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Master's Degree  
Faculty of Geography and History

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
RESEARCH

# MASTER'S DEGREE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Field of Study: **History, Archaeology, Geography, Philosophy and Humanities**

Responsible Center: **Faculty of Geography and History,  
Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM)**

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Orientation: **scientific**

Credits: **60 ECTS**

Duration: **1 academic year  
(2 semesters)**

Modality: **face-to-face**

## OBJETIVES

The Master's Degree in Archaeological Research is justified by the academic importance achieved by this discipline in recent years, supported by a wide and growing research activity that generates itself, and the product of which are a series of theories and models of analysis that serve to understand the historical evolution, both national and international, of human societies from prehistory to the present day, as well as intercultural transfers.

One of the objectives and challenges of the archaeological discipline today is to generate knowledge that is closely linked to the needs of today's society, as a tool available to the population in whole.

## PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Graduates in Archaeology, History, History of Art, Humanities, and related degrees who wish to specialise in the world of Archaeology. Most of the lectures are given in Spanish.

## WHY STUDY THIS MASTER'S DEGREE?

This Master's Degree is designed to introduce students to the archaeological research currently in use and the possibility of applying it to all fields of knowledge and historical research, thus turning the archaeological discipline into a tool that can contribute to the creation of a wide range of initiatives: doctoral studies, self-employment, rural development and even research applied to other scientific disciplines.

In this sense, the researcher has the double challenge of specialisation, but must also be

aware of the need to bring, offer and make available to society, and not only to the scientific community, the results of his/her research.

This Master's degree provides advanced training in order to opt with more possibilities for jobs as an archaeologist in the professional practice of contractual archaeology (environmental impact projects, archaeological surveys and excavations), as a specialist in government contracts (heritage and museum technicians in regional and municipal administrations), as a researcher and teacher at university level, and as an expert in intervention on archaeological heritage in other ways (consultancy, restoration interventions, etc.).

## STRUCTURE

The Master's Degree is divided into 4 modules and the student will have to take 60 ECTS, divided as follows:

- Fundamental Module: 24 compulsory ECTS
- Optional Module: 2 specialisation itineraries: Prehistoric Archaeology and Historical Archaeology, 18 ECTS each
- External Internship Module: 6 compulsory ECTS credits
- Final Master's Thesis Module: 12 compulsory ECTS credits

Students must compulsorily choose one of the two specialisation itineraries offered and within the chosen one they must take the two compulsory itinerary subjects (6 ECTS each one) and another two subjects from the electives (3 ECTS each one), within their own specialisation; although in the case of Applied Techniques, students may choose the subject from either of the two specialisation itineraries.

## SYLLABUS

SUBJECT TYPE	ECTS
Compulsory	24
Electives	18
External Internships	6
Master's Thesis	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS	ECTS	SEMESTER
<b>Fundamental Module: Time and Space in Archaeology</b>		
City, Territory and Military Archaeology in Hispania	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Inhabited Space and Constructed Space	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Prehistoric Archaeology of the Iberian Peninsula	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Time in Archaeology: Chronological Frameworks	6	1 <sup>st</sup>

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS	ECTS	SEMESTER
<b>Specialisation Module in Prehistoric Archaeology</b>		
Subject: Cultural Models in Prehistory (compulsory subjects of itinerary)		
Archaeology of Migrations	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Archaeology of Death	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Subject: The Interpretation of the Record (optional subjects)		
Ecology and Subsistence in Prehistory	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Fieldwork	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Prehistoric Materials Laboratory	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Prehistoric Technology	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Subject: Applied Techniques (optional subject)		
Bioarchaeology	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Specialisation Module in Historical Archaeology</b>		
Subject: Cultural Models in Greece and Rome (compulsory subjects of the itinerary)		
Urban Landscape and Funerary Landscape in the Classical World	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Rome, Pompeii, and Herculaneum	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Subject: The Interpretation of the Record (optional subjects)		
Fieldwork	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Late Antique and Andalusian Archaeology	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Production Archaeology	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Subject Applied Techniques (optional subject)		
Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>

EXTERNAL INTERNSHIP MODULE	ECTS	SEMESTER
External Internship	6	2 <sup>nd</sup>

FINAL MASTER'S THESIS	ECTS	SEMESTER
Master's Thesis	12	2 <sup>nd</sup>



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