

# F406: Archaeology of the Historic World



Undergraduate BA 2019

## Essentials

<b>UCAS code</b>	F406
<b>Degree</b>	BA
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full Time
<b>Duration</b>	3 years
<b>Location</b>	Durham City ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city">www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city</a> )
<b>A-Level</b>	AAB
<b>BTEC</b>	DDD
<b>International Baccalaureate</b>	36
<b>Alternative qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other UK qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf">www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• EU qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EUequivalencies2017-18.pdf">www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EUequivalencies2017-18.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• International qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/">www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>Contextual Offers</b>	You may be eligible for an offer which is one or two grades lower than our standard entry requirements. Find out more ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/">www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/</a> ).
<b>More information</b>	Still have questions? ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/">www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/</a> )
<b>Department(s) Website</b>	<a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/archaeology">www.durham.ac.uk/archaeology</a>

## Course Summary

### Description

This is a wide-ranging archaeology course that harnesses student passions for history through researching historic sites, material culture and museums. The programme emphasises interdisciplinary learning and skills. Students have the option to study the material remains of the ancient, medieval and modern worlds, with an emphasis on the last 600 years. They can take modules in History, Classics, Ancient History and other related subjects in departments across Durham University. Key themes include the archaeology of industrialisation, conflict archaeology, colonisation, transatlantic connections and south-east Asian trade.

### Year 1

Compulsory modules:

- Archaeology of the Medieval to Modern World
- Archaeology Practicals
- Historical Archaeology: Methods and Sources

Optional modules may include:

- Archaeology in Britain
- Cities in Antiquity
- Ancient Civilizations of the East
- Discovering World Prehistory

Plus: Up to TWO modules from History or ONE module from any another department including Ancient History and Classics.

### Year 2

Compulsory modules:

- Professional Training
- Developing Archaeological Research
- Debates in Historical Archaeology

Optional modules may include:

- Archaeology of Medieval and Post-Medieval Britain
- Becoming Roman
- Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations: East and West
- Advanced Skills (Single or Double)
- Up to TWO modules from History
- East Mediterranean in the Bronze Age

Plus: ONE module from another department including Ancient History & Classics or ONE module from the above AND a language module.

## Year 3

Compulsory modules:

- Dissertation (Double module)
- Specialised Aspects in Archaeology

Optional modules may include:

- Current Archaeology
- Advanced Professional Training
- Interpreting Heritage
- Museum Representation
- Up to ONE module in History

Plus: Up to ONE module in any other department or a language module.

## Placement Year

You may be able to take a work placement. Find out more ([www.durham.ac.uk/placements/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/placements/)).

## Admissions Process

### Subject requirements, level and grade

In addition to satisfying the University's general entry requirements, please note:

- We welcome applications from those with other qualifications equivalent to our standard entry requirements and from mature students with non-standard qualifications or who may have had a break in their study. Please contact our Admissions Selectors
- Typical IB score 36 to include 665 in higher level subjects
- If you do not satisfy our general entry requirements, the Foundation Centre offers multidisciplinary degrees to prepare you for a range of specified degree courses
- If you are an international student who does not meet the requirements for direct entry to this degree, you may be eligible to take an International Foundation Year pathway programme at the Durham University International Study Centre  
([www.durhamisc.com/?ch=uniweb&cc=signposting&cid=uniweb&utm\\_source=signposting&utm\\_medium=signposting&utm\\_campaign=uni](http://www.durhamisc.com/?ch=uniweb&cc=signposting&cid=uniweb&utm_source=signposting&utm_medium=signposting&utm_campaign=uni))
- We are pleased to consider applications for deferred entry.

### English Language requirements

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study ([www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/))

### How to apply

[www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply)

### Information relevant to your country

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/)

## Fees and Funding

### Full Time Fees

<b>EU Student</b>	£9,250.00 per year
<b>Home Student</b>	£9,250.00 per year
<b>Island Student</b>	£9,250.00 per year
<b>International non-EU Student</b>	£19,250.00 per year

The tuition fees shown for **home and EU** students are for one complete academic year of full time study and are set according to the academic year of entry. Fees for subsequent years of your course may rise in line with an inflationary uplift as determined by the government.

The tuition fees shown for **overseas** students are for one complete academic year of full time study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (**unless otherwise stated**).

Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation ([www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/)).

### Scholarships and funding

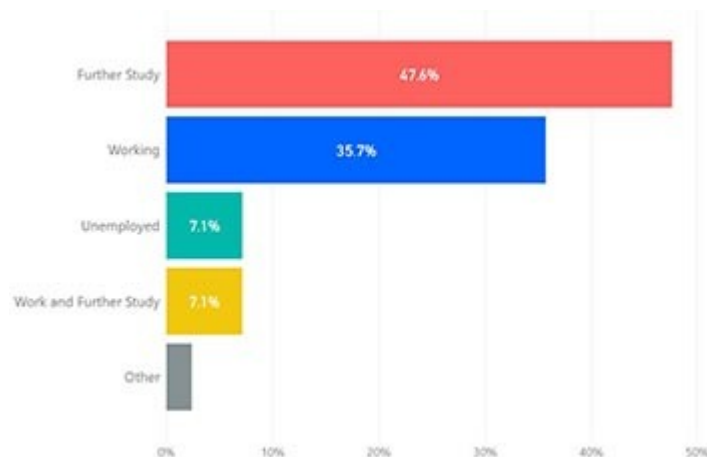
[www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance)

## Career Opportunities

### Archaeology

A degree in archaeology will provide you with skills in teamwork, practical and intellectual problem solving and critical analysis of evidence, in addition to providing you with enhanced knowledge on specific aspects of the human past and present.

Durham University as a whole was recently ranked top 25 in the world by employers for the quality of its 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.



### Of those students who graduated in 2017:

- 90% are in paid employment or further study 6 months after graduation

### Of those in employment:

- 89% are in graduate level employment
- Median salary £18,250

(Source: Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey of 2016/17 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: [www.hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/destinations](http://www.hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/destinations))

**Specific Archaeology Employment:** Commercial field units & consultancies; Museums & Heritage Management; Local Government; 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; Durham University.

**Beyond Archaeology:** The City; Business Management & Administration; Education (all levels, many

subjects); Marketing and Advertising; Small and Medium Enterprises; Armed Forces; International charities; Conservation; Ecological and Environmental spheres (e.g. environmental impact assessments); Forensics (inc. International War Crime investigation); Publishing and journalism; Media production and research; Law.

**Employers have included:** Deloitte, Boots, E.ON, PwC, Ernst and Young, KPMG, Citi Group, Accenture, Fortnum & Mason, Smith & Williamson, Kuoni Travel, The UK Government, HM Treasury, the British Army, Survival International and Dig Deep (Africa), English Heritage, Historic Scotland, CADW, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the British Museum and York Archaeological Trust.

The Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre ([www.durham.ac.uk/careers/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/careers/)) works closely with the department in facilitating student access to job and work experience opportunities, careers and employability events, employer workshops and presentations, skills programmes and tailored individual careers guidance. A dedicated Careers Adviser is available to support Anthropology students individually and collectively.

## Development Opportunities

Throughout your programme you will be invited to attend in-department employability talks and evenings, and careers fairs organised by the Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre ([www.dur.ac.uk/careers/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/careers/)), as well as one-on-one sessions with your personal academic advisor.

## Work Experience

In your first year you will spend three weeks working on our internationally significant Binchester excavation.

In your second, you will organise a three week placement working alongside a fieldwork team or in a museum/laboratory. These placements act as opportunities to experience archaeology in 'real-world' situations.

Among the skills valued by many employers around the world, Archaeology at Durham offers you:

- Team work
- Evidence evaluation, advocacy and debate
- Project Management
- Planning and Budgeting
- Use of quantitative and qualitative data
- Oral, written and visual presentation
- Public engagement
- Scientific lab work
- Health and Safety awareness
- Geography and landscape analysis
- Sampling techniques and strategies
- Interpretation of maps and satellite imagery
- In-depth knowledge of world history, culture and religion

## **Open days and visits**

### **Pre-application open day**

Pre-application open days are the best way to discover all you need to know about Durham University. With representatives from all relevant academic and support service departments, and opportunities to explore college options, the open days provide our prospective undergraduates with the full experience of Durham University.

Please see the following page for further details and information on how to book a place:  
[www.durham.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.durham.ac.uk/opendays)

### **Discover Durham Tours**

Discover Durham tours offer a brief introduction to the University. The tour begins at one of our undergraduate colleges, where you will receive an introductory talk from a member of college staff, followed by a tour of the college by current students.

[www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham)

### **Overseas Visit Schedule**

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus)



## Department Information

### Archaeology

#### Overview

One of the most exciting and varied subjects to study. One of the very best places at which to study it. Archaeology at Durham University covers everything from the Palaeolithic to the post-medieval, from Iceland to India, from architecture to ancient DNA, helping us to address some of the most fundamental questions about who we are.

A broad and dynamic subject, archaeology changes constantly with new discoveries and the development of innovative research. Our fascinating degrees allow you to combine practical hands-on work with traditional academic study. You will take part in fieldwork, on real excavations and finds, and learn about historic buildings, scientific methods, archaeological theories, computer techniques and how they all help us to understand the past.

Our staff are leaders in their fields, we have professional links with many notable historic organisations and our graduates are highly employable in the archaeology sector and elsewhere.

#### Rankings

- 97.8% of our Archaeology students said that staff were good at explaining things in the National Student Survey 2017.
- 1st in *The Guardian University Guide 2018*.
- 2nd in *The Times and Sunday Times University Guide 2018*.
- 2nd in *The Complete University Guide 2018*.

#### Staff

For a current list of staff, please see the Archaeology Department web pages.

#### Facilities

Durham has one of the largest Archaeology departments in Britain, with 28 full-time members of teaching staff. The Department is close to the University's first-class Bill Bryson Library, which has some of the best archaeological holdings in northern Britain. We are one of the most comprehensively equipped Archaeology departments in the UK, offering project rooms, teaching laboratories and internationally renowned scientific research laboratories in DNA, conservation, isotopes, environmental archaeology, luminescence dating, palaeopathology and soil and bone chemistry, which have recently undergone a £3.2 million refurbishment. Other facilities include a computer room, photographic studio, and common room. A commercial archaeological unit, Archaeological Services (Durham University), is also part of the Department and works with the Department to provide training in excavation and fieldwork skills.

You will have access to two University Museums; the Museum of Archaeology on Palace Green houses excellent Roman and medieval material from Durham in an international context and the Durham University Oriental Museum on Elvet Hill, is the only museum of its kind in the UK entirely devoted to the art and

archaeology of cultures from Asia and Egypt.

**Website**

[www.durham.ac.uk/archaeology](http://www.durham.ac.uk/archaeology)

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