

Archaeology and Landscape Studies BSc (Hons)



This degree provides an integrated, multidisciplinary approach to studying the landscape and the people who have inhabited and shaped it..

Archaeology and Landscape Studies is an exciting single honours programme that draws on the subjects of archaeology and physical geography to provide a multidisciplinary approach to studying the landscape. Landscape studies are diverse and exciting, demanding a wide range of practical and academic skills, and the programme combines the methods and theory of archaeology with those used to study the physical environment in order to fully interpret the landscape.

Human interaction and impact upon the landscape is key to understanding the archaeological past and in order to fully understand this interaction it is essential to have a detailed understanding of the natural environment and the different geomorphological processes that have shaped it. This innovative degree addresses both landscape evolution and human use of the land. The focus is upon theoretical approaches and practical techniques, placed within the chronological framework of human activity.

This course introduces you to a wide range of techniques needed to decipher the landscape, including archaeological excavation, topographical survey, aerial photographic interpretation, GIS and essential computing skills. Practical work and field trips are essential to the course, allowing you to apply your skills in observation and interpretation to the real world.

You will have also access to an impressive range of equipment and resources which includes survey grade GPS, geophysics, well-appointed laboratories and a brand new digital mapping and survey suite. The varied assessment strategy will provide you not only with a range of subject specific skills but also transferable skills that include team and independent working, problem solving and decision making, communication and organisational skills.

Access to cutting edge technology, small class sizes and friendly, research active staff all contribute to the supportive learning environment you will enjoy when you study Archaeology and Landscape Studies at the University of Worcester.

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UCAS code

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Single Honours

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240-280 UCAS Tariff points

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Modules

Introduction to Archaeology

Introduction to Fieldwork in Archaeology

The Archaeology & Heritage of the British Landscape

World Archaeology & Ancient Civilisations

Mapping the Environment

Earth Systems & Processes

Landforms & Landscapes

Introduction to Geology

Heritage Studies: A Critical Introduction

Interpreting the Past

Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

The Study and Interpretation of Artefacts

The Archaeology of Death and Burial

Landscape Archaeology

Environmental Archaeology

Soils & the Environment

Mountain Geomorphology

River Processes

Iron Age and Roman Britain

Research Methods

Managing the Historic Environment

Archaeological Field Study (Excavation)

Mountain Environments Field Course

Neolithic and Bronze Age Britain

Ice Age Britain

Applied Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing

Forensic Archaeology

Work Placement

Extension Module

Independent Study

Assessment

A wide range of learning and teaching methods are used within Archaeology and Landscape Studies. These include lectures, seminars, tutorials, group work, laboratory and computer practicals, field work and visits to archaeological sites and museums and “natural” features in the landscapes. There are also opportunities to undertake residential fieldwork.

The varied assessment methods support your learning and provide you with subject specific and transferable skills. Assessment types include essays, seminar papers, reflective journals, source critiques, portfolios, presentations, posters, field and laboratory reports and independent research projects.

The expertise of the staff includes the prehistoric and roman periods, landscape archaeology, material culture studies, built environment conservation, geo-conservation and environmental geology, glacial and fluvial geomorphology and mountain environments. Students may have opportunities to participate in staff research projects through voluntary work and the “Earn as you Learn” scheme.



David Orr

Student, Archaeology and Landscape Studies BSc (Hons)

“Archaeology and Landscape Studies combines my interest in archaeology and physical geography in a single honours course. For me, the course is a great introduction to archaeology, hopefully leading to a career in the field. Worcester is a great place to study- there’s plenty to do but not too many distractions, which is ideal when you’re juggling study, work and a family of five!”

Academic department

[Institute of Science & the Environment](#)

“The Institute’s acclaimed research in areas such as river management, rural issues, forensic biology, nutrition and archaeology has a common thread: our belief that science should be centred around its impact on people.”

Professor John Newbury, Head of Institute

Employability

This course prepares you for careers in commercial (field) archaeology, museums and the heritage industry, national organisations (English Heritage, National Trust, Natural England, the Environment Agency), archaeological/environmental consultancies, countryside management and conservation, teaching, local government and planning and the Civil Service.

The course also provides the ideal grounding for postgraduate study and research.

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