

The MSc Environmental Archaeology is studied at the UHI Archaeology Institute, home of the AEONS (Archaeology and the Environment Science) facility.

This residential course is taught by specialists in the field of Environmental Archaeology through a combination of face-to-face lectures and tutorials at UHI Orkney together with video-conference classes with staff based at other campuses.

The course includes

practical work within the AEONS labs with modules in archaeobotany and archaeozoology, together with the opportunity to undertake further practical work in osteoarchaeology and soil sciences.

Core modules introduce the principles and theory of environmental archaeology and its application to today's natural and cultural heritage management and practical techniques including archaeobotany, anthracology, palynology, and zooarchaeology. There are also

opportunities to develop skills in excavation, coastal recording, and landscape survey.

The course offers students the opportunity to choose either a two-month placement in a field of environmental archaeology working with either industry or research professionals or to undertake a master's dissertation in environmental archaeology.



- Acquire practical experience and professional skills in a range of environmental archaeology techniques.
- Develop a specialism in a field of environmental archaeology.
- Contribute to cutting-edge research and be part of the AEONS Facility.
- Study in the outstanding archaeological landscape of the Orkney Islands.
- The two-month placement offers the opportunity to expand your professional experience and knowledge, or the dissertation can lead to further academic research.



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Course content

Core modules

- Cultural heritage management.
- Practical archaeology.
- Professional practice.
- Placement or dissertation.

Optional modules

Examples include:

- Practical Archaeology
- Cultural Heritage Management
- Scottish historical archaeology.
- Early Medieval archaeology.
- Vikings and Norse in the North Atlantic.
- The Iron Age in the Atlantic World.

- Artefacts and technology.
- Human remains in archaeology.
- Excavation: includes a field school in the summer at a site location off-campus.
- Digital Analysis in Archaeology.
- Archaeology of the Highlands & Islands.
- Runology and Old Norse Studies.

Entry requirements

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

How will I study?

Based at UHI Orkney, you will learn through face-to-face lectures and tutorials. Video conference sessions will be contributed by experts at other UHI campuses and ecology and environmental heritage and research sectors.

Additional material will be provided

via our virtual learning environment.

You will undertake a significant amount of lab-based practical work and have the opportunity to take part in excavation, survey, artefact handling and curation in one of the world's best archaeological classrooms, the Orkney Islands.

