COMPANY PROFILE DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Durham University is a public research university located in Durham, England. Founded in 1832 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1837, it is the third-oldest recognized university in England (after Oxford and Cambridge) and a member of the prestigious Russell Group of research-intensive UK universities.

Key Information Overview
Established: 1832

Type: Public Research University

Motto: Fundamenta ejus super montibus sanctis ("Her foundations are upon the holy hills")

Location: Durham, North East England, UK

Chancellor: Dr. Fiona Hill

Vice-Chancellor and Warden: Professor Karen O'Brien

Student Body: ~20,000+ undergraduate and postgraduate students

Academic Structure: Collegiate University system (17 residential colleges)

Academic Structure & Colleges
Durham operates on a collegiate system similar to Oxford and Cambridge, where students belong to both an academic department/faculty and an autonomous college that provides accommodation, pastoral support, sports, and social events.

Faculties
Arts and Humanities (English Studies, History, Theology, Classics, Languages, Music, Philosophy)

Science (Biosciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Earth Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physics, Psychology)

Social Sciences and Health (Archaeology, Anthropology, Government and International Affairs, Geography, Law, Sociology)

Durham University Business School (Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing, Economics)

Colleges
Bailey Colleges (Historic City Centre): Hatfield, St Chad's, St John's, St Cuthbert's Society, Peterhouse/University College (Durham Castle).

Hill Colleges (Elvet Hill): Grey, Collingwood, Van Mildert, Trevyn, Aidan's, Mary's, Stephenson, Josephine Butler, South College, Mildert, John Snow.

Global Reputation & Accreditation
Global & UK Rankings: Consistently ranked in the top 100 universities globally (QS World University Rankings) and top 10 within the UK across national league tables (The Guardian, The Complete University Guide, The Times/Sunday Times).

Research Quality: Outstanding performance in the UK Research Excellence Framework (REF), with strong global impact in space science, archaeology, geography, physics, and humanities.

Triple Accreditation: Durham University Business School holds Triple Crown Accreditation (AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS), placing it in the top 1% of business schools globally.

Estate & Campus Highlights
UNESCO World Heritage Site: Durham Castle (housing University College) and Durham Cathedral form part of a UNESCO World Heritage site at the heart of the city.

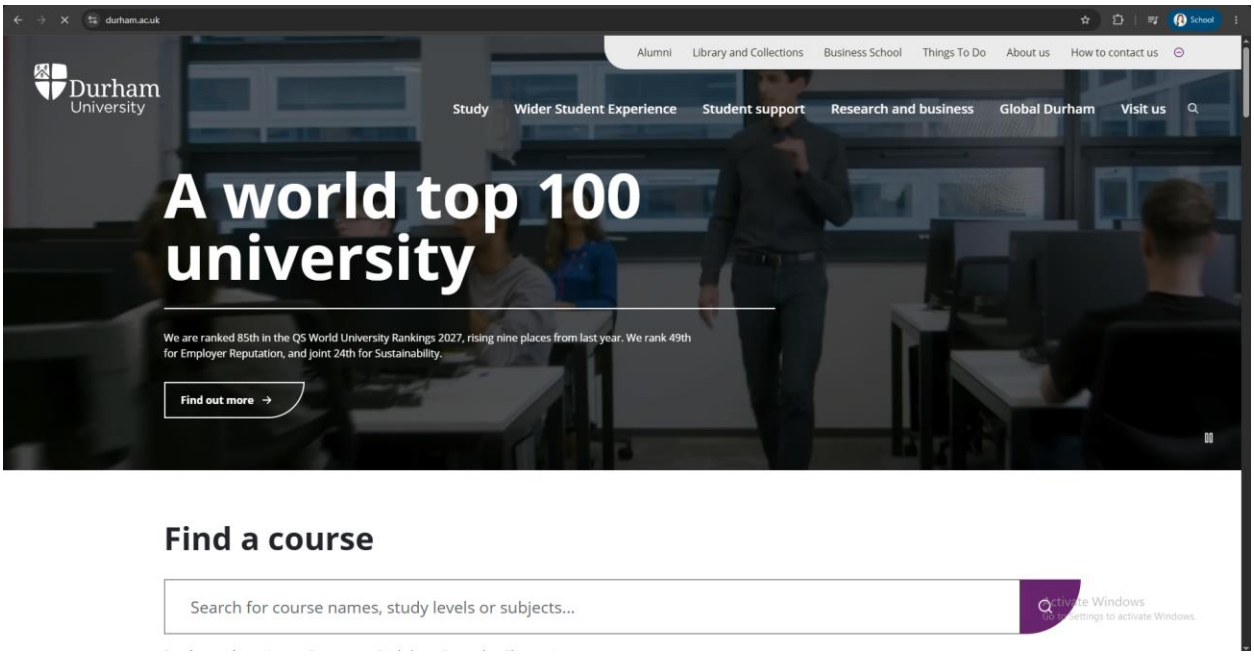
The Waterside Building: Houses key facilities for business and executive education located on Mill Hill Lane and Riverside Place.

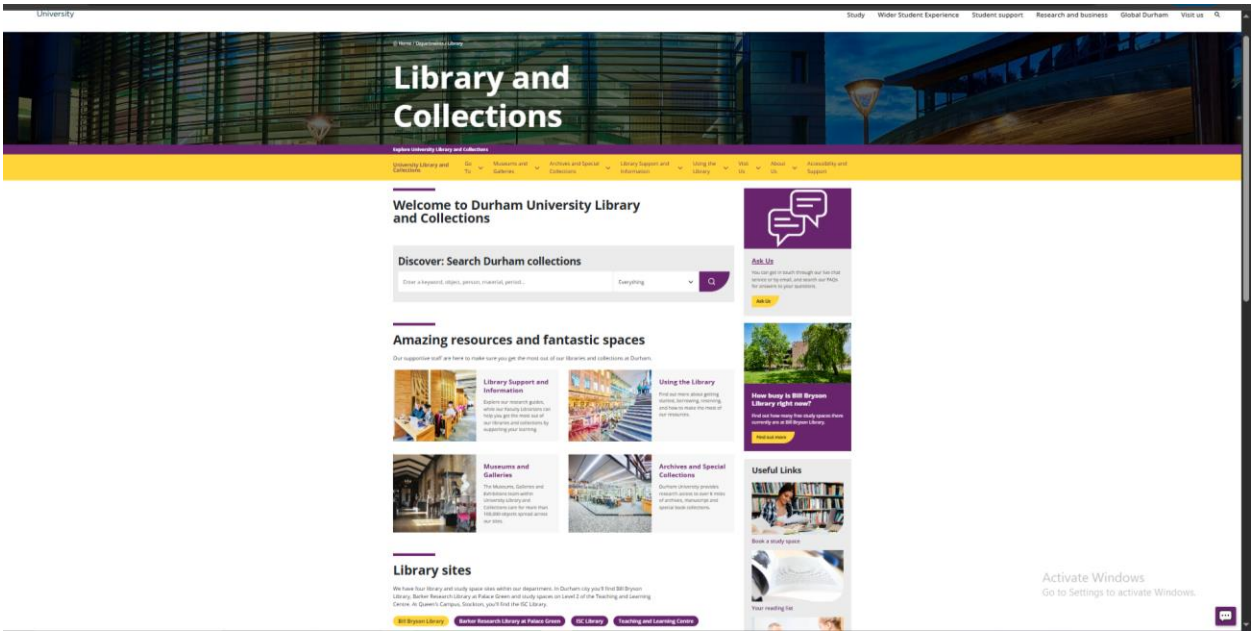
Space & Technology Hubs: Host to the European Space Laboratory status and the Durham University Space Research Centre (SPARC).

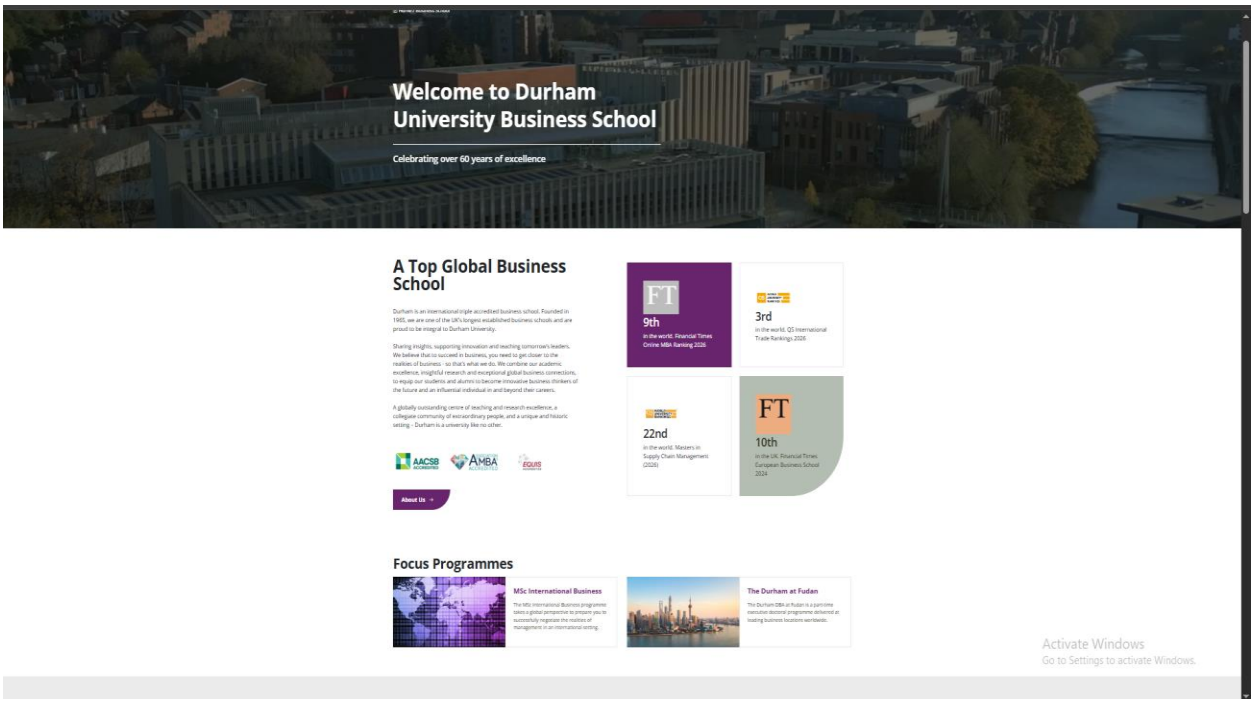
Core Focus Areas & Strategic Vision
Sustainability & ESG: Leading institution for Net Zero transformation research, circular economy innovations, green finance, and carbon market strategy.

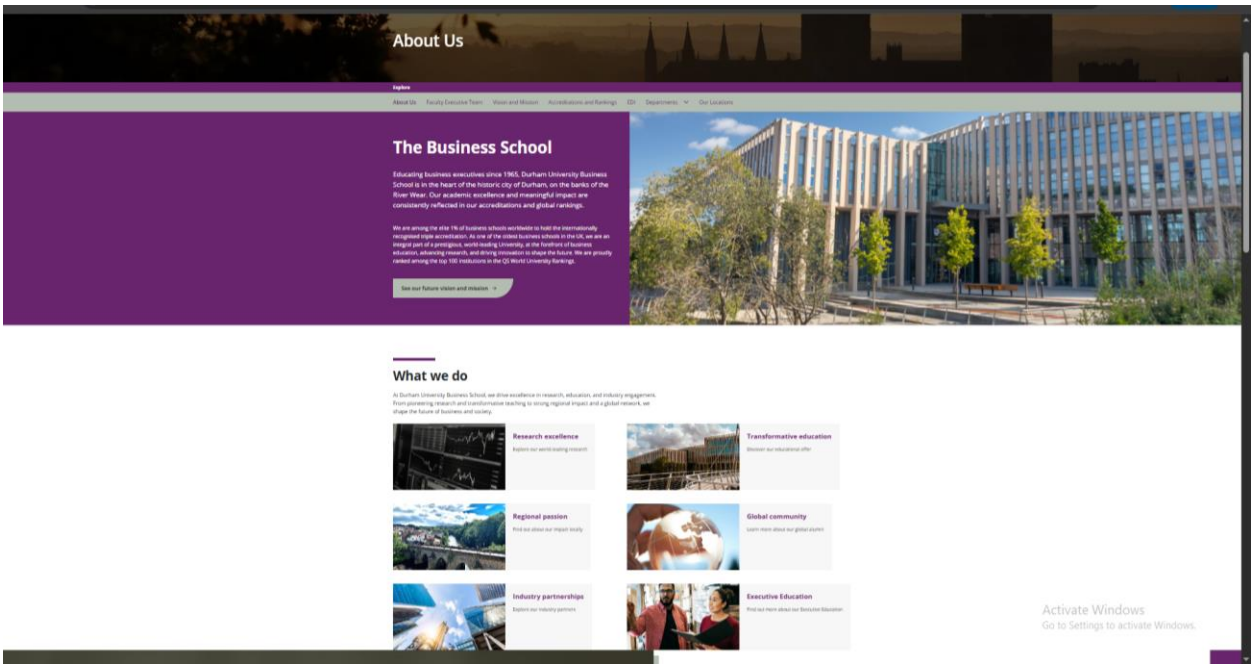
Digital Transformation & AI: Focus on AI-assisted leadership, data-driven decision-making, and workforce automation.

Regional & Global Connectivity: Engagement in regional economic initiatives like the North East & Yorkshire Net Zero Hub alongside multi-national space policy research.


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Sharing insights, supporting innovation and teaching tomorrow's leaders. We believe that to succeed in business, you need to get closer to the realities of business - so that's what we do. We combine our academic excellence, insightful research and exceptional global business connections, to equip our students and alumni to become innovative business thinkers of the future and an influential individual in and beyond their careers.
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The Business School
Educating business executives since 1965, Durham University Business School is in the heart of the historic city of Durham, on the banks of the River Wear. Our academic excellence and meaningful impact are consistently reflected in our accreditations and global rankings.
We are among the elite 1% of business schools worldwide to hold the internationally recognised triple accreditation. As one of the oldest business schools in the UK, we are an integral part of a prestigious, world-leading University, at the forefront of business education, advancing research, and driving innovation to shape the future. We are proudly ranked among the top 100 institutions in the QS World University Rankings.
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What we do
At Durham University Business School, we drive excellence in research, education, and industry engagement. From pioneering research and transformative teaching to strong regional impact and a global network, we shape the future of business and society.
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