Durham University
Undergraduate Modules Online
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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 Anthropology (L602)

BA Anthropology with Year Abroad (L609)

BA Anthropology with Placement Year (L612)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in full time mode of study.

Level 1 (Certificate)

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

		Credit value
People and Cultures #	ANTH1061	20
Human Evolution and Diversity	ANTH1091	20
Health, Illness and Society	ANTH1041	20
Being Human: An Introduction to the History and Practice of Anthropology #	ANTH1111	20
Doing Anthropological Research #	ANTH1101	20

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from Level 1 open modules offered by other Boards of Studies (including up to 20 credits of language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).

Level 2 (Diploma)

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

		Credit value
Anthropological Research Methods in Action #	ANTH2231	20
Research Project Design #	ANTH2187	10
Biology, Culture & Society	ANTH2207	10
Relations and Belonging	ANTH2347	10
Markets and Exchange	ANTH2287	10
Power and Inequality	ANTH2317	10
Ritual, Religion and Belief	ANTH2357	10

5. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List A:

List A:		**Credit value**
Critical Global Health	ANTH2267	10
Sex, Reproduction, and Health	ANTH2367	10
Health and Inequality	ANTH2277	10
Anthropology of the Body	ANTH2257	10
Palaeoanthropology: The Story of Human Evolution	ANTH2307	10
Mind and Culture	ANTH2297	10
Primate Societies	ANTH2327	10
Reading the Skeleton	ANTH2337	10
Sustainability and the Environment *	ANTH2377	10
The Anthropocene and Multispecies Anthropology	ANTH2387	10

Level 3 (Degree)

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

		Credit value
Dissertation ~	ANTH3162	40
Anthropology Field Course	ANTH30B1	20

7. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List B of which up to 20 credits may be selected from the open Level 3 modules offered by other Boards of Studies. The availability of 10 credit modules will vary from year to year, with a minimum of 18 options in any given year.

List B:		**Credit value**
Mediterranean Connections	ANTH30G7	10
Anthropology, Art, and Experience	ANTH3937	10
Exhibiting Anthropology *	ANTH30A7	10
Capitalism in Ruins *	ANTH3787	10
Social Lives of Hormones	ANTH3307	10
Anthropology of Ethics and Morality	ANTH3927	10
Anthropology of Sport	ANTH3957	10
Anthropological Skills for Climate Change Survival *	ANTH3947	10
Power and Governance *	ANTH30F7	10
Violence and Memory	ANTH3247	10
Physical Activity for Health: Anthropological/Critical Perspectives	ANTH3797	10
Evolutionary Medicine: Maternal and Infant Health	ANTH3297	10
Political Ecologies of Health	ANTH30S7	10
Evolution of Cooperation	ANTH3877	10
Comparative Cognition and Culture *	ANTH30D7	10
Evolving Knowledge Systems *	ANTH30R7	10
Applied Anthropology *	ANTH30Q7	10
Evolution of Arts *	ANTH30T7	10
Technological Primates	ANTH3317	10
Primates in Peril *	ANTH3867	10
Forensic Anthropology	ANTH3887	10
Palaeoanthropology and Palaeoecology	ANTH3897	10
People and Nature	ANTH30U7	10
Decolonising Anthropology	ANTH30C7	10
Specialised Aspects of Health and Medical Anthropology *	ANTH3287	10
Religion and Contemporary Society *	ANTH30M7	10
Anthropologies of Knowledge	ANTH30N7	10
Social Movements in Interdisciplinary Perspectives	ANTH30P7	10
Global Mental Health: A Critical Anthropological Perspective *	ANTH30J7	10
A module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study		20

Assessment, progression and award

8. Modules marked with * are not running in 2026-27.

9. Modules marked with # must be at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.

10. Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30 – 39% cannot be compensated.

Year Abroad

11. Students admitted to the BA Anthropology (L602) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Anthropology (with Year Abroad) programme (L609). Students undertaking the BA Anthropology (with Year Abroad) (L609) programme 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 Anthropology with Year Abroad.

12. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Anthropology (with Year Abroad) (L609) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Anthropology (L602) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme, and;

b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Anthropology to be admitted to the BA Anthropology (with Year Abroad) (L609) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in the Department of Anthropology, and;

c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Anthropology (L602) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Anthropology (L602) programme.

13. Students who the Board of Examiners for the Department of Anthropology deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Anthropology (with Year Abroad) (L609). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Anthropology (with Year Abroad) (L609) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Anthropology (L602) programme.

Placement Year

14. Students admitted to the BA Anthropology (L602) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Anthropology (with Placement Year) programme (L612). Students taking the BA Anthropology (with Placement Year) (L612) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.

    Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether 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 Anthropology (with Placement Year) (L612). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Anthropology (L602) programme.

15. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Anthropology (with Placement Year) (L612) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Anthropology (L602) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and

    b. secure a placement 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

    c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Anthropology (L602) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Anthropology (L602).

16. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Anthropology deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Anthropology (with Placement Year) (L612). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Anthropology (with Placement Year) (L612) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Anthropology programme (L602).