

Course Summary: March 29, 2026

History and Archaeology BA Honours

- UCAS code: **VV41**
- Full time
- 3 years

This History and Archaeology degree will give you a unique insight into the human past, studying material culture alongside written history.

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)

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Course overview

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

This three-year degree focuses on developing your expertise and skills for your future career.

You're introduced to new peoples, places and periods from across the globe. You'll explore how archaeology and history has changed our understanding of the past and its impact upon the present.

Our flexible degree allows you to tailor your course to suit your interests. You can explore the periods and regions that excite you through a wide range of modules.

You'll also have opportunities to explore North East England, a region that's steeped in history while on field trips. There's a rich past to discover here, from Hadrian's Wall through to post-industrial landscapes.

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'll learn the essential theories, methods and practical skills used in archaeology and history.

In the module Evidence and Argument you will work closely with one of our academics to study a historical debate in detail to start building your skills as a historian.

You'll take two compulsory modules in Archaeology to introduce you to Archaeology as a discipline. You'll also explore the archaeology of Britain from

the Roman age through to the 20th Century.

A range of optional modules include Global Middle Ages, Greek and Roman Art, and Archaeology and pre-historic Britain. At the end of Year 1 you complete at least two weeks' excavation fieldwork.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Introduction to Archaeology	20
The Archaeology of Britain from the Romans to the 20th Century	20
Evidence and Argument	20
Optional Modules	Credits
Introduction to Archaeological Science	20
Prehistoric Britain	20
Greek and Roman Art and Archaeology	20
Global Middle Ages	20
Stuff: living in a material world	20
Global Ancient Histories	20
Historical Sources and Methods	20
History Lab I	20
History Lab II	20
Introduction to Public History	20
What is History For?	20

You continue to explore archaeological methods in the compulsory Fieldwork and Post-Excavation module.

Start developing your skills in independent research in modules such as Crafting or Research History and choose from topical options in both history and

archaeology.

We also continue to offer interdisciplinary modules bringing together History and Archaeology such as in *The Mediterranean: a connected past*.

You will also complete two weeks of fieldwork at the end of Year 2.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Fieldwork and Post-Excavation: Archaeology in the UK	20
Optional Modules	Credits
Archaeological Theory and Interpretation	20
From Lascaux to Knossos: Prehistoric Europe	20
Archaeologies of the Roman Empire: The Roman World from Augustus to Justinian	20
Colonial Worlds: History and Archaeology	20
Artefacts	20
Sacred words and dirty deeds: Thriving in Late Antiquity	20
<i>The Mediterranean: a connected past</i>	20
Africa: History of a Continent	20
Social Histories of Alcohol: Britain and Ireland, 1700 - Present	20
Oral History of Modern Britain	20
1968: A Global Moment?	20

Culture and Communication in Medieval Eurasia	20
Crafting History: Developing a Research Proposal	20
Famines in History	20
Researching History	20
The Aftermath of War in Europe and Asia, 1945-56	20
Revolutions of the Mind: European Thought, 1550-1750	20
Destroying Nature: Disasters, Diseases and Environmental Injustice	20
Diversities of Sexuality and Gender in History	20
Career Development for second year students	20

In Stage 3, you'll complete a dissertation in archaeology, history or a combination of both, conducting in-depth research.

You will have a wide choice of optional modules across both archaeology and History drawing on the diverse range of research expertise of our academic staff.

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Compulsory modules

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

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Dissertation in Archaeology: Research as Professional Practice	40

Modules	Credits
Dissertation in History and Archaeology: Research as Professional Practice	40
Dissertation in History (VV41 only): Research as Professional Practice	40

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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 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
Reading History	20
Public History In Practice	20
Dissertation in History (VV41 only): Research as Professional Practice	40
The Irish Revolution, 1879-1923	20
Reconstruction and the New South, 1865-1900	20

British Foreign Policy since Suez	20
Birth Control in the 19th and 20th Centuries	20
Civil Rights in America, 1948-1975	20
Gender and the British Empire: Violence towards Men and Women in the Making of Modern South Asia	20
The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall, 1961-1990	20
The Rising Generation: Youth, Age and Protest in Cold War Britain	20
Buddhism and Society in Medieval Japan	20
May 1968: All Power to the Imagination	20
British Colonialism in Sudan: Violence, Gender and Race, 1899-1956	20
Fictional Histories: from medieval to modern	20
Exhausted! The problem of sleep (and not sleeping) from 1500 to the present day	20
Insiders and Outsiders: Migrants, Refugees, and the Making of Modern Europe	20
Beyond Brexit: The UK and European Integration since 1945	20
Riot, Reform and Revolution: Britain c.1760-1832	20
Read All About It! The News Revolution in Georgian Britain, 1714-1800	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:

- Dissertation or research project
- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online
- Presentations
- Reports

Skills and experience

Practical skills

You will analyse documentary sources and take part in practical sessions using the Robinson Library's Special Collections, and have opportunities to handle historical artefacts from the nearby Great North Museum's collections.

You'll also undertake excavation fieldwork, giving you the chance to study and implement the methods and practices used in the profession.

In the summer after first year, archaeology students have the opportunity to undertake two weeks of fully funded fieldwork.

Research skills

In your final year, you'll write your dissertation in an area of your choice. You can choose to specialise more closely in archaeology or history, or can combine the two.

You'll make use of the skills you've gained throughout your degree, and conduct your own research project in your final year. This gives you the chance to dig deeper into a subject you're interested in.

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 can choose to spend up to a year studying at a partner institution overseas.

If you choose to study abroad, it will extend your degree by a year.

[Find out more about study abroad](#)

Work placement

Get career ready with a work placement and leave as a confident professional in your field. You can apply to spend 9 to 12 months working in any organisation in the world, and receive University support from our dedicated team to secure your dream placement. Work placements take place between stages 2 and 3.

You'll gain first-hand experience of working in the sector, putting your learning into practice and developing your professional expertise.

If you choose to take a work placement, it will extend your degree by a year, and your degree title will show you have achieved the placement year. A work placement is not available if you're spending a year studying abroad. Placements are subject to availability.

[Find out more about work placements](#)

Facilities and environment

Facilities

You'll be based in the School of History, Classics and Archaeology, in the historic Armstrong Building at our city-centre campus.

You'll have access to a range of on-campus facilities, 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

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

Support

You'll have the support of an academic member of staff as an academic adviser throughout your degree to help with academic and personal issues.

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 History and Archaeology degree will set you up to pursue a future in a diverse range of careers, be that professional archaeology, careers in the heritage or charity sectors, journalism, policy and researcher roles or even finance and legal professions.

Make a difference

Careers support

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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