

L7K407: Risk



Postgraduate Taught MA 2020

Essentials

UCAS code	
Degree	MA
Mode of study	Part Time + Full Time
Duration	1 year (full-time), 2 years (part-time)
Start Date	October
Location	Durham City (www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city)
More information	Still have questions? (www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/)
Department(s) Website	www.durham.ac.uk/geography/

Course Summary

Description

This MA course is designed for those who wish to explore the social dimensions of risk and resilience. The Department of Geography is especially well-suited to examine these in relation to environmental hazards, climate vulnerability and security-related risk, but you are encouraged to develop your own thinking in relation to any aspect of risk research, including broader environmental change, disaster risk reduction, risk and insurance, risk and health, risk and migration, risk and social policy, risk and governance, borders and terrorism. This course foregrounds the existence of multiple ways of understanding risk, from risk as an objective phenomenon managed through scientific tools (e.g. in the case of environmental hazards) to risk as a social construct and a political technique (e.g. in the case of risk and security).

Dealing with risks as a function of both the natural and social environments we live in, the course responds to the growing realisation that many risks are being created through social processes bound to questions of security and vulnerability, including the ways that risk techniques are emerging and being employed as a means of securing uncertain futures.

Course Structure

You will take the following core modules, and a selection of elective modules, which, when combined, add up to 180 credits:

Core Modules

- Understanding Risk (30 Credits)
- Social Dimensions of Risk and Resilience (30 Credits)
- Risk Frontiers (15 Credits)
- Using Geographical Skills and Techniques (15 Credits)
- Dissertation by Research (or) Vocational Dissertation (60 Credits)

Elective Modules available in previous years include

- Hydro-Meteorological Hazards (30 credits)
- Climate Risk and Society (30 credits)
- Risk, Science and Communication (15 Credits)
- Spatial and Temporal Dimensions of Hazards (30 Credits)
- International Relations and Security in the Middle East (15 Credits)
- Strategic Asia: Policy and Analysis (15 Credits)
- European Security (15 Credits)
- Social Policy and Society (30 Credits).

To view our short film on this course click here (youtu.be/VMtbiDB8WmM).

Admissions Process

Subject requirements, level and grade

A second class degree (2:1).

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/postgraduate/apply

Fees and Funding

Full Time Fees

EU Student	£11,000.00 per year
Home Student	£11,000.00 per year
Island Student	£11,000.00 per year
International non-EU Student	£20,000.00 per year

Part Time Fees

EU Student	£6,100.00 per year
Home Student	£6,100.00 per year
Island Student	£6,100.00 per year
International non-EU Student	£11,000.00 per year

The tuition fees shown are for one complete academic year of 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/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/).

Scholarships and funding

www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance

Career Opportunities

Department of Geography

For further information please visit:

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/geography/postgraduate/employability/>

Open days and visits

Pre-application open day

www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit

Overseas Visit Schedule

www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus

Postgraduate Visits

PGVI or
www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit/

Department Information

Department of Geography

Overview

Founded in 1928, the Department of Geography at Durham is one of the leading centres of geographical research and education in the world. The 2014 Research Excellence Framework found that we produced the most world-leading research publications and were top for overall research power in the discipline nationally. Staff are international leaders in their field, and in recent years have received awards from the Royal Geographical Society, the Institute of British Geographers, the American Association of Geographers, the Academy of Social Sciences, the British Society for Geomorphology, the Geological Society of London, the American Geophysical Union, the Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society and Her Majesty the Queen. The Department is notable for its balance of coverage across both human and physical geography, and for its emphasis on interdisciplinary working. Research activity is organised by seven clusters: Politics-State-Space; Culture-Economy-Life; Urban Worlds; Geographies of Life; Ice Sheets and Sea-level; Catchments and Rivers; and Hazards and Surface Change. Cross-cutting research over a number of these themes feeds into our Masters programmes in Risk.

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/geography/

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