

Studying at the Institute of Archaeology

Ranked 1st in *The Guardian* league table for studying archaeology (2012)
Ranked 2nd in the *Complete University* subject table for Archaeology (2012)
100% of Institute undergraduate finalists expressed satisfaction with the teaching and support in National Student Surveys 2010 and 2011

“At the Institute you really do feel you could go anywhere and do anything”

Morag McBride, BSc Archaeology,
MSc Skeletal and Dental Bioarchaeology

Archaeology is a wide-ranging discipline that combines the arts and the sciences. Graduates from the Institute of Archaeology make wide-ranging contributions to society, including business, academia and archaeology, by applying the range of skills and experiences acquired as students here. For some high-flying Institute alumni, see the *IoA People* section towards the back of this issue of *Archaeology International*.

The seven floors of the Institute occupy the northern side of Gordon Square, next to the main UCL campus and in the heart of London, with all of its museums, cultural life and resources. This building is home to all our staff, undergraduate, masters and PhD students. It houses an outstanding and world-renowned archaeology library, numerous laboratories, computing and photographic facilities, extensive collections and seminar rooms, allowing students at all levels to engage critically with – and contribute to – current research. Students at the Institute are part of a thriving community which values and supports all its members, and a central feature of Institute life is the Society

of Archaeological Students (SAS), our undergraduate social and academic society.

Institute degrees have structured core courses and a dissertation, but students are able to choose from around 70 undergraduate optional courses that develop their personal interests. We offer a wide range of BA, BSc, MA and MSc degrees, for full information see: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/studying>.



Fig. 1: Smelting metal on the Experimental Archaeology course.

“UCL has the widest range of course subjects for archaeology, has some of the best academics in the field and has a great student support system”

Kari Knappe, BA Archaeology,
MSc Forensic Archaeological Science

All undergraduate students participate in a minimum of 70 days fieldwork. This includes four days on the Experimental Archaeology Course (**Figs 1 and 2**) and a 12-day Archaeology Field Training Course during their first year. Funding from UCL covers subsistence and travel costs for most fieldwork and study tours in the UK and abroad. See the *Institute of Archaeology around the World* feature in this issue.



Fig. 2: Building a medieval house on the Experimental Archaeology course.

UK Government loans mean that students do not pay the £9,000 UCL fees ‘up front’. In addition, at UCL UK students start to pay off

their loans after graduation, paying 9% of any income over £21,000 a year. UK undergraduates from families with incomes lower than £42,000 a year are to be expected to receive an annual cash bursary of £1,000.

The Institute has the largest and most diverse community of research students of any UK university undertaking PhDs. Information about the wealth of research currently in progress and about the research interests of staff can be found at: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/research>.

“The IoA isn’t just a department, it’s a community”

Ceilidh Hammill, BA Archaeology

A Semester or Junior Year Abroad at the Institute of Archaeology is a unique opportunity for overseas students enrolled for a degree at a university outside the UK to experience a world-class programme in archaeology. Unlike many Study Abroad programmes, you will attend the same classes as and be treated exactly like the Institute’s regular degree seeking students. For further information please contact Dr Jose Oliver: j.oliver@ucl.ac.uk.

Our Graduate Diploma provides an academic qualification for students with a first degree in a non-archaeology subject who would like to have a further qualification. As a foundation year, it provides the preparation for an MA degree in archaeology.

We welcome high achieving and committed students of all backgrounds, ages and nationalities. If you have questions about our undergraduate degrees, please contact Charlotte Frearson: ioa-ugadmissions@ucl.ac.uk.

Enquiries about the Graduate Diploma, masters’ programmes and PhD-level research should be addressed, in the first instance, to the Graduate Programmes Administrator, Lisa Daniel: ioa-gradadmissions@ucl.ac.uk.