ARCHAEOLOGY WITH A YEAR ABROAD BA / UCAS CODE: F401 2018 ENTRY

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Archaeology with a Year Abroad BA /

This degree offers all the flexibility of the Archaeology BA programme combined with the opportunity to study abroad. The third year of the degree is spent at an approved partner university in Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan or the United States.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL is ranked the fourth best place to study archaeology in the UK by the Guardian University Guide 2017.

// The Institute of Archaeology's degree programmes offer an unrivalled variety of optional modules, covering a very diverse range of archaeological topics in both a theoretical and a practical manner.

// Optional modules include everything from Roman Art and Architecture to Pyrotechnology, Plants and Archaeology, Human Evolution, and Archaeology and Climate Change.

// The degree includes 70 days of funded fieldwork - both in the UK and overseas (from Spain, France and Montenegro to Belize, China and Uganda, to name a few).

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK’s higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

// 73% rated 4* (‘world-leading’) or 3* (‘internationally excellent’)

Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Core modules in the first year provide a solid grounding in the practical and theoretical methods in archaeology and an introduction to major issues in world prehistory.

The second and fourth years provide a more advanced understanding of archaeology and allow you to develop your own specialised interests by choosing optional modules in particular subject areas.

Your third year is spent entirely abroad at one of our partner institutions, where you will take modules and fulfilling all academic responsibilities relevant to that institution. You will need to be in good academic standing and linguistically competent for your exchange destination.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Field Methods
// Introduction to Archaeology
// Introduction to Social Anthropology
// People and Environments
// Sites and Artefacts
// World Archaeology: The Deep History of Human Societies

Optional modules

// You will select one 0.5 credit optional module from the following:
// Introduction to Egyptian and Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology
// Introduction to European Prehistory
// Introduction to Roman Archaeology
// Texts in Archaeology

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Current Issues in Archaeological Theory
// Interpreting Archaeological Evidence
// Public Archaeology
// Research and Presentation Skills
// Public Archaeology

Optional modules

// You will select 0.5 credits in World Archaeology
// 0.5 credits in Archaeological Science or Skills – an updated list will be published each year
// 1.0 credit of optional modules in Archaeology or a related subject to be selected in consultation with your Personal Tutor

YEAR THREE

// Year abroad

FINA L YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Archaeology in the World
// Field Archaeology
// Dissertation

Optional modules

// You will select a total of 2.0 credits from the following:
// 0.5 credits in world archaeology
// 0.5 credits in archaeological science or skills – an updated list will be published each year
// Optional modules in Archaeology or a related subject, to be selected in consultation with your Personal Tutor to the value of 1.0 credit
Your learning

You will be taught using a mixture of lectures, seminars and practical sessions, either field or laboratory-based. Full use is made of our extensive teaching and reference collections and close connections to the national museums and collections of London.

Fieldwork

Fieldwork is a major component of the degree with 70 days of funded fieldwork being a compulsory element (fieldwork includes excavation / museum work / research and can take you all over the globe; for example, current projects run in Belize, Montenegro, Uganda, Wales, Spain, Romania and China to name a few).

Assessment

Coursework, typically 1,500-2,500 word essays, is used to assess most modules. Most compulsory modules and some optional modules involve an examination element too. The completion of 70 days’ fieldwork is a requirement for all archaeology students.

Your career

Throughout the degree, which includes 70 days of fieldwork, students develop the ability to work collaboratively and effectively within teams as well as working independently in order to execute research. Students develop strong research and analytical skills and an appreciation of the importance of recovering primary data through practical experience.

Students learn to communicate effectively verbally, visually and in writing to diverse audiences and develop a sensitivity to different cultures.

First destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from the Archaeology and a Year Abroad BA include:

// Head of Online Marketing, ATG|Chartwell
// Assistant Manager, The Geographer
// MA in Museum Studies, UCL

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

We use predicted grades, references, previous academic records and the personal statement on your application to assess your suitability for the programme. You should demonstrate your interest in studying archaeology and explain the measures you have taken to sustain your interest in the past. Evidence of interests and activities beyond the school curriculum will also be of benefit.

All applicants under consideration are asked to complete a compulsory questionnaire, based on the degree applied for, which is used in conjunction with the UCAS form to assess suitability.

Data 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 LEVELS**

Grades
AAB-ABB

Subjects
No specific subjects.

**GCSE**

English Language and Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

**IB DIPLOMA**

Points
34-36 overall.

Subjects
A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

**OTHERQUALIFICATIONS**

UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

**UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)**

The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES

The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2018/19 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2018/19)

// Overseas: £25,960 (2018/19)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

FUNDING

Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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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

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