University of Birmingham

MRes Egyptology

This programme offers an opportunity to deepen and develop expertise in Egyptology, whether as preparation for doctoral study or in order to undertake scholarly research as an enrichment of undergraduate study or for career development purposes. It comprises a major individual research project, supervised by a specialist in the field of study, and taught modules designed to equip you for research in this subject.

Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology at the University of Birmingham has been ranked among the top five Russell Group departments of Classics in the Research Excellence Framework 2014.

Study here and find out why the University of Birmingham was awarded The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2013-14 (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx)

Course fact file

Type of Course: Combined research and taught

Study Options: Full time, part time

Duration: 1 year full-time; 2 years part-time

Start date: September

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Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology (/schools/historycultures/departments/caha/index.aspx)

Details

The programme is made up of 60 credits of taught modules (see the modules section below) and 120 credits achieved through a 20,000 word supervised research project on topic of your choice. We recommend that you discuss your proposed research project with a potential supervisor before applying.

Modules

(three to be chosen)

Ancient Egyptian Language

This module furthers your knowledge of whichever phase of the ancient Egyptian language is most relevant to your chosen research project. It looks into unpublished texts such as papyri or tomb inscriptions, developing your editing skills and grammar analysis. At the heart of this module is contextualising texts within their original setting through comparison with archaeological data. By the end of the course you will have the linguistic knowledge necessary to edit and publish ancient Egyptian texts for the purposes of historical research or religious or cultural studies.

Theory and Practice of Archaeology

This module incorporates unpublished objects in the Eton Myers Collection of Ancient Egyptian Art at the University of Birmingham. It includes archaeological stratigraphy; relative and absolute chronology; field survey and geophysical techniques; archaeological recording on site and in the museum; pottery typology; draughting and photography; data presentation and publication techniques.

Ancient Egyptian Religion

This module explores diverse aspects of religion in ancient Egypt, from ideas about creation, the gods and the afterlife, through personal religion, temple cult, and the interrelationship between religious and political authority to funerary religion and its literature. It will draw on all available sources, including textual, archaeological and pictorial as appropriate and on all periods of ancient Egypt.

Egyptian Culture in Context, 1100-200 BC

This module provides a thorough grounding in all aspects of Egyptian political, social and cultural history from the end of the New Kingdom to the creation of a Macedonian Greek dynasty. This is a fascinating era and one that has only really begun to be explored in recent decades. This is a period during which the country witnessed the settlement of Libyans, invasions of Nubians, Assyrians and Persians, and the arrival of Greeks as traders and soldiers, yet remained essentially pharaonic while constantly responding to the new stimuli.

Research Skills

This module will help you to develop the skills necessary for graduate level research, introduce you to the latest methods and techniques for interpreting primary sources, and demonstrate how to make critical use of scholarly works. You will learn how to define and approach interesting research questions, and develop an overview of the fields of scholarship most relevant to your research.

Other modules

Other modules, for example on Egyptian ceramics or on personal religion in Ancient Egypt, may also be available. You will be advised on the choice of topics appropriate to your level of knowledge and your research interests when you apply.

Fees and funding

We charge an annual tuition fee. Fees for 2015/16 are currently as follows:

- Home / EU £4,052 full-time; £2,026 part-time
- Overseas: £13,195 full-time; £6,597.50 part-time

For part-time students, the above fee quoted is for year one only and tuition fees will also be payable in subsequent years of your programme.

Tuition fees can either be paid in full or by instalments.

Eligibility for Home/EU or Overseas fees can be verified with Admissions. Learn more about **fees for international students (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/finance/fees.aspx)** .

Learn more about **postgraduate tuituion fees and funding (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/index.aspx)** .

Scholarships and studentships

Scholarships to cover fees and/or maintenance costs may be available. To discover whether you are eligible for any award across the University, and to start your funding application, please visit the University's **Postgraduate Funding Database (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/funding/FundingFilter.aspx)** .

International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

Entry requirements

Learn more about **entry requirements (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/index.aspx)**

International students

Academic requirements

We accept a range of qualifications; our **country pages (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx)** show you what qualifications we accept from your country.

English language requirements

You can satisfy our English language requirements in two ways:

- by holding an **English language qualification (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx)** to the right level
- by taking and successfully completing one of our **English courses for international students (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx)**

How to apply

Before you make your application

You may wish to **register your interest with us (https://bham.hobsons.co.uk/emtinterestpage.aspx?ip=postgraduate)** to receive regular news and updates on postgraduate life within this Department and the wider University.

Making your application

Learn more about **applying (/postgraduate/courses/apply-pg/index.aspx)**

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the **How to apply pages (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx)**

Apply now (https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/CAL023.htm)

Learning and teaching

Based on an agreement with The German Archaeological Institute, Cairo, every year two postgraduate students have the opportunity to gain practical excavation experience on the site of Elephantine/Aswan. Postgraduate students also have the chance to study Egyptian artefacts kept in the Eton Myers Collection of ancient Egyptian art held at the University of Birmingham's Barber Institute.

You will also become part of, and contribute to, the vibrant international community of the College of Arts and Law Graduate School, which offers dedicated research

resources and a supportive working environment. Our team of academic and operational staff are on hand to offer support and advice to all postgraduate students within the College.

Related staff

Dr Tony Leahy (/staff/profiles/caha/leahy-tony.aspx)

Employability

The University of Birmingham has been ranked 8th in the UK and 60th in the world for post-qualification employability in the latest global survey of universities commissioned by the International Herald Tribune.

Your degree will provide excellent preparation for employment and this will be further enhanced by the employability skills training offered through the College of Arts and Law Graduate School.

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Birmingham's Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology graduates develop a broad range of transferable skills including: familiarity with research methods; the ability to manage large quantities of information from diverse sources; the ability to organise information in a logical and coherent manner; the expertise to write clearly and concisely and to tight deadlines; critical and analytical ability; the capacity for argument, debate and speculation; and the ability to base conclusions on statistical research.

In 2013, over 92% of Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology postgraduates were in work and/or further study six months after graduation. Many of our postgraduates enter roles for which their programme has especially prepared them, such as museum and heritage activities and archaeological posts. Elsewhere, a range of professions are undertaken by our graduates, from librarianship and teaching to accountancy. Employers that our graduates have gone on to work for include: AOC Archaeology Group; Blakesley Hall Museum; City and Borough Councils; English Heritage; KPMG; National Trust; and Sotheby?s.

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