

Module Details	
Module Title	Bones, Bodies And Burials
Module Code	ARC6030-B
Academic Year	2022/3
Credit Rating	20
School	School of Archaeological and Forensic Sciences
Subject Area	Archaeological Sciences
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 6
Pre-requisites	
Co-requisites	

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Online Lecture (Synchronous)	18
Seminars	12
Laboratories	22
Directed Study	148
Online Lecture (Asynchronous)	6

Availability

Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1

Module Aims

This module explores how contextual (grave) data, skeletal data and theoretical approaches can enhance our understanding of past societies, providing students with an understanding of human osteoarchaeology and funerary archaeology.

Outline Syllabus

Funerary archaeology: the study of a uniquely human behaviour, the sociology and anthropology of death, and a consideration of past cultures and their social response and attitudes to the dead.
Osteoarchaeology: the analysis of skeletal remains from the archaeological record to establish biological identity and evidence of health and disease.

Learning Outcomes

01	Evaluate the diverse nature of human treatment of the dead and associated funerary-related activities and their use in reconstructing past societies.
02	Critically assess the analysis of human skeletal remains within a cultural context.
03	Analyse biological information identified from the skeleton.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Lectures and seminars cover methodological approaches and theoretical issues. Osteological methods are undertaken in laboratory sessions. Students will use directed study hours to read literature detailed in the module documentation and to prepare coursework. The essay encourages students to evaluate how funerary and osteological data can be used to understand past societies. The Laboratory Report will include evaluations of specific osteological techniques. This is replaced with a short answer exam

for the supplementary assessment, which will cover similar content to the Laboratory Report. Formative oral presentations will help students develop their presentation skills. During directed study students are expected to undertake reading to: consolidate and expand on the content of formal taught sessions; research and prepare for assessments; revise material from formal taught sessions; and undertake specific elements of reading as directed.

Mode of Assessment				
Type	Method	Description	Weighting	
Summative	Laboratory Report	Report of assessed lab observations (1500 words)		40%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Essay (2500 words)		60%
Formative	Presentation	Oral Presentation	10 minutes	

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

Please note:

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