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ABU DHABI



# *Master in* **ARCHAEOLOGY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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# overview

The Master in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage degree is awarded by Sorbonne University in Paris and delivered by world-class academics in Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. The programme aims to enhance the skills of professionals in the fields of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage through providing them with both theoretical and practical know-how in archaeology and current heritage related topics.

Through a unique curriculum, this master programme provides students with a solid understanding of archaeological and cultural valorisation, field and laboratory archaeology, sites and material culture records theory, the technology involved in collections, storage and management of artifacts, management of cultural sites, as well as archiving standards. It prepares graduates to manage all aspects of heritage, archaeology and arts broadening their spectrum of learning, which also makes the discipline more relevant to emerging needs of the job market in the area.

The programme is delivered by visiting professors coming from the Department of History of Art and Archaeology at Sorbonne University (Paris) and professors from Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, as well as archaeologists, museum professionals, geomaticians, geographers, and scientists working in the field of Heritage. Students enrolling in this programme will benefit from a comprehensive approach to teaching and learning and the expertise of the world-renowned academics delivering the course in all aspects including; theoretical courses, practical case studies, project management, lectures, seminars, as well as fieldwork and internships.

The Master in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage is the only degree of its kind in the UAE.

This Master programme in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage aims to address current challenges in these fields; it was specifically designed to meet the demand in the UAE for archaeologists and cultural heritage management specialists who possess broad knowledge and sharp fieldwork competencies.





# Programme *highlights*

## → Networking

This is a unique programme and thorough admission and selection criteria have been put in place to guarantee the quality students joining the programme and to maintain the set quality of standards of this degree. The programme is delivered in small class sizes with high caliber students of different nationalities, this will also enable students to expand their personal network with high profile potential peers.

## → International recognition & accreditation

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi offers the combined experience of Sorbonne University and Université Paris Cité in academic excellence. The programme is therefore accredited in France, subject to approval by the CAA in the UAE and is recognised globally.

## → Enhancing individual & national development

Within the next decade, the UAE is poised to dedicate its focus towards socioeconomic sustainability, hence, the programme is crucial in creating and encouraging a new generation passionate about research in Humanities, particularly in Archaeology and Heritage, to support the UAE's rapid and ambitious progress.

The Master in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage has been developed by Sorbonne University in consultancy with local public organisations active in these fields to ensure that it matches market needs and national aspirations.

The curriculum of the Master in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage programme was developed in response to Abu Dhabi's valuing of culture and heritage, and more broadly to the Emirates' desire to emphasize further developments for Sustainable Heritage.



# Structure

The Master in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage is taught in English and covers a total of four semesters across two years. At the end of this degree, students will have acquired a total of 120 ECTS credits. The exclusively designed course schedule includes evening classes in Semesters 1 and 3, and Application Seminars in Semesters 2 and 4, providing students with the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills acquired in the previous semesters.

archaeological or heritage site.

By joining a professional work environment, students develop collaborative learning process and hence expand their professional network which can lead to enduring professional relationships and forge new career paths.



## Master's degree thesis

Students will be required to submit essays based on the mandatory Applications Seminars in Spring semesters. At the end of M1, students are expected to produce a scientific report based on the academic fieldwork they participate in, while an extended essay based on their internship in M2 will be the milestone concluding this master degree.

## internship

The Master in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage has integrated a mandatory Application Seminar during each Spring semester. These internships will improve students' critical thinking and reasoning abilities by blending academic theory with real life work experience.

In Master 1 (M1), they will have the opportunity to integrate a 4 week archaeological project conducted by Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi.

In Master 2 (M2), students will do an 6 to 12 weeks internship at a partner's institution, in the UAE or abroad depending on their wishes and level of language proficiency. Students will have the opportunity to join a museum or a cultural institution, or to work in an

## Year 1

MODULES	COURSES
Archaeology and Civilisations-Cultural Areas I	Near Eastern Archaeology Archaeology of the Gulf area I Archaeology in the Asian World I Classical Archaeology
Tools and Sciences for Archaeology I	History and methods in Archaeology Material Culture I Digital Archaeology I
From Sites to Cultural Heritage Management	Valorisation - From Sites to Objects Archaeological Project Management in the Emirates Lab Archaeology
Language	French for Archaeologists and Art Historians
Internship Preparation	Internship Preparation and Support
Application Seminar : Fieldwork Project	Academic Archaeological Project (February)
Processing Data and Ongoing Research	Processing Data and Ongoing Research
Scientific Report and Defense	Scientific Report and Defense

## Year 2

MODULES	COURSES
Archaeology and Civilisations-Cultural Areas II	Archaeology of the Gulf area II Levantine Archaeology/Archaeology of the Arabian Peninsula Archaeology in the Asian World II African Archaeology
Tools and Sciences for Archaeology II	Landscape Archaeology Digital Archaeology II Ancient Sources in Context Material Culture II
From Sites to Cultural Heritage Management in the Emirates	Exhibition Project Management Archive Project Management Tools for Cultural Mediation and Education
Language	French for Archaeologists and Art Historians
Internship Preparation	Internship Preparation and Support
Application Seminar : Internship	Internship
Processing Data and Ongoing Research	Processing Data and Ongoing Research
Scientific Report and Defense	Scientific Report Wand Defense

## Assessment & graduation requirements

Throughout the year, there will be frequent assessments and evaluations. Students will be evaluated on individual assignments, presentations, reports and examinations. Attendance to all classes is mandatory and it is important that students are punctual and observe university regulations at all times.



## Career prospects

There are abundant rewarding career opportunities on local, regional and global levels in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage, which require various areas of expertise and hence a variety of job opportunities.

At the end of this programme, graduates would have acquired technical skills and knowledge that are desirable to pursue a career as an Archaeologist, a Collections and Records Manager in cultural institutions, an Archaeological / Heritage Sites Manager, or as a Cultural Heritage and Archaeology consultant for private and public sectors.



# Admission prospects

Admission to this master degree programme is highly selective and competitive where each applicant will be considered based on his/her own merit. The admission process ensures that every course has an ideal mix of people with talent, impressive interpersonal skills and a positive attitude.

## General entry requirements

- Bachelor in a relevant field with a CGPA of 3 out of 4 or equivalent. Candidates with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.99 (or equivalent scores as per the equivalency table) may be conditionally admitted under probation during the first semester. The student will be authorised to continue in the programme only if they secure an average of at least 12 out of 20 which is obtained by the end of the first semester. The decision is based on academic performance and will be made official after the completion of the first semester
  - or Bachelor with minimum of 2nd class honours
  - or Bachelor with an average of 12 out of 20
  - Bachelor students with a GPA below 3 may be admitted on the ground of their professional and/or personal experience, in case they are granted a VAPP by SU's or UP's VAPP commission
  - IELTS certificate with minimum overall band of 6.0 with a validity of 2 years or TOEFL certificate with minimum score of 79 (or equivalent) with a validity of 2 years, or Native English speaker who completed 3 full years in an English-medium institution within a maximum period of 3 years or equivalent
- Shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend an interview to assess the candidate's motivation, career expectations and relevant professional experience in the degree area. Applicants who earned their undergraduate degrees from universities outside the UAE must present a Certificate of Equivalency

for their graduation certificates from the UAE Ministry of Education. Applicants, who are holders of undergraduate degrees issued by a licensed higher education institution in the UAE, are required to submit a copy of their degrees attested by the UAE Ministry of Education. For details on requirements, kindly visit the Ministry's website: Ministry of Education. Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is committed to considering applications from all students regardless of their country of origin, income, gender, religion or physical condition. For details on requirements, kindly visit the Ministry's website:

[www.moe.gov.ae](http://www.moe.gov.ae)

## Tuition Fees

**AED 166,400 (approximately US\$ 45,310)**

Scholarships are available for this programme\* :

- 20% alumni discount
- 25% academic excellence scholarship
- 25% discount upon enrolment on a second master's degree
- 5%-15% corporate offer

Visit our website for more information.

\*Conditions apply

# Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi ?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in developing progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering top quality French education in a multicultural environment that promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, all of which prepare them to pursue successful careers.

This degree is awarded by Sorbonne University in Paris and officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation ([www.caa.ae](http://www.caa.ae)).





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