

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 Education Studies (X305)

BA Education Studies (with Placement Year) (X306)

BA Education Studies (with Year Abroad) (X308)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.

Level 1 (Certificate)

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

		Credit value
Historical and Philosophical Ideas of Education	EDUC1461	20
International & Comparative Education	EDUC1501	20
Contemporary Issues and Evidence in Education	EDUC1511	20
Foundations of Psychology in Education	EDUC1521	20

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List A, subject to timetable compatibility:

List A:		Credit value
Disability and Education Needs: What's so 'Special' about SEND?	EDUC1531	20
A module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study		20
Open Level 1 module(s) offered by another Board of Studies		20/40

Level 2 (Diploma)

4. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following module:

		Credit value
Educational Research Methods # ~	EDUC2301	20

5. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 100 credits from List B, of which up to 20 credits may be selected from the open Level 2 modules offered by other Boards of Studies, subject to timetable compatibility:

List B:		Credit value
Cultural Identity, Interculturality, and Education	EDUC2361	20
Constructing Childhood and Youth *	EDUC2401	20
Higher Education: Issues of Exclusion and Inclusion	EDUC2351	20
Assessing Education	EDUC2411	20
Learning Lives	EDUC2421	20
Learning and Development in Childhood	EDUC2321	20
Disability and Educational Needs: Impairment, Empowerment and Education	EDUC2431	20
A module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study		20
An open Level 2 module offered by another Board of Studies		20

Level 3 (Degree)

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

		Credit value
Double Dissertation: Disciplinary Contexts of Education ~	EDUC3322	40

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits from List C, of which up to 20 credits may be selected from the open Level 3 modules offered by other Boards of Studies or Level 2 Education modules, subject to timetable compatibility:

List C:		Credit value
Education in a Global Age	<u>EDUC3191</u>	20
Understanding the Arts in Education	<u>EDUC3331</u>	20
The Social Life of Education	<u>EDUC3341</u>	20
Evidence and Educational Policy	<u>EDUC3351</u>	20
The Science of Learning	<u>EDUC3361</u>	20
Digital Society Theory & Practice	<u>EDUC3391</u>	20
Education, Mental Health and Wellbeing *	<u>EDUC3401</u>	20
An open Level 3 module offered by another Board of Studies		20
An Education Level 2 module chosen from List B above		20

Assessment, progression and award

8. Modules marked with # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
9. Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.
10. Modules marked with * are not available in 2026-27.
11. The use of Generative Artificial Intelligence on summative assessment is prohibited unless specifically allowed via the module outline and assessment brief.

Placement Year

12. Students admitted to BA Education Studies (X305) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Education Studies (with Placement Year) programme (X306). Students taking the BA Education Studies (with Placement Year) (X306) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.

During the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete the placement assessments outlined in the Faculty Placement Year Module FSOC3099, 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 Education Studies (with Placement Year) (X306). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Education Studies (X305) programme.

13. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Education Studies (with Placement Year) (X306) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Education Studies (X305) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and
 - b. secure a placement year opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, approved by the Faculty Placement Manager and approved by the School of Education academic placement lead; and
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Education Studies (X305) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Education Studies (X305).
14. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the School of Education deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the three required on-placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Education Studies (with Placement Year) (X306). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Education Studies (with Placement Year) (X306) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Education Studies programme (X305).

Additional Year Abroad

15. Students admitted to the BA Education Studies (X305) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Education Studies (with Year Abroad) programme (X308). Students undertaking the BA Education Studies (with Year Abroad) programme (X308) will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. 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 Education Studies (with Year Abroad).

16. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Education Studies (with Year Abroad) (X308) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Education Studies (X305) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme, and;
 - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the School of Education to be admitted to the BA Education Studies (with Year Abroad) (X308) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in the School of Education, and;
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Education Studies (X305) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Education Studies (X305) Honours programme.
17. Students who the Board of Examiners for the School of Education deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Education Studies (with Year Abroad) (X308). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Education Studies (with Year Abroad) (X308) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Education Studies (X305) programme.