

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 and Archaeology (LF64)

BA Anthropology and Archaeology with Year Abroad (LF01)

BA Anthropology and Archaeology with Placement Year (LF02)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study. The lead department is Anthropology.

Level 1 (Certificate)

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

| | | Credit value |
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| Doing Anthropological Research # | ANTH1101 | 20 |
| Being Human: An Introduction to the History and Practice of Anthropology | ANTH1111 | 20 |
| Introduction to Archaeological Methods ^ | ARCH1047 | 10 |
| Scientific Methods in Archaeology 1 ^ | ARCH1027 | 10 |
| Discovering World Prehistory # | ARCH1121 | 20 |

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List A:

| List A: | | Credit value |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Human Evolution and Diversity | ANTH1091 | 20 |
| Peoples and Cultures | ANTH1061 | 20 |
| Health, Illness and Society | ANTH1041 | 20 |
| A module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study ⊖ | | 20 |

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List B:

| List B: | | Credit value |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Archaeology in Britain | ARCH1071 | 20 |
| Ancient Civilisations of the East | ARCH1111 | 20 |
| Cities in Antiquity | ARCH1131 | 20 |
| Medieval to Modern: An Introduction to the Archaeology of the Medieval to Post Medieval World | ARCH1141 | 20 |
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Level 2 (Diploma)

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

| | | Credit value |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Debating Archaeology and Anthropology | ANTH2217 | 10 |
| Research Project Design | ANTH2187 | 10 |

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 100 credits from Lists C and D, with at least 40 credits from each list:

| List C: | | Credit value |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Anthropological Research Methods in Action | ANTH2231 | 20 |
| Palaeoanthropology: The Story of Human Evolution | ANTH2307 | 10 |
| Mind and Culture | ANTH2297 | 10 |
| Primate Societies | ANTH2327 | 10 |
| Reading the Skeleton | ANTH2337 | 10 |
| Critical Global Health | ANTH2267 | 10 |
| Sex, Reproduction, and Health | ANTH2367 | 10 |

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| Health and Inequality | ANTH2277 | 10 |
| Anthropology of the Body | ANTH2257 | 10 |
| Relations and Belonging | ANTH2347 | 10 |
| Markets and Exchange | ANTH2287 | 10 |
| Power and Inequality | ANTH2317 | 10 |
| Ritual, Religion and Belief | ANTH2357 | 10 |
| Sustainability and the Environment * | ANTH2377 | 10 |
| The Anthropocene and Multispecies Anthropology | ANTH2387 | 10 |
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| List D : | | Credit value |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Scientific Methods in Archaeology 2 | ARCH2041 | 20 |
| Prehistoric Europe: From Foragers to State Formation | ARCH2081 | 20 |
| Becoming Roman: From Iron Age to Empire in Italy and the West | ARCH2091 | 20 |
| Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations: East and West | ARCH2161 | 20 |
| Archaeology of medieval and Post-medieval Britain in its European Context | ARCH2131 | 20 |
| The East Mediterranean World in the Bronze Age | ARCH2141 | 20 |
| Advanced Skills (20 Credits) | ARCH2221 | 20 |
| A module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study ☉ | | 20 |

Level 3 (Degree)

7. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List E:

| List E: | | Credit value |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Dissertation (Interdisciplinary Anthropology and Archaeology) | ANTH3742 | 40 |
| Dissertation (Anthropology) ~ | ANTH3162 | 40 |
| Dissertation (Archaeology) ~ | ARCH3362 | 40 |

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List F. The availability of 10 credit modules will vary from year to year.

| List F: | | Credit value |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Mediterranean Connections | ANTH30G7 | 10 |
| Anthropology, Art, and Experience | ANTH3937 | 10 |
| Exhibiting Anthropology * | ANTH30A7 | 10 |
| Capitalism in Ruins * | ANTH3787 | 10 |
| Social Anthropology of Hormones | ANTH3307 | 10 |
| Anthropology of Ethics and Morality | ANTH3927 | 10 |
| Anthropologies of Knowledge | ANTH30N7 | 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 |
| Applied Anthropology * | ANTH30Q7 | 10 |
| Evolving Knowledge Systems * | ANTH30R7 | 10 |
| Evolution of Cooperation | ANTH3877 | 10 |
| Comparative Cognition and Culture * | ANTH30D7 | 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 Evolutionary Anthropology * | ANTH3907 | 10 |
| Specialised Aspects of Social Anthropology * | ANTH3917 | 10 |
| Specialised Aspects of Health and Medical Anthropology * | ANTH3287 | 10 |
| Anthropology Field Course £ | ANTH30B1 | 10 |

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| Religion and Contemporary Society * | ANTH30M7 | 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 |

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

| List G : | | Credit value |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Specialised Aspects of Archaeology (40 credits) | ARCH3472 | 40 |
| Specialised Aspects of Archaeology (20 credits) | ARCH3451 | 20 |
| Advanced Professional Training ¥ £ | ARCH3581 | 20 |
| Current Archaeology | ARCH3591 | 20 |
| Interpreting Heritage | ARCH3601 | 20 |
| Museum Representation | ARCH3621 | 20 |
| Archaeology and Global Sustainable Development | ARCH3641 | 20 |
| Scientific Methods in Archaeology 3 | ANTH3611 | 20 |
| A module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study ⊖ | | 20 |

Assessment, progression and award

10. Modules marked with * are not running in 2026-27.
11. Modules marked with # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of the programme.
12. Not more than one dissertation may be submitted.
13. Only one module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study marked ⊖ may be taken at Level 1 and only one such module over Levels 2 and 3 combined. Note that if Doing Anthropological Research ANTH1101 is taken at Level 2, a Level 1 20 credit module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study cannot also be taken at Level 2.
14. 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.
15. Modules marked with ¥ 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 this will normally take place during the summer preceding entry to Level 3.
16. Modules marked with £: fieldwork modules can be taken in both Anthropology and Archaeology but University funding will only be available for fieldwork in **one** of the Departments.

Year Abroad

17. Students admitted to the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (LF64) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) programme (LF01). Students undertaking the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) (LF01) 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 and Archaeology with Year Abroad.
18. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) (LF01) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (LF64) 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 (the lead Department for the programme) to be admitted to the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) (LF01) and have their application approved by the Chairs of the Boards of Studies in the Department of Anthropology and the Department of Archaeology, and;
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (LF64) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (LF64) programme.

19. 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 and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) (LF01). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) (LF01) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (LF64) programme.

Placement Year

20. Students admitted to the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (LF64) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (with Placement Year) programme (LF02). Students taking the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (with Placement Year) (LF02) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.

During 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 and Archaeology (with Placement Year) (LF02). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (LF64) programme.

21. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (with Placement Year) (LF02) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (LF64) 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 and Archaeology (LF64) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (LF64).
22. 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 and Archaeology (with Placement Year) (LF02). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Anthropology and Archaeology (with Placement Year) (LF02) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Anthropology and Archaeology programme (LF64).