

Academic Year 2023/24

Master of Arts in Archaeology

Code: 4089 F/P

With the option to specialise in one of the following routes:

- 4160F/P Prehistoric Archaeology
- 4165F/P Classical Archaeology: Greek and Roman
- 4100F/P Roman Frontier Studies
- 4164F/P Late Antique, Medieval and Byzantine Archaeology
- 4166F/P Historical Archaeology
- 4167F/P Archaeology, Artefacts and Technologies

Notes:

- These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Postgraduate (Taught) Progress Regulations and Examination Conventions.*
- A core module is a module which a student must pass; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for study in a further module or to the granting of an award.*
- Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core*
- A compulsory module is a module which a student must take. All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular modules.*

1. Programme structure

- Candidates will initially apply for MA Archaeology (4089F/P) but may chose a specialist route and graduate with a named award as indicated above. Within its overall framework, the MA in Archaeology takes the form of one of six specialist pathways (listed above) and a generic route.
- With the approval of the Degree Programme Director and depending upon the academic background of the candidate, a pathway route will be chosen upon registration although preference may be shown during the admissions process of the route a candidate wishes to choose.
- The programme is available for study in both full-time and part-time modes. The part-time route will be decided in negotiation with the Degree Programme Director.
- The period of study for full-time mode shall be one year starting in September. The period of study for part-time mode shall normally be two years starting in September. Part-time students will agree their programme of study with the Degree Programme Director.

- (e) The programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180 (or 190, if the candidate takes 40 credits of sub-level 7 credits as language options).
- (f) Candidates on all routes shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ARA8099	Dissertation	60			60	7		
ARA8190	Research Themes, Theories and Skills in Archaeology I	10	10			7		
ARA8290	Research Themes, Theories and Skills in Archaeology II	10		10		7		

- (g) **4089F/P MA Archaeology** Candidates wishing to remain on 4089F/P MA Archaeology shall take their remaining 100 credits from any of the modules available below.

Candidates wishing to follow one of the routes shall take a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 100 credits from the modules specified for each route. For those taking 60 or 80 credits from these routes the remaining credits may be made up from other modules offered on other pathways or from the list under (g), and from the list under (h). Students pursuing a named route are expected to do their dissertation in that area.

Students may take two but not all of the following, ARA8106, ARA8107 and ARA8108.

*Modules marked * are evaluated at Level 7 (MA Level) but are special subjects co-taught with students at Level 6 (final undergraduate stage). MA students taking these modules have separate assignments which are benchmarked and assessed at Level 7. A **maximum of two** of these modules may be taken as part of the programme. Students who have previously taken an undergraduate version of this module for credit at Newcastle University shall not be allowed to take the MA module as part of their MA programme.*

All MA Archaeology modules available to all students

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ARA8025	Graduate Seminar in Roman and Early Medieval Finds Analysis	20		20	7		
ARA8030*+	Frontier Communities of Roman Britain	20	20		7		
ARA8036*+	Neolithic and Early Bronze Age Britain in its European Context	20	20		7		
ARA8106	Independent Study Project in Archaeology	20	20		7		
ARA8107	Independent Study Project in Archaeology	20		20	7		

ARA8108	Independent Study Project in Archaeology 2	20		20	7		
ARA8113*+	Early Medieval Britain	20		20	7		
ARA8116*+	The Archaeology of Byzantium and its Neighbours	20	20		7		
ARA8117	The Archaeology of Animal Bones	20	20		7		
ARA8118*	Early Prehistoric Europe: Origins and Transformations	20	20		7		
ARA8119*	How To Survive The Apocalypse: Recreating Ancient Technology from Scratch	20		20	7		
ARA8120	Recording Historic Buildings	20		20	7		
ARA8128	Armies and Frontiers of the Roman Empire	20		20	7		
ARA8129*	Sex, bodies and identities in Classical Greece	20		20	7		
ARA8131*	Archaeologies of the Middle Sea: An Armchair Voyage Across the Prehistoric Mediterranean	20	20		7		
ARA8150	Graduate Seminar in Roman Archaeology	20	20		7		
ARA8172+	Graduate Seminar in Byzantine Archaeology	20		20	7		
ARA8180	Early Medieval Western Europe	20	20		7		
ARA8184+	Bodies in Prehistoric Europe c.6500-700BC	20	20		7		
ARA8186	Ancient Metals: Technology and Scientific Analysis	20		20	7		
ARA8222*	Regionality and the Fall of Rome	20	20		7		
ARA8234+	Landscape Archaeology: Theory and Practice	20		20	7		
ARA8235	Independent Study Project in Archaeology	10		10	7		
ARA8236	Independent Study Project in Archaeology	10	10		7		
ARA8291	Graduate Seminar in Historical Archaeology: Archaeologies of European Expansion	20	20		7		
ARA8292	Graduate Seminar in Lithics Analysis	20		20	7		

ARA8293	From Palaces to City States: Structure, Mobility and Change in Late Bronze Age and Iron Age Greece	20		20	7		
ARA8294+	Graduate Seminar in Post-medieval Artefacts	20		20	7		
ARA8295	From data to knowledge: Introduction to digital humanities	20	20		7		
ARA8391	Archaeology under the microscope - an introduction to sediment micromorphology	20		20	7		
CAH8016	Graduate Seminar in Greek Archaeology	20	20		7		

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- (h) Candidates shall take in consultation with the Degree Programme Director and Module Leader, and subject to timetabling, the remaining credits (maximum of 40 if not already filled from any list under (g) above), which may include modules in GIS, offered by the School of Engineering; in heritage, offered by the School of Arts and Cultures; in language offered by the School of Modern Languages, or an Ancient Language offered by the School of History, Classics and Archaeology listed below:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
CAG1001	Beginners' Greek in Action 1	20	20		4		
CAG1002	Beginners' Greek in Action 2	20		20	4		
CAG1011	Intermediate Greek Language and Literature 1	20	20		5		
CAG1012	Intermediate Greek Language and Literature 2	20		20	5		
CAG2001	Level 2 Greek: Interpretation of Texts	20	20		6		
CAG3001	Level 3 Greek: Interpretation of Texts	20	20		6		
CAG3002	Level 3 Greek: Special Study	20		20	6		
CEG8702^	An Introduction to Fundamentals of GIS	10	10		7		
CEG8704	Theory and Application in Geographic Information Systems	10		10	7		

CLA1001	Beginners' Latin in Action 1	20	20		4		
CLA1002	Beginners' Latin in Action 2	20		20	4		
CLA1011	Intermediate Latin Language and Literature 1	20	20		5		
CLA1012	Intermediate Latin Language and Literature 2	20		20	5		
CLA2001	Level 2 Latin: Interpretation of Texts	20	20		6		
CLA3001	Level 3 Latin: Interpretation of Texts	20	20		6		
CLA3002	Level 3 Latin: Special Study	20		20	6		
MCH8502	Management Practices in Museum, Galleries and Heritage Studies	20		20	7		

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^Candidates only wishing to take a single 10-credit module in GIS may take also a 10-credit Independent Study Project in Archaeology.

For candidates taking Greek or Latin language, the choice of module(s) shall depend on their level of experience in the relevant language at entry. This shall be determined by the relevant Greek/Latin staff, in consultation with the candidate and usually with the help of a (non-binding) diagnostic test.

In modern languages, students may take: any modern language at level A, B, or C depending on their prior experience. Students must take both semester modules for Level A, or the 'full year' version of the module for levels B and C. Languages available include Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish.

- i) In exceptional cases, students who have already taken Greek or Latin modules at Levels 2 and 3 may be permitted by the Degree Programme Director to substitute for any one or two of the language modules listed above in h), with modules to the equivalent credit value from the following: CAG8002 and CLA8002.

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Mode
CAG8002	MA Greek: Special Study	20		20		7		
CLA8002	MA Latin: Special Study	20		20		7		

- j) Students undertaking 40 credits of sub-Level 7 language modules require a further 10 Level 7 credits in order to meet the threshold of 150 Level 7 credits required for a Masters degree in the UK. Those students must take the following module in Semester 2 that will allow them to apply their language skills (of whatever ability) to the needs of their academic programme. It is only to be taken by students registered for 40 credits of ancient or modern languages.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
HCA8000	School Wide Independent Study with Language (ancient or modern)	10		10		7		

Candidates may choose to specialise in one of the following routes

4160F/P Prehistoric Archaeology Route:

Candidates wishing to follow the Prehistoric Archaeology Route shall take a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 100 credits from the modules specified below. These may include also up to 40 credits of independent study modules subject to the permission of the Degree Programme Director. For those taking 60 or 80 credits from the list below, the remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the lists under (g) and (h). Students pursuing the Prehistoric Archaeology route are expected to do their dissertation in that area.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ARA8036*+	Neolithic and Early Bronze Age Britain in its European Context	20	20		7		
ARA8118*	Early Prehistoric Europe: Origins and Transformations	20	20		7		
ARA8129*	Sex, bodies and identities in Classical Greece	20		20	7		
ARA8131*	Archaeologies of the Middle Sea: An Armchair Voyage Across the Prehistoric Mediterranean	20	20		7		
ARA8184+	Bodies in Prehistoric Europe c.6500-700BC	20	20		7		
ARA8186	Ancient Metals: Technology and Scientific Analysis	20		20	7		
ARA8234+	Landscape Archaeology: Theory and Practice	20		20	7		
ARA8292	Graduate Seminar in Lithics Analysis	20		20	7		
ARA8293	From Palaces to City States: Structure, Mobility and Change in Late Bronze Age and Iron Age Greece	20		20	7		

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The remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the lists under (g) and (h).

4165F/P Classical Archaeology: Greek and Roman Route:

Candidates wishing to follow the Classical Archaeology: Greek and Roman route shall take a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 100 credits from the modules specified below. These may include also up to 40 credits of independent study modules subject to the permission of the Degree Programme Director. For those taking 60 or 80 credits from the list below, the remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the list under (g) and (h). Students pursuing the Classical Archaeology: Greek and Roman Route are expected to do their dissertation in that area.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ARA8025	Graduate Seminar in Roman and Early Medieval Finds Analysis	20		20	7		
ARA8030*+	Frontier Communities of Roman Britain	20	20		7		
ARA8116*+	The Archaeology of Byzantium and its Neighbours	20	20		7		
ARA8128	Armies and Frontiers of the Roman Empire	20		20	7		
ARA8129*	Sex, bodies and identities in Classical Greece	20		20	7		
ARA8131*	Archaeologies of the Middle Sea: An Armchair Voyage Across the Prehistoric Mediterranean	20	20		7		
ARA8150	Graduate Seminar in Roman Archaeology	20	20		7		
ARA8172+	Graduate Seminar in Byzantine Archaeology	20		20	7		
ARA8222*	Regionality and the Fall of Rome	20	20		7		
ARA8293	From Palaces to City States: Structure, Mobility and Change in Late Bronze Age and Iron Age Greece	20		20	7		
CAH8016	Graduate Seminar in Greek Archaeology	20	20		7		

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The remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the lists under (g) and (h).

4100F/P Roman Frontier Studies Route

Candidates wishing to follow the Roman Frontier Studies Route shall take a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 100 credits from the modules specified below. These may include also up to 40 credits

of independent study modules subject to the permission of the Degree Programme Director. For those taking 60 or 80 credits from the list below, the remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the list under (g) and (h). Students pursuing the Roman Frontier Studies Route are expected to do their dissertation in that area.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ARA8025	Graduate Seminar in Roman and Early Medieval Finds Analysis	20		20	7		
ARA8030*+	Frontier Communities of Roman Britain	20	20		7		
ARA8116*+	The Archaeology of Byzantium and its Neighbours	20	20		7		
ARA8128	Armies and Frontiers of the Roman Empire	20		20	7		
ARA8150	Graduate Seminar in Roman Archaeology	20	20		7		
ARA8222*	Regionality and the Fall of Rome	20	20		7		

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The remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the lists under (g) and (h).

4164F/P Late Antique Medieval and Byzantine Route:

Candidates wishing to follow the Late Antique Medieval and Byzantine Route shall take a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 100 credits from the modules specified below. These may include also up to 40 credits of independent study modules subject to the permission of the Degree Programme Director. For those taking 60 or 80 credits from the list below, the remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the list under (g) and (h). Students pursuing the Late Antique Medieval and Byzantine Route are expected to do their dissertation in that area.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ARA8025	Graduate Seminar in Roman and Early Medieval Finds Analysis	20		20	7		
ARA8113*+	Early Medieval Britain	20		20	7		
ARA8116*+	The Archaeology of Byzantium and its Neighbours	20	20		7		
ARA8120	Recording Historic Buildings	20		20	7		
ARA8172+	Graduate Seminar in Byzantine Archaeology	20		20	7		
ARA8180	Early Medieval Western Europe	20	20		7		

ARA8222*	Regionality and the Fall of Rome	20	20		7		
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The remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the lists under (g) and (h).

4166F/P Historical Archaeology Route

Candidates wishing to follow the Historical Archaeology Route shall take a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 100 credits from the modules specified below. These may include also up to 40 credits of independent study modules subject to the permission of the Degree Programme Director. For those taking 60 or 80 credits from the list below, the remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the list under (g) and (h). Students pursuing the Historical Archaeology Route are expected to do their dissertation in that area.

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
ARA8025	Graduate Seminar in Roman and Early Medieval Finds Analysis	20		20	7		
ARA8113*+	Early Medieval Britain	20		20	7		
ARA8116*+	The Archaeology of Byzantium and its Neighbours	20	20		7		
ARA8120	Recording Historic Buildings	20		20	7		
ARA8172+	Graduate Seminar in Byzantine Archaeology	20		20	7		
ARA8180	Early Medieval Western Europe	20	20		7		
ARA8222*	Regionality and the Fall of Rome	20	20		7		
ARA8291	Graduate Seminar in Historical Archaeology: Archaeologies of European Expansion	20	20		7		
ARA8294+	Graduate Seminar in Post-medieval Artefacts	20		20	7		

+ Not offered in 2023-2024

The remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the lists under (g) and (h).

4167F/P Archaeology, Artefacts and Technologies Route

Candidates wishing to follow the Artefacts and Technologies Route shall take a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 100 credits from the modules specified below. These may include also up to 40 credits of independent study modules subject to the permission of the Degree Programme Director. For

those taking 60 or 80 credits from the list below, the remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the list under (g) and (h). Students pursuing the Artefacts and Technologies Route are expected to do their dissertation in that area.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ARA8025	Graduate Seminar in Roman and Early Medieval Finds Analysis	20		20	7		
ARA8117	Archaeology of Animal Bones	20	20		7		
ARA8119*	How To Survive The Apocalypse: Recreating Ancient Technology from Scratch	20		20	7		
ARA8120	Recording Historic Buildings	20		20	7		
ARA8186	Ancient Metals: Technology and Scientific Analysis	20		20	7		
ARA8234+	Landscape Archaeology: Theory and Practice	20		20	7		
ARA8292	Graduate Seminar in Lithics Analysis	20		20	7		
ARA8294+	Graduate Seminar in Post-medieval Artefacts	20		20	7		
ARA8295	From data to knowledge: Introduction to Digital Humanities	20	20				
ARA8391*	Archaeology under the microscope - an introduction to sediment micromorphology	20		20	7		
CAH8016	Graduate Seminar in Greek Archaeology	20	20		7		

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The remaining credits may be made up from any other modules offered from the lists under (g) and (h).

2. Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

3. Progress

Before proceeding from 1st year to 2nd year, a part-time candidate must satisfy the examiners in the assessment specified for each module of that stage.