



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

MA Archaeology (One Year Full Time)

Archaeology is the discipline of things – exploring through landscapes, buildings and objects how people make their own societies through time and throughout the world.

The MA in Archaeology at UCD will train you to design, implement and assess research, so as to create new understandings about human culture and how people interact with the material world. Archaeological graduates gain a range of transferable skills in research and evidence-based enquiry, work in teams, are trained in technical skills and information technologies, and become researchers in their own right contributing to knowledge through their original research projects.

UCD School of Archaeology is the leading centre for archaeological research and education in Ireland, with the largest undergraduate and graduate community, academic faculty engaged in research programmes in Ireland and Britain, NW Europe, the Mediterranean, North America and south-east Asia. It is home to the most innovative and successful graduate research scholars on this island.

We are located in Dublin in close proximity to key national cultural and archaeological institutions including the National Museum of Ireland, National Monuments Service and the Discovery Programme. Ireland holds one of the richest archaeological landscapes in the world, testifying to 10,000 years of peoples' lives at the edge of Europe, in the Atlantic world.

The UCD School of Archaeology is the foremost archaeological research institution in Ireland

Why study at UCD?



Tradition

Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching & research excellence



Global profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Global community

Over 6,000 international students from over 120 countries study at UCD



Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 1 year stay-back visa



Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre

Course Content and Structure

90 credits
taught masters

60 credits
taught modules

30 credits
dissertation

or

30 credits
research placement

The MA is structured around dedicated Level 4 modules with a core and option framework. Samples of modules include:

- Archaeological Field and Laboratory Methods
- How to do Archaeological Research
- GIS and Geospatial Archaeology
- Research Prehistoric Archaeology
- Research Medieval Archaeology
- Cultural Heritage and Landscape Management
- Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture
- Adoption of Agriculture
- Archaeology of Minoan Crete
- Building Culture in Medieval Europe
- Combat Archaeology
- Death in Prehistory
- Early Medieval Europe
- Geoarchaeology
- Human Osteology
- Wetland Archaeology
- Graduate Dissertation
- Graduate Research Placement





Career Opportunities

Archaeology graduates work in a wide range of fields, from cultural heritage, to media, to creative industries and archaeological companies, museums, and the state sector, while many also go on to PhD scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships.



MA students will gain considerable transferable skills and develop high employability; this will include the completion of substantial independent research projects or placements; field/lab work; essay, project, report and portfolio writing; experience in making presentations orally and via posters; group work; leadership roles; and experience of working in the field. The MA in Archaeology is a recognised qualification for the Archaeological profession. An MA is a requirement for entry into the UCD structured PhD programme.



Graduate Profile

Elizabeth Elliot, Project Manager Fortune 500 company, USA

In my current job as project manager for a Fortune 500 company, I leverage the skills I learned at UCD School of Archaeology on a daily basis. From day one, my enthusiastic and highly-skilled professors taught me to embrace innovation and question the status quo. While working on my thesis, they helped me develop strong analytical capabilities and project management skills. My experience studying in a different country, hugely enjoyable and memorable, gave me the invaluable experience of learning in a different culture. Thanks to my experience at UCD School of Archaeology, I developed a unique skill set that allows me to design and manage projects across the corporate cultural divide and create sustainable solutions that work.

Apply Now

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at www.ucd.ie/international/apply

Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants with a background in Archaeology, Anthropology, History, Geography, Environmental Studies or other cognate disciplines. An upper second class honours degree, or the international equivalent, is required.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.

International Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters Programmes of Interest

- MA Classics
- MA History
- MA Geography

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