



**1. Programme title(s) and UCAS code(s):**

BA Ancient History and Archaeology (VV41)  
BA Ancient History and Archaeology with a Year Abroad\*

\*Students may only enter this degree programme by transferring at the end of year 1

**2. Awarding body or institution:**

University of Leicester

**3. a) Mode of study:**

Full-time or Part-time

**b) Type of study:**

Campus-based (ignite blended learning)

**4. Registration periods:**

The normal period of registration is three years  
The maximum period of registration is five years

Part Time:

The normal period of registration is 4 years part-time  
The maximum period of registration is 7 years part-time

Year Abroad:

The normal period of registration is 4 years full-time  
The maximum period of registration is 6 years full-time

**5. Typical entry requirements:**

ABB at A-level; International Baccalaureate, pass diploma with 28-30 points

**6. Accreditation of Prior Learning:**

Direct entry to level 2 is possible, based on level 1 qualifications in a relevant subject or subjects, or equivalent qualifications or experience, and with the approval of the School of Archaeology & Ancient History.

**7. Programme aims:**

The programme aims to

- provide a rigorous, coherent and attractive curriculum that draws on the research expertise and teaching strengths of the School of Archaeology and Ancient History
- provide a stimulating and challenging learning experience for all students
- develop students' knowledge and understanding of the full chronological and geographical range of their two complementary disciplines

- develop students' abilities to apply historical and archaeological theories, techniques, and concepts to analyse and explain specific periods and themes in Ancient History and Archaeology
- enable students to demonstrate a variety of approaches to understanding the past as used by historians of the ancient world (principally Greece and Rome, but not excluding other ancient cultures of the Mediterranean and western Asia) and by archaeologists
- enable students to develop and demonstrate a range of skills necessary for the study of Ancient History and Archaeology, including elementary skills in Latin and Ancient Greek
- enable students to develop and demonstrate a range of transferable skills necessary for successful career development and a lifetime of effective independent learning.

In addition, the Year Abroad aims to:

- expand and broaden the curriculum through engagement with alternative academic traditions
- further deepen students' understanding of the specific periods and themes in Ancient History and Archaeology through study in a different academic context
- develop and enhance students' independence, confidence and global outlook
- reinforce the importance of internationalisation

#### 8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification:

- [QAA Benchmarking Statement for Classics and Ancient History \(2014\)](#)
- [QAA Benchmarking Statement for Archaeology \(2014\)](#)
- The Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (FHEQ)
- [University of Leicester Learning Strategy](#)
- University of Leicester Employability Strategy
- University of Leicester Periodic Developmental Review Reports (March 2014)
- National Student Survey
- First Destinations Data
- Graduate Survey
- External Examiners' reports
- Annual Developmental Review of the School of Archaeology & Ancient History

#### 9. Programme Outcomes:

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
<i>(a) Discipline specific knowledge and competencies</i>		
<b>(i) Mastery of an appropriate body of knowledge</b>		
Demonstrate mastery of an appropriate body of historical and archaeological knowledge	Online lectures, tutorials, seminars, directed reading, independent research, resource-based learning	Essays; short-answer, multiple choice and essay-based examinations; a dissertation; seminar presentations; posters; wikis; weekly in-class quizzes; computer-based exercises and project work; contributions to discussions; oral presentations; problem-based exercises; laboratory classes.

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
<b>(ii) Understanding and application of key concepts and techniques</b>		
<p>Demonstrate understanding of the complexity of reconstructing the past, the problematic and varied nature of historical and archaeological evidence</p> <p>Demonstrate a variety of approaches to understanding, constructing and interpreting the past</p> <p>Demonstrate comprehension of and practice in a variety of archaeological practical techniques</p>	<p>Online lectures, tutorials, seminars, directed reading, independent research, fieldwork and practical classes, source-based language classes; team problem solving exercises</p> <p>Tutorials, seminars, independent research, field work and practical classes, team problem solving exercises</p> <p>Field school, survey and excavation experience, study tour experience</p>	<p>Essays, short-answer and essay-based examinations, a dissertation, seminar presentations, contributions to discussions, computer-based exercises, problem-based exercises</p> <p>Participation in level 2 and 3 fieldwork and completion of fieldwork reports.</p>
<b>(iii) Critical analysis of key issues</b>		
<p>Compare and analyse the histories of different societies and cultures in the past, especially in the classical world</p> <p>Analyse historical and archaeological processes through the assessment of continuity and change over extended time spans</p> <p>Reflect critically on the nature of ancient history and archaeology as disciplines</p>	<p>Online lectures, tutorials, seminars, directed reading, independent research, team problem solving exercises</p> <p>Tutorials, seminars, directed reading, independent research, team problem solving exercises</p> <p>Tutorials, seminars, directed reading, independent research, team problem solving exercises</p>	<p>Essays, short-answer and essay-based examinations, seminar presentations, independent research projects, contributions to discussions, problem-based exercises.</p>
<b>(iv) Clear and concise presentation of material</b>		
<p>Present ancient historical and archaeological problems and arguments in a variety of written and oral formats</p>	<p>Online lectures, tutorials, seminars, directed reading, independent research, team problem solving exercises</p>	<p>Writing tasks (including examinations), project work, seminar presentations, contributions to discussions</p>
<b>(v) Critical appraisal of evidence with appropriate insight</b>		
<p>Develop and sustain historical and archaeological arguments, formulating appropriate questions and utilising evidence</p> <p>Read, analyse, and reflect critically and contextually upon a wide range of source materials including both texts and material culture</p>	<p>Online lectures, tutorials, seminars, directed reading, independent research, team problem solving exercises, Tutorials, seminars, directed reading, independent research, computer-aided learning, computer practical classes, team problem solving exercises</p>	<p>Essays, essay-based examinations, seminar presentations, independent research projects, contributions to discussions, problem-based exercises</p>

<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Teaching and Learning Methods</b>	<b>How Demonstrated?</b>
<b>(vi) Other discipline specific competencies</b>		
Design, research and present a sustained and independently conceived piece of historical and/or archaeological writing.  Develop understanding of relevant disciplinary guidelines, standards, legislative and professional frameworks.	Independent research; individual tuition  Hands-on practical classes, vocational fieldwork training, Online lectures, Seminars, problem-solving exercises, tutorials.	Independent research projects; class-based practical handling sessions; dissertation; fieldwork reports.
<b>(b) Transferable skills</b>		
<b>(i) Oral communication</b>		
Demonstrate clarity, fluency and coherence in oral expression of historical and archaeological issues  Participate effectively in group discussions	Seminars, tutorials, team problem solving exercises  Seminars, tutorials, team problem solving exercises.	Seminar presentations, project presentations, contributions to discussions
<b>(ii) Written communication</b>		
Develop and sustain historical and archaeological arguments in a variety of literary forms  Demonstrate clarity, fluency and coherence in written expression of ancient historical and archaeological issues	Seminars, tutorials, team problem solving exercises  Seminars, tutorials, independent research	Essays, essay-based examinations, seminar presentations, independent research projects (including group projects), contributions to discussions
<b>(iii) Information technology</b>		
Use IT effectively to support ancient historical and archaeological studies, including using IT for bibliographic and archive searches, data analysis and written/visual presentation of evidence	Induction programme, computer practical classes, independent research	Coursework; independent research projects; computer-based exercises; problem-based exercises; wikis; effective use of VLE.
<b>(iv) Numeracy</b>		
Analyse ancient historical and archaeological data using statistical and graphical techniques	Seminars, online lectures, IT practical classes; fieldwork exercises	Independent research projects, computer-based exercises, problem-based exercises; fieldwork reports.

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
<b>(v) Team working</b>		
Be able to work collaboratively to explore historical and archaeological issues and arguments and to recognise the value of working closely with others	Tutorials, seminars, team problem-solving exercises, field school, excavation training.	Seminar presentations, contributions to discussions, contributions to team problem solving exercises, group project and fieldwork reports.
<b>(vi) Problem solving</b>		
Address ancient historical and archaeological problems in depth using primary source materials and advanced secondary literature	Tutorials, seminars, team problem-solving projects and exercises; field school and excavation training	Essays, independent research projects, computer-based exercises, problem-based exercises, fieldwork project reports
<b>(vii) Information handling</b>		
Gather and deploy evidence and data to find, retrieve, sort and exchange new information	Tutorials, seminars, directed reading, independent research, computer practical classes, team problem solving projects and exercises	Essays, independent research projects, computer-based exercises, problem-based exercises
<b>(viii) Skills for lifelong learning</b>		
Demonstrate intellectual independence through the setting of research tasks and the solving of ancient historical and archaeological problems	All of the above, particularly independent research	All of the above, particularly the dissertation and the second year group project
Reflect upon own learning and achievements and plan for personal, educational and career development	Tutorials, career development programmes, resource based learning, personal development planning programme	Portfolio, curriculum vitae

#### 10. Progression points:

This programme will follow the standard progression rules, as set out by Senate Regulation 5: regulations governing undergraduate programmes of study:

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/regulations/documents/senatereg5-undergraduates>

In cases where a student has failed to meet a requirement to progress he or she will be required to withdraw from the course

#### 11. Scheme of Assessment

The programme complies with the standard scheme of award and classification set out in [Senate Regulation 5](#).

#### 12. Special features:

- The student learning experience is enhanced by a commitment to synergy between research and teaching.
- Students will undertake a fieldwork module in the first year and will undertake compulsory fieldwork in the second year as well as study visits to local sites of archaeological interest.

- Students taking the BA have the option of a Year Abroad. The School participates in two exchange schemes: the first is based on a network of European universities (Erasmus scheme), the second involves links with Canadian and Australian Universities (Study Abroad Scheme).
- Students have the option of undertaking a Study Tour to Rome as an alternative to second year fieldwork.

### **13. Indications of programme quality**

Our research is regularly classed as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent', placing us in the top half-dozen Ancient History and Archaeology departments in the UK. We deliver undergraduate and master's teaching to the highest standards with National Student Survey feedback indicating outstanding student satisfaction.

Graduates of this degree programme take postgraduate taught courses and pursue research degrees at Leicester and many other universities. Many take Master's courses at Leicester or elsewhere; many have entered teaching or archaeological careers; and many enter graduate employment soon after graduation.

### **14. External Examiner(s) reports**

The details of the External Examiner(s) for this programme and the most recent External Examiners' reports for this programme can be found [here](#).

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During their degree course, Honours students are normally required to complete a total of 6 weeks of fieldwork (including the Level 1 Fieldschool) to the satisfaction of the School.

## FIRST YEAR MODULES

### SEMESTER 1

#### Core Modules

		<b>Credits</b>
AH1009	Approaching Ancient Evidence (Roman)	(15)
AH1011	Introduction to Roman History	(15)
AR1004	Introduction to World Archaeology BC	(15)
AR1007	Archaeology: the Essentials	(15)
	<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>60</b>

### SEMESTER 2

#### Core Modules

		<b>Credits</b>
AH1008	Approaching Ancient Evidence (Greek)	(15)
AH1010	Introduction to Greek History	(15)
AR1005	Introduction to World Archaeology AD	(15)
AR1013	Debates in Contemporary Archaeological Research	(15)
	<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>60</b>

## SECOND YEAR MODULES

### SEMESTER 1

#### Core Modules

		<b>Credits</b>
AH2012	Sources, Methods and Theory for Ancient History	(15)
AR2044	Fieldwork I	(15)

#### Optional Modules

	15 credits of approved Ancient History options AND 15 credits of approved Archaeology options:	30
AH2022	Classical and Hellenistic Greek States	(15)
AH2037	The Ancient Near East	(15)
AH2041	Roman Religion	(15)
AH2046	Political Animals	(15)
AR2008	Environmental Archaeology	(15)

AR2032	The Archaeology of Prehistory	(15)
AR2046	Archaeology of the Roman Empire	(15)
AR2034	Living in Towns: Medieval and Post-Medieval Archaeology	(15)
	<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>60</b>

### SEMESTER 2

<b>Core Modules</b>		<b>Credits</b>
AR2029	Theory and Archaeology	(15)

#### Optional Modules

30 credits of approved Ancient History options AND  
15 credits of approved Archaeology options: 45

AH2027	The Latin World: Ancient, Medieval and Modern	(15)
AH2023	The Roman Principate	(15)
AH2044	Greek History in 40 Lives	(15)
AR2031	Artefact Analysis	(15)
AR2028	Archaeological Survey & Geomatics	(15)
AR2036	Heritage Skills	(15)
AR2043	The Medieval Mediterranean World	(15)
	<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>60</b>

### THIRD YEAR MODULES

#### SEMESTER 1

<b>Core Modules</b>		<b>Credits</b>
AR3044	Fieldwork II	(15)
AR3059	Dissertation I	(15)

#### Optional Modules

30 credits of approved options in Ancient History and/or  
Archaeology

AH3060	Households and Domesticity in the Roman World	(15)
AH3079	Textiles, Dress and Identity in the Roman World	(15)
AH3082	Great Greek Monuments	(15)
AR3012	Early Christian Europe	(15)
AR3054	Warfare and Violence in Antiquity	(15)
AR3017	Archaeozoology	(30)
AR3088	Archaeology of Islamic Societies	(15)
AR3090	South Asian Archaeology and Heritage	(15)

**Semester Total** **60**



## SEMESTER 2

Core Modules		Credits
AR3060	Dissertation II	(30)
Optional Modules		
	30 credits of approved options in Ancient History and/or Archaeology	30
AH3015	Sparta	(15)
AH3080	The Roman Labyrinth: Crete Under the Emperors	(15)
AH3062	Greek and Roman Art	(15)
AH3081	Fall of the Roman Republic	(15)
AR3070	Archaeology/Ancient History in Education	(15)
AR3085	The Archaeology of Colonialism in the Americas	(15)
AR3089	Material transformations: difference and power in prehistoric Britain and Ireland	(15)
AR3087	Plants and People	(15)
	<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>60</b>

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### BA ANCIENT HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY WITH A YEAR ABROAD

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The above four-year degree is also available. Students may only enter the four-year variant of the relevant three-year programme on the recommendation of the exchange programme coordinators and by transferring at the end of the first year. Transfer is conditional on successful completion of first-year modules. The programme structure is as for first, second and final year modules for the three-year programme (above). The third year is spent abroad at an approved partner institution.'

#### FIRST, SECOND AND FOURTH YEAR MODULES

The regulations for first, second and final year modules are as for the three-year programme (above).

#### THIRD YEAR MODULES

Year abroad spent in the European Union (Erasmus Programme): in this year students join an approved partner university in the European Union. An equivalent range of courses to 120 Leicester credits is approved and followed and assessed by the host department. This normally includes a language module. The programme is assessed as a Four Year Programme with a year out, with the year abroad treated as the 'year out'. The year out does not count towards the final classification, but a student must pass all modules taken during the year abroad to proceed to the final year of the programme. The second and fourth years are used in determining the degree class, according to the standard scheme

for three-year programmes.

Year abroad spent in North America or Australia (Study Abroad Programme): in this year students join the partner university at Calgary (Canada) or Adelaide (Australia); an equivalent range of courses to 120 Leicester credits is approved and followed and assessed by the host department. The programme is assessed as a Four Year Programme with a year out, with the year abroad treated as the 'year out'. The year out does not count towards the final classification, but a student must pass all modules taken during the year abroad to proceed to the final year of the programme. The second and fourth years are used in determining the degree class, according to the standard scheme for three-year programmes.

## **Appendix 2: Module specifications**

See module specification database <http://www.le.ac.uk/sas/courses/documentation>



Use IT to effectively support archaeological studies, including using IT for bibliographic and archive searches at national and local level, data analysis and written/visual presentation of evidence	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(iv) Numeracy												
Analyse ancient historical/archaeological data using statistical and graphical techniques			X		X		X					
(v) Team working												
Be able to work collaboratively jointly to explore ancient historical/archaeological issues and arguments and to recognise the value of working closely with others	X		X		X	X	X		(x)			
(vi) Problem solving												
Address ancient historical/archaeological problems in depth using contemporary text and material sources and advanced secondary literature	X	X	?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(vii) Information handling												
Gather and deploy evidence and data to find, retrieve, sort and exchange new information	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(viii) Skills for lifelong learning												
Demonstrate intellectual independence through the setting of research tasks and the solving of ancient historical/archaeological problems						X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Reflect upon own learning and achievements and plan for personal, education and career development							X	X	X		X	X