PALAEOANTHROPOLOGY
AND PALAEOLITHIC
ARCHAEOLOGY MSc / 2018/19 ENTRY

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The Palaeoanthropology and Palaeolithic Archaeology MSc, run jointly by the Institute of Archaeology and UCL Anthropology, brings together the expertise of the two departments to provide graduate students with an integrated training in the biological and archaeological aspects of human evolutionary studies.

### Degree summary

Students gain training in research methods and a scientific grounding in the principles, content and practice of palaeoanthropology and palaeolithic archaeology, including: fossil and archaeological evidence of human evolution; temporal and spatial patterns and processes of evolutionary and environmental change; and the evolutionary background for understanding human adaptation and culture.

The UCL Institute of Archaeology and UCL Anthropology have considerable staff expertise in the fields of palaeoanthropology and palaeolithic archaeology. Staff and research students are currently involved in field projects as well as museum-based studies in Britain, various parts of Europe, the Middle East, China, East and South Africa and South America.

Our excellent results in the recent Research Excellence Framework (2014) show that our two departments are both very highly ranked in the UK.

Situated in central London, the university is within easy access of the British Museum and Natural History Museum and their outstanding palaeontological and archaeological collections.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, discussions, seminars, laboratory practicals and student presentations. Assessment is through essays, practical examination and seminar presentations, (depending on the options chosen), and the dissertation.

### Degree structure

**Mode:** Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years  
**Location:** London, Bloomsbury  
Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of one core module (30 credits) four optional modules (60 credits) and a research dissertation (90 credits).

#### CORE MODULES
- All students are required to take the following:
  - Themes in Palaeoanthropology and Palaeolithic Archaeology

#### OPTIONAL MODULES
- Students will be encouraged to select options from the following list up to the value of 60 credits. Alternatively, they may choose from the wider range of Master’s options available at the UCL Institute of Archaeology or the Department of Anthropology.
  - Archaeology of Human Evolution in Africa  
  - Advanced Human Evolution  
  - Archaeology of Hunter-Gatherers from the Emergence of Modern Humans  
  - Evolution of Human Brain and Behaviour  
  - Geoarchaeology  
  - Prehistoric Stone Artefact Analysis  
  - Palaeoanthropology  
  - Primate Evolution  
  - Primate Socioecology  
  - Zooarchaeology in Practice

#### DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 15,000 words (90 credits).
Your career

A significant number of the graduate students from this programme have gone on to take PhDs at UCL, elsewhere in the UK and in other countries. A number of those have been awarded prestigious scholarships to cover their costs. Other graduates have gone on to work in cultural resource management and museums, and others have used their skills to pursue careers in fields such as IT, teaching and management.

Recent career destinations* include:

- Conference Producer, Global Transport Forum
- Field Archaeologist, NPS Group (Norfolk Property Services)
- Senior Scientist: Archaeology, Tetra Tech
- PhD in Anthropology and Archaeology, Stockholms Universitet (Stockholm University)

Employability

The skills which students develop include the critical evaluation of scholarship across the discipline, design and management of personal research, primary data collection and analysis, and the preparation of detailed reports/dissertations up to publication standard. Although these will relate to anthropology and archaeology, they are invaluable skills for other areas of employment.

* Careers data is taken from the ‘Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education’ survey undertaken by HESA looking at the destinations of UK and EU students in the 2013-2015 graduating cohorts six months after graduation.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Good. Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requisites

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

// why you want to study Palaeoanthropology and Palaeolithic Archaeology at graduate level
// why you want to study Palaeoanthropology and Palaeolithic Archaeology at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to this programme
// how your personal, academic and professional background meets the demands of a challenging academic programme
// where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

Applicants need a general archaeological, anthropological or natural science background to be eligible for direct entry on to this degree. Applicants without this may wish to consider our Graduate Diploma in the first instance.

Application fee: There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. More details about the application fee can be found at www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

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// UK: £10,410 (FT), £5,240 (PT)
// EU: £10,410 (FT), £5,240 (PT)
// Overseas: £21,440 (FT), £10,740 (PT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Current Students website.

Institute of Archaeology Master’s Awards: a small number of grants up to the value of £3,000 are available for the academic year 2018/19. All UK/EU and Overseas fee-paying students with an offer to start any Master’s degree offered by the IoA are eligible to apply. For an application form please email Lisa Daniel. The deadline for applications is 1 March 2018.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 27 July 2018

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK's decision to leave the EU, please refer to www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum