

# **Durham University Postgraduate Module Handbook**

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's <u>core regulations for postgraduate programmes</u>

# MA Museum and Artefact Studies (V6K607)

1. This programme is available at Durham City in a full-time (12 months) or part-time (24 months) mode of study.

#### **Admissions**

- 2. In considering applications a candidate's experience of museums and artefacts will carry significant weight.
- 3. The programme is intended for students who hold a first degree or other appropriate qualification and who wish to acquire knowledge and practical experience in museum and material culture studies.
- 4. English language requirements:

IELTS 7.0 or above with no component below 6.5; TOEFL IBT (Internet Based Test) 102 or above (with no component below 25).

### **Programme structure**

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

		Credit value
Approaches to Museum and Artefact Studies~	ARCH50130	30
Museum Principles and Practice~	ARCH54530	30
Artefact Studies~	ARCH54630	30

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 90 credits in:

#### **EITHER (Dissertation Route)**

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

		Credit value
Dissertation~	ARCH55360	60

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 30 credits from List A:

List A:		Credit value
Research Topics in Prehistoric Archaeology~	ARCH52730	30
Research Topics in the Archaeology of Egypt, Near East and	ARCH52830	30
Ancient India~		
Research Topics in Roman Archaeology~	ARCH52930	30
Research Topics in Historic Archaeology~	ARCH53030	30
Research Topics in Cultural Landscapes of Eurasia~	ARCH41030	30
Plants and People~	ARCH40730	30
Animals and People~	ARCH40830	30
Care of Collections~	ARCH54930	30
Museum Communication~	ARCH55230	30

#### **OR (Non-Dissertation Route)**

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

List B:		Credit value
Research Paper in Museum and Artefact Studies~	ARCH52230	30
Care of Collections~	ARCH54930	30
Museum Communication~	ARCH55230	30

10. Candidates will also be required to attend such fieldwork/museum visits/work placements as may be deemed appropriate by the Board of Studies.

## Assessment, progression and award

- 11. If a candidate fails a module he/she may be given an opportunity to resit the relevant assessment(s) before the end of the academic year at a time to be determined by the Department.
- 12. The award of MA 'with distinction' will be made to those candidates who achieve an average mark (at the first attempt) of at least 70% in modules to the value of 180 credits and the achievement of at least 70% in the Dissertation (ARCH55360) where that programme route has been chosen.
- 13. The award of 'MA with Merit' will be made to those candidates who achieve an average mark (at the first attempt) of at least 60% in modules to the value of 180 credits where the candidate does not meet the criteria for the award of distinction and the achievement of at least 60% in the Dissertation (ARCH55360) where that programme route has been chosen.
- 14. Modules Marked with a ~ must be passed at 50% or above; a mark of 40-49% cannot be compensated.