

The MSc Archaeological Practice is a world-leading archaeology course which equips you with the tools for a career in archaeology.

The course combines the essential practical skills with a critical study of the advanced theoretical and methodological concepts underpinning the discipline.

We stress the acquisition of vocational skills through practical experience using Orkney — home to some of the world's most renowned archaeological monuments — as our “laboratory”.

Core modules introduce the principles, philosophy and theory of cultural heritage management and practical archaeological techniques including: excavation; non-intrusive field archaeology; digital archaeology; environmental archaeology; and post-excavation analysis.

There is flexibility to pursue an interest in period-based modules, which reflect the research specialisms of the Archaeology Institute staff, or focus entirely on the professional skills modules.



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- **Develop practical archaeology skills.**
- **Study in the outstanding archaeological landscape of the Orkney Islands.**
- **Contribute to cutting-edge archaeology research at world-renowned sites including the Ness of Brodgar excavation in the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site.**
- **A three-month placement module offers the opportunity to develop your professional skills and gain valuable fieldwork experience.**
- **Flexibility is built into the course. You can study individual modules, work towards the PgDip or develop your expertise to gain a full masters degree.**



Course content

Core modules

- Cultural heritage management.
- Practical archaeology.

Optional modules

Examples include:

- Death and burial archaeology.
- Vikings and Norse in the North Atlantic.
- Neolithic studies.
- From Vikings to VE Day: Scottish Medieval and later society.

- Iron Age Scotland in the Atlantic World.
- Archaeological and geophysical survey.
- Maritime archaeological heritage.
- Digital analysis.
- Sustainability past and present.
- Excavation: includes a field school in the summer at a site location off-campus.
- Art and archaeology: contemporary theory and practice.
- Geoarchaeology of the North

Atlantic.

- Archaeobotany to archaeozoology.

Entry requirements

2:2 Honours degree or above in archaeology or a relevant subject, or equivalent academic or professional qualifications.

You may also be considered if you can demonstrate significant professional experience in the field of archaeology.



How will I study?

You will learn through face-to-face lectures and tutorials at Orkney College UHI and video conference tutorials with experts based at other university campuses, and online study via the university's virtual learning environment (VLE).

There is also a significant amount of fieldwork that involves excavation,

investigation and curation techniques in one of the world's best archaeological classrooms, the Orkney Islands.

International students requiring a Student Route visa to study with us must be based at Orkney College UHI during their studies.