Suggested reading list for applicants and offer holders

Here are some books and resources that you can use to pursue your interests in Archaeology, Assyriology, Biological Anthropology and Egyptology in advance of making an application or while you’re waiting to start your degree. They are what we find interesting, thought-provoking and entertaining, but this list is in no way required reading. Many books can be bought quite cheaply second-hand (for example via abebooks).

Archaeology

Assyriology

Biological Anthropology

Egyptology

Archaeology

Broodbank, C. 2013. The Making of the Middle Sea. Thames and Hudson.
Yoffee, N. ed. (2019). The Evolution of Fragility: Setting the Terms. McDonald Institute Conversations. [This book was intended to be a partial response to "Collapse" which has been quite controversial in the academic world]


Textbooks used in the first year

Podcasts
- Neil McGregor’s History of the World in 100 Objects podcast series;
- Women in Archaeology Blog and Podcast Series
- Archaeopodnet - a collection of podcast series about archeology
- The Museum of Lost Objects, BBC Podcast tracing the histories of antiquities and landmarks that have been destroyed or looted in Iraq and Syria, India and Pakistan. Featuring Dr Augusta McMahon and Dr Martin Worthington

Blogs and news websites
- Heritage Daily - Archaeology news stories
- The Conversation. Research news - Archaeology topics

Videos
- Cultural heritage: a basic human need - Sada Mire at TEDxEuston
- Recording Archaeology. A Youtube channel that shows presentations from conferences
- Ask an Archaeologist
- Archaeosoup - educational videos about Archaeology
- The Golden Road: Materials, Value and Exchange in the Ancient Americas, (Dr Joanne Pillsbury, Taster Lecture)
- The Political Economy of Precolonial African States (Professor Shadreck Chirikure, Taster Lecture)
- Naked Archaeology

Assyriology
Mesopotamian archaeology and history
**Akkadian language and literature**


**Blogs**

- [Ancient Near East Today monthly newsletter](#)
- [ArchéOrient, le blog](#). News about the ancient Middle East and Mediterranean from CNRS/ Lyon
- [Penn Museum blog, including news from the Ur Digitization Project](#)

**Video**

- [The Poor Man of Nippur](#), a film in Babylonian (with subtitles) which was made by our students.

**Recordings**

- [Recordings of modern scholars reading Akkadian](#)

**Biological Anthropology**


F. de Waal, F. (2016). Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?, Granta Publications.


Podcasts
- The Leakey Foundation. A podcast about human origins, evolution, and behavior

Blogs and news websites
- Sapiens. Anthropology/Everything Human blogs

Digital museum collections
- National Museum of Kenya Digitised Collection
- African Fossils
- Natural History Museum. Discover Human Evolution

Egyptology

*Egyptian archaeology*

- Digital Egypt for Universities

*Egyptian Language*

*Lots of freely available journals and books on here, in case you want to delve deeper:*
- A long list of journals
- More journals
- And books