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WHY STUDY ARCHAEOLOGY AT MANCHESTER?

At Manchester you’ll experience an education and environment that sets you on the right path to a professionally rewarding and personally fulfilling future. Choose Manchester and we’ll help you make your mark.

- Internationally renowned centre for Social Archaeology
- Students work on sites of global importance
- Benefit from 4 weeks of subsidised global fieldwork placements
- Get involved in community and public engagement projects
- Discover the University’s on-campus, archaeological, ancient historical and ethnographic collections at Manchester Museum
- Explore Mancunium – the city’s Roman Fort
- Our vibrant Archaeological Society hosts social events and archaeology-themed activities to bring students and the community together.

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The study of people lies at the heart of our courses, yet we also use scientific techniques to examine ancient objects, human remains and landscapes. You’ll explore artefacts, architecture and ancient texts using our well-equipped laboratories and the exclusive archives and expertise of Manchester Museum.

Fieldwork training is integral throughout each year of our courses, and you’ll be introduced to excavation techniques by experienced archaeologists. You’ll have the opportunity to dig for four weeks, joining research teams at sites across the UK and the Mediterranean. Our students have worked on sites of global importance such as Stonehenge, Star Carr and Easter Island, discovering everything from the earliest portable Mesolithic art in Britain to a Viking boat burial in Scotland.

Learn more about fieldwork: www.manchester.ac.uk/archaeology-fieldwork

We offer excellent teaching and learning support. In recent years, we’ve achieved numerous University Teaching Award nominations, winning prizes for our online learning provision, mental health advocacy work and disability support.

You’ll be taught by world-class researchers, whose archaeological specialisms include identity, landscapes, monuments, material culture and social complexity.

You can study Archaeology as a Single Honours subject, or combine it with other subjects such as History, Ancient History, Anthropology or Film Studies as a Joint Honours degree.

Find out more at: www.manchester.ac.uk/archaeology

Our dedicated archaeological laboratories contain a wide range of equipment, which you’ll use during your degree. You’ll get to grips with our extensive teaching collection of archaeological artefacts, including items ranging from the Early Palaeolithic to the 20th century, such as stone tools, pottery, metals, glass, and human and animal bone. Use our microscopes, professional photography and measurement equipment, 3D scanner and printer and portable XRF to analyse and record artefacts, or our GPS equipment and drone for recording archaeology out in the field.

You’ll learn how to combine the resources above with software for digital illustrations, GIS analysis of maps, spatial data and 3D digital models to enhance your analysis and understanding. Throughout your degree, equipment will be available for loan from our dedicated lab technician, who can also offer any extra training you may need.

Our labs are used for teaching, as well as offering a place for independent study and research. They also host our experimental archaeology group, which regularly meets to recreate and use artefacts from a range of archaeological periods.

Find out more about the facilities on offer: www.manchester.ac.uk/archaeology-facilities

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**PETE’S MANCHESTER**

Pete, a third year student, shares his favourite spots around Manchester.

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**MANCHESTER MUSEUM**

Based directly on the main campus, the Museum offers a unique study space, and is equally a great location to explore during time out from work. Explore their vast collections of ancient artefacts or make friends with the rare amphibians in their vivarium. You can easily keep going back without getting bored!

**WHITWORTH ART GALLERY**

This is a perfect spot to relax and work while still only being a four-minute walk from the main campus. Sit in front of the huge glass windows looking into Whitworth Park, grab a drink in the cafe or take a look around the exhibitions; the Whitworth offers some valuable headspace.

**ZIFERBLAT**

Found in the Northern Quarter, Ziferblat is a cafe like no other. Pay 8p a minute and get loads of things thrown in — including coffee, cake and wifi! With stacks of board games, Ziferblat is a lounge, co-working and social space with a lovely communal feel. Watch that you don’t get lost in time!

**MARTIN HARRIS CENTRE, LUNCHTIME CONCERTS**

Home to our Music and Drama department, the Martin Harris Centre is bursting with musical activity. Drop by on Thursday or Friday every week at 1.10pm to hear a free concert performed by professionals and students alike. You’ll experience all kinds of new music you didn’t even know you loved until now!

**CHORLTON WATER PARK**

Wish you could get away from the big city and head to the countryside? Take a trip to Chorlton Water Park, a local nature reserve with a lovely lake and river to walk along. Filled with dog walkers and runners, it’s a great way to get out of the busy city for a relaxing walk.

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Chat to Pete about life at Manchester: www.manchester.ac.uk/salc-unibuddy
Archaeology BA (3 years)
Archaeology and Anthropology BA (3 years)
Archaeology and History BA (3 years)
Ancient History and Archaeology BA (3 years)
Archaeology and Film Studies BA (3 years)*

*Please see Film Studies brochure for more information

“After my Archaeology undergraduate degree, I chose to return to The University of Manchester for my PhD on British Iron Age shields, not only because of the world-class academic support on offer, but also for the strong sense of community and inclusivity that the Faculty of Humanities has. The lecturing staff nurtured my passion for archaeology as an undergrad, and I felt encouraged and empowered to conduct, present and publish my own research.

From this, I knew that the department here at Manchester has the facilities to help me make my PhD as successful and impactful as possible.”

Matthew Hitchcock
PhD Archaeology

HOW TO APPLY

www.manchester.ac.uk/how-to-apply

This brochure was printed in 2019 for the purposes of the 2020 intake. It has therefore been printed in advance of course starting dates and for this reason, course information may be amended prior to you applying for a place. There are a number of reasons why changes to course information and/or published term dates may need to be made prior to you applying for a place – more details can be found on our website. Prospective students are therefore reminded that they are responsible for ensuring, prior to applying to study, that they review up-to-date course information by searching for the relevant course at:

www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses
ARCHAEOLOGY BA

UCAS code: V400
Duration: 3 years
Typical A-Level offer: ABB

For full entry requirements, including IB requirements, please see our website: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

- Explore archaeology from the Palaeolithic period to the recent past.
- Get a broad foundation of archaeological ideas, principles and techniques, then specialise in areas or periods of specific interest.
- Join fieldwork and excavation projects in Herefordshire, Yorkshire, Scotland or the Mediterranean.

YEAR ONE
Gain a broad-based understanding of archaeological history and the methods and theories involved in the interpretation of past societies.

Discover the process of archaeological fieldwork and the principles of excavation through lab-based study, artefact handling sessions, and hands-on field trips. Explore additional units in archaeology from both Britain and the wider world.

YEAR TWO
Explore the emergence of archaeology from antiquarianism, and the ‘big ideas’ from philosophy and theory – power and ideology, phenomenology and materialism – that help analyse past societies.

Acquire the skills to frame your research questions, collect and analyse data, and present your results. Use this knowledge to develop a research topic of your own choice, which can include discoveries from your fieldwork. Begin to explore period and thematic specialisms through a wide breadth of optional course units.

YEAR THREE
Gain an understanding of the power of the past and the importance of heritage in the modern world, addressing the issues faced by archaeologists.

Continue to develop your own expertise through a range of optional course units and complete a dissertation based on your own independent research.

SAMPLE COURSE UNITS

| YEAR TWO | Thinking Through Archaeology | Doing Archaeology II | People Behind the Patterns | Introduction to the History and Culture of Pharaonic Egypt |
| YEAR THREE | Why the Past Matters | Artefacts and Interpretation | The Archaeology of Ritual | Dissertation |

These are examples of course units offered in 2019/20 and are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please visit: www.manchester.ac.uk/study-archaeology

“History always interested me, but I found reading books about it a bit dull. When I realised you could touch, interact and discover history, I instantly fell in love with archaeology; that alongside the excellent staff really makes this course at Manchester stand out!”

Jason Walton
Archaeology BA
ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY BA

UCAS code: VV30
Duration: 3 years
Typical A-Level offer: AAA-AAB, including History
For full entry requirements, including IB requirements, please see our website: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

• Study past cultures not just through the texts that framed their lives, but the landscapes, architecture and objects they made or inhabited.
• Combine the best of both worlds: training in critical historical source analysis with practical archaeological methods.
• Study Ancient, Medieval or Modern History, as well as Economic and Social History, or even specialise in the History of Science, Technology and Medicine.

YEAR ONE
Gain core skills for dealing with the analysis of written evidence, as well as archaeological fieldwork methods. Units will train you in conceptual and methodological issues in History, while you’ll study the history of Archaeology, undertaking hands-on practicals in the lab, museum and field to prepare you for two weeks of excavation in the summer. Complement these with a wide range of ancient historical and archaeological options.

YEAR TWO
Choose from a rich range of optional history units and also undertake your own guided, but independent, research project. In Archaeology, core courses on theories and methods deepen your understanding of the ways we use and interpret evidence. A further two weeks of subsidised fieldwork offer you the opportunity to travel while building on your excavation skills.

YEAR THREE
Develop your chosen specialism in either Archaeology or History, or bridge the two disciplines through your dissertation; an extended independent research project. Continue to select from a breadth of optional course units in both disciplines.

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ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY BA

UCAS code: VL46
Duration: 3 years
Typical A-Level offer: ABB

For full entry requirements, including IB requirements, please see our website: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

• Anthropology provides archaeologists with the frameworks to understand living societies, their artefacts and built environments. The two disciplines complement each other well, bridging the study of past and present humanity.

• Gain a fascinating knowledge of cultural diversity in the past, and a sophisticated understanding of the social and material dimensions of human life.

• Develop a range of analytical and practical skills to help you contribute to a richer understanding of individuals and institutions.

YEAR ONE

Gain core skills in the interpretation of specific aspects of past societies; the social and historical context of archaeology; the ‘social construction’ of human realities and anthropological theories surrounding culture and society.

Explore archaeological fieldwork and the principles of excavation, with two subsidised weeks on a project of your choice. Get to know staff in both departments and develop an interest in specific periods or themes.

YEAR TWO

Study the ‘big ideas’ and concepts which help us analyse past societies while deepening your understanding of how objects and materials shape human worlds.

Another two weeks of subsidised fieldwork gives you the opportunity to travel to a project in the UK or abroad.

YEAR THREE

Complete a dissertation based on your own independent research in either Archaeology or Anthropology, building on a further range of optional units.

SAMPLE COURSE UNITS

YEAR ONE
Doing Archaeology I
Discoverers and Discoveries: Sites and Sights
Key Ideas in Social Anthropology

YEAR TWO
Thinking Through Archaeology
Materiality and Representation
Anthropology of Religion

YEAR THREE
Why the Past Matters: Archaeology, Museums and Heritage in the Modern World
The Anthropology of Vision, Senses and Memory
Dissertation in Archaeology or Anthropology

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ANCIENT HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY BA

UCAS code: VV14
Duration: 3 years
Typical A-Level offer: ABB

For full entry requirements, including IB requirements, please see our website: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

• Learn about the ancient Mediterranean empires and the Greek and Roman worlds alongside the archaeology of Britain and wider Western Europe.
• Study ancient languages — taking you right from basics or developing an existing expertise to a higher level.
• Gain knowledge of two complementary approaches to the past while gaining key skills in analysis and interpretation.

YEAR ONE
Gain a solid foundation in archaeology by exploring life and death in the Ancient World, and some of the most spectacular discoveries from around the globe. Explore the Roman world, including changes in society, and the collapse of its political structures. Study key developments in Greek political, cultural and social history during the archaic period. Select from a breadth of additional optional units in both subject areas. Undertake two weeks of archaeological fieldwork in the UK or abroad in your first summer, enabling you to travel to see and work on sites first-hand.

YEAR TWO
Explore the major ideas and approaches used by archaeologists or focus more upon practical skills learned in your first summer of fieldwork. Examine the ‘golden age’ of the Roman Empire or politics and society in Classical Greece. Design your own independent research project through a ‘Long Essay’ in either Archaeology or Ancient History, and enhance your employability through two further weeks of subsidised fieldwork.

YEAR THREE
By now, you’ll have developed a keen interest in a topic which you can research in-depth for a dissertation in either Archaeology or Ancient History. Continue to specialise in your specific areas of interest.

SAMPLE COURSE UNITS

| YEAR ONE | Constructing Archaic Greek History | Discoverers and Discoveries: Sites and Sights | Living and Dying in the Ancient World |
| YEAR TWO | The Emergence of Civilisations: Palaces, Peak Sanctuaries and Politics in Minoan Crete | The Conquering Hero: the Life and Times of Alexander the Great | Introduction to the History and Culture of Pharaonic Egypt |
| YEAR THREE | Men Beasts and Marvels: The Limits of Nature in Classical Antiquity | Athens and Attica | National Identity and the Roman Past |

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“As a mature student (starting at 23), the idea of going to university was petrifying. I felt so nervous about not fitting in and being ‘alone’ but I couldn’t have been more wrong.

The Archaeology department at Manchester was more than just a network of students and academics in the same degree subject; it was a safe space for people from all backgrounds and age groups to share their passions for archaeology and support each other. From academic tutors who helped you beyond their job roles, to fellow students who encouraged each other to work hard and do well, I and many alumni will always remember the Archaeology department at Manchester as being the place where our differences were celebrated and in which we felt truly welcomed.”

As an Archaeology student you’ll have the opportunity to extend your degree by one year and undertake a work placement in Year Three. Work placements can be in any sector and are a great opportunity to develop your skills, enhance your degree, or try out a role or career path – all while earning a salary.

If you are specifically interested in pursuing work in the archaeological sector, we have strong existing links with a number of commercial fieldwork units that offer our students relevant work placements.

The University of Manchester is the most targeted university in the UK for top graduate employers (High Fliers Research, 2019)

Our award-winning careers service provides a wealth of tools, advice, development opportunities and industry links. You’ll have access to dedicated, subject-specific support throughout your studies and for up to two years after graduation.

Our undergraduate courses are designed to provide an easy transition into postgraduate study, if desired. We offer a wide range of specialist master’s within the University and even offer fast-tracked enrolment to high-achieving undergraduate students.

Our students can take part in our Stellify programme alongside their degrees, developing professional and leadership skills while contributing to their local and global communities through volunteering.

Our Archaeology graduates have gone on to work in a variety of industries and occupations, including:

- Archaeology consultant
- Construction
- Local government planning
- Teacher
- Solicitors and barristers
- Media
- Health scientists

Find out where an Archaeology degree from Manchester can take you: www.manchester.ac.uk/archaeology-careers
As an Archaeology student, you’ll have the opportunity to travel across the world to explore your subject in an international context. You’ll have the chance to join research teams at sites across the globe – this life-changing experience will see you work with practiced archaeologists to make discoveries that help to shape our knowledge of the world.

THE BENEFITS OF STUDYING ABROAD

• Improve your language skills and cultural awareness
• Experience the subjects of your study first-hand
• Gain a new perspective on your subject area and on higher education
• Give context to your academic studies with an improved international understanding
• Enjoy the opportunity of a lifetime!

As a University of Manchester student you will have the chance to study abroad during the second semester of your second year – in Europe, Australia, Canada, USA, Hong Kong, or Singapore – through the Worldwide Exchange Scheme. Students do not generally incur any additional tuition fees or taking part, and the credits obtained while abroad contribute towards your degree.

Find out more about what it’s like to study abroad through our social channels, including our blog, Manchester on the Road, written by students currently abroad:

- www.manchesterontheroad.wordpress.com
- /TheUniversityOfManchesterStudyAbroad
- @UoM_GoAbroad
- www.manchester.ac.uk/salc-study-abroad
Our Flexible Honours scheme may offer you the opportunity to study an additional arts, languages or cultures subject, allowing you to create a unique blend of knowledge, experience and transferable skills to suit your needs.

To find out more visit www.manchester.ac.uk/flexhons
THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures is one of the largest groupings of arts, languages and humanities scholars and students in the UK. Study with us and you’ll benefit from multidisciplinary learning opportunities, world-renowned cultural resources, and the ever-evolving creative scene of Manchester itself.

www.manchester.ac.uk/salc-our-story