

Module Details	
Module Title	Archaeological Fieldwork
Module Code	ARC5024-B
Academic Year	2021/2
Credits	20
School	School of Archaeological and Forensic Sciences
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 5

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	6
Fieldwork	120
Directed Study	74

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Non-Standard Academic Year

Module Aims
Fieldwork is a key component in collecting primary evidence in archaeology and crime scene investigations. This module aims to provide students with direct practical experience across a range of archaeological and forensic field techniques and processes within the context of an archaeological research project. Viewed as an intensive field course it is equivalent to 20 credit laboratory/practical experience in other disciplines.

Outline Syllabus
The module has a fieldwork component of at least 3 weeks. It will cover a full range of practical skills carried out under close supervision by experienced archaeologists. These will normally include surveying using conventional and electronic equipment, excavation strategies and methods, site planning, artefact and ecofact processing, and teamwork skills. The specific elements will vary according to the project, since the module will take place in association with various field research programmes, each organised by their own Field Director. Practical experience will normally be supplemented by a programme of lectures, demonstrations and visits.

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	To apply best practice in archaeological fieldwork
02	Interpret archaeological and natural features within an archaeological setting
03	Analyse competing hypotheses, theoretical positions and methods in archaeological field research

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
The module is taught within a field setting and will include demonstrations of good technique followed by hands on learning. All activities and work will be monitored by one or more archaeological supervisors. Guidance will be provided in teamwork skills. Where students start moving away from good practice a supervisor will assist them with following best practice. In addition, there will be review and comments to field handbooks following Weeks 1 and 2. Evening lectures may occur with some projects to provide context to the research and fieldwork. Students will be assessed on the quality of their field notes and field and post-excavation techniques, and on their teamwork skills

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework	Field Handbook/ Journal (1500 words)	30%
Summative	Coursework	Practical assessment of fieldwork skills by supervisor in the field (10 skills)	70%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

This module descriptor has been published in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publication, but minor changes may occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of teaching. Upon commencement of the module, students will receive a handbook with further detail about the module and any changes will be discussed and/or communicated at this point.

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