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Website	https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/

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Exchanges webpages	https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/ Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • application materials • academic information • College information • financial information • pre-departure materials

University Information	
General Information	<p>Founded in 1832, the University is the third oldest in England. Durham is a collegiate institution, with 16 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.</p> <p>The University has a total student population of about 16,000, nearly a quarter of those on postgraduate courses. The work of</p>

	the University 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, tourist business and as a major employer, the University contributes in a wide social and economic sense to the local community.
Campuses	Durham has two main campuses, Durham City and Queen's Campus Stockton.

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 2014/15 (including exams)	<p>Induction Week: 29 Sep 14- 05 Oct 14 Term 1 Michémas: 06 Oct 14- 12 Dec 14 Term 2 Epiphany: 12 Jan 15- 13 Mar 15 Term 3 Easter: 20 Apr 15- 19 Jun 15</p> <p>For other years please refer to www.dur.ac.uk/dates</p> <p>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 Oct – Jun).</p>

Application Information and Deadlines	
Application Deadlines	<p>Erasmus Exchanges: 30th May 2014</p> <p>Overseas Exchanges: 31st March 2014</p>

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/ectsguide/
Application Materials Overseas Exchanges	www.dur.ac.uk/international.office/overseasexchanges/exchange_in/apply
Supporting Documentation required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed application form • Certified copy of English language test (if relevant) • Official academic transcript • Personal Statement • Two sealed academic references (overseas exchanges only) • An example of written work in the main subject area of study (overseas exchanges only)
Entry Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Nominations can either be made by email or by enclosing a letter of nomination with the student's application.</p> <p>For Erasmus exchanges nominations can also be sent to Erasmus Departmental Coordinators.</p>

Academic Information	
Course Choice	<p>For Erasmus students: Students should use the ECTS handbook for the corresponding department and choose modules from that subject area:</p> <p>https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/erasmus/incoming/ectsguide/</p> <p>Students may be able to take modules in other departments, but please <i>be aware that certain restrictions and prerequisites may apply and that you might not be able to take courses in all departments.</i></p> <p>For Overseas students: <i>University-wide agreements:</i> Students can choose courses/ modules from up to three departments across the University. Certain restrictions might apply either in oversubscribed departments or with view to pre-requisites and co-requisites.</p>

	<p>[For pre-requisites and co-requisites please refer to the module description in the Faculty Handbook (see <i>Course Catalogue</i>)] Available at: www.dur.ac.uk/faculty.handbook</p> <p><i>Faculty-wide agreements or Interdepartmental agreements:</i> Please contact Emma Pearce, Exchanges & Study Abroad Officer for advice.</p> <p>N.B. The department/subject area a student chooses determines the campus that student will be based at. Please be aware that we do not recommend that students choose modules from both campus locations! The listings in the Faculty Handbook will indicate which courses/ subjects are taught at Durham / Queen's Campus. Do not hesitate to contact the Exchanges & Study Abroad Team for advice.</p>
Credits and Course Load	<p>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.</p> <p>Durham University has not adopted ECTS as 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 ECTS handbooks will list ECTS credits, all other University publications will list Durham credits.</p>
Language of Instruction	English
Important Information	<p>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.</p> <p>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 towards the end of each term and the official Transcript of Records will be sent to the partner universities in the Summer.</p>

Immigration Information	
Tier 4 student visa	<p>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</p> <p>Incoming students at partner universities will normally be supplied</p>

	with additional advice at the appropriate time of the year.
Student Visitor Visa	Students coming to the UK for 6 months or less may be able to enter the UK on a Student Visitor visa. To check eligibility please use the UKBA website: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa
Further Information	To check eligibility to work in the UK whilst studying please check: www.dur.ac.uk/international.office/working/part_time

Accommodation	
On Campus Accommodation	<p>Durham University is a 'collegiate' university, i.e. the colleges provide the social context for students including accommodation. The university has a central accommodation office managing university residence halls/ dormitories.</p> <p>Erasmus students should refer to the ECTS handbook (part 1) for information on accommodation as accommodation options differ.</p> <p>Overseas Exchange students only: All 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.</p> <p>Students opt for college accommodation on the application form. While students can state preference we cannot guarantee their college choice but will certainly consider preferences when making college allocations. Students will be notified of their college in their offer letter. The college will then contact the student with further details prior to arrival.</p>
Off Campus Accommodation	<p>If a student does not wish to live in a college the Exchanges & Study Abroad team can be contacted for advice on private accommodation. Students will be responsible to organise private accommodation themselves. Offers are available through the Durham Student Union (DSU) Accommodation Office. www.durhamstudentpad.co.uk</p>
Accommodation over Vacations	<p>Accommodation in most Colleges is limited to term time. However, accommodation options are available during semester breaks (Christmas and Easter only) at additional cost. Students should initially contact their college or alternatively the Exchanges and Study Abroad Team for advice.</p>
Costs and Facilities	<p>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.</p>

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 of the orientation and welcome activities. The service usually covers Newcastle International Airport and Durham Train Station and will provide transport for students to Queen's Campus, Stockton if required. Details will be made available online over the summer.
Orientation Activities and Registration	<p>Attending the orientation is strongly advised since it includes student registration information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Orientation Activities (including an International Fair) are held normally the Thu and Fri before induction week starts. • Friday before induction week starts: Registration and Orientation Session for Overseas Exchange Students • Students will join their College's Freshers' activities together with the degree students during induction week. <p><i>Details for all activities will be confirmed when available.</i></p>

Exchange Related Information	
Number of Exchange students per academic year	Please contact Emma Pearce, Exchanges and Study Abroad Officer
Duration of Exchange	<p>Due to the structure of our modules, which are designed to run over a full academic year (Oct-Jun) per module, we strongly advise students to come for a full academic year (Oct - Jun) and follow normal assessment structures as set for modules and earn full credit points.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Please consult the ECTS handbook for the relevant department for part-year study opportunities. Some restrict admission to students coming for the full academic year only.</i></p> <p>Please note that it is <u>not</u> possible to start in the Easter term (April - Jun), except by special arrangement for project /research work.</p>
Services Available to Exchange students	International Office/ Exchanges & Study Abroad Team – assists students in matter of registration and other academic matters

	<p>International Office/ Immigration Officer – assists with immigration related issues</p> <p>Durham Colleges – provide a wide range of social and welfare services including a personal College Tutor responsible for pastoral support</p> <p>Departments – provide academic advice and support</p> <p>DUSSD (Durham University Service for Students with Disabilities)</p> <p>Counselling Service</p> <p>University Medical Centre</p> <p>Language Centre</p> <p>IT Services</p>
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