

Archaeology and Social Anthropology

University of Edinburgh

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The archaeology and social anthropology degree examines the diversity of ancient and modern human social and material culture.

Archaeology is the study of our human past through the discovery, recovery and analysis of material remains.

Archaeologists are uniquely positioned to provide deep-time perspectives on contemporary global challenges such as climate change, migration, identity and heritage.

While historians are primarily concerned with oral, written and transcribed accounts of the past, archaeologists use artefacts, ecofacts (such as plant and animal remains), buildings, sites, and human remains to study the lives and societies of past peoples.

In contrast, social anthropology is the study of human behaviour in living societies. Understanding a living society and its members involves participant observation. This can involve spending months or even years living with, and sharing the experiences of, the people being studied.

Societies around the world vary enormously socially, culturally and politically. The study of these variations, and the common humanity that underlies them, is at the heart of social anthropology.

Together, archaeology and social anthropology create a programme that studies past and present human behaviour. Your undergraduate dissertation in Year 4 can be in either subject.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

VL46

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

History, Classics and Archaeology

Entry Requirements

2027 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (first sitting) or 4 or 5 Highers at AAB/ABBB (two sittings) plus English at National 5 at C.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (two sittings) plus English at National 5 at C. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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Progression Routes

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