

Module Details	
Module Title	Field Recording Skills
Module Code	ARC4022-B
Academic Year	2024/5
Credits	20
School	School of Archaeological and Forensic Sciences
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 4

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	14
Fieldwork	37
Directed Study	149

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2

Module Aims
<p>The cornerstone of any scientifically based field discipline, be it archaeology, heritage or crime scene investigation, is based on observation of the material present, identification of what is significant and then the collection of field data/evidence, its analysis and presentation. This module focuses on these key skills which are critical to any form of investigation. This module will focus on how to identify evidence in the field, record it effectively and present it to a non-specialist audience in a clear and effective manner.</p>

Outline Syllabus
<p>A basic introduction to geology & soils and their relationship to human activity in a landscape together with techniques which can be used effectively to investigate these, depending upon the focus of the study. The use of maps as tools to obtain information on the geology, geomorphology, soils, & vegetation of a specific area. Introduction to field/scene recording techniques - how to make field notes/how to make contemporaneous notes at a crime scene, sketches, plans, principles of photography. Basic principles of survey - how to collect and plot data, and recording of buildings. Introduction to geophysics - how data are collected in the field. Presentation of data - report writing/witness statements.</p>

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Describe techniques for surveying, geophysical survey, other search techniques, excavation and recording in an archaeological/heritage/forensic context (as appropriate)
02	Examine a variety of field evidence appropriate to the discipline and use appropriate methods to record your findings (contemporaneous/field notes, sketches, photographs, basic surveying techniques)
03	Produce a reflective report capable of being understood by non-subject specialists
04	Produce a Risk Assessment for fieldwork using industry standard guidelines

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
Lectures, practicals and directed study. The lectures are intended to provide a basic overview with the key learning being acquired via a series of practicals. In addition during the directed study element students are expected to: undertake reading to consolidate and expand on the content of formal taught sessions; research and prepare for assessments; and revise material from practical sessions for presentation/reports. Students will be assessed on the quality of their field notes in a reflective journal as well as the production of Risk Assessments.

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Written	Risk Assessment (1000 words)	20%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Field Notebook (3000 words)	80%
Referral	Coursework - Written	Coursework related to the exercises undertaken for the original assessments (4000 words)	100%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

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