

# L601: Anthropology



Undergraduate BSc 2020

## Essentials

<b>UCAS code</b>	L601
<b>Degree</b>	BSc
<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>

## Course Summary

### Description

You will receive broad training in the scientific and social scientific study of humanity encompassing our evolutionary origins and relationship to other primates, cultural diversity, as well as interdisciplinary perspectives on health, politics and the environment.

### Year 1

In your first year, you will receive a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of anthropology in the broadest sense, addressing the core disciplines of social and biological anthropology as well as interdisciplinary perspectives on culture, society and health. Currently, students take five modules in Anthropology and select one elective module offered by another department, including the option to study a module in a modern foreign language.

#### Compulsory modules:

- People and Cultures
- Human Evolution and Diversity
- Being Human
- Doing Anthropological Research
- Health, Illness and Society.

### Year 2

In your second year, you will develop a deeper and more complex grasp of anthropology and will gain "hands-on" experience of conducting research at one of our residential field sites on the compulsory Anthropology Field Course module, normally held in September prior to the start of your second year. You will also take a core module covering the diverse ways in which anthropological knowledge is constructed and theorised, as well as four elective modules that will enable you to pursue your interests in specific topics.

#### Compulsory modules:

- Anthropology Field Course
- Interrogating Anthropology
- Evolution, Variation and Adaptation
- Our Place in Nature.

#### Optional modules:

- Kinship and Religion
- Politics and Economics
- Global Health and Disease
- Sex, Reproduction and Love.

## **Year 3 (Year 4 if undertaking a Year Abroad)**

In your final year, you will design and carry out your own dissertation project and have a free choice of advanced optional taught modules. Optional modules are generally based on the research expertise of staff, and reflect the University's ideal of research-led education. Options available in the Department cover the full disciplinary spectrum, from the entirely biological to the entirely socio-cultural, or a mixture of anthropological sub-disciplines via the Specialised Aspects of Evolutionary, Health and Medical, and Social Anthropology modules. Typical topics that may be available include forensic anthropology, religious controversy, urban anthropology and public health. In your third year you are also invited to attend the regular round of research seminars given by visiting scholars or Durham-based researchers, and can participate in a key forum for current innovative research.

### **Core module:**

Dissertation.

### **Optional modules:**

- Specialised Aspects of Evolutionary Anthropology (various topics)
- Specialised Aspects of Social Anthropology (various topics)
- Specialised Aspects of Medical Anthropology (various topics).

## **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.

### **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.
- If you are an international student who does not meet the requirements for direct entry to this degree, you may be eligible to take an International Foundation Year pathway programme at the Durham University International Study Centre ([www.durhamisc.com/?ch=uniweb&cc=signposting&cid=uniweb&utm\\_source=signposting&utm\\_medium=signposting&utm\\_campaign=uniweb](http://www.durhamisc.com/?ch=uniweb&cc=signposting&cid=uniweb&utm_source=signposting&utm_medium=signposting&utm_campaign=uniweb)).
- 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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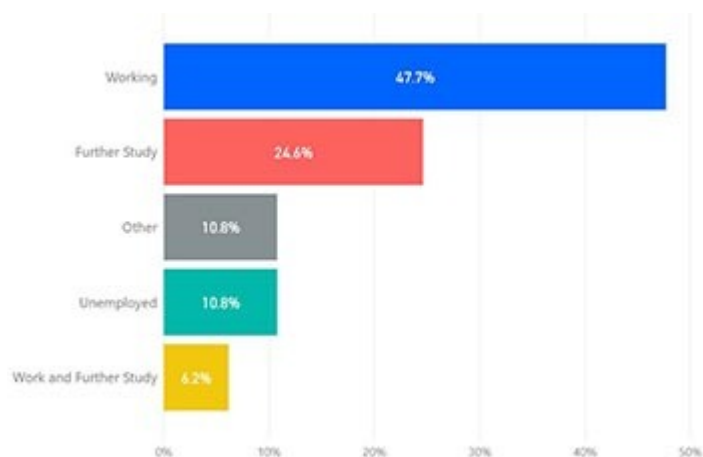
## Career Opportunities and Employability



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 &#8211; 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. ”



## **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)

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