



University of
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Erasmus+ Study Guide
2019/20
Archaeology and
Anthropology

Department of Anthropology and Archaeology
School of Arts
GUIDE FOR ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY ERASMUS STUDENTS
(2019-20)



Welcome to the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology in the School of Arts.

We are one of the few departments in the UK to combine Archaeology and Anthropology under one roof. Staff share a strong commitment to empirical and ethnographic research that reveals the material evidence of the past, and the scope of behaviours and beliefs in contemporary communities across the globe. The Department aims to bridge the two disciplines and offer a creative and common space for dialogue and exchange between the humanities, social and natural sciences.

We are located in an early 20th century building at the centre of the University campus, 43 Woodland Road. Though our building is grand and stately, we maintain a friendly and informal atmosphere. Undergraduates, graduates and staff often work and socialise together, through seminars, fieldtrips and fieldwork. There is also the

student-organised Archaeology & Anthropology Society, which hosts a lively series of guest lectures on archaeological and anthropological topics each year.

Your point of contact is the School of Arts Student Support Office, located in G.13, 43 Woodland Road

Academic Calendar for 2019-20

	Start Date	End Date
Welcome Week	23 September 2019	27 September 2019
Teaching Block 1	30 September 2019	20 December 2019
January Assessment Period	13 January 2020	24 January 2020

	Start Date	End Date
Teaching Block 2	27 January 2020	08 May 2020
Summer Assessment Period	18 May 2020	05 June 2020

Vacations	Start Date	End Date
Christmas	23 December 2019	10 January 2020
Easter	30 March 2020	17 April 2020
Summer	15 June 2020	September 2020



Units and Credits

As an Anthropology and Archaeology Erasmus student, you will be expected to take the majority of your units within the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology in the School of Arts.

You are required to take units amounting to 60 credits in each Teaching Block (i.e. Semester), which is equivalent to 30 ECTS credits.

The University of Bristol's Unit and Programme Catalogue 2019-20 provides full information on the units available in the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/UnitsForDept.jsa?orgCode=ARCH&ayrCode=19%2F20>

When reviewing unit choices, please consider:

- The amount of credits for the unit (all Anthropology and Archaeology units available to you are 20 credits each)
- The Teaching Block it is running in – please make sure you select a unit which runs in the semester you are here
- The form of assessments you will be required to complete (this could include coursework, examinations, class tests, class presentations)

All this information can be found on the unit's description entry in the Unit and Programme Catalogue.

Units available to Anthropology and Archaeology Erasmus students 2019-20:

ARCH10012 Big Ideas in Anthropology (TB2)
ARCH10013 Material Culture (TB1)
ARCH10014 Evolution in Action (TB2)
ARCH10015 Discovering the Past (TB1)
ARCH10016 Archaeological Practice (TB2)
ARCH10017 Peoples, Culture and Languages (TB1)
ARCH10019 Kin, Friends, Lovers and Others (TB1)

ARCH Biological Anthropology unit (details to be confirmed) (TB1)
ARCH20048 Anthropological Methods (TB2)
ARCH20051 Africa (TB1)
ARCH20055 The Mediterranean Past (TB1)
ARCH20057 Social Theories (TB1)
ARCH20058 Evolution and Human Behaviour (TB2)
ARCH20064 How Societies Evolve (TB1)
ARCH20069 The Anthropology of Childhood, Learning and Becoming (TB1)
ARCH20065 Anthropology and Contemporary Capitalism (TB2)
ARCH20066 Lives on the Move: Migration and Mobility from a Global Perspective (TB2)
ARCH20068 Britain AD (TB2)

ARCH30034 Human Challenges (TB1)
ARCH30040 Stimulating Anthropology: Drugs and Society (TB1)
ARCH30045 Castles (TB1)
ARCH30048 Museums and Heritage: Critical Perspectives (TB2)
ARCH30043 Unlocking Ancient Diet (TB2)
ARCH Biological Anthropology option 2 (details to be confirmed) (TB2)

Please come to speak to the Deputy Head of Subject before choosing units (antharch-dsu@bristol.ac.uk).

You are responsible for selecting units appropriate for your level of study, and for informing your University of your choices. Our Office is happy to answer any questions you may have about units within the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology but cannot confirm what your University requires you to take.

Can Erasmus students from other areas take units?

Erasmus students from other departments can take one anthropology or archaeology unit (if spaces are available).

English Language Skills

If you need to develop your academic English language skills, you can take optional units at CELFS (the Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies). These units focus on listening and speaking, reading and writing, and advanced grammar. Visit the CELFS website to register for these units: www.bristol.ac.uk/english-language/study/current-students/for-undergraduate/open-units/

Commonly asked questions

- **Can I take a unit outside the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology?**

Yes – the majority of your units should be within the Department to reflect your registration as an Anthropology and Archaeology Erasmus student. However, please discuss with your University how many units they will permit you to take outside Anthropology and Archaeology. Your University may have specific requirements about what you can and cannot take, or they may allow you the freedom to choose units from across the University of Bristol.

- **I have looked at the unit catalogue and it says that a unit is ‘not open’. What does that mean?**

The majority of units within the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology are not open to University of Bristol students on programmes outside the department. A few are, and these are called ‘open units’.

- **Can I change my unit options at a later date?**

This is possible, but not guaranteed. Our Office cannot guarantee unit availability, so it is not always possible to grant a unit change request. We also grant these changes early on and cannot amend unit registrations

throughout the semester, as this can have a detrimental impact on your academic progress.

- **I am studying here for one term and will return to my home University in January. I want to take a unit that has an exam in January, but I will not be able to attend. Can I still take the class?**

Yes – you can choose to take a unit which has an exam in January even if you intend to return home by that date. The exam will be replaced with an alternative form of assessment, which is normally an essay of 2,500 words.

Our Office contacts students a few weeks into term to ask if you intend to sit the exam in January or will require an alternative form of assessment. These assignments are submitted online, so you can return home and continue to complete work.



Contacts

sart-archanthadmin@bristol.ac.uk - alternatively, please visit the School of Arts Student Support Office in 43 Woodland Road. The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology Study Abroad Academic Director is Dr Joanna Bruck and Dr Lucy Cramp (antharch-dsu@bristol.ac.uk).

You can also contact global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk for advice or phone on +44 0117 39 40207.