

Course Summary: March 29, 2026

Ancient History and Archaeology BA Honours

- UCAS code: **VV14**
- Full time
- 3 years

Uncover the history, culture and philosophies of the ancient world and engage with the material remains of these societies.

You are currently viewing course information for entry year: **2026**

Next start date:

- September 2026

Tuition fees (Year 1)

- Home: **£9,790**
- International: **£25,000**

Entry requirements and offers

- A-Level: **ABB**
- IB: **32 points**

UCAS Institution name and code:

- NEWC / N21

Undergraduate Open Day

Start your university journey. Find where you belong. Friday, June 26 (9:00-16:00)
Saturday, June 27 (9:00-16:00)

[Book your place now](#)

Course overview

Our **Ancient History and Archaeology BA (Honours)** degree is accredited by the Chartered Institute for Archaeology (CIfA) and University Archaeology UK (UAUK).

Immerse yourself in ancient history and archaeology on our joint honours degree. With the opportunity to learn Latin and Ancient Greek from beginners' or intermediate level, and gain the skills you'll need for your future career.

Explore the global ancient world, including the classical civilisations of Greece and Rome, and piece together their history using diverse types of evidence. From analysing ancient texts to studying material remains, you'll explore areas such as architecture, sculpture, pottery and coins ensuring you develop a broad range of knowledge.

Our classroom extends beyond the University, to the region's diverse heritage, based in an area of world class archaeology on the edge of the Roman Empire. From Hadrian's Wall to Bamburgh Castle on the Northumbrian coast, there's a rich past to discover on our doorstep.

Your course and study experience - disclaimers and terms and conditions

Please rest assured we make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the programmes, services and facilities described. However, it may be necessary to make changes due to significant disruption, for example in response to Covid-19.

View our [Academic experience page](#), which gives information about your Newcastle University study experience for the academic year 2025-26.

See our [terms and conditions and student complaints information](#), which gives details of circumstances that may lead to changes to programmes, modules or University services.

Quality and ranking

Professional accreditation and recognition

All professional accreditations are reviewed regularly by their professional body.

Modules and learning

Modules

The information below is intended to provide an example of what you will study.

Most degrees are divided into stages. Each stage lasts for one academic year, and you'll complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each stage.

Our teaching is informed by research. Course content may change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, and student feedback.

Optional module availability

Student demand for optional modules may affect availability.

Full details of the modules on offer will be published through the [Programme Regulations and Specifications](#) ahead of each academic year. This usually happens in May.

To find out more please [see our terms and conditions](#)

You will receive the same introduction to archaeology as our single honours students, but focus on classical art and archaeology. Choose from Ancient History and Classics options, like Greek Literature, Ancient Philosophy or Roman History and Culture.

In the summer, you will complete two weeks of funded fieldwork.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Introduction to Archaeology	20
The Archaeology of Britain from the Romans to the 20th Century	20
Greek and Roman Art and Archaeology	20
Optional Modules	Credits
Introduction to Archaeological Science	20
Prehistoric Britain	20
The World of Latin Literature	20
Tragedy, Comedy, History: The World of Greek Literature	20
How Should I Live? An Introduction to Ancient Philosophy	20
Beginners' Greek in Action Part 1	20
Beginners' Greek in Action Part 2	20
West meets East: Greek History and Society, 776-200 BC	20
The Roman World from Romulus to Trajan	20
Beginners' Latin in Action Part 1	20
Beginners' Latin in Action Part 2	20
Global Middle Ages	20
Stuff: living in a material world	20
Global Ancient Histories	20

You'll enhance your core skills as an archaeologist and ancient historian through our compulsory modules on Fieldwork skills and the Archaeology of the Roman world - where we'll introduce you to the landscapes, buildings, and artefacts of this diverse Empire.

Your remaining modules will focus on a range of different aspects of the ancient world, such as slavery or religion.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Fieldwork and Post-Excavation: Archaeology in the UK	20
Archaeologies of the Roman Empire: The Roman World from Augustus to Justinian	20
Optional Modules	Credits
Archaeological Theory and Interpretation	20
From Lascaux to Knossos: Prehistoric Europe	20
Colonial Worlds: History and Archaeology	20
Artefacts	20
Hellenistic Empires from Alexander to Cleopatra	20
The Roman World from Hadrian to Heraclius	20
Greek and Roman Religions	20
Slavery in Greco-Roman Antiquity	20
Sacred words and dirty deeds: Thriving in Late Antiquity	20
The Mediterranean: a connected past	20
Career Development for second year students	20

Your final year allows you to follow options that interest you most, whether that's Early Medieval Britain or Roman Egypt. You'll complete a dissertation on your topic of choice under the supervision of an expert member of staff.

Modules

Compulsory modules

You must take one of the following compulsory modules (shown in the optional list below):

[Dissertation in Archaeology: Research as Professional Practice \(40 credits\)](#)

OR

[Dissertation in Ancient History and Archaeology: Research as Professional Practice \(40 credits\)](#)

Modules

Optional Modules	Credits
Survival and turmoil in Byzantium and beyond: Byzantine archaeology, art and text	20
Neolithic & Early Bronze Age Britain in its European Context	20
Regionality and the Fall of Rome	20
Dissertation in Archaeology: Research as Professional Practice	40
Dissertation in Ancient History and Archaeology: Research as Professional Practice	40

Fundamentals of Digital Humanities: Computer literacy, data analysis and GIS	20
The Sharp Edge of Empire? The Armies and Frontiers of Imperial Rome	20
City of Athens: Power, Society and Culture	20
Gods in the Material World: Religion and Material Culture in Greece, Egypt and Mesopotamia 2000BC-338BC	20
Businesswomen in the ancient world: Challenging Prejudices and Inequality	20
Career Development for final year students	20

Teaching and assessment

Teaching methods

You'll learn from:

- lectures
- seminars
- tutorials
- workshops
- practical activities
- site visits and fieldwork training
- independent study

Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Assessments

- Assignments – written or fieldwork
- Coursework
- Dissertation or research project
- Dossier
- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online
- Group work
- Portfolio submission
- Practical sessions
- Presentations
- Projects
- Reports
- Seminar tasks/exercises

Skills and experience

Practical skills

Practical experience forms a key part of this investigative and interdisciplinary degree. You'll gain hands-on experience handling artefacts from our on-campus Great North Museum.

You'll gain excavation experience at our Stage One field school, with further fieldwork opportunities elsewhere in the UK or abroad.

Research skills

In your final year, you'll write a dissertation on a topic of your choosing, using skills you have developed during your degree. You'll hone your investigative skills, undertaking independent research, with access to extensive resources, archives and special collections.

Opportunities

Study abroad

Experience life in another country by choosing to study abroad as part of your degree. You'll be encouraged to embrace fun and challenging experiences, make connections with new communities and graduate as a globally aware professional, ready for your future.

You'll have the opportunity to study abroad for a full year after Stage Two. You can study in an EU country as part of a study abroad exchange or further afield. You'll then return to Newcastle to complete your degree.

In Europe we currently have links with:

- Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris, France
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain
- Leiden University, Netherlands
- Charles University Prague, Czech Republic
- University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Södertörn University, Sweden
- University of Turku, Finland

[Find out more about study abroad.](#)

Work placement

Apply your practical skills, increase your confidence and gain real-life work experience to accelerate your career. Take a 9-12-month industrial placement in the UK or abroad. Work placements usually take place in stage 3 of your studies and extend your degree by one year.

[Find out more about work placements.](#)

Facilities and environment

Facilities

You'll be based in the School of History, Classics and Archaeology, located at the heart of campus in the historic Armstrong Building. You'll have access to excellent study resources including:

- the Philip Robinson University Library, which houses over 800,000 books and provides access to ca. 1.8m e-books
- Special Collections & Archives – a rich collection of archival material, historical medical texts and rare books
- The Great North Museum: Hancock, our on-campus museum which holds an extensive collection of Greek, Roman, and Etruscan artefacts.
- a Material Culture Analytical Suite kitted out with microscopes, and 2D and 3D scanning equipment.

[Find out more about the School of History, Classics and Archaeology](#)

Support

You'll have the support of a lecturer as an academic adviser throughout your degree, and a student mentor will help you settle in.

This is a subject for everyone: we teach you all you need to know, and support your progress through to the end of the degree.

Peer mentors will help you in your first year. They are fellow students who can help you settle in and answer any questions you have when starting university.

Your future

Our Ancient History and Archaeology degree will set you up to start a career as a professional archaeologist or to pursue a future in museum and heritage work, as well as a whole range of other careers.

As an archaeology and Ancient History student at Newcastle University, you'll develop a wide range of transferable skills, due to the interdisciplinary and

investigative nature of the subject, which are highly sought by employers.

Our graduates can use their team-working, project management and analytical skills to work in a broad spectrum of fields, for example as company archivists, information technologists, specialist librarians and researchers. These skills are especially valued in industries such as publishing, broadcasting and public relations. Some students become teachers, lawyers, or start their own businesses.

[Read more about our graduate paths](#)

Follow in their footsteps

- Name: George
- Nationality: British
- Graduated: 2018
- Now working as: Civil Servant – Programmes Lead, National Crime Agency

"Archaeology is a highly sought after qualification because archaeologists have to work with such a range of material to form an argument. I have no doubt that the skills I developed at BA and MA will continue to be key to my career development."

Find out what George liked the most about studying Ancient History and Archaeology at Newcastle University and how this degree helped him in his career.

[Read about George's journey](#)

Careers support

Work placements are available as part of your degree, and there are many volunteering opportunities to enhance your CV.

Students in their second year can apply for funding to support their [own research projects](#) over the summer break.

Our Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers. We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through our ncl+ initiative.

[Visit our Careers Service website](#)

Recognition of professional qualifications outside of the UK

If you're studying an **accredited degree** and thinking about working in Europe after you graduate, the best place to find current information is the [UK Government's guidance on recognition of UK professional qualifications in EU member states](#). This official resource explains whether your profession is regulated in another country, what steps you need to take, and which organisation you should contact.

Find out more...

- Go online for information about our full range of degrees:
www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate
- Watch videos about student life in Newcastle by visiting our YouTube channel at **www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni**
- Watch a virtual tour of our campus at
<https://youtu.be/vJUfHcqB7l8?si=8lUrf7kTxXbgdfr1>
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person
www.ncl.ac.uk/openday
- Contact us online at **www.ncl.ac.uk/enquiries** or phone +44 (0)191 208 3333

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<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/student-welcome/student-contract/>

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