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DPhil Archaeology (01264181)

Duration of study	2 years		
Total credits	480		
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Programme information

A student for a doctorate degree must complete his or her studies within four years after first registering for the degree and the study comprises of a 60 000-100 000 word thesis based on a research proposal approved by the Research Proposal and Ethics Committee and ethical clearance. The thesis must produce positive research findings and substantively advance the state of archaeological knowledge.

Students are required to defend their written thesis in an oral presentation (AGL 900) – format to be decided by the thesis supervisor and the programme manager.

Students must conduct at least 16 weeks of fieldwork by the end of the PhD programme and demonstrate mastery over advanced field techniques.

Admission requirements

- A master’s degree in Archaeology or very closely related discipline for which a minimum of 65% has been obtained.

- Applicants who have obtained less than 65% or have a master’s degree from another institution may have to sit for an admissions examination to the satisfaction of the programme manager.

Additional requirements

Students who do not have the required level of proficiency in English have to take an additional module TTS 751 Academic writing skills.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 480

Core modules

Thesis: Archaeology 990 (AGL 990)

Module credits	480.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Anthropology and Archaeology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A comprehensive and original contribution to archaeological knowledge based on an approved research proposal and ethical clearance. The research must be expert and show the ability to work within and beyond disciplinary boundaries. Thesis must be between 50 000–100 000 words and must substantively advance the state of knowledge in the discipline. The thesis must show mastery over advanced field and analytical techniques as well as sophisticated grasp and application of relevant archaeological theory. The entire project must be institutionally, socially and intellectually accountable, demonstrating an advanced grasp of what conducting archaeological research in a postcolonial context entails.

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