

What can students expect to do here?



In year 1 of an undergraduate degree programme, all students take at least one compulsory module which helps them to develop the appropriate skills for their degree programme. Joint Honours Anthropology students will be introduced to this discipline through a second compulsory module, and will be offered a further module which aims to develop their knowledge of African environments, societies and cultures. African Studies students will be offered a range of options that introduce them to the history, literature, geography, cultures and politics of Africa, with modules available for those wishing to develop an interest in either Development or Anthropology.

In year 2, Joint Honours Anthropology students will take a compulsory double module on theories, debates and controversies in the discipline, and this uses examples from around the world. For the remainder of their programmes, Anthropology students will select options which either train them to become acute observers of the society around them (in other words, putting ethnographic skills into practice) or which take an Anthropological topic (such as religion and

ritual, or urbanization) and investigate it with reference to Africa and its diasporan communities. The Joint Honours Anthropology programme culminates in a piece of independent work carried out on the basis of a student's specific interests and their own research.

African Studies students also take at least one compulsory module in year 2, and this gives them some of the skills that they will require for their final-year dissertation. Using the knowledge base developed in year 1, students will proceed in years 2 and 3 to a range of modules which examine key issues in Africa's history, politics, geography and literature. Students can expect to learn about topics such as the slave trade and its consequences, Christianity and Islam in Africa, the representation of race in literature, civil wars, transitions to democracy in African countries, and much more! Modules are available for students wishing to pursue a special interest in Anthropology, whilst students interested in Development will have the opportunity to learn about aid, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and rural livelihoods. By the time African Studies students reach their final year, they should be equipped to write an independent piece of work on a topic chosen by themselves and developed through their own research.

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