



INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY



MSc ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE: TECHNOLOGY AND MATERIALS

Degree Handbook 2023/2024

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Introduction

This is the Handbook for the MSc degree programme in *Archaeological Science: Technology and Materials*. It outlines the aims and objectives, structure and content of the degree, and includes summaries of the most relevant options available this year. The information given here, and much more, is also available on the Institute's website.

This Handbook should be used alongside the MA/MSc Handbook (also available online), which contains information about all MA and MSc degrees (and options within them) being taught this year. Students should consult that Handbook if they need information abo

Option modules

no more than five sides of A4 providing a summary of your literature review and including chapter headings and listing the sources of material and access arrangements.

Late May/Early June: Agree your research timetable (analysis of material, reading, data processing, preparing illustrations, writing up, proof-reading, etc.) with your Dissertation Supervisor, and arrange to show her/him a substantial piece of work (e.g. a chapter of the dissertation) for comment.

Note: although a Masters degree lasts a full calendar year, up to September, the module co-ordinator and supervisors are very likely to be out of London for large parts of the summer (usually undertaking fieldwork). Make sure that you have discussed your needs well in advance of this period and made arrangements for contact or communication as necessary.

2 September 2024 (or earlier!) Submit two copies of the dissertation in conformity with the guidelines, as well as a link to a data repository containing a digital copy of the dissertation and of all the analytical data produced (for archiving purposes).

All Master's students are required to attend an oral examination, normally as part of their Dissertation assessment. This will be held on **Thursday, 30th May 2024**. Students must submit to their Dissertation Supervisor and Degree Programme Co-ordinator **a single sheet of A4 summarising the proposed research design of their dissertation, and they will deliver a short presentation to some staff and peers**. No marks are awarded for the oral examination; the assessment is satisfactory or unsatisfactory. In the event of a problem being identified by the examiners of the Dissertation, st0.00000888 0 5JETQxhe-3(ar)9(ks) w56

Hawkes, J. 1968. The proper study of mankind. *Antiquity*, 42: 255–261

You will also need to meet one day to sign a few forms and have a member of the laboratory staff guide you through the fire route. This is normally done as a practical during the core module. This year we will do this in Term II as part of laboratory training.

Feedback

We welcome feedback from you throughout the course of the year. Students will be asked to fill-in Progress Forms at the end of each term, which the Degree Co-ordinator will discuss with them, which include space for comment on each of their modules.

At the end of each module all students are asked to give their views on the module in an anonymous questionnaire, which will be circulated at one of the last sessions of the module. These questionnaires are taken seriously and help the Module Co-ordinator to develop the module. The summarised responses are considered by the Degree Co-ordinator, the Institute's Staff-Student Consultative Committee, Teaching Committee, and by the Faculty Teaching Committee.

If students are concerned about any aspect of a specific module, we hope they will feel able to talk to the relevant Module Co-ordinator, but if they feel this is not appropriate or have more general concerns, they should consult their Degree Co-ordinator or the Graduate Tutors. They may also consult the Academic Administrator, the Chair of Teaching Committee, or the Director.