

# University of Exeter – Archaeology

## Pre-Arrival Reading

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Archaeology Department at Exeter. We are a close-knit community and we know that the majority of our students arrive with little previous experience of archaeology, so there is no need to worry that we expect you to know the subject, or have done any specific reading before you get here. The most important thing to bring with you is your curiosity about archaeology and your enthusiasm to learn.

Some students ask us to recommend reading that they can make a start on before they arrive. Here are details of some general textbooks from our first year reading lists, relevant to both our BA and BSc course pathways:

- Renfrew, C. and Bahn, P. 2020. *Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice*. 8<sup>th</sup> Edition. London: Thames and Hudson.
- Scarre, C. (Ed.) 2018. *The Human Past. World Prehistory and the Development of Human Societies* 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. London: Thames and Hudson.

For those on our BSc pathways, here are details of two additional key textbooks from the readings lists for our BSc courses:

- Richards, M.P. and Britton, K. (Ed.) 2019. *Archaeological Science: An Introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Blau, S. and Ubelaker, D.H. 2016. *Handbook of Forensic Anthropology and Archaeology*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. London: Routledge.

You will find these books useful during your first year, as well as throughout your degree programme and your future in archaeology. However, there is no expectation for you to purchase them. All of the books listed above are available online from the [University of Exeter library](#).

Once you receive a Welcome email with your Exeter student ID number, you can access your library account before the start of your course. This is achieved by setting up your University of Exeter IT account and the [University of Exeter library pre-arrival guide](#) provides information on how to do this.