

## Fieldwork Requirements for V400, VV14 and VV41

### Statement of Fieldwork Requirements

All students registered for an archaeology degree (V400, VV14 or VV41) must complete a minimum of four weeks of fieldwork during the course of their degree.

It is the expectation that the fieldwork will take place in the summer vacations between Stages 1 and 2 and Stages 2 and 3.

Between Stages 1 and 2 the student must attend a Newcastle University excavation or an approved alternative excavation (approval for non-Newcastle excavations must be sought in advance and in writing from the Fieldwork Director) for at least two weeks.

Between Stages 2 and 3 the student may attend a Newcastle or non-Newcastle excavation or other type of field project (including but not limited to fieldwalking, geophysical survey and standing buildings survey). A student may also wish to engage in other forms of archaeological or heritage based work experience. Such 'fieldwork' might include (but is not limited to): working in a museum or heritage attraction (eg Bede's World, Housesteads; Jorvik); finds processing with an archaeological unit; or working with a council planning department in an archaeological capacity. This fieldwork must last for at least two weeks.

### Clarifications and Special Circumstances

Queries regarding the suitability of any fieldwork placement should be addressed to the Director of Fieldwork.

Permission to attend a non-Newcastle project must be approved by the Director of Fieldwork in writing in advance of the placement. Retrospective approvals are unlikely to be successful.

Students **MUST** undertake two weeks of fieldwork between Stages 1 and 2 **AND** Stages 2 and 3. A Student would not normally be allowed to undertake four weeks between Stages 1 and 2 without completing an additional two weeks between Stages 2 and 3. Similarly, a student would not normally be allowed to complete the four weeks of compulsory fieldwork between Stages 2 and 3. Exceptions to this rule may only be granted via the PEC process.

Students with disabilities are invited to discuss the fieldwork requirements with the Director of Fieldwork. In particular circumstances it may be inappropriate for a student to attend an excavation. In such circumstances alternative fieldwork may be approved at the Discretion of the Director of Fieldwork.

It is expected that students will take the requirement to complete their fieldwork seriously and diligently. Failure to complete the compulsory fieldwork can lead to a student's degree being withheld. Students who discover that they are unable to complete their fieldwork should contact the

Director of Fieldwork as soon as possible. Assuming that the fieldwork was due to be completed in the summer, then the student should normally inform the Director of Fieldwork BEFORE the start of the next academic year.