

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY

The only professional archaeology course of its kind in Victoria, offered in the Department of Archaeology and History at La Trobe University.

Our Master of Professional Archaeology is designed to prepare you for a career in heritage management, delivering practical knowledge and skills that are directly aligned with professional best practice in the protection and conservation of cultural heritage in Australia and internationally.

Throughout the course you'll learn from national and international leaders in the field. You'll develop skills in archaeological survey, excavation, project design and significance assessment along with knowledge of the legislative frameworks in which archaeologists operate and the historical and cultural context of Indigenous and historical archaeology in Victoria. No previous studies in archaeology are required for entry.

The course has close links with state and national heritage agencies and relevant industry bodies. You can tailor the degree to your interests and career aspirations in heritage and archaeology through our flexible study plan. Gain real-world experience through our international exchange and internship options. And undertake a specialised research project in your area of interest that will qualify you for a higher research degree.

Major subjects include:



ARC5PRO Professional Archaeology

Subject Coordinator:
Dr Anita Smith

This subject provides students with a practical introduction to the role played by archaeology in the heritage industry. Students develop conceptual and procedural skills required to work effectively as a professional archaeologist. Students are introduced to legislation and policy relating to archaeology, the roles and expectations of Indigenous communities, government departments and other stakeholders, and will consider ethical and OHS issues of the archaeological workplace.



ARC5REM Research Methods in Archaeology

Subject Coordinator:
Prof Susan Lawrence

This subject assists students to develop expertise in the fundamental principles and practices of archaeological excavation. Students work through the multiple aspects of planning and implementing a project design, developing strategies to sample, recover and record data, and interpreting and presenting the results in a final report. It includes the practical excavation of a site on the Melbourne campus.



HUSSSIP Internships and Placements

Archaeology Coordinator:
Dr Keir Strickland

Take the opportunity to build your experience and connections with future employers through work experience. Internships embed students with an industry partner, engaging with real-world projects and processes.

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