

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

PhD Archaeology (01264182)

Department Anthropology and Archaeology

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

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

1. Master's degree in Archaeology **or** relevant master's degree
2. A weighted average of at least 65% for the research component of the master's degree
3. Students with a weighted average of 70% or more for the research component of the master's degree will receive preference
4. An admissions essay/examination may be required

Note: Additional work/modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency

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: Year 1

Core modules

Thesis: Archaeology 990 (AGL 990)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	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.

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis: Archaeology 990 (AGL 990)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anthropology and Archaeology
Period of presentation	Year

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