University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

Course codes MSc F098 (FT); MSc F099 (PT)
GDip X139 (FT)

MSc/GradDip World Heritage Management & Conservation

One Year Full-Time or Two Years Part-Time

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

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Introduction

At present, the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage is considered one of the most effective global instruments to protect natural and cultural properties. With increasing globalisation of heritage the conservation and management of World Heritage has emerged as an interdisciplinary field of study. This is creating new opportunities for inclusive heritage debate and dialogue, both locally and globally, which require common tools and understanding. This MSc in World Heritage Management & Conservation is for applicants motivated to protect and conserve world, natural and cultural heritage.

This MSc provides a thorough knowledge of the World Heritage Convention and its application in solving heritage conservation problems. It will equip you with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary to develop a career or to up-skill your professional experience in the development of management and conservation strategies for the protection of heritage. The programme will examine management and preparedness strategies in response to threats to heritage such as unsustainable tourism activities, climate change and natural disasters as well as tackling issues such as stakeholder identification and participation, conflicting values and sustainable development.

Course Content and Structure

90 credits taught masters | **60 credits** taught modules | **30 credits** dissertation

or

60 credits graduate diploma

Student-led discussion and debate are key elements in our programme design and implementation, and strong links are maintained between teaching and research.

Core modules include:

- Nature & Culture: A bridge to heritage sustainability (10)
- Heritage Management Challenges (10)
- Conflict Resolution & Heritage (5)
- Heritage Marketing & Management (5)
- Presenting & Managing Heritage (10)
- **Graduate Dissertation** (30 credits, MSc only)

Optional modules include:

Students can choose option modules from other masters programmes coordinated by the School of Archaeology, allowing them to learn about other thematic areas or from approved modules in other Schools.

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

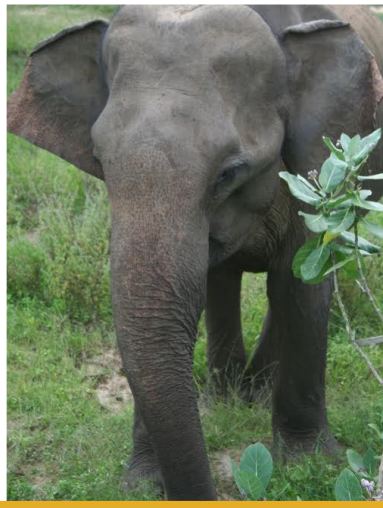
Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking

Global Community

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

QS World University Rankings by Subject – Archaeology – In the Top 100 – 2025

Athena Swan Ireland – Equality Charter – Bronze Award



This programme gives you an opportunity to visit Ireland's most iconic World Heritage Site, Brú na Bóinne, as well as partake in a series of fieldtrips that will explore the range of cultural, natural, intangible and movable heritage assets in Ireland, providing a unique insight into their different management and conservation challenges.

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Newgrange, *Brú na Bóinne*, Ireland

Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland

Career Opportunities

Roles include positions such as national coordinator for World Heritage properties; positions in UNESCO and affiliated heritage organizations and institutions; positions with NGOs and consultancies linked to heritage conservation; Careers may be linked to positions in areas such as heritage tourism, heritage communication and interpretation, heritage risk assessment. More specific jobs include heritage policy officer; heritage site manager, roles in museums and protected areas.

Some graduates have continued their research with us at PhD level as part of our dedicated PhD in World Heritage.

Graduate Profile

Eiru Olinga Moses, Uganda Wildlife Authority

"The World Heritage Management course is an interdisciplinary programme which enhances interaction between nature, culture and people.

Through this course, I was able to develop practical skills, pedagogic proficiency and theoretical insights on aspects that make up this interaction. The course included approaches to working in and sharing experiences with other students. This has improved my communication skills and enhanced my ability to craft solutions to various conservation challenges."

Applicant Profile

- The programme is intended for applicants with an honours primary degree in a wide range of subjects including archaeology, economics, geography, architecture, biology, agriculture, engineering and other relevant arts, humanities, science and social sciences subjects.
- Relevant professional experience may also be taken into account.
- 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.

First Masters of its kind

The MSc in World Heritage Management was one of the first of its kind in the world and is the only World Heritage Masters in Ireland.

You can also choose to study with us by distance learning.

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 Archaeology
- MSc/GradDip/GradCert Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture
- MSc/GradDip/GrdCert Hunter-Gatherer Archaeology
- MSc/GradDip/GrdCert Hunter-Gatherer Archaeology
- MSc/GradDip/GradCert World Heritage Conservation (part-time online)

- PhD in Archaeology
- PhD in World Heritage

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