



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

MSc/GradDip/*GradCert Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture

One Year Full-Time or Two Year Part-Time

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

The MSc and Graduate Diploma in Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture are designed for students interested in learning about past peoples and their worlds through experimental archaeological and material culture studies. You will learn innovative archaeological and scientific approaches to understanding things - both buildings and objects - from the past, and you will investigate them through practical and scientific projects. You will learn about different materials and how they were worked - and you will work them yourself using your body, your hands, touch, smell, sight, and hearing. You will learn about exciting ways of communicating your knowledge and understanding of people and their material culture in museums, archaeological

open-air museums, in Living History and reenactment, online through blogs, videos and social media, and in traditional publication. You will develop employable skills in project design, project and time management, in data analysis and interpretation, writing, photography and illustration, and in the design and implementation of educational and public outreach programmes in museums and beyond. Students in the MSc and the GradDip take the same courses for 60 credits over two trimesters from September, with the MSc having an additional trimester from May and 30 credits for a research dissertation you design. During the year you can apply to transfer from the GradDip into the MSc - and visa versa.



Athena SWAN
Bronze Award



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 8,000 international students from over 136 countries study at UCD



Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 2 year stay-back visa

UCD Centre for Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture

This programme is based at the UCD Centre for Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture, one of the only university campus facilities dedicated to experimental archaeological scientific and practical research, teaching and public outreach in the world. We are a member of EXARC, the ICOM-affiliated global network of Archaeological Open Air Museums and experimental archaeologists.

Course Content and Structure

90 credits
taught masters

60 credits
taught modules

30 credits
dissertation

or

60 credits
graduate diploma

A strong emphasis is placed on students developing reflective, practical, creative, and intellectual strengths in understanding past societies and their material culture.

Core modules:

- Experimental Archaeology Making, Understanding, Storytelling (10)
- Material Culture (10)
- Practical Experimental Archaeology (10)
- Practical Archaeological Field Skills (10)
- Research Project Skills (5)

Graduate Dissertation
(30 credits, MSc only)

Optional modules:

- Heritage Presentation and Interpretation (5)
- Remote Sensing (5)
- Decolonising Ethnography (5)
- Hunter Gatherer Archaeology 1: key themes (5)
- Hunter Gatherer Archaeology 2: knowledge production in the present (5)

***GradCert**
Online part-time only

Or in Trimester 1 and in Trimester 2 students may take a Level 3 (5cr or 10cr) module, if not previously taken and the timetable allows:

- Experimental Archaeology and Ancient Technologies
- Introduction to Human Bioarchaeology
- Early Medieval Ireland & Beyond
- The Archaeology of Collapse
- Archaeology of Food

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





Career Opportunities

Graduates may progress to careers in further research (e.g. PhD), in academia, state or commercial archaeology, in cultural heritage studies, in education and public outreach, in traditional and archaeological open-air museums, in cultural tourism and heritage management, amongst many other options.

- Further research, whether academic or professional
- Professional archaeological practice
- Museums, Living History and re-enactment
- Communicating heritage
- Heritage and education policy and practice



Graduate Profile

Chase Minos, 2018-19 MSc Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture.

"I came to University College Dublin from San Diego, California because I had strong interests in both learning about and practicing experimental archaeology. I never quite expected just how much I would get out of this programme. I engaged not only with the practical and academic aspects of experimental archaeology but I also developed a new skill, wheel-throwing pottery. This skill was unexpected and propelled me not only to employ it as part of my thesis but also in pursuing a PhD. This combination of practical and academic experience with excellent teaching makes the MSc programme in experimental archaeology one of the best."

Fees Fee information at www.ucd.ie/fees. A fee reduction is available for returning US Study Abroad students: <https://www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships/>

Entry Requirements

- This programme is 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, living history, crafts and material culture studies areas. Contact us for advice and information.
- An upper second class honours, or international equivalent is required.
- 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.

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Related Programmes

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Archaeology

MSc/GradDip World Heritage
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