

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 Economics and Politics (LL12)

BA Economics and Politics with Placement Year (LL02)

BA Economics and Politics with Study Abroad (LL01)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in full-time mode of study. The lead department is Economics.

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Principles of Economics #	ECON1011	20
Economic Methods #	ECON1021	20
Global Economic History	ECON1071	20

3. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List A:

List A:		Credit value
Researching Politics and International Relations	SGIA1201	20
Introduction to Comparative Politics	SGIA1211	20
Introduction to International Relations	SGIA1221	20
Introduction to Political Theory	SGIA1231	20
Perspectives of Political Economy	SGIA1241	20

Level 2 (Diploma)

4. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20-40 credits from List B:

List B:		Credit value
EITHER BOTH		
Macroeconomics #	ECON2011	20
AND Microeconomics #	ECON2021	20
OR ONLY		
Economic Theory #	ECON2291	20

5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20-40 credits from List C (Dissertation Prerequisites):

List C (Dissertation Prerequisites):		Credit value
Research Project^	SGIA2341	20
Econometrics^	ECON2061	20

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 0-40 credits from List D, so that the total ECON credits taken from Lists B, C and D adds up to 60 credits in total:

List D:		Credit value
Intermediate Economic Methods	ECON2121	20
Behavioural and Experimental Economics	ECON2141	20
Microeconomic Applications and Policy	ECON2261	20
Macroeconomic Applications and Policy	ECON2271	20

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40-60 credits from List E, so that they study a total of 120 credits across Lists B, C, D and E:

List E:		Credit value
International Theory	SGIA2131	20

Politics and International Relations of East Asia	SGIA2161	20
Foundations of Western Political Thought	SGIA2171	20
International Organisations	SGIA2261	20
Sovereignty, State and Empire	SGIA2281	20
Debates in Political Theory	SGIA2321	20
Class and Nation in British Politics	SGIA2351	20
Analytical Politics	SGIA2361	20
Democracy, Conflict and American Society	SGIA2381	20
Middle East and the International Systems >	SGIA2391	20
Capitalism: History and Theory	SGIA2401	20
Gender and Politics	SGIA2411	20

Level 3 (Degree)

8. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List F:

List F:		Credit value
Dissertation (Economics) ~	ECON3012	40
Dissertation (Politics) ~	SGIA3142	40

9. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 - 60 credits from List G, so that the total ECON credits taken from Lists F and G adds up to a minimum of 40 credits in total:

List G:		Credit value
Applied Econometrics	ECON3011	20
History of Economic Thought	ECON3051	20
International Economics	ECON3071	20
Labour Economics	ECON3081	20
Monetary Economics	ECON3111	20
Environmental Economics and Policy	ECON3161	20
Development Economics	ECON3171	20
Advanced Microeconomic Theory	ECON3201	20
Advanced Macroeconomic Theory	ECON3211	20
Game Theory and Applications	ECON3301	20

10. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 - 60 credits from List H, so that the total SGIA credits taken from Lists F and H adds up to a minimum of 40 credits in total and so that they study a total of 120 credits across Lists F, G and H:

List H (Politics):		Credit Value
Theories of Liberty	SGIA3291	20
China in Global Political Economy	SGIA3381	20
Democratic Practice in US Campaigns	SGIA3531	20
Social and Political Philosophy	SGIA3561	20
Democracy and Discontent in the European Union	SGIA3571	20
The Politics of Inequality	SGIA3671	20
Climate, Nature and the Global Economy	SGIA3711	20
Decolonising International Society	SGIA3741	20
Marx and Marxism	SGIA3761	20
Diasporas and Global Politics	SGIA3781	20
Advanced Topic in International Political Theory: The-International	SGIA3801	20
Politics of the Everyday		
The Culture Wars: Past, Present and Future	SGIA3811	20
Advanced Readings in Political Economy	SGIA3821	20
Are Voters Really Rational?	SGIA3831	20
Environmental Politics	SGIA3851	20

Assessment, progression and award

11. Modules marked with a # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.

12. At least 20 credits of modules marked with a ^ must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
13. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30 – 39% cannot be compensated.
14. Modules marked with a > will be delivered in Term 2.
15. Modules marked with a * are not available in 2025/26.

Professional accreditation

16. Durham University Business School is accredited by the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) for a period of five years from 2022 and by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) for a period of five years from 2024.

Year 3 (Placement Year / Study Abroad)

17. Students admitted to the BA Economics and Politics (LL12) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Economics and Politics (with Placement Year) programme (LL02) or the BA Economics and Politics (with Study Abroad) programme (LL01).
18. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Economics and Politics (with Placement Year) (LL02) or the BA Economics and Politics (with Study Abroad) (LL01) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Economics and Politics (LL12) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme, and;
 - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the BA Economics and Politics' Programme Director to be admitted to the BA Economics and Politics (with Placement Year) (LL02) or the BA Economics and Politics (with Study Abroad) (LL01) and have their application approved by the BA Economics and Politics' Programme Director; and;
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Economics and Politics (LL12) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Economics and Politics (LL12) Honours programme.

Placement Year

19. Students will undertake an approved work placement or work placements of not less than 40 weeks in total. They must have successfully completed 240 credits at Levels 1 and 2 to progress to the placement. Student progress will be assessed at threshold level by continuous assessments of the student's performance during the placement and a final report. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Economics and Politics with Placement Year.
20. Students who the Board of Examiners for the Business School deem to have made satisfactory progress on the Placement Year will continue to Level 3 of the BA Economics and Politics (with Placement Year) (LL02). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the placement will not be permitted to continue on BA Economics and Politics (with Placement Year) (LL02) but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Economics and Politics (LL12) programme.

Study Abroad

21. Students will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university. Student progress will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Economics and Politics with Study Abroad. Students should pass a minimum of 40 ECTS credits, or equivalent, to successfully complete the year, as set out in their Learning Agreement.
22. Students who the Board of Examiners for the Business School deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Economics and Politics (with Study Abroad) (LL01). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on BA Economics and Politics (with Study Abroad) (LL01) but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Economics and Politics (LL12) programme.