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| Erasmus ID code | UKDURHAM01 |
| Website | https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/ |

| Contact Information | |
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| Central Office | Durham University International Office |
| Address | Palatine Centre, Stockton Road, Durham DL1 3LE |
| Contacts | <p><i>Coordination and partnership in general:</i> Emma Pearce Exchanges and Study Abroad Manager emma.pearce@durham.ac.uk Tel.: +44 (0)191 334 6331</p> <p><i>Student Application and admission:</i> Rachael Bird - Incoming Students incoming.exchange@durham.ac.uk Tel.: +44 (0)191 334 6325</p> <p>Jonathon Murphy- Outbound Students exchanges.studyabroad@durham.ac.uk Tel: + 44 (0) 191 334 6094</p> <p>All students should contact the office using the relevant email address.</p> |
| Fax Number | +44 (0) 191 334 6326 |
| University webpage | www.durham.ac.uk |
| International webpage | www.durham.ac.uk/international |
| Exchanges webpages | <p>https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • application materials • academic information • College information • financial information • pre-departure materials |

| University Information | |
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| 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 the University covers traditional areas of study/education, including key branches of science and technology. Durham graduates are in great demand among</p> |

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| | 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. |
| Campuses | Durham has two main campuses, Durham City and Queen's Campus Stockton. |

| City and Regional Information | |
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| 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 | |
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| Academic Calendar 2017/18 (including exams) | <p>Induction Week: 2nd-8th October 2017 Term 1 Michaelmas: 09 Oct 2017 - 15 Dec 2017 Christmas Vacation: 16 Dec 2017 - 14 Jan 2018</p> <p>Term 2 Epiphany: 15 Jan 2018 - 16 Mar 2018 Easter Vacation: 17 Mar 2018 - 22 Apr 2018</p> <p>Term 3 Easter: 23 Apr 2018 - 22 Jun 2018</p> <p>For Postgraduate Business students ONLY, exams will take place in January of each year so students would be required to stay until after the exam period has ended. Dates will be provided once confirmed.</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 October – June).</p> <p>For students to 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.</p> |

| Application Information and Deadlines | |
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| Application Deadlines | Erasmus Exchanges starting Michaelmas Term : Nominations: 28 th April 2017 |

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| | <p>Application: 31st May 2017</p> <p>Erasmus Exchanges starting Epiphany Term: Nominations: 28th April 2017 Application: 31st October 2017</p> <p>Overseas Exchanges: Nomination deadline: 28th February 2017 Application deadline: 31st March 2017</p> <p>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</p> |
| Application Materials Erasmus Exchanges | <p>https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/erasmus/incoming/ho/wtoapply/</p> <p>ECTS guide available: https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/erasmus/incoming/ho/wtoapply/#choosingmodules</p> |
| Application Materials Overseas Exchanges | https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/exchange/incoming/ho/wtoapply/ |
| Supporting Documentation required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed application form • Certified copy of English language test (if relevant) • Official academic transcript • Copy of personal details page of passport • Personal Statement |
| 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 | Nominations should be made by email using the Nomination Form provided to incoming.exchange@durham.ac.uk before the nomination deadline. |

| Academic Information | |
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| <p>Course Choice</p> <p>IMPORTANT Students should be aware that classes within the English department are very limited. We cannot guarantee acceptance into the English department.</p> <p>We would advise students to choose modules in other subject areas unless there is a specific Erasmus agreement with English.</p> | <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/ho/wtoapply/#choosingmodules</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> |

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| | <p>Short Term Erasmus students:</p> <p>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.</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> |
| <p>Credits and Course Load</p> | <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 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.</p> |
| <p>Language of Instruction</p> | <p>English</p> |
| <p>Important Information</p> | <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</p> |

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| | towards the end of each term and the official Transcript of Records will be sent to the partner universities in the Summer. |
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| Immigration Information | |
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| Tier 4 student visa | <p>In April 2015, the UK Government introduced changes to the tier 4 visa process and also amended the guidance in relation to Student visitor visas including the Immigration Health Surcharge. Our Student Immigration Office offers further advice on the website: https://www.dur.ac.uk/immigration/</p> <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 with additional advice at the appropriate time of the year.</p> |
| Student Visitor Visa | <p>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</p> |
| Further Information | <p>To check eligibility to work in the UK whilst studying please check: https://www.dur.ac.uk/immigration/workinginuk/</p> |

| Accommodation | |
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| On Campus Accommodation | <p>Durham University is a 'collegiate' university, i.e. the colleges provide the social context for students.</p> <p>Erasmus students only: University managed accommodation will not be available. Students must source their own private accommodation.</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. Students opt for college accommodation on the application form. 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 looking for off campus private accommodation, students may contact the Accommodation Office on accommodation.office@durham.ac.uk</p> |
| Accommodation over Vacations – Overseas Exchange students only | <p>Accommodation in most Colleges is limited to term time. However, accommodation options are available during semester breaks (Christmas and Easter only) at an additional cost. Students should contact their college 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 |
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| 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 Friday 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 | |
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| Number of Exchange students per academic year | Please contact Emma Pearce, Exchanges and Study Abroad Manager |
| Duration of Exchange | <p>Due 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.</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 Module 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 - June), except by special arrangement for project /research work.</p> |
| Services Available to Exchange students | <p>International Office/ Exchanges & Study Abroad Team – assists students in matter of registration and other academic matters</p> <p>International Office/ Immigration Officer – assists with immigration related issues</p> |

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| | <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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