

MSc/GradDip 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)



Introduction

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.

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 include:

- 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)

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

Optional modules include:

- Land/Landscape (10)
- Remote Sensing (5)
- Decolonising Ethnography (5)
- Hunter Gatherer Archaeology 1: key themes (10)
- Hunter Gatherer Archaeology 2: knowledge production in the present (10)

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
- Combat Archaeology
- Early Medieval Ireland & Beyond
- The Archaeology of Collapse
- Archaeology of Food

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





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

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, 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 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 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 Archaeology
- 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/

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."

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