website
[www.durham.ac.uk/education](www.durham.ac.uk/education)
Course Summary

Description

Education Studies is a broad multi-disciplinary degree, designed for the intellectually and practically curious. From the philosophical foundations of schooling, to the political implications of policy, education is a vast field that has multiple avenues to approach a seemingly straightforward subject. Our degree programme goes far beyond any classroom and considers education, people and their relationship to the ever-changing world.

Course Structure

The breadth of our modules allows for the creation of pathways through the programme. This may be linked to one of the programmes four strands of educational expertise: pragmatic; sociological-philosophical; psychological; and international-intercultural education. You will also study modules in the Department of Sociology.

Core Modules include:

Historical and Philosophical Ideas of Education
Contemporary Issues and evidence in Education

A range of modules in Sociology such as:

- Societies in Transition
- Modern & Contemporary Sociological Theory

Educational Research Methods
Dissertation

Optional Modules available in previous years include:

- Higher Education: Issues of Inclusion and Exclusion
- Constructing Childhood and Youth
- Assessing Education
- Identity, Culture and Education
- Learning and Development in Childhood
- Wider Contexts of Education
- Disability and Educational Needs: Impairment, Empowerment and Education
- Disability and Education Needs: What’s so ‘Special’ about SEND?
- Education in a Global Age
- Understanding the Arts in Education
- Evidence and Educational Policy
- The Social Life of Education
• Learning Sciences

**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

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.

Our Typical Offers are:

A Level - AAB

BTEC - DDD

International Baccalaureate - 36

English Language requirements

IELTS 6.5 (with no component under 6.0) or equivalent scores in an alternative accepted English language test. Details of alternative accepted tests and the requirements for your subject and level of study can be found here (www.dur.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/3/). In some cases, English language proficiency can also be evidenced in other ways. You can find further information regarding this, here (www.dur.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/1/).

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

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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

School of Education

"Your module on Special Needs changed the direction of my life."

JOSIE NOW WORKING AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT IN A UNIT FOR TERMINALLY ILL CHILDREN AT GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL

BA (Hons) Education Studies

The Education Studies degree is an excellent programme if you want to keep your options open. As well as opening up routes into teaching, the programme also qualifies you for careers in educational research, educational publishing, educational administration, policy or management, as well as a range of careers in the commercial or public sector.

Of those students who left in 2017:

- 97% are in employment or further study six months after graduating

Of those in employment:

- 92% are in graduate level employment
- Median salary £28,000

(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)

Students who have graduated from Education Studies in the past 5 years have taken positions as Journalists, Youth Workers, Archivists, Charity Development Officers, Publishers and Music Therapists as well as professional preparation and study as Social Workers, Teachers, Psychotherapists and Midwives.

In addition many students go on to further study within educational research. For example, a taught MA, or MA in Research Methods (Education), some have gone onto funded PhDs.

The programme is also an excellent preparation for a career in teaching at either primary or secondary level. Although the degree does not offer Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), you may be able to progress onto a one year Postgraduate Certificate in Education programme (PGCE). However, it is important to stress that you are not expected to teach, and this degree is in no way focused around the competencies of a teacher.

The BA Education Studies - Psychology programme is fully accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) (www.bps.org.uk/) and as such provides clear career paths into a number of professions including teaching and educational psychology. The BPS recognition ensures that students who wish to work in a field requiring memberships of the BPS are prepared and qualified to do so.
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**

**School of Education**

**Overview**

Are you interested in teaching and inspiring future generations?

At Durham we offer Primary Education with QTS and also BA (Hons) Education Studies. Our Primary Education course has been developed so that you are taught by primary education experts, using innovative and research informed methods to develop your knowledge and skills. Outstanding teachers require excellent subject and pedagogical knowledge, and our course offers both academic and practical opportunities to develop both.

**Rankings**

- World Top 100 in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2018*.
- 3rd in *The Guardian University Guide 2019*.
- 3rd in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019*.

**Staff**

For a current list of staff, please see the School of Education web pages ([www.dur.ac.uk/education/staff/all/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/education/staff/all/))

**Facilities**

Our School of Education is set in beautiful landscaped gardens above the River Wear and overlooks both the Castle and Cathedral. As well as an attractive work environment, it offers excellent study facilities, including a department library with a wide range of books (over 60,000 volumes) and periodicals.

**Website**

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