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Durham Energy Institute



SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

// MSc Energy and Society

FULL OR PART-TIME

The world's energy challenges will not be solved by technology alone. Combining insights from social and technological sciences this MSc addresses how we can work together for energy change.

This Masters programme draws on specialist research from the interdisciplinary Durham Energy Institute to give you a better understanding of the global energy challenge. Modules are taught by world-leading researchers in Energy, Anthropology, Engineering, Geography, Humanities, Politics, Law and Business at Durham University.

Working across disciplinary boundaries, you will learn to communicate with all kinds of energy specialists, and address the questions that matter. The Masters has been developed following demand from industry, government, community and NGO partners and will provide you with unique skills to understand, analyse and deliver advanced technical and social solutions.

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time

Entrance requirements: We welcome applications from graduates with a good first degree (or equivalent) in a broad range of disciplines, particularly from the social and engineering sciences. For students whose first language is not English, IELTS 7 or equivalent is required.

"The combination of the industry and technical side of energy with policy, and then society and culture too, made this a really valuable year"

"I really was interested in the interaction of energy and people and how it works technically and this course was very unique"

MSc Energy and Society students, 2013 cohort.

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ABOUT THE COURSE:

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// Course Content

Energy Context and Challenges

Exploring contemporary political economies of energy generation and distribution, the role of energy as a geopolitical tool, conflicts over global warming, energy wars and energy transitions.

Energy Society and Practices

Introducing key theories and methodologies drawn from social science approaches, such as the idea of everyday practices, material cultures, organisational forms and social relations, and considering the relevance of these theories and approaches for energy research and practice.

Energy in Practice (Field Study)

This field course includes visits to key energy sites in the UK, including discussions with site actors, guided tours of facilities, presentations and lectures from key personnel.

Research Dissertation

An opportunity to conduct an original research project with support from a dedicated academic supervisor. You will gain detailed knowledge of current research, literature and methods in your chosen area.

Plus up to 3 modules chosen from across the university, including:

- Society, Energy, Environment and Resilience
- Renewable Energy and the Environment
- Key issues in Sociocultural Theory
- Statistical Analysis in Anthropology
- Energy Markets and Risk
- Computational Methods for Social Sciences
- Social Marketing
- Law of Oil Contracts



“I encourage all of my team to attend this Masters’ Short Courses as it provides a wonderful opportunity for them to question the experts on the societal and technical challenges that my staff face every day”

Maggie Bosanquet,
Sustainability and
Climate Change team
leader, Durham
County Council

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