

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 Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14)

BA Ancient History and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) (QV15)

BA Ancient History and Archaeology (with Placement Year) (QV16)

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

Level 1 (Certificate)

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

		Credit value
Monuments and Memory in the Age of Augustus #	CLAS1301	20
Introduction to the Greek World #	CLAS1601	20
Archaeology in Britain #	ARCH1071	20
Cities in Antiquity #	ARCH1131	20

3. Student choices at Level 1 can be **EITHER** 20 credits from List A plus 20 credits from List B **OR** 40 credits from List C.

List A:		Credit value
Intermediate Latin 1A	CLAS1561	20
Intermediate Latin 1B	CLAS1571	20
Intermediate Greek 1A	CLAS1541	20
Intermediate Greek 1B	CLAS1551	20
Ancient Philosophy and the Pursuits of Wisdom	CLAS1101	20
Language, Translation, Interpretation	CLAS1701	20
Lives of Objects – Greek and Roman Antiquity	CLAS1781	20
A 20 credit language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study Θ		20

List B:		Credit value
Introduction to Archaeological Methods \$ £	ARCH1047	10
Ancient Civilisations: Sources, Approaches and Methods % £	ARCH1017	10
Discovering World Prehistory	ARCH1121	20
Ancient Civilisations of the East	ARCH1111	20
Medieval to Modern: An Introduction to the Archaeology of the Medieval to Post Medieval World	ARCH1141	20
A 20 credit language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study (if not already chosen from List A) Θ		20

List C:		Credit value
Beginners' Latin 1	CLAS1062	40
Beginners' Greek 1	CLAS1072	40

Level 2 (Diploma)

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

List D:		Credit value
Emperors and Dynasties	CLAS2661	20
Living in the Classical World	CLAS2831	20
Religion in the Greek World	CLAS2991	20
Ancient Political Thought and Action \$	CLAS2761	20
Art and Archaeology of the Greek Islands %	CLAS20C1	20

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

List E:		Credit value
Beginners' Latin 2	CLAS2032	40
Beginners' Greek 2	CLAS2062	40
Intermediate Greek 2A	CLAS2541	20
Intermediate Greek 2B	CLAS2551	20
Intermediate Latin 2A	CLAS2521	20
Intermediate Latin 2B	CLAS2531	20
Advanced Greek VERSE 2	CLAS2171	20
Advanced Greek PROSE 2	CLAS2181	20
Advanced Latin VERSE 2	CLAS2191	20
Advanced Latin PROSE 2	CLAS2121	20
Traditions of Epic	CLAS2151	20
Dialogues with Antiquity	CLAS2811	20
Comedy and Tragedy, Laughter and Sorrow	CLAS2971	20
Religion in the Greek World	CLAS2991	20
Digital Humanities and the Ancient World %	CLAS20E1	20

Modules up to the value of 40 credits from List C

A 20-credit language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study Θ 20

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

List F:		Credit value
Developing Archaeological Research	ARCH2181	20
Advanced Skills (Single)	ARCH2221	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 in its European Context	ARCH2131	20
The East Mediterranean World in the Bronze Age	ARCH2141	20
A 20-credit language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study (if not already chosen from List D) Θ		20

Level 3 (Degree)

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

List G:		Credit value
Dissertation (Classics) ~	CLAS3612	40
Dissertation (Interdisciplinary) ~	ARCH3562	40
Dissertation (Archaeology) ~	ARCH3362	40

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

List H:		Credit value
Urbs Roma	CLAS3321	20
The Hellenistic World	CLAS3841	20
Pompeii	CLAS3711	20

9. Candidates shall also elect to study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List J:

List J:		Credit value
Intermediate Greek 3A	CLAS3641	20
Intermediate Greek 3B	CLAS3651	20
Intermediate Latin 3A	CLAS3681	20
Intermediate Latin 3B	CLAS3691	20
Advanced Greek VERSE 3	CLAS3421	20
Advanced Greek PROSE 3	CLAS3411	20
Advanced Latin VERSE 3	CLAS3401	20
Advanced Latin PROSE 3	CLAS3391	20
Higher Greek 1 \$	CLAS3431	20
Higher Greek 2 %	CLAS3441	20

Higher Latin 1 \$	CLAS3231	20
Higher Latin 2 %	CLAS3241	20
Happiness in Ancient Philosophy	CLAS3871	20
Interpreting Greek Drama Today	CLAS3831	20
Literary Culture from Nero to Trajan	CLAS3891	20
One module to the value of 20 credits from List G		20
A 20 credit language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study Θ		20

10. Candidates shall also elect to study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List K:

List K:		Credit value
Specialised Aspects of Archaeology (40 credits)	ARCH3472	40
Specialised Aspects of Archaeology (20 credits)	ARCH3451	20
Museum Representation	ARCH3621	20
Advanced Professional Training ¥ \$	ARCH3581	20
Current Archaeology	ARCH3591	20
Interpreting Heritage \$	ARCH3601	20
Archaeology and Global Sustainable Development	ARCH3641	20
A 20 credit language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study (if not already chosen from List H) Θ		20

Assessment, progression and award

11. Modules marked # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
12. Modules marked with \$ are taught in Michaelmas Term 2026 only.
13. Modules marked with % are taught in Epiphany Term 2027 only.
14. With reference to the Core Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes pt 13 "Where undergraduate modules are delivered entirely in a single term, students undertaking such modules should be permitted to take no more than 70 credits in total in a single term."
15. Modules marked with £ must be taken together.
16. Only one language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study marked Θ may be taken at each level.
17. Modules marked with a ¥ 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.
18. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30 – 39% cannot be compensated.

Year 3 (Year Abroad)

19. Students admitted to the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) programme (QV15). Students undertaking the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) programme (QV15) will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the Level 2 Tutor in the Department of Classics & Ancient History and the programme director in the Department of Archaeology and with the host institution and in which modules relating to Ancient History or Archaeology comprise a minimum of 50%. 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 Ancient History and Archaeology (with Year Abroad).
20. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) (QV15) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14) 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 Archaeology to be admitted to the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) (QV15) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in Archaeology; and
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of BA Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14) programme.
21. 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 Ancient History and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) (QV15). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad, judged by reference to each student's learning agreement, will not be permitted to continue on the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (with Year Abroad) (QV15), but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14) programme.

Year 3 (Placement Year)

22. Students admitted to the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Archaeology with Placement Year programme (QV16). Students taking the BA Ancient History and Archaeology with Placement Year (QV16) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.
23. During the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete the placement assessments outlined in the Faculty Placement Year Module FSOC3099, 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 Ancient History and Archaeology Placement Year (QV16). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14) programme.
24. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Ancient History and Archaeology with Placement Year (QV16) must:
- a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and
 - b. secure a Placement Year opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, approved by the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Manager; and
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14).
25. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Archaeology deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the three required on-placement assessments will continue to Level 3 of the BA Ancient History and Archaeology with Placement Year (QV16). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Ancient History and Archaeology with Placement Year (QV16), but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Ancient History and Archaeology programme (VF14).