

MSc/GradDip Archaeology

One Year Full-Time or Two Year Part-Time

(Non-EU/EEA students full-time only due to immigration regulations)



Introduction

The MSc and Graduate Diploma in Archaeology allow students to choose from a wide range of modules offered as part of the School's MSc offerings to enable you to build a tailored postgraduate experience to suit their own archaeological interests.

Archaeology is the discipline of things, exploring how people in the past created unique societies through their construction, use and perception of landscapes, plants, animals and things. Through our diverse range of modules students can engage

with the latest theoretical and scientific debates in prehistoric and historic archaeology, enhance their knowledge and understanding of World Heritage Studies and explore the valuable insights which can be provided by experimental archaeological approaches. At the same time, these courses allow students to focus on archaeological skills including GIS and remote sensing, archaeological field methods, material culture studies and heritage communication.

University College Dublin benefits from its proximity to a wide range of spectacular archaeological sites and landscapes within 'Ireland's Ancient East', including the 'monastic city' of Glendalough, the *Brú na Bóinne* World Heritage Site and the historic city of Dublin itself. Dublin is also home to some of Ireland's most significant cultural and archaeological institutions including the National Museum of Ireland, the Royal Irish Academy, the National Monuments Service and the National Library of Ireland.

Course Content and Structure

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| 90 credits taught masters | 60 credits taught modules | 30 credits dissertation | or | 60 credits graduate diploma |
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Student-led discussion and debate are key elements in our programme design and implementation, and strong links are maintained between teaching and research in both the field and classroom.

Core modules include:

- Land/Landscape (10)
- Archaeological Field Methods (10)
- Material Culture (10)

Graduate Dissertation
(30 credits, MSc only)

Optional modules include:

In discussion with the Programme Coordinator, students will be advised to choose their options from one thematic area available in our other graduate programmes:

- Experimental Archaeology & Material Culture
- World Heritage Management

Examples of module options include:

- Heritage Presentation & Interpretation (5)
- Heritage Management Challenges (10)
- Geographic Information Systems (10)
- Practical Experimental Archaeology (10)
- Historic Urban Landscapes (10)

Modules and topics shown are subject to change and are not guaranteed by UCD.

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking

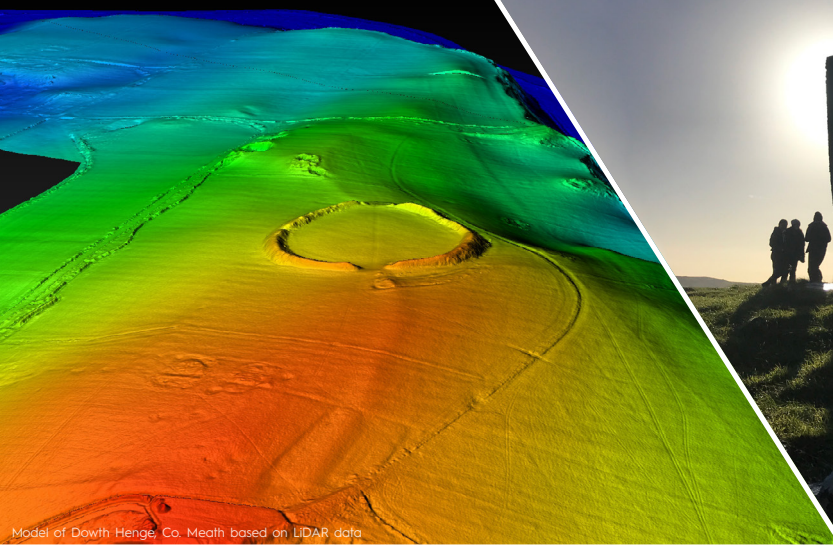


Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Inch Clisterian Abbey, Co. Down



Model of Dowth Henge, Co. Meath based on LIDAR data

Doonteeny graveyard and cross inscribed standing stone, Co. Mayo

Career Opportunities

The MSc and Graduate Diploma will provide you with the skills required to develop a career in the archaeological profession or the heritage sector, or to go on to further academic study. Transferable skillsets such as critical thinking and project management will also provide you with an excellent grounding for future employment in other sectors. Graduates of this programme may progress to careers in:

- Further research, whether academic or professional
- Commercial archaeology and cultural resource management
- The heritage sector & Tourism
- State sector bodies
- NGOs
- Education

Graduate Profile

Deirdre Kelly,
Masters graduate 2020



Applicant Profile

- The MSc and GradDip programmes are intended for applicants with a degree in archaeology, or cognate disciplines such as geography, history, environmental studies, architecture, art history, classics, sociology, or professionals working in museums, heritage management and material culture studies areas. Contact us for advice and information.
- An upper second class honours, or international equivalent is required for entry to the MSc.
- Candidates who possess a lower second class honours degree or have limited archaeological experience are encouraged to consider the Graduate Diploma programme. Subject to performance in the first semester, students may transfer to the full MSc programme.
- Applicants whose first language is not English are also required to submit evidence of their English Language proficiency. It is expected that applicants will normally have reached an overall 7.0 in IELTS or equivalent.

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/global/scholarships/ for further information.

Related Graduate Programmes

- MSc/GradDip Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture
- MSc/GradDip Hunter-Gatherer Archaeology
- MSc/GradDip World Heritage Management and Conservation
- MSc/GradDip/GradCert World Heritage Conservation (part-time online)
- PhD in Archaeology
- H Dip in Archaeology www.ucd.ie/archaeology/study/

"The Masters in Archaeology at UCD is a fantastic course. It offers a diverse range of modules including options in specialist areas. There are lots of field trips and the course combines both theoretical and practical elements, allowing you to put theory into practice. As a student at UCD School of Archaeology, you are part of a thriving research community with lots of opportunities to contribute to research and even incorporate it into some of your own projects. The staff are friendly, approachable, knowledgeable and supportive and are the best at what they do making the course an enjoyable, rewarding experience. Doing this course has been one of the best decisions I have made. I would highly recommend anyone considering a postgraduate degree in archaeology to do this course."

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