

Durham University Key Data Sheet 2022/23

Erasmus ID code	UKDURHAM01
Website	https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-
	opportunities/incoming-opportunities/

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International webpage	https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/
Exchanges webpages	https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-
	opportunities/incoming-opportunities/
	Includes:
	application materials
	academic information
	College information
	financial information
	pre-departure materials

University Information	
General Information	Founded in 1832, the University is the third oldest in England. Durham is a collegiate institution, with 17 Colleges which provide a social, domestic and pastoral focus for students, as well as University accommodation, if eligible. Ustinov College performs this role exclusively for postgraduate students. The University has long since grown beyond the historic centre of Durham to include a modern science site, student accommodation, libraries, and sports and social facilities. The University buildings are spread across the City on several sites within easy walking distance of each other. Teaching and Research are organised by the Academic Departments which are quite separate from the Colleges. The University has a total student population of about 16,000, nearly a quarter of those on postgraduate courses. The work of the University
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covers traditional areas of study/education, including key branches of science and technology. Durham graduates are in great demand among employers and the University helps to attract investment into the region. It provides training, short courses and expertise for industry, and through its cultural events, conferences and tourist business and as a major employer, the University contributes in a wide social and economic sense to the local community.

City and Regional Information

Where is Durham?

Durham University is a busy research and teaching community located in the historic cathedral city of Durham in the North-East of England, an area famed for its attractive countryside, coastline and cultural heritage. As well as its magnificent Cathedral and Castle, both World Heritage Sites, the city has other buildings of distinction and fine river banks which can be seen on foot in a few hours. Durham is three hours by train from London and Manchester, two hours from Edinburgh, and less than one hour from two regional airports, Newcastle International and Durham Tees Valley.

Academic Calendar and Important Dates

Academic Calendar 2022/23 (including exams)

Induction Week: 26th September – 2nd October 2022 Term 1 Michaelmas: 3rd October – 9th December 2022 **Christmas Vacation: 10th December 2022 – 8th January 2023**

Term 2 Epiphany: 9th January 2023 – 17th March 2023 Easter Vacation: 18th March – 23rd April 2023

Term 3 Easter: 24th April – 23rd June 2023

For Postgraduate Business students ONLY, exams will take place in January (Michaelmas arrivals) and May (Epiphany arrivals) of each year so students would be required to stay until after the exam period has ended. Dates will be provided once confirmed.

For other years please refer to www.dur.ac.uk/dates

Please note:

Durham University currently operates a term system which includes three terms per academic year (see above). Modules (courses) are structured to run for the entire year (i.e. each module runs from October – June).

For students coming to Durham for less than the full academic year, we are currently unable to provide an official transcript until after end of year Board of Examiners have concluded which would usually be in June of each year. For 2nd cycle students, this could be in October/November. Please see further section in Academic information for more information.



Application Information and Deac	Application Information and Deadlines	
Application Deadlines	Erasmus Exchanges starting Michaelmas Term: Nominations: 30 th April 2022 Application: 31 st May 2022 Erasmus Exchanges starting Epiphany Term: Nominations: 30 th September 2022 Application: 31 st October 2022 Overseas Exchanges: Nomination deadline: 28 th February 2022 Application deadline: 31st March 2022 NB- All nominations should be sent directly to the International Office. We will provide a template to use. The contact for nominations would be incoming.exchange@durham.ac.uk	
Application Materials Erasmus Exchanges	https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/erasmus/incoming/howtoapply/ ECTS guide available: https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/erasmus/incoming/howtoapply/#choosingmodules	
Application Materials Overseas Exchanges	https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/exchange/overseas/howtoapply/	
Supporting Documentation required	 Completed application form Certified copy of English language test (if relevant) Official academic transcript Copy of personal details page of passport 	
Entry Requirements	 GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 US scale) or equivalent For students who are not English native speakers English language requirements apply. Please contact the Exchanges & Study Abroad Team for advice. 	
Nominations	Nominations should be made by email using the Nomination Form provided to incoming.exchange@durham.ac.uk before the nomination deadline.	

Academic Information	
Course Choice	For Overseas Exchange and Study Abroad students:
	University-wide agreements:
IMPORTANT	Students can choose courses/ modules from up to three departments
Students should be aware that	across the University. Certain restrictions might apply either in
classes within the English	oversubscribed departments or with view to pre-requisites and co-
department are very limited. We	requisites.
cannot guarantee acceptance	
into the English department.	[For pre-requisites and co-requisites please refer to the module
	description in the Faculty Handbook (see Course Catalogue)]
We would advise students to	
choose modules in other subject	For Erasmus students:



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areas unless there is a specific	Students should use the ECTS handbook for the corresponding
Erasmus agreement with English.	department and choose modules from that subject area:
	https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/erasmus/incoming/ho
	wtoapply/#choosingmodules
	Students may be able to take modules in other departments, but
	please be aware that certain restrictions and prerequisites may
	apply and that you might not be able to take courses in all
	departments.
	Students who are registered as UG (Bachelor) level students at the time of
	their exchange should request to study UG level modules only. If there is a
	specific need to take Master level modules, please discuss this prior to
	submitting an application.
	Students who are registered as PG (Master) level students at the time of
	their exchange should request to study PG (Master) modules only
	wherever possible. We may be able to approve some modules at UG (Bachelor) level but we cannot guarantee this. If you are registered for
	both UG and PG modules, you should be aware that confirmation of marks
	for PG modules does not happen until October of each year.
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	Part Year Erasmus students:
	For students coming to Durham for less than the full academic
	year, we are unable to provide full credit recognition. Students will
	receive an official transcript listing the modules taken and an
	appendix with confirmed grades by department.
Credits and Course Load	The normal workload for a full-time student is 120 Durham credits per
	academic year. This normally equates to 6 modules per academic year at
	20 credits each.
	Durham University has not adopted ECTS as the credits system, however,
	Durham credits can be translated into ECTS as follows: Durham credits x
	0.5 = ECTS. E.g. 20 Durham credits x 0.5 = 10 ECTS. While the Module
	handbooks will list ECTS credits, all other University publications will list
	Durham credits.
Language of Instruction	English
Important Information	Examinations: The academic year at Durham University follows a term system with 3
	terms per year. Examinations are mostly held at the end of each academic
	year only. Special/ alternative assessment arrangements for Erasmus
	students coming for less than a year can usually be made with the
	individual departments.
	Durham University does presently not allocate ECTS credits to the
	individual academic terms as individual modules are designed to run over
	the full academic year (see Examinations). It is important for partner
	universities to define an appropriate credit load for their students for the
	duration they will spend in Durham. Partners will be provided with all the details relating to the academic work completed by a student for the
	duration of their studies at Durham University in the Academic Transcript
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	sent to the partner universities i	in the Summer.
Grading System		
	Grade	%
	I (First)	70-100
	II(i) (Upper Second Class)	60-69
	II(ii) (Lower Second Class) 50-59
	III (Third)	40-49
	Fail	0-39
Short Term Duration students	Durham currently operates a full academic year structure which means there is only one assessment period in June of each year. For those students coming to Durham for less than the full year as agreed in advance, each module convener is required to set alternative assessment for the student. This arrangement means we are not able to provide students with a full official transcript. The official transcript contains a list of the modules the student has taken but with no grades. The International Office will produce a transcript appendix document with grades provided by each	
	department and confirmed by a document can be requested from	Board of Examiners. An example of this m the International Office.

Immigration Information	
	Our Student Immigration Office offers further advice on the website: https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/international/visa-information/
	To find out if a student visa is required, please check with the nearest UK embassy or visit https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa
	Incoming students at partner universities will normally be supplied with additional advice at the appropriate time of the year.
Further Information	To check eligibility to work in the UK whilst studying please check: https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/international/visa-information/

Accommodation	
On Campus Accommodation	Durham University is a 'collegiate' university, i.e. the colleges provide the social context for students.
	Overseas Exchange students only: All full year overseas exchange students are guaranteed a place in one of
	the residential colleges of the University if they apply for the programme by the deadline. Students opt for college accommodation on the application form. Students will be notified of their college via e-mail. The
	college will then contact the student with further details prior to arrival. Student coming for less than the full academic year are not eligible for
	accommodation and will need to source their own accommodation. For



	part year overseas exchange students accommodation is not guaranteed within a college.
	Erasmus students:
	University managed accommodation will not be available. Students must source their own private accommodation.
Off Campus Accommodation	If looking for off campus private accommodation, students may contact
	the Accommodation Office on accommodation.office@durham.ac.uk
Accommodation over	Accommodation in most Colleges is limited to term time. However,
Vacations – Overseas Exchange	accommodation options are available during semester breaks (Christmas
students only	and Easter only) at an additional cost. Students should contact their
	college for advice.
Costs and Facilities	For a full list of prices and the different options please refer to
	www.dur.ac.uk/colleges/undergraduate/costs
	College prices include food (fully catered / part catered options only) and
	utility costs.

Arrival and Enrolment	
Nearest Airport	Newcastle International is the largest airport closest to Durham University. Students can connect to Newcastle via London Heathrow and flights are frequent.
Arrival and Transport	A meet and greet service is available for international students on some days during the week prior to Induction Week. The service usually covers Newcastle International Airport. Details will be made available online over the summer.
Induction Week/Orientation	Attending the Induction Week and Orientation Session is strongly
Session	advised since it includes student registration information
	 The Orientation Session is held on the Friday morning before Induction Week
	 Students will join their College's Freshers' activities together with the degree students during induction week.
	Details for all activities will be confirmed when available.

Exchange Related Information	
Number of Exchange students	Please contact Simon Litchfield, Exchanges and Study Abroad Manager
per academic year	simon.litchfield@durham.ac.uk
Duration of Exchange	Owing to the structure of our modules, which are designed to run over a full academic year (October-June) per module, we strongly advise students to come for a full academic year (October - June) and follow normal assessment structures as set for modules and earn full credit points.
	Part year Erasmus study periods are possible only with the consent of the receiving department and provided that placements start in October (Michaelmas term) . Starting an Erasmus study period in January (term 2) is only possible with special consent and should normally be confined to students undertaking project or research work in one of the departments. Please consult the Module handbook for the relevant department for



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	part-year study opportunities. Some restrict admission to students coming for the full academic year only. Please note that it is not possible to start in the Easter term (April - June), except by special arrangement for project /research work.
Services Available to Exchange students	International Office / Exchanges & Study Abroad Team – assists students in matter of registration and other academic matters
	<u>Durham Colleges</u> – assists with immigration related issues <u>Durham Colleges</u> – provide a wide range of social and welfare services including a personal College Tutor responsible for pastoral support
	Departments – provide academic advice and support DUSSD (Durham University Service for Students with Disabilities)
	Counselling Service
	Healthcare and Medical Equality and Diversity
	Language Centre IT Services
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