

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

University	Durham University
Country	United Kingdom
Academic Calendar	<p>Induction Week: 28 September – 4 October 2026 Term 1 Michaelmas: 5 October – 11 December 2026 Term 2 Epiphany: 11 January– 19 March 2027 Term 3 Easter: 26 April – 25 June 2027 NB. Durham does not have semesters www.dur.ac.uk/dates</p>
Exchange Duration	Full Year exchange
Language Proficiency Requirement	<p>For NUS students, Durham ask for a letter from NUS Registrar’s Office verifying the students English Language proficiency. However, students may be expected to provide evidence of English language proficiency based on UK Visa and Immigration requirements due to the need to apply for a Student Visa to support full year exchange.</p> <p>Students should be prepared to submit photocopies of GCE “O” level certificate with English language of grade C or better, IB English with 5 or better, or confirmation that they have studied Singapore Integrated Programme Cambridge “A” Levels (SIPCAL) with General Paper of Grade C or better.</p> <p>Non-native English-speaking students from NUS may not need to provide an IELTS certificate. However, students may be asked to provide some additional proof of English such as a nomination letter from their home university. NUS students should look for NUS Registrar’s Office for the standard letter to support the waiver of IELTS certificate.</p> <p>IELTS 6.5 overall with no element below 6 TOEFL iBT Overall score of 92 with no component under 23</p> <p>If you do not have the required English language score for direct entry to academic courses then your current UKVI IELTS which must be a Secure English Language Test (SELT), taken at a UKVI approved test centre or TOEFL score will determine the length of the pre-sessional English language course that you must follow. All pre-sessional English language courses are offered by Durham Centre for Academic Development (DCAD) - English Language Support.</p>
Course Information	<p>120 Durham credits per year.</p> <p>The regular semester workload for full-time undergraduate students as determined by the Office of the Provost is 60 Durham credits. Credits earned at the host university may not be directly equivalent to NUS credits and you can refer to the SEP Credit Transfer Calculator for information on units</p>

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	<p>exchange ratio at the host university. Please note that the actual number of credits earned is subject to the units exchange ratio at the point of credit transfer.</p> <p>List of courses: https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-opportunities/incoming-opportunities/non-european-incoming-exchange/programme-info/</p> <p>Course restrictions: Class sizes in English studies may limit numbers</p>
Accommodation	<p>Accommodation information: https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-opportunities/incoming-opportunities/non-european-incoming-exchange/accommodation/</p>
Visa	<p>Students will require a visa. Visa information is available at: https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-opportunities/incoming-opportunities/non-european-incoming-exchange/programme-info/</p> <p>Visa Information - Durham University</p>
Insurance	<p>All full-time NUS students are covered under the university’s Student Group Personal Accident & Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/.</p> <p>Durham do not have a compulsory insurance. However, your visa requirements for exchanges lasting more than 6 months will include details on access to the UK’s National Health Service (NHS).</p> <p>It is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside United Kingdom. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to assess the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.</p>
Useful Links	<p>Quick links flyer: https://www.durham.ac.uk/media/durham-university/global/global-opportunities/incoming/Durham-University-Incoming-Exchanges.pdf</p> <p>Accommodation costs: Accommodation Costs - Durham University</p> <p>Daily living costs: While County Durham is one of the most affordable places to live in England, you should consider living costs (in addition to your tuition and accommodation costs).</p>

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	<p>Utilities (Gas/Electric/Water) - £0 - Included with the college weekly charge.</p> <p>Travel -£10 per week - Most places in Durham are within walking distance. Amount is nominal for trips away.</p> <p>Gym - £60 per year - Some Colleges charge a small fee for gym membership.</p> <p>Laundry - £5 per week - not included in College charge but facilities are available in college.</p> <p>Mobile phone - £20 per month.</p> <p>Food and shopping - £20 per week - Colleges do provide full catering, however students may want ad hoc meals out.</p> <p>Additional personal expenses Depending on student choice.</p> <p>https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs/</p>
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