

LL12: Economics and Politics



Undergraduate BA 2020

Essentials

UCAS code	LL12
Degree	BA
Mode of study	Full Time
Duration	3 years
Location	Durham City (www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city)
A-Level	A*AA
BTEC	D*DD
International Baccalaureate	38
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/business www.durham.ac.uk/sgia

Course Summary

Description

Economics and Politics are closely linked throughout society. Our BA (Hons) Economics and Politics degree reflects this connection, exploring multiple perspectives while also helping you develop your own viewpoint. You'll have the opportunity to cover diverse topics such as world economy, macro and microeconomics, corporate finance, international relations and development economics. In Years 2 and 3 you can adjust the balance of subjects to broaden your experience or focus in on your major area of interest.

Year 1

In the first year, in addition to the three Economics compulsory modules, you will take a further compulsory module in Politics and choose one further optional module from a selection of Politics modules. In addition to three Economics compulsory modules, you will take two compulsory and one optional module in Politics.

Year 2

In the second year, you will study two compulsory modules investigating core issues in Economics, an optional Economics module, and in addition, three optional modules must be chosen from the range of second-year Politics modules.

Year 3

In the third year, you will complete a compulsory double Dissertation module that can be in either Economics or Politics. In addition, you will choose four optional modules from a selection in Economics and Politics.

Please note that in the second and third years it is possible for you to take a minimum of five and a maximum of seven modules in each subject.

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 2020 entry from September 2019.

Placement Year

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

Admissions Process

Subject requirements, level and grade

A level offer – A*AA including Mathematics and a social sciences or humanities subject.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD and A level requirements as above.

IB Diploma score – 38 with 666 in higher level subjects, including Mathematics and a social science or humanities subject.

In addition to satisfying the University's general entry requirements, please note:

- Applicants are encouraged to avoid studying both Economics and Business Studies A2-levels.
- We do not accept Advanced Higher Statistics as a substitute for Advanced Higher Mathematics. If you are taking both of these subjects at this level then an Advanced Higher is necessary.
- If you are studying for the IB Diploma please note that we do not accept Mathematical Studies at standard level instead of standard level Mathematics.
- 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.
- You are not required to have A level Economics, however for anyone taking this subject this will form part of the offer made to you.
- If you do not satisfy our general entry requirements, the Foundation Programme (www.dur.ac.uk/foundation.programme/) offers multidisciplinary programmes to prepare you for a range of specified degrees.
- We are willing to consider applications for deferred entry from those who have well-structured plans for work or travel, for example. We may, however, need to restrict the number of deferred entry offers we make because we have to be careful not to fill too many of next year's places in advance. However, if you do apply for a deferred place and are unsuccessful, you are welcome to reapply the following year.

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/)

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	£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/).

Scholarships and funding

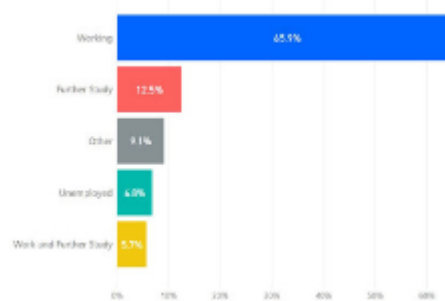
www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance

Career Opportunities

Business School (School of Economics, Finance and Business)

"A degree from Durham University truly opens up windows of opportunity, I managed to secure a Graduate Accounts position with an international marketing company prior to graduation."

Claudine Andrew BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance



Of those students that left in 2017:

- 84% are in employment or further study

Of those in employment:

- 98% are in graduate-level employment
- Median salary £29,500

(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)

Employment development opportunities

The Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre (www.durham.ac.uk/careers/) works closely with the Undergraduate Business Department to ensure that students receive information, advice and vacancies relevant to their needs. A Careers Adviser delivers talks focused on ensuring that students receive the most relevant and up to date advice about professions that are of interest to students in the department.

A wide range of work is carried out in conjunction with the Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre (www.durham.ac.uk/careers/) to develop students' employability skills, including presentations/workshops on CVs, applications, assessment centres, interviews, commercial awareness, leadership, etc.

Many recruiters of Durham Undergraduate Business School students attend careers fairs and run presentations on campus, including: Ernst & Young, KPMG, Deloitte, PWC, Rolls Royce, Lloyds TSB, Unilever, Procter &

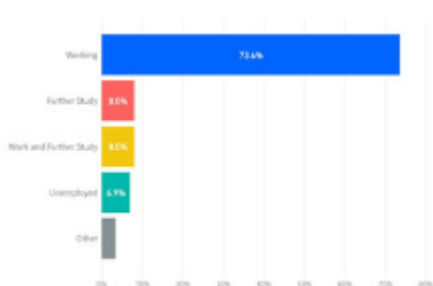
Gamble, IBM, Accenture, to name a few. Professional bodies like CIM (Chartered Institute of Marketing) and CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) also attend events on campus.

"We have had a number of students from the Undergraduate Business School join our Summer Internship Programme who have made a real impact due to their enthusiasm and strong interpersonal skills. These candidates have then gone on to join in Graduate roles."

Neil McGuire, Graduate Recruitment, Ernst & Young

Examples of career destination:

- Finance/Accountancy/Associate/Deloitte
- Retail/Management/Trainee Manager/Marks & Spencer
- Diplomat/ British Government
- Finance/Investment Management/Analyst/Blackrock
- Health/ Management/Graduate Management Trainee /NHS
- Finance/Accountancy/ Trainee Chartered Accountant/ TindlesLLP
- Car rental/Management Graduate Trainee Programme /Enterprise Rent-a-Car
- Finance/Banking/ Business Advisor/Royal Bank of Scotland
- Engineering & Construction/Graduate Scheme/Balfour Beatty
- British Armed Forces/Officer/Army
- HM Treasury/Policy Advisor/ British Government



Of those students that left in 2017:

- 93% are in employment or further study

Of those in employment:

- 100% are in graduate-level employment
- Median salary £27,000

(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)

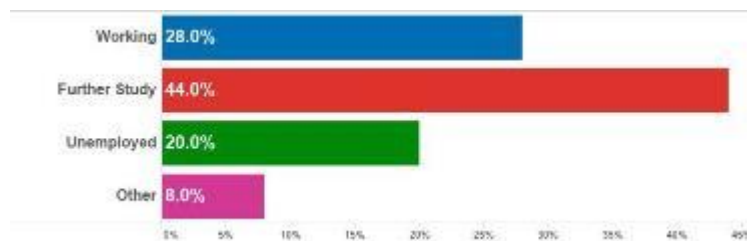
A significant number of students progress on to higher level study following their degree; notably at Durham, but also at other prestigious institutions. Some remain within their academic field and pursue higher level research,

others take a different role and pursue professional postgraduate programmes, including teaching, law, accountancy, marketing and mathematics.

School of Government and International Affairs



We offer exceptional opportunities that will help you become critically and socially engaged graduates of the highest calibre.



Our graduates have an enviable record of employment and enter a wide range of career areas including business and finance, local and national government, armed forces, marketing and PR, media - newspaper and TV journalism, publishing, law, manufacturing industry, recruitment and teaching.

Our graduates have gone on to have great success in the political arena - with alumni job titles including Chief Operating Officer for the GB Equality and Human Rights Commission, Head of Defence Inquests and Disclosure in the Ministry of Defence and Political Officer in the British Embassy Mogadishu, while others hold senior academic and government positions around the world.

Other recruiters include leading employers such as the House of Commons, Accenture, British Airways, Ernst and Young, British Telecom, Goldman Sachs, PwC, Royal Navy, House of Fraser, Aldi, Channel 4, HSBC, Teach First, Durham University, Black Rock, Parliament and the Audit Commission.



References

When applying for roles many employers will ask you to supply academic references from one of your tutors. We always advise that you should approach tutors who know you and your work well, such as a special subject or dissertation tutor.

To help guide you with this process we arrange for advisors from the Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre (www.dur.ac.uk/careers/) provide short presentations to each year group as part of joined up sessions with an Academic Careers Contact and the Head of Undergraduate Studies:

- Year 1 covers an introduction to developing employability skills.
- Year 2 focuses on internships / work experience.
- Year 3 focuses on graduate schemes / recruitment cycle / effective on-line applications

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

Business School (School of Economics, Finance and Business)

Overview

Economics is a multi-faceted discipline – let Durham University guide you to the top.

Our Economics degrees will provide you with a solid grasp of economic theory, applied economics and statistical techniques. They are an ideal preparation for employment in all areas of graduate work and our qualifications are highly successful in creating job opportunities.

You will be taught at Durham University Business School, one of the longest established business schools in the UK, in state-of-the-art facilities. The School is also one of an elite group of institutions in the UK to be accredited by all three major business accreditation bodies – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS). This achievement is a testament to the quality of the School and provides the extra assurance that Durham University Business School and its programmes have been rigorously tested and proven to be of the high-quality demanded by today's professionals.

Rankings

- In the top 10 in *The Guardian University Guide 2016*.
7th in *The Complete University Guide 2016*.

Staff

For a current list of staff, please see the Business School web pages (www.dur.ac.uk/business/about/our-people/).

Facilities

The University Library has an excellent collection of economics books, journals and original source material and your college library may also have a good selection of important texts. You will have access to a range of networked PCs and a wide selection of standard software packages, as well as your own email address.

You will also use duo – Durham's virtual learning environment – an integrated online solution to manage and improve your learning. duo offers not only facilities to structure learning content (web pages, lecture notes, interactive applications, audio and video clips), but also provides student management, communication and assessment tools.

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/business

School of Government and International Affairs

Overview

From soapboxes to statecraft, you will learn how and why nations are run the way they are. Our expert staff will help you to develop a thorough knowledge of the structure and functions of the modern state, the history of ideas about the nature and purpose of politics, and the development of particular regions and their political systems.

Teaching is at the centre of the activities of the School of Government and International Affairs (SGIA), where undergraduates enjoy a vibrant and challenging intellectual environment. The School places great importance on research-led education, which integrates new and cutting-edge research into the curriculum and introduces students to a variety of research-oriented skills and research-based projects.

Rankings

- 6th in *The Complete University Guide 2018*.

Staff

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Facilities

The School of Government and International Affairs is a concentration of research expertise in political processes and institutions, political thought, and international and area studies. Teaching takes place both in the Department's own rooms and in conveniently located lecture rooms.

The University Library has an excellent collection in politics as well as specialised research collections such as the European Documentation Centre. Colleges provide additional library resources as well as computing facilities.

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/sgia

Changes to Economics and Politics (2020)

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