

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 LIBERAL ARTS (LA01)

BA LIBERAL ARTS (WITH YEAR ABROAD) (LA02)

BA LIBERAL ARTS (WITH PLACEMENT YEAR) (LA03)

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 Arts and Humanities.
3. Students may take modules in subjects with the code prefixes listed below. The modules must be either open or tied to Liberal Arts. Not all modules will be available in a given year.

Arts and Humanities Subjects:

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

Social Sciences Subjects:

[ANTH](#), [ARCH](#), [BUSI](#), [ECON](#), [EDUC](#) (Education modules), [GEOG](#), [SGIA](#), [SOCL](#).

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 Liberal Arts 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 programme of study, 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 Arts and Humanities.
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 take a minimum of 40 credits to be able to take any SGIA modules at the next level.

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 Arts and Humanities.
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 Arts and Humanities.
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. The exception is that a combination of VISU modules and others offered by the School of Modern Languages and Cultures may add up to 120 credits
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 research project (a dissertation or equivalent module), normally in a subject in the Arts and Humanities, approved by the Director of Liberal Arts or by their nominee.

Year Abroad

20. Students must successfully complete Levels 1 and 2 of the programme, and meet the requirements for progressing to Level 3, prior to undertaking a Year Abroad.

Year Abroad (Modern Languages)

21. Students who qualify for the Year Abroad of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures will be transferred to the BA Liberal Arts (with Year Abroad) programme (LA02) 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 their time abroad, students will complete a Target Language Research Project in one or two languages, which full-time students must submit before the start of their final year and part-time students must submit before the start of the year in which they are taking the Level 3 core language module or modules. The TLRP is not a credit-bearing module, but it will be graded by percentage on the student's degree transcript. Students who pass the TLRP will proceed to Level 3 of the BA Liberal Arts (with Year Abroad) programme (LA02); students who fail will be transferred to the BA Liberal Arts programme (LA01).

Year Abroad (Study Abroad)

26. Students who wish to undertake a Year Abroad must apply for a study placement during the first two terms of Level 2.
27. Students will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study in which modules relating to their principal subjects will normally comprise a minimum of 50% of their studies. The arrangements for the placement must be approved by the Director of Liberal Arts or by their nominee. During the Year Abroad, students will be assessed at module level by the host university. The marks awarded to students do not contribute to the classification of their degrees, but successful completion of the modules is required to qualify for the BA Liberal Arts (with Year Abroad).

28. Students who the Board of Examiners for Liberal Arts judges to have made satisfactory progress on the Year Abroad will proceed to Level 3 of the BA Liberal Arts (with Year Abroad) programme (LA02); students who are not judged to have made satisfactory progress will be transferred to the BA Liberal Arts programme (LA01).

Placement Year

29. Students admitted to the BA Liberal Arts (LA01) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Liberal Arts (with Placement Year) programme (LA03). Students taking the BA Liberal Arts (with Placement Year) (LA03) will undertake an approved placement or placements 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 Liberal Arts (with Placement Year) (LA03). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Liberal Arts (LA01) programme.
31. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Liberal Arts (with Placement Year) (LA03) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Liberal Arts (LA01) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours or Ordinary programme; and
 - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to be admitted to the BA Liberal Arts (with Placement Year) programme (LA03); and
 - c. secure a placement / year abroad opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Director of Liberal Arts and the Faculty Placement Officer; and
 - d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Liberal Arts (LA01) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Liberal Arts (LA01).
32. Students whom the Board of Examiners for Liberal Arts deems to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Liberal Arts (with Placement Year) (LA03). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Liberal Arts (with Placement Year) (LA03) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Liberal Arts programme (LA01).