

Module Code	HPAR7004
Title	Archaeological Research Methods
Date	04/03/2020
Level	7
Credits	30
Pre-Requisites	

AIM(S)

- To develop an understanding of current academic research, theoretical knowledge and research agendas to the relevant archaeological specialism
- To develop the capacity to process, store and prepare archaeological materials/ data

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- Critically review methods of archaeological investigation, how and why archaeological materials/ data are recovered
- contextualise and synthesise data and results within relevant frameworks
- maintain and develop reference materials and databases, categorising and classifying data, including electronic data, appropriately.
- know the limits of their own understanding, abilities and responsibilities, how to practice within them, and when and how to seek expert assistance
- apply an awareness of professional judgement and ethical behaviour. Be sensitive to and aware of the cultural, historic and spiritual context of objects and structures

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Theorised practice – the role of archaeological theory in professional practice
- Development of research designs through reference to current research frameworks and agenda
- Research techniques and approaches relevant to archaeological practice and specific archaeological specialisms

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	47	16%
Independent learning	159	53%
Placement learning	94	31%
TOTAL	300	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Portfolio	7500-9000 words	100%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	
Coursework	100%
Practical	
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

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Module Title	Archaeological Research Methods	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Harris, O.T.J. and Cipolla, C. 2017. <i>Archaeological Theory in the New Millennium. Introducing Current Perspectives</i> . London: Routledge.	☐
Essential	Johnson, M. 2010. <i>Archaeological Theory: An Introduction</i> . Oxford: J. Wiley and Sons. (2nd edn)	☐
Further	Praezellis, A. 2015. <i>Archaeological Theory in a Nutshell</i> . Walnut Creek: Left Coast Press.	☐
Further	Urban, P.A. and Shortman, E. 2012. <i>Archaeological Theory in Practice</i> . Walnut Creek: Left Coast Press	☐
Further	Jones, A. 2002. <i>Archaeological Theory and Scientific Practice</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press	☐
Further	Trigger, B.G. 1989. <i>A History of Archaeological Thought</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press	☐
Further	Rugg, G., and Marian, P. A 2007 <i>Gentle Guide to Research Methods</i> . Maidenhead: Open University Press	☒
Further	Regional Research Frameworks and Archaeological Research Agenda (e.g. www.algao.org.uk/england/research_frameworks)	☒
Further	Historic England Research Strategy and Agenda	☒

Further	Pye Tait Consulting. 2014 <i>Review of Research Frameworks for the Historic Environment Sector in England</i>	☒
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