

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](#), [COMB](#), [ECON](#), [EDUC](#), [GEOG](#), [SGIA](#), [SOCI](#), [SPRT](#).

#### **Arts and Humanities Subjects:**

[ARAB](#), [CFLS](#), [CHNS](#), [CLAS](#), [ENGL](#), [FREN](#), [GERM](#), [HIST](#), [ITAL](#), [JPNS](#), [LIBA](#), [MLAC](#), [MUSI](#), [PHIL](#), [RUSS](#), [SPAN](#), [THEO](#), [VISU](#).

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. Modules with a COMB or LIBA prefix do not count as one of these two to 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.
9. Students wishing to study both BUSI and ECON modules can take no more than 100 credits in these subjects combined.
10. Students wishing to study SGIA modules must take a minimum of 40 credits and no more than 60 credits in the subject.
11. An appropriate credit-bearing language module from the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study may be taken, in accordance with the [Centre's restrictions](#) and module regulations.

#### **Level 2 (Diploma)**

12. 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. Modules with a COMB or LIBA prefix do not count as one of these two to four subjects. At least 60 credits must be taken in the Social Sciences.
13. A maximum of 80 credits may be taken in any one subject.

14. Students wishing to study both BUSI and ECON modules can take no more than 100 credits in these subjects combined.
15. Students wishing to study SGIA modules must take a minimum of 40 level 2 credits and no more than 80 credits in the subject.
16. In accordance with the core regulations, students may take no more than 30 credits of Level 1 modules during Level 2.
17. An appropriate credit-bearing language module from the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study may be taken, in accordance with the [Centre's restrictions](#), but only if the combined total of the language module and Level 1 modules taken does not exceed 30 credits.

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

18. 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. Modules with a COMB or LIBA prefix do not count as one of these two to three subjects. At least 60 credits must be taken in the Social Sciences.
19. A maximum of 80 credits may be taken in any one subject.
20. Students wishing to study both BUSI and ECON modules can take no more than 100 credits in these subjects combined.
21. In accordance with the core regulations, students may take no more than 30 credits of Level 2 modules during Level 3.
22. An appropriate credit-bearing language module from the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study may be taken, in accordance with the [Centre's restrictions](#), but only if the combined total of the language module and Level 2 modules taken does not exceed 30 credits.
23. Students are required to undertake one research project (a dissertation or equivalent module), which will normally be 40 credits and normally in a subject in the Social Sciences, approved by the Director of Combined Honours in Social Sciences or their nominee.
24. Students taking the 40 credit Interdisciplinary Dissertation COMB 3002 must take a minimum of 20 credits in each of the subjects combined in their dissertation.

### **Year Abroad**

25. 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)**

26. 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) (LMVA) at the end of their first year.
27. Full-time students spend a period of residence of no less than 7 months in a country or countries in which the language they intend to study at Level 3 is spoken. Part-time students spend at least 4 weeks in a country or countries in which the language is spoken. These 4 weeks may be spread over the duration of the programme.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. During the course of their time abroad, students will complete a Target Language Research Project. The assignment 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.

31. Students who the Board of Examiners deem to have passed will proceed to Level 3 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Year Abroad) (LMVA). Students who fail the assessment will be transferred to Level 3 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (LMV0).

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

32. 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.
33. Students undertaking the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Year Abroad) (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.
34. 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).
35. Students who the Board of Examiners 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 Level 3 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (LMV0).

### **Placement Year**

36. Students who wish to take a placement year are required to apply and 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 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 (LMV P); 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 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).
37. Students undertaking the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Placement Year) (LMV P) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.
38. During the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete the placement year assessment tasks 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).
39. Students who the Board of Examiners deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessments will continue to Level 3 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (with Placement Year) (LMVP). Students who fail the assessments will be transferred to Level 3 of the BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences (LMV0) programme.