Welcome to the department

Sheffield: from prehistory to the making of the modern world

Addressing today’s global challenges

Our programmes

BA Archaeology

BSc Archaeology

BA Classical & Historical Archaeology

BA Prehistoric Archaeology

BA Archaeology & History

BA Archaeology and Modern Languages & Cultures

Inspirational teaching

Fieldwork

Facilities and equipment

Made in Sheffield: skills and careers

Employers and Alumni

Our research

Global opportunities, supporting you

Sheffield University

Sheffield: the city you weren’t expecting

Entry requirements
It is a privilege to work with so many specialists. Together we investigate the many aspects of the human past, from the earliest hominids in South Africa to the post-medieval landscape in Britain. We pride ourselves on the varied theoretical and state-of-the-art methodological approaches that we take. I am especially proud of the community that exists in our Department: staff and students make new discoveries about the human past by working together, sharing ideas and supporting each other. The archaeological community here in Sheffield extends far beyond our Department, however; we work closely with external organisations and strategic partners within the local region, and we maintain close links to many of our graduates, some who have made Sheffield their home.

One thing we do exceptionally well here at Sheffield is nurture proficient, highly-skilled archaeology graduates. Many of our alumni have achieved success within the profession, taken the skills they have learned with us, and passed them onto the next generation of archaeologists. The success of our students is in large part down to the outstanding quality of our research-led teaching. At Sheffield, you will have the chance to understand the subject from a local and global perspective and explore aspects of the past that inspire you the most. Through access to modern learning environments, and with our innovative approach to teaching, we will provide you with the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to realise your career ambitions.

We look forward to welcoming you to Archaeology in Sheffield.

Professor Caroline Jackson,
Head of Department
Professor of Archaeological Materials
The city of Sheffield, founded in the 12th century, stands proud on its seven hills, surrounded by a landscape rich in history and heritage.

The city is proud of its industrial heritage and the contribution it made to global industries such as steelworking and cutlery manufacture. Once the oldest manufacturing site and the beating heart of industry, Kelham Island is now a Museum and icon of Sheffield’s industrial past. Whether you’re fascinated by prehistory or intrigued by the postmodern period, Sheffield and its surrounding region offers a wealth of archaeology for our students to explore.

Archaeologists from the Department are working on a major project to recover and promote Sheffield Castle: a key element of the city’s forgotten medieval heritage. Findings from the excavation, led by Sheffield based Wessex Archaeology North and involving some archaeology students, will be used to inspire the regeneration of the Castlegate Quarter in a project involving the University of Sheffield, Sheffield City Council and the Friends of Sheffield Castle.

In another facet of this exciting project, the Castle has been brought to life in a unique augmented reality (AR) experience, believed to be the most accurate visual impression of the castle ever produced. Developed as part of an Arts and Humanities Research Council-funded project, the AR experience is based on research by our archaeologists on material uncovered from earlier excavations, currently curated by Museums Sheffield. The project brings together researchers across the university alongside industry and community partners, Human Studio and the Friends of Sheffield Castle.

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“\nI rank my time on Sheffield castle as one of the most interesting archaeological experiences of my life. It provided me with valuable skills and gave me practice in how archaeology is undertaken in the commercial sector and therefore has been incredibly important in my development as an archaeologist.\n
— James Chapman, BA Classical & Historical Archaeology

Creswell Crags

The caves at Creswell Crags on the border between Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire have produced an extensive archaeological collection for the Middle and Upper Palaeolithic of Britain since the 1870s.

Our project at Creswell Crags aims to locate, survey and excavate caves, rock shelters, and other site localities from the Palaeolithic to advance our knowledge and understanding of hominin adaptation and occupation of Britain through the severe climatic fluctuations of the Pleistocene. Using a landscape approach, we will then extend to other vales, gorges and gips in the Magnesian Limestone Heritage Area of Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

This project will support student research and training, and includes collaboration with commercial archaeologists from Wessex Archaeology and the Creswell Crags Museum.

BA Classical & Historical Archaeology student James Chapman worked on the Sheffield Castle excavation site.
addressing today’s global challenges

by learning from the past

The world we know is changing rapidly. By investigating the material remains of the past using historical evidence and scientific approaches we can develop our understanding of some of the big issues which are important now.

our programmes

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- BA Archaeology and History
- BA Archaeology and Modern Languages & Cultures

- migration + globalisation
- health + disease
- climate change + environment
- economy + production
The BA Archaeology will give you an excellent foundation in all aspects of world archaeology. Any aspiring archaeologist will find a range of specialist modules to suit their interests, from different time periods, geographic locations and methodological approaches.

In the first year, you will acquire a global perspective on human origins and world civilizations and be introduced to the archaeological research process. You will also participate in a research-led field school in order to gain a solid foundation in the methods of archaeological excavation.

In the second and third years, your study will become more in-depth and you will develop your research skills and archaeological practice. You will work closely with academic staff and complete your programme by undertaking a piece of original research with the support of an academic supervisor.

The UCAS Code is F400 and the course duration is Three Years.

"I find myself incredibly grateful to the Department of Archaeology for its support and encouragement."

— Taylor, BA Archaeology
BSc Archaeology

UCAS Code: F410 Course duration: Three Years

The BSc Archaeology uses the principles of biology, chemistry and physics to investigate all aspects of the human past. It is a multidisciplinary subject which integrates scientific methods with social interpretation. You will work in both the field and the laboratory, developing critical skills in diverse archaeological methods.

Our teaching is supported by brand-new laboratory facilities, extensive research collections, and cutting edge laboratory equipment.

In the first year, you will gain a global perspective on human origins and civilisations as well as laboratory and field experience.

In the second year, you will take specialist modules including those which incorporate the natural sciences and gain practical experience as you learn how archaeological science is applied to the investigation of global human developments.

To complete your programme, you will work closely with academic staff and your supervisor to undertake a piece of original science-based research.

YEAR—1
Core modules
Towards modernity: anthropology, archaeology & colonialism
Revealing the Past
Archaeology of Britain: from Prehistory to the Industrial Revolution
Human origins, migrations and identities

Optional modules may include:
World Civilisations
Classical world and it’s legacy
As well as options from other departments such as History, Geography, Philosophy, Languages and Cultures

YEAR—2
Core modules
Thinking through Archaeology
Science in Archaeology

Optional modules may include:
The Archaeology of Anglo-Saxon England
Archaeology and Text
Europe’s First Farmers
Minoans: Crete in the Bronze Age
The Ancient Greek Economy
The Celtic West: from the fall of Rome to the Viking Age
As well as options from other departments such as History, Geography, Philosophy, Languages and Cultures

YEAR—3
Core module
Dissertation

Optional modules may include:
Egypt in the Age of Empire
Catastrophes and Climate Change: Prehistory to Modernity
Later Neolithic and Bronze Age Britain and Ireland
Athens and the Black Sea
Rome: Capital, Hinterland and Periphery
Experimental Archaeology
Decoding the Landscape: Integrated Methods in Landscape Archaeology
Workplace Learning
Archaeozoology

“My favourite thing about studying at Sheffield is the variety of modules on offer and being able to ‘tailor-make’ your degree to suit you, it’s great to be able to study what you’re interested in.”

— Lucy, BSc Archaeology
The BA Classical and Historical Archaeology provides a detailed insight into the archaeology of the classical and historical periods, and encompasses the study of ancient Greece, Rome, and the medieval worlds of the Mediterranean and Europe.

This programme is an opportunity to specialise in subjects that address significant issues of our classical and historical past, and to better understand how aspects of that past have influenced society and our lives today.

In the first year, you will acquire an introduction to the classical world and the archaeological research process. You will participate in a research-led field school in order to gain a solid foundation in the methods of archaeological excavation. In the second and third years, your study will become more focused as you develop an in-depth understanding of the classical and historical worlds. You will also enhance your research skills and archaeological practice.

To complete your programme, you will undertake a piece of original research with the support of an academic supervisor.

**YEAR—1**

*Core modules*
- Classical World and its Legacy
- Towards modernity: anthropology, archaeology & colonialism
- Revealing the Past
- Human origins, migrations and identities

*Optional modules may include:*
- Archaeology of Britain: from Prehistory to the Industrial Revolution
- World Civilisations
- As well as options from other departments such as History, Geography, Philosophy, Languages and Cultures

**YEAR—2**

*Core module*
- Thinking through Archaeology

*Optional modules may include:*
- The Ancient Greek Economy
- Minoans: Crete in the Bronze Age
- Science in Archaeology
- The Archaeology of Anglo-Saxon England
- Archaeology Matters
- The Celtic West: from the fall of Rome to the Viking Age
- As well as options from other departments such as History, Geography, Philosophy, Languages and Cultures

**YEAR—3**

*Core module*
- Dissertation

*Optional modules may include:*
- Rome: Capital, Hinterland and Periphery
- Egypt in the Age of Empire
- Athens and the Black Sea
- Catastrophes and Climate Change: Prehistory to Modernity
- Later Neolithic and Bronze Age Britain and Ireland
- Experimental Archaeology
- Decoding the Landscape: Integrated Methods in Landscape Archaeology
- Archaeozoology
- Workplace Learning

"We had a module in our second year which was specifically working on community projects, so I worked with a youth theatre group and we were looking at some of the archaeological features in the woods. They've now put together this archaeological trail, like an audio guide."

— Victoria, BA Classical & Historical Archaeology
The BA Prehistoric Archaeology provides you with a broad understanding of the prehistoric human past and the methods used to investigate the material remains of prehistoric communities. You will develop a global, critical perspective on past societies and their diverse ways of life from the Palaeolithic to the origins of farming, and you will acquire the intellectual and practical skills necessary to discover, interpret and communicate all kinds of archaeological evidence.

In the first year, you will acquire a global perspective on human origins and world civilizations and be introduced to the archaeological research process. You will also participate in a research-led field school in order to gain a solid foundation in the methods of archaeological excavation.

In the second year you will focus on specialist options including archaeological materials and the prehistory of Europe and the Mediterranean and gain an awareness of the links between science and the humanities.

In the third year you will choose from an extensive choice of specialist topics and undertake a piece of original research hand-in-hand with an academic supervisor.

**YEAR—1**

**Core modules**
- Towards modernity: anthropology, archaeology & colonialism
- Revealing the Past
- World Civilisations
- Human origins, migrations and identities

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- Classical World and its Legacy
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**YEAR—2**

**Core modules**
- Thinking through Archaeology
- Archaeology Matters

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- Workplace Learning

“**Sheffield has taught me never to underestimate all the fascinating possibilities of Archaeology, and never to assume that the most obvious explanation is the right one.**”

— Rosalind, BA Archaeology & Prehistory
This flexible dual programme combines the study of historical texts with the investigation of past material culture.

In addition to core modules in both the Archaeology and History departments, you will choose from optional modules that allow you to focus on the aspects of history and archaeology that interest you the most.

In the first year, you will acquire a global perspective on human origins and world civilizations and be introduced to the archaeological research process. To support your understanding of archaeology, you will also have the option to undertake archaeological excavation and practical work.

Your second and third years provide a more detailed understanding of archaeological research as well as different aspects of archaeological analysis and practice.

In your final year, you will become an independent researcher undertaking a piece of original research that brings together your historical and archaeological studies with the support of academic supervisors.

listed opposite are archaeology core and optional modules you will take on the BA Archaeology and History degree. Some of the optional History modules are shown in italics. You can find out more about the History part of your dual honours degree by visiting www.sheffield.ac.uk/history
Archaeology.

Studying languages alongside Archaeology gives you a unique insight into the historical and cultural development of countries and societies. Our dual degree programme is highly flexible and gives you the chance to study Archaeology with one or two languages from a choice of Catalan, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Luxembourgish, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish. You can take any language from beginner’s level, and you can take French, German, Russian or Spanish post-A Level (or equivalent).

As part of your Archaeology degree, you will take a range of modules that will deepen your understanding of the past through the study of the material record. You will encounter aspects of world archaeology and explore the richness and diversity of humanity from prehistory to modernity. You will study the core modules alongside students taking a single honours degree in archaeology and choose optional models to suit your interest and career aspirations.

We also have a number of summer courses and you will have the opportunity to get at least six weeks practical experience.

You will develop your communication skills in your chosen language or languages to a high level, complimented by developing your cultural awareness with a choice of optional modules covering linguistics, literature, society and politics, history, philosophy or film studies.

You will spend your third year abroad. If you study one language, you spend the full year in a country where your language is spoken. If you have chosen to study two languages, you usually split your time between two different countries. Studying or working in another country will greatly enhance your transferable, as well as language, skills making you even more attractive to employers.

In your final year at Sheffield, you will choose from an extensive choice of specialist modules and undertake a piece of original research with the support of an academic supervisor.

Listed opposite are archaeology core and optional modules you will take on the BA Archaeology and Languages & Cultures degree. The range of modules available for the language(s) part of this degree will be determined by your choice of which language(s) you choose to study. For module details, please visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/slc

I liked the balance between historical and scientific concepts with the cultural and grammatical learning of a new language.

— Cindy, BA Archaeology & Languages
Archeology is an interdisciplinary subject that applies both science and humanities based approaches to the study of the past. Our programmes are intellectually challenging, and require mental agility, critical thinking and creativity.

Our teaching - whether this is in the lecture theatre, out in the field, working with community heritage groups, or in the laboratory - is tailored to the demands of our programmes. With 555 square miles of ancient landscape surrounding the city, there are ample opportunities for our students to step into the past right from their very doorstep.

You will learn through a blend of expert guidance, inquiry into real problems, and will be supported by our world-leading community of scholars and research technicians. By learning in an active research environment, you will gain the skills and confidence to undertake your own original research.

We timetable teaching across the whole of our University campus. Teaching may take place in the archaeology department, but may also be timetabled within other departments or central University facilities. You can find details of our teaching methods, how you will be assessed through your degree, and contact hours on our department website.

"Like so much of our teaching here at Sheffield, my Level 2 module, Archaeology and Text, encourages our students to immerse themselves in the past so that they can more fully understand, and engage with, the present.”

Professor John Moreland
Professor of Archaeology

"I study past relationships between humans and animals; this research feeds directly into my archaeozoarchaeology teaching at Level 3."

Professor Umberto Albarella
Professor of Zooarchaeology

"I specialise in the study of human remains from archaeological sites. My research appears in first year sessions covering professional ethics including repatriation of artefacts, reburial of skeletons and modern-day forensic applications of archaeological techniques."

Dr Lizzy Craig-Atkins
Senior Lecturer in Human Osteology

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Dr Kevin Kuykendall
Senior Lecturer in Palaeoanthropology

"As a Palaeoanthropologist, my research focuses on early hominid origins and evolution. I have worked extensively in South Africa, whilst my current research focuses on the Neanderthals in the UK, at sites such as Creswell Crags. My research feeds directly into my teaching, such as the Level 1 module, Human origins, Migrations and Identities."

Dr Katie Hemer
Lecturer in Bioarchaeology

"I am a bioarchaeologist, and specialise in the study of human skeletal remains from medieval cemetery populations. My research features prominently in the Level 2 modules, Celtic West and the Archaeology of Anglo-Saxon England."

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Archaeology is a practical subject. Understanding how people once lived requires archaeologists to explore the material record; fieldwork is how we generate the evidence that underpins our knowledge. Our department has a commitment to practical training for all our students, which is reflected in the number of our graduates gaining employment in the profession.

At Sheffield, you will combine your library studies with field survey, excavation and laboratory analysis. All of our single honours students are trained in fieldwork in their first year, whilst dual students have the opportunity to undertake fieldwork in optional modules. You will learn excavation techniques, geophysical surveying, and how a field project is organised. You will also learn to analyse and interpret material evidence and see how different specialists work together.

All the practical experience you gain is recorded in your Archaeology Skills Passport, endorsed by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

You will get the opportunity from the start to get in-depth practical experience of archaeological fieldwork as part of your course, and also be able to actively engage with staff research projects, labwork or on excavations.

You can also take work-based learning opportunities offered in the Department such as the Work Placement module in Year 3, or with our help, you can spend a year working in the profession as part of the Degree with Employment Experience.

Please note that participation in fieldwork or placements which are outside the provision offered by the Department may incur additional costs such as accommodation, travel and personal expenses if you choose to participate.

“My research focuses on the medieval and early modern periods in Europe, in particular the archaeology of monasticism. I have led a number of field projects, including the excavation of Thornton Abbey, and the Scremby Fieldschool. Our students play an integral part in these projects, often being involved in the excavations themselves, but also with the post-excavation research.”

— Dr Hugh Willmott
Senior Lecturer in European Historical Archaeology

Like the University, our Department is a civic department. Our students work closely with local heritage and community groups through a collaborative field project to develop their research skills and understanding of the cultural, ethical and professional contexts of archaeological research.

Our students also coordinate Archaeology in the City which is a student-run, volunteer-led outreach programme that makes archaeology, history, and heritage accessible and open to all. Events include the Archaeology and Ale lecture and podcast series and the annual Woodland Heritage Festival.
archaeomaterials

Our archaeomaterials facilities include a furnace room containing low temperature ovens, pottery making equipment, kilns, high temperature furnaces for experimental manufacturing, lapping wheels, and saws, geological reference collections and ceramic thin section collections. We have a range of research grade microscopes, whilst Scanning Electron Microscopes (SEM) and FTIR spectrometers are housed nearby.

**Archeomaterials equipment includes:**
- Portable X-ray Fluorescence device
- Sectioning saws
- Lapping and polishing wheels
- Reflected and transmitted light microscopes

bioarchaeology

Sheffield curates an extensive reference collection to facilitate our bioarchaeological research and teaching. Our substantial animal bone reference collection is essential to our undergraduate practical classes. Our work with human remains is supported by the Sheffield Osteology Lab which was established in 1972, and now curates fossil hominid and primate collections, as well as numerous skeletal reference collections for research and teaching. The analysis and interpretation of archaeobotanical and geoarchaeological material is supported by the Centre for Archaeobotany and Ancient Land-Use which has state of the art facilities and reference collections of charred seeds, wood charcoal, pollen, phytoliths, and starch.

**Bioarchaeology equipment includes:**
- Microtome for bone and enamel thin sections and histology
- Stable isotope analysis sample preparation
- 3D Portable structured light scanners
- Portable digital radiography sets
- Photogrammetry and surveying equipment
- Reflected and transmitted light microscopes

facilities and equipment

Our cutting-edge laboratory facilities, custom made for us in 2017, are housed in the Ella Armitage Building—named after the influential Norman historian and archaeology (1841-1931). Our extensive bioarchaeological research collections and modern experimental equipment support our teaching and research. Staff and students are able to carry out scientific analyses of both organic and inorganic archaeological materials. Laboratory based teaching and student research projects are supported by a suite of cutting-edge equipment that puts Sheffield as a leader in archaeological science.

cross-disciplinary collaboration

Beyond our Department, archaeological science is also supported through collaboration with colleagues across the University, including the Department of Animal and Plant Science, Biomedical Science, Materials Science and Engineering, Chemistry, Geography and Physics.

We are home to the UK’s first Centre for the Archaeology of Childhood.
made in sheffield - skills and careers

Sheffield graduates are confident in their knowledge of the subject area, critical and creative thinkers who are capable of working effectively in teams or individually, and expert in the communication of their work.

Archaeological Skills
- Knowledge of archaeological practice
- Excavation experience
- Data analysis
- Experimental design
- Practical laboratory skills
- Report writing
- Public engagement

Professional Skills
- Teamwork
- Information mining
- Written and verbal communication
- Analytical thinking
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Ethical and societal awareness

Employers recognise that, in addition to a rigorous academic training within an unusually broad-based framework, a degree in archaeology from Sheffield provides students with a variety of skills suited for the professional workplace.

As a result of the University of Sheffield’s eMentoring scheme I had regular contact with an archaeological consultant at AECOM throughout the final year of my undergraduate degree. After expressing an interest in built heritage, he was able to help me organise a week of work experience in the AECOM Leeds office.

The work experience confirmed my interest in built heritage and as a result of the placement in Leeds, I was able to secure a further placement alongside my studies in London this year. I am now studying a RICS-accredited masters and have been given the opportunity to explore the careers in building surveying in the AECOM Aldgate office. ”

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I first went to Brodsworth as part of my masters course trip that was organised in February. During the talk I managed to have a conversation with Dan (the head gardener) and arrange to do my placement with the team there. Over the summer I worked in the gardens for 6/7 weeks and was then offered a permanent position within the team. It has been an amazing experience and on my first week I was invited down to the English Heritage Gardeners conference to do a talk to the all of the gardening teams! I’m looking forward to seeing what the future holds and none of this would have been possible without my course at Sheffield. ”

— Katie McKinder
BA Archaeology and History

developing your employability

Our excellent Careers Service offers courses that will help you develop the academic and workplace skills sought by employers. We also provide a range of options to support your personal development throughout your time at university and as you make the transition into the world of work. As a Sheffield Graduate you can continue to use our Careers Service for three years after graduation.

www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers

The Sheffield Undergraduate Research Experience scheme is a funded opportunity for students to work in partnership with an academic staff member on a dedicated research project.

Our postgraduate students run an open-access journal, Assemblage, to facilitate the publication of student research.

OnCampus Placements provide undergraduate students the opportunity to do a paid work placement in their department.

The Department hosts a Lunchtime Lecture Series with invited guests speakers from universities and institutions across the UK and worldwide.

Our students also get involved in Civic Archaeology projects (see page 25.) volunteering projects and opportunities across the wider university.

enhancing your degree

Katie is a BA Archaeology and History graduate who went on to do a MA in Cultural Heritage Management.
employers and alumni

Currently around 6,000 people in Britain earn a living as archaeologists - in universities, museums, archaeological units, heritage parks, or working for either national or local government. A significant proportion of our graduates enter the heritage sector each year, working all over the world including the UK, USA, Canada, France, Norway, Greece, and Australia.

According to a report by Historic England, the archaeology workforce in the UK needs to grow between 25% over the next five years and 64% by 2033 to meet the demands of infrastructure projects. Sheffield graduates are highly skilled and equipped to join this growing industry.

archaeologists in numbers:

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“Having completed both my undergraduate and postgraduate archaeology degrees at Sheffield, I am now a Historic Environment Researcher for Wessex Archaeology. My studies at Sheffield taught me the skills needed for working in commercial archaeology, particularly in relation to conducting research, writing reports and using a range of surveying techniques, which I now do on a regular basis. The department has been fundamental in helping me reach my full potential in my current role at Wessex.”

— Beth Watson
Historic Environment Researcher, Wessex Archaeology

Sheffield was my only choice for both undergraduate and postgraduate study because of the support and advice offered to me by the university and the Department. Sheffield’s world renowned influence within archaeological research and the opportunities granted to me at undergraduate level, from working on a pioneering research project at the Minoan Palace at Knossos to excavating in the Peak District, have been second to none.”

— David Inglis
BA Prehistoric Archaeology, MA Landscape Archaeology, Current PhD student

where do our alumni go?

Northumberland National Park
Peak District National Park
English Heritage
People’s History Museum
Bolton Museum and Archive Service
Doncaster Museum
Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery
Doncaster Museum
Doncaster Museum
Doncaster Museum
Historic England
Wessex Archaeology
Museum of Liverpool
Council for British Archaeology
Yorkshire Dales National Park
Bolton Museum
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The Department hosts six research clusters which represent the research interests of our academic staff. The work undertaken by members of each cluster feeds directly into our student-focused activities including teaching, fieldwork and practical opportunities.

**funerary archaeology**
This cluster explores all aspects of the funerary record, drawing on evidence from human skeletal remains, grave furnishings, burial form, funerary commemoration, standing structures and funerary landscapes. The cluster champions an holistic approach to the study of death and burial, and where possible, we integrate archaeological evidence with the historical record. Our research and teaching incorporates a variety of sub-disciplines including: epigraphy, material culture, thanatology, human osteology, zooarchaeology and biomolecular archaeology. Members are actively engaged in the University-wide centre, Medical Humanities Sheffield.

**bioarchaeology**
Our research in bioarchaeology spans from the lower Palaeolithic to early modern times, and is complemented by experimental and ethnoarchaeological studies. Early hominin evolution, domestication of plants and animals, human and livestock mobility, population health and disease, ritual and funerary practices, as well as cultural transmission and identity, feature among the many themes investigated by researchers in this cluster. Our research and teaching regularly integrate archaeological evidence with other strands of analysis, particularly biochemistry, stable isotope analysis, ethnography and history.

**landscape archaeology**
Our approach to landscape archaeology is multi-disciplinary and multi-scalar. Our research and teaching combines perspectives and methods from biological and environmental science, ethnography, geography, geomatics, heritage studies and history. Research by members of the cluster spans from early hominin caves in South Africa, to the way the past actively shapes contemporary communities and their landscapes.

**medieval archaeology**
Sheffield is home to a large community of medieval archaeologists with expertise ranging from late Antiquity to the early modern period. Major research themes include medieval religious and funerary practices, migration, ethnicity, gender, childhood and diet. Our research and teaching are interdisciplinary, exploring material culture, human and animal bone evidence, landscapes, buildings and the relationship between archaeology and text. We focus principally on north-western Europe, the Balkans and the Mediterranean, especially Italy. We are active members of the Faculty-wide Medieval and Ancient Research Centre at the University of Sheffield (MARCUS).

**cultural materials**
This cluster focuses on the analysis of ceramics, metals and glass, but we also conduct research into stone and other material culture. Our research and teaching spans the Neolithic to the early modern period from the study of production, consumption, classification and analysis, to the analytical, ethnographic, and experimental methodologies. We incorporate both applied and experimental approaches, and work extensively with assemblages of different periods and geographical areas.

**mediterranean archaeology**
At Sheffield we have a long and distinguished history, spanning several decades, of archaeological research focusing on the Mediterranean. The region remains a key area for departmental research. A wide variety of prominent Sheffield researchers are actively engaged in research in the Mediterranean and neighbouring regions, incorporating a variety of archaeological techniques and sub-disciplines. Members of academic staff also are involved in a number of fieldwork projects in the region.
global opportunities

study abroad
If you want to take your horizons to a truly global scale, then the University’s Study Abroad scheme is for you. Take part and you’ll be able to spend a year studying at a University in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong or the United States of America.

summer schools
Summer schools are a great alternative for students who don’t want to spend a whole year abroad. You can spend between one and eight weeks at one of our partner university summer schools in Europe or further afield.

fieldwork opportunities
You can choose to take part in fieldwork locally, across the UK, in Europe or further afield.

european exchanges
We have a number of departmental links with excellent universities in France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland and Sweden. This is a great opportunity to spend up to 12 months in another European country, and have it count towards your degree. You get to experience another culture and a new way of looking at your subject. All of our partner universities have classes available in English but you can also take advantage of the opportunity to learn a new language or enhance your existing skills.

BA Archaeology and Modern Languages & Cultures
Combine your archaeology study with one or two languages on our dual honours degree programme and spend your third year abroad. See page 20 for more details.

supporting you
You will have a personal tutor in the department to guide you throughout your degree and support you in your learning. In your final year you will be assigned a supervisor to work with you as you develop your research project and write up your findings in your dissertation.

There is a network of support services across the university to make sure you’re happy, healthy and secure. Whether you need practical help on finance or housing or want to try some of the many health and wellbeing services on offer, you will find dedicated professionals who are there to support you during your time at Sheffield.

“I chose to go to Spain for my year abroad due to the rich history of the country, and the opportunity of investigating and studying more in the field of forensic archaeology and anthropology that the Complutense University of Madrid offers. I was able to study taphonomy, physical anthropology, and even some criminology and psychology classes due to the freedom I was offered as a student from abroad and took part in an excavation whilst there.

Studying abroad is an amazing opportunity and an unforgettable experience, and I wish I could do it all again!”

— Sophie Butcher
sheffield
the city you weren’t expecting

Sheffield is a vibrant, multicultural and diverse city, known for feeling safe, welcoming and friendly and attracts people from all over the world to visit, work, study and live here. It’s a city with a strong sense of community and its landscape, people and culture influences our students more than you can imagine.

Home to more than half a million people, Sheffield is an exciting city with award winning theatres, two major football clubs, and one of the most exciting music and arts scenes in the UK. The city hosts the World Snooker Championships, a major music festival attracting more than 60,000 people and the UK’s premier documentary film festival. It’s a city of makers, artists, musicians and craftpeople of every kind.

It’s a thriving and eclectic place in the day, but this also transcends through the night. With classic pubs and swanky bars, there is always live music for everyone. Some of the best night clubs in the UK are found here in Sheffield, and you are guaranteed to create memories you will never forget.

As a major city, of course it’s a hotspot for shopping. From the busy city centre to Meadowhall, one of the UK’s largest shopping malls, you will be spoilt for choice for big national brands and high-end designer stores. Not only that, Sheffield has plenty of independent and quirky shops to find those perfect vintage clothes, vinyl records and a really interesting range of cafes and places to eat to suit everyone’s taste.

Sheffield is famous for being a green city, with more trees than people. There are more than 200 parks, gardens and areas of woodland throughout the city including the Sheffield Botanical Gardens. More than a third of the city is located inside the Peak District National Park, which is an area of outstanding beauty and just 15 minutes drive from the campus.

Sheffield is centrally located in the UK so it’s easy to travel to other cities and places of interest, whether you want to reach Manchester in 45 minutes or head down to London in two hours, you can easily hop on the train and use your student discount too.

Sheffield is a place you’ll never want to leave, so what are you waiting for? Come and explore.

“I feel a real connection to Sheffield, it feels like home now.”
— Esmie Carter, BA Archaeology with a Foundation Year
We believe that your learning should reflect the world we live in. Being at university should also prepare you for the world you enter when you leave. That ethos drives both our research and our teaching. At Sheffield, we have world-leading academic staff and ensure that all of our facilities are globally leading too.

The Students’ Union is the centre of student life, located at the heart of our main campus. Here you’ll find one of the very first no packaging grocery shops, cinema, plenty of bars and food outlets, club nights and with over 350 student societies and sports clubs there will undoubtedly be a club where you will feel at home. It’s also the hub of one of the biggest volunteering programmes in the UK. Our union tops student surveys because it cares about what you care about and because it gives our students a voice.

Sheffield is one of the most international universities in the world, welcoming over 7000 international students from 150 countries. By studying in Sheffield, you’ll join an international community of students and staff. We offer regular opportunities on campus to help you meet students from all over the world so you can learn about different cultures with others.

At Sheffield, we offer guaranteed accommodation for first-year students, and our award-winning accommodation comes with 24/7 security and maintenance, modern living space and onsite bars, cafes and restaurants.

There is so much on offer at Sheffield. Taking advantage of every opportunity means that you will graduate not just with a degree but with insight, skills and experience that set you apart. We are sure you will love your time studying at the University of Sheffield, and we cannot wait to have you aboard.

Sheffield is a World Top 100, Russell Group University, ranked 13th in the UK and 75th in the World (QS World University Rankings 2019). We are a leading research university with a global reputation for excellence. The knowledge we generate helps to make the world a better place.

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For details of other International and European Qualifications, please visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/international-qualifications

Access Sheffield
We recognise that ability isn’t always demonstrated through a standard set of A Level or equivalent qualifications. You may be eligible for an alternative offer equivalent to one or two grades below the standard A Level entry requirements for your course depending on your individual circumstances, for example if you’re from a group currently under-represented in higher education or you’ve taken additional qualifications. For full details visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/access

International and European students
We welcome applications to our undergraduate degree programmes from International and European students. Find out more at: www.sheffield.ac.uk/international

The University of Sheffield International College is a dedicated facility which helps prepare international students for studying at Sheffield, find out more at usic.sheffield.ac.uk/programmes

Mature students
We do everything we can to encourage applications from mature students (over 21). This includes running foundation year programmes for BA Archaeology and BA Archaeology and History students who don’t have A Level qualifications. www.sheffield.ac.uk/dil

Disability and support
We welcome applications from disabled students and students with a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, find out more at www.sheffield.ac.uk/study/policies/disabled-applicants

Fees
You can find information about tuition fees here: www.sheffield.ac.uk/registration/tuitionfees

Scholarships
The university offers a number of undergraduate scholarships and bursaries to help fund your studies and enhance your learning experience. Find out more at: www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees-funding/scholarships

Next steps
If you’d like to know more about our courses, please see the University’s website. The online prospectus has detail on individual modules, how to apply, and much more. Visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate

Open days
Between June and October each year, the university holds four Open Days. It’s a great way to meet our staff and students and experience first-hand our brand-new lab facilities and explore our university campus. Book your place here: www.sheffield.ac.uk/opendays.

Once you’ve applied for a course, and if we offer you a place, we’ll invite you to an Applicant Open Day usually between January and March. This is your opportunity to find out in much greater depth about your course and about living and studying in Sheffield.

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