

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes](#).

**BA COMBINED HONOURS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (LMV0)**  
**BA COMBINED HONOURS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (WITH YEAR ABROAD) (LMVA)**  
**BA COMBINED HONOURS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (WITH PLACEMENT YEAR) (LMVP)**

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in full-time and part-time modes of study.
2. Students must take at least 180 credits in subjects in the Social Sciences.
3. Students may take modules in subjects with the code prefixes listed below. The modules must be either open or tied to Combined Honours in Social Sciences. Not all modules will be available in a given year.

**Social Sciences Subjects:**

[ANTH](#), [ARCH](#), [BUSI](#), [ECON](#), [EDUC](#) (Education / Theory and Philosophy of Social Sciences modules), [GEOG](#), [SGIA](#), [SOC](#), [SPRT](#).

**Arts and Humanities Subjects:**

[ARAB](#), [CFLS](#), [CHNS](#), [CLAS](#), [EDUC](#) (History of Art modules), [ENGL](#), [FREN](#), [GERM](#), [HIST](#), [ITAL](#), [JPNS](#), [LANG](#), [MELA](#), [MUSI](#), [PHIL](#), [RUSS](#), [SPAN](#), [THEO](#).

4. In making module selections, students must check the Faculty Handbook online to ensure that any pre- and co-requisites are met for each module. The modules must also be compatible in the timetable.
5. All module selections must be approved by the Director of Combined Honours in Social Sciences, or their nominee.
6. The degree certificate issued to successful students shall list all subjects, in which they have taken at least 40 credits over Levels 2 and 3 of their degree programme, excluding modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study.

**Level 1 (Certificate)**

7. Students shall study and be assessed in Level 1 modules to the value of 120 credits from at least two and no more than four subjects. At least 60 credits must be taken in the Social Sciences.
8. A maximum of 60 credits may be taken in any one subject and a maximum of 100 credits may be taken from any one department or school.
9. Students wishing to study SGIA modules must choose to follow a pathway in either Politics or International Relations and must take a minimum of 40 credits in one of these pathways. The available modules can be found in paragraph 2 of the [BA Politics or the BA International Relations programme regulations](#). Students wishing to take 60 SGIA credits may take a further 20 credits from paragraph 2 or 3 of the same regulations.

**Level 2 (Diploma)**

10. Students shall study and be assessed in Level 2 modules to the value of 120 credits from at least two and no more than four subjects. At least 60 credits must be taken in the Social Sciences.

11. A maximum of 80 credits may be taken in any one subject and a maximum of 100 credits may be taken from any one department or school.
12. Students wishing to study SGIA modules must take a minimum of 40 level 2 credits in the relevant pathway following on from their studies at level 1 of either Politics or International Relations.
13. In accordance with the core regulations, students may take no more than 30 credits of Level 1 modules during Level 2.
14. Appropriate credit-bearing language modules from the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study may be taken during Level 2, but only if the combined total of language modules and Level 1 modules taken does not exceed 30 credits.

### **Level 3 (Degree)**

15. Students shall study and be assessed in Level 3 modules to the value of 120 credits from at least two and no more than three subjects. At least 60 credits must be taken in the Social Sciences.
16. A maximum of 80 credits may be taken in any one subject and a maximum of 100 credits may be taken from any one department or school.
17. In accordance with the core regulations, students may take no more than 30 credits of Level 2 modules during Level 3.
18. Appropriate credit-bearing language modules from the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study may be taken during Level 3, but only if the combined total of language modules and Level 2 modules taken does not exceed 30 credits.
19. Students are required to undertake one 40 credit research project (a dissertation or equivalent module), normally in a subject in the Social Sciences, approved by the Director of Combined Honours in Social Sciences or by their nominee.

### **Year Abroad**

20. Students wishing to spend a year abroad must have successfully completed Levels 1 and 2 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (LMV0) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences Honours programme (LMV0).

### **Year Abroad (Modern Languages)**

21. Students who qualify for the Year Abroad of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures will be automatically transferred to the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Year Abroad) programme (LMVA) at the end of their first year.
22. Full-time students studying one main language spend a period of residence of no less than 7 months in a country or countries in which this language is spoken; students studying two main languages spend a period of residence of no less than 4 months in each country or countries in which these languages are spoken. Part-time students spend at least 4 weeks in each country whose language they intend to study at Level 3. These 4 weeks may be spread over the duration of the programme.
23. Students who are intending to study Chinese at Level 3 are required to complete a full academic year studying Chinese at an educational institution in China, and to complete all of the assessments associated with their studies.
24. Students who are intending to study Japanese at Level 3 are required to complete a full academic year studying Japanese at an educational institution in Japan, and to complete all of the assessments associated with their studies.
25. During the course of their time abroad, students will complete a Target Language Research Project in each of the languages which they intend to study in their final year. The tasks will be submitted before the start of the Michaelmas Term of the student's final year of study. Part-time students will be assessed at the start of the year in which the Level 3 compulsory language module is taken. The TLRP is not credit-bearing, but will be

graded by percentage on the student's degree transcript. Students who pass will proceed to Level 3 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Year Abroad) (LMVA); those who fail will be transferred to the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (LMV0) programme.

### **Year Abroad (Study Abroad)**

26. Students who wish to take a year abroad are required to apply for a study placement during the first two terms of Level 2 study.
27. Students undertaking the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Year Abroad) programme (LMVA) will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study in which modules relating to their principal subjects normally comprise a minimum of 50%. Arrangements for study abroad must be deemed acceptable by the Director of Combined Honours in Social Sciences or by their nominee in consultation with the departments concerned. During the year abroad students will be assessed at module level by the host university. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Year Abroad) (LMVA).
28. Students who the Board of Examiners for Combined Honours in Social Sciences deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Year Abroad) (LMVA). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will be transferred to the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (LMV0) programme.

### **Placement Year**

29. Students admitted to the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (LMV0) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Placement Year) programme (LMVP). Students taking the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Placement Year) (LMVP) will undertake an approved placement in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.
30. Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Placement Year) (LMVP). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (LMV0) programme.
31. Students wishing to transfer to the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Placement Year) programme (LMVP) must:
  - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences programme (LMV0) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours or Ordinary programme; and
  - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, students are required to apply to be admitted to the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Placement Year) programme (LMVP); and
  - c. secure a placement / year abroad opportunity comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Director of Combined Honours in Social Sciences and the Faculty Placement Officer; and
  - d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (LMV0) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences programme (LMV0).
32. Students whom the Board of Examiners deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Placement Year) (LMVP). Students

who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Placement Year) programme (LMVP), but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences programme (LMV0).