

# MA OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN ARCHAEOLOGY

UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA

**The Master's Degree in Advanced Studies in Archaeology** offers advanced training in Archaeological Sciences. You will be able to gain access to the forefront of archaeological studies, receiving training in disciplines, methods and techniques such as geoarchaeology, petrography, geography, computer science, archaeobotany, zooarchaeology, chemistry, conservation, spatial and temporal data recording and Geographic Information Systems.



This Master's Degree is equally connected to archaeology as a career both if you aim to follow a research pathway by means of a doctoral thesis and in the field of professional archaeology and the management and conservation of the archaeological heritage.

The Departmental Section of Prehistory and Archaeology, which is responsible for the MA of Advanced Studies in Archaeology, has a highly qualified teaching team covering a wide range of subjects and with extensive experience in multi-disciplinary archaeological research, at both a national and international level. This team will provide you with the necessary orientation throughout the Master's Degree by means of personalized tutorials.

## WHY STUDY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA?

Prehistory and Archaeology at the University of Barcelona stand in the 33rd position in the QS World University Ranking, a fact that recognizes the long and excellent track record of these disciplines within the framework of the UB and archaeology at the state level as a whole.

The Section of Prehistory and Archaeology carries out intensive and extensive research with four research groups of high standing, in which you will be able to take part and receive well-founded multi-disciplinary training.

The archaeological site located in the gardens of the Faculty of History and Geography of the UB, the Archaeological Laboratory and the Archaeometry Laboratory, together with the specialized library provide ideal spaces to put the contents of this Master's Degree into practice.

In addition, the city of Barcelona offers a unique experience as a result of its attractive university atmosphere and also because of the key role of its own history and heritage.

## HOW IS THE MASTER'S DEGREE ORGANIZED?

Students have to take a total of 60 credits:

- 30 credits of obligatory subjects
- 15 credits of optional specialization subjects
- 15 credits for the MA Thesis

The 60 credits can be taken in one year, but depending on availability, this can be extended to two or three years.

## COURSE PLAN

### COMMON PATHWAY:

5 obligatory subjects (30 credits) referring to the methods and general theory of Archaeological Sciences, ranging from chronological frameworks, quantitative analysis, experimental archaeology and ethnoarchaeology, diagnosis and conservation, to research design.

### SPECIALIZED PATHWAYS:

15 credits for each specialization block covering three itineraries:

- Bioarchaeology and Palaeoenvironments
- The archaeology of materials and technological processes
- Recording structures and territories / GIS and digitalization

**MA THESIS:** 15 credits

The master's degree offers a wide range of research projects to enable you to choose the subject that you find most stimulating.

COMMON PATHWAY		CREDITS
OB	CURRENT TRENDS IN ARCHAEOLOGY	5
OB	THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK OF ANALYTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY	2,5
OB	CONSTRUCTING CHRONOLOGICAL FRAMEWORKS	5
OB	QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS. DATA MANAGEMENT AND INTERPRETATION	5
OB	ETHNOARCHAEOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY	5
OB	ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS AND CONSERVATION	5
OB	ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECT DESIGN	2,5

### SPECIALIZED PATHWAY

BIOARCHAEOLOGY AND PALAEOENVIRONMENTS		
OT	BIOARCHAEOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES AND DATA INTERPRETATION	5
OT	GEOARCHAEOLOGY AND SOIL MICROMORPHOLOGY IN ARCHAEOLOGY	5
THE ANALYSIS OF MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROCESSES		
OT	ANALYSIS OF LITHIC INDUSTRIES	5
OT	ANALYSIS OF CERAMIC, METALLURGICAL AND OTHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIALS	5
RECORDING STRUCTURES AND TERRITORIES (GIS AND DIGITALIZATION)		
OT	RECORD SYSTEMS AND SPATIAL ANALYSIS IN ARCHAEOLOGY (DIGITALIZATION)	5
OT	ARCHAEOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS OF GIS	5
MT	MA THESIS	15

## ACCESS

Students must have a BA in Archaeology, History or a related discipline within the Humanities or the scientific fields proposed. The MA is also aimed at those already working in the field of archaeology and heritage management.

## BASIC INFORMATION

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## PRE-ENROLMENT AND ENROLMENT

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