

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes](#).

BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (VQ48)

BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (with year abroad) (V401)

BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (with Placement Year) (V402)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in full- and part-time modes of study. The lead department is Archaeology.

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Ancient Civilizations: Sources, Approaches and Methods # (A)	ARCH1151	20
Archaeology Practicals # (A)	ARCH1061	20
Cities in Antiquity #	ARCH1131	20

3. Candidates shall also elect to study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List A:

List A:

		Credit value
Archaeology in Britain	ARCH1071	20
Discovering World Prehistory	ARCH1121	20
Ancient Civilizations of the East	ARCH1111	20
Medieval to Modern: An Introduction to the Archaeology of the Medieval to Post Medieval World	ARCH1141	20
Modules available in Classics offered in any one year, up to a value of 40 credits only		20/40
Modules to the value of 20 credits from those offered by any other Board of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study)		20

Level 2 (Diploma)

4. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Professional Training ¥ # (A)	ARCH2191	20
Developing Archaeological Research # (A)	ARCH2181	20
Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations: East and West #	ARCH2161	20

5. Candidates shall also elect to study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List B:

List B:

		Credit value
Advanced Skills (Single) (A+)	ARCH2221	20
Advanced Skills (Double) (A+)	ARCH2212	40
Prehistoric Europe: From Foragers to State Formation	ARCH2081	20
Becoming Roman: From Iron Age to Empire in Italy and the West	ARCH2091	20
Archaeology of Medieval and Post-Medieval in its European Context	ARCH2131	20
The East Mediterranean World in the Bronze Age	ARCH2141	20
Scientific Methods in Archaeology 2	ARCH2041	20
Modules available in Classics offered in any one year, up to a value of 40 credits only		20/40

Modules to the value of 20 credits from those offered by any other Board of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study) ± 20

Level 3 (Degree)

6. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following modules:

	Credit value
Archaeology Dissertation ~ (A) ARCH3362	40

7. Candidates shall also elect to study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20-40 credits from List C:

List C:	Credit value
Specialised Aspects of Archaeology (40 credits) ARCH3472	40
Specialised Aspects of Archaeology (20 credits) ARCH3451	20

8. Candidates shall also elect to study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20-60 credits from List D:

List D:	Credit value
Advanced Professional Training (with Skills Passport) ¥ (A) ARCH3631	20
Advanced Professional Training ¥ ARCH3581	20
Current Archaeology (A) ARCH3591	20
Interpreting Heritage ARCH3601	20
Museum Representation * ARCH3621	20
Scientific Methods in Archaeology 3 ARCH3611	20
Modules available in Classics , up to a value of 40 credits only	20/40
Modules to the value of 20 credits from those offered by any other Board of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study) ±	20

Assessment, progression and award

9. Modules marked # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the ordinary degree at the next Level.
10. Modules marked ¥ require students to attend three weeks on a placement specified by the Board of Studies in Archaeology. For the Level 2 module Professional Training this will normally be an excavation placement during the summer preceding entry to Level 2. For the Level 3 module Advanced Professional Training / Advanced Professional Training (with Skills Passport) this will normally take place during the summer preceding entry to Level 3.
11. Only 20 credits marked with a ± can be taken at Levels 2 and 3 combined.
12. Modules marked ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30 – 39% cannot be compensated.
13. Modules marked with * are not available in 2021-2022.

Year 3 (Year Abroad)

14. Students admitted to the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (VQ48) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (with Year Abroad) programme (V401). Students undertaking the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (with Year Abroad) programme (V401) will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. During the year abroad students will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (with Year Abroad).
15. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (with Year Abroad) (V401) must:

- a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (VQ48) and progressed to Level 2 of the honours or Ordinary programme, and;
 - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in Archaeology to be admitted to the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (with Year Abroad) (V401) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in Archaeology; and
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (VQ48) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (VQ48) Honours programme.
16. Students who the Board of Examiners for Archaeology deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (with Year Abroad) (V401). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (with Year Abroad) (V401), but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (VQ48) programme.

Year 3 (Placement Year)

17. Students admitted to the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (VQ48) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations with Placement Year programme (V402). Students taking the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations with Placement Year (V402) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.
18. Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine where the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations with Placement Year (V402). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (VQ48) programme.
19. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations with Placement Year (V402) must:
- a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (VQ48) programme and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours or Ordinary programme; and
 - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Archaeology to be admitted to the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations with Placement Year (V402) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and
 - c. secure a placement/ year abroad opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Officer; and
 - d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (VQ48) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations (VQ48).
20. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Archaeology deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations with Placement Year (V402). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations with Placement Year (V402), but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations programme (VQ48).

Professional Accreditation

21. For students who wish to follow the pathway to a degree accredited by the Chartered Institute for Archaeology, they must have successfully completed all modules marked with an (A), and one of the module marked with (A+).