Master's in Archaeology

Archaeology of Northwestern Europe

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Would you like to develop the practical and theoretical skills required to conduct independent research into historical archaeology? This programme will provide you with the unique opportunity to explore more than 2,000 years of European archaeology through the study of landscapes, material culture and documentary sources. You can specialise in one of two fields:

- Late Iron Age and Roman archaeology;
- Archaeology of the Medieval and Early Modern world.

These two specialisations will give you the freedom to delve deeper into thematic approaches and theoretical debates, as well as enabling you to conduct fieldwork. Stimulating work placements and tutorials will also help you take your research to the next level.

Located within a UNESCO World Heritage site - the 17th century canal ring - the University of Amsterdam is the perfect location to study historical archaeology and the role of heritage in society.

‘Amsterdam offers the opportunity to learn about a wide range of subjects within the archaeology of the early middle ages and modern period.’

Dr Arno Verhoeven
Archaeologies of Conflict (6 EC)

The material dimension of mass violence and conflict still is an underexplored field of study. This course aims to give an up-to-date overview of the potentials, the scope and the limitations of conflict archaeology. We will discuss a broad range of topics from the prehistoric period up to the Second World War, and have a focus on methodological and theoretical issues. Questions that will be addressed are: how can we identify battlefields? Has archaeology something to offer to the study of genocide in the past? How important are ritual depositions related to conflict?

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This Master's in Archaeology is offered by the Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology (ACASA), a joint venture of the University of Amsterdam and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. As a student, you will be able to benefit from the combined experience of two world-renowned universities and choose from a dizzying range of courses, fields of interest and specialisations.

Career prospects

Students graduating with a Master’s degree in Archaeology of Northwestern Europe will gain valuable research experience, highly sought-after transferrable skills and a broad-based education. This will enable you to gain graduate level entry into a multitude of professional careers. If your heart is set on a career in archaeology or a closely-related profession you will be well-placed to find employment as a:

- heritage manager working for a municipality or national
government organisation
- commercial field archaeologist
- heritage interpreter, presenting archaeology and heritage within the wider and increasingly global heritage sector that includes museums, archives and galleries, and cultural tourism.

Entry requirements
Archaeology of Northwestern Europe is open to all students with a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university in:
- Archaeology
For more information, please check: uva.nl/ma-archaeology-nw-europe

Application and admission