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MSc/GradDip European Prehistories: Deep-Time Social Perspectives

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 European Prehistories are designed for students interested in the exciting challenges and opportunities that studying our prehistoric past can offer. With its long view on contemporary concerns such as social inequality, migration, and the relationship between human behaviour, landscape and climatic change, prehistoric archaeology is uniquely placed to provide you with a critical perspective on some of the most pressing issues today. You will learn to combine innovative archaeological and scientific approaches with current theoretical perspectives to examine the material remains

of prehistoric societies. 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. You will benefit from UCD's proximity to some of the best-preserved and most spectacular prehistoric monuments and landscapes in Europe as well as to key cultural institutions such as the National Museum of Ireland with its outstanding prehistory collections.

Explore our prehistoric past

UCD School of Archaeology has an international reputation in the study of prehistoric archaeology, with one of the largest groups of researchers in this field anywhere in the world. You will develop a sophisticated understanding of how different field and laboratory methods can be employed to answer key research questions in prehistory. Our approach is global in perspective, but you will also be able to explore and study first-hand Ireland's extraordinary cultural heritage.



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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

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:

- Ritual, Society and Identity in Prehistory
- Landscape, Mobility and Environmental Change in Prehistory
- Material Culture
- Research Project Skills

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

Graduate Dissertation (30 credits, MSc only)

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





Mound of the Hostages passage tomb, Tara, Ireland

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 and tourism
- State sector bodies
- NGOs
- Education



Graduate Profile

Patricia Kenny, Irish Research Council-funded PhD scholar, UCD School of Archaeology

"I am currently studying stone choice in Neolithic Europe, a topic which I became interested in during the Taught Masters programme. After completing that programme, I decided to expand my thesis into a PhD. The staff in UCD were incredibly encouraging and supported my decision to pursue funding for this project. This level of support is typical of the research culture in the School of Archaeology.

As well as being home to several exciting research projects, the school boasts a thriving graduate culture, which encourages students to chase new opportunities and expand their career horizons. I would thoroughly recommend studying prehistory in UCD."

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 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.

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School information on funding & supports

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Related Programmes

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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)

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