



Durham
University

Combined Honours in Social Sciences (LMVO)

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Top 10

UK university

Ranked 6th, *The Complete University Guide*

Ranked 4th, *The Guardian University Guide*

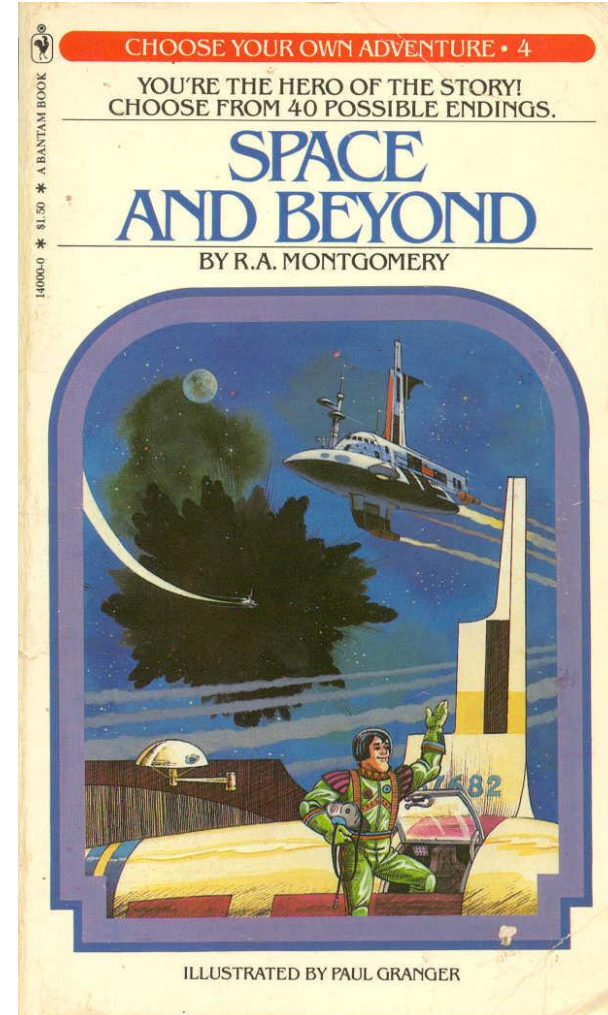
What is Combined Honours?

Academically ambitious degree program

- Combined Honours is an undergraduate degree framework which gives you the opportunity to **design your own degree**, going beyond disciplinary boundaries.
- Suited to **individual interests**, strengths and career plans

Flexible & emphasises choice

- In Combined Honours programmes, you study two, three, or even four subjects, giving you far more choice and flexibility than within Single Honours or Joint Honours courses.



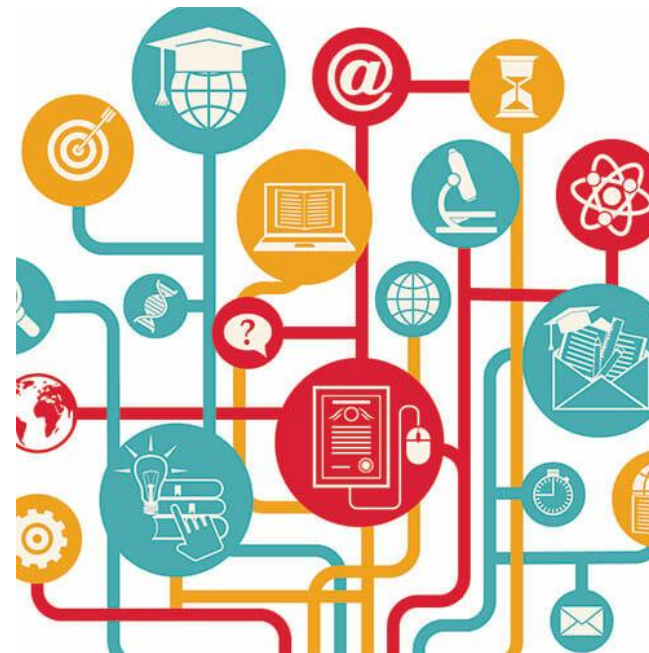
Approaches to Combined Honours: Interdisciplinary or Multidisciplinary

Interdisciplinary

- Integrate subjects, modules, knowledge, and methods from different disciplines
 - Synthesis of approaches
- Life is interdisciplinary!

Multidisciplinary

- Study subjects 'separately' in a bespoke joint honours programme created by the student.



Build your own degree

Faculty of Social Sciences

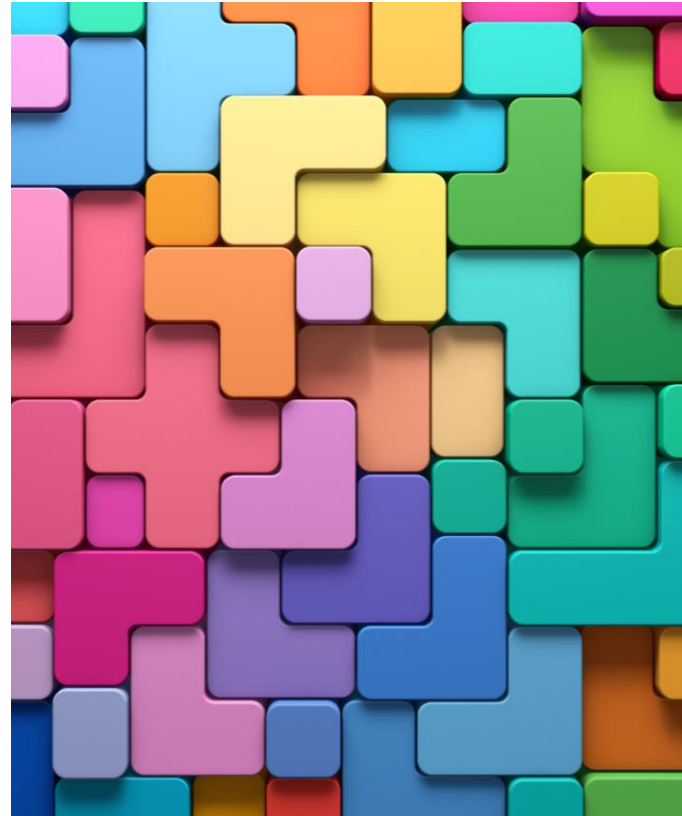
Anthropology, Archaeology, Business, Economics, Education, Geography, Politics, International Relations, Sociology, and Sport

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

English Studies, History, Modern Languages and Cultures (MLaC), Visual Studies, Music, Philosophy, Theology, and Classics

Faculty of Business

Economics and Finance, Management and Marketing



Combined Honours in Social Sciences

= Social Sciences
+ (some optional) Arts and Humanities and/or Business

Liberal Arts

= Arts and Humanities
+ (some optional) Social Sciences and/or Business

Move from subject to theme



- First years tend to choose modules by the **subjects** they have liked at school.
- Second and third years start to think about modules in a more **thematic** way so that they can build a programme of study around areas such as the Cold War; social policy; social inequality; belonging and identity; development.

What kind of programme is CHSS?

Build your own JH programme

- You can combine subjects where there is no alternative programme
- (e.g. Politics/History)

Create a parallel programme

- You can combine subjects where there *is* an alternative programme
- (e.g. PPE) but in a more flexible way

Flexible bespoke programme

- You can combine up to 4 subjects to pursue a tailor-made degree
- (e.g. Economics, Geog, Spanish, or Sociology, Politics, Education, Business)

Different directions... but not too many!



Programme regulations summary

Level	Options
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 120 credits from 2, 3 or 4 subjects• At least 60 credits in Social Sciences
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 120 credits from 2, 3 or 4 subjects• At least 60 credits in Social Sciences
Possible year abroad or placement year	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation (normally 40 credits)• 80 credits from 2 or 3 subjects (inc diss subject)• At least 60 credits in the Social Sciences

What restrictions are there?

- Programme regulations (minimum 60 credits p.a. Social Sciences)
- Module availability
- Timetable constraints
- Director approval
- Module pre-requisites and co-requisites
- Some modules have subject-specific entry requirements (History, English, Music, MFL, Economics)



What support is there?

- Weekly office hours with CHSS Director/Deputy
- Weekly office hours with lecturers
- SharePoint page for CHSS and Weekly eBulletin
- Academic Advisor in one of your principal subjects
- Combined Coordinator in all Soc Sci depts
- CHSS Student Social Society
- CHSS peer mentor scheme
- College support



Year Abroad or Placement Year Opportunities

- CHSS students who study a **modern language** can transfer to a four-year version of their programme, which includes a **Year Abroad**, during which they will study at a university, or teach English in schools, or undertake internships in companies or other organisations.
- CHSS students who **don't study a language** can also transfer to a four-year version of their programme, including the Year Abroad, if they secure a place to study at one of Durham's partner universities via the **Overseas Exchange programme**.
- We also have a **placement year** variant for students who wish to undertake a 40 week paid work placement between their second and final year.



CHSS student social society

- Every CHSS student is automatically a member
- Aims to create a social community
- Freshers' welcome events
- Returners' events
- Mentor events
- Support during induction week
- Ball in January
- CHSS peer mentor scheme for all freshers



Student representatives



- Many ways to get involved with the department
- Range of support by students for students

Peer mentors



- Running scheme since 2018
- Every CHSS fresher is matched with a mentor taking a similar combination of subjects
- Cohort identity
- Belonging
- Social opportunities

Entry requirements: typical offer

GCE A level A*AA

IB 38 points (666 at higher level)

We don't accept the EPQ as part of our entry requirements, but this project is a great way to evidence experience of interdisciplinarity in your school studies so do mention it in your personal statement if you're taking it.

Substitute personal statement

Many applicants apply to a range of single honours courses alongside a combined honours application.

If this is the case for you, and you're wondering how to tailor your personal statement accordingly, Durham has the option for you to submit a substitute personal statement.

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/ucas/personalstatement/substitute/>



Subject entry requirements

- **Economics**

A at A level (or equivalent) in Mathematics (IB Higher level 6, Standard level 7)

- **English Literature**

A at A level (or equivalent) in English Literature [or in English Language and Literature]

- **History**

A at A level (or equivalent) in History

- **Music**

A at A level (or equivalent) in Music

Subject entry requirements continued

- **Languages (as principal subjects) – advanced:
French / German / Spanish / Italian / Russian**

A at A level (or equivalent) in the relevant language

- **Languages (as principal subjects) – *ab initio* (1):
German / Spanish / Italian / Russian / Arabic**

A at A level (or equivalent) in any modern language

- **Languages (as principal subjects) – *ab initio* (2):
Chinese / Japanese**

A at A level (or equivalent) in any modern language desirable but not essential, since this is not required for the Chinese and Japanese Studies programmes


Employment prospects




- Destination figures are excellent with around 93% of CH leavers securing employment and/or going on to further study within six months of graduating.
- The average salary of our graduates is £25,500.
- Employers like the Combined degree - for the obvious reason that graduates come out with a range of skills from the different subjects they have studied.
- We run careers/CV workshops to support you each year

Graduate Destinations

- Some of the recent graduates of our programmes have gone on to:
 - Masters and PhD programmes at a range of places including Durham, Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, St Andrews, LSE, UCL.
 - Over a third of our graduates go on to PG study each year.
 - PGCEs, Law conversion courses, and other graduate programmes, relating to journalism, financial services, and management.
 - Careers in teaching, banking, auditing, marketing, public relations, human resources, publishing, retail management, the civil service, arts management, public administration, and the voluntary sector.



In 2013, The Independent reported that Durham University is thought to have the highest rate of inter-student marriages in Britain. Roughly 72% of students will marry a fellow Durham alumnus, a third of couples starting a relationship only after graduation. This is by far the highest percentage of any UK university, with the national average typically standing at 18-20%.



(Palatinate, Feb 7, 2019, "Meeting the real 70%")

Why choose CHSS at Durham?



FLEXIBILITY



THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY
FOR A YEAR ABROAD OR
PLACEMENT YEAR



THE OPPORTUNITY TO
COMBINE YOUR EXISTING
SUBJECTS WITH NEW SUBJECTS



THE OPPORTUNITY TO
SPECIALISE IN TWO SUBJECTS
OR TO STUDY A BROADER
RANGE OF MODULES



THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
CREATIVE CONNECTIONS
BETWEEN TWO OR MORE
ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES

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INTERNATIONALLY
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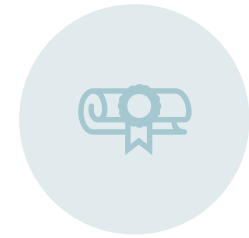
RESEARCH-LED EDUCATION
IN ALL SUBJECTS



HIGHLY RATED BY PAST AND
PRESENT STUDENTS



EXCELLENT RESULTS, BETTER
THAN THE RESULTS IN
MANY SINGLE AND JOINT
HONOURS PROGRAMMES



EXCELLENT GRADUATE
PROSPECTS

Further information

Thank you!

Q&A

For information on the Combined Honours in Social Sciences programme:

- phone: 0191 334 1000
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- website: www.durham.ac.uk/chss/

For the programme regulations and outlines of all modules:

- see the *Faculty Handbook Online*:

