

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:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Monuments and Memory in the Age of Augustus #	<a href="#">CLAS1301</a>	20
Introduction to the Greek World #	<a href="#">CLAS1601</a>	20
Archaeology in Britain #	<a href="#">ARCH1071</a>	20
Cities in Antiquity #	<a href="#">ARCH1131</a>	20

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

<b>List A:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Intermediate Latin 1A	<a href="#">CLAS1561</a>	20
Intermediate Latin 1B	<a href="#">CLAS1571</a>	20
Intermediate Greek 1A	<a href="#">CLAS1541</a>	20
Intermediate Greek 1B	<a href="#">CLAS1551</a>	20
Early Greek Philosophy	<a href="#">CLAS1101</a>	20
Language, Translation, Interpretation	<a href="#">CLAS1701</a>	20
Lives of Objects – Greek and Roman Antiquity	<a href="#">CLAS1781</a>	20
Empire and Religion in the Age of Constantine	<a href="#">CLAS1791</a>	20
A 20 credit language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study Θ		20

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

<b>List B:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Introduction to Archaeological Methods \$ £	<a href="#">ARCH1047</a>	10
Ancient Civilisations: Sources, Approaches and Methods % £	<a href="#">ARCH1017</a>	10
Discovering World Prehistory	<a href="#">ARCH1121</a>	20
Ancient Civilisations of the East	<a href="#">ARCH1111</a>	20
Medieval to Modern: An Introduction to the Archaeology of the Medieval to Post Medieval World	<a href="#">ARCH1141</a>	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

**Level 2 (Diploma)**

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

<b>List C:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Emperors and Dynasties	<a href="#">CLAS2661</a>	20
Living in the Classical World	<a href="#">CLAS2831</a>	20
From Palace to Polis: the changing societies of early Greece \$	<a href="#">CLAS20D1</a>	20
Ancient Political Thought and Action \$	<a href="#">CLAS2761</a>	20
Art and Archaeology of the Greek Islands % (STEM)	<a href="#">CLAS20C1</a>	20

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

<b>List D:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Beginners' Latin 2	<a href="#">CLAS2032</a>	40
Beginners' Greek 2	<a href="#">CLAS2062</a>	40
Intermediate Greek 2A	<a href="#">CLAS2541</a>	20
Intermediate Greek 2B	<a href="#">CLAS2551</a>	20
Intermediate Latin 2A	<a href="#">CLAS2521</a>	20
Intermediate Latin 2B	<a href="#">CLAS2531</a>	20
Advanced Greek 2A	<a href="#">CLAS2171</a>	20
Advanced Greek 2B	<a href="#">CLAS2181</a>	20
Advanced Latin 2A	<a href="#">CLAS2191</a>	20
Advanced Latin 2B	<a href="#">CLAS2121</a>	20
Traditions of Epic	<a href="#">CLAS2151</a>	20
Alexandria \$	<a href="#">CLAS2841</a>	20
Dialogues with Antiquity	<a href="#">CLAS2811</a>	20
Myths of Transformation in Ovid's Metamorphoses	<a href="#">CLAS2881</a>	20
Comedy and Tragedy, Laughter and Sorrow	<a href="#">CLAS2971</a>	20
Communicating the Ancient World % (STEM)	<a href="#">CLAS2981</a>	20
Digital Humanities and the Ancient World % (STEM)	CLAS	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

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

<b>List E:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Professional Training ¥ \$ ±	<a href="#">ARCH2191</a>	20
Developing Archaeological Research	<a href="#">ARCH2181</a>	20
Advanced Skills (Single)	<a href="#">ARCH2221</a>	20
Prehistoric Europe: From Foragers to State Formation	<a href="#">ARCH2081</a>	20
Becoming Roman: From Iron Age to Empire in Italy and the West	<a href="#">ARCH2091</a>	20
Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations: East and West	<a href="#">ARCH2161</a>	20
Archaeology of Medieval and Post-Medieval in its European Context	<a href="#">ARCH2131</a>	20
The East Mediterranean World in the Bronze Age	<a href="#">ARCH2141</a>	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)

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

<b>List F:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Dissertation (Classics) ~	<a href="#">CLAS3612</a>	40
Dissertation (Interdisciplinary) ~	<a href="#">ARCH3562</a>	40
Dissertation (Archaeology) ~	<a href="#">ARCH3362</a>	40

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

<b>List G:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Urbs Roma	<a href="#">CLAS3321</a>	20
The Hellenistic World	<a href="#">CLAS3841</a>	20
Roman Syria	<a href="#">CLAS3491</a>	20

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

<b>List H:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Intermediate Greek 3A	<a href="#">CLAS3641</a>	20

Intermediate Greek 3B	<a href="#">CLAS3651</a>	20
Intermediate Latin 3A	<a href="#">CLAS3681</a>	20
Intermediate Latin 3B	<a href="#">CLAS3691</a>	20
Advanced Greek 3A	<a href="#">CLAS3421</a>	20
Advanced Greek 3B	<a href="#">CLAS3411</a>	20
Advanced Latin 3A	<a href="#">CLAS3401</a>	20
Advanced Latin 3B	<a href="#">CLAS3391</a>	20
Higher Greek 1 \$	<a href="#">CLAS3431</a>	20
Higher Greek 2 %	<a href="#">CLAS3441</a>	20
Higher Latin 1 \$	<a href="#">CLAS3231</a>	20
Higher Latin 2 %	<a href="#">CLAS3241</a>	20
The World of Catullus	<a href="#">CLAS3571</a>	20
Writing Alexander	<a href="#">CLAS3581</a>	20
The Origins of Civilisation	<a href="#">CLAS3781</a>	20
Interpreting Greek Drama Today	<a href="#">CLAS3831</a>	20
Literary Culture from Nero to Trajan	<a href="#">CLAS3891</a>	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

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

<b>List I:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Specialised Aspects of Archaeology (40 credits)	<a href="#">ARCH3472</a>	40
Specialised Aspects of Archaeology (20 credits)	<a href="#">ARCH3451</a>	20
Museum Representation	<a href="#">ARCH3621</a>	20
Advanced Professional Training ¥ \$	<a href="#">ARCH3581</a>	20
Current Archaeology	<a href="#">ARCH3591</a>	20
Interpreting Heritage \$	<a href="#">ARCH3601</a>	20
Archaeology and Global Sustainable Development	<a href="#">ARCH3641</a>	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**

12. Modules marked # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
13. Modules marked with \$ are taught in Michaelmas Term 2025 only.
14. Modules marked with % are taught in Epiphany Term 2026 only.
15. 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."
16. Modules marked with £ must be taken together.
17. Only one language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study marked Θ may be taken at each level.
18. 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.
19. Modules marked with ± will not be available on this programme after the 2024-25 academic year.
20. 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)**

21. 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).
22. 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.
23. 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)**

24. 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.
25. 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.
26. 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).
27. 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).