



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

An aerial photograph of Amsterdam, showing a dense urban landscape with a mix of traditional Dutch architecture and modern buildings. In the foreground, a canal is filled with numerous colorful houseboats. A prominent church with a tall, ornate tower is visible in the middle ground. The sky is overcast.

Research Master's in Archaeology
Heritage, Memory and
Archaeology

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'Our world-class academics in heritage and historical archaeology will ensure that you acquire a sound knowledge of theoretical approaches, and that you also enhance your practical skills through self-directed research and project work.'

This unique programme integrates all branches of study focusing on the reciprocal relationships between objects and meanings, as well as the dynamics of heritage, memory and material culture, from diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives. You can specialise in:

1) Archaeology and Material Culture

Receive in-depth training in the theory and practice of historical archaeology. You can choose from a wide variety of courses, ranging from the archaeology of ancient civilisations to the archaeology of the early modern world. In addition, you will be given the opportunity to participate in archaeological fieldwork in Mediterranean or Northwestern Europe.

2) Heritage and Memory Studies

Gain a greater understanding of the long-and short-term processes that shape the collective memory, as well as examining the individuals and groups involved in heritage as an industry and as a contemporary narration of history.

Career prospects

This programme places a strong emphasis on employability. You will acquire a range of transferable skills and be actively engaging with experts in the fields of heritage and archaeology, which will enable you to pursue a career in archaeology and the wider heritage sector. This includes careers in national and international organisations such as UNESCO and ICOMOS, museums, national parks, historic site management, local government, marketing and public relations, the civil service, the judiciary and the police.



Spotlight on a course

Matter, Materiality and Material Culture

Several academic fields, ranging from philosophy to art history, anthropology, and archaeology study human-object relationships, but they do so in different ways, and for different reasons. Archaeologists study humans interactions with the material world in an attempt to understand past human behaviour and to attribute meaning and significance to the remnants of past events in the present. In this course we will discuss the main theoretical approaches that deal with human-material interactions from the social sciences, archaeology, and heritage studies.



Key data

Degree
Research Master's
in Archaeology

Duration
2 years

Mode
Full-time

Credits
120 ECTS

Start
1 September

**Language of
instruction**
English

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Entry requirements

The Research Master's in Heritage, Memory and Archaeology is open to all students with a Bachelor's diploma in:

- Archaeology
- Anthropology and Cultural Studies
- History of Art and Architecture
- History
- Human Geography and Urban and Regional Planning

Other relevant university Bachelor's degrees may also be accepted once they have been assessed and approved by the Examinations Board. Please check:

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Application and admission