



Research, creativity and scholarship are at the heart of Durham University, a place where the world's finest minds have pursued ideas and knowledge that have made a profound and lasting impact on the world.

Durham is a truly beautiful city located on the banks of the River Wear in the North East of England. Our 10th Century Norman Castle and Cathedral, together designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, dominate the skyline. The picturesque river meanders round the peninsula and ancient cobbled streets lead you through Durham's city streets.

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With over 30% International staff and 3,500 international students from 160 different countries, Durham attracts both staff and students from around the world allowing us to achieve the highest distinction in scholarship and research. Few universities have comparable research strengths across the Sciences, Social Sciences, and Arts and Humanities. Yet Durham is also small and interactive enough to develop new approaches, questions and research ideas that transcend interdisciplinary boundaries. Durham is an environment where researchers (both staff and students) can make a real difference. www.dur.ac.uk/research/quality

Durham Rankings:

4th in the UK's Complete Universities guide 2010-11

6th in the Sunday Times University of the Year Guide 2010-11

85th in the Times Higher Education 2010-11 World Universities Rankings (2010)

Colleges & Student Life

As a collegiate university similar to Oxford or Cambridge, our 16 distinctive colleges are residential communities of scholars made up of undergraduate and postgraduate students plus researchers and academic staff. All students belong to a college, as well as an academic department; although Colleges are not used for teaching, they are much more than just places to eat and sleep.....

Our college communities enable students to mix, discuss and share ideas with peers from different countries, backgrounds and subject disciplines. Colleges have their own theatre and music groups; societies which engage in community outreach or environmental activities; as well as a wide range of sports activities and teams. Intercollegiate rivalry exist in all areas of Durham student life is one of the reasons Durham students have the highest level of sports participation and excel in elite sports. Whether you are a first time cricketer or lifelong lacrosse player, we encourage and support all our students to get involved.



Styles of colleges range from brand-new purpose built facilities to traditional historic buildings such as Durham's own 10th century Norman Castle! Each college creates its own sense of place and community, brought about by distinctive architecture and location, as well as its people. Students take the lead in organising social and cultural

events, sports teams and competitions and all manner of charitable work. Life at a college is as varied as it is full, whether you are interested in skydiving with the freefall club, ballroom dancing, rowing, wine and cheese appreciation or you just like eating chocolate there will be one 800 students societies that suits you.

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Research led-teaching

Research is at the core of Durham University. It shapes and inspires the disciplinary structure of our departments, several of which lead the UK - and the world - in their fields. Our research leads the content and development of our teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and creates new cross-disciplinary programs through Research Centres and Institutes. In partnership with policy-makers, industry, healthcare and education, Durham's cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural research shapes local, national and international agendas.

Research Assessment Exercise 2008:	19% of Durham Research 4* - World Leading 59% of Durham Research 3* or above - Internationally excellent
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Research Institutes

Durham's eight flagship Research Institutes bring together researchers from across the University to tackle questions of global significance. These institutes provide opportunities for intellectual thought, new ideas and experimentation, alongside facilities which enable our researchers to compete at the highest level. All institutes bring together ideas from different spheres of academic endeavour; with public outreach as a key part of their mission.

[Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience](#)

[Wolfson Research Institute](#)

[Durham Energy Institute](#)

[Biophysical Sciences Institute](#)

[Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies](#)

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Institute for Hazard Risk and Resilience Research (IHRR): The Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience harness the capacity of Durham researchers to make a difference to how we live with emerging hazards and risks. Challenging the core assumptions, scientific, economic and social, about how we live with hazard and risk. This can only be done through critical engagements that bring together researchers from across the Natural and Social Sciences, Engineering, Health and Humanities.

We are championing key research programs in hazards, vulnerability and frontier knowledge. Our Graduate Program at Master's and Doctoral level equips the next generation of researchers to address some of the fundamental challenges of the 21st Century. Our activities are housed in a purpose-built building with a dedicated staff, generously funded by private benefactions and University investments, as well as from industry, government, NGOs and research councils.

IHRR blog: www.ihrrblog.org

IHRR Graduate Programs: www.dur.ac.uk/ihrr/graduateprogramme

Durham Energy Institute (DEI): Durham Energy Institute is one of the UK's leading energy research institutes in at least five energy disciplines: offshore wind, photovoltaics, carbon capture and storage, electricity transmission and smart grids. We also have strong capabilities in technologies for fusion energy and biofuels, linking societal research to these technological areas.

From Anthropology to Physics, Durham Energy Institute covers the spectrum of energy research but the areas in which we excel are those which lie at the boundaries between the traditional technical disciplines and the social sciences and humanities. The Durham Energy Institute draws upon its existing considerable knowledge base, skills and expertise to promote technical scientific excellence in energy science whilst also solving technological-social problems associated with energy provision, demand and use. We aspire to initiate the behavioral step change required for society to realise a low carbon future; through the integration of energy science with society.

DEI Graduate Programs: www.dur.ac.uk/dei/cdt

Institute of Medieval and Renaissance Studies (IMRS): The Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (IMRS) is one of the most diverse and dynamic centres of medieval and renaissance studies in the world. The IMRS plays a leading role in shaping Medieval and Renaissance Studies nationally and internationally through the interdisciplinary and collaborative projects undertaken by its researchers. Durham's unique resources, including unparalleled collections of manuscripts and early printed books as well as a medieval cathedral and castle, make it an ideal place to pursue graduate study in the field. In conjunction with the departments of Modern Languages and Cultures, English, History, Classics, Theology, and Archaeology, the IMRS offers a path-breaking MA in Medieval and Renaissance Studies as well as research degrees catering to a broad range of research interests. With some 45 members of staff, the IMRS provides a vibrant forum with expertise from the age of Bede to colonial America, from Europe to Byzantium, the Middle East, the Atlantic world, and beyond.

IMRS Graduate Study: www.dur.ac.uk/imrs/ma-courses

See below for more information on Taught Graduate programs in the following faculties

Science: www.dur.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught/science

Social Sciences and Health: www.dur.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught/socsci

Arts and Humanities: www.dur.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught/arts



'Durham is not what I expected it would be, but what I hoped it would be! The quality of the whole program is very high and lecturers are very motivated. Further, I met so many brilliant and motivated people from all over the world. I am happy to be part of the Durham community.' Sarah (Chicago) MSc Anthropology

'I really feel like I am at a 'Classic British' University here at Durham' James (New York) PhD Medieval and Renaissance Studies

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