

BSc Archaeology

Full Time // Truro College

This Level 6 course allows foundation degree and equivalent students to upgrade to a full degree. It is strong on fieldwork including the use of digital techniques, museum work, laboratory analysis and artefact care, providing the opportunity for students to undertake surveys and discover the practical essentials of professional archaeology.

Why choose this course?

Cornwall presents a great setting to study in. There are field trips to local sites in the South West and there is an optional overseas residential trip. The course is based in Cornwall with access to coastline, beaches and moorlands.

Including a range of other exciting features, such as exploring the diversity and key developments of world archaeology, environmental archaeology and practical experience of pollen analysis, students will also design and set up a public exhibition that includes training in managing the modern popular media.

Practical skills such as fieldwork, museum work, media presentation, environmental archaeology and conserving monuments are also a core component. With the laboratory work, students get hands-on experience in pollen analysis. Producing conference posters, delivering conference papers and preparing them for publication are key professional skills that students learn. Students will undertake research into a topic of their own choosing under the guidance of staff for presentation as a dissertation. This helps students apply the skills learnt in other modules and have a tangible record of their capabilities to show to future employers.

What will I learn?

World Archaeology
Environmental and Conservation Archaeology
Current Debates in Archaeology
Entrepreneurship and Event Management
Dissertation

All students will need to take part in practical work and produce a dissertation.

Methods of Study

Assessment is through a mixture of assignments (many of these are based on real-life documents and reports to be found in professional archaeological and heritage situations in order to give students the confidence and ability to enter such jobs) and end-of-module exams.

Where will it take me?

Employability

This programme has excellent employer links and a good record for progression to employment and postgraduate research. Local employers are involved in the practical development of skills. Students collaborate with each other, and an external venue (such as a museum) to put together an exhibition which is then displayed. Field trips are organised to archaeological sites and landscapes, giving the all-important work experience.

The future

Graduates could progress to postgraduate study. Alternatively, they could progress to employment in archaeological units, museums, heritage centres and organisations and a host of related professions.

What will I need?

GCSE Level: Normally English and Maths at Grade C or above

Together with the following:

A Foundation Degree or equivalent in a related topic, for example, successful completion of the FdSc Archaeology or FdSc History, Heritage & Archaeology at Truro and Penwith College.

Additional Information

Awarding body

Plymouth University

Duration

One year full time, part time route available

How to Apply

UCAS Institution: Truro and Penwith College

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