Master’s in Archaeology

Archaeology

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Would you like to develop the practical and theoretical skills required to conduct independent research into historical archaeology? This programme will provide you with the unique opportunity to study the landscapes, material culture and documentary sources of Europe’s past from the Bronze Age until the Early Modern Period. You can specialise in one of two fields:

- European Archaeology
- Mediterranean Archaeology

These specialisations will give you the freedom to delve deeper into thematic approaches and theoretical debates. You are seen as partners in research; in two Research Labs you will actually participate in the ongoing research of the staff. Separate modules are devoted to preparation for the job market in field archaeology and heritage management.

Located within a UNESCO World Heritage site – the 17th-century canal ring – the University of Amsterdam is the perfect location to study historical archaeology and the role of heritage in society.
ACASA
This Master’s in Archaeology is offered by the Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology (ACASA), a joint venture of the University of Amsterdam and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. As a student, you will be able to benefit from the combined experience of two world-renowned universities and choose from a dizzying range of courses and fields of interest.

Career prospects
Students graduating with a Master’s degree in Archaeology will gain valuable research experience, highly sought-after transferrable skills and a broad-based education. This will enable you to gain graduate-level entry into a multitude of professional careers. If your heart is set on a career in archaeology or a closely-related profession you will be well-placed to find employment as a:
• heritage manager working for a municipality or national government organisation;

Spotlight on a course
Cutting Edge in Archaeology: Human Mobilities (6 EC)
Mobility is a key aspect of human life and thus also plays a role in all fields of archaeology. This course deliberately aims to problematise this topic on a theoretical, methodological and case-study level. We will discuss such themes as pots and people, barbarian invasions and historical sources that shed light on the movement of people, the use of isotope analysis and DNA in tracing mobility, and the archaeology of migration, New World slavery, and of migrants and refugees in the contemporary world.
• commercial field archaeologist;
• heritage interpreter, presenting archaeology and heritage within the wider and increasingly global heritage sector that includes museums, archives and galleries, and cultural tourism.

**Entry requirements**
The Master’s programme in Archaeology is open to all students with a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university in:

• Archaeology, or
• Geo-archaeology, Ancient Studies, Anthropology, History (with demonstrable relationship to Ancient Studies), or a similar degree programme with a minimum of 30 ECTS (equivalent to a full-time semester of academic studies) taken in the field of Archaeology.

For more information, please check: [uva.nl/ma-archaeology > Application and admission](uva.nl/ma-archaeology > Application and admission)