Bachelor’s Archaeology

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In the Bachelor’s programme Archaeology, you will study past societies – from the Celts and the Romans to the Middle Ages and beyond – and their importance in today’s world. Not only will you research and excavate the material remains of human activity, but you will also learn how this translates to knowledge about earlier cultures.

Why study Archaeology in Amsterdam?

- **Extensive expertise.** The programme is part of the combined UvA and VU Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology (ACASA), and houses a strong team of lecturers and researchers.
- **Amsterdam as a hub for archaeology.** Amsterdam, one of the most vibrant cultural and cosmopolitan cities of the world, is home to museums such as the Allard Pierson Museum, whose collections you will work with.
- **Unique.** This programme is unique in the Netherlands in how it focuses on Europe – from the Mediterranean to Middle and Western Europe, including, of course, the Netherlands and Amsterdam.

Mara de Groot, alumna

‘At the moment, I'm working as a coordinator for the Centre of Global Heritage and Development. I want to show how heritage plays a role in such things as identity formation, the sustainable development of landscape, economic growth and good international relationships. In the near future, I will be teaching heritage, too. If I hadn’t studied archaeology, none of this would have been possible!’
Specialise while keeping a broad perspective. The programme offers much room for you to choose your own focus and gain in-depth knowledge, while also touching upon many other disciplines such as heritage, landscape, art and history.

Fieldwork and research. Fieldwork trips both within the Netherlands and abroad will help prepare you for your future beyond your studies. You can also expect plenty of space for personal development; for instance, students have the chance to play active roles in their lecturers’ ongoing research projects.

Master’s programmes

After completing this Bachelor’s in Archaeology, you are eligible to enrol in, among others, the following ACASA Master’s programmes (all taught in English):
- Archaeology
- Heritage, Memory and Archaeology (Research Master's)
- Classics and Ancient Civilizations (Research Master's)

Natalie Park, student

‘Archaeology and Amsterdam are a great combination. You are surrounded by archaeology here. During the construction of the new North-South metro line, for instance, many finds were made. As a student, you will often visit the Allard Pierson Museum to study objects. In one of the other buildings in the centre of Amsterdam, practical workshops will take place during which you can study pottery, glass or combs or modified bone. The programme is small-scale; you will quickly get to know your fellow students and your teachers are approachable. Archaeology is a fun discipline for people with varying interests: we learn about peoples, cultures, artefacts, objects of art, and landscape. Each year, excavations are organized. This summer I went to the Czech Republic, but Italy and Greece are also among the options.’
Job market

Obtaining a Bachelor’s degree in Archaeology from the UvA and VU’s ACASA will prime you for a career in the field of archaeology. Your skills will include conducting archaeological fieldwork, interpreting the results and conveying them to governments, clients and the general public. Graduates can also find work in heritage management or in the cultural sector including museums, journalism, and cultural tourism. Other disciplines are within your reach, too, as your academic skills will give you access to many different kinds of jobs.

Visit us

We advise you to attend the UvA or the VU’s Bachelor’s Day, where you will receive more information concerning this programme and will have the opportunity to ask questions.