



Preparation for Higher Education Workbook

Task 1 – Potential courses (AC 1.1, 1.2)

Use the table below to assist with identifying the factors that are most relevant to your finalised university choices. These can often be very personal but possible factors for consideration could be, the specific content of the course, course structure, entry requirements, placement locations, work experience, overseas year, geographical location, campus based, rural / urban setting, accommodation, transport links.

University	Course & Code	Course Content	Pros	Cons
University of Bristol	English and Classical Studies (QQ38)	Allows students to study Old English, Latin and Ancient Greek as well as literature from the ancient world to present and the societies that molded them – with the possibility for a semester abroad in the second year. As the degree is broad there is a wide range of subjects for a dissertation (University of Bristol, 2023).	+ Bristol has a reputation for passionately creative people. + Acquire language skills for foreign language teaching. + As well as the dissertation in the final year an 'Applied Classics' project is required where students are encouraged to engage with the public. This allows for real experience to be gained in an otherwise wholly academic field.	- Semester abroad doesn't include countries where the main language isn't english. - No year abroad option
Durham University	Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14)	With a strong focus on fieldwork and archaeology this course aims to examine not only how we view and engage with our past but how ancient societies thought about what had come before them. A focus on art and literature makes this course more similar to pure Classics but also allows for students brand new to Ancient Greece and Rome to learn their languages (Durham University, 2023a).	+ Can be transferred onto a 'with Year Abroad' or 'with Placement' pathway during the second year, giving me real world archaeological and linguistic experience. + Durham encourages further study in their prestigious Classics and Ancient History department (Department of Classics and Ancient History, 2023b)	- Very far away from Gloucestershire - Less focus on the linguistic elements of Ancient History

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University College London (UCL)	Classics and the Ancient World with Study Abroad BA (Q803)	A four year long course with a wide array of options; from Amarc to Architecture. To prepare for the year abroad students study its language alongside their course modules allowing for easier integration with a foreign university. Situated in London, the course uses its location to allow students access to the British Library and Museum, allowing for hands-on learning of ancient art and architecture (Classics and the Ancient World BA, 2023).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + UCL has a focus on diverse and multidisciplinary research. + Includes a year abroad, allowing students to study in a host European universities. + Close to many unique, world-renowned resources such as the British Library and the Institute of Classical Studies. + Doesn't limit students to only Ancient Greece and Classical Rome but allows them to study a range of classical civilisations (Egypt, Assyria, etc.). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Living in London is expensive and intense. - Very competitive university and course. - Ancient language modules are very limited for students who haven't studied an ancient language before.
King's College London	Classics and the Ancient World (Q805)	With no compulsory modules, King's offers probably the most flexible classics and ancient history degree. With the annual Greek play, students with a range of ancient greek ability perform to an audience, allowing for an interesting and direct application of an ancient language. King's is also opening a center for the Hellenic Foundation for Culture which will allow students more engagement with Greek culture – both within the UK and Greece (King's College London, 2023).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Students have the option for to travel on an expenses-paid field trip to ancient sites in the mediterranean in either the second or third year. + Opportunities to attend summer schools in Athens and Rome, as well as excavations in Greece and Italy. + Optional internships and study abroad programmes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very limited in scope to Ancient Greece and Classical Rome. - Again, London is inhospitable.
Cardiff University	Archaeology and Ancient History (VVC4)	This course allows for an expansive overview of ancient history, with a more practical aspect compared to a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Interesting multidisciplinary modules, including gender, sexuality and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less focused on language and literature. - Cardiff has a small ancient history

		classics or classical studies degree. In the second year students are given the independence to produce a vlog post and project around a specific archaeological topic, under the guidance of a supervisor, allowing students to be creative with their study while building research skills for their dissertation (Cardiff University, 2023).	osteoarchoeology (forensic archaeology). + Includes a four week long practical placement on an excavation, museum, laboratory project or archival position. +Study abroad options available for many European universities.	department compared to other universities. - Very few institutions around Cardiff that support Classical research.
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Task 2(a) – Expectations (AC 1.3)

Once you have identified the five courses that you are most interested in progressing to, you should now focus on the expectations of the universities and course expectations in terms of your existing qualifications, skills and experience.

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University	Course	Minimum Expectations	Which of the course expectations do I meet?	What do I need to do to meet all the entry expectations?
Bristol University	English and Classical Studies (QQ38)	'Access to HE Diploma in Humanities ... The 45 graded Level 3 credits must include at least 30 credits at Distinction (including 12 from English units) and 15 at Merit or above.' (University of Bristol, 2023)	None	30 credits at Distinction and 15 at Merit
Durham University	Ancient History and Archaeology (VF14)	AAB at A Level (Durham University, 2023) which is equivalent to 136 UCAS points, or 39 credits at Distinction and 6 Credits at Merit (UCAS, 2023).	None	39 credits at Distinction and 6 at Merit
University College London (UCL)	Classics and the Ancient World with Study Abroad BA (Q803)	'Pass in Access to HE Diploma with a minimum of 30 credits at Distinction and 15 credits at Merit' (University College London, 2023).	None	30 credits at Distinction and 15 at Merit
King's College London	Classics and the Ancient World (Q805)	'Access to Higher Education Diploma with 45 Level 3 credits overall: 33 credits must be from units awarded at Distinction, with 12 at Merit' (King's College London, 2023)	None	33 credits at Distinction and 12 at Merit
Cardiff University	Archaeology and Ancient History (VVC4)	ABB-BBB at A Level (Cardiff University, 2023) which is equivalent to 128-120 UCAS points, or 30 credits at Distinction and 15 at Merit to 24 credits at Distinction	None	30 credits at Distinction and 15 at Merit

		and 21 at Merit (UCAS, 2023).		
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