



ARCHAEOLOGY POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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Archaeology at Birmingham

The University of Birmingham has a wide range of expertise in the field of archaeology.

Archaeology sits in the Department of Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology. This is one of the few university departments in the UK that draws together a wide range of archaeological specialisms in areas such as prehistory, landscape archaeology and funerary studies with the study of Greece, Rome, Egypt and the Near East.

Our Academic staff offer a wide range of expertise in the history, culture, archaeology and languages of the ancient world.

Our flagship Cultural Archaeology MA programme focuses on cultural interpretation in archaeology, both in relation to specific cultures/periods and current research themes. The programme is also available to study at Certificate and Diploma levels.

We also offer two pathways which combine archaeology with other disciplines. The first, a Classical Archaeology pathway on our Antiquity MA, provides a grounding in the

advanced study of Greek and Roman civilisation through its physical remains.

The second, a Medieval Archaeology pathway on our Medieval Studies MA, allows you to study archaeology in an interdisciplinary context, with options available in Byzantine Studies, history and literature, as well as archaeology.

Our lively postgraduate community also offers excellent routes in to the research of Archaeology through our PhD, MA by Research and MRes programmes.



Programmes

- Cultural Archaeology MA/Diploma/Certificate
- Antiquity MA (Classical Archaeology pathway)
- Medieval Studies MA (Medieval Archaeology pathway)
- Archaeology MRes
- Greek Archaeology MRes
- Archaeology PhD/MA by Research



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STUDENT PROFILE

'I have always been interested in prehistory and having recently taken early retirement as well as undertaking an archaeological excavation over the summer, I was fired up to learn more so jumped at the chance to study for a Masters in Archaeology at Masters level at the University of Birmingham.

'I have enjoyed most the social aspects of the course – discussions with fellow students of all ages, the field trip to Avebury and the lecture of the student Archaeology Society on Stonehenge. I have also enjoyed the compulsory elements of the course: learning about archaeological theory, material culture and funerary archaeology; as well as having the flexibility to study areas of personal interest including the development of towns and coinage in the Iron Age; and I am choosing a dissertation topic to focus on the Beaker People in Britain.'

RICHARD HANCOX,
MA Cultural Archaeology (Part time)



Your career prospects

Birmingham's Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology graduates develop a broad range of transferable skills including: familiarity with research methods; the ability to manage large quantities of information from diverse sources; the ability to organise information in a logical and coherent manner; the expertise to write clearly and concisely and to tight deadlines; critical and analytical ability; the capacity for argument, debate and speculation; and the ability to base conclusions on statistical research.

Scholarships

Archaeology students will also be eligible to apply for: AHRC funding, through the Midlands4Cities DTP; ESRC funding, through the Midlands Graduate School DTP; and a range of University awards for postgraduates at taught and research level.

For more information, please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/calfunding

Your learning

Students will have access to a range of learning resources including environmental and material culture teaching collections, the Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology Museum, and the Danford Collection of West African Art and Artefacts.

You will be taught, supervised and supported by staff in the department who have a wide range of expertise in the history, culture, archaeology and languages of the ancient world.

The University Library holds excellent Archaeology collections covering an extremely wide range of archaeological themes, subjects, periods and geographical areas.

We have a lively postgraduate community with many opportunities to enhance your learning through attendance at events, research seminars and conferences.

As a postgraduate student in the College of Arts and Law, you have access to the Academic Writing Advisory Service (AWAS), which aims to help your transition from undergraduate to taught Masters level, or back into academia after time away. The service offers guidance on writing assignments and dissertations for your MA/MSc programme with individual support from an academic writing advisor via tutorials, email and the provision of online materials.

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This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be discontinued and new ones offered in their place.

Please note the information in this brochure is correct at time of publication but may be subject to change (November 2019).