

Durham Beamer Theme

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Design Philosophy

The Durham Beamer Theme is a content-first presentation theme for LaTeX Beamer, designed for teaching, research, and long-form academic presentations. The theme emphasizes structural clarity, pacing awareness, and layout stability under dense textual and mathematical content.

Intended Use

The theme is intended for undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, technical lectures, research seminars, and academic conference presentations. It is not designed for marketing or heavily branded institutional decks.

Navigation and Pacing

Persistent section-level navigation and subtle progress indicators support presenter pacing. Non-content frames such as title, outline, section pages, and references are excluded from progress calculation to preserve accuracy.

Customization Policy

Customization is intentionally limited. Users are encouraged to rely on default settings. Where customization is required, it should be performed through defined colors and dimensions rather than ad-hoc layout changes.

Design Influences

The development of the Durham Beamer Theme was informed by sustained use of a range of existing Beamer themes. In particular, the Metropolis theme served as a conceptual reference for the use of section-level title frames combined with progress indicators. The Durham theme is implemented entirely from first principles and does not reuse code from Metropolis or any other theme.

Color Palette and Institutional Affiliation

The color palette used in this theme is inspired by the visual identity of Durham University. This package is an independent academic contribution and is not an official or endorsed Durham University presentation template.