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Course codes MSc W629 (FT); MSc W630 (PT)
GDip W631 (FT); GDip W632 (PT)

MSc/GradDip Mediterranean Archaeology

One Year Full-Time or Two Year Part-Time

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

Introduction

Our **MSc and Graduate Diploma in Mediterranean Archaeology** is for students interested in the diverse peoples, places and material traditions of the ancient Mediterranean. The "Middle Sea" connected Europe, Asia and Africa, providing a unique arena for interaction. From deep prehistory, through Greece and Rome, to the medieval period, you will explore key developments in the human story through an intercultural perspective.

You will engage with critical analysis of Mediterranean archaeology ranging from key developments in theoretical discourse through to cutting-edge advances in archaeological science and access to hands-on artefact-focussed learning on campus in our Classical Museum.

You will have the opportunity to develop your own research on topics relating to North Africa, Iberia, Italy, the Balkans, Greece and the East Mediterranean.

Our programme coverage extends from prehistory to late antiquity and draws upon archaeometric, archaeological, epigraphic, art-historical, GIS, landscape studies, literary and other approaches with our team of expert faculty from the School of Archaeology and School of Classics at UCD. Through the Irish Institute of Hellenic Studies at Athens, we offer unique opportunities for on-the-ground learning in Greece.

Course Content and Structure

90 credits taught MSc | **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 in both the field and classroom.

Core modules include:

- Mediterranean Lifeways (10)
- Classics in Action (10)

Graduate Dissertation
(30 credits MSc only)

Optional modules include:

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

Examples of module options include:

- Introduction to Mediterranean Archaeology (10)
- Latin and Ancient Greek (all levels) (10)
- Material Culture (10)
- Warfare and Society in the Ancient World (10)
- Land/Landscape (10)
- Heritage Management Challenges (10)
- Ancient Technology and Craft (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

Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking

Global Careers

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

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

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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

Mediterranean Archaeology Cluster

We are home to a uniquely diverse group of Mediterranean Archaeologists spanning the UCD School of Archaeology and UCD School of Classics, creating a thriving and engaged research and teaching environment. Our community of undergraduates, taught and research postgraduates, Early Career Researchers and faculty interact through seminars, lectures and more. Find out more about our activities on Instagram and Facebook under #UCDMediterraneanArchaeology.

Applicant Profile

- This programme is intended for applicants with a degree in archaeology, or cognate disciplines such as geography, history, environmental studies, architecture, art history, classics, anthropology, or professionals working in museums and the cultural heritage sector. Contact us for advice and information.
- An upper second class honours, or international equivalent is required for the MSc Programme.
- Candidates who possess a lower second class honours degree are encouraged to consider the Graduate Diploma programme. Subject to performance in the first trimester, 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 on 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.

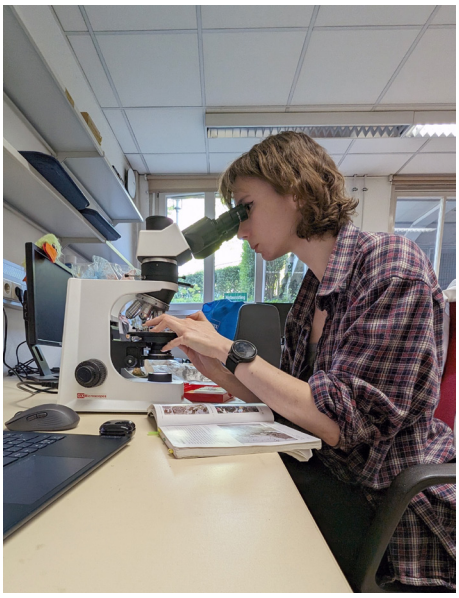
Related Graduate Programmes

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

Student Profile

Lauren Brown

MSc graduate and current PhD student.



"As a graduate of an MSc degree at UCD, I was well equipped with the critical and analytical skills to begin my PhD here. The faculty in the UCD School of Archaeology was approachable and supportive, building my confidence to identify, explore and ultimately go deeper researching new ideas that I developed in my time here. My training has enabled me to forge my own path while doing what I love, gain transferable skills, and develop a professional network to support my career development."

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