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MA Archaeology (01250181)

Duration of study	1 year		
Total credits	240		
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Programme information

• A student for a master's degree must complete his or her studies within four years after first registering for the degree. The study comprises a 30 000-50 000 word dissertation based on an research proposal approved by the Research Proposal and Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Humanities (see requirement for preparatory year).

• Students are also required to: (a) perform one outreach activity per semester registered; (b) to participate in the Departmental Seminar Series; (c) to construct a museum display of their dissertation research; and (d) submit an article based on their research to an accredited publication at the end of their study.

• Students are required to conduct at least 8 weeks of fieldwork by the end of the master's programme and must demonstrate mastery over basic and intermediate field techniques.

Admission requirements

An honours degree in Archaeology or very closely related discipline for which a minimum of 60% has been obtained. Applicants with less than 60% and those with an honours degree from another tertiary institution may have to sit for an admissions examination to the satisfaction of the programme manager and in consultation with the head of department.

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: 240

Core modules

Dissertation: Archaeology 890 (AGL 890)

Module credits	240.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Anthropology and Archaeology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A detailed and in-depth examination and discussion of a topic of archaeological relevance based on a Faculty-approved research proposal and ethical clearance. A 30 000–50 000 word dissertation based on primary field research and other relevant research sources that demonstrates a specialised knowledge of the archaeological research process. While research findings can be negative, the master's dissertation must be methodologically detailed and replicable. The dissertation must demonstrate the candidate's ability to formulate strategies and responses to contextual and abstract problems. The research process must be fully accountable and demonstrate a sensitivity to working in a postcolonial context. A version or section of the dissertation must be submitted for publication in an accredited journal.

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