

## Access to Higher Education Unit

This unit forms part of an Access to HE Diploma. If delivering the graded version of this unit, please refer to the Provider Handbook for details on grading descriptors and the application of these across units within your programme.

**Unit Title:** The Archaeology of Death and Burial in the Ancient World

**Graded Unit Reference Number:** GA36ARC10

**Ungraded Unit Reference Number:** UA36ARC10

**Module:** Archaeology

**Level:** Three (3)

**Credit Value:** Six (6)

**Minimum Guided Learning Hours:** 60

| Learning Outcome (The Learner will):                                                                                     | Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 1. Demonstrate an understanding of theoretical approaches to the archaeology of death and burial in ancient societies.   | 1.1 Explain the application of symbolic / structuralist theory in funerary archaeology.                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                          | 1.2 Explain the application of ritual theory in funerary archaeology.                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                          | 1.3 Discuss how these two theories shape interpretations of social identity.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2. Examine archaeological evidence related to funerary practices across different ancient cultures.                      | 2.1 Identify key types of funerary evidence from a range of ancient cultures.                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                          | 2.2 Examine the following types of funerary evidence (burial structures, grave goods, human remains) from <b>two</b> different ancient societies. To include the context and location of the evidence and its relevance to funerary practices. |
| 3. Interpret burial sites and grave goods to reconstruct social, religious, and cultural aspects of ancient communities. | 3.1 Analyse an archaeological case study to interpret burial traditions, mortuary practices and associated beliefs.                                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                          | 3.2 Demonstrate a clear understanding of how the case study aids archaeologists in reconstructing social, religious and cultural aspects for that ancient community.                                                                           |

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| 4. Compare and contrast burial customs across temporal and geographic regions within the ancient world.                                                         | 4.1 Identify and discuss key similarities and differences in burial customs for <b><u>two</u></b> ancient societies. |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 4.2 Evaluate the significance of these comparatives in interpreting ancient societies.                               |
| 5. Develop coherent arguments supported by archaeological data and scholarly sources, in order to interpret and evaluate burial practices in ancient societies. | 5.1 Analyse and interpret relevant archaeological data, including case studies, to support an argument.              |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 5.2 Integrate archaeological theories and scholarly perspectives to justify interpretations.                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 5.3 Construct and present an independent, evidence-based argument drawing on appropriate data and sources.           |