Archaeology and Heritage of Asia MA

This MA is unique in the UK in providing such a comprehensive overview of Asian archaeology and cultural heritage. The UCL Institute of Archaeology is one of the few places in the world with the expertise to deliver such a programme, encompassing not only India and China, but also, East, South-East, and Central Asia.

Degree summary

The aim of this programme is to develop a comparative appreciation of the cultural histories and heritage of Asia, moving chronologically from early human history, through movements towards the Neolithic, and the rise of cities and states, to the present day. It looks at current debates around conservation ethics, reconstruction and authenticity of archaeological remains.

This programme is unique in training pan-Asian specialists – escaping traditional study area boundaries where China, India, East, South-East and Central Asia are studied on their own – and conducting inter-regional dialogue on the human past.

Students are given the opportunity to develop depth of expertise in a particular region in Asia while benefiting from an innovative macro-regional comparative perspective.

This MA focuses on the development of human societies and civilisations in a part of the world which is becoming increasingly influential in world affairs but has been under-represented in most general and regional archaeological programmes.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures and seminars. Assessment is through essays, PowerPoint presentations, supervised independent research project and dissertation, and an oral viva towards the end of the degree.

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 three core modules (45 credits), three optional modules (45 credits) and a dissertation (90 credits).

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

COMPULSORY MODULES
- All students are required to take the following:
  - Themes, Thought and Theory in World Archaeology: Foundations
  - Archaeologies of Asia
  - Archaeological Heritage Management in Asia

OPTIONAL MODULES
- Students take three further optional modules to the value of 45 credits. These can be selected from the outstanding range of Master's options available at the UCL Institute of Archaeology, but for this degree, the normal choices include:
  - Archaeology and Education
  - Archaeology of Buddhism
  - Archaeology of Egypt and the Near East: A Comparative Approach
  - Critical Perspectives on Cultural Heritage
  - Cultural Memory
  - Managing Archaeological Sites
  - Managing Museums
  - Public Archaeology

Please note not all modules are available every year.

DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 15,000 words
Your career

Graduates of this programme are expected to pursue further studies at PhD level or embark on a wide range of professional careers in archaeology - in the archaeological services or heritage organisations specialising in Asian countries - and beyond.

Employability

The experience and skills acquired depends on the optional modules selected, and how those skills are developed through assessed work, practical elements and dissertation, but in general we expect students to develop expertise in the archaeology of specific regions of Asia (in particular East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia and to some extent South-East Asia) and a broader comparative, international perspective on that specific region. Students gain knowledge of both current scholarly debates in archaeology as well as heritage management issues.
**Entry requirements**

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree in archaeology or a related subject (e.g. geography, history, anthropology) 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-requirements](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements)

**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:

- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of Archaeology and Heritage of Asia
- why you want to study Archaeology and Heritage of Asia at graduate level
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree and how this programme meets these needs

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.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at:

[www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application).

**FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY**

- **UK**: £10,440 (FT), £5,275 (PT)
- **EU**: £10,440 (FT), £5,275 (PT)
- **Overseas**: £21,790 (FT), £11,060 (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 Students website.

UCL Institute of Archaeology (IoA) Master’s Awards: a small number of grants up to the value of £1,000 are available for the academic year 2019/20. 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 2019.

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All applicants: 26 July 2019

Details on how to apply are available on the website at:

[www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply](http://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/brexit](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit)