MA IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE [1]

The University of Washington Master of Arts Program in Archaeological Heritage, established in 2021, is designed to provide graduate training and credentials to qualify students for careers in Cultural Resource Management (CRM) in the US, as well as archaeological heritage globally. These career areas employ the majority of archaeologists in the US and beyond. To apply, please visit the Graduate School application page: https://grad.uw.edu/admission/apply-now/ [2]

Application deadline for admission consideration in Autumn 2022, is January 15, 2022.

EACH STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO:

1. Gain knowledge of archaeological theory and ethics, archaeological analytical methods, archaeological field methods, archaeological data and histories of research, and the relationship between archaeology and heritage;
2. Obtain an understanding of CRM and heritage law;
3. Complete coursework and an archaeological internship in the field of CRM;
4. Complete an MA thesis project using knowledge or archaeological research design and reporting.
5. Complete Master's degree requirements [3] set by the UW Graduate School

ADMISSIONS

Admission for students who have already completed the requirements of UW undergraduate option programs in archaeology (such as Archaeological Sciences or Indigenous Archaeology) will be prioritized, although application for admissions is open to all.

COSTS

Students pay regular UW graduate tuition rates depending on Washington residency status. With good planning, students who have completed one of the UW Archaeology undergraduate programs or their equivalent elsewhere can complete this rigorous high-quality MA degree in 3-4 additional quarters (9-12 months) at UW, saving significantly on tuition costs compared to many MA programs in the US. Currently, there is extremely limited funding support for MA students.

PREREQUISITES

Successful completion of one of the UW Archaeology undergraduate Options (Archaeological Sciences or Indigenous Archaeology), or equivalent from another university. Equivalence would consist of an introductory archaeology course (e.g. Principles of Archaeology), 3 archaeology related lab classes, and a minimum of 15 additional credits in the fields of archaeological sciences or indigenous archaeology.

MA COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- ARCHY 500-level courses (student works with advisor to identify appropriate courses) (min 17 credits at 500 level)
- Archaeology field school taught by UW faculty or approved alternative, such as a non-UW field school or other field or equivalent professional experience (min 5 credits at 400 or 500 level)
- ARCHY 601 internship with a CRM government agency or private contractor working on actual projects under their supervision, minimum 150 hours over one quarter (minimum 5 credits at 600 level)
- ARCHY 710 MA Thesis Project including a written report (minimum 9 credits at 700 level); examples include a written CRM project final report that could be linked directly to the internship or a CRM project proposal plus a context statement and reflection.
Total minimum 36 credits, 18 of which at 500-level or higher

MA students are also expected to attend all archaeological guest lectures, seminars, and student colloquia.

**MA SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE**

Incoming MA students will be assigned a faculty advisor. As soon as possible after beginning the program, students will then appoint an MA supervisory committee consisting of at least two archaeology faculty members. Students are free to change advisors or committee members at any time.

**INTERNSHIP**

Faculty advisors will help students arrange for an internship with a CRM government agency or private contractor, and/or other heritage organizations. The internship will include working on CRM projects under the supervision of the agency or company staff member, and must include a minimum 150 hours over one quarter (completion of 5 credits of ARCHY 601).

**MA THESIS PROJECT**

MA students must complete a Thesis Project including a written report (minimum 9 credits at 700 level); examples include a written CRM project final report that could be linked directly to the internship, a CRM project proposal plus a context statement and reflection, or a heritage impact assessment.

**SUBSEQUENT STUDIES**

MA students may apply for admission to the UW PhD Program in Archaeology. However, completion of the UW MA Program does not guarantee admission to the UW PhD Program.

Source URL: https://anthropology.washington.edu/ma-archaeological-heritage

Links
[2] https://grad.uw.edu/admission/apply-now/
[3] https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/masters-degree-policies/masters-degree-requirements/