



Programme Structures and Modules 2025 - 26

ARCHAEOLOGY – PGT LEVEL

NOTE: All optional modules are subject to availability and it may be necessary to remove modules due to changes in staffing and research leave. Where modules are withdrawn following registration, students will be notified as far in advance as possible and suitable alternative modules offered.

ARCHAEOLOGY MSc (ARCS)

Year:	1 (full-time)					
Module Title	Code	Credits	Level	Type	Semester	Pathways
Research Skills for ACE M-Level Students	ALGY601	30	7	Required	1	Artefacts
Experimental Archaeology: Materials, Theories and Practices	ALGY740	15	7	Required	1	Artefacts
Research Themes in the Neolithic of the Near East	ALGY656	15	7	Optional	1	Artefacts
Wood in Archaeology and Palaeoecology: wood and charcoal analysis	ALGY668	15	7	Optional	1	Artefacts
Issues in Egyptian Settlement Archaeology	ALGY676	15	7	Optional	1	Artefacts
Regionalism in Archaic Greek World	ALGY689	15	7	Optional	1	Artefacts
Designing and Communicating Research	ALGY731	15	7	Required	2	Artefacts
Artefacts and Analysis	ALGY737	15	7	Required	2	Artefacts
Social Life in Egypt	ALGY677	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Economies and Exchange in the Ancient Near East	ALGY688	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts

Deciphering Symbols: Approaches to an Understanding of the Earliest Symbolic Behaviour	ALGY761	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Human Osteology	ALGY762	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain	ALGY786	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Introduction to Quaternary Micropalaeontology	ENVS542	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Dissertation	ALGY600	60	7	Required	3	
Research Skills for ACE M-Level Students	ALGY601	30	7	Required	1	Environmental
Wood in Archaeology and Palaeoecology: wood and charcoal analysis	ALGY668	15	7	Required	1	Environmental
Research Themes in the Neolithic of the Near East	ALGY656	15	7	Optional	1	Environmental
Issues in Egyptian Settlement Archaeology	ALGY676	15	7	Optional	1	Environmental
Regionalism in Archaic Greek World	ALGY689	15	7	Optional	1	Environmental
Experimental Archaeology: Materials, Theories and Practices	ALGY740	15	7	Optional	1	Environmental
Designing and Communicating Research	ALGY731	15	7	Required	2	Environmental
Social Life in Egypt	ALGY677	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Economies and Exchange in the Ancient Near East	ALGY688	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Artefacts and Analysis	ALGY737	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Deciphering Symbols: Approaches to an Understanding of the Earliest Symbolic Behaviour	ALGY761	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Human Osteology	ALGY762	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain	ALGY786	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental

Introduction to Quaternary Micropalaeontology	ENVS542	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Dissertation	ALGY600	60	7	Required	3	

Students follow either the *Artefacts Studies* **OR** the *Environmental Archaeology* pathway.

Artefacts Studies
Students take 45 credits of required modules and 15 credits of optional modules in Semester 1. Students take 30 credits of required modules and 30 credits of optional modules in Semester 2.

Environmental Archaeology
Students take 45 credits of required modules and 15 credits of optional modules in Semester 1. Students take 15 credits of required modules and 45 credits of optional modules in Semester 2.

The Dissertation (ALGY600) is taken over the summer vacation period.

Year:	1 (part-time)					
Module Title	Code	Credits	Level	Type	Semester	Pathways
Research Skills for ACE	ALGY601	30	7	Required	1	Artefacts
Designing and Communicating Research	ALGY731	15	7	Required	2	Artefacts
Social Life in Egypt	ALGY677	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Economies and Exchange in the Ancient Near East	ALGY688	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Deciphering Symbols: Approaches to an Understanding of the Earliest Symbolic Behaviour	ALGY761	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Human Osteology	ALGY762	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain	ALGY786	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Introduction to Quaternary Micropalaeontology	ENVS542	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Research Skills for ACE M-Level Students	ALGY601	30	7	Required	1	Environmental
Designing and Communicating Research	ALGY731	15	7	Required	2	Environmental
Social Life in Egypt	ALGY677	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental

Economies and Exchange in the Ancient Near East	ALGY688	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Artefacts and Analysis	ALGY737	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Human Osteology	ALGY762	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental

Students follow either the *Artefacts Studies* **OR** the *Environmental Archaeology* pathway.

Artefacts Studies

Students take 30 credits of required modules in Semester 1.

Students take 15 credits of required modules and 15 credits of optional modules in Semester 2.

Environmental Archaeology

Students take 30 credits of required modules in Semester 1.

Students take 15 credits of required modules and 15 credits of optional modules in Semester 2.

Year:	2 (part-time)					
Module Title	Code	Credits	Level	Type	Semester	Pathways
Experimental Archaeology: Materials, Theories and Practices	ALGY740	15	7	Required	1	Artefacts
Research Themes in the Neolithic of the Near East	ALGY656	15	7	Optional	1	Artefacts
Wood in Archaeology and Palaeoecology: wood and charcoal analysis	ALGY668	15	7	Optional	1	Artefacts
Issues in Egyptian Settlement Archaeology	ALGY676	15	7	Optional	1	Artefacts
Regionalism in Archaic Greek World	ALGY689	15	7	Optional	1	Artefacts
Artefacts and Analysis	ALGY737	15	7	Required	2	Artefacts
Social Life in Egypt	ALGY677	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Economies and Exchange in the Ancient Near East	ALGY688	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Deciphering Symbols: Approaches to an Understanding of the Earliest Symbolic Behaviour	ALGY761	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Human Osteology	ALGY762	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Bronze Age and	ALGY786	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts

Iron Age Britain						
Introduction to Quaternary Micropalaeontology	ENVS542	15	7	Optional	2	Artefacts
Dissertation	ALGY600	60	7	Required	3	
Wood in Archaeology and Palaeoecology: wood and charcoal analysis	ALGY668	15	7	Required	1	Environmental
Research Themes in the Neolithic of the Near East	ALGY656	15	7	Optional	1	Environmental
Issues in Egyptian Settlement Archaeology	ALGY676	15	7	Optional	1	Environmental
Regionalism in Archaic Greek World	ALGY689	15	7	Optional	1	Environmental
Experimental Archaeology: Materials, Theories and Practices	ALGY740	15	7	Optional	1	Environmental
Social Life in Egypt	ALGY677	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Economies and Exchange in the Ancient Near East	ALGY688	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Artefacts and Analysis	ALGY737	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Deciphering Symbols: Approaches to an Understanding of the Earliest Symbolic Behaviour	ALGY761	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Human Osteology	ALGY762	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain	ALGY786	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Introduction to Quaternary Micropalaeontology	ENVS542	15	7	Optional	2	Environmental
Dissertation	ALGY600	60	7	Required	3	

Students continue to follow either the *Artefacts Studies* **OR** the *Environmental Archaeology* pathway.

Artefacts Studies

Students take 15 credits of required modules and 15 credits of optional modules in both semesters.

Environmental Archaeology

Students take 15 credits of required modules and 15 credits of optional modules in Semester 1. Students take 30 credits of optional modules in Semester 2.

The Dissertation (ALGY600) is taken over the summer vacation period.

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Year:	1 (full-time)					
Module Title	Code	Credits	Level	Type	Semester	Pathways
Research Skills for ACE M-Level Students	ALGY601	30	7	Required	1	
Akkadian Language and Literature	ALGY513	15	7	Optional	1	
Research Themes in the Neolithic of the Near East	ALGY656	15	7	Optional	1	
Wood in Archaeology and Palaeoecology: wood and charcoal analysis	ALGY668	15	7	Optional	1	
Issues in Egyptian Settlement Archaeology	ALGY676	15	7	Optional	1	
Regionalism in Archaic Greek World	ALGY689	15	7	Optional	1	
Experimental Archaeology: Materials, Theories and Practices	ALGY740	15	7	Optional	1	
Designing and Communicating Research	ALGY731	15	7	Required	2	
Sumerian Language and Literature	ALGY588	15	7	Optional	2	
Social Life in Egypt	ALGY677	15	7	Optional	2	
Economies and Exchange in the Ancient Near East	ALGY688	15	7	Optional	2	
Artefacts and Analysis	ALGY737	15	7	Optional	2	
Deciphering Symbols: Approaches to an Understanding of the Earliest Symbolic Behaviour	ALGY761	15	7	Optional	2	
Human Osteology	ALGY762	15	7	Optional	2	
Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain	ALGY786	15	7	Optional	2	
Dissertation	ALGY600	60	7	Required	3	
Students take 30 credits of required modules and 30 credits of optional modules in Semester						

1. Students take 15 credits of required modules and 45 credits of optional modules in Semester 2.

The Dissertation (ALGY600) is taken over the summer vacation period.

Year:	1 (part-time)					
Module Title	Code	Credits	Level	Type	Semester	Pathways
Research Skills for ACE M-Level Students	ALGY601	30	7	Required	1	
Designing and Communicating Research	ALGY731	15	7	Required	2	
Sumerian Language and Literature	ALGY588	15	7	Optional	2	
Social Life in Egypt	ALGY677	15	7	Optional	2	
Economies and Exchange in the Ancient Near East	ALGY688	15	7	Optional	2	
Artefacts and Analysis	ALGY737	15	7	Optional	2	
Human Osteology	ALGY762	15	7	Optional	2	
Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain	ALGY786	15	7	Optional	2	
Students take 30 credits of required modules in Semester 1.						
Students take 15 credits of required modules and 15 credits of optional modules in Semester 2.						

Year:	2 (part-time)					
Module Title	Code	Credits	Level	Type	Semester	Pathways
Akkadian Language and Literature	ALGY513	15	7	Optional	1	
Research Themes in the Neolithic of the Near East	ALGY656	15	7	Optional	1	
Wood in Archaeology and Palaeoecology: wood and charcoal analysis	ALGY668	15	7	Optional	1	
Issues in Egyptian Settlement Archaeology	ALGY676	15	7	Optional	1	
Regionalism in Archaic Greek	ALGY689	15	7	Optional	1	

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Experimental Archaeology: Materials, Theories and Practices	ALGY740	15	7	Optional	1	
Sumerian Language and Literature	ALGY588	15	7	Optional	2	
Social Life in Egypt	ALGY677	15	7	Optional	2	
Economies and Exchange in the Ancient Near East	ALGY688	15	7	Optional	2	
Artefacts and Analysis	ALGY737	15	7	Optional	2	
Deciphering Symbols: Approaches to an Understanding of the Earliest Symbolic Behaviour	ALGY761	15	7	Optional	2	
Human Osteology	ALGY762	15	7	Optional	2	
Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain	ALGY786	15	7	Optional	2	
Dissertation	ALGY600	60	7	Required	3	
Students take 30 credits of optional modules in each semester. The Dissertation (ALGY600) is taken over the summer vacation period.						

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Year:	1 (full-time)					
Module Title	Code	Credits	Level	Type	Semester	Pathways
Research Skills for ACE M-Level Students	ALGY601	30	7	Required	1	
Research Project Development by Directed Study	HLAC503	30	7	Required	1	
Dissertation	HLAC501	120	7	Required	2	
All modules are required.						

Year:	1 (part-time)					
Module Title	Code	Credits	Level	Type	Semester	Pathways
Research Skills for ACE M-Level Students	ALGY601	30	7	Required	1	

Research Project Development by Directed Study	HLAC504	30	7	Required	2	
All modules are required.						

Year:	2 (part-time)					
Module Title	Code	Credits	Level	Type	Semester	Pathways
Dissertation	HLAC501	120	7	Required	3	
All modules are required.						