

# University Course Curricular Mapping - Forensic Anthropology

## Guidance and Application



## 1 INTRODUCTION

In partnership with the British Association for Forensic Anthropology, and in the full knowledge and support of the Office of the Forensic Science Regulator, the Forensic Anthropology Committee of the RAI has established a certified examination process for UK practitioners in forensic anthropology. This was achieved through extensive consultation with a variety of disciplines, associations, professional bodies and practitioners to provide a transparent and robust professional career structure for those who wish to practise the discipline within the United Kingdom.

Included within this process was an agreed curriculum upon which examinations would be based. After representation from a number of Universities to seek mapping of course curricula onto the RAI standards, the RAI Council has agreed to offer a capability whereby Universities will be permitted to advertise that their courses meet the RAI/BAFA curriculum content following issue of a certificate to that effect.

## 2 APPLICATION PROCESS

The necessary paperwork required to permit mapping of a course/programme curriculum onto the RAI/BAFA standards can be download as an excel file from <http://www.therai.org.uk/forensic-anthropology>

The course convenor/co-ordinator should complete the details on the front page relating to:

- the name of the University seeking approval of their course
- the title of the course under consideration including whether it is UG or PG
- the duration of the course – e.g. 1 year
- the date of the application
- the name of the course co-ordinator/convenor
- their postal address
- telephone number and email contacts

The form comprises a list of the subject matter that requires to be covered within an academic course/programme to achieve full mapping onto the professional curriculum. The course co-ordinator/convenor should identify where in their course (e.g. which semester, which module, which lecture) the necessary information is covered and the nature of the interaction with the student i.e. lecture material, workshops, practical etc. The applicant should not complete the two columns to the far right of the forms. There are 9 sections that require to be completed in total.

The course co-ordinator/convenor should send the following information, marked for the attention of the Forensic Anthropology Committee of the RAI, to [admin@therai.org.uk](mailto:admin@therai.org.uk) and it should include:

- Completed mapping protocol excel sheet
- A full copy of the degree programme content including the timetable of lectures/seminars and practicals and module specifications and handbooks.
- A cheque made payable to the Royal Anthropological Institute for £200. Bank transfers can be made with prior agreement.

The Forensic Anthropology Committee of the RAI will assess all applications within 4 working weeks and the following are potential outcomes:

- The course maps fully onto the RAI/BAFA curriculum and the University will be issued with a certificate (valid for 3 years providing there is no substantial alteration to the course during that period) which permits the institution to state and advertise that their course maps onto the forensic anthropology curriculum set by the professional body. Alterations to the course/programme should be notified to the RAI. The £200 covers three academic years.
- If the course does not map fully onto the RAI/BAFA curriculum, feedback will be given as to where there is divergence. It will be at the discretion of the University whether they choose to alter their course. Should they not choose to do so then the fee will not be refunded and the RAI will not issue a certificate. There is no objection to the course/programme covering topics that are not included within the professional curriculum but all topics within the professional curriculum must be covered for a certificate to be issued.
- Should the University choose to alter their curriculum in the light of a divergence of mapping, then they must reapply anew for the certification and a further £200 fee will be levied.

All courses will need to reapply for certification every 3 years at a cost of £200.