

Archaeology

What will you uncover?



**Undergraduate
2027**





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Bronze age vessel
© Durham University

Research in the
Department of
Archaeology is carried
out across the world –
from Durham itself to
Nepal and China.



Introduction

Welcome to the Department of Archaeology at Durham University: one of the largest and most successful archaeology departments in the world.

Our work ranges widely across the world, from China to Iceland and many places in between. Our researchers explore traces of the earliest humans, the Classical and the medieval worlds and even 20th century industrial remains.

As a global leader in research in our field we can offer our students a fantastic range of opportunities, from excavation and fieldwork, to working in our diverse laboratories and up-to-date libraries. We also work with national and international partners, including UNESCO, National Trust and English Heritage to improve our understanding of the past and to better manage it for today's needs.

At Durham you won't just be taught by world-leading researchers, but actually have the chance to work alongside them, making exciting new discoveries about past societies. Detailed lectures, tutorials, hands-on practical sessions and field trips will introduce you to all aspects of archaeology.

**We are one of the top
Archaeology departments
in the UK.**

(e.g. Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021, The Guardian University Guide 2024; Complete University Guide 2024)

About Archaeology at Durham University

We offer a range of courses that will give you the opportunity to specialise in your areas of interest and to develop intellectual skills that will support you no matter which career you decide to enter. We value giving you lots of opportunities for practical work (e.g. excavation, laboratory work, experimental archaeology). We are constantly developing and enhancing our curriculum and introducing new teaching. For example, we now teach an exciting third-year module on Archaeology and Global Sustainable Development.

As a student with us, you will have the chance to work on some of our fully-funded field projects and develop expertise in archaeological technical skills in our state-of-the-art laboratories, which have recently seen a multi-million pound refurbishment and upgrade. As a Durham student you will have access to our excellent library and computing facilities to further develop your learning journey.

Fieldwork is also an important part of studying archaeology and offers a wide range of transferable skills, from surveying to team work. Students have the opportunity to take part in excavations in the UK and in different countries around the world as part of their course. Field trips explore the archaeology of North East England, as well as further afield. Durham and North East England is steeped in history, providing opportunities for us to get out of the lecture theatre and practice recording and interpreting important buildings, archaeological sites, monuments and landscapes.

All our degrees offer the option for students to undertake a year abroad or a placement year as part of their degree, providing opportunities for professional and cultural personal development.

Heritage On Your Doorstep

One of the strengths of Durham as a place to study the past is that it lies at the heart of a landscape full of archaeological sites and historic monuments. Not far from Durham is Auckland Castle, one of the best preserved medieval palaces in Britain, and site of an on-going research project by the Department and where our first year training has been based for the past few years. The North-East of England is also home to a wealth of Roman remains, most significantly Hadrian's Wall, the northern boundary of the Roman Empire. Housesteads Roman Fort stands in a spectacular site on rocky crags in rural Northumberland, whilst the remains of the cavalry fort at Wallsend can still be explored in the heart of urban Newcastle. The region also has a historic coastline – stunning medieval castles, such as Bamburgh and Dunstanburgh still stand close to the shoreline, whilst picturesque Holy Island is the site of an on-going research project led by the Department. Whether your interests are in the prehistoric past, Roman remains or medieval castles, County Durham and North-East England provide a wonderful resource for learning the skills of archaeology.



I was offered a place studying History at Cambridge, but came to Durham to study Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations instead. I am so glad I did; it was an amazing experience with highly engaged and welcoming staff.



Isla Mustin

BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations 2026



The degree fuelled my passion for archaeology and allowed me to (eventually!) pursue my career in the field. It was whilst completing my undergraduate degree at Durham that I realised my field of interest within Archaeology. A degree from Durham also looks fantastic on your CV, regardless of the career path you take afterwards.



Lauren Sewell
BA Archaeology graduate



Uncovering Auckland Castle

2018-2025

Medieval Auckland Castle lies to the south of Durham, and was one of the favourite homes of the powerful Bishops of Durham. Staff and students from the Department of Archaeology worked together to unpick the complex archaeology of this amazing site. We revealed evidence of earlier phases of buildings, including a missing medieval chapel. Students have worked alongside our professional archaeological unit in excavating and recording the site, as well as helping with the all -important analytical work that took place back in the Department's laboratories.

Read more online at:

durham.ac.uk/departments/academic/archaeology/research/archaeology-research-projects/auckland-castle



Viking helmet, Yarm
© Durham University

Courses

We offer four single honours courses and two joint honours courses. All of our courses can also be taken with either a year abroad or a placement year as part of their degree.



BA Archaeology

This is a wide-ranging archaeology course, ideal for a career in archaeology, heritage and museums.



BSc Archaeology

This course allows students to develop an overview of world archaeology, while developing specific scientific skills.



BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations

This course allows students to focus in particular on the great ancient civilisations of Europe, Asia and North Africa.



BA Historical Archaeology

A chance to explore the past from the early medieval period to the emergence of the modern world.



BA Anthropology and Archaeology (Joint Honours)

There are several overlapping areas of Anthropology and Archaeology, making them particularly suitable for combination in a joint honours degree.



BA Ancient History and Archaeology (Joint Honours)

This course is ideal for students who want to explore the societies of Ancient Greece and Rome, and develop text and material culture skills.



We are ranked as one of the top archaeology departments globally.

(Word University
QS rankings 2025)

BA Archaeology

F400 | durham.ac.uk/course/F400

This course offers an extensive overview of world archaeology in a general, wide-ranging programme providing teaching and training in a diverse array of social and scientific methods. With a broad range of modules on offer, this programme will allow you to build subject, geographic and skill specialisms suited to your own interests and career aspirations.

Our students go on to work in the heritage and archaeology sectors and in finance, banking, publishing, the military, education and tourism. The skills we give you are a great foundation for a wide and diverse range of careers.

Modules in British, European and World archaeology provide you with the opportunity to develop in-depth knowledge of archaeology and heritage in different regions including Europe, the Near East, North Africa, and South and East Asia.



Handle from Roman jug,
Sedgefield
© Durham University

Durham Archaeology in China 2016-

Durham University and China's Palace Museum signed an agreement in 2016, to bring together two world-renowned centres of research and cultural excellence for the first time. As part of the new collaboration, archaeologists from Durham have become the first UK university team to work at an archaeological site inside the walls of the Forbidden City in Beijing in China. The Forbidden City, the Chinese imperial palace in Beijing, is perhaps one of the most evocative and romantic monuments in the world. It carries with it an innate sense of mystery and wonder – but also a sense of immense imperial power. It is one of China's best known and most important national monuments, and it is hugely important in terms of Chinese national identity and history.

Read more online at:
durham.ac.uk/departments/academic/archaeology/research



Indicative modules*

Year 1

- Archaeology in Britain
- Archaeology Practicals
- Introduction to Archaeological Methods
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 1
- Discovering World Prehistory
- Ancient Civilisations of the East
- Medieval to Modern: An Introduction to the Archaeology of the Medieval to Post-Medieval World
- Cities in Antiquity.

Year 2

- Professional Training
- Advanced Skills in Archaeology
- Developing Archaeological Research.
- Prehistoric Europe
- Becoming Roman
- Archaeology of Medieval and Post-Medieval Britain
- Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations
- Eastern Mediterranean in the Bronze Age
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 2.

Year 3

- Dissertation
- Advanced Professional Training.
- Specialised Aspects in Archaeology
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 3
- Interpreting Heritage
- Museum Representation
- Current Archaeology
- Archaeology and Global Sustainable Development.

*Curriculum review may result in some adjustment

Students can take up to 2 modules in another department in Years 1-2 and 1 in Year 3

Forbidden City, Beijing, China

This is a general, wide-ranging archaeology course, ideal for those going into archaeology as a career, but also suitable for those planning a career in other areas. Skills training, practical, lab and field-based options, assist students in developing knowledge and expertise in, for example, data analysis, remote sensing, GIS and survey, materials analysis, digital visualisation, museum and heritage skills

and osteology. In the first year, students acquire the basic range of intellectual and practical archaeological skills. In the second and third years students move to more in-depth study of particular topics and methods working closely with staff and developing their own independent research project in their third year. All students have the chance to carry out fieldwork during this course.

Archaeology has been taught at Durham since 1931, which makes us one of the oldest archaeology departments in the world.

1931



BSc Archaeology

F402 | durham.ac.uk/course/F402

This course allows students to develop an overview of world archaeology, but also to focus on the range of scientific techniques used to explore the past. With access to state-of-the-art laboratory facilities and outstanding training by some of the world's leading archaeological scientists, you will have the opportunity to learn techniques such as DNA and isotopic analysis, Geographical Information Systems, geoarchaeology, archaeobotany, and the analysis of human and animal skeletal remains. By the end of the degree you will be equipped with cutting-edge science and social science research skills, and a wide range of transferable skills relevant to many career paths.

Indicative modules*

Year 1

- Archaeology in Britain
- Archaeology Practicals
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 1
- Introduction to Archaeological Methods
- Discovering World Prehistory
- Ancient Civilisations of the East
- Medieval to Modern: An Introduction to the Archaeology of the Medieval to Post-Medieval World
- Cities in Antiquity.

Year 2

- Professional Training
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 2
- Advanced Skills
- Developing Archaeological Research.
- Prehistoric Europe
- Becoming Roman
- Archaeology of Medieval and Post-Medieval Britain
- Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations
- Eastern Mediterranean in the Bronze Age
- Further Advanced Skills.

Year 3

- Dissertation
- Advanced Professional Training
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 3.
- Specialised Aspects in Archaeology
- Interpreting Heritage
- Museum Representation
- Current Archaeology
- Archaeology and Global Sustainable Development.

*Curriculum review may result in some adjustment

Students can take up to 2 modules in another department in Years 1-2 and 1 in Year 3



Fragment of skull found as part of the Scottish Soldiers project
County Durham



Scottish Soldiers Project 2013-2018

The Scottish Soldiers Project has shed new light on a centuries-old mystery surrounding the last resting place of soldiers who died after being captured and imprisoned in Durham Cathedral and Castle during the 17th Century civil wars.

Archaeologists at Durham University carried out scientific analysis on skeletons discovered in two mass graves on Durham's UNESCO World Heritage Site in November 2013. In September 2015 the project team was able to conclude that 'the only plausible' explanation was that the skeletons were those of Scottish soldiers captured by English forces following the Battle of Dunbar in September 1650 and taken to Durham on the orders of Oliver Cromwell.

Over the next three years, Durham University led an in-depth research project to learn more about the soldiers, both through scientific analysis of their remains, and far-reaching documentary research.

In May 2018 the remains of the soldiers were laid to rest in Durham, less than a mile from where they were originally found

Read more online at:
durham.ac.uk/departments/academic/archaeology/research/archaeology-research-projects/scottish-soldiers

BA Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations

VQ48 | durham.ac.uk/course/VQ48

This course gives students a good general overview of world archaeology, but also allows them to focus in particular on the great ancient civilisations of Europe, the Near East and Asia, including Ancient Greece and Rome, Egypt, the Near East, India, Sri Lanka and Nepal. This programme offers great flexibility with options to take modules in other departments, including Classics and Ancient History. This single honours programme includes participation in our first year field school training.



Having recently undergone a £3.2 million refurbishment, we offer access to internationally renowned scientific research laboratories.

£3.2m

Indicative modules*

Year 1

- Archaeology Practicals
- Ancient Civilisations: Sources, Approaches Methods
- Cities in Antiquity
- Introduction to Archaeological Methods.
- Archaeology in Britain
- Discovering World Prehistory
- Ancient Civilisations of the East
- Medieval to Modern: An Introduction to the Archaeology of the Medieval to Post-Medieval World
- Scientific Methods of Archaeology 1.

Plus:

Up to THREE modules in another department including Classics and language modules. (Limit of TWO modules in Classics)

Year 2

- Professional Training
- Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations: East and West
- Developing Archaeological Research.
- Becoming Roman
- Archaeology of Medieval and Post-medieval Britain
- East Mediterranean in the Bronze Age
- Advanced Skills
- Prehistoric Europe.
- Scientific Methods of Archaeology 2.

Plus:

Up to THREE modules in another department including Classics and language modules. (Limit of TWO modules in Classics)

Year 3

- Dissertation (double module)
- Specialised Aspects in Archaeology.
- Advanced Professional Training
- Specialised Aspects in Archaeology (further electives)
- Interpreting Heritage
- Museum Representation
- Current Archaeology
- Archaeology and Global Sustainable Development.
- Scientific Methods of Archaeology 3.

Plus:

Modules in other Departments up to 40 credits.



Stone head of a Roman god, Binchester County Durham

*Curriculum review may result in some adjustment



Having world leading archaeologists in the Department is the best aspect of being an archaeology student at Durham. When you're reading your core textbooks and then realise the person speaking in front of you wrote them, it's quite inspiring. The dig at Binchester was great. Putting the practical skills we'd been taught to the test in a real archaeological environment was very satisfying.

Finding such interesting artefacts and adding to the history of the site was also very pleasing. [...] It's not easy, it does take hard work and commitment, but it is good to know that I can stand on my own two feet and apply myself with some success.



Steven Henry,
BA Archaeology with foundation (2019)

BA Historical Archaeology

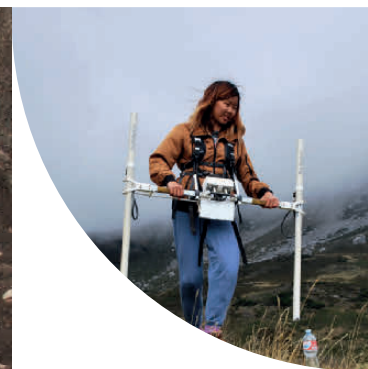
Code F411 | durham.ac.uk/course/F411

This interdisciplinary course appeals to those who are interested in post-antiquity, offering a chance to explore the history and archaeology of the medieval and modern worlds, from early medieval England to the ages of colonisation and industrialisation, and learn how to use various sources including archival, material and geographic. You will be able to think deeply about the political contexts of the past that shape our lives today, and tease out the lesser-known aspects of history. Key themes include social structure and economic developments, including the development of capitalism, urbanism, colonisation, enslavement, industrialisation, mortality, health and well-being, as these pertain across the world from Europe to South and East Asia, West Africa and Latin America. As well as specialist courses in the Archaeology Department, you have the flexibility of taking modules in other departments including History and Ancient History, and dip into earlier periods and scientific methods. This programme allows students to participate in our first year training field school.

Auckland Castle training excavation

Together with Durham Castle, Auckland Castle was the primary residence of the Prince Bishop of Durham, the most powerful person in medieval Britain after the King. Today the magnificent architecture and archaeology of this little-known castle is slowly being revealed once again and our training excavation forms part of an ambitious project of recovery and restoration. Remarkably little is known about the castle's medieval past but with help from Durham archaeology students we aim to change that by identifying and dating missing buildings and investigating the adjacent deer park which once hosted medieval hunting parties.

Read more online at:
aucklandcastle.org/blog



Indicative modules*

Year 1

- Archaeology of the Medieval to Modern World
- Archaeology Practicals
- Introduction to Archaeological Methods
- Historical and Archaeological Methods and Sources.
- Archaeology in Britain
- Cities in Antiquity
- Ancient Civilizations of the East
- Discovering World Prehistory
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 1.

Plus:

Up to TWO modules from History and ONE module from another department including modern foreign language.

Year 2

- Professional Training
- Developing Archaeological Research
- Themes in Historical Archaeology.
- Archaeology of Medieval and Post-Medieval Britain
- Becoming Roman
- Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations: East and West
- Advanced Skills (Single or Double)
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 2
- Module in History
- East Mediterranean in the Bronze Age.

Plus:

Further module from History or ONE from another department including modern foreign language.

Year 3

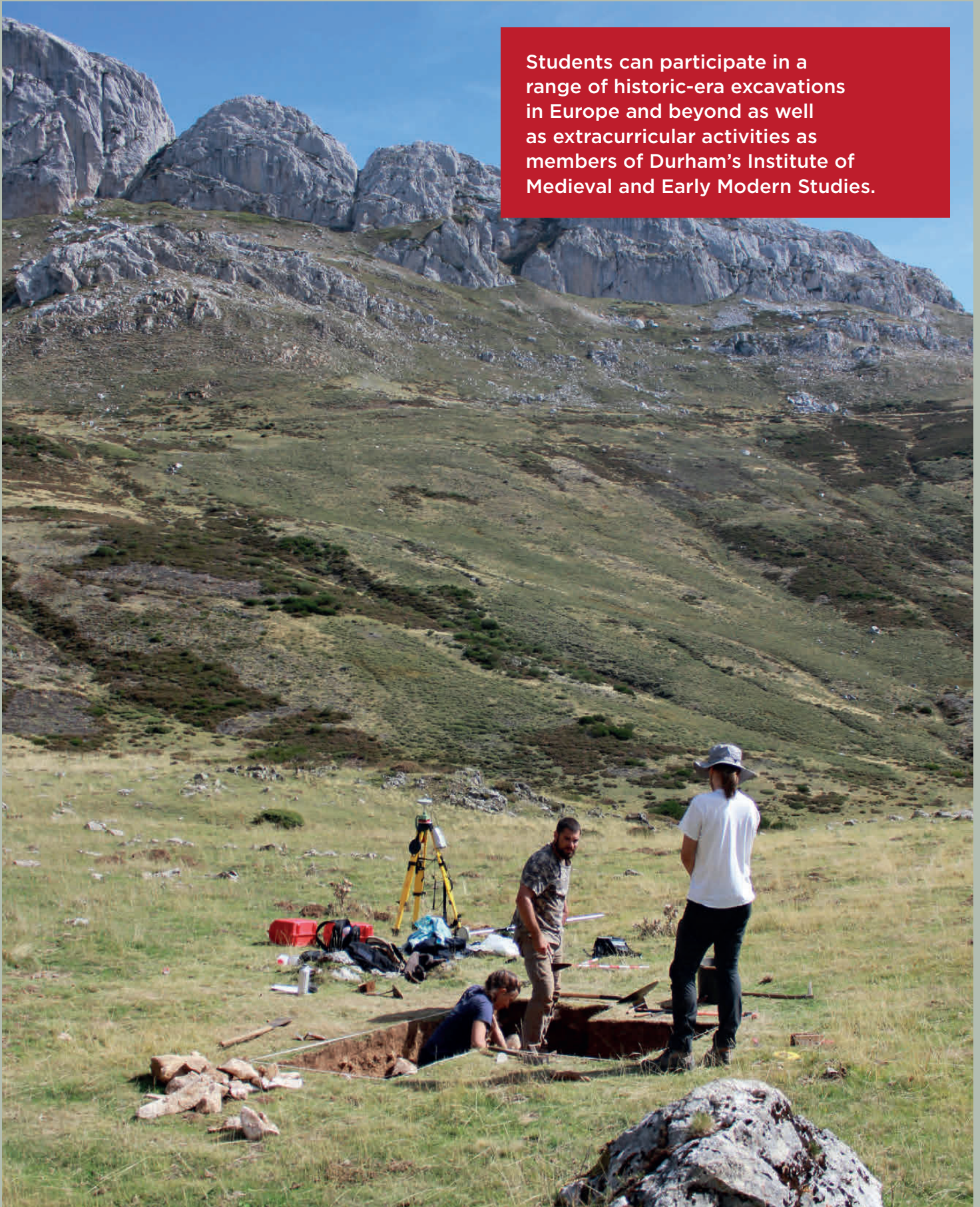
- Dissertation (Double module)
- Specialised Aspects in Archaeology
- Further Specialised Aspects
- Current Archaeology
- Advanced Professional Training
- Interpreting Heritage
- Museum Representation
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 3
- Archaeology and Global Sustainable Development.

Plus:

Up to ONE module in History and ONE in any other department including modern foreign language.

*Curriculum review may result in some adjustment

Students can participate in a range of historic-era excavations in Europe and beyond as well as extracurricular activities as members of Durham's Institute of Medieval and Early Modern Studies.



BA Anthropology and Archaeology (Joint Honours)

LF64 | durham.ac.uk/course/LF64

There are several overlapping areas of Anthropology and Archaeology, making them particularly suitable for combination in a joint honours degree. Both subjects involve understanding how societies, past and present, function and share interests in key areas such as art, the human body and social structures. The BA Anthropology and Archaeology programme combines modules from the BA/BSc Anthropology degrees and BA Archaeology, providing a comprehensive understanding of humanity both past and present.*



In 2018 Professor Mark White won the Current Archaeology Book of the Year for *Lost Landscapes of Palaeolithic Britain* about the early prehistoric landscapes of Southern Britain.

Year 1

In the first year, students currently take four compulsory modules (*two from each Department*) and select two elective modules (*one from each Department*).

Indicative modules in archaeology include:

- Discovering World Prehistory
- Introduction to Archaeological Methods
- Ancient Civilisations of the East
- Cities in Antiquity
- Medieval to Modern: Introduction to the Archaeology of the Medieval to Post Medieval World
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 1.

Year 2

Currently, students select six modules, three from each Department, or five plus a module in a modern foreign language.

Indicative modules in archaeology include:

- Advanced Skills
- Prehistoric Europe: From Foragers to State Formation
- Becoming Roman
- Archaeology of Medieval and Post-medieval Britain
- The East Mediterranean World in the Bronze Age
- Professional Training
- Developing Archaeological Research
- Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations: East and West
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 2.

Year 3

Currently, students take a 40-credit Dissertation in Anthropology or a 40-credit Dissertation in Archaeology (*provided they have the necessary preparatory modules for their chosen dissertation*). Additionally they currently take 40 credits of modules in each Department.

Indicative modules in archaeology currently available include:

- Current Archaeology
- Advanced Professional Training
- Interpreting Heritage
- Specialised Aspects of Archaeology
- Museum Representation
- Scientific Methods in Archaeology 3
- Archaeology and Global Sustainable Development.

*This joint honours programme does not include first year field school training, but does include second-third year field placement opportunities.



Students can substitute a modern language module for one Anth or one Arch module per year

Palaeolithic stone tool
© Durham University



The Archaeology Department had developed a number of online learning courses through the platform FutureLearn, including

- Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology
- Endangered Archaeology: Using Remote Sensing to Protect Cultural Heritage
- Advanced Archaeological Remote Sensing
- The Battle of Dunbar, 1650

These courses have provided people the world over with the chance to learn from our experts. The remotesensing courses are available in English, Arabic and Persian.





The joint honours course and the prestige of the university attracted me to the course. The archaeological field experience at the end of first and second year were highlights. I have developed skills in excavation and recording, which builds on what I read in textbooks. These opportunities have developed

my confidence in communicating with children, as well as parents and educators. Two friends and myself have started a blog about anthropology and related subjects, which has helped me develop my social media skills in the context of academic outreach, as well as developing my writing skills.



Sabrina Ki,
BA Anthropology and Archaeology (2018)

BA Ancient History and Archaeology (Joint Honours)

VF14 | durham.ac.uk/course/VF14

This course is ideal for students who want to explore the societies of Ancient Greece and Rome through both their texts and the physical remains they left behind. Students take modules in both the Department of Archaeology and Department of Classics and Ancient History, learning from experts in each discipline.**

As well as authoring seminal works such as *Archaeology: An Introduction*, *The Human Past*, and *The Archaeology of Disease*, Durham is home to the editors of some of the most prestigious academic journals, such as *Antiquity* and *World Archaeology*.



Gravestone of Victor
Arbeia Museum, South Shields

Indicative modules*

Year 1

- Archaeology in Britain
- Cities in Antiquity.
- Discovering World Prehistory
- Medieval to Modern: An Introduction to the Archaeology of the Medieval to Post-Medieval World
- Ancient Civilisations of the East
- Ancient Civilisations: Sources, Approaches, Methods.

Plus:

THREE modules in Ancient History.

Year 2

- Professional Training
- Developing Archaeological Research
- Prehistoric Europe
- Becoming Roman
- Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations: East and West
- Archaeology of Medieval and Post-Medieval Britain
- East Mediterranean in the Bronze Age
- Advanced Skills.

Plus:

THREE Modules in Ancient History.

Year 3

40 credit dissertation in either Archaeology or Ancient History.

- Specialised Aspects in Archaeology (single or double module),
- Current Archaeology
- Advanced Professional Training
- Interpreting Heritage
- Museum Representation.

Plus:

Modules in Ancient History or one module from Ancient History and a language module.

*Curriculum review may result in some adjustment

**This joint honours programme does not include the first year field school, but does include second-third year field placement opportunities.

Students can substitute a modern language module for one Ancient History or one Archaeology module per year

Ratings and Statistics

The Department of Archaeology is proud to be recognised nationally and internationally as a leader in teaching and research

2nd

for Archaeology and Forensic Science in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2026.



2nd

in the UK in the Research Excellence Framework 2021...



5th

in the world:

Archaeology in the QS World University Rankings 2026.

...with **97%** of our research overall was considered to be of internationally excellent quality or world leading.

4th

for Archaeology in the Complete University Guide 2026.



Durham University has been accredited with a

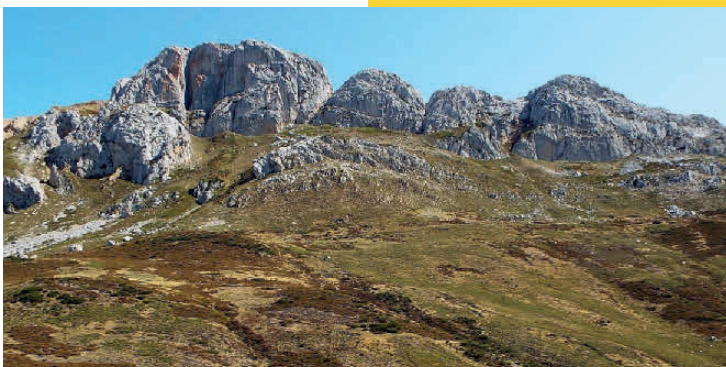
Gold Award

in the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcome Framework (TEF).

17 colleges;
Durham's distinctive
residential and
educational
communities.



3rd oldest
university in England,
after Oxford and
Cambridge, and a
leading European
centre of learning for
1,000 years.



6th
For Anthropology
and Archaeology
in the Guardian
Guardian Best
University
rankings 2026

Over
19,000
students with
3,500
international students...



...from **156** countries
around the world.

Employability

Graduate information/employability

Our programmes are accredited by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA), which means that graduates are recognised as having skills relevant to a career in the historic environment, and can apply for professional recognition from the Institute. In addition to providing you with enhanced knowledge on specific aspects of the human past and present, a degree in archaeology will provide you with skills in teamwork, practical and intellectual problem solving and critical analysis of evidence. In the 2018 QS World University Rankings, Durham University was ranked 33 for employer reputation which illustrates the quality of, and international demand for, Durham's graduates. Our students are always in high demand in the professional sector, with many gaining employment not only in archaeology-related fields, such as conservation, heritage, museums and commercial labs and units, but also in education, business, finance and defence.



Specific Archaeology Employment

- Commercial Field Units & Consultancies
- Museums & Heritage Management
- Local Government
(e.g. planning, heritage management)
- Academic Sphere
- National Heritage Bodies
(e.g. Inspectors of Ancient Monuments, field workers, Climate Change Managers)
- The National Trust
- Churches Conservation Trust
- Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
- National Finds Advisors
- Portable Antiquities Scheme.

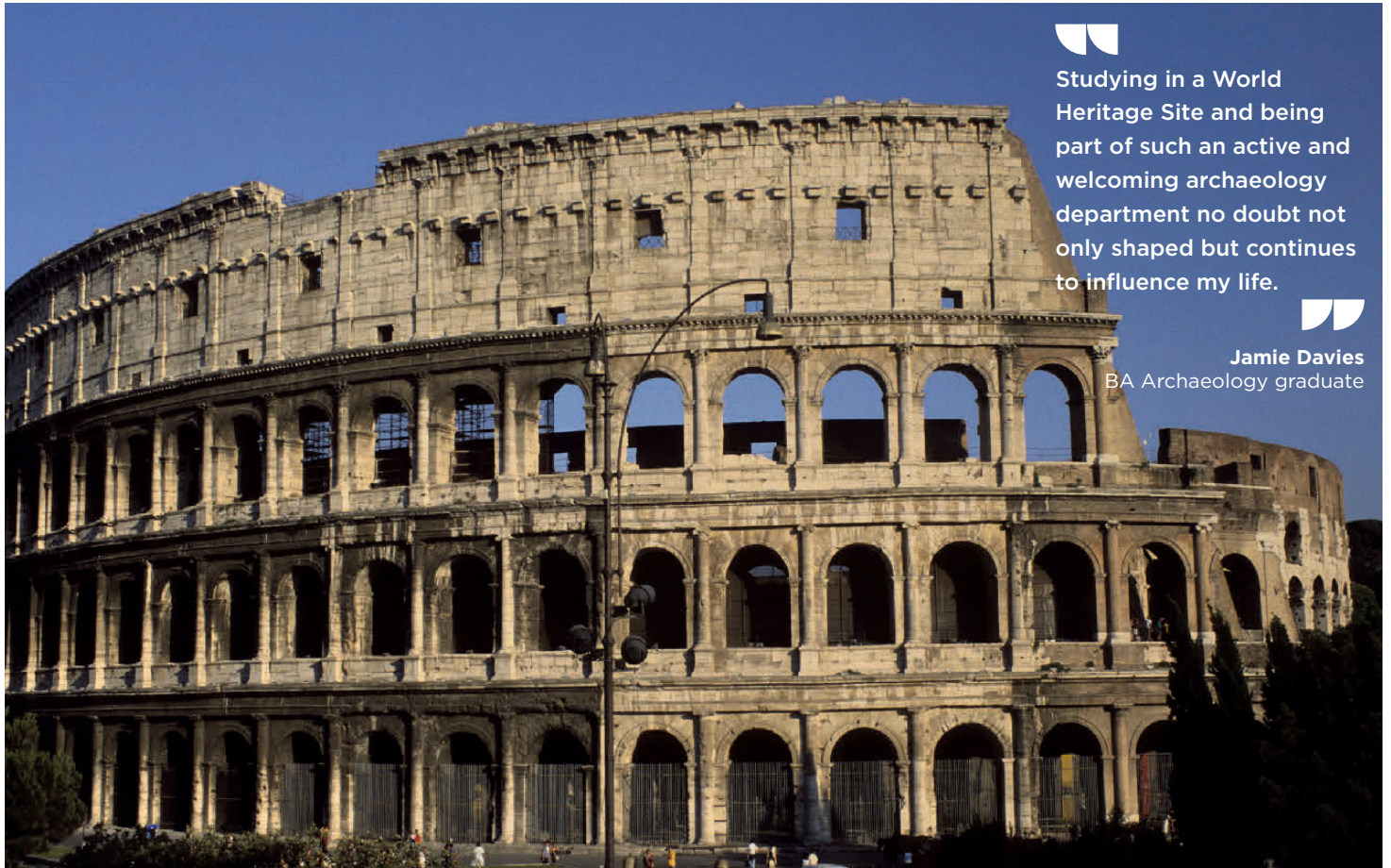
Beyond Archaeology

- The City
- Management and Consultancy
- Education
(all levels, many subjects)
- Marketing and Advertising; Small and Medium Enterprises
- Armed Forces
- International Charities
- Conservation
- Ecological and Environmental Sciences
(e.g. environmental impact assessments)
- Forensics
(inc. International War Crime investigation)
- Publishing and journalism
- Media Production and Research Law
- Law
- Civil Service.

**Of those students who graduated in 2018:
90% were in paid employment or further
study 6 months after graduation**

*(Source: Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey of 2018 graduates. The DLHE survey asks leavers from higher education what they are doing six months after graduation. Full definitions for the DLHE Record can be found here: hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/destinations)





Studying in a World Heritage Site and being part of such an active and welcoming archaeology department no doubt not only shaped but continues to influence my life.



Jamie Davies
BA Archaeology graduate

Employers have included:

Deloitte.



e.on



Smith & Williamson



citigroup

accenture



KUONI



The British Museum



Living in Durham

Durham City

Durham University is located in the beautiful historic City of Durham, in North East England, located 17 miles (15 minute train ride) from Newcastle upon Tyne. Durham's famous Cathedral and Castle are at the heart of the city, forming The UNESCO World Heritage Site.

With a population of around 43,000, Durham is compact and friendly, welcoming students and visitors to a mix of high street shops and boutiques, excellent cafés, bars, restaurants and cultural activities. The city and university are big enough to have all the facilities you need, with a great nightlife, yet small enough to stay friendly. If you yearn for the bright lights and a more bustling urban atmosphere, Newcastle is only a short train ride away and offers all the attractions of the big city. Edinburgh and York are nearby, and London is also only a three hour train ride away.

There is a lot to do in Durham itself. Make the most of the shopping, visit the sites and enjoy the historic architecture. There are lots of other things to do, from walks and boat trips along the River Wear, to street markets and museum visits. The City also plays host to many art and cultural events, including the popular Lumiere light festival.

For further information see
durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham



Oriental Museum

[durham.ac.uk/
oriental.museum](http://durham.ac.uk/oriental.museum)



Sports Centre, Maiden Castle

[teamdurham.com/
facilities/durham](http://teamdurham.com/facilities/durham)



Botanic Garden

durham.ac.uk/botanic.garden

No matter where you are in the City, you are never far from the University's colleges, academic departments and facilities. Durham also offers a huge range of leisure facilities and attractions, including:



Palace Green Library

durham.ac.uk/palace.green

Assembly Rooms Theatre

durham.ac.uk/whatson



Gala Theatre & Cinema

galadurham.co.uk

Durham Lumiere

lumiere-festival.com



New Leisure Complex

theriverwalk.co.uk

For further information see durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham



Out And About

There are numerous castles, walks, cycle routes and beaches all within easy reach of Durham City. Durham is near the bustling city of Newcastle upon Tyne which offers even more cultural attractions, excellent shopping, an exciting variety of places for eating, entertainment and vibrant nightlife, while other famous Northern cities, Leeds and York, are less than two hours away by train. For something quieter, you can explore the open spaces and beautiful countryside of the Durham Dales, Northumberland, and the stunning North East coast.

Shopping And Leisure

Gateshead Metrocentre is a shoppers paradise. With nearly 350 stores, multiscreen cinemas and a wide range of bars and restaurants, it is one of the largest shopping and leisure centres in Europe.



**with a rich history and welcoming community,
and I feel privileged that I was able to call Durham my home.**

Emily Hascam Archaeology 2018



Music And The Arts

When it comes to music and the arts, the region offers something for everyone, meeting all musical tastes. From small, intimate settings to major venues attracting international performers.

Music

- O2 Academy
Newcastle
- Metro Radio Arena
Newcastle
- Sage
Gateshead
- Stadium of Light
Sunderland

Theatre

- Theatre Royal
Newcastle
- Northern Stage
Newcastle
- Live Theatre
Newcastle
- Empire Theatre
Sunderland

Galleries And Museums

- BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art
Gateshead
- The Bowes Museum
County Durham
- Auckland Castle
County Durham
- Discovery Museum
Newcastle
- Great North Museum
Newcastle
- Sunderland Museum
Sunderland
- Winter Gardens
Sunderland

Sport

A great range of sports facilities whether you are competing against yourself or others

Passion for sport runs through the region, with football, rugby, basketball, cricket and ice-hockey teams all playing regularly. At international level, Durham County Cricket Club hosts England matches, and Gateshead International stadium hosts world-class athletics.

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