

Archaeology of the Historical World

Level 1: ARCH10120

Archaeology has a major role to play in understanding the world that is already familiar to us from History because people tell stories about themselves and their society, often inadvertently, through the objects they make and the landscapes they occupy. This module addresses specifically how the disciplines of Archaeology and History work together in helping us map and understand the development of the modern world. You will be brought on an archaeological tour through time and space of the modern world.

We begin with the rise of Christianity in medieval Europe, pass through the era of the Black Death, the discovery of the New World, and the Industrial Revolution, and end with twenty-first century globalisation. Case-studies are drawn from across the world including Anglo-Saxon England, Norman castles in France, the Great Famine in Ireland and the 2001 World Trade Centre attacks.

This accessible and engaging module will provide you with a broad knowledge of the historical past and the key debates in its interpretation revealed by the archaeological record.



Module components:

- Fieldtrip to a castle and historic town (18th Feb. 2017).
- Two 50 minute lectures per week (Wed. 3.00pm & Fri. 11.00am).
- One highly engaging 50 minute tutorial every two weeks (many timetable options).

How will I be assessed?

- Tutorial participation 10%; fortnightly MCQs 10%; 1,000 word report 30% (Week 6) ; 1,500 word essay 50% (Week 12).

Introduction to the Archaeology of Ireland

Level 1: ARCH10050

People have been living on the island of Ireland for the last 10,000 years. This module tells that human story from early hunter-gatherer times to the present. We will follow the footprints of people through time by means of the spectacular archaeological heritage that is such a central feature of the Irish landscape. This rich and diverse record of monuments, landscapes and objects is explored and interpreted to provide a narrative of the lifestyles of people in the past.

You will study the first settlement of the island, the establishment of farming and the building of monuments like Newgrange. We explore Ireland's place of in the Celtic world and the lasting impacts of the introduction of Christianity. The richness of the historic archaeological allows us to paint a vivid picture of life and society in medieval times and the emergence of modern Ireland.

This is an accessible module aimed at students across the range of disciplines and programmes in UCD. It will provide you with a clear understanding of Ireland's past, the Irish landscape and key times of innovation and change.



Module components:

- One 50 minute lecture per week and occasional case studies in a second lecture slot (Tue. 10.00am and Thu. 10.00am).
- One highly engaging 50 minute tutorial every two weeks (many timetable options).
- Two fieldtrips including the National Museum of Ireland (11th Feb. 2017) and the Irish National Heritage Park at Ferrycarrig, Co. Wexford (4th Mar. 2017).

How will I be assessed?

- Tutorial participation 10%; Fortnightly MCQs 10%; Museum visit workbook 30%; Fieldtrip essay 50%.