

# Archaeology

BA (Hons) [NFQ Level 8]



## BA Degree (Joint Honours) **BAU1**

Length of Course 3 Years

### Guideline Entry Requirements

(please note, successful candidates generally present with grades well in excess of the minimum grades indicated below)

**IB - International Baccalaureate Diploma** IB Total 26  
A high level of English language competency is normally required

**Cambridge A Level (+ GCSE O Level)** BCC  
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**Other Examinations** For country specific information see page 157

**UCD International Foundation Year** No



Replica medieval pottery made by UCD Archaeology students, firing in an open kiln at the UCD Centre for Experimental Archaeology and Ancient Technologies

### Why is this subject for me?

Archaeology is an increasingly interdisciplinary subject, combining the intellectual, analytical and interpretative skills of the humanities (e.g. history and geography) with the qualitative methods of social sciences and sociology. In studying Archaeology, you can expect to gain a wide range of transferable skills. You will often work in teams to investigate problems, and you will develop critical thinking skills, gain an ability to manipulate and explain data and make connections between different types of evidence. You will also develop practical skills in report writing, image production and fieldwork. If you study Archaeology, we can promise you that you will see the world, time and the human condition itself in an entirely new way.

### What will I study?

UCD School of Archaeology assumes that students have no prior knowledge of the subject, and therefore teaches a course that starts with basics and ends with specialisms.

#### First Year

Students are introduced to the archaeology of Ireland and the world (from earliest prehistory), and to archaeological methods including excavation and scientific methods.

#### Second & Third Year

Modules are organised around a number of key pathways, specifically in Archaeological Science, Prehistoric Archaeology, Medieval Archaeology, and Experiential and Experimental Archaeology.

Students will attend lectures, tutorials, practical classes and undertake independent study. They may also work on excavations and in the laboratory, and within the School's experimental archaeology space on campus.

Assessment is through a combination of end-of-semester written examinations, continuous assessment and independent learning. In your final year you may also undertake a research project.

### Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

Many graduates have found employment within the archaeological profession, in consultancy, professional contract work, museums and education. Many more have used their transferable skills to become:

- Business and industry entrepreneurs
- Policymakers in arts and education
- Journalists
- Tourism leaders
- Writers, actors and cultural critics

Graduate study opportunities in UCD include the MA and the MLitt/PhD in Archaeology.

### International Study Opportunities

The School has active teaching and research links with many overseas universities, including Erasmus exchange agreements in 10 European countries (including Germany, Norway and France). Non-EU exchange opportunities include the University of Western Australia and the University of Washington, USA. Work placement opportunities are offered in Crete and Southeast Asia.



**Denise Keating**  
GRADUATE

I always had an interest in archaeology, so when I came to study Arts in UCD, I decided to try it. I really enjoyed the diversity it offered, the great field trips and the lifelong friends I made. My initial interest grew into something more than that and I decided to make a career of it. The fact that staff were so approachable helped enormously, and through their involvement with the student Archaeology Society they seemed so much more accessible and less daunting. I am now doing my PhD in UCD School of Archaeology, researching childhood in early medieval Ireland.

### Find out more

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