



University College Dublin
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Surveying an unclassified Neolithic tomb at Belderrig, Co. Mayo

MSc/GradDip Archaeology

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 Archaeology at UCD are Level 9, 60 (GradDip) and 90 credit (MSc) programmes which are specifically designed for students with diverse interests in archaeology and heritage studies. The strength of these courses is that they 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 portfolio of modules students can engage with the latest theoretical and scientific debates in prehistoric 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.



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 for Non-EU students

Expand your knowledge of the past

As in the other postgraduate courses we offer, you will develop skills in project design and independent research, data analysis and interpretation, and communicating the past to different stakeholder groups. You will be part of a dynamic, friendly and international postgraduate community in a School with a 160-year history of exceptional archaeological research. 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

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 in both the field and classroom.

Core modules:

- Landscape Archaeologies: Reconstructing, Imagining, Writing (10)
- Archaeological Field Methods (10)
- Material Culture (10)
- Research Project Skills (5)

Graduate Dissertation
(30 credits, MSc only)

Optional modules:

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

- Archaeology
- Hunter-Gatherer Archaeology
- Experimental Archaeology & Material Culture
- World Heritage Management

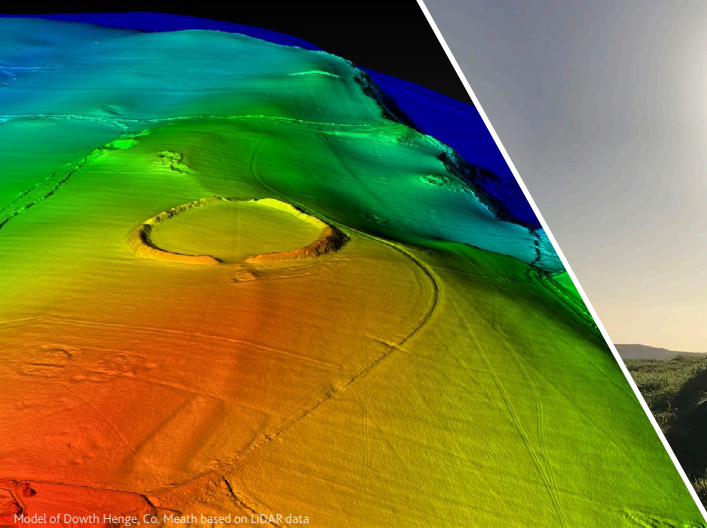
Examples of module options include:

- Heritage Presentation & Interpretation (5)
- Heritage Management Challenges (10)
- Remote Sensing (5)
- Geographic Information Systems
- Practical Experimental Archaeology (10)
- Ritual, Society and Identity in Prehistory (10)
- Hunter-Gatherers: Archaeology and Anthropology (10)

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



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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



Graduate Profile

Deirdre Kelly,
Masters graduate 2020

"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."

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

- 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.

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Related Programmes

MSc/GradDip European Prehistories

MSc/GradDip/GradCert 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

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