CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND CLASSICAL CIVILISATION
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Classical Archaeology and Classical Civilisation

For students interested in the classical world this degree provides a focus on the art and material culture of Greece and Rome. The programme includes a basic grounding in at least one classical language, fundamental aspects of archaeology, and field visits to develop a first-hand acquaintance with sites, museums and objects.

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).

Most of the degree is structured around a combination of core and optional modules. In your first year, you will receive a solid grounding in both the practical and theoretical methods in archaeology, as well as an introduction to the study of ancient languages.

The second and third 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.

All students registered for this degree are required to undertake a four-week study visit to the Mediterranean as part of their 70 days of fieldwork. This is an individual programme of visits to sites and museums around the Mediterranean developed by you in conjunction with the degree co-ordinator. The study tour allows students to pursue aspects of their first two years of coursework in more depth, and prepare for their final-year dissertation, through extended critical first-hand examination of sites and artefacts of the ancient Mediterranean.

In the third year you are given the chance to reflect critically on your fieldwork experience during the degree through a fieldwork portfolio or fieldwork study report, and to write a 10,000-word dissertation on a detailed subject that you will choose with the help of a supervisor.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory modules:

- Introduction to Archaeology
- Field Methods
- Sites and Artifacts
- World Archaeology: the Deep History of Human Societies

In addition, you will also take Ancient Greek or Latin modules worth 1.0 credit.

Optional modules:

- You will select two of the following optional modules:
- Introduction to Greek Archaeology
- Introduction to Roman Archaeology
- Texts in Archaeology

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory modules:

- Research and Presentation Skills
- Theory and Method for the Archaeology of the Ancient World

Optional modules:

- You will select optional modules (worth 3.0 credits in total) in the following areas:
- Greek and Roman archaeology – normally Greek Art and Architecture or Roman Art and Architecture
- Ancient languages, archaeology, or ancient world studies

A further optional module to be chosen from a range in consultation with your Personal Tutor.
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 can include a four-week study tour of classical archaeology all over Italy, Greece, Turkey etc. alongside other fieldwork).

**Assessment**

Coursework, typically 1,500-2,500-word essays, is used to assess most courses. 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. This includes a four-week study tour for Classical 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 career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme include:

- MA in Material and Visual Culture, University College London (UCL)
- Visitor Experience Assistant, British Museum
- Primary School Teaching Assistant, Unspecified Private Preparatory School
- Ranger Club Assistant, The National Trust
- PGCE Secondary Teaching (History), University of Sussex

**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.
**Entry requirements**

**A LEVELS**

Grades
AAB-ABB

Subjects
No specific subjects.

**GCSE**

English Language and Mathematics at grade C. For UK-based students, a grade C 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.

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

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 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

- UK & EU: £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)
- Overseas: £23,710 (2017/18)

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current 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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