

UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER

ARCHAEOLOGY

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KEY INFORMATION AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER
BA Single Honours Archaeology	V400	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30
Archaeology with Study Abroad [^] /with Employment Experience/with Employment Experience Abroad	V401/V402/V403	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30
BSc Single Honours Archaeology with Forensic Science	F490	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30
Archaeology with Forensic Science with Study Abroad [^] /with Employment Experience/with Employment Experience Abroad	54ZW/F492/F493	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30
BA Combined Honours Archaeology and Anthropology	VL46	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Archaeology and Anthropology with Study Abroad [^] /with Employment Experience/with Employment Experience Abroad	VL47/VL48/VVL49	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Ancient History and Archaeology	VVC4	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Ancient History and Archaeology with Study Abroad [^] /with Employment Experience/with Employment Experience Abroad	VV1K/VV2K/VV3K	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
History and Archaeology	VV16	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
History and Archaeology with Study Abroad [^] /with Employment Experience/with Employment Experience Abroad	IA84/VV18/VV19	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Flexible Combined Honours/with Study Abroad [^] /with UK Work Experience/with Work Abroad	Y004/Y006/Y007/Y008	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34

To learn more about studying Archaeology at Exeter, please visit the undergraduate website www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/archaeology. We strongly advise that you check this website before attending an open day or making your application. Some programmes require prior study of specific subjects and may also have minimum grade requirements at GCSE or equivalent, particularly in English Language and/or Mathematics.

We make every effort to ensure that the entry requirements are as up-to-date as possible in our printed literature. However, since this is printed well in advance of the start of the admissions cycle, in some cases our entry requirements and offers will change.

International students

If you are an international student, please consult our general and subject-specific entry requirements information for A levels and the International Baccalaureate. It is important to note that the University recognises a wide range of international qualifications. For more information about our academic and English language entry requirements, please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/international

For more information about the application, decision, offer and confirmation process, please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/applications

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ARCHAEOLOGY

Top 100 in QS World University Subject Rankings 2016

4th in *The Complete University Guide 2017*

6th in *The Guardian 2017*

Top 5 in the Russell Group for Graduate Prospects¹

3rd in the UK for world-leading and internationally excellent research²

Opportunity to gain substantial practical and field work experience

Archaeology at Exeter is an exciting and varied subject combining fascinating academic study with practical, hands-on experience. You can study a diverse range of topics from human evolution, or the emergence of classical civilisations, to the creation of today's landscapes.

Our Single Honours BA Archaeology degree offers a great range of choice, while the BSc in Archaeology with Forensic Science is a groundbreaking degree looking at how the same archaeological and scientific techniques are used to study past cultures more generally, as well as modern crimes. We also offer a range of Combined Honours programmes which allow you to study Archaeology alongside Ancient History, History or Anthropology.

Our approach to archaeology is vibrant and interdisciplinary as we work closely with researchers in other subjects including Ancient History, Anthropology, Biosciences, Geography and History. We will teach you to consider the evidence, assess it, and draw your own conclusions. You will become confident in expressing your ideas on paper and through presentations, while writing a dissertation and producing portfolios of coursework will teach you to work independently. You will be able to make use of our valuable reference collections

of artefacts, and we often use experiments in our teaching about ancient technologies (eg, flint knapping, pot making, bronze smelting and casting). We also encourage you to participate with the active, student-led Archaeology and Forensics Societies who arrange field trips, social events and excursions.

Our degrees equip you for a wide range of careers, providing you with valuable skills sought by employers. You will be in the attractive position of having studied a subject which combines both the arts and sciences and which is practical as well as theoretical. All of our degree programmes include applied experience and fieldwork in the UK, or the option to go abroad.

Our teaching programme covers the key aspects of British and European Archaeology, but our expertise extends across the globe with modules covering North and South America prehistory, North Africa and Asia. By joining our Archaeology department you will become part of a community where staff and students engage in projects all over the world. We currently have research links and field projects in the UK and throughout Europe, as well as across the world including Egypt, Kazakhstan, India, Sri Lanka, USA, Brazil, Argentina, Japan and China.

Our department has a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and you will benefit from small group teaching and plenty of contact with staff. We are situated in the heart of the diverse landscape of the West Country, close to some of Britain's richest archaeological locations on Dartmoor, Exmoor and the Somerset Levels. We have well-established links within the South West, which include local and national museums, field units, country and national parks.

Our staff have broad research interests, covering prehistory and the ancient, Medieval and modern periods in Britain, Europe and worldwide. We have specialists in past environments, landscapes, settlements, burials and artefacts. You will benefit enormously from our research, being taught by high-quality academic staff, who are all internationally recognised in their fields. You will become part of a thriving research culture which feeds directly into your undergraduate teaching, as our staff develop exciting programmes, modules and fieldwork opportunities. Our active research has contributed to the department's international standing; we rank 3rd in the UK for world-leading or internationally excellent research in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework.

For details of our staff research interests, follow the links to 'Our Research' on our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/humanities/archaeology/research

¹ based on Graduate Prospects score in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017*

² Research Excellence Framework 2014 based on the percentage of research categorised as 4* or 3*

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Our Archaeology degrees enable you to explore both the academic and practical aspects of a fascinating discipline. Building on a firm foundation of the subject in the first year, our degrees give you the opportunity to develop your own particular interests. From the microscopic analysis of ancient artefacts to the exploration of entire fossilised landscapes, from understanding prehistoric villages to recording historic buildings, archaeology has something to offer. As you work through your degree, you can create your own specialism, culminating in a dissertation on a topic of your choice, supported by one-to-one tuition.

How your degree is structured

Our degrees are divided into core and optional modules, giving you the flexibility to structure your studies according to your specific interests. Individual modules are worth 15 or 30 credits each. Full-time undergraduates need to take 120 credits in each year. If you are a Combined Honours student, you will take modules totalling 60 credits in Archaeology and 60 credits in your other subject in each year. Within Archaeology, in addition to the core modules, you can choose from an extensive range of options in all three years, examples of which are shown on page 6.

For up-to-date details of all our programmes and modules, please check www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/archaeology

Single Honours

BA Archaeology

The Single Honours BA Archaeology degree allows you to develop an in-depth knowledge about a range of periods and places, as well as important techniques and skills that archaeologists use to engage with the past.

You do not need an A level in Archaeology – most students come to Exeter without prior experience of the subject. Introductory modules will quickly bring you up to speed with the key topics and principles that underpin all archaeological research, and allow you to explore the history and prehistory of the world. Archaeology at Exeter is characterised by a wide range of choice, both in the topics covered by modules and the opportunities offered for fieldwork. In your first year, you will gain a solid understanding of archaeological techniques and the key topics that archaeologists study, from the earliest times to the later Middle Ages and beyond.

During the second year you will take one of the fieldwork modules then choose from a series of options. Optional modules give you the flexibility to tailor your degree to your particular areas of interest. Subjects are varied and may include exploring specific historical periods or cultures, or examining human bones and artefacts.

Modules in the second and third years cover both thematic and methodological aspects of the subject. Themes include particular aspects of Prehistoric, Egyptian, Roman and Medieval archaeology, whilst hands-on, methodological modules include the study of ceramics, stone tools, ancient metallurgy, animal bones, human and plant remains and understanding landscapes through methods such as aerial survey and satellite imagery. The only compulsory module in the third year is the Dissertation which many students find to be the most rewarding part of their degree. It gives you the chance to carry out independent research in an area of most interest to you.

You will also choose optional modules which can include a Professional Placement. You will be issued a free Archaeology Skills Passport from the beginning of your studies, allowing you to acquire a record of skills obtained during your degree, that will be recognised by the profession.

You will also have the opportunity to take part in fieldwork in the UK and further afield. Fieldwork opportunities for undergraduate students have recently included surveys and excavations of an Iron Age/Roman settlement in Devon, prehistoric settlements in Kazakhstan and Romania, a prehistoric Indian village in South Dakota and the environmental archaeology of the Amazon basin in Brazil.



The Archaeology department is full of really enthusiastic students and staff, making it so easy to get caught up in the passion for the subject. I'm really enjoying the ability to study cultures and periods I've never looked at before, and also to attend guest seminars to further broaden my interests into such a vast topic as the human past. Doing Forensic Science alongside the Archaeology has meant I can also do some practical lab work in first year and look at different skill sets which is really enjoyable for me.

Becky Smallman, first year, BSc Archaeology with Forensic Science



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BSc Archaeology with Forensic Science

The BSc in Archaeology with Forensic Science combines the study of two exciting scientifically-related disciplines and allows you to develop skills in uncovering the detail of past events, particularly death and burial.

This unique programme will provide you with a sound knowledge of archaeological periods and the techniques of forensic archaeology and anthropology, including the study of human remains. You will also gain an insight into the forensic techniques used in criminal cases. You will hear from a series of experts, including scenes of crime and police officers, lawyers and ballistics specialists to understand how modern forensics are used in the investigation and detection of crime.

You do not need an A level in Archaeology as our introductory modules will quickly bring you up to speed with the key topics and principles underpinning archaeological

research. In your first year, you will acquire general archaeological knowledge, as well as an introduction to a range of key scientific skills that are useful to both archaeological and forensic sciences. In addition to modules in your specialism, you will also be able to choose options from a wide range of archaeology modules or from another discipline such as criminal law or criminology.

In your second year, you will be introduced to the basic principles of the study of human remains to establish personal identity (with emphasis on the characterisation of skeletal shape and size and application of demographic reference standards for age and sex determination and population affinity). You will be introduced to pathological and anatomical variation applied to establish human identity, and its relevance within the discipline of biological anthropology. Your studies will also cover aspects of forensic science, such as ballistics, DNA fingerprinting and drugs analysis. This includes sessions carried out by visiting experts involved in the criminal justice system.

During your third year, you will study the complexity and variability of funerary treatment and rituals through a series of lectures based upon a chronological development in Europe and the Near East, from the Middle Palaeolithic to the Medieval period. You will also examine the relationship between the funerary domain and the once-living society that created it. You will be offered a choice of options, which may include a Professional Placement or a module from another discipline. In addition, you can choose your dissertation topic from either archaeology or forensic archaeology.

You will also have the opportunity to take part in fieldwork in the UK and further afield. Fieldwork opportunities for undergraduate students have recently included surveys and excavations of an Iron Age/Roman settlement in Devon, prehistoric settlements in Kazakhstan and Romania, a prehistoric Indian village in South Dakota, and the environmental archaeology of the Amazon basin in Brazil.



Combined Honours

BA Archaeology and Anthropology

By exploring people and society in the past as well as the present, you will engage with archaeological and ethnographic studies of cultures around the world and explore themes such as human evolution, art, gender and death.

The archaeological side of the programme gives you an understanding of the human experience through the study of physical evidence and how such evidence is gathered, analysed and interpreted. Introductory modules will quickly bring you up to speed with the key topics and principles that underpin all archaeological research. You will also spend at least four weeks working on an excavation, fieldwork or related practical work in the UK or overseas.

The physical anthropology aspect of the programme is taught in the Archaeology department, with focus on human remains and the means by which we understand our evolution, health, mortality and mortuary practices. Modules focusing on social and cultural anthropology are taught within the Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology department. You will explore fundamental questions about society and culture, while investigating the diversity of human life across the globe. You will learn about important anthropological ideas concerning ritual, kinship, witchcraft and ethnicity, and how anthropology contributes to current debates including health, science and technology, consumption and the environment.

For further details about this programme and module choices, please refer to our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/archaeology

BA Ancient History and Archaeology

The Ancient History and Archaeology programme combines two different but overlapping disciplines which use a range of different techniques and sources to examine the past. You do not need any previous knowledge of Latin or Greek to study Ancient History.

You will learn about the main issues in Greek and Roman history, society and politics; exploring the ways in which Greeks and Romans thought about their own past. You will also be encouraged to consider the problems encountered by modern scholars seeking to access ancient history. Topics include the rise and fall of the Roman Empire, tyranny in the ancient world, the building of ancient civilisations, the portrayal of Roman emperors and Greek poetry.

The Archaeology modules will introduce you to the techniques archaeologists use to investigate the past as well as time periods spanning from early prehistory to the Middle Ages. You will be able to choose from a wide range of optional modules covering topics such as the impact of Roman civilisation on native European cultures, or the study of landscapes, artefacts and human remains.

You will have the same fieldwork opportunities as our Single Honours BA Archaeology students.

Full details of the Ancient History modules can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/classics

BA History and Archaeology

The Combined Honours degree in History and Archaeology brings together two distinct but overlapping disciplines. Archaeology will teach you about different archaeological techniques, the chronology of archaeological periods and the main themes in archaeology from early prehistory to the end of the Middle Ages.

The History and Archaeology programme builds on a broad foundation in the first year, to highly specialised work in the final, including the study of a particular subject in depth. You will be grounded in the main themes of History through a combination of both comprehensive and detailed focus on particular aspects of the past; including the study of a range of time periods, and of different geographical areas. These modules will help you understand the philosophical problems confronting historians and address the profound questions of class, gender, ethnicity and religion.

Archaeology will enable you to explore both the academic and practical dimensions of a uniquely fascinating discipline through a wide variety of modules to follow your particular interests. These can cover the microscopic analysis of ancient artefacts to the exploration of entire fossilised landscapes, from understanding prehistoric villages to recording historic buildings; the subject is broad, multidisciplinary and dynamic.

You will be able to choose from a variety of optional modules covering periods such as the Neolithic, Stone Age, Bronze Age, Roman, Anglo Saxon, Medieval, Tudor, Stuart, Victorian and 20th century and dealing with issues such as civilisation and disease, death and burial, sexuality, criminality, domestic life, magic and politics. As you work through your programme, you can develop your degree to reflect your own academic interests, culminating in a dissertation supported by one-to-one tuition.

You will also have the opportunity to take part in fieldwork.

Full details of the History modules can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/history

Flexible Combined Honours

Our innovative Combined Honours scheme enables you to combine modules from a number of different fields of study not otherwise available through an existing Combined Honours programme. You can combine Archaeology with up to two other subjects from an extensive list. Throughout your degree you will be given regular support to help you choose the most appropriate pathway for you. Further information and the full list of available subjects can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/flexible

MODULES

KEY ● = Compulsory
● = Optional
●* = Optional modules that can only be studied in Year 3

Please note that availability of all modules is subject to timetabling constraints and that not all modules are available every year. For a full list and details of the individual modules (including compulsory and optional modules in other subjects for Combined Honours programmes), please check the undergraduate section of our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/archaeology

Year 1 Modules

Module Name	Archaeology	Archaeology with Forensic Science	Ancient History and Archaeology	Archaeology and Anthropology	History and Archaeology
Ancient Civilisations: The Mediterranean and Near East	●	●	●	●	●
Archaeological and Forensic Science Practicals	●	●			
Artefacts and Materials	●	●	●	●	●
Essential Archaeological Methods	●	●	●	●	●
Introduction to Forensic Archaeology	●	●			
Investigating British Archaeology	●	●	●	●	●
Objects: Contexts and Display	●	●	●	●	●
Practical Skills in Archaeology	●	●	●	●	●
Themes in World Archaeology	●	●	●	●	●

Year 2 Modules

Module Name	Archaeology	Archaeology with Forensic Science	Ancient History and Archaeology	Archaeology and Anthropology	History and Archaeology
Archaeological Fieldwork Project or Field School	●	●	●	●	●
Forensic Anthropology	●	●	●	●	●
Forensic Science		●			

Year 3 Modules

Module Name	Archaeology	Archaeology with Forensic Science	Ancient History and Archaeology	Archaeology and Anthropology	History and Archaeology
Dissertation	●	●	●	●	●
Funerary Osteoarchaeology	●	●	●	●	●

Examples of Year 2 and 3 Optional Modules

The modules listed below are indicative of the range of optional modules available, however may be subject to change. Those marked ●* can only be studied in Year 3, those marked ● can be studied in Year 2 or Year 3.

Module Name	Archaeology	Archaeology with Forensic Science	Ancient History and Archaeology	Archaeology and Anthropology	History and Archaeology
Advanced Fieldwork Project	●*	●*	●*	●*	●*
Archaeology and Social Anthropology	●*	●*	●*	●*	●*
Archaeology of Empire I: Egypt in the New Kingdom (Late Bronze Age) 1600-1050 BC	●	●	●	●	●
Archaeology of Empire: Egypt and Kush 1600-600 BC	●*	●*	●*	●*	●*
Brooches, Beads, Swords and Shields: Early Medieval Material Culture	●	●	●	●	●
Hunter-Gatherers: Archaeology and Ethnography	●	●	●	●	●
Medieval Castles in Context	●	●	●	●	●
Professional Placement	●*	●*	●*	●*	●*
Reading Stone Tools	●	●	●	●	●
South American Prehistory	●	●	●	●	●
The Archaeology of the Indian Subcontinent	●	●	●	●	●
The Art of the Metalsmith (Levels 2 and 3)	●	●	●	●	●
The Prehistoric Archaeology of Southwest Britain	●	●	●	●	●
Understanding the Landscape of Roman Britain	●	●	●	●	●
Zooarchaeology (Year 2 only)	●	●	●	●	●

Year 1

Ancient Civilisations: The Mediterranean and Near East	You will learn about the ancient civilisations of the Mediterranean and Near East such as Sumer, Babylon, Egypt, Assyria, the Phoenicians, Greece and Rome. The focus is on understanding archaeological remains and local cultures within broader interactions such as trade, colonial expansion and empires.
Archaeological and Forensic Science Practicals	Provides an introduction to a selection of key scientific skills that are useful to both archaeological and forensic sciences.
Artefacts and Materials	Hands-on experience to develop skills in recognising artefacts and materials, and an understanding of how archaeologists deal with artefacts.
Essential Archaeological Methods	This module explains how archaeology is done. It will introduce the business of finding archaeological artefacts, whether in the form of individual sites or as interconnected landscapes, and how we then investigate these finds through excavation. The scientific analysis of materials recovered from excavations is then considered, including dating methods and analysis of human and environmental remains.
Introduction to Forensic Archaeology	An introduction to the way archaeologists are employed by law enforcement agencies to find and recover buried human remains. You will be introduced to key scientific approaches, and have the chance to practice the skills you've learnt in a mock crime scene exercise.
Investigating British Archaeology	This module provides students with a foundation in the archaeology of Britain, including the prehistoric, Roman, Medieval and post-Medieval/modern periods, through class-based teaching and linked field trips that consider physical remains and how these are interpreted and presented. Your work will culminate in a project on sites of different periods in the historic city of Exeter.
Objects: Contexts and Display	The module introduces some of the key issues of recording, explaining and displaying artefacts, including mounting temporary exhibitions, permanent museum displays and publication.
Practical Skills in Archaeology	What do professional archaeologists do and what sorts of skills do they need to develop? Using a local case study that encourages students to write, research and think like professionals working in the field, this module covers many of the key practical skills needed specifically in the world of heritage and cultural resource management and in a wider range of other careers.
Themes in World Archaeology	You will explore major overarching patterns of human behaviour and social change, from the earliest evidence for tool-making, through the beginnings of plant and animal domestication and the origins of agriculture to the emergence of cities and complex societies. Using examples and case studies from across the world, the module will introduce the archaeological evidence that has highlighted these patterns, including many key sites, projects and archaeologists.

Year 2

Archaeological Fieldwork Project or Field School	This is a four-week excavation, fieldwork or related practical project, usually completed during the first summer vacation. During the first term of the second year you'll research and write up your Fieldwork Project.
Forensic Anthropology	Provides an introduction to the basic principles of the study of human remains to establish personal identity with emphasis on the characterisation of skeletal shape and size, and application of demographic reference standards for age and sex determination and population affinity. It also introduces pathological and anatomical variation applied to establishing human identity and the place of such studies within the discipline of biological anthropology.
Forensic Science	Covers aspects of forensic sciences such as ballistics, DNA fingerprinting and drugs analysis and includes sessions by visiting experts involved in the criminal justice system.
Reading Stone Tools	You will learn the theory and practice of lithic analysis within archaeology, gaining basic practical competence in the technique and a practical appreciation of observation, recording and interpretation issues. The module will be a mixture of theories and practice, centred on gaining the skill of interpreting stone tools.
Zooarchaeology	You will study the theory and practice of zooarchaeology, the study of animal remains from archaeological sites, learning basic practical competence in the technique and a practical appreciation of observation, recording and interpretation issues.

MODULES CONTINUED

Year 3

Advanced Fieldwork Project

Provides advanced practical experience of field archaeology work to students who have already gained basic competence of field techniques. You will develop more advanced skills and have an opportunity to make more of an individual contribution to an expedition, demonstrating that you are capable of working competently with a lower level of supervision.

Archaeology and Social Anthropology

This module explores the understandings Archaeologists and sociocultural anthropologists have to 'exotic' contexts of other cultures, whether ancient or contemporary. You will study the history of this relationship, as well as the central themes in current sociocultural anthropology and their influence on archaeological research and practice. You will review and critically examine the migration of concepts, techniques and methods across the disciplinary divide, giving you a good understanding of how archaeologists build theoretical and practical frameworks, not only to study ancient societies, but also to deal with the impact of archaeological research in the present.

Archaeology of Empire 1: Egypt in the New Kingdom (Late Bronze Age) 1600-1050 BC

Explores in detail the archaeological and historical evidence for Egypt's empire, and how it has been interpreted, from 1550 BC when Egypt established an empire in western Asia and Nubia (Kush). Spanning 500 years, the Egyptian New Kingdom (LBA and the Near East) saw changes to warfare, society and religion. You will study broader theoretical issues about 'empire' and culture, issues about imperial collapse, successor states and cultural legacy. The emphasis in this module is on Egypt and the surviving evidence.

Archaeology of Empire: Egypt and Kush 1600-600 BC

You will evaluate the archaeological and historical evidence surrounding the Kingdom of Kush in the Nile Valley, southern Egypt, which fell to Egyptian imperial expansion around 1500 BC. The 400 years of Egyptian rule saw extensive temple and town building, 'acculturation' and 'Egyptianisation'. You will discuss broader theoretical issues about 'empire' and culture, drawing on parallels from the contemporaneous Egyptian domination of parts of south-western Asia (Palestine) and the concepts of Romanisation.

Brooches, Beads, Swords and Shields: Early Medieval Culture

You will explore the world of artefacts used in the early Middle Ages (5th-11th centuries AD), such as dress accessories, weapons, tools and household items (eg, ceramics, glass). You will learn how to study material culture in the early middle ages, and will explore the social meanings that this material culture conveys.

Dissertation

This is the culmination of your degree, where you will be able to make use of all the things you have learnt by investigating a theme of your own choice. Guidance is provided throughout by a member of staff who has suitable knowledge of your area of study.

Funerary Osteoarchaeology

You will study the complexity and variability of funerary treatment and rituals based upon a chronological development in Europe and the Near East from the Middle Palaeolithic to the Medieval period. You will also examine the relationship between the funerary domain and the once living society that created it.

Hunter-Gatherers: Archaeology and Ethnography

Develops an understanding of hunter-gatherer peoples' diverse ways of life both today and throughout history. You'll look at how archaeologists can use information about recent or contemporary hunter-gatherer groups to inform our interpretations of the archaeological record.

Medieval Castles in Context

Develops an appreciation of medieval castles and related sites in Britain between the eleventh and sixteenth centuries. Taking a holistic approach to these sites within their broader social and landscape contexts, you will gain an overview of key differences in castle design both temporally and spatially, as well as an appreciation of different debates concerning their interpretations, functions and meanings.

Professional Placement

You will work in a professional environment which may be a museum, county archaeological unit, or with a specific project. You will gain experience of the working environment and tasks associated with the institution. This module is specifically aimed at those who wish to pursue a career in archaeology and the heritage and cultural sector and have the relevant background and skills. The work is usually two days a week spread over two terms, although in some cases it is possible to work as a full block of time during the vacation.

South American Prehistory

Introduces you to the prehistoric and early historic cultural chronology of South America. You will start with a general continent-wide introduction in which basic cultural developments such as the colonisation of the continent during the Ice Age, the origins of food production, and the foundations of civilisation are identified. You will then focus on the development of large scale, politically complex Central Andean societies as a case study.

The Archaeology of the Indian Subcontinent

Explores the archaeology of the Indian subcontinent from the emergence of the Indus civilisation to the medieval empire of the South Indian Cholas, tracking the rise of protohistoric urbanisation in the Gangetic Plain and across the subcontinent and into Sri Lanka.

The Prehistoric Archaeology of Southwest Britain

Takes you on a journey of discovery through the Neolithic, Beaker, Bronze Age and Iron Age periods against the backdrop of southwest Britain. You will explore the cultural diversity within the region and its abundance of monuments by visiting iconic examples and handling typical artefacts. An integral part of this module will be handling material from the Archaeology department's teaching collection. The module will draw upon a range of settlement sites, funerary monuments, fortifications and socialised landscapes, using case studies to highlight themes that run through all periods, such as farming, trade and exchange, beliefs systems and social structure.

Understanding the Landscape of Roman Britain

You will consider how archaeologists go about exploring the landscape, using a wide range of sources and techniques. It covers both the techniques used in reconstructing what Romano-British landscapes looked like, and explores the major components of those landscapes such as its complex hierarchy of settlement and patterns of land-use.

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LEARNING AND TEACHING

The nature of learning at university involves considerable self-guided study and research. You will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, field trips and computer-led learning. Led by internationally respected academics at the forefront of research, you will be encouraged to take the initiative by organising study groups, taking advantage of online and traditional learning resources, and managing your own workload and time. You will benefit from our first year tutorial system, which will support you with your study methods and core skills. You will have between one and three hours of teaching per module per week and will need to allow for additional hours of private study. You should expect your total workload to average about 40 hours per week during term time, with at least 10 hours of this being contact time with staff.

We aim to develop your skills of analysis and interpretation as well as providing you with a wide range of transferable skills, both practical and intellectual.

You will carry out a large amount of practical work as you complete assignments and put into practice different archaeological and scientific techniques. We frequently employ experiments in our teaching about ancient technologies (eg, flint knapping, pot making, bronze smelting and casting). Our students complete at least four weeks' practical work, usually during the first summer vacation, and we have excellent provision of technical equipment for field study, including GPS, total station theodolite and geophysical equipment.

We are actively engaged in introducing new methods of learning and teaching, including increasing use of interactive computer-based approaches through our virtual learning environment, where the details of all modules are stored in an easily navigable website. Here you can access detailed information about modules and interact through activities such as the discussion forums.

Field trips and fieldwork

No Archaeology degree is complete without field experience. Field trips are made to local museums, archives and archaeological sites. You will also undertake at least four weeks of excavation, fieldwork or related practical work, usually during your first summer vacation. Current projects see Exeter students engaged in archaeological fieldwork in South Dakota, Brazil, Romania and Devon. Places will be available on these and other projects, though you may wish to go on an approved project elsewhere. You may choose to enhance your fieldwork experience by taking a third year module, which gives you experience of ground-breaking international archaeological research. This will increase your transferable skills, by testing your leadership, teamwork and organisational skills. For further details, please see www.exeter.ac.uk/humanities/archaeology/fieldwork

Facilities

We have outstanding facilities that include: experimental archaeology laboratories; clean lab with fume cupboards for chemical work; a landscape archaeology project office, complete with giant scanner for maps and plans; microscope room equipped with high-spec microscopes and image processing facilities; a kiln room for ceramics and other experimental purposes; wet labs for artefact and environmental sample processing; sets of high and low-power teaching microscopes and state-of-the-art surveying equipment (including resistivity equipment, magnetometer, differential and hand-held GPS and total station theodolite and geophysical equipment). We also have extensive reference collections of artefacts, human skeletons, animal bones and plant remains.

Taking modules outside of your programme

Depending on your programme you may take up to 30 credits in another subject (subject to academic approval and timetabling), for instance a language or business module, to develop career-related skills or widen your intellectual horizons. If you achieve at least 60 credits in a language via our Foreign Language Centre you may be able to have the words 'with proficiency in' and the language added to your degree title. Further details about the FLC can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/flc

Research-inspired teaching

Our teaching is inspired by the latest research, ensuring lectures are cutting-edge and you will benefit from access to the latest thinking, equipment and resources. All staff teach optional modules which are linked to their own area of research, which include topics such as bioarchaeology and Egyptology. You will be encouraged to participate in research projects and be able to choose a dissertation topic that contributes original research to a project.

Academic support

You will have an academic tutor who is available for advice and support throughout your studies. There are also a number of services on campus offering advice and information, including the Students' Guild Advice Unit. You can find further information about all the services in the University's undergraduate prospectus or online at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate

Study Abroad

Students studying the four-year 'with Study Abroad' degrees have the fantastic opportunity to spend their third year in one of our partner universities abroad. You may apply directly for the four-year programme or transfer from the three-year programme once you are at Exeter. If you are studying our three-year Archaeology programmes, it may be possible to study abroad for one semester. Full details of these schemes and our partner institutions can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/humanities/undergraduate/studyabroad

The 'with Study Abroad' degree allows you to spend up to a year with one of our partner universities abroad. Your work during the year abroad is assessed and contributes to your final degree classification and 'with Study Abroad' will be recorded on your degree certificate.

You may apply for direct entry to these degrees or you can transfer from one of the other degree programmes during their second year. Details of these schemes and our partner institutions can be found on our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/studyabroad

Employment Experience in the UK and abroad

Spending up to a year carrying out a graduate-level work placement or placements as part of your degree programme is an invaluable opportunity. This unlocks a world of experience, allowing you to develop essential employability and interpersonal skills that relate to your degree and future career. You will take full responsibility for finding and organising your placement (either in the UK or abroad), with preparation, support and approval from the University. This is a great way to demonstrate to employers your adaptability, cultural awareness, independence and resourcefulness.

Assessment

You will be assessed by a variety of methods. Some modules require you to sit exams whilst others are assessed by essays and projects. The practical modules are examined by the preparation of written reports, portfolios of work, oral presentations, practical assignments, fieldwork notebooks or take-away papers to allow time for research and perhaps appropriate field or museum visits.

You must pass your first year assessment in order to progress to the second year, but these results do not count towards your final degree classification. In order to be eligible for 'with Study Abroad' you will need to attain an average of 60 per cent or more in your first year. The assessments in the second year, year abroad (if applicable) and final year will contribute to your final degree classification.

For full details of the assessment criteria for each module, please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/archaeology



CAREERS

Archaeology programmes at Exeter are designed to develop your skills of analysis, assessment and interpretation as well as the production of written and oral reports. The broad-based skills acquired during your degree will give you an excellent grounding for a wide variety of careers, not only those related to archaeology but also in wider fields such as teaching, media and business.

Many of our students successfully progress to postgraduate study or training in a range of areas. Your employability skills are also enhanced through a range of careers initiatives we offer that are specific to the profession, including 'professional modules' involving work experience.

The Exeter Award and the Exeter Leaders Award schemes encourage you to participate in employability related workshops, skills events, volunteering and employment which will contribute to your career decision-making skills and success in the employment market.

For further information about what the careers service offers at Exeter, please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/careers

Examples of the destinations of our recent graduates:

Occupations

Assistant Archaeologist // Head of Marketing // Press Executive // Trainee Gallery Curator // Researcher // Field Archaeologist // Intern Ranger // Public Relations Officer

Employers

National Trust // Bonhams 1793 Ltd // Jo Allen PR // Archaeological Investigations Ltd // Herbert Museum and Art Gallery // Context One Archaeological Services // Barbican House Museum // Pangaea Media

Examples of further study followed by our graduates:

- MA Heritage Management
- MA Middle East and Islamic Studies
- MSc in Bioarchaeology
- MA International Relations
- MA Experimental Archaeology



 The Archaeology course is great. I think both of the fieldwork modules have been my favourite so far. I have been over to America on an excavation and spent a month camping in Devon. All my lecturers have been really helpful with assignments and they are extremely knowledgeable about their areas of study. If you're thinking of applying then apply. When you get here you will know you have made the right choice. I like it so much that

I'm considering doing a Masters degree, just so I can stay here a little bit longer. 

Stewart Hawthorn, final year, BA Archaeology



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Top 1% of universities worldwide (*Times Higher Education*)

9th in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017*

Six months after graduation, 94% of our first degree graduates were in employment or further study (*HESA 2014/15*)

Our teaching is inspired by our research, 98% of which is of international quality (*2014 Research Excellence Framework*)

We have 21,000 students from 181 countries, and they are the most satisfied in the Russell Group (*NSS*)

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Open Days

You can register your interest now for our Open Days and receive priority access to book your place*; visit www.exeter.ac.uk/opendays

* Pre-registration guarantees priority access to the booking system and is not an absolute guarantee of a place at any of our Open Days. Booking is essential and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Campus Tours

We run Campus Tours at the Streatham Campus each weekday. You'll be shown round by a current student, who'll give you a first-hand account of what it's like to live and study at the University.

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