Master's in Archaeology

Landscape and Heritage

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This programme focuses on the significance of historical landscapes and materials in both later periods and the modern world. Natural landscape features, archaeological sites and objects from the past play an active role in the creation of social and collective memories. You will study the dynamic past of both contemporary and historical landscapes, while exploring the ways in which they are preserved and maintained as archaeological heritage. Close links will also be drawn between teaching and ongoing research, of which the application of GIS-based modelling is but one example.

This is one of four archaeology programmes offered by the Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology (ACASA), a joint venture of the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. You will therefore benefit from the combined experience of two world-renowned universities. The programme has also forged strong ties with a number of archaeological institutions, such as the Allard Pierson Museum.
Career prospects

This degree programme will prepare you for a broad range of career opportunities. Graduates can be employed in various positions requiring in-depth knowledge of archaeology, as well as other jobs requiring a wide range of academic skills. Examples of sectors in which students from this programme have found positions include:

- Commercial archaeology, heritage management, and the public presentation of archaeology.
- The broad cultural heritage sector, including museums, archives and cultural tourism.

Graduates can also go on to a PhD programme at the UvA, another Dutch university or a university abroad.

Spotlight on a course

Biography of Landscape (6 EC)

In heritage practices, the disciplines which are dealing with culture historical heritage (archaeology, history of architecture and historical geography), are confronted more and more with each other's knowledge in cases of advising about management, preservation and reuse of the historical landscape. The term 'landscape biography' can offer a common approach. In the lectures the term will be explained in a theoretical concept and placed in the perspectives of the three disciplines mentioned above.
Entry requirements

The Master’s programme Archaeology: Landscape and Heritage is open to all students with a university Bachelor’s diploma in:

• Archaeology
• Humanities*
• other disciplines*

* Provided you have demonstrable knowledge of archaeology.

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Application and admission