



UCD School of Archaeology
Scoil na Seandálaíochta UCD

Information for new and returning undergraduate students, UCD School of Archaeology

I have recently taken over from Prof. Graeme Warren as Head of the School of Archaeology. My colleagues and I are really looking forward to welcoming our new students to UCD and seeing our Stage 2, 3 and 4 students again after lockdown and the summer break.

Here, we briefly outline what you can expect in relation to School of Archaeology teaching for the upcoming Autumn trimester. Please note that our plans may need to change as the public health situation and university guidelines shift (see [here](#) for UCD information), and that this document will be updated as required. We aim to provide an excellent learning experience that meets programme and module aims and objectives while protecting student and staff health.

As our Stage 2, 3 and 4 classes are small, we plan to deliver most of those modules face-to-face in UCD's lecture theatres and classrooms. If the public health regulations change, we have designed our teaching plan so we can shift to online or blended delivery with minimal disruption.

Our Stage 1 cohort is larger. This means that some lectures will be online. In other cases, a rota system will be put in place to allow students to attend lectures every other week; this is because there is a limit of 50 people in a classroom. Small classes such as tutorials will be delivered face-to-face although it will be possible to register to an online session should you be unable to attend campus.

Some students may be unable to attend face-to-face teaching for health reasons or because they live with someone in a very high-risk group. Some modules may live-stream lectures to facilitate distance learning by students who cannot attend campus. For other modules, recorded lectures and other learning materials will be made available via the University's virtual learning environment, Brightspace.

For modules where face-to-face teaching is possible, students will be required to wear masks in class at all times regardless of distances and while entering and leaving the classroom unless you are unable to do so for health reasons. This is School of Archaeology policy. There are students and staff in high risk groups and wearing your mask in the classroom helps protect their health as well as your own. Many buildings and rooms will be operating one-way systems. Please keep these in mind while waiting to enter a classroom and spending time on campus between activities.

All modules in the Autumn trimester will be assessed via coursework and continuous assessment.

There will be no drop-in service in the School Office, but please email student.archaeology@ucd.ie if you have any queries. Your lecturers, tutors and School Office staff will also be available to meet online or face-to-face by appointment; please feel free to email us with any questions or concerns, or to arrange a meeting.

We hope you very much enjoy your studies in the coming academic year.

Professor Joanna Brück