Our Archaeology degree encompasses multiple tracks:

**Archaeology**, as the study of the global human past, extends from deep time to the threshold of the present. It explores the origins and evolution of human beings, the diversity of ancient cultures, the emergence of early farming, cities and empires, and the interconnections that have woven our planet together. In studying artefacts (from stone tools to monuments), settlements and landscapes, archaeologists use approaches from the arts, sciences and social sciences.

**Biological Anthropology** explores human evolution, biology and behaviour and the interaction between biology and culture.

**Assyriology** is the study of the languages, culture, history, society, archaeology and religion of Ancient Mesopotamia (Sumer, Babylonia and Assyria). You can study Akkadian in all three years, and Sumerian in Year 3.

**Egyptology** is the study of the languages, culture, history, society, archaeology and religion of Ancient Egypt. You can study Middle Egyptian in Years 1 & 2, and Old and Late Egyptian in Year 3.

You can specialise in your chosen track already in Year 1, or combine them in Year 1 and specialise from Year 2.

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**Key Facts**

- Excellent record of graduate employment.
- Students with arts and sciences backgrounds do equally well.
- No specific combination of A-Levels is required.
- Typical offers require: A*AA at A-Level or 40-41 IB points, with 776 at Higher Level.

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At Cambridge, archaeology is an outstandingly diverse and exciting subject, equally rewarding for those who feel at home in the sciences, the humanities, or both.

We tackle many questions central to today's world, including climate change, sustainability and cultural heritage.

Teaching is through our renowned combination of lectures, tutorials and practicals, by staff at the forefront of research.

Whatever interests you pursue and develop, your degree will refine your existing skills and build new ones, making you an informed and intelligent analyst of past societies and cultures, as well as a critical thinker, and an articulate presenter and writer of your ideas.

These are skills highly valued by employers, opening the way to many careers. Graduates of Cambridge Archaeology have gone on to careers in archaeology, museums, the media, commerce, diplomatic service, advertising, conservation and health.

Cambridge Archaeology students have access to an outstanding range of museums and laboratories, which are closely integrated into our teaching.

The Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology holds open sessions throughout the year in which students handle original artefacts. It also has extensive teaching collections which are used in many of our courses.

Cambridge Archaeology has seventeen laboratories, which research everything from carbonised pollen to archaeogenetics. Practical sessions for students are regularly held in which you might find yourself handling prehistoric pottery and metalwork, learning about radiocarbon dating, analysing isotopes in a sample of your own hair, or examining deformities in medieval skulls.

As an Archaeology student you will be trained in excavation techniques. There are training excavations and a number of field trips in Years 1 and 2, usually including a week abroad in Year 2.

Further field trips are organised by particular courses. Once a year, Assyriology and Egyptology students are taken to read original inscriptions at the Fitzwilliam Museum and/or the British Museum.

In the summer between Years 2 and 3, most students spend four weeks on an excavation approved by the Department. Assyriology and Egyptology students either join an excavation or do a study tour of museums and sites. Departmental subsidies are available.

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