

# MA IN PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY\*

EXPLORING SOCIETIES OF THE DEEP AND NEAR PAST



◀ I decided to come to Denmark because here they strike a nice balance between theory and objects or artefacts. In the UK, it is more theory, and in Germany they have a tendency to focus on the objects. Working here has also provided me with a great network, which has been a huge advantage for me.

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PhD in Prehistoric Archaeology

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## TRACES OF THE PAST

The Master's degree programme in Prehistoric Archaeology addresses both small and large questions about the origin of culture, the fates of past societies, and the role of things in everyday life. Traces of prehistoric times in the form of material artefacts are studied with a view to explaining major trends in human history, especially in southern Scandinavia. There is a focus on Scandinavia, but a broader European perspective is also taken into account, from the beginning of the Stone Age to the end of the Viking Age.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATIONS

Humanistic, natural-science and social-science approaches are all used interpreting the material traces of prehistory, with the aim of achieving a holistic picture of prehistoric societies. On the programme, you will attend courses with a focus on a number of prehistoric periods, taking specific themes such as technology and knowledge, war, religion and rituals, or mobility and exchange. You will be able to choose from a

range of topics within these general themes. You will become familiar with several different analytical methods for handling archaeological data and general anthropological theory. You will also be able to shape your education uniquely through an internship, by going abroad, or by choosing personal profile courses.

## STUDENT LIFE

The Department of Archaeology is based at Moesgaard, an eighteenth-century manor house located just south of Aarhus. There is a library, computers, a common room, lounges, a cafeteria, and of course the Moesgaard museum of archaeology and ethnography, MOMU, and its beautiful surroundings.

The main association for students within the department is Hikuin. Hikuin is there to ensure your well-being as a graduate student in the programme. It organises academic discussions about your studies and contact with the business community, not to mention the legendary Friday bars and a range of social initiatives. There are also many other events for students within the Faculty of Arts and Aarhus University in general, including lectures, intro days, career days, seminars, celebrations and sports days.

## CAREERS

The five most common career paths for graduates from the Prehistoric Archaeology programme are excavation work; museum work, as a curator, researcher or communications officer; work in cultural institutions such as archives, exhibition centres, or libraries; work in IT and communication, whether as a web designer or system developer or as an editor or copywriter; and analysis and project management work. You can also apply to continue as a researcher in prehistoric archaeology, with the option of applying for admission to the PhD programme in the faculty's graduate school.



## PLACE OF STUDY

Aarhus

## ANNUAL TUITION FEE

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens: FREE

Others: EUR 8,000

## WWW

[masters.au.dk/prehistoricarchaeology](http://masters.au.dk/prehistoricarchaeology)

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### CAMPUS MOESGAARD

Campus Moesgaard is a special place. It includes the Moesgaard library and a joint library for the anthropology and archaeology programmes, as well as Moesgaard Museum, which primarily serves students and staff at Moesgaard. Here you will find study space, including spaces reserved for students who are working on their thesis. The Studenterkælderen or student basement is a meeting place for anthropologists and archaeologists, where you will also find the Thursday and Friday bars. You will also be able to see the many changing exhibits at the Moesgaard Museum during your time here, which you can access for free on showing your student card.

### MOCA MATES

The MoCa Mates forum connects new international students with senior master's students so they can share their experiences of studying at Moesgaard and living in Aarhus as a foreign student. The Mates meet

every week (at least during the first few weeks), and function as an informal and social forum for student-to-student discussions. The MoCa Mates programme also collaborates closely with the student counsellors, to whom the Mates can address certain issues if necessary.

### ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE RANKINGS

Archaeology at Aarhus University is ranked 40th worldwide in the 2016 QS Subject Ranking. More generally, AU's Faculty of Arts was ranked 65 among Arts and Humanities by the *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings in 2015.

1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER	2 <sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER	3 <sup>RD</sup> SEMESTER	4 <sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER
Theoretical Perspectives	Archaeological Data Analysis	Profile subject	THESIS
Scandinavian Archaeology I	Scandinavian Archaeology III		
Scandinavian Archaeology II			
30 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS

The academic regulations for the Master's programmes at the Faculty of Arts are currently being revised, which means that some of the courses or course titles are subject to change. Please check online for the latest programme structure.



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