

Business case for suspension of recruitment to Archaeology and Heritage Studies at the University of Worcester

Current position

Applications to single honours and joint honours in Archaeology and Heritage Studies are shown in the following two tables with data available on the 24th April in each year so that it is possible to compare current data with the previous years' applications at the same point in the cycle.

Single honours

Year of Entry	Applications	Firm accepts
2017	37	7
2018	41	6
2019	31	4
2020	21	8

Joint honours

Year of Entry	Applications	Firm accepts
2017	32	5
2018	23	4
2019	18	4
2020	26	1

Based on this data the likely recruitment into Archaeology and Heritage Studies would be similar to last year if the COVID 19 pandemic has no effect on recruitment.

The numbers in the last three years studying Archaeology and Heritage Studies are as follows:

Academic year	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Total
2017-18	19	21	21	61
2018-19	17	20	18	55
2019-20	12	17	19	47
2020-21 projection	12	10	15	37

The final row shown in red shows a likely number of students in each level of the course based on an optimistic projected of recruitment this year and typical progression rates. These numbers include single and joint honours as well as FT and PT.

Proposal

The University has a policy of not running modules with less than 15 students. Most modules in Archaeology and Heritage Studies are unique to the subject and are not shared with other degrees. The likely student numbers in 2020-21 would result in all Archaeology and Heritage Studies modules in levels 4 and 5 having less than 15 students. It is proposed that the University should therefore suspend recruitment to both single honours and joint honours Archaeology and Heritage Studies.

It should be noted that A level Archaeology is no longer available, and this has reduced the number of school leavers who are interested in the subject. Archaeology does attract some mature applications, but this has been insufficient to maintain application numbers.

During the suspension of recruitment, the future of Archaeology and Heritage Studies should be reviewed to determine what form of provision is viable at the University on an ongoing basis.

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Appendix 1 Staffing for Archaeology and Heritage Studies

The staffing figures for Archaeology and Heritage Studies are as follows:

1. Staff Head count = 6
2. Staff FTE = 4.1
3. No ALs

Appendix 2 Current and Proposed Award map for Archaeology and Heritage Studies

Current Award map for Archaeology and Heritage

Level 4 BA Archaeology and Heritage Studies						
Module Code	Module Title	Credits (Number)	Status (Mandatory (M), or Optional (O))		Pre-requisites (Code of Module required)	Co-requisites/ exclusions and other notes*
			Single Hons	Joint Hons		
ARCH1101	Introduction to Archaeology	30	M	M	-	-
ARCH1102	Introduction to Heritage	30	M	M	-	-
ARCH1104	World Archaeology and Ancient Civilizations	15	O	-	-	-
ARCH1105	Human Origins	15	O	-	-	-
ARCH1107	The Archaeology of Britain	15	M	-	-	-
ARCH1108	Archaeological Investigations	15	M	-	-	-
LANGxxxx	Optional modules offered by the Language Centre	15/30	O	-	-	-

Level 5 BA Archaeology and Heritage Studies								
Module Code	Module Title	Credits (Number)	Status (Mandatory (M) or Optional (O))				Pre-requisites (Code of Module required)	Co-requisites/ exclusions and other notes*
			SH	Maj	JH	Min		
ARCH2101	Archaeological Theory and Research	30	M	M	O	O	-	-
ARCH2102	Displaying the Past: Museums, Artefacts and Collections	30	M	M	O	O	-	-
ARCH2110	Visions of England: History, Heritage and Identity	15	O	O	O	O	-	-
ARCH2111	Architecture and the Built Heritage	15	O	O	O	O	-	Exclusions: ARCH3111
ARCH2112	Heritage Tourism and Place Promotion	15	O	O	O	O	-	Exclusions: ARCH3112
ARCH2120	Landscape Archaeology	15	O	O	O	O	-	-

ARCH2122	Death and Burial	15	O	O	O	-	-	-
ARCH2123	Field Excavation Module	15	O	O	O	-	-	-
ARCH2125	Dating, DNA, Isotopes: Archaeological Science in context	15	O	O	O			-
GEOG2113	Geographical Information Systems	15	O	O	O	-	-	GEOG3113 excluded
LANGxxxx	Optional modules offered by the Language Centre	15/30	O	-	-	-	-	-

Level 6 BA Archaeology and Heritage Studies								
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			SH	Maj	JH	Min		
ARCH3002	Dissertation in Archaeology and Heritage	30	M	M	O	-	-	-
ARCH3103	Extension module	15	O	-	-	-	-	ARCH3104 excluded
ARCH3104	Work Placement	15	O	O	-	-	-	ARCH3103 excluded
ARCH3105	Managing the Historic Environment	15	M	M	O	-	-	-
ARCH3111	Architecture and the Built Heritage	15	O	O	O	O	-	ARCH2111 excluded
ARCH3112	Heritage Tourism and Place Promotion	15	O	O	O	O	-	ARCH2112 excluded
ARCH3121	Medieval Archaeology and Local Heritage	15	O	O	O	O	-	-
ARCH3122	Neolithic and Bronze Age	15	O	O	O	O	-	-
ARCH3123	Iron Age and Roman Britain	15	O	O	O	O	-	-
BIOS3051	Forensic Archaeology	15	O	O	-	-	-	-
GEOG3113	Geographical Information Systems	15	O	-	-	-	-	GEOG2113 excluded
GEOG3114	Applied Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing	15	O	O	O	-	GEOG2113 or GEOG3113	-
GEOG3124	Ice Age Environments	15	O	O	-	-	-	-

GEOG3132	Countryside Conservation and Agricultural Change	15	O	-	-	-	-	-
GEOG3133	Town and Country Planning	15	O	O	-	-	-	-
HIST3106	The Home Front: Myths, Narratives, Images and Experiences	30	O	O	-	-	-	-

Proposed award map (subject to approval of category 3 change on 01/06/20. Please note this is liable to change)

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ARCH1107	The Archaeology of Britain	15	M	-	-	-	-
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ARCH2101	Archaeological Theory and Research	30	M	M	O	O	-	-
ARCH2102	Displaying the Past: Museums, Artefacts and Collections	30	M	M	O	O	-	-
ARCH2112	Heritage Tourism and Place Promotion	15	O	O	O	O	-	Exclusions: GEOG2333
ARCH2123	Field Excavation Module	15	M	O	O	-	-	-
ARCH2126	Neolithic & Bronze Age Britain	15	O	O	O	O	-	Exclusions: ARCH3122
ARCH2127	Iron Age & Roman Britain	15	O	O	O	O	-	Exclusions: ARCH3123
ARCH2128	Forensic Archaeology	15	O	-	-	-	-	Exclusions: ARCH2123
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ARCH3002	Dissertation in Archaeology and Heritage	30	M	M	O	-	-	-
ARCH3104	Work Placement	15	O	O	-	-	-	-
ARCH3105	Managing the Historic Environment	15	M	M	O	-	-	-
ARCH3111	Built Heritage Management	15	O	O	O	O	-	Exclusions: GEOG3334
ARCH3121	Medieval Archaeology and Local Heritage	15	O	O	O	O	-	-
ARCH3124	Museum Studies: Theory & Practice	15	O	O	O	O	-	-
ARCH3125	Landscape Archaeology and GIS	15	O	O	O	-	-	Exclusions: ARCH2120
ARCH3126	The Archaeology of Death & Burial	15	O	O	O	O	-	Exclusions: ARCH2122

Appendix 3 Students on modules available to Archaeology and Heritage Studies (2019-2020)

Module Number	Module Details	Credits	Students
ARCH1101	ARCH1101 Introduction to Archaeology	30	12
ARCH1102	ARCH1102 Introduction to Heritage	30	12
ARCH1104	ARCH1104 World Archaeology and Ancient Civilizations	15	9
ARCH1105	ARCH1105 Human Origins	15	8
ARCH1107	ARCH1107 The Archaeology of Britain	15	8
ARCH1108	ARCH1108 Archaeological Investigations	15	8
ARCH2101	ARCH2101 Archaeological Theory and Research	30	14
ARCH2102	ARCH2102 Displaying the Past: Museums, Artefacts and Collections	30	17
ARCH2110	ARCH2110 Visions of England: History, Heritage and Identity	15	13
ARCH2111	ARCH2111 Architecture and the Built Heritage	15	#N/A
ARCH2112	ARCH2112 Heritage Tourism and Place Promotion	15	9
ARCH2120	ARCH2120 Landscape Archaeology	15	12
ARCH2122	ARCH2122 Death and Burial	15	22
ARCH2123	ARCH2123 Field Excavation Module	15	10
ARCH2125	ARCH2125 Dating, DNA, Isotopes: Archaeological Science in context	15	8
ARCH3002	ARCH3002 Independent Study in Archaeology and Heritage	30	14
ARCH3103	ARCH3103 Extension Module	15	7
ARCH3104	ARCH3104 Work Placement	15	5
ARCH3105	ARCH3105 Managing the Historic Environment	15	14
ARCH3111	ARCH3111 Architecture and the Built Heritage	15	#N/A
ARCH3112	ARCH3112 Heritage Tourism and Place Promotion	15	2
ARCH3121	ARCH3121 Medieval Archaeology and Local Heritage	15	11
ARCH3122	ARCH3122 Neolithic and Bronze Age	15	14
ARCH3123	ARCH3123 Iron Age and Roman Britain	15	14
BIOS3051	BIOS3051 Forensic Archaeology	15	6
GEOG2113	GEOG2113 Geographical Information Systems	15	22
GEOG3113	GEOG3113 Geographical Information Systems	15	14
GEOG3114	GEOG3114 Applied Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing	15	18
GEOG3124	GEOG3124 Ice Age Environments	15	26
GEOG3132	GEOG3132 Countryside Conservation and Agricultural Change	15	24
GEOG3133	GEOG3133 Town and Country Planning	15	33

Please note that some modules are taken by students on other degrees, these are mainly BIOS and GEOG modules.